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London, Saturday, April 30, 1898. WHERE ARE THEY?

War is now the watchword amongst our American neighbors. The edict has gone forth from Washington and all Americans are called upon to rally around the flag and fight their country's battles. Whilst a large number of the people of the United States think the course of the Government a mistaken one, all now consider it their duty to lend their influence in its support. One exception alone do we find-and everybody is asking "Where are the A. P. A's?" Will ou good friend Father Cronin of the Buffalo Catholic Union and Times give us some information on this point? Are they taking up arms in their country's 'cause, or are they engaged in

IN A NEW FIELD.

hurrying towards Suspension Bridge?

If the latter, we should not be sur-

prised. If the former, we should be

very much so indeed.

The Baltimore Mirror of April 16th states that Mrs. Margaret Shepherd, who is so notorious for having had so many husbands, several of whom are still living (as we understand,) has been lecturing in that city " with the hope of reaping a harvest of notoriety and dollars out of the ill-will created between respectable elements in the community." The daily papers of Baltimore unfortunately lent their aid to this disreputable purpose. The Mirror says of the pamphet issued by Rev.

"The most important of the docu ments (describing Mrs. Shepherd's career) is a pamphlet of nearly sixty pages published, in April, 1893, by Rev. M. J. Brady, pastor of the Catholic church at Woodsteck, Ont. Father Brady's pamphlet is exhaustive, and does not leave Mrs. Shepherd with enough character to be visible under the most powerful microscope.'

A KINDLY ACT.

The Emperor William of Germany has made up his mind to go soon on his visit to Palestine, which has been long projected. The Empress was intending to visit the Holy Landswith him, but her state of health will not permit her to ride on horse-back, which would be a necessity in Palestine, as carriage driving is an impossibility there. The chief purposes which the Emperor has in view in making this visit are, besides the desire of visiting the scenes of our Lord's life on earth. to assist in the dedication of a German Lutheran church in Jerusalem, to lay the corner stone of the German school, parsonage and hospital, and to obtain for the Catholics the possession of the Coenaculum or Chamber of the Last Supper. The Sultan of Turkey has promised to give the Emperor possession of this sacred building to be presented to the German religious orders which are in Jerusalem, thus manifesting his friendship for the Kaiser, and his respect for the Catholic Church by the same act. The Pope has written an autograph letter to the Emperor. thanking him for this new evidence of the interest he takes in the progress of the Christian religion.

END OF THE CONTROVERSY.

The Rock, one of the organs of the Ritualistic party in London, England, openly expresses its pleasure because in its opinion the controversy cencerning Anglican orders is closed. It admits, however, that the Anglican Archbishops who thought themselves a match for the Pope, and undertook to "answer" jointly his Bull on the subject, have been annihilated by the rejoiner of the Catholic Hierarchy. It story of Cuba, he said, is little dif-

The Archbishop's reply to their (the Hierarchy's) retort will, we hope, end this unhappy controversy which our Archbishops have, in every way, come out second best, to the in tense mortification of all loyal Church-

The case lies in a nutshell.

Anglican clergy. This was shown by every trace and notion of a sacrificing priesthood, and they succeeded very well in so doing. Thus the very essence of the Catholic priesthood was eliminated, even to the form of words whereby alone ordination can be transmitted. It is difficult to see why Anadmit that they succeeded in their antry. original design of having no Christian subject does not depart in any respect from what Catholics believed and Reformation in England.

THE IRISH POLITICAL PRIS. ONERS.

During the debate which took place in the British House of Commons on the Prisons Bill which has been introduced by the Government, Mr. Michael Davitt spoke on behalf of the Irish political prisoners, very reasonably maintaining that the Bill should have contained some provisions to moderate the harsh treatment to which they have been and are still being subjected.

He admitted that the Bill is to some extent progressive, but as regards political prisoners he declared that it takes a step back, and that even in autocratic Russia political prisoners are not se barbarously treated.

The bill gives rules for the guidance of governors of prisons and warders. and for the observance of discipline. but, by a curious omission, there is nothing in it toward defining or controlling the duties of visiting boards and inspectors of prisons, nor does it in any way ameliorate the condition of political prisoners.

Visiting committees are now made up from among wealthy county squires, local magistrates, and other well-to do persons who take no interest in seeing that proper treatment be given to prisoners, so that inspection by them is a farce. In his opinion the visiting boards should be selected so as to include members of county M. J. Brady exposing Mrs. Shepherd's councils and local justices. This improvement could be made if they were appointed by the Home Office, instead of by the Prison Commissioners as at present.

There is not any provision to enable an untried prisoner to have an interview with the visiting boards, or other visitors, unless a prison warder be present. This is a serious obstacle in the way of untried prisoners, making it impossible for them to prepare their defence properly.

Further: under the existing penal servitude regulations, the health and spirit of political prisoners is broken down by the barbarous and unnatural rule which imposes perpetual silence on them from the beginning to the end

of their sentence. Worse still are the regulations in regard to the prison fare. It is doled out in such small quantities that the British domination and attached to the prisoners are made constantly to feel the pangs of hunger. Thus the imprisonment is made vindictive instead of reformatory. "What good," he our origin is French, and we have asked, "can be effected by subjecting prisonors to starvation? The Irish political prisoners, for example, are not likely to become more friendly to the rule of Great Britain through such treatment. Mr. Davitt knew one prisoner at Dartmoor, where he had been himself confined, who on coming out of the punishment cell had gone to the bone yard and had literally eaten the putrid marrow from the bones be cause he was suffering the pangs of hunger. He had seen other men take remnants of candles from the cess pool, wipe them on their clothes and eat them, though these candle ends had been made purposely nauseous, lest the prisoners might eat them.

He asked:

"What was the offence that sent these men to Dartmoor? The same which the Cubaus are now committing. They had conspired to free their country from the foul yoke of oppression. They had tried to avenge the wrongs of British oppression. They had ven tured to plot against a Christian Government which in fifty years had starved to death nearly two million of their people-aGovernment which dur ing that period had reduced the popula tion of Ireland nearly one half ferent from that of Ireland.

The consular reports from Cuba state that hundreds and thousands of men. women and children have died by famine and disease. Mr. Davitt reminded the House that in Ireland in it is unnecessary to insist, and worse the great famine, over one million men, likewise forget or repudiate the tradi- pathetically,: The Archbishops claimed that the pow. women and children perished in the tions of their race. We do not think

hood have been transmitted to the posure. And what did England do to assert anything more than this. assuage suffering then? Nothing, but | Since the cession of Canada to Great the Pope to be an absurdity, as every send policemen and soldiers to evict Britain our [French Canadian fellowcare was taken by the framers of the these poor people and destroy their citizens have several times proved events, between the case of Cuba and dians of British origin to defend their Ireland, that the devastation which has hearths and homes from foreign agwarfare which the Government was unable to control, whereas the famines of Ireland were brought on by deliberglicans should be angry that Catholics ate legislation against the poor ten-

These are matters which it is not priesthood. The Pope's decision on the pleasant to recall, but it becomes ations have passed away, and necessary to do so when the Government is asked to apply a remedy. It acted upon ever since the Protestant is no wonder that the men in Dartmoor prison were driven to rebel against such a state of things, and if we feel only sympathy and pity for the reconcentrados of Cuba, we may surely say that the courageous men who are lingering in prison in Great Britain should not be vindictively punished, when it should rather be the aim of the Government to conciliate the Irish people by treating with more kindness those who conspired to put down the oppression under which Ireland has suffered.

There is a spirit of reform abroad, and public opinion in England, Ireland and Scotland is making itself manifest in favor of the Irish prisoners, but the reforms which will come sooner or later ought not to be deferred till it Canada will be a strong, prosperous be too late to do any good to those who need them now.

It was stated early last year that the Government then intended to extend mercy to these prisoners on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee. But the Jubilee passed, and they were still left languishing in their cells. It is now stated again that they are to be liber ated in June. We hope this may be the case, as it is well known that their health has been greatly impaired in every instance. If grace is to be extended to them at all, this should be done before their constitutions are completely broken down. As an act of grace, their liberation will be regarded as but of small account if it be delayed till this be the case.

OIL ON THE TROUBLED WATERS.

Under the indignant heading ' False Words, Unfortunate Words, the Signal, a French-Canadian paper of Montreal, speaks very strongly in denunciation of Judge Mathieu's language in introducing Mr. Doumic to an audience composed almost entirely of French Canadians, before whom the latter gentleman delivered a lecture on Lamartine, the eminent French poet and statesman.

Judge Mathieu said among other things: "We are English people." These are the words to which the Signal takes exception in the following manner:

"Now, we are not English. We have never been so, and with the grace of God, we never shall be. We are French-Canadians living under parliamentary institutions and political liberties which we enjoy; we are loval subjects of the British crown, but our language is the French language. nothing English but the state of vassalage in which the fate of arms and destiny have placed us."

Judge Mathieu's words were truly unfortunate, and we could expect nothing else than that the susceptibilities of our French-Canadian fellow-citizens and fellow subjects should be wounded by them. It is a source of wonder to us not only that they should have been uttered before a French-Canadian audience but that a French-Canadian. who we believe is justly proud of his nationality, should have used them.

It is undoubted that the people of the province of Quebec are as loyal to our Government, and to the throne of Great Britain, as we are in Ontario, but it is too much to expect that they will also renounce their language and nationality.

Even so far back as when the Britsh colonies which formed the nucleus of the great Republic to the South of our border declared their independence, the people of Canada, then mostly French, proved their fealty to Great Britain by their rejection of the overtures made to them by the delegates of the thirteen colonies which then formed themselves into a new nation. The British Government understood thoroughly that at the capitulation of Quebec the French people of Canada accepted honestly and without reservation the new condition of affairs, but

Anglican liturgy to exclude therefrom homes. There is this difference, at all their loyalty by uniting with Canabrought famine and desolation upon gression, and this they did even before Cuba has been the result of a savage the Canadian laws were all that they should be in order to make them devoted to British rule. Since that time responsible government has been established firmly, and all citizens have been placed on an equal standing before the law. Generthe present generation, finding itself in full possession of the blessings of self-government, has no thought but that of fealty to our common country and form of Government. Even if we may suppose that some very great inducement might possibly have shaken the loyalty of generations that have passed away, there can be no such temptation now. There has been, indeed. an amount of aggressiveness shown by some factious people of Ontario, and a desire manifested to override the rights of the French-Canadian population of the sister Province of Quebec, but such schemes have been always abortive, and have been defeated through the

> and united nation. There is no country on earth in which extremists may not be found, and we cannot expect that Canada will be so far blessed as to be exempt from the characteristics of our common humanity, but we may rely upon the sound sense which is every day being more generally diffused that the croakers of the country, and those who would ride roughshod over their neighbors will continue to be, as they have been, in a hopeless minority. Let it be the aim, therefore, of all Canadians to work together to build up Canada as a prosperous country, and neither to encroach upon the undoubted rights of our fellow citizens, nor to take offence too easily at the blatant efforts of mischief makers to promote

> good sense of the population as a

whole. We may rely upon it that

this will continue to be the case, and

this will be the best guarantee that

THE FAMINE IN IRELAND.

From Irish papers of recent date we earn that meetings have been held in several cities and towns of England and Ireland for the purpose of raising funds for the relief of the famishing people chiefly in the West of Irelanda fact which by itself shows that the statements which were made last fall that a famine was imminent were tolic age ended. truthful and are now being realized. At one of these meetings, held in Manchester, \$36,000 were contributed, to which contributions have been since added, making the amount collected considerably over this sum.

The Government were warned in good time that famine was impending, but it is part of the plan of the present Administration in regard to Ireland to ignore and deny such unpleasant facts as illustrate the consequences of Irefand's treatment, so the Government officials from the Viceroy down pro claimed that there was no fear of any famine, and as a matter of course no steps have been taken by the Government to avert or at least minimize the distress, and even at the latest news, we learn that Mr. Balfour has announced that so far there is not any need of a Government relief measure. By such announcements as this the Government puts an obstacle in the way of private charity, for such charity, which is seldom over abundant, must be minimized when the Governmental authorities assert that it is unneces-

In spite of these attempts of the Government to check any movement of relief, several charitable committees and individuals have brought relief, and, in consequence, the famishing district is not so widely extended as it was at first thought would be the case, the National Federation, the Mansion House Committee, the clergy, and others having done much to keep the distress within narrow limits. Nevertheless Mr. William O'Brien, speaking of Mayo, says:

"The distress in all the surroundling character, and is such as to call for nothing short of execration for the Government, which has not only neglected every duty of humanity and statesmanship itself, but has done its worst to discourage the efforts of private charity in America and Great

Miss Maud Gonne, who is also en-1846. '47 and '48, the three years of than useless to urge, that they shall gaged in the great work of relief, says,

ers and authority of the Catholic priest- ditches through disease, want and ex- it was Judge Mathieu's intention to ing its black shadow over beauti- and whites hear Mass and approach ful wind - swept Erin. It is visible in the pinched, wan faces of the men and women, and in the skeleton forms of the little children, the gaze of whose unnaturally large bright eyes church for themselves, which is somegoes to one's heart. . . Hunger was written on each thin face that gazed up Hunger was times the case. at me when I visited the various school houses. Those ragged, bare-footed little ones had walked two, three, and even four miles, with only a small piece of Indian meal cake, and they would trudge back again over the mountains amid showers of sleet and hail to a meal-Oh such a small oneof Indian corn stirabout, without even a drop of milk !"

And speaking of those many who and been sick of influenza and measles: "they have insufficient food: they cannot get back their strength."

We are glad to notice that from many parts of the United States relief is being sent to the distressed districts. We hope Canadians, and especially Irish Canadians, will not be behindhand in the same work.

THE GOSPEL AND THE POOR. "The poor have the Gospel preached to hem." (St. Matt. xi., 5.)

This is one of the evidences given by our Blessed Lord to the disciples of St. John the Baptist who, being in prison, sent two messengers to Christ to ask: "Art Thou he that art to come, or do we look for another?" Instead of answering directly, Jesus

told John's messengers to relate what things they saw: "The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise again, the poor have the gospel preached to them: and blessed is he that shall not be scandalized in me." That is to say, He points to His miracles, the like of which it had been foretold in the Old Testament that the expected Messias would do, as a proof of His mission to earth with a message of mercy and re demption to mankind. The miracles of Christ are a proof both of His divinity and of the divine approbation of His teaching. But on a par with His miracles, Jesus points out the fact that He preached the gospel to the poor, that is, without hope of recompense, but solely through zeal for the king dom of God and man's salvation.

Oar blessed Lord knew that St. John would recognize Him and know the fulfilment of prophecy by the works He had done, and it was, therefore, not necessary for Him to answer more directly to the question put to Him than to say: "Relate to John the things you have heard and seen."

Protestantism has never appealed to its miracles as an evidence that it is from God; and it is the opinion advanced by most Protestant divines that miracles ceased when the Apos-

Ecclesiastical history furnishes abundant proof that there have been miracles continuously wrought in the Catholic Church by Catholic missionaries to the heathen, and at many shrines of the saints in favor of those who have asked the intercession of the saints in their favor. The history of the martyrs during the first three centuries of Christianity is a narrative of wonderful miraculous events, and a mission given to non Catholics in St. from that time down to the present they have never ceased. The lives of such saints and teachers as Athanasius. Bernard and Francis Xavier are full of miracles, and at the present day the miracles which have taken place at such shrines as Loretto, Lourdes and St. Anne of Beaupre, are so numerous and well authenticated that there is no easonable doubt regarding them. They are the testimony of God to the truth of the Catholic religion, and the other mark of the sanction of the Almighty to Catholic truth - the poor have the gospel preached to them - is not wanting either.

Everywhere the Catholic Church is as open to the poor as to the frich. It is true that provision must be made for the support of the priest, and the maintenance of the Church and of divine worship, and for this purpose it is customary in this country to sell the pews and make other similar arthere must be always proper accommodation for the poor as well as the rich,

so that they may hear the gospel preached, and may obtain the graces to be received from the sacraments without hindrance or obstacle, and so the sacraments are administered without distinction on account of color, nationality, or wealth in this world's goods. Thus while the Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists in the United States have not only separate churches, but even separate denominations or sects for the negro race, and this divis ion is even kept up in Canada, there is no distinction on account of color in the Catholic Church, and it is to be "Famine, actualifamine, is throw- seen everywhere that colored persons separated brethren.

the sacraments in the same church, except when for reasons of their own the colored Catholics prefer to have a

We are led to make these remarks from noticing in United States papers that the Rev. Henry Frank, a Protest. ant minister of Dover, N. J., recently made a tour through some of the churches of Greater New York, in the garb of a respectable mechanic, to ascertain whether it is true, as has been sometimes asserted, that poor people are not welcome in the wealthier The treatment he received churches. convinced him that the matter was not exaggerated.

exaggerated.

"In one church he stood seventeen minutes, and then weat out because no one offered him a seat. In another church he took a seat, but very soon a large man laid a heavy hand upon his shoulder and brusquely demanded to know what right he had there and ordered him out. In another he stood eleven minutes waiting, hat in hand, to be asked to take a seat. The ushers eyed him from head to foot, and judging from his appearance that he was a poor mechanic, superciliously passed him by. Every movement they made seemed to say 'Get out of here,' and therefore he left.

they made seemed to say Get out of here; and therefore he left. "He visited five churches and was treated similarly in all."

When the tour was completed, Mr. Frank was convinced that mechanics, even though they might be exemplary hristians, are not permitted to worship God in the wealthy churches of Greater New York.

It is not to be wondered at that miracles are not appealed to by the Protestant clergy as a proof of the divinity of their religion, for they do not work them, it not being in their power to do so : but it is in their power o preach the gospel, as they under stand it, to the poor as well as the rich. and if this were done they might plausibly claim to have at least one of the marks to which Christ appealed as proving the divinity of the religion He but, as the case stands, the taught pel is not preached to the poor, at all events in these wealthy churches.

MISSION TO NON-CATHOLICS

Items Showing how They are Progress Father Elliot and his Noble ing - Father Elli Band of Workers,

The missions to non-Catholics, under the auspices of the Paulist Fathers, still continue in different parts of the country. Interesting reports are made regarding the progress of the missions in The Missionary, from the last issue of which we call the following interesting

Counting the converts received from other sources, there were baptized by he Paulist Fathers in their parish in New York city since the beginning of year seventy-eight Most of these were gained at the non-Cathelic mission in January, which followed a four weeks' mission to Cath-

At Walden, N. Y., five years ago, when the pastor began to build a church the non Catholic citizens pro tested, saying the village charter forbade it. After the close of a non-Cath olics mission so pleased were they that three hundred signed a petition to have the missionaries remain another week.

Forty converts were received during the year following a non Catholic mis sion in the church of the Holy Rosary, New York. It takes a little time, but

It is strange but very true that the best effect of the non-Catholic mission work in the small towns is seen among the fallen off Catholic. things else fail the appeal to non-Catholina generally brings him to of his duty.

Forty-two converts were received at

Joseph's church, New York. Mississippi's population is one million, five hundred thousand. Of this number only seventeen thousand are Catholics. It is the stronghold of Protestantism in the United States. and twenty-two conversions in a few months, not to mention the large number of lukewarm, negligent Catho lics reclaimed to the faith, despite the most adverse circumstances, show plainly that Father McNamara's work is proving effectual.

Fort Scott, Kas., the county seat of Bourbon county, gave Rev. Dr. Pompeacy, the missioner, a splendid opportunity of appearing before a typical and enlightened Kansas audience. The new courthouse auditorum, with a capacity for five or six hundred persons, was secured for eleven nights On the last night one hundred and fifty persons were turned away for want of room to accommodate them. The district court was then in session The presiding judge paid the lecturer a compliment from the bench.

Rev. W. Gaston Payne is conducting the missions to non-Catholics in Virginia. Father Payne states that at rangements, but it is provided that Bailey's Cross Roads, Virginia, by in vitation of the minister and vestry of the Episcopalian church the missionary was prevailed on to give five or six lectures there on the leading doctrines of the Catholic Church. Every mark of respect and kindness was shown; a fine choir furnished the music : the questions asked were all polite, sincere, and earnest inquiries concerning the difference in doctrine between the Episcopal and Catholic Churches.

In one Virginia town a question which proved to be a test question was asked: "Tell us some of the faults of the Methodist Church?" Father Payne in answering it well illustrated how a He looked upon this as a good opportunity to define his mission fairly and squarely? before the community, and thus remove the apprehensions of our

honor of being the minister of Hi whose leading precept was 'Above a things have a mutual charity amon yourselves," my answer to the que-tion, 'Tell us some of the faults of the Methodist Church?' is this: Chari forbids. My mission is to remove prejudice from the Catholic Church setting forth ber true teachings a correcting the popular errors that pr vail concerning her sacred doctrine I am here to answer kindly and ca didly the inquiries of all sincere see ers after truth.' The test proved to satisfactory and the source from when the question came was revealed t following evening, for the Method church was largely represented, a after that large audiences greeted

REV. DR. MOORE AND T MOTHER OF GOD.

missionary.

A Presbyterian Minister on the Rev e Due to the Blessed Virgin. Within a short period the columns the Catholic Standard and Times h

contained articles based on the serm of Protestant ministers, one a Pres terian minister who expressed his gret at the almost hostile attitude many of his denomination towards Blessed Virgin, and the other a Bap minister, who attacked the devot paid her by Catholics (as he concei The subject is one upon wh there is a wide divergence of opin among Protestants, ranging from position occupied by those sects wh while denying the divinity of Christ by courtesy called Christian, to the the High-Church branch of Protestant Episcopalians, with the "Lady chapels," etc. It is a cause

congratulation and hope that tendency is towards a greater re ence for her "whom all generation Catholics) shall call Blessed," though is to be regretted that even am educated non-Catholics there still mains a general misconception of position - a misconcep which is almost inexcusable in t days when Catholic literature is easily accessible.

'The Mother of Jesus" was the ject of the sermon delivered by D. Stuart Moore, D. D., at the S Church (Presbyterian) on Sur morning last. His text was Acts 14 He said that the subject wa unusual one in Protestant church We have not, he averred, suffic data upon which to construct her All that we know is in the B Books have been written on her but "we believe they are fictitio They are of a later day. Her spoke of how different the Bib from other books, and referred to biographies of other noted wo saying, however, that she whom was discussing was "Queen of No woman in the whole hi of the world is comparable in hol with Mary of Nazareth. Four sand years before the birth of Chi had been promised that the w would crush the serpent's head,

three thousand years later

vouchsafed the still further revel

that out of the house of David a v

would bring forth a son whose

would be Emmanuel. Then the silence again while the wome Judea are each looking forward the favored one. The Hebrew w believed that the Messiah would of the nobility. We do not know much about h rents, continued the speaker. Bible tells us she was the first of Elizabeth. The glory of Ma not found in her parentage, but virtue, which shines at all tim that of a woman of God. Her Moore alluded to her home at eth, and said that amid such sur ings and circumstances we wou look for a typical (model?),life, ; was the lily of the valley. The

She received a revelatio God through the angel: "Bles thou among women."

Lovers of Jesus look with rev upon every object associated w Reference was here made great cathedrals of Europe and dead interred there. The ma would laugh there, said Dr. would be either a fool or an The reverence we have for succiations should centre arou greatest of all goodness, Jesus and increase in proportion a associations approach nearer t All Christians would like to b privilege of talking to the we acob's well about Christ, so a

Mary of Bethany, but better t

with His Mother, who was wi

est incident of her life is her es

to Joseph, who in his person

sented protection to both Jesu

until He expired on Calvary. The woman who rears a c God is great, but how much she whose child is the Son of Go other mother ever occupied or cupy the place that was occu Mary, the Mother of Jesus. So ask, said the speaker, if this ex of the mother is not inclined the dignity of the Son. We n ply that the sun is not jealou We admire the beaut latter, but the sun's heat a have made it beautiful. W Mount Vernon and our rever the Father of His country is av but who shall say because of less? Who suspected of loving God less he reveres the name of M mother of Jesus? Why show be kept in our memory to s thankfulness to Him? Why honor to whom honor is due?

If we place the relations Christ and His mother thus, Does this relation ex youd the grave? We have s together at the cradle, at th