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NOTES.

"We advise our Catholic contemporaries in the East Indies, Africa and Australasia says the N. Y. Catholic Review, to file for future reference the ample vindication of Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, against charges of bigotry and intolerance that is published in the Quarterly. Until the middle of the next century that charge will be repeated triennially by some 'apostolic' Methodist or Baptist, who will think the best means of converting the Maori, the Zulu or the Hindu is to slander the Bishops of the Church.

The team of Irish cricketers who played last week in Toronto, is composed of gentlemen amateurs, almost all of them Catholics. Among them are some young Larristers and embryo barristers, and several gold-medalists of Trinity College. One, at least, has been a "Beaumont Boy" and one a "Stonyhurst Boy." The first match of the team was arranged by special invitation from the Governor-General. The names of the gallant Irishmen who are combining the pleasure of a summer holiday with an active regard for the honour of their country in the matter of cricket are:—J. W. Hynes, captain of the team; D. Cronin, E. E. Fitzgerald, J. P. Fitzgerald, J. P. Maxwell, J. M. Weldon, T. Tobin, D. F. Gilman, F. Kennedy, Walter Synnott, Walter Johnson, Ralph Johnston and Thos. R. Lyle.

A well-known Irish priest writes us from the old land:
"I suppose you see by the papers that Ireland is passing through a terrible ordeal. Mr. Parnell has taken the lying Times to an Edinburgh jury, and it is generally believed he will be successful, Everything is most favourable to the speedy triumph of the Irish cause. A little time and patience are needed—and certainly it is hard to have nationed with such a mendacious and heartless have patience with such a mendacious and heartless tyrant as Balfour. I hope that poor John Dillon's life will not be sacrificed; it would be too great a sacrifice even for the overthrow of the despotic Balfour and his Government.

Not alone Irishmen, but every sympathizer with Ire-

land in her struggle for freedom, and everyone that admires and appreciates true patriotism and self-sacrifice, will re-echo this last sentiment from the heart.

The increase of churches, schools and institutions, from week to week says the N.Y. Catholic Review, affords a striking proof of the vitality of the Church in America. In every section of the country—North, South, East and West—the steeple of the Catholic Church greets the eye. The home of science and religion is found side by side with the temple, while the cross crowned buildings everywhere tell of Catholic charity. The ranks of workers in the cause of religion never grow less. The days add to their number and influence. The new and long list we give on another page of those whose lives are to be wholly consecrated to God's service is a noteworthy sign of the living faith of the children of the Church in America.

His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin has addressed the following letter to the editor of the Freeman's Journal:

4, RUTLAND SQUARE, 18th August.

Dear Sir, -I read with great pleasure the announcement in yesterday's Freeman's Journal that a fund has been opened to defray the cost of the legal proceedings undertaken by Mr. Parnell in defence of his honour, and in vindication of the constitutional character of the National movement of which he is the accepted and trusted leader.

The subscription now set on foot will, I have no doubt, be something very different from a guarantee of a mere pecuniary indemnity in a costly litigation. It will stand before the world as an expression of confidence in Mr. Parnell as a wise political leader of the Irish people, and an expression also of sympathy with the patient dignity with which, so long as it was politically prudent for him to do so he submitted in cilence to the above the sympathy. do so, he submitted in silence to the shameless slanders of his political opponents.

I fully concur with the view expressed by your article on the subject, that it is of deep significance as well as of checry import that in this emphatic expression of political and personal confidence, the lead should have been taken by Englishmen and in England. Our friends across the channel will no doubt gladly avail themselves of the opportunity, which those generous fellow countrymen of theirs have afforded them, of giving a new proof of their earnestness in sustaining the cause of justice towards Ireland.

But we in Ireland must look to it that we are not left behind. The cause is mainly ours. It is for our sake that Mr. Parnell has braved the anger and the hate of his assailants. Grateful, then, as he cannot but feel to those honest Englishmen who are now preparing to stand by him and to do their part in bringing him safely and triumphantly through the coming conflict, it is to his own country, and to her children, whether at home or in exile, that he will naturally look for a practical expression of sympathy and encouragement. sympathy and encouragement.

l enclose a cheque for £50 as my subscription to the Irish fund.—I remain, dear sir, most faithfully yours,

† WILLIAM J. WALSH,
Archbishop of Dublin.