

Our Curbstone Observer On Matinees.

HOSOEVER has taken the trouble to follow my varied observations...

THE SATURDAY MATINEE.—What is a matinee? It is the performance, during the day-time...

THE DANGERS.—Do not imagine that I am going to enter upon a long dissertation upon the stage...

THE MODERN PLAY.—When we take up the great classic dramas of Greece, of Rome, and of the seventeenth century in France...

Greatness: Or Great Men. BY "CRUX." DURING the past months I have quoted almost a score of those admirable essays by Thomas Davis...

NEW BOOKS.

The "Untrained Nurse" is the title of a book published in a most attractive form by the "Angel Guardian Press," Boston.

GOING TO SCOTLAND.

It is rumored that negotiations have been entered into with the Duke of Argyll for the purchase of the island of Iona...

great man's nature, no matter whether action or reception preponderates in his life, if he be truly great, and live through man's estate...

Then turning to the book which he so prefaces, and recalling the shortness of the poet's career, the same writer says:—"And thus, perhaps, after all, the soul of Davis will shine from this book as pure and clear..."

PATENT REPORT.

For the benefit of our readers we publish a list of patents recently granted by the Canadian and U. S. governments...

CANADA.

- Nos. 81,272—James Millar, Lyn, Ont., seed marker; 81,283—George Laporte, St. Felix de Valois, Que., acetylene gas generator...

UNITED STATES.

- Nos. 726,557—Felix Mesnard, New, Glasgow, Que., vehicle wheel; 726,768—Frs. Octave Schryburt, Quebec, P.Q., sole blocking machine...

Archbishop Ryan's Golden Jubilee. The committee in charge of the celebration of the golden jubilee of the Most Rev. Archbishop's ordination to the priesthood met on Wednesday afternoon...

A sage of our own times says:—"Hide the thoughts of such a man, hide the sky and stars, hide the sun and moon! Thought is all light, and publishes itself to the universe..."

Robbing the Poor.

Before the robbery and suppression of the English monasteries by Henry VIII. there were no "Poor Laws" in England. There was no need of any. The Church—the Catholic Church—was the only Christian body then in existence in Europe or in the world...

Third Order in India.

A general congress of the Tertulians in India, according to the Bombay "Catholic Examiner," is to meet at Allahabad next year. Although primarily a congress of the members of the Third Order of St. Francis, the ultimate aim of the movement is to consolidate Catholics into a homogeneous whole...

England And Devotion To the Blessed Virgin

ANCIENT DEVOTIONS. Our forefathers believed with us to the Blessed Virgin may be summed up in one sentence: "The Mother of God." I will endeavor to show in what way she gave expression to this faith in other words, what were the Catholic practices of devotion to our Blessed Lady.

Every village church, small, had its altar in honor of the Blessed Virgin. In our country and stately Minsters, was the choir and High Altar, was the Chapel, to the extreme east, facing her as the morning star heralded the coming day.

Robbing the Poor.

The robbery of the monasteries was the robbery of the poor, which resulted in the State pauper—the destitute, houseless, homeless man, woman and child, the outcasts of society, when society divorced itself from the all pervading charity of the Catholic Church.

connection the situation in France presents features that recall the suppression of the religious foundations in England and its evil results—evil for the whole people, as well as for the poor.

The French Premier's policy of persecution is causing dismay to his colleague at the Ministry of France. France is already faced with a deficit which she does not know how to make good, and this is the moment chosen for the expulsion of the religious orders.

And especially to the poor of France—the working, laboring classes—who will have to pay the bulk of the increased taxes rendered necessary as above indicated.

The wonder in all this business is that the people do not realize the seriousness of the situation—the enormity of the wrong and injury done to themselves by themselves.

Robbing the Poor.

Next in importance among the services of the Church, after the Sacrifice, comes the Divine Office which is recited daily by the faithful. It consists of the psalms interspersed with antiphonal hymns, and lessons from Holy Scripture, and the lives and words of the Saints. The Mass and Divine Office for each day correspond with the other; and hence, as Masses in honor of the Virgin, so there are offices. Abundant evidence to show the old Catholic times, the laity as the clergy were accustomed to recite daily the Office of Our Lady. It is clear, too, that they were in their childhood, and were familiar with it that they could recite it by heart, and even recited it while dressing in the morning. Thus the Book of Courtesy by Caxton about 1477, "John" is admonished: "While that ye be about how To dress yourself and do array, With your fellow well and true Our Lady's Matsins look ye say."