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appears to this young girl as so supreme a happiness that all man's delights, vanity, ambition and successes, pale before it.

Artic mystery by means of a balloon. While regretting the death of a man who thus has fallen a martyr to science and whose services already had won him fame, it must be confessed that it was largely his own fault.

The New York Times says: An unusual occurrence in Baltimore to-day will be the appearance of twenty women in as many of the city churches as pulpits orators.

Our Observer.

Coroner McMahon is desirous of establishing a morgue on Pine avenue, and the people of Pine avenue are equally desirous that it should be placed somewhere else.

It is a good suggestion that of the Atkinson, of Georgia, that was a mob threat to the life of a prisoner that the officers of the law put weapons into the hands of the threatened man.

When one fool dies two are born, and that is why the number of fools are always on the increase. There are several kinds of fools but about the most common one is the believer in heirship to one's estate.

There are papers and papers, but one of the papers I always thought most reliable was the New York Evening Post. Looking over its pages I notice, however, an article entitled, "Irish Help Givers."

Brilliant Record of Catholic Schools.

In another column we publish the official record of the Catholic Separate schools of Ontario in the High School, Entrance examinations of June, 1897, the Public School Leaving examinations and the High School examinations.

The Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company is about to spend half a million dollars on two new boats.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Cook County, Ill., are one of the most progressive bodies of this powerful organization.

Wales would seem to shortly become a rival to Italy in the cultivation of the grape. Under the auspices of the Marquis of Bute the cultivation of the vine has received a great impetus in the land of the bards.

It would appear that Professor Andree has perished in his attempt to solve the

INTEMPERANCE. The Dyke Cure for the liquor habit is a humane, it removes the appetite in a few days, and in four weeks the patient to the normal condition.

would probably be embarrassing. It has been said that the charge is a barrier to the conversion of Anglicans to Catholicity.

When the Catholic Church was despoiled the Anglicans reaped the greatest benefits, and if to-day they can exist in comfort, it is not luxury, without the assistance of assessments on churchgoers, it is largely on account of this fact.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, who for some years past have been divided in the United States, will soon come together again, a consummation which all true lovers of this powerful and admirable organization have long wished for.

Whenever a minister steps out of his ordinary avocation to enter the arena of politics he not only becomes a gigantic failure in the profession of his choice but he also makes a mess of the objects he is desirous of attaining.

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They would prefer to see the Devil elected Mayor of New York rather than Seth Low. As between Platt and Croker the former is worse, because Croker would say, "REFORM BE DAMNED," whereas Platt would pretend to virtues he has not.

He LEFT MY CHURCH BECAUSE I preached public ethics he did not relish and told the truth. I should prefer to see the Croker ticket elected to-morrow rather than Platt; then people would see crime in all its hideous ugliness and would not be deceived.

If there is anything peculiarly amusing it is for sensible men to read articles written by people who know nothing about the subject they are trying to enlighten their subscribers on.

Now, I have nothing against Toronto; it is a nice city, and when the Orangemen keep quiet and there is not any escapade running around loose then respectable people can enjoy themselves within its gates.

If our recollection is right there used to be some talk of a scandal about the straightening of the Don; then there was something about the Garrison street sewer, and almost every year the County Judge has had to hold investigations into charges of alleged hoodluming.

As for placing the Executive of the city in the hands of three or four men, the proposition is ridiculous. The security of the citizens lies in the large number of their representatives.

It is about this season that the coal dealer discovers the beauties of the weather and the plumber waxes pleasantly in anticipation and the carpenter ice man disappears.

According to an officer of the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada, there are but two strictly amateur clubs in the Quebec Rugby Union.

Whose fate is the happier? Mademoiselle Paola Lombroso, daughter of the celebrated Italian criminalist, has written a pamphlet, in which she tells us that woman's fate is the happier.

Note and Comment

Every consideration that deserves to be taken into account as adding force to the advocacy of a good cause urges the Irish Catholics, not only of Montreal, but of the whole Province, to be thoroughly and determinedly united.

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Bridget Sheridan of Kilcoo, County Down, has just died at the remarkable age of 115 years. Her age has been verified. She was engaged in business almost up to the last.

The seventeenth international lacrosse match between teams representing England and Ireland took place recently at Belfast. England won for the first time on Irish soil.

An order has gone out that there shall be no smoking on the rear platform of the street cars. This regulation, whether beneficial or not to the Company, never lasted very long in the past.

It looks as though the controlling interest in the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company would pass into the hands of Torontonians.

It is hardly probable that Sir Adolphe Chapleau will be given another term as Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, although he may be continued in office for some few months after the expiring of his present term.

Sam Hughes has not started for India yet. Instead of bringing a regiment to assist Great Britain, the gallant Colonel is more likely to require a little forcible coaxing before he packs his own kit.

Quite a controversy is going on just at present amongst Catholics in England whether or not a fee should be charged for church seats. Letters have recently appeared in the Catholic Times from many districts, and numberless are the reasons given why seats should be free, while equally numerous are the arguments in favor of a fee.

Taking a general view of the question, it would, doubtless, be better if the charge for a seat in churches could be dispensed with, and the collection at the Offertory depended upon to support the church, or, at least, pay current expenses, but the fact remains that a great number of our churches are hardly self-supporting, and any curtailment of revenue, if it did not prove disastrous,

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a pardonable degree of pride in this evidence, the more so when they remember that about one third of the Separate schools are situated in French and German settlements.

Another fact that must go to establish this very contention is found in the record of the Toronto school that this year, for the first time, and with very short notice, out of the senior fourth class girls up for examination and with a distinctly satisfactory result.

The Catholic Register, in dealing with the question of registration of Catholic electors as carried on in Liverpool under an organization there, says:

The summing up of the four months' work of the above named association has been a tedious but pleasant task. When it is remembered that there are 101,644 electors on the new register for the city—being an increase of 1,301 over last year—it will be seen at a glance that the duty was monotonous and arduous.

It would indeed be impossible to give anything like an accurate idea of the good accomplished by the association in every portion of the city, but it is gratifying to know that it acted as a lever and was recognized as a new Catholic power in every district throughout the city.

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