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CATHOLIC NOTES.

Spring in the Blood. If, when spring is in the blood... An' Heaven bless ye!

If, when spring is in the blood, Play-boy pranks nor eyes o' women... An' Heaven bless ye!

SOCIALISM AS VIEWED BY FATHER MAECKEL.

SCHOLARLY JESUIT SHOWS FALLACY OF THE PROPOSITION ON A VIOLENT SUBVERSION OF LAWFULLY EXISTING ORDER.

RELIGION STILL THRIVES IN FRANCE DESPITE ANTI-CLERICAL CAMPAIGN.

THE FRENCH STILL A RELIGIOUS PEOPLE, APPEARANCES TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING.

WHAT "EVERYBODY READS."

THE TRUE CHILD OF MARY.

grand process of evolution—one constant law of perpetual change—wherein all progress is accomplished only by the formation of economic contrasts...

Another fundamental tenet of socialism is equality of rights. This interesting demand assumes a two-fold nature.

Then Christianity forbids revolution, since it is a violent subversion of the lawfully existing order.

Deputy Maurice Ajan three or four months ago, "Catholicism retains a remarkable prestige. If it were given to some sleeper, after the manner of the hero of Wells, to awake to-day from the sleep of one hundred and fifty years, he would find the churches more spacious and more numerous than they were in his time.

Whether this statement be true of the large cities or not, it is essentially true of the country districts.

Can any sane and thoughtful person explain why it is that many people seem to think it incumbent upon them to read the last new books, whatever these books may be, or to become acquainted with the authors that "everybody" is talking about?

Look at the young people of our day with "problem novels" in their hands, stories of divorce, or of agnosticism or of evil that should be nameless and utterly unthought of by the innocent mind.

Even in the larger towns and cities there is a vast deal more of real attachment to religion than appears on the surface.

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Just as he was entering the convent of the Little Sisters of the Poor in East Seventieth street, New York, where he was to say Mass, on the 11th, Rev. Joseph H. Slinger, one of the oldest members of the Dominican order in America, dropped dead.

One hundred and three Bishops and sixteen thousand and ninety-three priests now have spiritual jurisdiction over the more than fifteen million Catholic laymen and religious of the United States.

Newfoundland has a new Catholic premier in the person of Sir Edward Patrick Morris.

The province of Westminister, which embraces the whole of England and Wales, has sustained a serious loss by the death, on March 27, at the archiepiscopal residence in London, of Right Rev. William Anthony Johnson, D.D., Titular Bishop of Arindela.

It is not generally known that there is a boat called St. Francis D'Assisi, which plies along the coast of Iceland and Newfoundland, giving help, temporal and spiritual, to the fisher folk for the three months that they are practically at sea, following their dangerous calling.

Mr. James J. McCann, gold medalist in medicine, and winner of Chancellor Fleming's general proficiency scholarships of Queen's University, is a son of John McCann, ex-licensing inspector of Perth, Ont.

Sunday entertainments at which an admission fee is charged, can no longer be held in the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., under Catholic auspices.

The Rev. Father A. Hubert, in charge of St. Agnes Indian Missions, Antlers, Okla., delivered a series of six lectures at the Protestant Union Church at Garvin.

The Laetare Medal, which is annually given by the University of Notre Dame to some lay member of the Church in the United States for specially distinguishing service in art, literature, science or philanthropy was conferred this year on Frances Christine Fisher Tiernan, the novelist, better known in the literary world by her pen name, Christian Reid.

Bishop Verduguer is the Vicar Apostolic of Brownsville, Texas, probably the poorest vicariate in America. There are 8,917 Catholics, but of this number 78,000 are poor Mexicans, and the English-speaking Catholics are far from rich.

From the Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times we learn that Dr. Eugene Wasdin, of Charleston, S. C., a surgeon major of the United States army, and formerly a Methodist, was received into the Catholic Church at St. James', that city, on Thursday last week by Rev. George P. Degan.

Prof. Ed. Klyde, M. A., of Toronto University, a few days ago gave a very interesting lecture in the Rideau Street Convent, Ottawa, his subject being "St. Boniface." He gave a comprehensive history of the "life and work of the apostle of Germany."

Miss Mary Probyn, a distinguished English Catholic poet, passed away on March 29 at the age of fifty-three. By her death Catholics in England have lost a graceful writer and poet of real distinction.

The power to converse well is a very great charm. You think anybody can talk? How mistaken you are. Anybody can chatter. Anybody can exchange idle gossip.