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London, Sat., Dec. 22nd, 1888.

A Christmas Thought.

'Tis Christmas Day!
To one another
I hear men say:
Alas! my brother,
Its wings blow bitter,
Our Christmas Suns
No longer glitter,
As former Ones!
If this be so,
Then let us borrow
From long ago
Surcease of sorrow;
Let dead Yules lend
Their bright reflections,
Let fond hearts blend
Their recollections;
Let Love revive
Joy's ashen embers,
For Love is life
Since Love remembers.

—*Earl of Dufferin.*

EDITORIAL NOTES.

IT HAS been reported that the Right Rev. Donald McDonald, Bishop of Harbor Grace, Nfld., has been appointed Archbishop of Toronto. A similiar report has been published regarding the Right Rev. Bishop Walsh, of this city. Both reports are premature, as no authentic intelligence has been received as yet on the subject.

The Municipal elections of Boston took place on Tuesday, 11th inst., and resulted in a victory for the bigots of the city. Mr. Hugh O'Brien, has been Mayor of the city for four years. The anti-Catholic cry which was raised has resulted in his defeat by a majority of about 2000.

THE Pope has written a letter to the American Bishops desiring them to take pains to promote the spiritual interests of Italian immigrants to the United States, the number of those immigrants being very great, and as it is difficult to find priests who speak Italian, there is danger that the immigrants be lost to the Catholic faith.

THE spirited Irishmen of Charlottetown, P. E. I., are up and at the Forgers. They have started a Parnell Defence Fund. The distinguished Irishman, M. P. Hogan, Esq., is, we note with pleasure, president of the association, and doubtless a hearty and liberal subscription will be the outcome. We will be glad to publish the names of contributors, as showing who are Ireland's friends in Ireland's hour of trial.

THE Dominion Government have very properly refused to hold out the inducement of assisted passages to Mormon settlers going to the North-West. Mormon delegates recently visited Ottawa to obtain encouraging terms, but they were informed that polygamy will not be allowed in Canada. The delegation asked that those Mormons who have already several wives should be allowed to bring them into the country, but the request was firmly refused by the Government.

The Liverpool Courier has the honor of being the earliest in the field to charge the Whitechapel murders on the Irish Nationalists. It does not say that Mr. Parnell has been the perpetrator, but it says: "The people of Whitechapel believe that the crimes are the work of Irish Americans." It will now be in order for the Times to bring these outrages before the Forgeries Commission as part of the outrages for which the National League is responsible.

DR. TALMAGE is now advocating religious teaching in the schools. He says in the Sunday Magazine, of which he is editor: "A smart man without religion is much more dangerous to the community than an ignorant man; but when a high secular education is reinforced with a thorough teaching in Christian morality, the moral health of the community is bound to be bettered." He also states that Trinity parish alone, in New York city, is giving a religious education to 4,000 future voters.

FROM the Kingston Freeman we learn that "last week occurred the eighth anniversary of the consecration of our beloved Rt. Rev. Bishop, Dr. Cleary. We heartly join with the entire Catholic body of our city in congratulating His Lordship on the recurrence of the festival of that happy event. We call his episcopal consecration a happy event, for such it was in every sense of the word for the Catholic diocese of Kingston. We received in the person of Dr. Cleary a bishop after Rome's own heart, and, therefore, a bishop after God's own heart. In no mere empty form do we pray for Dr. Cleary, *ad multus annos.*

IT has been reported that the Irish Bishops have received a new brief from Rome ordering peremptorily the execution of the former rescript issued against the Plan of Campaign and boycotting. The Roman correspondent of the Boston Pilot states that the Propaganda knows nothing of any such document, and as it would pass through the Propaganda, if issued at all, it seems that the statement is a fiction. It would appear from this and other falsehoods which have been cabled, that there is a lie factory in full blast in connection with the cable for the production of sensational news from Rome.

CHIEF BARON PALLES has given a deliverance that the verdicts of Coroners' juries cannot be ignored. He declares that if the Attorney-General refuses to act on such verdicts, the next of kin may prosecute him for the refusal. It has been the custom of Mr. Balfour to ignore these verdicts in Ireland, as he said they were influenced by the sympathy of the jurors with the Land League. The Leaguers now propose to bring a criminal action against Mr. Holmes, Attorney-General for Ireland, for neglecting to take action on the verdict regarding Mr. Mandeville and others wherein the Government officials were found to be responsible but where no official investigation was proceeded with or permitted.

WE CALLED attention some time ago to a statement which was going the rounds of the press that the American bishops have petitioned the Holy See against "the predominant influence exercised by German Catholics in America." We pointed out that the statement bore intrinsic evidence of its falseness. It was further stated that the petition opposed the formation of separate German parishes, and the appointment of German ecclesiastical dignitaries. Since we stated that the falseness of this news was apparent on its surface, the whole paragraph has been declared by Archbishop Gross to be an infamous fabrication. The London Chronicle, which first gave currency to the statement, is thoroughly unreliable in its news from Rome. Letters have also been published from Bishop Gilmour and Archbishop Elder giving unqualified contradiction to the statement.

THE Indo European Correspondence calls attention to an article in the Orientalist which points out a great difference between Singalhese Protestants and Catholics. Many of the Protestants being asked what is their religion, will answer, "I am a Protestant, but the religion I believe in is Buddhism." Protestantism is the Government religion, and many of the people embrace it merely for the sake of worldly advancement. But the Catholics are Catholics for the sake of gaining heaven, and do not mix Buddhism with their religion. They are exactly what they profess to be, and the late Hon. Jas. D. Alwis wrote of them that there is "no wavering of mind among them, no partnership faith, and no hankering after the religion of their forefathers." Protestantism, however, is suited to those who wish to practice Buddhistic rites, because it permits so much variety of belief under the name of Christianity, and the Buddhists can very readily call themselves Protestants, though their practice is Buddhistic.

THE FORGERIES COMMISSION.

The cross-examination of the *Times'* witnesses has brought out many facts which have been exceedingly damaging to that journal. O'Connor was thought to be a witness whose testimony would fix on the National League the commission of many crimes committed by the "inner circle" of the League, but when O'Connor was subjected to cross-examination his wretched character was made evident, and Sir James Webster became evidently very uneasy. O'Connor admitted that he was expelled from the League for theft and that he had been dismissed from several different employments also for fraud and theft, but the culminating point of his evidence was still more astounding when it appeared that the Irish police had told him that the prosecution for fraud would be pressed unless he gave evidence for the *Times.* It is made evident thus that the Government are endeavoring to intimidate witnesses to induce them to swear that the League has been guilty of acts of intimidation. Before a fair tribunal the evidence of such witnesses as O'Connor would not be worth a straw, but the *Times'* Commission seems to be inclined to make the most of it.

A man named Buckley testified that he had been ordered by the League to shoot Roach, but he failed in killing him. No doubt with such inducements as the Government and the *Times* are holding out for witnesses who will incriminate the League, there will be many who will give such testimony, but honest observers will not readily credit such witnesses.

Owing to articles which appeared in *United Ireland* expressing want of confidence in the honesty of judges who were appointed by Government for the purpose of giving a bad name to the Irish Nationalists, Mr. Wm O'Brien has been summoned to appear before the Commission. Yet Mr. O'Brien's statement is a notorious fact: however, the truth is not always palatable. The enumeration of outrages was still going on up to the last session of the Commission. The object is evidently to excite the disgust of the English people with Ireland. They are expected to close their eyes to the fact that there are outrages committed elsewhere than in Ireland, and that in England such outrages are twenty times more numerous.

LETTER FROM FATHER BRADY.

From the Woodstock Sentinel-Review, Dec. 14th.

DEAR SIR,—There is in Toronto a small sheet entitled "Our Own Paper," which is "published under the auspices of the Baptist Sunday School Committee," and the editor is "W. H. Huston, Secretary of the Sunday School Committee." This journal is devoted to the Christian education of Baptist children throughout the Province.

Now, Mr. Editor, it is not my practice to notice the calumnies which are from time to time repeated, even in the press, against the Catholic religion; but inasmuch as in the December number of that paper a tissue of arrant nonsense and bare faced lies is published for the edification of youthful minds, over the signature of one A. J. Lebeau of Woodstock, I consider it my duty as Catholic pastor of Woodstock to call the attention of the public to the character of the literature which Mr. Huston and the Baptist Sunday School Committee are instilling into the plastic minds of the children of that denomination, to make them, forsooth, good Christians!

"Hath God any need of your lie that you should speak deceitfully for him?"—Job xiii 7. These lies are of such a character that no one of any intelligence would credit them; but instilled into the minds of confiding children they will excite horror and many will for the time being believe them. What will they think of Christianity when they come to know that the Christianity they have been taught is a farce? and the natural conclusion will be that all Christianity is the same. It is precisely the course which the Baptist Sunday School Committee men are following that has produced so many infidels; and these men will assuredly have a good crop of the same grain. I speak of the Committee who have devoted one-fourth of their paper to such satanic work, and not of A. J. Lebeau, for the latter is beneath contempt. Have I spoken too strongly? I need only quote a few extracts from the essay and your readers may judge.

1st. The children are told by this precious specimen of mendacity that Catholics believe that on the 1st November the souls in purgatory take a vacation and roam about the earth. Men should not on that day plough their fields lest the dead be disturbed, and their bodies be cut up. A furrow of blood would follow the plough even, and all who would do such an act are looked upon as heretics and pagans. A cock-and-a bull story is then told about a ghost which a young man "saw on that day, but the ghost turned out to be a few white sheep." Of course the inference is that the Catholic Church teaches that the sheep were ghosts. Perhaps the madacious scribbler was the "young man" who was visiting "his girl."

2 Another cock-and-a-bull story is related of a priest who made a poor widow sell her cows to get money for the priest to deliver "her dear husband" out of purgatory. This, we are informed, is a common occurrence. "A young man told me (the writer) this summer that was the way in their case." The bad grammar is the author's own.

3. This truthful scribbler himself witnessed an auction sale at a church "two weeks ago" where a horse, some chickens and a turkey were sold for the deliverance of souls in purgatory.

Is it necessary to inform your intelligent readers, Mr. Editor, that these are deliberate lies? I call upon W. H Huston and the Sunday School Committee to apologize to the public and especially to the children for practicing on them these gross deceptions, or else to prove them.

The mutton ghost story, though evidently a lie like the rest of this article, does not concern me, but the other falsehoods are deliberate fabrications, intended to deceive little children as to the Catholic doctrine and practice, in regard to which the writer displays as much ignorance as falsehood. November 1st is a holiday observed like Sunday in the Catholic Church, but it is on November 2nd that Catholics offer special prayers for the dead, and there is no prohibition on Nov. 2nd from ploughing the fields, or any other work.

I do not propose to explain or prove here the Catholic doctrine that we may pray for the dead. I will, however, ask you to permit me to state briefly from our children's catechism what this doctrine is. We believe that "some souls suffer for a time before they can go to heaven," and that "it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins," because our prayers assist those suffering souls, and shorten their term of punishment. Yours respectfully,

M. J. BRADY, P. P.

Woodstock, Dec. 12th, 1888.

GLADSTONE CONFIDENT.

Mr. Gladstone spoke in the Limestone Hall, London, on Saturday, receiving a most cordial welcome from great crowds of people who had assembled to meet him. Speaking on the political situation, he referred to the decrease in the Conservative majority in the Parliamentary election in Maidstone, and congratulated the Liberals upon the fact that the result showed that the cause was advancing. Referring to the withdrawal of Lord Hartington and 130 other dissident Liberals from the National Liberal Club, he described the dissidents as officers without an army, and as clergymen without a church. He condemned Lord Salisbury's reference to the Hon. Dadabhai Naoriji, as a black man, as needlessly giving pain to millions of his fellowmen, and protested against the attempt to conquer the Soudan as an adventure as hopeless as an attempt to fight nature.

GUELPH IRISHMEN TO THE FRONT.

Guelph, Dec 14th, 1888

To the Editor of the Catholic Record:

DEAR SIR:—The following is a list of subscribers with amount subscribed to the Parnell Defence Fund. Our Branch expects to double this amount by Christmas.

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MR. BROWN'S RETIREMENT.

For nearly twenty years has Mr. Samuel R. Brown held the position of Head Master of St. Peter's School in this city. During that time, we may with justice state, no schoolmaster in the Dominion has worked with more earnestness and success in training advanced pupils, and rendering them capable of filling honorable and lucrative positions in the community. Mr. Brown is a man who loves his profession. He gave his whole heart to his work, and the long space of time he has held the position he now retires from is evidence that his services were appreciated in a marked degree by both clergy and laity of London. Since the establishment of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association in Canada, Mr. Brown has held the position of Grand Secretary. The rapid growth of this society has rendered the duties of that office so laborious that his whole time will have to be devoted to the work. Hence his resignation as headmaster. In common with the citizens at large, we sincerely express the wish that Mr. Brown will be long spared to perform the duties of the responsible position he now holds. On Monday last the boys of St. Peter's School made a suitable presentation and address to their respected master on the eve of his retirement. The following address was read:

St. Peter's School,
London, Dec. 17th, 1888.

To Mr. Samuel R. Brown—Dear Sir—On the eve of your separation from us and your retiring from the teaching profession, we take the opportunity of expressing the very great regret felt by the entire school at the severance of those friendly relations which have so long existed between us. As you look upon your boys gathered around you now, can you not read the thoughts which language cannot express. Do you not feel the pangs of sorrow which are robbing us of our many joys, by the thought of separation? No voice but that of the heart can speak in fitting tones to day. It tells of a father's constant vigilance for the little ones intrusted to his care. It is counting over one by one all the hours of labor and fatigue employed in the secular and religious training of those who were privileged to study under your able tuition. It tells us also to treasure in our hearts and reproduce in our daily lives the countless words of counsel that fell from your lips; it recalls your kindly interests in all our little concerns; but gratitude now demands a hearing and calls aloud for a return, but alas! we are only boys and have naught to lay at your feet; still we must, with your kind consent, offer a little tribute. True, it is unworthy of your love and care. Be kind enough, dear master, to accept this gold headed cane as a small token of our esteem and veneration, and we now return you our heartfelt gratitude for the loving care with which, like a good father, you have always watched over us and garded our interests.

Hoping that you will still continue to exercise an untiring zeal in the interests of Catholic training and that, though separated from us, you will not forget to encourage us by an occasional visit.

Wishing you continued prosperity, we remain your most dutiful pupils,

W. Tillman, Joseph Nolan, Gus Wilson, John Sullivan, J. Leech, J Donahy, W. F. Meddowcroft, F. Neville, F Richardson, W. Briody, J. Quinn, J. Watson, F. McNiff, F. Pendergast, B Masuret, C. Garvey, J. Power, J. Dewan, J. Cisne, T. Morkin, A. McLean, W. Aust, J. Simple, P. Kenny, W. Land, R. Dromgole, W. Dromgole, D. Nolan, E. Pocock, J. Birmingham, F. Rourk, J. McRae, E Cook, Joseph Sullivan, A McCausland, in behalf of the school.

Mr. Brown made a suitable reply, giving the boys some salutary advice regarding their future conduct. In the evening he entertained all his pupils to a supper at the bazaar in the city hall. The boys were very much pleased with the manner in which the ladies in charge of the tables waited on them. After supper three cheers were given for Mr. Brown, the band playing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

LATEST PHASES OF THE IRISH QUESTION.

Mr. Tom Moroney who has been two years in prison for contempt of court by refusing to give evidence respecting the Plan of Campaign has been released on account of ill health.

Colonel Fitzgibbon, deputy-lieutenant of Tipperary at Thurles, has given notice to the workhouse authorities to make provision for nineteen families who are about to be evicted.

Mgr. Persico in his report on the Irish question, calls attention to the fact that all the Govenment authorities in Ireland are Protestants who are unfavorably disposed to the Catholic religion, from the Lord Lieutenant down. He says the Irish refuse absolutely to admit that the Plan of Campaign is criminal. They consider it to be a legitimate retaliation on the landlords. They have but little confidence in the land courts. Mgr. Persico condemns boycotting, and says that Irish political aspirations must be satisfied before peace can be restored.

Mr. Whitehead moved in the House of Commons that the House approves of the report of the Committee on Mr. Sheehy's arrest. Mr. Balfour opposed the motion, saying that it is unnecessary, as he has given instructions that no process is to be served on any member within the precincts of the house. The motion was rejected by 182 to 130. Sir Wm. V. Harcourt spoke in favor of the motion in a long speech, and Mr. W. H Smith spoke against it.

Mr. Labouchere moved in the House of Commons that the Irish Constabulary vote be reduced by £5,000. He condemned the employment of constables to collect evidence for the *Times.* Mr. Balfour said that such a matter should not be discussed in connection with the estimates. Mr. Balfour then moved closure to the debate, which was carried by 141 to 39 amid the protests of the Opposition.

A number of prominent Nationalists have been mentioned as probable candidates for the representation of West Waterford, rendered vacant by the sad death of Mr. Pyne, M. P., who was accidentally drowned. Frank Mandeville, brother of the late John Mandeville, Mr. M. A Manning, and the Mayor of Waterford, Mr. Toole are, among those named.

A man named Walsh recently appeared before the Nenagh branch of the National League, with his son, to ask the protection of the League against a boycott. Joseph Gubbins of Nenagh had been evicted from the Ballintotly estate, and Mr. Walsh removed some hay from the premises, on account of which he was shunned by the people. He expressed his sorrow for having done this against the interest of the evicted tenant, and the League Committee promised to use their influence to have him restored to popular favor.

The Coercion Act has been put in force by proclamation in the baronies of Connell and West Offaly in the County of Kildare.

The Marquis of Conyngham has granted to his tenantry the reductions they asked for under the Plan of Campaign. All costs to the tenantry have been wiped out. There is also a satisfactory arrangement reached between Mrs Tuohill and her tenants in Caerlganes.

Mr. Balfour the other day ridiculed the statement of Mr. Ellis in Parliamment that there were over 3000 eviction notices hanging over tenants in Ireland. It now appears by the official reports that 3,311 such notices were filed during the quarter ending 30 September 1888; 3,168 were filed in the County Courts, 114 in the Queen's Bench Division in Dublin, and twenty-nine in the Exchequer Division.

THE ORPHAN'S BAZAAR.

The bazaar in aid of Mount Hope Orphan Asylum, which opened in the City Hall on Wednesday of last week, is now, as we write, drawing to a close, and we doubt not will prove very successful. The display of articles at the respective tables is fully equal to that seen on former occasions of the kind. The ladies connected with the different tables deserve much credit for their earnest and unceasing work. Rewards of an earthly kind they do not look for. Theirs is a labor of love for Christ's little orphans, and we doubt not their noble and self-sacrificing labors will draw upon themselves and their families God's choicest blessings. The following named ladies had charge of the tables:

Children of Mary's Table—Mrs. Ellen O'Brien.

St. Peter's Parish Table.—Misses O'Mara and Ranahan.

St. Mary's Parish Table—Mrs. Fitzhenry, Mrs. Lenihan, and Mrs. Sheehy.

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