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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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THE BALLOT.

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(Warres for the Roberts.)

We believe Sir John MacJonald never liked the ballet, and his opinion on such a matter was very weighty. The Ballet bowever has come, and has been long enough in use to give us dats for judging whether and how far it is any improvement upon the old mode of voting. The chief merit claimed for it by its cerly advocates was that by its scorcey it did much to put all electors upon a footing of equality. The poor man, the servant for instance, or employer could hardly be expected to follow conscience in opposition to his master. The danger in conceivable cases might be too great, and to remove such temptation cut of the way, by making it impossible for any one to know how the vote was cast, was considered a great step thomair.

strengthening the political morality of the timid.

There is a good doal of plausibility and some force in this view. Man-andmoney on one side, and only man on the other, was hardly a fair match, and ortainly the wealthy and influential had, under the system of open voting, more than one way of coercing the poor and superfected. But does the Ballot so entirely block this knowledge that the same danger may not still exist? Is not our method of canvassing as minute and complete that there can be very little doubt about how each man votes? Of course the very few who are strong-minded enough to keep their own counsel can come to the booth without lotting anyone know which side they favor. But the very many, the vast majority I think, set no value on this secreey. They openly arow their preference, they beast of it, and strive to make overy one know who is the object of their chioloc. For these the Ballot is only a sulsance and a hinderance. misance and a hinderance.

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However, the minority, who do not wish to tell on themsolves, have rights, too. But is it sure they can run the gauntlet of the whole process without giving some hint as to whom they are voting for? The timid voter has hardly eye-power to watch the practiced, cool clerk whose business it is to put the folded paper in its proper place. And it may be inferred from some things aid of the late investigation, in Ottawa, that it is unusual for the voter, after folding his paper and handing it over to the officer, to go away without taking any notice of what has been done with it. I have never seen a ballot paper, and therefore may be mistaken; but I should be inclined to think there is no insuperable difficulty on the part of a sharp notice of what has been done with fit. I have never seen the dullet paper, and therefore may be mistaken; but I should be inclined to built there is no insuperable difficulty on the part of a sharp deputy in gooting not a squint at it; and in the sourcey is destroyed. A second dramtage the Ballot was oldered to have a public of the sourcey in destroyed. A second dramtage the Ballot was oldered to have a public of the place of the

ostimate men have of the honesty of its advocates. In much the same way when electoral corruption threatened the stability of our institutions empires flourished the Ballot in the face of the public, as a panacea for all our ills; and, deceived a little at first, we are now inding out wast we should have known before that it is not by machinery or legislation we can be made either soher men or honest voters!

The Pope and the Hagpe Conference

The following is the text of the Holy Father's reply to the letter of the Queen of the Notherlands inviting his Holinesa's moral support to the work and aims of conference

conforence:

Wo cannot but receive with astisfaction the letter in which your Majeaty, notifying us of the meeting of the Peace Conforence in the capital of your king, don, has kindly a citicked for that assembly our moral support. We hasten to express our warm sympathy, both with the august initiator of the Conforence and with your Majeaty, who has extended to that Conforence and honorable hospitality, as well as with the object eminently moral and beneficient to which are directed the labors that have already been commenced. We hold that it lies especially within our sphere to give to such an enterprise not only moral support, but also effective occeptation, for the object in view is supremely noble in its nature and intimately connected with our august Ministry which, through the Divine F under of the Oburch, and in virtue of traditions many constructes old, it vested with a high calling as Meditator of Peace. Indeed, the authority of the Supremo Pontificate extends beyond the frontiers of nations; it embraces all peoples, that they may be confoderated in the true peace of the Gespel.

Action for the promotion of the general wilders of manifold rises above in the surface of manifold rises above in the sur

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Ald. P. McPhillips, of London, is visiting Toronto for a few days, and his many friends, especially in the legal profession, are deligited to see the first of the profession of the first haugust and pic-nic which have marked 1896 as a banner year in the society's history. It is confidently expected, however, that 1900 will add new laurels to the fame for frasternity and henevolence of the Irish Banevolent Society of London.

Many friends in Toronto and St. Catherines heard with regret of the death of Mr. James Kernzhan, father of Mr. W. T. Kernahan of this city. Mr. Kernahan of this city. Mr. Kernahan was nixty-nine years of age, and sithough he had suffered for a year from the attor-effects of grlp, he had not been confused to bed more than a day or two. The fineral took place on Monday from St. Basil's Church to St. Michael's Gemetery and the remain's wore followed to the grave by many riends of the family. R.I.P.

HON. EDWARD BLAKE AND THE UNITED LEAGUE.

following letter speaks for itself

House of Commons, London,
July 28th, 1890.
My Dark O'Brith.—Before leaving
for a short visit to a home I soldom soo
I fool impolled to write you a few
words more than were possible the other

If tool impolled to write you a few words more than were possible the other day.

We are rapidly nearing the election. The change of Parliamentary strength in this island is likely to be enormous, and the possibilities of good for Ireland are proportionately great.

But the attitude of large numbers here towards Irish questions, and attill more the place to be accorded to them, depend on the restoration of unity and efficiency to our representation, and I am never regret that Irish rights are in this some in Irish hands.

Yet I have ceased to hope for roution through the exertions of Parliamentary leaders. The long continued efforts from within have new falled beyond remedy, and the people must work out their own salvation.

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But to thisondorganisation is essential, Now, to revive as a truly National instrument any of the old institutions is hopeless. To multiply new ones is as impossible as it would be tatal.

But the United Irish League is founded on a principle so comprehensive, and has already done so much for re-union, that it seems to me the duty of every lover of the country to give it a helping head.

Its ortension over all Ireland, its development as the great National instrument, and the activenement by its means of a genuine, effective, and organised reunion, should be the inmediate aim.

The tack is difficult, the labour is arducus, the cost is great the time is alouted, the cost is great the time is alouted, the cost is great the time is alouted, the cost is great the time is alouted to the next the object is suppease; it is our bost hope, and the prospects justify the effort. Whether it succeeds or fails may largely depend on the event of the next few months. I can do but little to help, yet what I can I do and I beg to enciose a second antecription to the fund, and to wish it and you Gedspeed.—Your Elithfully.

William O'Brion, Esq.

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William O'Brien, Esq.,
Mallow Cottago, Westport, Ireland.
Commenting upon Mr. Blako's letter
The Freeman's Journal of Aug 8, says:
"The letter of Mr. Blake, M.P., in a support of the United League, is an uttorance of the first importance. Mr. William O'Brien, to whom it is addressed,
rightly commends it to the prompt and
earnest consideration of the country.
By splendid and steadfast service in a
time of difficulty and discouragement
Mr. Blake has earned the gratifude and
confidence of the Irish people. He
came discotiy into the Irish Movement
when hope was fainteet and belp was
most needed. For the Irish Party be
abandoned the leadership of the Liberals
of Canada with the certainty of the
Premiership in the immediate future.
Truly, baving set his hand its the plough,
he has never looked back. His time,
his ability, and his private loriume have
have been devoted with untagaing gen'
preality to the furtherance or the more
ment. It is not plessant to which he
has the present of the more
man in Iricand has realised, that merely
as mall clique of ovil-tongued self-scokers
are involved in this campaign of calumny, and that amongst the masses of
the people his claracted. In the division created by Mr. Paraell's displacement Mr. Blake had no part. From
first to last, when battle waged flercest,
be took no part in the internectine
attraction. No provosion could extortone insulting or abusive word from his
lips. Every project for conciliation and
recurson found in him an active and
acrasts afocate. He hoped against
hope that certain leaders or would be
leaders would sacrifice personal interest
or personal malice to patriolium and join
hands in the common canne. Over and
over again that hope has failed, and
urely has been opedly assailed or
treacherously obstructed by the men
from whom its reasolour furtherance
might have been expected. No wonder
that Mr. Blake heat at last lost all hope
in them. He writes—'I have occased
to hope for eximine a hope play incring
past differences; Mr. Blake believes that
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spondont, of the result of the next general election. The Unionist election agents confess an anticipation of defeat. It is certain the number of which we have a matter of the service of

Death of Mrs. O'Keefe.

Just before going to press we have heard of the death of Mrs. Eugene O'Kecto on Tuesday night. This very sad event, coming so soon after the recent less in the family, will evoke the

sad event, coming so soon after the recent loss in the family, will evoke the deopest regret and sympathy in the Catholic community and among the public at large. Mrs. O'Keefe had been ill for a considerable time, and Mr. O Keefe not higher war and the constant of the control of the control

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On Saturday the members of Division No. 1 and 6, Ancient Order of Hibernians, visited the "City of the Saints." After a most enjoyable trip across the lake per steamers Garden, Lakeside and Lincole, the executionists arrived at Look 2 about 11.80 o'clock, where the Hibernians were met by representatives of the St. Catharines brethern and except the st. Here she games took place and the pavillon gave amply room for the graceful curves of the "mazy dance." The day was spent most agreeably, and nothing hat of good will and good order prevailed throughout. The conduct of the succept and the second who disguisted the "Saints." the previous week. The Hibernians return ab home touching the Toronto dock at 10.80 without accident and well pleased with their onling.

Mr. John McClarty, Provincial Treasures for the A.O. H., was unremitting in this special conduction of the Saints who are despit; sensible of his many qualities accept the A.O. H., was unremitting in this special conduction of the Marquis, we rejuich to our grow less.

Hon. Edward Blake's Letter.

A New York newspaper correspondent

Very Reverend Father Casery, V.G., of Peterborough, was in the city last week on his way home from London where he attended the conscoration of Bishop McEvay.

PESTS OF SCIENCE.

One of the greates workes of the agriculturist is the seemingly over-increasing army of pests. His whoes, his receasing army of which is as a rule the more difficult of which is as a rule the great who of the object of its attack. This is even more true of the intellectual than of the beginner of the history of the biographics of great discoverers show the difficulties they had to content with from the schemes of envious natures. The repeated attempts to rob authors like Shakospeare and Milton of their fame are familiar to all. But nowhere do we find the intellectual parasite so shundant or so slimy as in the aphere of physical science. Whilst men like the great Pastour have by their sole life discoveries conferred inestimable enefits on mankind and opened up new pathways for their successors, their footsteps have been followed by a number of pests whose sole aim is to undermine as far as they can everything sacred. Roligion is the special object of their hostility. Their highest ambition is to bring man's whole being down to a level with the dost on which he treads. "In the language of St. Paul." "Their glory is 'n their shame." They can toll with 1, most complete assurance all that took place on this planet hundreds of millions of years ago, yet they show the most astennding iguerance of the meaning of what takes places under their eyes. We have had a striking instance of this recently. One of the mest advanced of our co-called scientists calculated that the wheat-producing power of the earth would be exhausted in the year 1931 and consequently mankind would pertial from starvation. He were present and one of the producing man from tadpoles where he could give free rein to his impination without having to deal with ready-made to continue the strike the Toronto Tolegram remarked that this corole of science was bee

Knights of St. John.

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(St. Mary's Auxiliary, No. 69, which is its connection with St. Mary's Comissudery, No. 216, held its regular bit monthly meeting on Thursday evaning, tang, 10th, in Cameron Hall, Miss M. Pendergest, the President, in the chair. This Auxiliary, which has been organized about six weeks, promises to be a great source of benefit, not only to the communicary but also to its members, who by sickiness or disability are unable to pursue their usual avocation when a doctor's services and three dollars a week is allowed for the monthly fee of S5. The officers for the balance of the year are as follows: President, Miss M. Pondars, and the control of the property of the president of the property of the president of the property of the president, Miss M. Ondigon Socretary, Miss L. O'Leary Financial-Socretary, Miss L. O

Treasurer, Miss L. Cortin; Mossongor, Miss M. Murphy, Guard, Miss M. Kolly. The momborship now totals about fifty menabers. At the last mooting it was decided to have an uttorneon sail to Oakwillo, on Saturday, Auy, 19th, forthe better acquaintance of membors and their friends. The boat leaves Yongo store what at 2 p. m., and calls at Queens and Dufferin what?s. As ploudid programme is arranged for both boat and the two hours stay out the grounds. Any incommation may be obtained from the Socroiary, Miss L. O'Leary, 14 Fariya ave, or any of the officers. Any lady who is a practical Catholic and octwoen the agos of 18 and 45 may make application for membership, and as the charter is about to be closed may receive special advantages.

The E. B. A. Vindicated.

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Last wook an affray occurred at @ak-ville where the E. B. A., Toronto, were holding a pic-nic. The Toronto-system in great taste blamed the E. B. A. of the acts of poetons for whom the society was in ro way responsible.

Mr. W. Lano, Grand Secretary of the Emerald Beneficial Association, has received the following letter from flavor. Ergubart and Coustable Cross of Oak-ville regarding the affair.

Mayor's Office, Oakville, Aug. 9, 1899.
—Dear Sir:—It is, I can saure you, motivation to Emerald Society of the City of Toronto should be blamed for causing the acts of rowdyism in Oakville on Archive the City of Toronto-Se City Holdey; also that such reports should be blattithed far and near by the daily papers. I can certify that it was a gang of young men outside the pale of the society who caused all the troubles who evidenily came hate deliberately for the purpose of causing a row. The cause was too much drink, which made the men who took part act like wild animals. J. Urquhart, Mayor.

Oakville, Aug. 0.—Dear sir.—I would like to rotto the statements conveyed to the general public by the daily papers concerning the Emerald Society of the City of Toronto in the case of Toronto-Civic Holiday, which reported that they were the cause of the acts of rowdyism and fighting in the Town of Oakville. It was caused by followers of the securities, a gang of roughs, who came for the purpose of raising a row, and they wore quite successful in soccompilabing the object in view. A E. Cross, Constable.

A Promising Young Oarsman.

A Promising Young Carsman.

It is always a master of much pleasure to Tass-Recisers to notice the success of our Catholic young mice tier the menty aports; and the success schieved by Mr. James Cooper Mason, of this city, as an amateur carman, gives promise so far above the ordinary as to justify the extension of the country of the

Blahop Becker, from whose deathnoid hand the crosier of Savannah has
fallen, was a convert to the Church and
among the greatest linguists of his time.
He spoke fleently even Gaslie; and
when a student at the Propagarda in
Rome, because of his preficiency in that
paradisal tonge, he was selected to deliver the address of welcome to the ilinations Irish prelste—Arnhibitop has
Hale—who then chanced to be a visite
at the renowned institution. Oo leaving
the name of the young man who had
addressed him so eloquently in the ancient speech of saint and bard, the
great John of Team said, with surprise
"Becker—Becker—why, that is not
an Irish name."

"Nor am I Irish, your Graco," replicthe young German American.

"And, where did you learn the Irish
language so well?" continued the Archbishop.

"Bisht hars in the Propagada, your
"Bisht hars in the Propagada, your

"And, was well?" continued and bishop.
bishop.
"Eight here in the Propaganda, your Grace, from a Kerry man," responded young Bocker, still speaking in Irish.
The patriot prelate warmly congrain lased the youthful profiley and predicted great things for him in the tature.—
Buffalo Catholic Woon and Times.

Obituary.

Mrs. Thomas Ronan (nes Annie McGino) died at no home in Kingston on the 13th instant. She passed away, after a brief illness conceled by the rites of the Church of which she was an exemplary member. The body was taken to this city and interred in St. Michael's Cometory. May the soul of the departed rost in peace.