

Religious News.

SELF-IMMOLATION.

A case of suicide (self-immolation of a widow) occurred lately at Jeonpoo. The relatives of the deceased, who encouraged her to commit the horrid crime, have been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. Some queer people would call this an unwarranted interference by the British authorities with the conscientious convictions of the widow and her friends!

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MR. SEN.

Baboo Kesab Chander Sen, the leader of the Hindu reformers, who has come to see the working of Protestant Christianity, had a public reception from representatives of all parties, including Dean Stanley of the Established Church, and even Dr. Marks, the Jewish Rabbi. Mr. Sen in his address laid stress on sin and the need of Divine grace, gave high honor to the Bible and to Christ, and said India must study Christianity for itself, as of Oriental origin, and not take it second-hand in Western forms and dogmas.

INSTRUMENTS OF RELIGIOUS DISCIPLINE.

A Roman Catholic establishment in London supplies instruments of "religious discipline" to the faithful who wish to mortify the flesh. One is called "iron discipline," and is a whip or "cat" with several tails made of wire links, each tail ending in a weight to give momentum, and each link of the tail being armed with two sharp spikes to pierce the flesh. Another is a "braquet" or band for any part of the body, lined with cat's paw on the inside! This is the name of the Lord Jesus.

PROTESTS AGAINST THE REPEAL PROGRAMME.

Advices from Rome received in London represent that the successive diplomatic protests made against the Papal programme have powerfully strengthened the number and effectiveness of the opposition. These have doubtless stiffened the backbones of sundry of the American Bishops. The Council on the 5th voted on the scheme, relative to the small Catechism. A tenth of the Fathers, among them German and Hungarian Bishops, voted in the negative. It is said, on the authority of a Brussels despatch, that Archbishop Kenrick, of St. Louis, Mo., has gone to Naples to finish a protest against Papal infallibility, and that Bishop Dupanloup of Orleans, and Archbishop Spalding of Baltimore, the head of the hierarchy in this country, are having a controversy on the same matter.

SPAIN.

The Protestant movement in Spain seems to be growing. In Madrid, Valladolid, Cordova, Seville, Cadix, Carthagena and Barcelona, there are now regularly constituted services in Protestant form. It is said, however, that there is an absence of concentrated effort and unity of purpose amongst the various religious societies. There is an English society, a Scotch society, an American society, and a society composed of Swiss, French, and Germans, the latter of which has its headquarters at Geneva, but there is as yet no organized system of co-operation among them. At Seville, there is a very flourishing school. The Republicans in Spain have a deeply formed idea that Protestantism is connected with liberty, and they support it from political motives. At Valencia, a Bible-depot was lately opened and at once a party of the ultra Catholics commenced to smash the windows, but the Mayor placed policemen on the spot to protect the depot and its inhabitants. No sooner did the Republican committee hear that the shop had been attacked, than they formed a kind of guard of honor amongst themselves for the defence of their "correligionaries," for so they call Bible Society men and Protestants generally.

THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AT DAMASCUS.

The Presbyterian Church of Ireland and the United Presbyterians of America have a missionary work together in Syria, with Damascus for its chief seat. They have a beautiful church edifice in Damascus, with four school-houses, a book-store, all costing \$2,000, and are building two others in villages on Mount Hermon. The book store is a man of learning, whom no Mohammedan can look down upon. There are two hundred and fifty professed Protestants connected with them, with thirty-two communicants. Rev. Mr. Wright, the Irish missionary, now visiting in Ireland, gives the population of Damascus at one hundred and fifty thousand, two-thirds of them Mohammedans. He estimates the Arabic tongue as spoken by two hundred millions, from the centre of Africa to the Chinese wall. He says that "Damascus is the centre and capital of Arabdom." Christianize it, and you reach the whole. There is only one American missionary now in that field, Rev. John Crawford; but an earnest effort is about to be made to send others into so hopeful and important a field.

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THE FENIAN RAID.

LATEST FROM THE FRONT.

MALONE, Sunday, May 23, noon.

United States Marshal Quimby, of Rochester, and District Attorney Donkesimer, of Buffalo, arrived this morning. By direction of the U. S. Marshal the military have just arrested several men supposed to be Fenian officers, and confined them in the skating rink.

Among those arrested are Dr. Donnelly and Mr. Mannox, Head Centres at this place.

The railway companies offer to carry the Fenians home at half-fare in hog cars. It would cost three or four thousand dollars to ship them home. It is expected that if the leaders, who are now under arrest, do not raise the money, the town will contribute the amount. It is probable that they will be shipped home to-morrow.

MALONE, Saturday, May 28, 10 p. m.

Major-Generals Meade and McDowell, with their staffs, arrived about seven o'clock p. m. to-day. The whole number of United States troops here now is about 350, and the Fenians have a wholesome fear of them.

The grand advance on Canada has now degenerated into a grand retreat. Application has been made to the United States Government to carry the men back free, but this has been refused. The country has applied to Gov. Hoffman to pay the expense, and he replied that if the county paid the expense that most likely the State would refund the money. It is thus evident that the Army of Liberation is not a very dangerous one at present; the wretches are half-starved, and are depending on charity for their meals. People go round with waggons to get bread contributed for them, and they sleep in the first left hand corner with the people here how to get rid of them; as should the starving forces go on much longer, they will prove very inconvenient visitors.

Father McMahon, of Fort Erie, arrived here to-day, and, I am informed, that he is actually urging the men to make another raid. Other priests are also here, who are not using any efforts to induce them to leave.

Major-General Meade has not yet decided what course he will take; he is getting the facts laid before him.

About forty Fenians have arrived from Potadam to-night, being a portion of the 150 who arrived to-day. It is reported that 400 or 500 Fenians are on their way here, and will leave Rome to-morrow morning in a special train for this place. It is thought, however, that as they have been informed of the gloomy aspect of affairs, that they will wisely return home.

A guard has been placed at the telegraph office, to prevent operators in the service of the Fenians from reading despatches by ear.

The United States troops will act according to the instructions of the U. S. Marshal and District Attorney, as the military power is subject to the civil authority.

Major-General Meade leaves for Ogdensburg to-morrow afternoon.

MALONE, (midnight), May 29.

Father Sheehan, after Mass, to-day, addressed his flock from the church door, telling them that they must bring food for the Fenians here. The result has been this afternoon that Irish farmers here brought in supplies of provisions for the Fenians, 20 regulars were out to the camp near the town this afternoon, and seized about 100 stand of arms and some ammunition, which is now stored here and guarded. It is reported that 17 cases of ammunition were seized to-day about two miles from the line near Trout river by Deputy-Collector McMaster. A seizure of several kegs of powder was made at Malone to-day. This man is among the arrested.

Father McMahon addressed 200 or 300 Fenians in the Fenian camp, this afternoon, upon their religious duties, and was rather non-committal on the subject of the Fenian movement.

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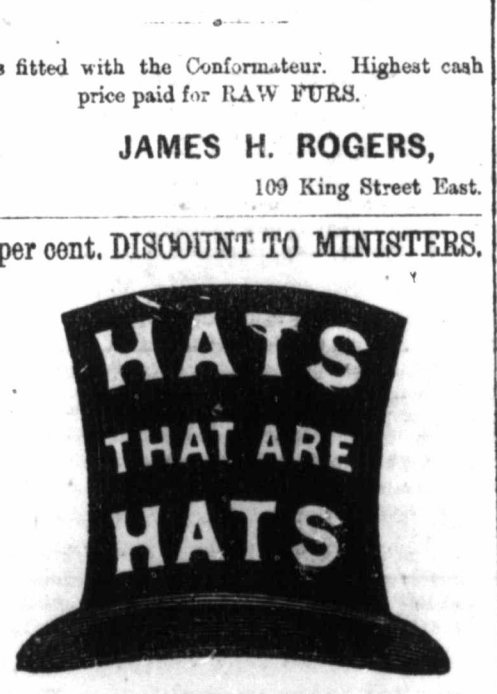
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