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MATTERS OF MOMENT wishes the author hopes that Mary's beauty of soul and body may never be

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Schools for the Children.

ton Pilot gives to the world news of of a nation, whose features will live a project for the establishment of a on the coin of the realm, whose beau-Catholic University for Japan. The ty has inspired artist and poet, is article in which the details of the es-tablishment are set forth is of very tist Hospital in Boston. Did the general interest, and we are therefore fates ever show themselves more iroreproducing it in this issue. To us nical? While the beauty of Mary it is of more than ordinary concern because it seems the fulfilment of which the artistic eye loves to dwell, what we foreshadowed in this column just about three months ago. At the time of the embassy of the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux to Japan, and commenting on his report to the Government and the courtry on his return, of an hospital kitchen, her classic we prophesied that the country was most likely as a grand missionary field for the Church. This we based on the information given by our Canadian statesman and our previous knowledge of the country, and as the subject is of peculiar moment we report part of what we then confided to our readers. In our issue of January 16th we said, referring to Mr. Le-mieux's report: "This information awakens ideas of a missionary field filled with exceptional promise. Usually when we contemplate foreign missions as ground wherein to sow the seed of the Gospel, we think, and rightly, of almost impregnable obstacles as illustrated by primitive intel-lect and a dearth of any ready means of lingual intercourse. But here is an absence of all this. When we remember the rapid advancement of the people of Japan along the road of modern civilization, it suggests the avidity with which they might embrace anything that would appeal to them as developing and elevating. We have read somewhere that the nation is more material than mystical, and that religion does not appeal to them as a people. To a certain extent this may be true, but on the other hand, they are apparently susceptible to contiguity and environment. The alertness of intellect which they display and their readiness to adopt modern ideas and lines of thought fact that the gentle Irish girl, patient would seem to promise at least a hearing. Four hundred years ago St. Francis Xavier sowed seeds which even yet might fructify. It is a pres-ent-day prelate of the Church, Arch-bishop O'Connell of Boston who is known as the only English-speaking ambassador who gave the Mikado the fitted from an effort to ameliorate the gratification of speaking with the conditions of her surroundings. What messenger in his native tongue, the is the great American nation to which Archbishop having studied the lan- in its own estimation and in that of guage of Japan for some time pre- others, almost anything is possible, vious to his embassy. Thus it doing, that it cannot find a more suitthat Catholicity could make for itself whose native gifts they are not above a road more readily in Japan than on using, but whose life is wearing away many other lands. transit and the intercourse made possible by the quickly spreading know- at once and forever lift her. ledge of the English tongue together with the high intellectual plane of of his hopes in its regard. proved and about to be put into exe- future youth of Canada. cution, are filled with import for Jaselves are seyond calculation.

sullied by "social ties or pride." Poor Mary! The circumstances of her en-

Awakened Interest in Japan - In vironment so far do not seem to point Obscurity Though Famous-Trade to any great temptation in these lines. About the same time as the poem came to notice we found a sketch, said to be the only authentic one published, which told that the The Rome correspondent of the Bos- girl whose countenance is the topic and inspiring many a poetic lyre, the poor girl herself, all unconscious, or at least unheeding, of the furore of which she is the cause, is passing her days in the obscurity and drudgery beauty becoming coarsened and her disposition, no doubt, becoming dwarfed and discouraged under the sordidness of her surroundings.

The story of Miss Cunningham's life is simple. Born twenty-four years ago in Carrick, County Donegal, Ire-reprobates the marriages of first cou-islation; for it is to the State that through the centuries, and placidly on deland, and losing her mother when a sins, which the law of Honorius and child, she came to this country seven Arcadius had allowed. Gradually the many civil effects of matrimony, liberate judgment, embarks on its years ago. Her father is a small Europe was catholicised, and and for the protection of many of the undertakings without involving the farmer still in Carrick, and there are owing largely to the power and rights of domestic life. Within its din and clamor of the noisy cymbals eight children living, six of whom are in America. Coming an immigrant civil legislation on matrimony bowed to Boston, Mary secured a position to and fell into line with the eccles- their as a domestic in a fashionable family where she remained three years, uneffects of marriages rightly continued til being recommended to Mr. and recognized that all questions touching Mrs. St. Gandens as a gentle and refined maid, she went to their home and remained with them three years tract were matters which has to be decided in the spiritual courts. It was not until Protestantism showed until the death of the artist broke up the household. During the stay with the St. Gandens Mary was treated as one of the family, besides being placed in the gallery of fame as the artist's But in this Protestantism was only choice amongst all the women of the logical. It had swept away mar-American people, as the one who surriage from the number of the Sacra- law never forces him to sue for a passed all others in claim to classic beauty of form and face. Naturally riage as a sacred thing, to be sur- marriage; nor, as once, does it comretiring, Mary had made but few perrounded with a sacred rite, the con- pel Catholics to marry in a church tract, graced by that rite, had become not their own. By Lord Hardwicke's sonal friends, and the death of the subject-matter of the law of the law of the year 1753, Catholics and Gandens threw her altogether unaided land. In England, by the so-called Dissenters were required to marry in Reformation, all spiritual jurisdiction Anglican churches, in order that their upon the world. Hence the obscurity in which she lately was found. The was united to the temporal jurisdic- matriages might be recognized as valid tion of the Crown, and the law of the by the State, and it was not until the (25 Hen. VIII. cap. 19), the old Can- an indispensable civil precaution to remain in force, but only mains in force. able living for Mary Cunningham, uble union of one man with one wo- ey, man, a union which carries with it Easy means of in drudgery and toil, out of which the fitness of things, if nothing else, should of life. But right reason justly condemns While the Educational Association nity and charm of true love are banwhich the people are capable, would held their sessions during the past ished. When a man or woman give But in all cases they may be traced but its directing spirit should be Engindicate easy acceptance of the beau- week, many points were discussed, their free, mutual, interior consent to either to a low and ignorant view of lish speaking. lul truths of the Church. The land some of which will bear results im- their complete and indissoluble union, human and Christian wedlock, or to A few brief phrases much suffice here and promise to be far-reaching in their once trodden by the footsteps of St. mediate or remote, and others again by means of words or outward signs, a crass indifference to some of the to sum up the very practical reasons, consequences. Francis seems to promise a fulfilment which may never fructify. On the they enter into the marriage contract, most sacred and most stringent pre- given with a wealth of broad-minded programme, however, was a sugges- a contract ordained by God Himself, tion which was very new to our pres- and ever regarded as sacred by the Holy See's new Decree on Marriage- port on which Mgr. O'Connell based Our quotation has been somewhat ent-day methods though, carried out human race. lengthy, but as it shows how fully largely in Europe and to a limited But in the eyes of Catholic Chris- Press-will, when officially published ese can be reached through education. our ideas are fulfilled by the promises degree in the United States. This tians, the contract of marriage is amongst us, contain any modification Their eagerness for education amounts set forth in the scheme for the dis- is what is called the vocational side clothed with sacredness all its own, of its general provisions, remains to almost to a passion. Hitherto the tribution of education by means of a of education. Our school system so for to them it is a Sacrament. ... be seen. Meantime, our attitude will Catholic missionaries in Japan, while Catholic college, and the certain con- far has but lictle bearing, at least The union demanded of Christian be no other than one of ready sub- saintly and learned men, and while sequence of the diffusion of Catholic- in the primary schools, on the occu- husbands and wives is firmer and missiveness to the voice of the Church this fact was impressed on the Ja- There are two views as to how to ity through the country, we make no pation the child is to follow in after closer than that required of old, beapology. One cannot but be im- life, except to prepare him in a gener- fore Christ appeared; and they are enpressed by the largeness of the plans al way for entering into its arena. It titled to expect of Him a more copiin connection with the movement and was shown that in Europe notably in our measure of special grace, enabling out the ages, upheld and defended in the realm of thought to which the libels may furnish, by the evident study of conditions and the city of Munich, which possessed them so to cherish and love one an-possibilities, that has been made in forty-two schools in which trades other as to show forth in their lives the arrangements for the project. The were taught, that in these schools the a perfect pattern of that deep, imdesire of the Japanese for opportuni-boys of the country pass three hours perishable love wherewith Christ has ties to acquire a knowledge of present of three days a week for three years. loved His Church. To actuate and day scholasticism and their admira-tion of the English language are all the particular bent of every child an the wedded life is the work of Christ tion of the English language are all the particular bent of every cant as the work of Christ considered. Appealing to their regard for material progress, the college will allow play for the creative faculty, be placed on the very best footing which, instead of being developed, is a Sacrament. It is a sacrament. It is a fine. which, instead of being developed, is and staff that means will allow. En-lightenment in matters of faith will of any school. Schools of the nature tary nature as a general thing, but quoted train the child while the mus- tract, become, after His coming, one with a people open to change when advantages appear to accrue there-from, as are the Japanese, there is no doubt but that Christianity will apprenticeship with which he must The natural union of man with wono doubt but that Christianity will apprentices in with which he must the natural union of man with wo-eventually appeal to them as a natur-al consequence of the transition. And this Christianity means Catholicity, for with the civilized natures of the lationship that the Kindergarten does for uth the civilized natures of the target of schools. Any for with the civilized natures of the day there is no choice other than it to the primary classes knows a while as an output of the sy-called natures dead to the equipped with Kindergarten does training. The observation powers of training. The observation powers of the child have been trained, he sees thiss, Mohammedianism and similar conservative lands in which during the as no theore not known the Kindergarten does many millions, are confined to the as not known the Kindergarten does many millions, are confined to the as not known the Kindergarten does many millions, are confined to the as not known the Kindergarten does many millions, are confined to the searce nor hear, and is better prevative lands in which during the conservative lands in which during the as the only religion that is making work. In the same way the children and the authority of work. In the same way the children and the authority of the only religion that is making of work. In the same way the children and the authority of the only religion that is making of work. In the same way the children and the authority of the only religion that is making of work. In the same way the children and the authority of the only religion that is making of work. 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The embassy of His Grace Archbishop O'Connell of Boston seems to have been a providential step in the initia-tion of the university question for Japan, and the plans afterwards pre-tion of the university question for Japan, and the plans afterwards pre-tion of the university question for Japan, and the plans afterwards pre-tion of the university and the plans afterwards presented by this alert and far-seeing mend themselves and are doubtless minister's side it is chough for the ial impediments in order to promote was instructed to visit Archbishop O'- that time, and in order that the good prelate to His Holiness, and now ap-amongst the things in store for the validity of the rite that his intention social welfare. The Church does the Connell in America and learn from name of the Rev. Marenchino be comwhich the influences will exert them- city wherein the next provincial con-Ottawa has been selected as the intention to do what the Church in-A few days ago we came across a A few days ago we came across a ta recent meeting of the Executive table and the Con-A lew days ago we came across a at a recent meeting C. the LACCOURT consult in the sacred rite by means of pertaining and on further consideration if was reit investigations that it was propagated to Mary Cunningham, in St. Patrick's Hall, and the Con-lately made famous as having been chosen by the artist Augustus St. Gandeus as the most beautiful girl J. Foy of Perth, President; J. Mc-Gandeus as the most beautiful girl J. Foy of Perth, President; J. Mc-Whom he hed recent meeting C. the LACCOURT in the sacred rite by means of the institution in the innocent. Sacred rite by means of the institution in the innocent in the innocent in the innocent in the innocent in the sacred rite by means of the institution in the innocent in the sacred rite by means of the institution in the innocent. In the innocent is the sacred rite in the innocent Gandeus as the most beautiful girl whom he had come across in his search for a model worthy of being placed as the stamp of genuineness upon the coin of the American nation. The poem is by Michael Whelan of Renous Riger, N.B., Canada, and we take pleasure in publishing it in this issue. Amongst many other sincere

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An English Bishop on Marriage Laws — Church and State Agree on Many Points. Many Points. Many Points. Marriage Laws Math wohan for the matter of the Sacrament of Matrimony, a union set up by a contract. A contract is a social act, governed by the laws of the society in the sphere of which it is concluded, and it is in the power of the chief or chiefs of that society

The Bishop of Clifton, in his Lenten Pastoral wrote as follows: "That It is for the Church, then, to attach the Catholic Church has throughout such conditions to the sacramental the centuries exercised a controlling contract as shall safeguard the welpower over the marriages of her fare both of the contracting parties children is an indisputable fact. But that, as some have asserted, this pow-er was granted her by secular princes, is false and devoid of proof. For a long time the laws of the Church and those of the Roman Emperors were thus becomes neither a Sacrament nor in conflict on more than one import- a valid contract. The parties them-

ant point, and often had the Fathers selves have been disqualified from conto warn Christians that theirs was tracting, and whatever bond they pre-

the enactments of the now decaying of the nuptial bond, either before or not of a generation and never dispos-Empire, and these lost what force they had. Thus, as an instance, Gre-gory the Great (Ep. xi. 64), writing to our first Archbishop of Canterbury, reproduct on the state in matrimonial leg-ter it has been contracted, the procer judge is the Church, and not the State. The State has indeed its rights and duties in matrimonial leg-through the state that the progress the state that the progress the state and the progress reproduct of the state that the progress the state the state that the state that the state that the progress through the centuries and placidly on one must look for the settlement of the maturity of calculation and deexample of the Emperor Charlemagne, own sphere it may make its laws, and of modern publicity. these have to be obeyed, in so far as A Jesuit priest equipped with a quariastical. The regulation of the civil with those of conscience. The impe- experience in the intercourse of nadiments attached to marriage by the tions and in the details of the factors to belong to the State, but society law of this land in many points co- that make for modern progress reincide with those that are placed by ceives a call for a special mission, and the substance of the marriage con- the Church; in other points they are immediately proceeds to answer it, at variance. In the matter of divorce his response being in the same subdecided in the spiritual courts. It was not until Protestantism showed itself that civi' rulers usurped the right to interfere with that contract. The Catholic, in any course But in this Protestantism was only to the profer. But he is never forced a detail of daily routine. The foundby the law of the land into a position ing of a great Catholic university in which his conscience condemns. The Japan will be an epochal event in Jaments; and though it might hold mar- divorce, or to contract a purely civil lihood have international consequences

Anglican Church on matrimony could year 1836 that they were relieved Rome to render to Pope Pius X. an the erection of the great Catholic Unithenceforward be no other than the from this injustice. From that time law of the land. By the Act of 1533 forward, what had been tolerated as on Law, which had governed all mar- came for Catholics nothing short of riage cases in England, was permitted an act akin to apostasy. The civil where it effected of their marriages, celebrated did not clash with the royal preroga- in their own church, are now guarantive or the statutes of the realm. teed them by the presence of the Re-This Act, repealed under Mary, was gistrar, representing the State; and re-enacted under Elizabeth, and re- any other religious rite they may presume to engage in elsewhere can have "Marriage is the complete, indissol- no justification whatsoever, in their The first practical recommendation commendation has already been put celebrated in non-Catholic places of effective transformation into a Catho- Japan, and are opening a college for worship-that we here take occasion lic university. This college, it was the education of Japanese girls of the every marriage from which the dig- to raise our voice. Unfortunately, suggested, should be cosmopolitan in highest. Two projects born in the they are not unknown amongst us. cepts of Holy Church. Whether the and convincing argument in the rewhich has found its way into the these recommendations. The Japanguardian and the dispenseer of His tact, had not on the whole succeeded against all odds the inviolable sanc- are peculiarly susceptible. What is raised and protected women. She has heretofore not been brought home stemmed the corruption which in rude to them, is the fact that the Catholic And she did this by placing the in- and in no other way can it be equally no man put asunder!"-The Tablet.

CHURCH AND MARRIAGE be determined largely by His Church. SUBJECT OF THE HOUR ities that the Japanese would look for in a great educator. His intimate

Catholic University for Japan-Dein "Boston Pilot."

entrusted by the Holy See with the betterment. work of laying the foundation for a ant occurrence.

The world least inclined to seek pubthe acclamation of its importlic ant (Ep. lxxvii). As the Church grew in "From all this it will be seen how erally, the Vatican alone, never uninfluence, she restrained or set aside in all questions affecting the validity mindful that its span of existence is

> requirements do not conflict ter century of special culture and of panese history; it will also in all likeof the most important character.

readers of The Pilot to learn that the conception and planning of this mo-When Mgr. O'Connell returned to Rome to render to Pope I use cial en-account of his mission as special enpresented a voluminous report, em- Mgr. O'Connell in his report to ed and copies of it distributed to the Cardinals for their enlightenment and ter, but it will undoubtedly be for their discussion. It is against these two grave abuses of a first-class Catholic university col- of the Sacred Heart from Ireland, its scope and in its dominating spirit, brain of Archbishop O'Connell as a

acquaintance with Oriental manners atholic University for Japan De-scribed by Rome Correspondent in the practical field of human ad-vancement must cause him speedily to make a mark among a people who today are keenly on the alert to discov-er, in the foreigners who live among Rev. James Rockliff, S.J., has been them, those with qualifications that may be turned towards their national

Besides the fact that the Society of Catholic University in Japan. The Jesus is ever prepared with the right present is the first intimation given men to undertake the organization of to the world-at-large of this import- education, there is the "urther gratia great undertaking in the domain of fying circumstance that the traditions

greatest power in the of the order make its members parto-day - the Papacy -is ticularly adapted for a work of this kind in Japan. Japanese men of culture and men of authority have a sincere regard and respect for the Jesuinnovations, and in an age when its. The name of St. Francis Xavier to warn confistions that there was not all the latitude allowed by the civil power. 'The laws of the Caes-ars are one thing,' wrote St. Jer-ome, 'those of Christ are inother' (Fr. 'those of Christ are inother') to the the sume to the same of the the same o regard.

> It will be remembered, from the published account, that at the great reception given in Tokio by the leading men of the nation to the papal envoy, the chief speech of the evening was made by a member of Parliament who evoked a storm of applause by the mention of the name of St. Francis Xavier. Less than one-third of the 3,000 Japanese presen were Catholics, and the general reverence and veneration thus manifested for their great Jesuit martyr caused gratified surprise and considerable comment afterward in Catholic countries.

As already said, the projected university will be conducted on cosmopolitan lines, and details later to be furnished on this point will undoubtedly prove interesting.

A site for the institution has not yet been definitely chosen, but it is worthy of note that a property in the vicinity of Tokio that may prove admirably suited for the purpose belongs to the Church. When Mgr. O'Connell was in Japan a wealthy Japanese made nim a present of twelve acres of land in the most beau-It will be especially interesting to tiful part of the island, in the section where the aristocracy are accustomed to spend the summer months. This mentous undertaking had its source in the present Archbishop of Boston the brain of the Archbishop of Boston, Most Reverend William H. O'Connell. be another attractive incident if this

> versity of Tokio. Another recommendation made

By What Right

The anarchistic and Socialistic anti-Catholic Italian press here, as well as abroad, engages in the vilest vituperation of the priesthood, and at times is compelled to suffer for it. deal with it. Some would simply ignore the attacks, while others, Sacraments. It was she who, through- in appealing to Japanese sentiments the sake of removing obstacles to conbelieve in prosecuting the offenders. tity of the marriage bond. She up- needed in a practical way, and what In this city one editor, after being convicted, secured a suspension of sentence by promising to retract his ages would have invaded the home, Church is the great educator. Of this slanderous statements, but, instead and inundated society with evils. proof positive should be forthcoming, of doing so, made another vicious attack. The next time the judge was

"What God hath joined together let ers, suspicion possibly of the French logy published:

educator from the fact of the alliance We deem it necessary, in the interof France and Japan's former anta- ests of truth and as a duty of congonist, Russia, and the feeling that science, to make this public declara-the chief business progress of the tion:

world is in the hands of the English- In a number of the "Voce del Popo-"Some of our non-Catholic breth- speaking peoples. Material business 10"-to be precise, the issue of Aug.

in performing it be the intention same thing for the spiritual advant- him the concrete arrangements that pletely vindicated, we once again afof the Church. But whensoever the age of her children. intention to do what the Church in- "That the Church's marriage laws out of the Pope's orders, and, acting ploring that publication, we sincerely should be initiated for the carrying firm our retractation; and, while de-

bodying a number of practical recom- Holy See was that provision should mendations. This report seemed to at once be made for Catholic co-operathe holy Father so valuable and so tion in female education in Japan. On specific that he caused it to be print- this subject also more ample explanation must be reserved for a later letteresting news to learn that the re-

made was for the immediate erection into actuation. A number of Ladies well on the way to accomplishment



