SECRET SOCIETIES AMONG CATHOLICS.

Timely Comments of Catholic Magazine on Live Subject.

From the Dolphin for February.

There are some misconceptions curnature of the societies whose memrs pledge themselves to secrecy, hen they profess at the same time to be faithful communicants of the Church. It should be understood crecy concerning the deliberations or ctions of a society or corporation does not constitute a note which ers such societies forbidden, uns the secrecy imposed upon a member is absolute, so that it may not be revealed to even those who have a natural or divine right to the loyalty and honest service of their sub jects. Thus societies of Catholics who combine for the promotion some worthy object, might find it advisable to keep secret their deliberations, just as bankers in their financial operations, or officers of the army, observe secrecy, lest those terests or take advantage of their position, might anticipate and frustrate their legitimate plans of promoting their corporate welfare. But this necessity of observing a secret proper authority, such as the rulers of religious or civil society, whose object it is to safeguard the interests of their subjects. If the State is to protect its citizens against injustice. must have the means to discover the perpetrators of such injustice, a means which it would be deprived of by a society that could carry out its purposes of uncontrolled right or wrong in the dark, or withdraw its members from the responsibility which they owe, as subjects and parts of society, to the law. The

sponsibility, which no private orga nization can undo or override by restraining the just freedom of its members to the possible disadvantage of the civil or religious community. This applies likewise to the duty of loyalty, which implies obedience to law, and which may never be so constrained within any private circle by absolute pledge of fealty to a private society as to withdraw itself from the obligation of observing the precepts of the authority which eafe guards on the one hand the common-

wealth, and on the other the moral

integrity and conscientious exercise

freedom in the individual.

same holds good in a more emphatic

way with regard to the church, con-

stituted to direct not only the ex-

Both, the Church and the State, hav

a prior and a superior right to the

exactions of civil and religious re-

ternal acts of religious worship, but

Hence, no allegiance can be lawful before God which pretends to control the individual so exclusively as to take from him the right to communicate his thoughts or to submit his will to the legitimate authority of the Church or the State, which protects his interests, temporal and spiritual, on condition that he is willing not only to make manifest the dangers which may threaten commonwealth from individual malice, or negligence or imbecility, but also to co-operate, by obedience the common law, in the defence which authority prescribes against a common danger; and in this freedon he may not be hindered by any private society that demands his allegiance under oath.

The distinction between an oath of secrecy and obedience which is absolute, and a pledge of secrecy and obe- and will visit many points of interwhich extends only to those who have no right or reason to know, or to command, is not always clearly marked in the mind and conduct of men, especially young men, who become members of organizations wherein such pledges of secrecy and loyalty are customary. And, indeed, there is danger in this confusion of principle, which would lead to a false toyalty, based upon untimking enthusiasm, especially where a thorough knowledge of religious dicine in the world for the troubles principles, by which the educated that afflict young children. Mrs. Harley adds: "My little one has had a thorough knowledge of the educated that afflict young children. Mrs. Catholic discriminates between his duty to God and his loyalty to his other medicine but the Tablets of the discriminate of the discrimination of the medicine but the Tablets of the m fellows, is lacking.

umbus, which contains at the same time a note of friendly warning to the members of the organization, in whose loyalty the Bishop has full confidence. He bids the members keep guard, and rightly to understand their compact of secrecy. "There is great danger," he says, "when total secrecy is imposed. Any asciety that will not reveal its second control of the total secrecy is imposed. Any asciety that will not reveal its second control of the total secrecy is imposed. Any asciety that will not reveal its second control of the total secrecy is imposed. Any asciety that will not reveal its second control of the total secrecy is imposed. Any asciety that will not reveal its second control of the total secrecy is imposed. Any asciety that will not reveal its second control of the total second, and the imposed control of the total second, and rightly the understand their compacts of the imposed control of the total co

crets to proper authority, when required, is a danger to the State. History proves the truth of this statement." Turning to the subject of absolute submission in advance, and by oath, to the dictates of an unknown superior, in the name of so-ciety, whether for good or for evil, Bishop Harkins says:
"Another pitfall is blind obediene

to those who govern. Authority an its correlative obedience are necessary to society. But no obedience direct ed against Church and civil autho ity is permissible. There is a higher law, the moral law, contrary to which no society can claim any authority. It is only societies recog law that can have the blessing the church. Such societies will atways have her approval in formal nents. And if the Knights will be faithful to the Church and State, the Church will be ever ready to prosper their order. The Knights have been most faithful heretofore, and there is no reason for believing

shop, one of the representative Knights at the banquet of the society pointed to the safeguards which the order has in its constitution; there is a clause in the constitution of the Knights of Columbus by which they are enjoined to reveal to the civil and ecclesiastical authorities the secrets of the order. Some one has defined the order of

that they will not continue as in the

past."

the Knights of Columbus as the "repository of the chivalrous precepts of the past, in the exercise of lies the exemplification of the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of man." That definition is not at all a happy one. The Knights need not seek their glory in the revival of the precepts of the past, but in an observance of the precepts that are at present, those of God, who speaks to His children through the Church and the State. We take it that what the Knights of Columbus aim at is a revival of the spirit in which the knights of the ages of chivalry observed and defended those laws that are ever binding and present. It is the spirit of loyalty, of heroic courage, of chivalrous honor and love of truth, which characterized the Catholic knights of old, and which the true Knights of Columbus will seek to emulate. And the eternal laws are shaped into right application to present circumstances by present precepts of Church and State which, if obeyed in the spirit of ancient chivalry, prompt action that

rity to our fellows. Thus our Knights take their precepts from the present; but the noble spirit in which they observe thes precepts, they take from the past creating a high-minded consciousness that acts upon enlightened convic tion in the manner of the early Christian chevaliers, who were proud of their blood in its defence agains the Saracen with his crescent,

binds us to God, through true cha-

WEDDING BELLS.

At. St. Andrew's Church, St. Andrew's, Ont., on Wednesday, Febru-22. Miss Florence McGillis. daughter of Mr. Hugh McGillis, was married to Mr. D. B. Daly, of M treal. Rev. J. MacPhail, cousin of the groom, performed the ceremony. Donell. Miss Mary MacIntosh, a cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Mr. W. J. Daly, brother of the groom, was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Daly have left for Toronto, to Montreal.

MOTHER'S ADVICE.

"I would advise mothers to stop dosing their little ones with nause ous castor oil and soothing stuffs, and use only Baby's Own Tablets.' This is the advice of Mrs. Joseph E. fellows, is lacking.

Bishop Harkins, of Providence, has well defined this distinction in a recent address to the Knights of Columbus, which contains at the same time a note of friendly warning to the members of the organization, in whose loyalty the Bishop has full results.

HOPE LIES IN IRISH PARTY,

Confidence in Their Unity and Independence.

(From the Dublin Freeman's Jour

The Irish Parliamentary Fund was inaugurated by an encouraging letter and a substantial subscription from the Archbishop of Dublin. The sturdy Nationalists from Belfast, ever fore gorously bestirred themselves. Nov we publish letters and subscriptions from the Bishop of Galway and the Bishop of Kerry. Never, perhaps, in the long history of the Irish movement was the National hope in Ire land more completely concentrated on the Irish Party: never was there a more absolute confidence in their unity and independence. The manoeuvres of Mr. Balfour and Mr. Wynd ham, their professions of sympathy, their pledges of redress, and their shameless betrayel of those pledge have served to emphasize once more the truth that English politicians are not to be trusted.

They asked the Irish people to trust

to English justice and sympathy to settle the agrarian question, to provide homes for the laborers of Ireland, and university education for the Catholics. The Land Act was indeed, passed, but was marred by the zones, whose plain purpose and effect was to boom the land market and to extort extravagant prices from tenants. The pledges to Irish laborers and to Irish Catholics, when they had served their purpose, were shamelessly disregarded. lesson was taught again that was taught in the days of O'Connell: that Irishmen must look to themselves and to their own efforts, and not to British sympathy or justice for re-

THE PRICE THAT STAGGERED HUMANITY.

It is realized that now is the appointed hour. The Unionist Gov ernment are breaking up. With their disgrace and fall discredit must comon the cause which they were specially pledged to support. The Boer war, no less than the fiscal policy, as brought about their disaster. In deed it has been the main factor in evolving the utter dislike and contempt with which the electors regard the Unionist Party. They have nothing to show for tens of thousands of millions spent and tens of thousands of lives lost but a drove of Chinamen. No wonder the British public is outraged, regretting rather the failure than the crime.

But the British public, which con doned the crime when it promised big profits, cannot now denounce the blunder. It is not Mr. Chamberlain. the reviver of protection, but Mr. Chamberlain, the author of the Boer war that cost the Unionists so many fail to redound to the Irish Party, who from the first day to the last steadfastly opposed the iniquity of the war. The opposition which evok ed popular indignation cannot now fail to evoke popular admiration, which strengthens the Irish Party in the campaign that is before them. CARDINAL MORAN'S RESOLU-

In Ireland hopes are high and thusiasm warm. The confidence in the Irish Party enables the Irish people to await the general election so long delayed, which will make the Irish Party once more an effective factor in the House of Commons But confidence and enthusiasm are, i possible, still keener among Irishmen abroad. Among the many testimonies of that feeling none is more markable than the resolution of the Australian Catholic Congress in Melbourne, proposed by Cardinal Moran and unanimously adopted, which has just been received by the chairman of the Irish Party: "That the Catholics of Australasia, assembled in public Congress, wish to convey their unanimous sympathies to the Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland and to the leaders of the Irish people in their efforts to obtain the legisla-

in their efforts to obtain the legisla-tive independence of their country and to assert for themselves the right to a Catholic university."

The anthusiasm of Irishmen abroad should prove a sper to Irishmen at home. If those whose homes are in home. If those whose homes are is another hemisphere are willing to do so much for the Irish cause, what is to be expected from the Irishmen at home, whose every sentiment and every interest are concentrated in the liberty and prosperity of the old land?

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J. F. QUINN. Rec.-Secretary.

At the last regular monthly m ing of St. Ann's Temperance and Be nefit Society, the following resolutions were adopted:

condoles with the relatives of our late member, Andrew Cullinan, in the loss they have sustained through his death;

Be it further resolved, that know ing his excellent qualities and great interest in the cause of temperance, this Society has lost a worthy men ber, and his family an honorable and considerate father. We therefore pray that God will enable his family to bear his loss with true Christian piety, ever knowing that the Al-mighty in His infinite goodness does all things for the best; and be it also resolved, that these resolutions be inserted on the records of this Society, and a copy sent to his family, and also to the True Witness publication

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Speech of Mr

London, Feb. 21.-In Commons to-day on the to the Speech from the John Redmond, who with cheers, said: I beg to move an amen

following words-"But present to your Majest present system of Govern the Irish people, and give own affairs; that the sys sequently ineffective a gantly costly, does n ce of any section pulation, and is produc has proved to be incapal fectorily promoting the intellectual progress of (cheers). My object in m amendment is to raise on the entire question of ment of Ireland, and to sion, perfectly frank an expression, to the detestation of the pres which is well nigh unive all classes of the people (cheers.) My object als more to define the position cy of the Irish party upo ter, and to make it plai one, not only the Gover to the Opposition, that where we have always sto cably committed to (cheers), and necessarily i of any British Governmen not make Home Rule point in its programm that everybody will admit are entitled, perhaps peop we are bound, at the prese to make our position in t quite clear. We are drif people think we are drifting

A GENERAL ELEC and many people also that general election will the return to power of the have been identified in the the policy of self-governme land, and who for that received the support of the ty in the past. But n deny that there is an unr effort to limit the decisi electors to one great public the exclusion of all others therefore consider it a duty owe to Ireland and to ourse indeed, I will say, to our

friends also, to dispel an that might exist anywhere views and policy of the Iri on this question (cheers). Mr. Speaker, there is only We have been sent to this demand the freedom of our (hear, hear). We are electe independent party, and our from our constituents is t shall not enter into allian any British party which does prove of and adopt the polstoring to the people of Ire (cheers). From that attitu ing can shake us (cheers). It is not a matter of conver expediency, it is a matter of ple and necessity. It is necessity. It is necessity. It is necessity is necessity in the necessity in the necessity in the necessity in the necessity. It is necessity in the necessity. be, but I deem it common land I believe that

parties will find on their par honesty in this matter is the policy, to tell them plainly to OURS IS AN UNCHANG

and with that attitude and with that attitude the have to recken (cheers). It have to recken (cheers). It has our condemnation of the hase our condemnation of rule in Ireland and system of rule in Ireland surfavounds. We condemn tour grounds. We condemn tour grounds. We condemnate in accordance with the head of the control of t