

SECRET SOCIETIES AMONG CATHOLICS

Timely Comments of Catholic Magazine on Live Subject.

From the Dolphin for February.

There are some misconceptions current among Catholics regarding the nature of the societies whose members pledge themselves to secrecy...

crests to proper authority, when required, is a danger to the State. History proves the truth of this statement.

"Another pitfall is blind obedience to those who govern. Authority and its correlative obedience are necessary to society.

Referring to these words of the Bishop, one of the representative Knights at the banquet of the society pointed to the safeguards which the order has in its constitution;

Some one has defined the order of the Knights of Columbus as the "repository of the chivalrous precepts of the past, in the exercise of which lies the exemplification of the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of man."

Thus our Knights take their precepts from the present; but the noble spirit in which they observe these precepts, they take from the past, creating a high-minded consciousness that acts upon enlightened conviction in the manner of the early Christian chevaliers, who were proud of the Cross, even to the shedding of their blood in its defence against the Saracen with his crescent.

WEDDING BELLS.

DALY-McGILLIS.

At St. Andrew's Church, St. Andrew's, Ont., on Wednesday, February 22, Miss Florence McGillis, daughter of Mr. Hugh McGillis, was married to Mr. D. B. Daly, of Montreal.

MOTHER'S ADVICE.

"I would advise mothers to stop dosing their little ones with nauseous castor oil and soothing stuffs, and use only Baby's Own Tablets."

HOPE LIES IN IRISH PARTY.

Never was there a More Absolute Confidence in Their Unity and Independence.

(From the Dublin Freeman's Journal.)

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 foremost in such a movement, next vigorously bestirred themselves.

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 PRICE THAT STAGGERED HUMANITY.

It is realized that now is the appointed hour. The Unionist Government are breaking up. With their disgrace and fall discredit must come on the cause which they were specially pledged to support.

But the British public, which condoned 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 constituencies.

CARDINAL MORAN'S RESOLUTION.

In Ireland hopes are high and enthusiasm 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.

The enthusiasm of Irishmen abroad should prove a spur to Irishmen at home. If those whose homes are in 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?

Limitation is the law of life: for life is the finite shore, everywhere touched by Infinity's uncharted ocean.—Robert Cox Stump.

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Resolutions of Condolence At the last regularly monthly meeting of St. Ann's Temperance and Bennett Society, held in St. Ann's Hall, the following resolutions of condolence were adopted:

Resolved, That the members of this Society tender their sincere sympathy to their treasurer in his bereavement, and be it further resolved, that these resolutions be inscribed in the minutes of the meeting, and a copy be transmitted to Mr. J. Ryan, and also to the True Witness for insertion.

Resolved, That this Society deeply condole with the relatives of our late member, Andrew Cullinan, in the loss they have sustained through his death.

Roosevelt Aids Irish Art. President Roosevelt has sent to Lady Gregory \$25 towards the purchase of Irish pictures for the Gallery of Modern Art which it is proposed to establish in Dublin.

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THE HOME Speech of Mr. London, Feb. 21.—In Commons to-day on the Address to His Majesty the Speech from the Throne...

I beg to move an amendment following words—"But present to your Majesty present system of Government is in opposition to the Irish people, and give voice in the management of our own affairs; that the system is consequently ineffective and is producing a general and serious depression, and is producing a general and serious depression, and is producing a general and serious depression..."

A GENERAL ELECTION and many people also that general election will the return to power of the have been identified in the the policy of self-governance land, and who for that received the support of the ty in the past. But no deny that there is an unanimity to limit the decision of the great public the exclusion of all others therefore consider it a duty owe to Ireland and to our indeed, I will say, to our friends also, to dispel any that might exist anywhere views and policy of the Irish on this question (cheers). Mr. Speaker, there is only one demand the freedom of our (hear, hear). We are elected independent party, and our from our constituents is shall not enter into alliance any British party which does prove of and adopt the policy storing to the people of Ireland management of our own (cheers). From that attitude can shake us (cheers). It is not a matter of expediency, it is a matter of principle and necessity. It is, of course, my business to attempt to forecast the future, or endeavor to foretell what the future policies and policies of British parties, but I deem it common to parties will find on their part honesty in this matter is the policy, to tell them plainly that OURS IS AN UNCHANGEABLE ATTITUDE, and with that attitude they have to reckon (cheers). We have our condemnation of the present system of rule in Ireland four grounds. We condemn that system because it is not in accordance with the government, but the contrary government in direct opposition to the declared will of the over