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LONDON, SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1902.

THE FRIARS ON THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII. has refused to accede to the demand of Governor Taft, the Chief Commissioner of the United States, who was sent to Rome to come to an arrangement with the Pope in regard to the sale of the Friar's lands on the Philippine islands. The Holy Father expresses his willingness, however, to replace the Spanish Friars gradually with natives or Americans so that the wishes of the American government may be complied with as far as possible without paralyzing the work of the Church on the islands by leaving the parishes without priests. It appears to be probable that the offer of the Holy Father will be accepted by the American Government.

LORD KELVIN'S NATIONALITY.

A respected correspondent calls attention to a reference made to Lord Kelvin in our columns, in which that eminent scholar is described as an "English Catholic." and makes the enquiry, "Is not Lord Kelvin an Irishman?" We have ascertained that His Lordship was born in Belfast; and we willingly make the correction. He is described in the Biographical Encyclopedia as "a British physicist," and this was probably the cause of our error, though the same Cyclopedia states that he was born in Belfast.

PARTISAN POLITICS.

If we were asked to give an advice take his politics in small doses. Undoubtedly, politics, inasmuch as it means contributing our quota to good government is the business of every citizen. But partisan politics, which means mud throwing, office seeking, wire pulling, narrow-minded speechifying, should be shunned by the man who has his ter to the professional politician or to mix drinks and that is about all.

A MISREPRESENTED MARRIAGE CASE.

A telegram from Rome under date American who was formerly Mrs. Marie ton, but was divorced from her husband Colonel Frederic H. Parkhurst of Bangor, Me.

Mrs. Parkhurst, it is stated, was on Aug. 26th, 1901, the Church authorities refusing at first to sanction the marriage on account of the bride being a divorced woman. The press reporter and as the Prince's brother is commandant of the Pope's Noble Guard, the Church vielded its sanction, because the Prince declared that Mrs. Parkhurst should become his wife, with or without consent of the Church.

It is easily to be seen that the press reporter is entirely mistaken in his statement of the facts. The Church anthorities would never sanction a marriage between a Catholic, Prince though he might be, and a divorced person, if the previous marriage of the divorcee had been a valid marrilaws of the Catholic Church. If the

marriage of the Prince was sanctioned by the Church, it must have been because the first marriage was null and void, independently of the decree of divorce obtained from the courts. The nobility or humble origin of the parties concerned would make no difference on this score ; but the Church would have been as inflexible in the case of Prince Rospigliosi as it was in the cases of Henry VIII. of England, and Napoleon I. of France. If there had been a preexisting valid marriage, no dignity of the parties wishing to be married would have induced Pope Leo XIII. to grant permission to marry a divorcee but if for some cause which has not been mentioned. Mrs. Parkhurst may have been an unmarried woman according to the laws of the Church, there would be no obstacle to her marriage with Prince Rospigliosi. We are certain that when all the facts become known, they will be found to be in accordance with these principles, with which the press reporter is evidently not familiar; or he designedly misrepresents the case for the sake of the sensational story.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE. TORONTO.

We have received the Calendar of St. Michael's College, Toronto, for the year 1902 - 3, a handsomely made up pamphlet of one hundred and five pages, which describes in detail the location, course of studies and many other particulars regarding the history and results of that excellent educational institution which has during the fifty years of its existence done so much toward raising the status of the Catholic people of Canada, and especially Ontario, and has contributed much also toward doing the same thing for the United States.

Toronto itself, as the capital of the principal province of Canada, a progressive city with a population of 225,000, is an educational centre, having for its chief educational highest standing. With this university St. Michael's college is affiliated, and thus to the students of the college all the opportunities are afforded of obtaining the highest success in any professional career, and for those who do not intend to take a professional career, the highest education which may be needed for any career in life, commercial or otherwise.

St. Michael's College was established in 1852 by the Religious Community of St. Basil, which is a body of priests who have devoted themselves for a hundred years to educational work in France. Algeria and America, and they have done excellent work wherever they have placed themselves. The St. Michael's College is the parent institution of all the Basilian Colleges on this ulty is best proved by the fact that a sional men and an immense number of to a graduate we should advise him to priests in Canada and the United States are alumni of St. Michael's, and many more of the other Colleges founded and conducted by the same priestly community.

A CASE OF "IMMURING IN A NUNNERY."

way to make. He should give no quar- Adrian, Michigan, owing to the taking Catholic priesthood: among these gruity. A secret society named "the any moral training whatsoever. In any where the same Apostle declares that out of a writ of Habeas Corpus by a powers being that of forgiving sins Elk," the chief purpose of whose ex. case, there is no moral teaching in the marriage is "a great sacrament," of ward-heeler. These men can teach Mrs. Margaret A. Smerling of Tren- and of offering up to God the Holy istence seems to be to make itself ri- schools, which have been entirely "mystery," as the Protestant version him nothing of value. They have a ton, N. J., who makes the statement Sacrifice of the Mass. few tricks by which they gull the in- that her sister, Miss Violet Kennedy, is The extent to which the Ritualists is at present holding a protracted Ju- cannot be expected that these children at all events, the Greek word musterion telligent constituents; they know how forcibly detained at St. Joseph's Aca- have gone in the direction of restoring bilee or Carnival at Jackson, Michiexercises of the institution, though she give a few facts which will serve to tism or christening of a healthy baby, is a Protestant.

July 9th states that a great sensation to Mrs. Smerling's petition. He de. fested by the Kensitites and other Low made to the child as a substantial recoghas been caused in the city owing to clares that the charges contained in Church organizations in England, the nition of the kindness and courtesy of the action of the Vatican authorities | the petition are false; that Miss Ken- United States and Canada. toward the Princess Rospigliosi, an nedy is not forcibly detained in the

pel her appearance. testants are received as pupils.

of taking care of herself. We under- of the Lord' supper. stand that Miss Kennedy is under no education, but that she went voluntarher education, and is now enjoying the

Miss Kennedy is desirous of becoming a Catholic, and as we understand the age before God and according to the case, intends ultimately to become a main fact as stated be true, that the which has educated her, but there has that,

usual annual vacation.

been no compulsion attempted with her, and her attendance at Catholic divine service was altogether her own free act, Protestant young ladies in the institution are not obliged to go to the chapel at all.

Miss Kennedy's mother was a Catholic, and she herself adds that her forefathers were Catholics, by which we understand her to mean her ancestors through both parents. At all events she maintains her right to follow her own religious convictions, even though she has not quite attained her 21st birthday. It will, at most, be a matter of a few months' delay before she will have complete freedom from her sister's control, though it is difficult to see what right at all the sister has to interfere with the young lady, as their father is still living. At all events, there is no room whatever for the pretext that Miss Kennedy's liberty has been infringed upon,

We have not now for the first time heard of such pretences that the liberty of young ladies attending convent academies has been interfered with, but we have never known any case where there was any more solid foundation for the charge than in the present

Father O'Reilly in answering the petitioner's charges, asked that the case be dismissed. Judge Chester reserved his decision.

THE RITUALISTIC MOVEMENT.

It is well known to our readers and the public generally that the Ritualists of England and America have gone very far toward introducing into the Church of England and its sister Church the Protestant Episcopal of the United States, Catholic doctrines and practices.

The Catholic Church has never recognized, and can never recognize the validity of Anglican orders, especially since it has been definitely pronounced by Pope Leo XIII., after due and careful investigation, that these orders are institution a University of the invalid. The sense and force of this decision is that the Christian ministry has not been transmitted to Anglicanism from the Apostolic priesthood of the Catholic Church. Anglicanism has a merely humanly established ministry which has no connection with the Apos tolic ministry or priesthood instituted by Christ Who gave a mission to the Apostles, which they transmitted to their successors, and which passed from the twelve whom Christ selected as Apostles, through St. Mathias, Paul Titus, Timothy, Barnabas, Luke, Clement, Apollos, and others mentioned in the New Testament as workers in the ministry down to the priesthood of the Catholic Church at the present day.

The Ritualists claim, indeed, that the Anglican ministry have received the Apostolic succession and mission withcontinent, and the efficiency of the fac- out which they cannot have any claim to be priests of the Church of Christ: very large number of Catholic profes- for according to the words of St. Paul to Timothy, (1 Tim. iv. 14.) the priesthood was transmitted by an established rite which is described as the laying on "of hands of the presbytery." The same may be learned from Heb.

vi. 2; Acts xiii, 3; xiv. 23, etc. On the strength of this unfounded claim, the Ritualists profess that their public longing for novelties. clergy have all the powers which were Quite an uproar has been created in transmitted from the Apostles to the prospect which exceeds even this incon-

demy, Adrian, where she is being regut the belief in Catholic doctrines is not gan, and among the attractions anlarly connelled to attend the religious generally known, so that we shall here nounced for the occasion is "the Banshow that the Ritualistic movement is which will take place in the cage of The Rev. Father O'Reilly on July by no means one which can easily be trained lions in the wild animal's show." 7th, placed before the court an answer suppressed by the bellicose spirit mani- A "christening present" is to be

It has been estimated that no fewer exhibition to take place on the picnic convent is made clear by the fact that than twelve thousand five hundred, grounds. Jennings Reid Parkhurst of Washing- at this moment she is paying a visit to which is about one half of the clergy relatives in Detroit. For this reason, of the Church of England in England, also, the petitioner's demand that she have adopted Ritualistic practices of a the disgraceful and simoniacal characshould appear in court was not com- more or less advanced character. ter of such a use of a Christian rite; plied with, as the Sisters in charge of These practices consist in the use of but in the desecration of the marriage civilly married to Prince Rospigliosi on the Academy have no authority to comincense during divine service, the sign ceremony there is at least, the palliof the cross, the use of crucifixes and ation that many regard the marriage divorces to every one hundred mar-It is further explained that the religioning sand pictures of Saints, the rite as nothing more sacred than a ious belief of Protestants is never in- hearing of Confessions, the giving of civil contract. This view of the case terfered with in the Academy, and, in- priestly absolution, prayers for the is, of course, entirely wrong, but in the states, however, that as the Prince is deed, it is well known that the religion dead, the offering of so-called Masses case of a Baptism administered under the head of a family which has always of Protestant pupils is not interfered for the living and the dead, the observ- like circumstances there is no such been closely attached to the Church, with in convent academies where Pro- ance of festivals in honor of the palliation as that a Baptism is sup-Blessed Virgin Mary and other Saints, posed to be anything else than a re-In Miss Kennedy's case, the young and the institution of associations ligious rite. The proposed show is lady is in her twenty-first year, pledged to pay regular visits to the simply a desecration of a rite undenithough not quite twenty-one years of Churches for the purpose of adoring ably instituted by Christ Himself age. She is, therefore, quite capable Christ really present in the sacrament for the purpose of expressing the

have adopted these practices to as

great an extent as the clergy. Within the last two years, the Richmond (Virginia) Southern Churchman. a Low Church organ of the American member of the religious community Protestant Episcopal Church, declared brethren did in regard to the marriage tention to their wares, or to notice the the marriage ceremony, a young lawyer

" Nothing that we have published in illustration of the prevailing lawless-ness in the Church has paralleled the proceedings in St. Augustine's, Stepney. The Mass and Confession are sadly familiar marks of the modern service. But what are we to say of the open keeping of the feast of sumption of the Virgin Mary?' the As-

And in the same issue of that paper the Bishop of Liverpool, who is of decidely Low Church proclivities, is quoted as giving a list of practices common in the Church, but which ought not to be employed. Among these are mentioned 'Mariolatry, auricular confession, and praying for the dead."

On the other hand, it is stated that he reaction has so operated on the Low Churchmen that "they go about in ruffianly bands disturbing the Church services, and engaging in disgraceful personal encounters with the people in the congregations. They hiss the Our Father, punctuate the Gospel with laughter, and jeer at the Holy Sacra-In the United States there have been

established within the last twenty-five years four religious orders for men, and twenty-four for women, though the Low Church party have persistently opposed these orders as "a Romish innova-Beside these orders of men and

women who have devoted their lives entirely to works of religion, there are confraternities established among the laity for the purpose of visiting the reserved species of the Lord's Supper, and honoring Christ, Who is supposed to be really present therein. There are also societies called "Guilds of All Souls," the purpose of which is to pray for the dead and the dying. There is also an association for the "Promotion of the Unity of Christendom, to unite members both clerical and lay, of the Roman, Greek, and Anglican communions in a bond of intercessory prayer for the reunion of Christendom.'

Protestant Episcopal Religious Orders. Bishop Seymour of Illinois officiated at this ceremony. The estimated cost of the building is \$75,000, which is an rapidly and has the support of a large section of the Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TO BE PUBLICLY PROFANED.

In another column, while treating of the desecration of the sacrament of marriage, we mention the fact that a minister was found ready to profane this divinely instituted rite by celebrating a marriage in a Lion's den at the Pan-American Exposition last summer. It was stated at the time of the occurrence that of all who assisted at the scandalous ceremony, the officiating parson exhibited the most evident pusillanimity. No wonder? He must have felt in his inmost consciousness that as the professed dispenser and guardian of the mysteries of Christ, he was profaning a sacred rite by making of it a public show for sake of the extra fee he was to secure for pandering to the

But an event now announced to be in diculous before the public once a year, the parents in permitting this profane

In our article on the desecration of the marriage rite, we sufficiently show cleansing of the soul as a condition for

profanation will take place within a few days. But what are we to think of sale to be particularly seen and ad. the denomination which tolerates, or is about to tolerate the desecration by one of its ministers? Surely it can have no claim to be the Church of Christ!

We are not aware to a certainty to what denomination the minister belongs who has been selected for the depravity; but we understand that a Baptist is the choice, for the reason that the Baptist ceremony of immersion will be more attractive, being of a more sensational character, owing both to its novelty and its greater elaborateness. As a matter of course, reasons of spirituality do not enter into their creeds responsible for the sacrilege the choice, which depends entirely upon considerations of greater gain.

The baby which is to be unwillingly and innocently used as a means of de- extra fee as a salve for any conscientious grading Christ's command to His Apostles to baptize all nations, was ing their share in the vulgar and irreborn upon the picnic ground since the Jubilee Picnic began, but the child is not responsible for the desecration.

PROFANATIONS OF A SACRED RITE.

as habitually treated by non-Catholics has frequently been the cause of serious

Marriage is no longer regarded by non-Catholics as a sacred rite which begets serious obligations on the part of the contracting parties, and as a consequence even after a marriage has been contracted, a divorce may be looked for within an incredibly short time on the most trivial pretexts. It it true, this does not occur

Canada wherein the indissolubility of

the marriage tie is respected by the law, owing chiefly to the strong influence which the Catholic view of marriage has over the whole population from the reason that Catholics form so large a percentage of the population of A few days ago the corner-stone of a the country though not being a moiety. new convent was laid at Peekshill, near But in the United States, where the New York city, for the Sisterhood of Catholics are not more than one-seventh St. Mary, which is the oldest of the of the whole population, the Protestant or non-Catholic view has had the opportunity to prevail, and divorces have increased in number from year to year so rapidly as to alarm the thoughtful evidence that the order is progressing portion of the people, and a voice of warning has been frequently raised to let the public know the danger which menaces the country should the social obligations of marriage be obliterated or weakened; but all to no purpose. The separations of husbands and wives go on, and families are broken up to such an extent that there is scarcely a village or hamlet in the country which has not in its midst the sad example of a family which has been broken up under the laws which authorize actual adultery, under the form of divorce. Men and women have remarried who were before husbands and wives, and their children are deprived of the care and moral training by both parents, to which they are entitled under divine and natural law. Those whose parents are still living are handed over to the care of illusory step-parents, or they are sent adrift to business have the clergy to monopolize be exposed to the temptations of the the administration thereof? But it is world, before they have reached an age not the truth. The Christian clergy at which they can take care of them- are the dispensers of the mysteries of selves, and thus they grow up without secularized, and on the other hand, it translates the passage. In both texts, shall receive a moral training of any is used by the Apostles. Cathokind at home; for parents who have lics, and even the Schismatical had recourse to the divorce courts for a Greeks understand the term musterion dissolution of their marriage, are pre- as signifying a sacrament. But indecisely those who have no moral sense pendently of this view of the matter, themselves, and cannot be expected to even according to the Protestant renderimpart such moral sense to their chiling, marriage is a sacred rite or mystery dren.

Of course, it is practically only clergy as the continuators of Christ's among non-Catholics that this state of affairs exists, as it very rarely occurs graded by being profanely celebrated. that a Catholic sets at defiance the well understood law of God which is in full force in the Catholic Church, that lucre. a Christian marriage once duly con- formed the act, and their Churches tracted cannot be dissolved except by which apathetically tolerated it, or the death of the husband or wife. But rather approved it by their silence, in some States there are eight or nine were guilty of the crime of Simon the riages, so that allowing for the ratio of gift of God for money. Christ Himself the Catholic population, wherever there also declared the sacredness of marare ten or eleven Protestant families riage when He said that God hath there is a divorced family among them joined together the married couple, and is an object lesson to show how easily that man must not put them asunder.

the marriage tie can be dissolved. Another evil which is the direct consequence of the low estimation to which rite of marriage has been frequently marriage has been brought by its degradation from the sanctity of a divine institution to a mere civil ceremony, is the readiness with which it is turned In the United States the advance has its becoming a member of the Church into a dime show, or an advertisement special compliment to her sister for her been almost as great in these respects of God. This much is admitted by all for somebody's business. There have or an entertainment private or as in England, though it does not ap- the Protestant sects, however various been occasions when the picnics of public, to represent a clergyman, and ily to St. Joseph's Academy to receive pear that in either country the laity may be their beliefs regarding the secret societies have been made more for fun some young men and women go greater or less spiritual efficacy of the attractive by the advertisement that a through the ceremony of marriage. sacrament. Yet it is stated that a marriage would take place on the Sometimes very embarassing results minister has been found who will as grounds. It is well known also that arise out of this mockery. willingly degrade the Sacrament of commercial firms are willing to spend a At a picnic held on Long Island last Baptism on this occasion, as one of his good deal in order to draw public at- year forty young couples went through ceremony. It is announced that the display in their windows when they wish acting as the clergyman.

some special article which they have for mired. To attain this, they from time to time announce that on such a day, and at such an hour, a marriage will h derformed in their show window, and as a matter of course thousands assemble to witness the novel sight, and to cheer the bridegroom and bride.

We should as soon think of assisting at a service of divine worship in the window of a furniture shop in order to attract notice to the qualities of a newfashioned chair or sofa, as to encourage such a disgusting spectacle. And yet ministers have never been lacking on these occasions to make themselves and committed, and to desecrate the institution of God for filthy lucre's sake ; for they were sure to be rewarded by an scruples they might have had regardligious ceremony. We say it unhesitatingly that the

religions to which these clergymen belonged were responsible for their acts, for they should undoubtedly have interfered to prevent such desecration. If they had no power to interfere, the case The levity with the marriage rite for them was all the worse; for the Church which Christ instituted has that power. Christ gave authority to His Apostles to rule the Church as He had ruled it while He dwelt upon earth, saying to them "as the Father hath sent Me so do I send you; and "whosoever will not hear the Church, let him be to thee as the heathen and the publican.' Again we find the Apostles assembled in Council at Jerusalem making laws for the conduct of believers, and declaring that the laws they made were of obligation as emanating from the Holy Ghost: for they say, "it hath seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us to lay no further burden upon you than the disciplinary laws they then promulgated. (Acts xv.) We find also St. Paul laving down rules for His disciple Timothy how "he ought to behave himself in the house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth." (1. Tim. iii. 15.)

> If any Church admits its incompetency to control its clergy in regard to the ministration of the "mysteries of Christ" of which they profess to be "the dispensers," as St. Paul declares the Christian ministry to be, it thereby admits that it is not the Church of Christ.

It may well be asked, "what had become of the watchmen whom God placed on the walls of Sion, who were never to hold their peace," whereas they permitted such a violation of God's law?"

A case equally flagrant was the celebration of a marriage last year at Buffalo in the lions' den at the Pan-American Exposition. A minister was at hand on this occasion also, but one who brought little credit to his profession by his bravado in entering the den, for of all the participants in the ceremony, he manifested the most abject fear.

But here it may be said that marriage is not a sacred, but only a civil rite. If this be the truth of the case, what Christ according to St. Paul; and els the dispensing of which belongs to the work on earth, and it should not be de-The case is rendered the worse in-somuch as the degradation was done for The ministers who per-

We cannot close this subject without referring to another way in which the desecrated, that is to say by the celebration of mock marriages. This desecration is frequent in the city of New York and its neighborhood. Some person is selected at a party, a picnic,

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