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"If the English-speaking Oatholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the "True Wilness" one of the most prosperous appowerful Catholic papers in this country. I heartily best those who encous age this excellent work. "†PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal."

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

New York "Sun," in commenting editorially upon an article of the "Chicago Inter-Ocean," in which the latter organ attempts to explain why men are not going to church in these days to the extent they did in former times, draws a striking contrast between the Protestant Church and the True Church. The Chicago paper argues that the "average American business man has outgrown the average preacher," and it points out the lack of eloquence and attractiveness in the pulpit. There are two passages in the "Sun's" criticism which deserve careful consideration. In one place that organ

'Diminished church attendance, where there is such a diminution, is not fairly attributable to the preachers. If the people are earnest in their religious belief and crave spiritual food they are not critical of the preacher, so long as he is in earnest like themselves. When they set to carping at his sermons it is a sign that they are not hungry for the food."

We could point to a score of articles, during the past few years, in which, while referring to our own Church, we have advanced this same principle. Above all, in dealing with those people who are eternally finding fault with the preaching and criticising the priest, have we pointed out that pulpit oratory may be a very useful auxiliary in matters of religious observance, but that it is a very dangerous one the moment it begins to absorb the whole attention. It is dangerous both for preacher and faithful. After one of his most powerful sermons, when the entire congregation had been thrilled almost to the point of open applause, the great Lacordaire was found, by a lay-brother, weeping and praying, and trembling with fear. When asked what he was afraid of, he made answer that he feared suc-cess, for he feared a consequent pride, and pride meant downfall. For the faithful it is equally dangerous, since it makes the charm of e'aquence the main attraction, instead of the word of God that comes from

the pulpit. This is aptly explained in the sec ond passage that we take from the 'Sun's" article. It says:-

the churches are full of people who have other thoughts and emotions than of criticism of the sermon and carping at the preacher. The fire that warms them is in their own The magnet which attracts them to the church is not the expected eloquence of the preacher, but the eloquent religious faith with which their own hearts are charged Only when men really believe in the world to come and that all othe profit is a snare and a delusion so long as they lose their souls in its pursuit will the churches be as thronged as are the marts of trade

and the stock exchanges."

It needs no seer to behold a picture of the Catholic Church in th sentences. It is the Faith within the heart, and not the glitter oratory that draws the millions to our altars in all parts of the world.

IRELAND'S OPPORTUNITY .- Si

CHURCH ATTENDANCE. - The absent all the time in London, being in the Cabinet, and the new Viceroy, Lord Dudley, is said to be but a mere figurehead.

This simple and brief item of information is far more significant than may appear at first sight. The bill that has fallen upon the agitation on one side, and the halt that seems to have been called in the coercive policy, on the other, coupled with the appointment of an Irish Catholic Home Ruler as the virtual Governor of Ireland, cannot fail to awaken a hope in the breast of every advocate of Ireland's cause, that the day is at hand when a golden opportunity will be presented to the Irish people Exactly what shape that opportunity may take we are not prepared to predict; but we have every confidence that we are on the eve some radical step being taken- and such step cannot possibly be otherwise than in the direction of Ireland's desires. It seems hard, after so many centuries of waiting and of unexampled patience, to be obliged to ask the Irish people to still wait and still be patient for a time. But there is no other course that could be in the interests of her cause. It has ever been the nation's fate to have some inconsiderate action to repent, just as a favorable crisis was at hand; this time it would be well to allow events to shape themselves quietly, for a whole future depends

HEALING FADS .- An American contemporary makes the following remark:-

upon the outcome.

"A Minnesota woman has come to the fore with a new religious healing fad. Her method is to have her patients fast and pray over periods ranging from twenty-five to forty days. Already one victim has died under her treatment after fasting forty days. A singular thing with regard to most of those new fads is that they are ridden by women and women become the chief sufferers. It recalls the ancient story of Tempting of Eve and its result. Is his Satanic Majesty planning to reduce the female majority?"

It is not necessary to go Minnesota to find seized with this healing czaze in some of its aspects. We "The fault is absence of religious have them within call. What is the and yet they put faith in every quack that springs up with some kind of faith cure. There must be a terrible mount of inconsistency in human nature, or else there is a lack of sincerity. The more ridiculous the superstition the more readily accepted-always provided that God is left out and the teachings Christ and His Church are ignored. We have long since grown tired of refuting, over and over, the false accusations of superstition that are launched against Catholics; yet we fail to see how people, who are up to their eyes in superstitions of a worse than pagan character, have the hardihood to expose inconsistency without blushing. reminds one of the remark of Lan tine, regarding the infidels of the French Revolution, when "every-thing was god except God Himself."

Antony MacDonnell, the new UnderSecretary for Ireland, is not only a
native Irishman, but a staunch Catholic, and credited with strong Home
Rule tendencies. Sir Antony, as permanent Under Secretary, will be the
virtual head of the Government in
Ireland, since the Chief Secretary is ABBE COLIN'S ILLNESS. - It was with unfeigned regret and pro-

een a martyr to rheumatic affections. Of late he has been obliged to snatch his few hours of broken repose in a chair. On Monday heavy fall was heard in his room, and on going to his assistance, the attendants found the Abbe on the floor in an unconscious condition. He subsequent rallied, and was at once placed under the care of two physicians. The last sacraments of the Church were administered to him on the following day; and at the moment we write he is in a very feeble and serious state. It is quite possible that no immediate fatal results may follow; but, in view of the Abbe's slight, constitutional strength and of his advanced years, his recovery is quite problematical.

In all the vast diocese of Montreal no clergyman holds a higher place in the love and respect of both the hierarchy and the faithful than does Abbe Colin. He has long held the responsible office of Superior of the immense institution that the world knows as the Montreal Seminary, and which is the mother house this continent of the zealous sons in religion of the great Sulpician founder, Olier. Abbe Colin possesses gifts of no ordinary nature; as an admin istrator he has been a master, and as a preacher he is recognized as one of the lights of the Catholic pulpit in Canada. He is a theologian profound erudition, and as a professor he has had few equals in the days of his teaching. And, to all these, and many other, grand and striking qualities, he adds that of a most loveable disposition and that of a most generous and charitable

We have special reasons, apart from his sacerdotal claims upon us, for experiencing sentiments of profound sympathy with Abbe Colin in the hour of his affliction. It is no torious that he has ever been a sincere and devoted friend of the Irish Catholic element in Montreal, and his heart has always pulsed in harmony with their aspirations and de sires. It is only one year ago that, on a long-to-be-remembered occasion the late beloved pastor of St. Pat rick's,-Rev. Father Quinlivan- told the writer, that "we"-meaning the Irish' Catholics-"have no faster friend than the Superior (Abbe Colin), and if the people only knew how deeply he thinks of them and worries about their interests, they would be surprised at the humility and self-effacement which he practises and which characterize his every kindly word and generous act wards the Irish Catholics of this

city." We repeat that it is with profound regret that we learned of Rev. Abbe Colin's serious illness, and we urgently invite all our readers and friends to unite in a fervent prayer for his recovery. Such men can be ill spared either by Church, State, country, or people, and the longer such a life is preserved the greater the benefits that all must derive.

just as our form is on the press, we faith in the pulpit and in the people who otherwise would fill the pews. Wherever that faith is found pews. Wherever that faith is found pews. The end came on Thursday night, at the people will not believe in the miracles of Lourdes, or St. Anne's, the end came on Thursday night, at the people will not believe in the miracles of Lourdes, or St. Anne's, the end came on Thursday night, at the people will not believe in the more attentive to our religious devotions; the end came on Thursday night, at the people will not believe in the most astonishing fact, to our mind, is that people will not believe in the most attentive to our religious devotions; attentive to our religious devotions; the end came on Thursday night, at the people will not believe in the most attentive to our religious devotions; attentive to our religious devotions; the end came on Thursday night, at the people will not believe in the most attentive to our religious devotions; attentive to our religious devotions; the end came on Thursday night, at the people will not believe in the most attentive to our religious devotions; attentive to our religious devotions; the people will not believe in the most attentive to our religious devotions; the people will not believe in the most attentive to our religious devotions; attentive to our religious devotions; the people will not believe in the most attentive to our religious devotions; attentive to our re 11.15 o'clock, at the Seminary Notre Dame street. His death bod was surrounded by a number of his most intimate friends and ecclesias tical confreres. The circumstances of our late information and the son:ewhat unexpectedness of so * early a close to the venerable Superior's earthly career, prevent any extenue biographical notes in this issue. But we may briefly say that Rev. Abl. Colin was a native of Bourges. France, where he was born on the 11th January, 1835. He was or-dained on the 17th December, 1859. after having studied theology at St. Sulpice in Paris. He came to Carada in 1862. From 1871 to 1881 he was professor of canon law at the Seminary, and since the latter date he has been Superior of the Order of St. Sulpice in Canada. As the virtues of the true priest, manifested in every word and action during life, are the guarantee of eternal glory hereafter, the place that Abbe Colin now occupies beyond the tomb must be one of supreme happiness. May his soul rest in peace with God

IRISH DELEGATES. - De

ed and universally beloved priest has ly regretted illness of Mr. John Dillon, M.P., of the Irish delegation, we understand that the proposed meeting, on next Tuesday night, the 2nd December, will take place in this morning last, about three o'clock, a city. If it is possible Mr. Dillon will attend, and, in any case, Mr. Blake will be accompanied by Mr. R. J. Devlin, M.P., who has recently arrived in America to assist his colleagues in their mission.

Mr. Devlin, whose home is in Belfast, is one of the most energetic of the younger members of the frish Parliamentary Party. He spent some time in the United States during the past summer organizing the movement there, and met with such success that Mr. Redmond, on his return to Ireland a couple of weeks ago, requested Mr. Devlin to come out again.

However, it is fervently hoped that Mr. Dillon will have sufficiently recuperated, to be enabled to express, personally, his message to the Irish people of this country. The signal triumphs of the Irish envoys throughout the United States, and especially at Pittsburg and Baltimore, are most encouraging omens. At each of these cities over \$2,500 were raised for the fund. At the vast meeting in Baltimore Cardinal Gibbons accentuated his approval of the movement and his appreciation of the men, by occupying a seat in one of

the boxes during the addresses. In view of the fact, much to be regretted, that we may possibly have the pleasure of hearing Mr. Dillon in Montreal, we deem it timely to take a couple of extracts from his speech in Baltimore, which substantially the same as what he stated elsewhere on this continent. In the first place he tells his hearers of their title to appear before an American audience, and he points out that they come from a united party which is emphatically representative of the desires and hopes of the entire Irish people. He then

savs:--"For 80 years the experiment has been tried of ruling Ireland from England, and the result has been more fatal and disastrous than any ever recorded in the history of na tions. A c ountry of the greatest natural advantages and with a population that can hold its own against any civilized race in world has been depopulated and desolated by an alien government. Our cities are decaying, our manufactories almost obliterated and our people flying from their natives shores as if they were plague-stricken. Ireland alone of the civilized nations presents the ghastly spectacle of a perishing and diminishing popula tion becomes smaller the misery and poverty of the people become great-

"With all the natural endowments in the world; w:th a seaboard encircling the entire island; with a soil as fertile as any under the sun; with a most healthful climate: with swift running streams, furnishing unsur passed water power in all parts of the island, why is it that the land has been visited by famine after famine, so severe and devastating in their natures that over one-half of the country's population has been the country's population has been last time I was in your cityi and I then came here to beg bread for the starving millions in the land of my nativity.

"This terrible state of affairs was brought about by the tyrannical and unrelenting rule of the English landland, who held the farms that rightfully belonged to the people of Ireland and let them out at such exor bitant and tremendous rates that the tenants, in order to pay their rents, were unable to put bread into

In concluding, Mr. D:llon gives an account of what the present Irish party has done for Ireland and for the Irish race. He said:-

"This is a picture of Ireland we found it. We have compelled Parliament by constant and almost ferocious agitation to pass a law requiring the landlord to sell the land to the tenant. The tenants or wown nearly one-half the , whole if the agricultural land, which is alued at \$1,000,000,000 About 60, 000 farms have been transferred to the tenants, with only a small quit rent to the Government.

"In a brief speech it is impossible to give a clear idea of what we have

done. We have knocked \$2,000,000 off the rent of farms not sold.

"When I look back the retrospect ncourages me to persevere. Ireland free is Ireland prosperous. No nation since Athens ever made so great a row in the world as has Ireland.

"It is my ambition to have n people known as being the people who have recalled the world to that faith in the ideal without wnich wealth is worthless. Not by bread alone shall man live. Not by wealth alone shall a nation prosper am confident that the nations will assist us without splitting hairs as to the means to be adopted, of which we in the forefront of the fight are best able to judge." We have no desire to forestall what

may and what certainly shall be said -and said in the language of genuine eloquence, the language of the heart-on next Tuesday evening. We simply desire to give our readers some of Mr. Dillon's arguments, case they should not have the advantage of hearing him personally state the case of Ireland. We also wish to urge upon all Irishmen, and all lovers of justice, in this city, the importance and the paramount duty of being present at this great reception, and of thus testifying their sympathy with the cause and their appreciation of the labors of its advocates.

ADVENT. - In four weeks the Christian world will brate, as ever, the brate, as ever, the anniver-sary of that birth, and the Church founded by that Redeemer, after the example of the pre-Christian ages, consecrates the four weeks that precede that celebration to penance, fasting, alms-giving, prayers and humble preparations for the Advent of the Son of God. The seasor is, therefore, called Advent. for it is the one of expectancy that heralds the coming of Our Lord.

During these four weeks the Church drapes her altars in purple and her priests don the vestments of penitance and grief. All the grandeur and pomp of ceremonial are omitted, and the voice of the preacher calls upon the faithful to "do penance for the Kingdom of God is at nand." Moreover, it is the custom of the Church to approach each great festival, each day of joyful commemoration, with vigils of penance and purification. It is thus that the faithful are made to array their souls in the white garments of grace that they may appear in worthy form upon the festive occasion and at the Banquet of the Bread of Life.

During Advent there will be special prayers and devotions in each Catholic Church, and it is for Catholic to take advantage of the occasion to unite with the Church in ner preparations for the proper and worthy celebration of the great festival of Christmas. These four weeks are full of graces and opportunities of spiritual perfection that do not come to us at every season of the year. We are expected, like the Church, to hush the joyous tones that indicate pleasures and amusements, that savor of worldly saparties, the dances, the reunions, the that, when the glorious day of Christ's birth dawns, it will find us, unlike the world of old, ready to receive Him and to honor His long expected Advent.

AT THE GESU.

The Rev. L. Lalande, S.J., will commence next Sunday, at 8 p.m., his course of lectures on "Faith." A solemn benediction will follow the sermon every Sunday.

Pity, compassion, respect, reverence and friendship, all so beau-tifully exemplified in the life of Our Divine Lord, are specialized varie-ties of kindness. The surest reality of happiness in this world lies in the spirit of loving kindness. "Do unto others as you would have them unto others as you would have them do unto you," embraces much of the fulfilment of the Divine laws: while true ivsight, as well as experience, declares that one of the most beautiful of all earthly things is human kindness. It lives in this world like a Divine revelation of God Himself,

THE CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

The popularity of the weekly conerts given in the Catholic Sailors' Club during the navigation season which has just closed has been atrested by the entertainment; and it was emphasized by the large number who thronged to the club rooms at the finishing concert on Monday night last, given under the auspices of the James McCready Co., Limited, Every room in the building was filled, as well as the concert hall. How to entertain them all was the problem which presented itself to the president, who with his customary tact and ability was equal to occasion. He decided that the concert given in the hall should be repeated in the large space occupied by the recreation and reading rooms, and so two concerts instead of one were given, to the great satisfaction

of all who were present. Mr. Charles F. Smith, president of the McCready Company, occupied the chair at the concert given in the hall, and Mr. William Clendinneng presided at the other. Mr. Smith paid a high compliment to Mr. and Mrs. McNamee for the warm interest which they had taken in that institution. As one of the founders of the Club, he looked back with pride to the valuable work which had been performed by the Club during the past few years, and for which much of the credit was due to the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. McNamee (applause). It had become increasingly evident that the present building was too small for the requirements of the Club; and it was the duty of every citizen who took an interest in the welfare of seamen coming to the port of Montreal to come forward and lend a helping hand to the management of the Club in their efforts to procure larger premises for the Club next season.

Mr. Clendinneng, at the other concert delivered a speech in his well known happy style. He congratu-lated the Catholic Sailors' Club on the good work which it was doing. He was astonished at the large number present; and expressed his confidence that, as soon as the general public were made aware of the need of the more commodious premises, the necessary assistance would be forthcoming.

The following took part in the programme:

Sailors Wm. Jones, Montfort, song; sailor Wm. Toffery, Montfort, song; sailor Geo. O'Connell, Montfort, Irish jig and clog dance; sailor Geo. W. Cooke, Manchester Commerce, song; Arthur McGovern, recitation; Miss Delahanty, song; Miss Lizzie MacKay, recitation; Brennan, recitation; Miss Jackson, song; Thos. Kearns, cornet solo; Miss Gertie O'Brien, song: Mr. P. Morning, gave with fine effect, "Life is What we Make it;" Miss Bertha Ferguson, song; Miss O'Borne, song; Mr. Arthur Jones, song; Miss Mc-Cabe, song; Mr. W. Kennedy, song; Miss Tootsie Durant, song; Mr. M J. Power, gave one of his excellent recitations; Jos. Donnelly, Patrick Hogan, clog dance; Miss Or-

ton, accompanist. The singing of Miss Bertha Ferguson, Miss Gertie O'Brien and Miss Delahanty, evoked great applause.

The evening's entertainment closed with the singing of "Good-bye, Sailor, good-bye."

NAZARETH ASYLUM BAZAAR.

The annual banquet for the benefit of the Nazareth Institute for Blind, which was held in the hall, Mance street, on Tuesday last, was a gratifying success, and gladdened the kindly hearts of the good Sisters who devote their lives to the welfare of its afflicted inmates. Special eclat was imparted to the teresting occasion this year by the presence of Lord Minto, the Governor-General, accompanied by Indy Minto. They were escorted by Mayor Cochrane and Mrs. Cochrane and by Sir William and Lady Hingston.

An address was presented to the Governor-General and 'a beautiful boquet to the Countess Minte. Both ncknowledged this delicate attention in feeling terms.

The vast, hall presented a gay and lestive appearance with its brilliant lights and many flowers, its well provided tables and its richly-attired guests; and the air was filled with melodier provided by an excel-