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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE desire to remind our friends of the already announced fact that early in June a grand Bazaar will be held, in the Windsor Hall, by the ladies of St. Patrick's parish. The first steps have been taken in the direction of organization and a great deal of enthusiasm is shown. The Bazaar will only last seven days, so that the ladies taking active interest in it and the hundreds of patrons, who will attend, may not grow weary of the attraction. The object is to secure funds for the wiping out of the remaining debt on the church and to further improve the appearance of the sacred edifice in which so many Irish-Catholics have worshipped and still kneel. St. Patrick's Church is now a vast memorial shrine; the associations, historic and personal, that cling to and cluster around it are so numerous that we could scarcely recall them all. It is only just and right that it should be beautified still more and rendered a temple worthy the August Presence, the ceremonies of our Faith and the memories of the departed who did so much in the cause of Religion in general, and for the great central Irish-Catholic congregation in particular. We fervently hope that the Bazaar will be a grand success.

THE Liverpool Catholic Times comes to us in deep mourning. The death of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, Bishop of Liverpool, has cast universal gloom over the Church in England. He was one of the most zealous prelates in the United Kingdom. "No more typical or true-hearted Irish priest ever breathed the breath of life than the holy and single-minded Bishop whom God has called to his reward, and whose loss the faithful of the great diocese over which he ruled will long deplore." One of our exchanges most truly says that, were Mgr. Nulty, of Liverpool, only a few years younger, no man in all England would be more able to replace the able and learned prelate whose death we lament.

SOME TIME ago we referred to Bishop Ussher's sweeping condemnation of actors and actresses in general; we showed that some of the brightest ornaments, socially, morally, intellectually and religiously, are to be found upon the stage. That little incident of editorial warfare came back to our mind, when we read the other day the announcement that Mr. Edmund Collier was on the road with a very high class drama "The Cross Roads of Life." Mr. Collier played for some years with Mary Anderson, and our readers may remember the reception he got last year when, with the Downing Company, in Montreal. Mr. Collier is a man who has risen high and rapidly in the profession of his choice; but he has also gained for himself an enviable reputation as a man in the world. A sincere and practical Catholic, his private and social life might serve as a model for thousands of the men of the day. It is, indeed, a pleasure to know that amongst

the persons who have done the most to elevate the drama, purify the stage and refine the taste of the theatre-going public are many of our Faith, and not a few are Irish-Catholics.

THE Boston Pilot has the following paragraph in its last issue. The editor of the Pilot has a faculty of "striking the nail on the head" whenever he aims his editorial hammer at a false statement, or a sensationally incorrect rumor:

"The New York Herald's story of Archbishop Corrigan's being in disfavor with the Apostolic Delegate and the Holy See is news to Archbishop Corrigan, the Apostolic Delegate, the Holy See, and the rest of the world outside of the sanctum of the New York Herald."

It is wonderful how much the secular and, above all, non-Catholic press is inclined to invent disagreements and misunderstandings between the members of the Catholic hierarchy.

DR. FORBES, Professor of Chemistry in the Rochester University, has made an analysis of the wine remaining in a communion cup after it had been used at a general communion in the Presbyterian Church. On appearing before the governing board of the Church the Doctor said:

"Gentlemen, the analysis and tests made by another gentleman and myself have confirmed my fears. We have found in the communion cup the undeveloped germs of twenty-two diseases. I now leave it in your hands to judge whether you will change your form of communion or continue it in the present way, with the knowledge that in participating in this solemn rite you lay yourselves liable to nearly two dozen more or less dangerous diseases, ranging from typhoid fever down to mumps."

Another strong evidence of the wisdom of the Catholic Church in administering the Sacrament of the Blessed Eucharist in the form of bread only. If the Bread contains the Body, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ it likewise contains His Precious Blood, so that reason and experience justify the mode adopted by the Catholic Church in the matter of the administration of the Blessed Sacrament.

THE New Moon for April is very bright and full. This is no paradox. The orb of night is never at its full when it is new; but the New Moon of Lowell, Mass., is always full and, if it continues to prosper as we hope—for the sake of good Catholic literature, it may—we can safely predict that it will never see its "last quarter." It is truly "a people's magazine for young and old." We would advise any of our readers, anxious to secure a reliable, entertaining, Catholic periodical, to look out for the New Moon.

"GENERAL" BOOTH of the Salvation Army is a wise and careful leader. He deserves the title of General, for truly he combines in himself several of the qualities that insure success in great military commanders. Von Moltk was as famous for his prudence as for his daring; therein was the secret of his success. General Booth has recently

stated, in an interview, that "when he met Romanists he avoided disputing with them." It would be very wise on the part of many less prominent people, whom we know, were they to refrain from attempting to argue theological and other subjects with Roman Catholics. Booth knows well that by avoiding any controversy with well-informed "Romanists" (as he calls us) he runs little risk of losing his dignity or displaying his ignorance on certain subjects. It is to his credit that he keeps aloof from polemics and confines his propaganda to a fife and drum noise.

THE Gazette, commenting upon Lord Rosebery's Latest Home Rule utterances, says:—

"His speech inviting the Unionist allies of the Conservatives back to the Liberal fold, reads as if he intended to abandon his Irish Nationalist friends and uphold the maintenance of existing conditions between the three kindoms. It is not, however, wise to jump at conclusions as to what Lord Rosebery will do as premier. His explanation of his speech may put another aspect on his stated policy, if not on his thoughts."

The last sentence is a sly slap at the Premier on account of a former explanation of some misconstrued utterances. In this case it seems to us that the Tory organs of Great Britain are trying hard to misconstrue Lord Rosebery's remarks. They would have us believe that he expressed a desire for the cementing of the Liberals and Liberal-Unionists at the expense of the Irish cause. It strikes us in a very different sense. We see in the Premier's remarks a very plain argument that might be thus reduced: you gentlemen of the Liberal-Unionist faction are in perfect harmony with the Liberal policy on all points, foreign and domestic, and are opposed to that of the Conservatives—except on the one question of Home Rule. Is it not foolish on your part to remain aloof from us simply on account of that one matter, when you are risking all the other interests of the Empire merely to gratify your antipathy towards Home Rule? For the sake of our general policy and the thousand and one vast interests of Great Britain join us; the settlement of the Irish question will only aid us in solidifying the Empire and you will not have sacrificed every principle for the sake of your passing whim.

WE WOULD desire to call the attention of our readers to two features in this week's issue: the "Home Rule" speech delivered by Mr. Weir, B.C.L., and the Prospectus and Plans of the Catholic Summer School of America. The former is deserving of particular attention; it is a strong statement of the case, and coming from one who is neither a Catholic nor an Irishman, carries the more weight with it; the latter will interest scores of our friends who have expressed a desire to attend this year's session of the Summer School.

IT APPEARS that the judicial committee of the United States House of Re-

presentatives is now busy listening to the arguments on the resolution of Representative Morse, of Massachusetts, proposing an amendment to the preamble of the constitution, "acknowledging the supreme authority and the just government of Almighty God in all the affairs of men and nations." This is not the first time that such an amendment was considered, in fact the question has been brought up numerous times. It is antagonized by the representatives of various societies of freethinkers, athelists and agnostics. The pressure that is gradually being brought to bear by the representatives of different religious beliefs is growing yearly stronger, and it is expected that very soon the authority of God will be formally acknowledged in the constitution of the great Republic. It seems an anomaly to find one of the most important and most Christian nations of the world actually ignoring—in its constitution—the very existence of the Creator. No wonder that men like Ingersoll exist; no wonder that such characters find paying audiences in the United States. The people take their lesson from the constitution itself.

WE received a copy of "Exile J. J. McBride's" album of Irish patriots, leaders, and other prominent men, which was issued a few years ago. It appears he is getting out a new edition, with the portraits and autographs of several leading personages in the United States, added to the list. His intention is to present the collection to Hon. Mr. Gladstone. "Exile" McBride purposes making the presentation in person. We trust that the portraits will be an improvement upon those in the pamphlet edition that we received. We doubt if Parnell—were he alive—would have felt very flattered by the picture supposed to represent him. Were his name not printed under it we would certainly have never supposed that it was meant to represent the dead leader. The same might be said of many others in the volume. However, the work is a most praiseworthy one, and the poems, sketches, and comments are highly interesting. If any man deserves such a presentation of the collected tributes to Irishmen of importance, it is surely Ireland's best friend, the aged and ever venerable ex-Premier. By the way, the prefix "Exile" to Mr. McBride's name strikes us somewhat oddly. He is only one of a million exiles, and unless there is something very remarkable about his special exile, the term thus used has a peculiar ring about it. There are hosts of Irish exiles in America who might make use of the same term as an addition to their names. It would appear somewhat funny to have heard the great patriot, orator and soldier calling himself "Exile Thomas Francis Meagher," or to find that poet, novelist, journalist, and patriot signing his productions "Exile John Boyle O'Reilly." However, there may be some very good reason for Mr. McBride using the word as a prefix; in any case, his album is a work of love and patriotism and he deserves high credit for it.