

mediate recognition. Even those who differ with his views have not withheld their admiration of his power in lucid and eloquent statement. He has, indeed, taken a distinct place already—he is regarded as the mouthpiece of that section of liberal Protestant Irishmen who favor Home Rule in the firm belief that it will not only close the open sore of Irish discontent, but will also tend to the unification and reputation of the empire instead of its degradation and decay. Mr. Blake was sure in time to make his mark in the larger theatre that British politics afford, but that he should have at once arrested the attention of both the supporters and the opponents of the great question that now engrosses interest at home is a remarkable tribute to his impressive talents as a public man.—*Globe*.

HARD ON THE BRUTES.

We don't hear much about the barbarity of Spanish bull fights these days. The cultured papers are too busy with the fights of other brutes.—*Catholic Union and Times*.

PARLIAMENT WILL SPEAK AGAIN.

Everybody knows that there are enough opponents of Home Rule in Toronto to fill a large hall at any time, however inappropriate. But that such a meeting will express the view of an exceedingly small minority is evidenced by the action of three Parliaments, and that action will, if necessary, be repeated by a fourth.—*Globe*.

WILL FIND FAULT NO MATTER WHAT HE DOES.

For years it has been understood that Mr. Costigan held a seat in the Cabinet as the special guardian of Separate Schools. Is he going to allow the Separate School system of Manitoba to be abolished without a protest, when it is in the power of his government to save it?—*Ottawa Free Press*.

HE THINKS THEY COULD IMPROVE ON THE SERVICE.

The Faith Cureists in session at Niagara Falls will to-morrow (Sunday) march in a body down to the "Maid of the Mist" landing on the Canadian side of the river below the Falls, where services will be held consecrating the Niagara river to God. If they would follow the example of the many other fools who have consecrated themselves to Niagara the world would not be the loser.—*World*.

A HALF CENTURY'S WORK.

During the jubilee of the Pope (February, 1893) there will be celebrated the golden wedding of the Society of the Holy Childhood, founded by Cardinal Janson in 1843. Since that time the "Santa Infanzia" has baptized 12,000,000 babies, and granted subsidies in all parts of the world to the amount of 82,600,000 francs.—*Universe*.

THE COERCION ACT.

The cable informs us that the Irish Privy Council have decided to revoke all proclamations hitherto made under the Coercion Act. This is practically tantamount to a revocation of the Coercion Act. This act was passed in 1887 by Lord Salisbury's Government. It was opposed with great determination by the combined Irish and Liberal forces, but was finally passed after two months' debate by the employment of cloture. The act revived and strengthened the power of the authorities under the former Crimes Act to hold preliminary inquiries and examine witnesses though no person was accused. The Attorney-General could direct any resident magistrate to make such inquiries when an offence had been committed in a proclaimed district, and to bind witnesses to appear at the Court of Sessions. A witness could not be excused from giving evidence tending to criminate himself, but his confessions could not be used against him in criminal proceedings. Summary jurisdiction was given in cases (1) of taking part in a criminal conspiracy to induce any person not to fulfil legal obligations, or not to let, hire, use or occupy land, or deal with, work for or hire any person, or to interfere with the administration of the law; (2) of using violence or intimidation to cause any person to do what he has a legal right to abstain from doing, or to abstain from any lawful act, or towards any person in consequence of such acts; and (3) of taking part in a riot or unlawful assembly, taking forcible possession of any house or land within twelve months after the execution of any writ of possession, or assaulting or resisting a sheriff or any other officer in the execution of his duty. Special juries could be appointed in any case on the application of the Attorney-General, and the venue could be changed whenever it was believed that a fair trial could not be obtained. The act could be brought into operation in any district on the proclamation of the Lord-Lieutenant. The act also gave him power to proclaim as dangerous any association whose object he believed to be illegal and afterwards proceed to suppress it in any specified district. It will be seen that the act clothed the civil authorities with extraordinary powers and suspended many of the principles on which the safety of the subject is founded. Under its provisions many districts in Ireland were proclaimed. The revocation of the proclamations by the new Lord-Lieutenant, or rather by his Council, will be hailed with undisguised satisfaction by Irishmen all over the world.—*Globe*.

ERIN: OUT OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH.

"She died from you," they said, "in the flush of her bridal bloom,"
But they lied with their hearts and lips—beloved, thou couldst not die!
They lured thee out of my arms, and shut thee alive in the tomb,
And guarded with fire and sword the place of thine agony.

And they laughed but yester-eve in their cruel strength and scorn,
Saying, "Still through the years he seeks her—O fondest, faithfullest!
And still are fools to follow his beck on a hope forlorn,
And never a one aweary—and oh, the idle quest!"

Did they dream their swords could sunder the bonds of soul to soul?
Or that flames could daunt my purpose, though lit from the central Hell?
Ah, they thought I grieved like a man that time would ease my dole
With a now fair face forgetting what into I loved so well!

They know me not—changeless, deathless what time with heart grief riven,
For thee in mortal seeming the paths of pain I trod—
But I am Freedom—Freedom—and I've stood in the highest Heaven,
With the seven armored angels who guard the throne of God.

Courage, mine own, nor falter, but hold for thy life to me;
Look not back where the flames and the swords and the serpents were—
Look up! for you stars are the souls of the men who died for thee,
Crushed under the stone they would roll from the door of thy sepulchre.

Ah, no! but thy face is wan, and thy sweet eyes dimmed with tears,
And the soul on thy pale lips flutters as if it were fain to flee
Ah, God! for thy years of waiting—thy tortured, murdered years—
Ere I rent thy tomb and fled through the valley of Death with thee!

But, oh! for our journey's end and home, and the light of dawn,
And the sweet green earth, the bird-singing, the balm of the soft sea air—
Oh, to hold thee close to my heart till the chill of the grave is gone,
And kiss thy lips and thy hands and the strands of thy long fair hair.

Courage, mine own, nor falter, but cling for thy life to me—
Hear the home-welcoming music, nor faint not far away—
And the conquering Cross ablaze in the heavens above us—see!
We are out of the Shadow of Death—but one step more to the day!

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HOW TO TALK LATIN.

The drollest of anecdotes has been related and the most candid and modest of confessions made by the speaker—Mr. Arthur W. Peel, in distributing the prizes at Warwick Grammar School. The Right Honorable gentleman remarked that he could never quite understand why it was that classically educated English people could never converse in the Latin language; and he himself was once placed in a position which brought this deficiency in a striking way before him. He was travelling in Norway, thirty years ago, in a district where Latin happened to be the usual means of communication, and he had the greatest difficulty in the course of conversation in recollecting even the simple Latin for "yes" and "no."

It is difficult to understand how any one who has even a rudimentary training in Latin could forget that "non" and "minime" is the Latin for "no," but it is much easier to comprehend the difficulty experienced by a gentleman who has not continued his classical studies after leaving the university in remembering off-hand the Latin for "yes," seeing that there are at least eight Latin equivalents for our English "yes" or "yea." I would respectfully propose two remedies for what seems to be a very widespread infirmity. If you cannot make up your mind whether to say "inno" or "maxime," "ita," "sane," "certe," "quippe," or "scilicet," when you wish to say "yes" in Latin, go to Mr. Stokes, or some other professor of artificial memory, and get him to drum this phrase into you: 'Quin etiam aut non respondes—why don't you answer yes or no?' When you have once riveted these words into your mind there will be no danger of your forgetting them. Still, very good scholars may often break down over simple words. I knew an excellent Grecian once who could never remember "at call" that "nai" in Greek is a strong affirmative. "How can 'nai' mean 'yea'?" he used to ask.

Remedy the second. Let an enterprising bookseller get some first-rate Latinist to compile a fresh edition of the "Colloquies of Erasmus" thoroughly up to date; that is to say, comprising words and expressions popularly used at the present day. I remember coming across, some years since, a French Latin Polish vocabulary, in which there was a chapter on cigar and pipe smoking, and another on a dinner at a restaurant, in which all kinds of modern dishes and modern wines were translated into Latin—dog Latin, if you will—but, for all that, the Roman dog wagged his tail very merrily and very usefully. When the enterprising publisher brings out his Erasmusian "Colloquies" up to date, let him sell the book for a shilling, and it will find, I should say, a very circulation. The Latin and French Ollendorff goes very far in this direction, but Ollendorff under any circumstances is desperately dry reading, and Erasmus is always amusing and often downright funny.—*Mr. Augustus Sala in London Sunday Times*.

IT IS THE BEST.

DEAR SIRS.—I have used your B.B.B. for the past five or six years and find it the best cure for sour stomach and biliousness. I have also used Burdock Pills and can recommend them highly.