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THE MISSION IN LONDON.

His Lordship the Bishop of London and the clergy of the Cathedral have every reason to feel proud at the great success that has attended the labors of the Jesuit missionaries, Fathers O'Bryan and Devlin, in the Cathedral during the past two weeks.

THE C. M. B. A.

At the conclusion of the Men's Mission, in St. Peter's Cathedral, last Sunday, one of the missionaries, Rev. Father O'Bryan, S. J., made the announcement that the members of the C. M. B. A. would receive Holy Communion on Low Sunday.

the gentlemen who form the executive of the association—men of the very highest honor and holding positions of great prominence—is a guarantee that the interests of the members will be carefully guarded.

ANOTHER IRISH CATHOLIC JUDGE.

Last week we had occasion to compliment the Government on its very evident desire to do justice to the Irish Catholics of the Dominion in the matter of appointments to the higher offices, and we cited a number of cases in which they had put their desire into practical shape.

LIGHT ON CERTAIN REMARKABLE CONVERSIONS.

A remarkable letter appeared in a recent issue of the Ave Maria from a recent English convert which explains in a lucid manner the circumstances which led some months ago to the conversion of the whole congregation of St. Michael's Church, Shore-ditch, London, to the Catholic Faith.

"We who fought for 'incense and reservation' against the late Archbishop of Canterbury did not, so many of us, forsake the tents of Lambeth because we liked incense and were determined to have it.

It will be remembered by our readers that some years ago John Kensit, a seller of obscene and mendacious anti-Catholic literature, set on foot an agitation against ritualism of which politicians made use to further their own purposes.

From the letter in the Ave Maria and other indubitable sources of information, we glean the following history of the occurrences in connection with the conversion of the Shore-ditch congregation.

So great was the agitation in regard to ritualism in 1899 that in the House of Commons on May 10th, when the debate took place on the Church Discipline Bill, the galleries were so crowded that scores of clergymen who wished to hear the discussion could not find room.

against the law of the Church, but against the law of the land—and the laity had lost confidence in the Bishops because they had not only failed to put down ritualistic practices, but had exercised patronage in favor of the ritualistic clergy, and instead of the Bishops sitting in judgement upon these matters they themselves should be called to account.

These sentiments were loudly cheered, but the bill was defeated by 310 to 156. Nevertheless the Government felt it incumbent on them to promise that the Bishops would do something to suppress the practices complained of, and that if they did not succeed, there would be legislation brought to bear upon the subject.

St. Michael's church, Shore-ditch, is in a poor district of Central London, and was always reckoned as a highly ritualistic Church from the time of its erection in the days of the Tractarian movement.

Our aim at St. Michael's was to teach fearlessly and logically, without any consideration of whether or not it was wise from a worldly point of view, the doctrines of the Catholic Church.

The study of the Fathers or early saints and Doctors of the Christian Church had convinced many of the clergy and laity that the true Catholic faith is identical with what is taught to-day in the Catholic Church in communion with the See of Rome.

Special devotions were practiced in that Church toward the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially during the month of May, and very unwillingly would Rev. Mr. Evans and his flock drop these practices.

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PENINCIOUS LITERATURE.

It is said to be the intention of the Dominion Government to shut out of the country books the tendency of which is to incite the young to crime and violence.

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LOYALTY AND DISLOYALTY IN RUSSIA. Despatches from Russia state that students of the Universities openly oppose the war against Japan.

One of these was the Women's University at St. Petersburg. The authorities of the institution initiated patriotic address to the Czar.

Outside of the students, there is much revolutionary sentiment, especially among the Poles who have some hope that a humiliation to Russia would increase their hope to re-establish the ancient kingdom of Poland.

Among those who have proclaimed their loyalty to the Czar, besides the members of the Russian Orthodox Church, were Catholics, Jews and Mahometans.

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lates as were intended to provide teaching staffs for schools abroad, either in the French colonies, or French protectorates.

M. Doumergue, Minister of the Colonies, insisted that French interests would be best promoted by the extension of purely lay schools.

There was at once a clamorous demand for a statement of the Government's position regarding the question, but M. Combes refused to reply, and the amendment was then carried by a vote of 283 to 272.

It is not alone the harsh treatment of the Religious Orders by the present Government which has created intense dissatisfaction throughout the country, but the financial trouble also which has been brought upon the country through the mismanagement of its ruler.

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endeavor to put their country into a position to do this, but empty boasting of a responsible member of the Government like the talk of M. Pelletan is very much out of place, as it is likely to create ill-feeling which prudence should endeavor to diminish rather than to promote.

TOLD OF SENATOR HANNA.

RECALLED BY THE NATIONAL BEST FRIEND AND PROTECTOR IN TIME OF TRIAL.

Marcus Alonzo Hanna is dead. To recount his life here were idle, for there is scarcely one of the millions of our citizens who has not known the man in a general way.

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