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THE WHITE FATHERS.

Cardinal Lavigerie in Africa.

The Noble Work of the Archbishop of Carthage in Suppressing the Slave Trade.

At the present time, when the civilized world hears so many praises bestowed on Stanley and Emin Pasha for the work they have already accomplished in Africa...

acclaiming thousands outside; the guards motionless as monumental bronzes, present a combination of unlandish strangers as bewildering to the European visitor...

The disputation before Meesa, however, availed Christianity nothing, as the world already knows, and the hopes which Cardinal Lavigerie retained that, through that potentate, he would be able to inflict a damaging blow.

ON THE SLAVE TRAFFIC came to naught. Filled and disappointed, in consequence, the African apostle turned again to Europe and appealed to the Christian sentiment of that country to come to his assistance...

Unfortunately, though, the date when the congress should have met saw its chief promoter dangerously ill, and postponement became inevitable.

In Paris which had the management of the Catholic missionary schools in the East, and his assumption of that post marked the beginning of his own missionary career.

Cardinal Lavigerie, before age and illness weakened his frame, was a magnificent specimen of physical humanity. Standing 6 feet 2 inches in height, and built in proportion...

These missionaries succeeded in establishing themselves at Ghadamah, where, however, they subsequently fell victims to a fanatical outbreak of the tribesmen.

The Perfection of Home Rule. The Universe says: When our own Cardinal-Hibernicus ipsis Hibernis—wishes that the Imperial Home Rule, and adds that not an Irish member must leave the British House of Commons...

When Stanley, after his visits to King Meesa, issued his report from Uganda, Cardinal Lavigerie, who entered, with others, the hope that that potentate would prove a powerful instrument in the redemption of Africa...

Our thinking there is but one logical escape from the dilemma—and that is inevitable. A genuinely Imperial Parliament must be established, one that will take cognizance of the Imperial Home Rule, and reject the pomp and frivolities that accompany so many honors at Westminster at present.

Without a feeling of involuntary awe the glance of the large vivid eyes in whose glowing shadows lurk suggestion of latent fury.

The Pope and African Slavery. LONDON, July 21.—The Pope has sent a letter to Cardinal Lavigerie congratulating his labors in Africa. The Pope gives the Brussels Anti-Slavery congress and pious assurance of the support of the church.

GODLESS SCHOOLS.

Archbishop Ireland's Opinion.

A Secular Education as Contrasted with Ecclesiastical Parish Schools.

The Most Rev. Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, delivered an important and instructive address before the National Educational Convention which sat in that city recently.

SPRIT OF THE PARISH SCHOOL.

If not the school itself, it is widespread among American Protestants, and is made manifest by their determined opposition to the exclusion of Scripture reading and other devotional exercises from the school room.

IT IGNORES RELIGION.

There is and there can be no positive religious teaching, where the principle of non-sectarianism rules. What follows? The school deals with immature, childish minds, upon which silent facts and examples make a deeper impression.

This is not the religion built up in the past our Christian civilization, and that will maintain it in the future.

SUBJUGATE PASSION AND REPRESS VICE.

It is not the religion that will guard the family and save society. The mind which it polices is a sworded sword—an instrument for evil.

To the American people at large—religious-minded and God-fearing as I know them to be—I put the question: Should we not have in connection with the schools religious instruction? That there are serious difficulties in the way, I confess.

It is not the fact of this dissatisfaction sufficient that Americans set to work earnestly and with a good will to remove its cause? The welfare of the country demands peace and harmony among citizens.

FAILURE

The Harbinger of Success.

The Rev. Canon Murnane recently preached the following sermon on the above theme, at St. George's Cathedral, Liverpool.

MARKS THE SPARROW'S FALL.

draw near. What glory, what good He evolves! Consolation for weary disheartened prelates and spiritual labourers in every age.

the power and love of One who never slumbered, but whose eyes were ever open on the children of men.

IRISH NOTES.

Items of Interest from the Provinces of the Green Isle.

The splendid new schools erected in Castleknock, through the exertions of Father Heenan (Cannell), the parish priest, were formally opened on June 21.

A Synod of the diocesan clergy of Forns was held recently, at St. Peter's College, Wexford after which the annual retreat from the priests of the diocese began.

Lord Chief Justice Pilles and the Rev. Henry Evans, D.D., have been appointed Commissioners of the National Education, in room of the late Sir Robert Kane and Mr. James W. Marland.

The members of the St. John's Temperance Association have taken steps to present the Rev. Father Lee, C.C., St. John's, Limerick, with an illuminated address in recognition of the many valuable services rendered to them during the time Father Lee fulfilled the office of president.

At the last meeting of the First Supply Association, held on Friday, June 20, in Belfast, it was stated that the acreage under flax last year showed an increase, but the yield was slightly under the average.

At a labor meeting at Lismore, on Sunday, June 23, resolutions were passed urging the introduction of a bill into Parliament to facilitate the erection of laborers' cottages.

A shocking outrage has just been perpetrated in the County Clare, between Ruane and Coromah. A masked man, who had two or three companions, called at a house where a farmer named MacNamara was on a visit.

Some tremendous omens have been on off records in the County Carlow by the Sub-Commissioner over which Mr. R. R. Kane presides.

It was that of W. Nixon, landlord, John Farrell, tenant. On a valuation of £4 10, a rent of £8 was charged, and this has been reduced to £5.

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The Catholic Review says:—Further observations of Protestants are reported from Cork. Twelve more of the Rev. Mr. Hopley's flock have seceded, and there is every probability, if the religious exodus continues, that the pastor's congregation will be gone and his congregation reduced to the numerical dimensions of that pusillus grex mentioned by Swift, which consisted of the parson and the sexton.

The man's (two specimens of which have just been added to the insect house in the Zoological Gardens) are noticeable not only for their structural peculiarities, but also for the fact that they are living and walking exponents of the truth that the world is governed by appearances, as from very ancient times whenever they are found—that is, throughout the warmer regions of the world— they have been credited with piety, meekness and all good qualities, whereas in truth they are the most blood-thirsty creatures imaginable.

THE PRAYING MANTIS.

Interesting Facts About That Sadly Named Insect.

Another legend is to the effect that "St. Francis Xavier, on seeing a mantis moving slowly along with its forelegs raised as if in devotion, directed it to sing the praises of God, which it immediately did in a very beautiful canticle."

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