

THE PARIS DISASTER.

Solemn Religious Services Held at Notre Dame.

A Remarkable Sermon by Pere Olivier, France's Leading Pulpit Orator.

At the recent requiem services held in Notre Dame, Paris, for the victims of the Charity Bazaar Rev. Father Olivier, one of the leading pulpits orators of France, delivered a most impressive sermon.

God does not scourge for nothing. He scourges to save, and thus reconciles the requirements of His glory with mercy. God chastens those He loves. He had marked His preference for France throughout the course of centuries.

THE GLORIOUS WOMANHOOD OF FRANCE was called upon, after the abandonment of French Christian traditions, to pass through the fiery furnace. The place of France was at the head of humanity, and not in its wake.

Critics answered. The eloquent Dominican has been much criticised for daring to speak some stern truths to a sceptical and pleasure-loving generation with the courage and independence of a modern Savonarola.

FRANCE WOULD HAVE DRAWN HER SWORD and the assassins would have been punished. But she did not do so on the present occasion. I have been asked if it was the proper thing to preach about politics in the pulpit of Notre Dame.

The position of the Catholic Church during the civil war in the United States has often been made a subject for controversy and often misunderstood. The following extract from a lecture delivered by Father O'Connell, at Philadelphia, explains itself.

Kenrick, of Baltimore, the Primate, and Archbishop Hughes, of New York. Both were uncompromising supporters of the Union. Archbishop Hughes was commissioned by President Lincoln to represent at the courts of Europe the true nature of the contest.

ENGLAND'S CATHOLIC CHILDREN.

Annual Report of the Executive of the Protection Society.

A Tribute to Miss Br. Young, the Generous Benefactor of Young Emigrants in Montreal.

The committee of this Society, says the Liverpool Catholic Times, have just issued their thirteenth report, in the course of which they deplore the death of the president, Mr. Richard Yates.

THE RESULT OF THESE VISITS

was most satisfactory, and the health and happiness of the children were everything that could be desired. As it is sometimes asserted that children sent to Canada are abandoned and taken no further notice of, it may be well to repeat that this society preserves a watchful care over the children sent out for three years and often for a longer time.

TAKEN IN CHARGE BY SOME CATHOLIC FRIEND,

and when it is remembered that an expenditure of some twelve pounds once and for all removes a child from the wretchedness and misery of the slums of Liverpool to health, comfort and a decent home in the New World, few will be found to grudge the small initial expense necessary to effect so desirable an end.

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Pompey: "It says in chemistry that there is a considerable heat in snow. If that's the case I wonder how many snow-balls it would take to boil a teakettle."

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The United States army numbers about 26,000 men, says an Exchange. There are 88 chaplains. Of these 12 are Methodists; 11 are Lutherans; 3 are Presbyterians; 1 is Campbellite; 1 Congregationalist, and although the Catholic soldiers are twice the number of soldiers in any two of the sects named there are but 2 Catholic chaplains.

It is said that Pope Leo XIII. will send a present to Queen Victoria on the occasion of her jubilee celebration. It will be a superb "sedes" or portable chair, similar in design to that in which his Holiness is accustomed to be borne in state on the occasions when he is present at great religious functions.

Seven hundred girls attending school in Philadelphia recently received letters from Sanford University asking them to answer the following question: "What person of whom you have heard or read would you most like to resemble?"

A brainless fool known as the "scorcher" is abroad on our streets and his victims are as numerous as the buds of the trees in Spring. Now I haven't got the least objection to cyclists, in fact I must admit that I am a cyclist, but I do object most emphatically to any wheeling idiot who imagines that every paved street is a race track.

This is an age of remarkable men, things and occurrences. An unparalleled operation is reported by a reputable medical journal from Frankfort-on-Main. It consisted in sewing up a riven heart.

A recent newspaper deal in Buffalo has brought to the public notice a remarkable man in the person of W. J. Connors, who presents a striking example of what mere force of character will do. Mr. Connors was born in Buffalo, his parents were poor Irish emigrants whose condition was such that their son was obliged to earn his living at an early age.

CONSCIENCE MONEY.

THE UNITED STATES RETURNS FROM THIS SOURCE AMOUNTS TO THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. Mr. Clifford Howard, in the current issue of the Ladies' Home Journal, in the course of a lengthy article on the subject of Conscience Money, writes:

Much in Little is especially true of Hood's Pills for no medicine ever contained so great curative power in so small space. They are a whole medicine chest, always ready, always efficient, always satisfactory; prevent a cold or fever, cure all liver ills, sick headache, jaundice, constipation, etc.

Burch was one of the housemaids. She fell ill and Hastings loaned her \$200 of his savings. After her recovery she went away as a nurse to a rich woman, who went to Australia. There Miss Burch married a retired shipmaster named Hall. She repaid Hastings, and he heard no more of her till a few days ago, when he received a letter from a lawyer named Watson of London saying that six years ago Mrs. Hall died, bequeathing him all her estate.

For genuine originality our American cousins may be relied upon to figure prominently near the head of the list. This time the subject of the originality is a club—a women's club—and Indiana claims the proud distinction of being its home.

ably cause trouble. Defects are to be weeded out. Any young woman observing serious faults in a fellow member is to labor with her until such mental or moral blemishes are removed. All peculiarities of temper are to be watched and fully discussed, with a view to the improvement of their own. If this club is successful in its undertakings it is to be hoped that branches will spread all over the country; goodness knows there is much need of such a club, and, not only for the women, but for the sterner sex as well.

An exchange says that President McKinley has a favorite phrase with which he greets every office seeker, "My dear sir I appreciate what you have done for me, and rest assured I will do all I can for you; good day. I suppose you go home on the next train."

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The Catholic Sentinel rises to remark that "Whenever we see a handsome girl mounted on a bicycle, we feel like the good friar who could discern the demons sitting upon ladies' trains at church, and sigh to think that we will probably live to see the poor creature with a crooked spine, prize-fighter's shoulders, hollow cheeks, a twisted mouth, gimlet eyes and an all round shape sufficient to make a lover of the beautiful snake with horror.

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