Solemn Religious Services Held at Notre Dame.

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

At the recent requiem services held in Nore Dame, Paris, for the victims of the Charity Bazaar Rev. Father Udivier, one of the leading pulpit orators of France, which gives equal protection to all delivered a most impressive sermon. Worshipers of the Father in heaven." The distinguished preacher said, in

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. But twenty-six years ago He smote her, requiring as propitiat ry victims men of class and rank. He inflicted on her for her sins a double war. Her whole manhood had to pay. An Archbishop of Paris was among the martyrs. But she did not read aright the chastisement. Another holocaust had been required. The sweet and pure had to pay for the hardened and impure.

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. She was either Christ's standard bearer or a deserter. She merited the chastisement because she had forsaken her best traditions. Instead of marching at the head of Christianity, she had accepted as a slave doctrines foreign to her genius and her baptism. She had been ungrateful to God. God, not wishing to forsake her, had demanded lilies of France, the hood of the Sister of Charity, the beflowered hats, the gay ribbons of youthful toilettes, and the crape bonnets of widows. All were devoured by fire or trodden down in the mud. But the fire purified, and the soul of France had issued chastened from the furnace.—In closing Father Ollivier said: "Oh, dear and noble victims, sleep now in peace! Your wish is coming to pass, and your work will soon, I hope, be completed, owing to the intercession which you are insuring it in Heaven. You preserved inevitably here below the marks of human infirmity. and we might doubt your power to influence the heart of God. To day you at pear to us like unto Jeanne d'Arc on the redeemed cloud of the funeral pile, wreathed in light, and ascending towards the glory, where awaits you the inspirer of your charity, and the rewarder of your sacrifice."

Critics An wer. d.

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. "Some of the papers," he said, "imagine that when I made use of the words concerning the chastisement of France I was alluding to the policy of abstention followed by the Government in the affairs | the committee feel that there must be of Armenia. Now, I had no such idea in | many suitable cases in Liverpool which my head. I spoke from a much higher have not been brought under their no-and more general point of view. I wish-tice. Although the Charity has been in ed to say that France was no longer, as she was formerly, the eldest daughter of the Church, and that she had grown indifferent to the triumph of the Christian cause. It is certain that at the time of the Armenian massacres I regretted that a generous intervention did not take place. The short telegrams announcing iresh atrocities every day made a deep and painful impression on me. In times

FRANCE WOULD HAVE DRAWN HER SWORD and the asspassins would have been punished. But the 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, es pecially under the sad circumstances of the moment. I reply that I did so purposely. I chose that opportunity in order to make known some bitter truths. I knew that they would not be lost on such a day. My congregation was just what I wanted-it could not have been better composed for me. It included diplomatists, Ministers, officials of all sorts, nobility, gentry—in short, I repeat, it was what I desired. I do not regret anything that I said, and if I had to preach the sermon over again I should not change a single word of it. Of course, it is difficult to please everybody. Many of my friends have said that the sermon was one of the best I ever preached, and they congratulated me on it. I am of their opinion. It has been remarked to me that God must be very cruel to exact such human holocausts in order to chastise France for h ving abandoned her faith and revolted against the Church. Alas! such is the case, but the designs of God cannot be fathomed. I have also spoken of the implety, which is immense, and which gains ground every day like a gangrene. That likewise deserves to be punished by the hand of God."

The position of the Catholic Church during the civil war in the United States has often been made a subject for controversty and often misunderstood. The following extract from a lecture delivered by Father O'Conner, at Philadelpia, explains itself :- "The Catholic Church during our civil war studiously refrained from pronouncing upon the political questions which agitated the country North and South. The Catholics who believed that the South, as the home in which they lived, had a claim on their military services, were not censured by the church if they ranged themselves under the stars and bars All that I contend for is that the government received the hearty, unquestioning and effective loyalty of the Catholic Church as a body, and the almost universal support of Catholic ecclesiastical and theological opinion. Probably the two representative Catholic prelates in the country at the outbreak of the civil war, were Archbishor | kettle."

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.

Suffice it to say that the United States quickly found that our Catholic citizens yielded to none in patriotic devotion and self-sacrifice. The Sisters of Charity won golden opinions from the whole country. Sheridan, Meagher, Corcoran and others of lesser fame proved that love of faith and love of country are not incompatible. Many prejudices against Catholicism were dissipated by the storm of battles, in which Catholic blood was poured out generously for the flag

ENGLAND'S CATHOLIC CHILDREN.

Annual Report of the Executive of the Protection Society.

A Tribute to Miss Br. mnan. the Generous Benefactor of Young Emigrants in Montr. al.

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. Ever since the foundation of the Society, in 1881, Mr. Yates has been the mainstay and soul of all its labours. Devoted as he was to the cause of Catholic charity, there was perhaps no charity to which he gave a greater portion of his time and a larger share of his toil than the Catholic Children Protection Society. His loss is heavy and the committee feel that they can hardly expect to replace him, but he has gone to reap the reward of his apostolic labours and to regret is selfish. The committee further state that during the year two parties of children have been sent out to Canada. one in May consisting of 50 children and one in September of 32 children. The honorary superintendent, Miss Yates, accompanied both parties, and the committee wish to place on record the debt of gratitude the Catholics of Liverpool owe to this self-sacrificing lady. On the former of these voyages she made a somewhat lengthy stav in Canada, and visited 150 of the children who had been previously sent out by the Society.

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. The children sent out by the society are met on arrival by Miss Brennan, the honorary superintendent of the society's work in Canada (a lady to whose gratuitous labors in the cause of the children the Catholics of Liverpool are deeply indebted), who places them in suitable situations and supervises their welfare afterwards, receiving them at a home she has established in Montreal whenever they are out of place. While, however, all is satisfactory with repard to the condition of the children sent out, existence upwards of fifteen years, yet it is feared that many Catholics in the city are ignorant of its existence, and still more of its objects and purposes Young children deserted by or deprived of their parents are sure to drift into one of the numerous Protestant charitable houses unless they are speedily

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. The children themselves are not vicious; it is surprising how soon the gutter child, after a few weeks' residence at the home in Shaw street, becomes gentle, well-behaved and undistinguishable from children in a better position in life. The committee therefore appeal with confidence for a wider measure of support and a more general aid than they have received in the past few years. The committee with to thank His Lordship the Bishop for his fatherly interest in their work, and also the priests of the city for the interest and support they have given to the Society. To Mrs. Thomas, Father Berry, Miss Sparrow, Miss Kelly, Miss Lomax, Mr. and Miss Whitnell, the Misses Lightbound, Mrs. J. J. Yates, Mrs. Barry, and Mr. Kay, and many kind friends, the committee return grateful thanks for their Christmas gifts, and especially to Miss Pye for the entertainment she provided for the children, which was the cause of great pleasure to the inmates of the home. The Needle work Guild also have kindly sent many useful articles to the home. The committee regret that Father Godtz, who has for the past three years been the guide and spiritual director of the work in Canada, has been compelled to relinquish the post, and they feel that they cannot allow the opportunity to pass of placing on record the great zeal and devotedness he has manifested in the work. The report is signed by Mr. W. J. Sparrow, secretary.

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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 Presby-terians; 1 is Campbellite; 1 Congrega-tionalist, and although the Catholic soldiers are twice the number of soldiers in any two of the sects named there are but 2 Catholic chaplains. Is it not outrageous that this condition of injustice is permitted to continue?

It is said that Pope Leo XIII. will send present to Queen Victoria on the occasion of her jubilee celebration. It will be a superb "sedia" 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. This form of gift was suggested by the necessity that might arise should the Queen decide to enter St. Paul's Cathedral on Commemoration day.

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?" The answers showed in the majority of instances a desire to resemble great men rather than famous women, and the great majority expressed the desire to be strong and brave rather than to possess the qualities generally regarded as peculiarly and properly feminine. Whether the feminine absorption of masculine characteristics will make better women yet remains to be seen. But I fear that it will not.

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 and that he ought to reel off miles in 210 on the public highway. Recently several acci dents have occurred by "scorchers" colliding with other wheelmen and pedes-trians and are becoming too numerous to be tolerated any longer. As our worthy police do not appear to be taking any precautions to stop the practice the best thing we can do is to take the law into our own hands and I promise that the first "scorcher" that runs foul of the writer will have something to remember the event afterwards.

This is an age of remarkable men, things and occurrences. An unparalleled operation is reported by a reputabe medical journal from Frankfort-on Main. It consisted in sewing up a riven heart. The patient in question, a very young man, during a street fight had been stabled through the h art. At the hospital, to which he had been removed in an unconscious condition, the wound was enlarged and it was then discovered that the right lobe of the heart had been pierced to the depth of one and one-half centimeters, dark blood constantly oozing from the wound. Dr. Rehn, a Napoleon of surgery, with quick resolve put in a deep seam in this injured spot. The bleeding at once ceased, and the last reports were to the effect that the patient had entirely recovered.

A recent newspaper deal in Buffalo markable man in the person of W. J. Conners, who presents a striking example of what mere force of character will do. Mr. Conners 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. Mr. Conners had no educational advantages and became a "grain scooper," that is, he worked at the grain elevators shovelling grain into the buckets by which the grain is conveyed to the bins He rose to be foreman of a gang of 'grain scoopers'' then, by his natural energy, to which was added a growing ex perience, he became superintendent of several gangs, and so on, until to day he employs tho isands of men and more than half the cargoes of the great lakes are handled by his employes. When a ressel arrives at any of the lake cities Mr. Conners' men take charge, unload the vessel and reload the cargo on the tracks and then reload the vessel with such freight as is offered for shipment. By this means Mr. Conners has amassed considerable wealth. He has considerable political aspirations and wields im mense power in this direction. It is said that he will be a candidate for the Governorship of New York State when the time comes. In order to air his views Mr. Conners some time ago pur chased a morning newspaper and his latest deal was the purchase of the Buffalo Courier, one of the oldest papers in New York State. His career presents an interesting study, in fact Mr. Conners is rather a phenomenon in human affairs. Mr. Conners is married to a former Montreal girl.

From time to time we are confronted with instances which serve to illustrate how grateful some people are for any kindness extended to them. The latest comes from California, where Mr. William F. Hastings, who has worked as an ordinary farm laborer for years, has just received news from Eng that he has innerited \$73 000 left him by a woman whom he befriended fifteen years ago, when she was poor and ill in California. At that time Hastings worked on Mr. D. O. Mill's suburban estate at Millbrae. Miss Carrie

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cousins may be relied upon to figure me, and rest assured I will do all I can prominently near the head of the list. for y u; good day, Isuppose you go nome. This time the subject of the originality on the next train." This time the subject of the originality is a club - a women's club—and Indiana claims the proud distinction of being its home. At present this club's member that "Whenever we see a handsome ship is limited to thirteen—by some girl mounted on a bicycle, we feel like said to be an unlucky number-and its the good friar who could discern the main object is to increase the fascination demons sitting upon ladics' trains at of each and every member Every woman who joins pledges nerself to divulge probably live to see the poor creature the secrets of such charms and accom- with a crooked spine, prize fighter's plishments as she may possess, and as shoulders, hollow cheeks, a twisted

Burch was one of the honsemaids. She ably cause trouble. Defects are to be fell ill and Hastings loaned her \$200 of weeded out. Any young woman observhis savings. After her recovery she ing serious faults in a feliow member is went away as a nume to a rich woman, to labor with her until such mental or moral blemishes are removed. All peru 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 steaner sex as well.

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