

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND ON THE FRENCH SITUATION.

Lecturing recently in Washington, Archbishop Ireland delivered an eloquent address on the religious situation in France.

The causes leading up to the action of the Government are many and complex. It is the old battle of the State for supremacy, not only in temporal but in spirituals, the battle which was fought by Gregory VII. against Henry V. of Germany.

It is further the march of secularism which aims at setting aside God, Christ and the Church of Christ. In their rage of secularism the name of God is no longer allowed to be pronounced by Government officials.

A series of such lectures blesses a community. All who heard will not join St. Mary's Church, but they will love God more and be more charitable and helpful to their fellowmen.

I was glad I went to hear Father Sherman. I love his name, his character and his work. May Our Heavenly Father give him many years of usefulness among us!

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he refused all worldly opportunities for wealth and renown, and became a plain, unassuming priest, a herald of the cross. To me there is a grandeur in such consecration and self-denial, surpassing the honors that may be earned in the more secular walks of life.

In address he is accurate, cultured, showing a thoroughly disciplined mind enriched with learning from the old masters and the new. He is a good speaker, clear, distinct, simple and to the point, without much unction, but not lacking in forcefulness.

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AND ALSO IF HE DOES NOT APPLY FOR SUCH FORGIVENESS TO THE PROPERLY CONSTITUTED POWER...

But our separated brethren answer, such a power God alone possesses. God alone can absolve from sin.

While it is true that it is God Who alone remits sin, because He alone can impart the interior effect, namely, grace, yet He has made His ministers the instruments for that purpose.

An excellent illustration is found in the natural law. The State confers certain powers on its officers, for instance the judges of our courts.

They represent the State, hear evidence and pronounce sentence which the State confirms when in keeping with its laws.

So with the priest, who represents God and whose sentences is confirmed in heaven. They, therefore, who despise the authority of the judge despise the authority of the state.

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AGES OF FAITH THAT THE GRANDEST CHURCHES WERE CONSTRUCTED...

and provided with vessels and ornaments of gold and silver, set with pearls and precious stones, to an extent which far surpassed the richest display of kingly and imperial magnificence.

Since the so-called Reformation the same spirit of faith and love for the Blessed Sacrament which made Catholics do wonders of generosity in behalf of their churches, while in Protestant lands the houses of worship have been shamefully neglected.

It is only since the Oxford movement revived in England an appreciation of the Blessed Eucharist that a new spirit of respect for churches has been aroused, first among Episcopalians, and gradually to some extent among others of the sects.

Pray we that they may get back the "precious Pearl," and the artistic setting will not be long delayed.

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SO CALLED DARK AGES.

President Capen of Tufts College, at his commencement, last summer, gave vent to some views regarding pre-Renaissance Europe. He said in part:

"I stand in awe under the mighty arches of a great cathedral of the Old World. I look around on a vast pile which was centuries in building, and which it would require the resources of an empire to reproduce.

My eye is caught by the delicate and grace which seemed to be the response to every tap of the workman's hammer. I say, surely the men of the olden time were not inferior to the men of to-day; and when I am reminded, too, that all this majesty and beauty were the votive offerings of faith and love, my soul is filled with humility and gratitude.

"I would not put the hands back on the dial-plate of time. I would not have the nineteenth and twentieth centuries exchange places with the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. I would not have mankind halt in its mighty march of progress. Nor would I put out of mind the marvelous offerings for learning and charity which render our age illustrious.

"But I could wish that we had something more of the religious faith, something more of the self-denying devotion, something more of the self-sacrificing love of the earlier times injected into our age, even though it might mean for all of us a simpler life and a loss of some of the products which we now reckon as a part of the wealth of the world.

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TEMPERANCE AND THE INDIVIDUAL.

"As everybody freely admits, temperance is the root of many of the evils that afflict society. It is one of the most prolific of all sources of originality. It is the origin of more abject poverty and human misery than result from all other causes combined.

If this vice could be done away with entirely, the business of the police and police courts and of charitable agencies would be reduced by one-half or more. The country would go along with a fraction of the costless and costly penal and reformatory institutions which exist as a present necessity.

There would be no need of anything like the vast number of orphanages and asylums that are now scarcely adequate to care for the neglected and unfortunate, innocent victims of the prevailing vice.

"If drunkenness were abolished, the cost of government, local and general, would be cut in two, and the sum of human wretchedness reduced to the minimum. Nobody capable of observing or thinking, denies the truth of such statements. They can not. It is only necessary to consult the fiscal budget of municipalities, State orations, examining the relation of items for providing for those thrown upon public charity, to the total cost of administration, to perceive that the chief burden of public taxes arises from the all-prevailing evil of temperance.

"Any great reform, to be effective must begin at the root. In the case of temperance no radical change can be wrought that does not touch the individual. It is not possible for each to accomplish much beyond the immediate sphere of his own individual actions, but within that limitation his will is supreme. By the salutary exercise of our power there, we may be indirectly instrumental in consummating great and far-reaching results for good. We can not, individually, abate the temptation of the family saloon as an institution, but we can certainly abolish it within the immediate field of our authority as individuals. And that much at least, is as little as ought to be expected of us, and as we ought to demand of ourselves, in furtherance of the great end in view."—Monitor.

Beauty has a distinct mission. God loves beauty, and has made the little Alpine flower to grow where none but He and the angels can see it. There is something better in life than dollars and cents and straight lines and angles and neutral colors.—D. R. Radcliff.

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BELLEVILLE'S NEW PASTOR

The announcement that Rev. D. A. Twomey to succeed the departed pastor at Tweed was met with universal satisfaction throughout the Diocese of Kingston.

Rev. Father Twomey is regarded as one of the most efficient priests in this part of Canada, and although he may have a difficult task before him he will have the consolation of knowing that he will have the assistance of a generous and devoted people who comprise the parish of St. Michael's church, Belleville.

The new pastor is a native of Ireland and has been twenty years in the priesthood. He was educated at the Grand Seminary in Montreal Cathedral in this city and about twenty years ago appointed pastor at Morrisburg by the late Archbishop Cleary and for the past five years has been the successful pastor of Tweed, where he has done great work by raising the debt on the church of that town from \$10,000 to under \$2000. It was indeed a great undertaking, but he was successful. That his efforts will be crowned with still more success in his new field of labor is the earnest prayer of the hundreds of admirers of Father Twomey throughout this country.—Kingston Freeman.

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DIocese of London.

Clerical Appointments. His Lordship the Bishop of London has appointed the eight vicars in the following parishes: Rev. Father Dantzer, administrator of the parish of Heston. Rev. Father Stroeder, administrator of the parish of Heston. Rev. Father White is attached to the Cathedral staff.

Rev. Father Goetz is assistant priest to Father West in St. Dunstons, and Rev. Father Hubert is administrator of the parish of Heston. Rev. Father Hubert is administrator of the parish of Heston. Rev. Father Hubert is administrator of the parish of Heston.

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