hard to conceive, unless this was intended as one of the many ob-jectionable features with which jectionable features with which the Bill bristled, and which simply rendered it, in the words of the Bisho all Irish primary schools which are open to pupils of different denomina-tions, a Conscience Clause is the only safeguard that parents have for the rollgious faith of their children. This Conscience Clause was one of the essential difficulties the Liberal government professed to have had with ernment processed to have had with the schools of the Irish Christian Brothers; but the fears of Mr. Jackson, the chief secretary at the time the matter came up, the time the matter came up, were set at ease by Mr. Sexton, who nced the entire willingness of the schools to work under such s se. The Conservatives without explanation took a directly opposite ick, and so completely amazed everycommenting upon the matter clared:

to advance the interests of proselytising schools, yet there can be little doubt of its officacy for that purpose.

The Irish Bishops met again on June 25th and drew up a searching criticism of the Bill. Along with the fatal omission of the Conscience Clause they pointed out (a) that the Bill only offered a capitation grant of 10 s, whereas in ordinary National schools £2, 0s, 10d, is paid per head; (b) the Bill rendered the schools entirely dependent on the Lord Lieutenant, whereas the commissioners of National Education or some responsible Board should be invested with the power; (a) the Bill extended only to places to which compulsory education applies;
(d) although the power of life and death was proposed to be placed in the hands of the Lord Lieutenant, powers overriding local representative podie overriding local representative bodies were likewise vested in the National Board. The Bill is short was bad in principle and in all its details, and Mr. Blake, on behalf of the Irish party, bas given the objectionable measure its quietus on the first available opportunity. It records another of Conservative governmen incompetency.

How Ireland Under the Union Has Been Robbed.

Complaints have frequently been heard that under the working of the Act of Union Ireland has been systematically plundered. Some three tematically plundered. Some three years ago these complaints were deemed of sufficient weight to warrant the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland. For a time the Commission was delayed and hampered, but finally it got to work and has now reported to Her Majesty. The names appended to the

relations with Great Britain until the pre-Union debts of the two countries should be brought to the same propor-tion as their respective contributions to the common expenditure. But, almost immediately, the amalgamation of the Irish and British exchequer was forced and the ground was cut out for easy plunder. Iroland has been sys-tematically taxed beyond the measure of her capacity, and up to the breaking point as the unanimous report of the commissioners shows us

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Some figures presented in the report
of Mesers Blake, Slattery and Sexton
sum up the excess of Irlsh taxation
since 1801. Ireland has been robbed
of £290,000,000. Her fair contribution to the Union ought to have been
£8,000,000 annually; £6,000,000. 23,000,000 annually; £6,000,000 have been squeezed out of her. Lord Castlereagh in proposing the Act of Union declared that "if any sacrifice be made it will not be on the part of Ireland but upon the part of Great Britain." Ireland taxed to the tune of £290,000,000 in excess of her just are represents the performance that promise.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

Daughters of Erin.

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Auxiliary No. 1, Daughters of Erin, gave an ice cream social in Temperance Hall, or Turastay evening, June 25th, the content of the cont

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Review of Reviews

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The most thorough and authentic study of William McKinled's character and career that has yet appeared in periodical literature is contributed to the July Review of Reviews by Mr. E. V. Smalley, the well-known journalist, whose intimate knownledge of Republican party politics and long acquaintance with the public men of Ohio render him peculiarly adapted for such a task. Mr. Smalley was himself born and reared on the "Western Reserve", only forty miles from McKinley's Polaud home, and he writes with full personal knowledge of the Major's early environment. The article is well illustrated.

work and has now reported to Her Majesty. The names appended to the Majesty. The names appended to the report are: The O Connor Don, Lord Farrar, Lord Welby, Hon. Edward Blake, B. W. Currie, Charles E. Martin, J. E. Redmond, Thomas Sexton and Henry F. Slattery. The report is a voluminous document, the very line of it is important, as the foremost financial and statistical authorities of the day have been examined. Summed up the report says the history of Ireland under the Union is a century of plunder. An abstract signed by all the Commissioners declares:

One—That Great Britain and Ireland must for the purpose of this inquiry be considered as separate entities.

Two—That the Act of Union imposed upon Ireland a burden which, as events showed, she was unable to bear.

Three—That the identity of rates of taxation laid upon Ireland between 1853 and 1860 was not justified by the then existing circumstances.

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Messers Blake, Slattery and Sexton have brought in assparate epotr, which not only presents the fiscal injustities of the Union in allits nakedness, but shows that the act itself was violated in no less than eight different points, all facilitating the plunder of the weaker party, the unfortunate country that had been bought and sold in the business by corrupt politicians. Ireland was entitled, for metance, under the Act of Union to a separate exchequer and a periodic revision of her financial was entitled, for metance, under the Act of Union to a separate exchequer and a periodic revision of her financial was entitl

Retreat at Loretto Abbey.

There are few ladies of the world whe would not enjoy from time to time some days of freedom and respite from the cares of daily life and the imporative demands made by society upon time and patience, days in which the out-to-demands and by society upon time and patience, days in which the out-to-world seems shut off and for the time being at least forgotten, such as these wore the days of the spiritual retreat just closed at Loretto Abbey, of which so many ladies of Torouto and even from a distance availed themselves.

Every preparation had been made, and no pains spaced by the good Ladles of Loretto to contribute to the comfort of their guests and to render the "retreat" a success and such i.D.G.) we feel it has been, judging from the numbers with from early morning until late at night filled the Abbey dispel and the spirit of recollection and ferre with which every one, seemed imbured.

Rev. Father Slovin St. H. Softens, and seldom hear any addience in Teronto islanded to work so fine for ferrid cloquence and deeper meaning that these addressed to the ladies in the four daily conferences; many wore heard to whisper on leaving the chapel; "How were short that hour has been" so deeply interested were they in the carnest impressive discourse of the reverend and Benediction of the Most Rieseard and Benediction of the Most Rieseard.

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Two Masses were daily colebrated and Benedletion of the Most Blessed Sacrament closed each day, the tasteful decorations of flowers and lights upon the altar aided by the sweet singing of the choir, added much to the general devotion.

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The 'retreat' closed on Monday morning with the Holy Mass at which all the ladies received Holy Communion. The Roverond Father gave a short parting exhortation impressing still more forciby the maxims so often inculcated during the exercises, commonding the fervor and generality towards God so observable during the days of silence and compunction, adding again the warning of our Divine Lord to His chosen ones "Watch and pray" closing with the oft repeated admonition, so salutary for those whom worldly cares absorb "Earth is but our foot shol Heaven our home."

those whom words, when the heaven our home."

Mass ended with the Papal Benediction to which is attached a plenary Indulgence for all who follow the oxercises. Those who had availed them selves of these days of grace expressed entire satisfaction, the only regret of most being that they were all too short, and "those of the world west beack to the world" losthe to leave the quick and solitude and silence which even in so short a space had grown dear, bearing away a store of grace and strength to fortify them for the year to come and to prepare them for the inevitable oternity upon which these days will have so mighty an influence.

Presentation Italy.

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Freemasonry in Italy.

Signor Ernesto Nathan, having been elected Grand Master or Grand Orient (the terms seem to be convertible in a circular letter to his adherent It is not clear whether the subsection of the convertible in a circular letter to his adherent It is not clear whether the subsection of the supremacy of the Italian branch of Ita

St. Paul's School.

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The annual closing concert of St. Paul's School was given last Tuesday in the hall. Power st. There was an unusually large attendance: all the available space being cocupied. The children presented a most pleasing programme; the literary and musical unusually large attendance: all the available space being rendered by the space being rendered by the space of t showing voi good time. furnished t Rigney. St. Mary's Catholic Truth Society.

St. Mary's Catholic Truth Society.
St. Mary's Branch of the Catholic Truth Society held a successful regular meeting in the Bathurst street Hall on Monday ovening. Reports describing the activity of the various committees were read. A programme of music, songs and recitations was presented, and the feature of the ovening was a lecture by Rov. Father Slovin, S.J. of New Orleans, T. D. folioin, S.J. of New Orleans, Res. Father Minchan, Rov. Eather E. Walsh, Rov. Father Wim. McCann, Rev. Father Kolly, Mr. J. J. Murphy, Mr. D. Deloo. Refreshment, weee served during the entertainment.

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Wintersers.—At his mother's residence, 113 and Street, Toronto, on Monday, July 6th, Arthur Winterherry, aged 26 years . minterverry, aged 29 years Functed on Wednesday morning, Jul 8th at 9 clock, to 5t Michael semetery. May his soul rest in peace,

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