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REMOVE THIS SHAME!

The pitiful case of the pauper lunatics of Ontario who are incarcerated in the common jails, has been so often stated that there may be a danger of its monotonous repetition deadening the public ear.

Can it be possible that the public realize the depth of the shame and scandal of it all? Mrs. Truman's personal knowledge is only of the Toronto Jail, and even there some slight relief was lately afforded by the removal of some of the unfortunate to asylums.

Such horror might wring tears from stones. Imagine a young girl, who has led an obscure life, deeply religious, and not robust in body.

But why imagine this? It is all too true. Such a girl, whose poor wandering mind kept turning to God to her dying hour, was confined for five years in Toronto Jail — and died there, attended exactly as has been stated.

There are several young women among the ten females now in the foul pen. One has been kept already for five years. There is no call upon the imagination here. The truth is terrible beyond either expression or imagination.

In the jail are also twenty male lunatics. These poor creatures are corralled together like beasts in a byre. We do not wish to dwell upon it.

The object of this article, is to make another direct appeal to Hon. Mr. Stratton, Provincial Secretary. The Register is aware that Mr. Stratton is the first Cabinet Minister in the history of Ontario who has faced, and in a measure reformed, the condition of the pauper lunatics.

It must not be forgotten, however, that in leaving his millions to Oxford Cecil Rhodes enriches a University where Catholics stand upon a perfect equality with the Protestant denominations.

All three dreamed of an Anglo-Turk power shadowing the world. Mr. Stead, more eager and enthusiastic than the other, pushed his prophesies to what he regarded as their logical conclusion. He believed that Britain would soon become a mere dependency of America, and that the centre of the whole world's civilization would be found on this continent.

The South African war disturbed the dreams of this trio. Rhodes with his concrete political philosophy saw in the Dutch colonists of South Africa an element that might disturb the smooth development of British Imperialism which he desired to keep abreast of the rapidly increasing strength of the United States.

The mystery of Rhodes will is now cleared up. He leaves a sum of \$10,000,000 for scholarships in Oxford to benefit exclusively the states of the American Union. He provides for the establishment of fifteen German scholarships, and leaves a comparatively trifling sum for British colonial scholarships.

It is idle to speculate. The one reality of the bequest is the belief of Mr. Rhodes that education is the most powerful instrument of human power whether personal or political.

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In regard to Catholic influence in university education it would appear that but slow progress has been made during the latter half of the 19th century. There is in this fact a deep lesson for every reflecting mind in the Province of Ontario.

Well, Catholics have grown more keenly alive to their duty in this regard. Their political and social influence has advanced, perhaps, only in proportion to the sacrifices they were prepared to make for education.

Leading Catholics in the City of Toronto will now declare as the Bishop of Kingston did in 1847 that Ontario Catholics are represented in public life and in the places of honor and emolument in the state, according to the measure of Catholic educational influence.

The Register is the first journal in Canada to publish a report of General Sir William Butler's lecture on Cromwell, delivered before a distinguished audience that crowded the Society of Arts building, in London.

Ex-Ald. N. L. Steiner, of this city, president of the German Benevolent Society has been appointed to represent the Department of Interior for the benefit of foreign immigrants.

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The communication addressed to us by Mr. W. F. Mogan is of sufficient intrinsic interest to secure insertion in The Register or any other Catholic journal, but in all frankness and good nature we must deny that our article on the C. M. B. A. carried or implied any inference against other Catholic insurance societies.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

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The death of Earl Kimberley is announced. He was a liberal leader in the Lords, and a faithful party man. He will be succeeded by Lord Spencer, than whom no Englishman of the hour is stronger in liberal principles.

A former Toronto clergyman addressed Andrew Carnegie in New York last Monday as "a philanthropist." Doctors at once examined the Canadian eulogist and decided that his trouble was acute mania.

If it be true that the impending British budget will lay an import duty on timber, Canadians will at once find themselves taxed for the war. Lumber is now very dear, and a British import duty would be seized upon as an excuse for running the price up higher still.

The elevation of Sir John Day to the membership of the English Privy Council on his retirement from the Bench raises the number of Catholics on that body to ten, the other nine consisting of the Duke of Norfolk, Lords Ripon, Kenmare, Llandaff, and Brampton, Lord Chief Baron Pilles, Lord Justice Mathew, Sir Nicholas O'Connor and Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The Propaganda of Rome has just compiled the yearly statistics of Catholic foreign missionaries who have died throughout the world during the year 1900. The list includes 171 missionaries, of whom 9 are Bishops.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, who is a hard-headed Liberal, in a speech last week at Leeds, made the following striking reference to Ireland: "Efforts are now being made to prove that the Irish are disloyal. Well, those people may save their tongues or their pen and ink, because I will make them a present of the fact that the great majority of the Irish people are disloyal, and I say, from my own point of view, that I do not see why they should not be disloyal."

A communication to the English Press Association of three Anglican Bishops urging that prayers be offered for peace in South Africa derives some significance from the fact that each of the three Bishops—the Bishops of London, St. Albans, and Rochester—all owe their elevation to the Episcopal Bench to Lord Salisbury, and that two of them are very intimately associated indeed with the Cabinet.

Last week the persecutors of the religious orders in France met with two serious checks in the campaign which they have inaugurated. To the joy of the good people of St. Etienne, especially of the men and women of the working class, the Little Sisters of the Assumption were acquitted of the charges brought against them by the magistrates appointed to try them.

At Die a number of former Fathers of the Assumption were prosecuted for teaching, although they had been regularly secularized, it was sought to hold that they still belonged to a "dissolved congregation," and that as such they were amenable to the pains and penalties of the statute.

The London Speaker, which was the personal organ of the late Mr. Gladstone, and is to-day the leading voice among the Liberal weeklies, has a telling reference to the incident between Mr. Dillon and Mr. Chamberlain. It reproduces an extract from "Hansard" showing how in the session of 1900 Mr. Gully, then and now Speaker of the House of Commons, ordered Mr. Swift MacNeill to withdraw the expression that Mr. Chamberlain was "an expert in honor." Commenting upon the consist-

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cy of the two rulings The Speaker says "It is surely obvious that calling a man an expert in honor is equivalent to accusing him of dishonor, calling a man a good judge of treachery is equivalent to accusing him of treachery. Everyone will regret what must have been a mere slip on the part of Mr. Speaker Gully, because of all the traditions of Parliament there is none of which the House of Commons should be more jealous than the tradition that a private member is just as much entitled as the most powerful Minister to protection from insult. And this tradition it is particularly important to maintain at a time when the chief debater of the Government relies so conspicuously on 'methods of terrorism.'"

AN APRIL MORNING This morning when I woke I heard The low, sweet chatter of a bird Beside my window, where so long I've missed the music of the song That filled last summer with delight, and saw a sudden, arrowy flight— A flash of blue that soars and sings— A bit of heaven itself on wings. "The blue-bird has come back!" I cried, And flung the window open wide. I leaned across the mossy sill, And heard the laughing little rill That comes but once a year, and stays Through the brief round of April days. Then, when its banks with bloom are bright, It seems to vanish in a night. The old spring gladness filled the air, I breathed it, felt it everywhere. Very blue the sky was and a tint Of color that was but a hint Of "green things growing" greeted me Along the willows by the lea, And I could feel, and almost hear, The quickened pulses of the year. A warm south wind that seemed a draught Of wine the sweetest ever quaffed Blew round me, bringing balmy smells That made me dream of pimpernels, And arbutus blooms in pinewood nooks, And gay wale-robins by the brooks, And I was happy as the bird Whose heart with spring's swift joy was stirred. —Eben E. Rexford, in Home and Flowers

Fling forth the Banner of Erin, This glad St. Patrick's Day, With thrilling messages freighted From kindred far away. By misty glen and mountain Round tower and broken fane Fair Banbha' of the Rivers Shall greet her own again.

Fling forth the Banner of Erin, A glorious sight to see; It blazed above Tyr-Owen At Beal-an-atha-buidhe! At Ross and crimson Oulart The stormy Pikenens cheer Its Em'rald folds made tremble And filled the foe with fear.

Fling forth the Banner of Erin, And while it flutters on high For Faith and Holy Ireland We vow to live and die. The waiting Nations watch us, Our proud resolve to know— Fling out old Erin's Banner To greet the Sunburst's glow!

"Dan ba-of-the Streams" an ancient poetic name for Ireland. Pron.—Beel-an-aha-bwoc.—i. e. The mouth of the yellow ford where The O'Neill of Ulster gained a great victory.

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REV. JOHN TALBOT SMITH IN LONDON.

London, April 8.—Rev. John Talbot Smith's lecture in St. Peter's Cathedral, in aid of the poor was very largely attended, and the collection was very generous. A splendid musical service was given. Among those taking part, and who distinguished themselves being Miss Rose Coles, Mrs. John C. Trager, Wilfrid Traher, W. P. Reynolds, Mrs. John Pocock and Hubert G. Traber, organist.

A STATUE OF THE B. V. M. A colossal statue of the Blessed Virgin sculptured by M. Godebski, who accepts no payment from the subscribers for his work, is to be placed at the point on the Breton coast nearest to the place where Sir Donald Currie's Cape liner, the Drummond Castle, went down six years since. The subscribers, who include many prominent Catholic ladies and gentlemen in Paris and Brittany, have only to find the money for the conveyance to the coast near Ulubat Island of the statue, and its installation there.

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