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"CHRISTIANUS MIHI NOMEN EST, CATHOLICUS VERO COGNOMEN."-"CHRISTIAN IS MY NAME, BUT CATHOLIC MY SURNAME."-St. Pacian, 4th Century.

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# THE POWER OF THE CHURCH.

## Ireland's Catholicity.

POWERFUL DISCOURSE BY CARDINAL MORAN.

An illuminated address was presented on Easter Sunday to Cardinal Moran in the Catholic Bible Hall, William street, Syd-ney, by the members of the Australian Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society. The discourse by his Eminence, in responding

ney, by the members of the Australian Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society. The discourse by his Eminence, in responding to the presentation, is considered to have been, from an oratorical point of view, the best, and most effective that he has delivered in Sydney. The Cardinal, after acknowledging the enthusiastic applause with which his rising to address the assemblage was greeted, said :--Gentlemen of the Hibernian Soci-ety-I rejoice to be amongst you this afternoon, devoted as you are to works of beneficence and religion, and it affords me sincerest pleasure to receive from you this beautiful address expressive of fillal affec-tion and replete with sentiments every way worthy of your society (applause). At the present day, an immense energy is displayed throughout the world in work-ing out schemes of pleasure or industry, or commerce by thousands of associations or commerce by thousands of associations and societies and syndicates, with every variety of means and every variety of purpose. The Church rejoices when she, too, sees her sons linked together in haltoo, sees her sons linked together in hal-lowed associations, not wasting their ener-gies in mere trifles of the passing hour, nor restricting them to purposes which cannot rise above this earth, but in a spirit of Christian philanthrophy directing them to the highest aims, purified, elevated, ennobled and sanctified by religion (applause). Such is your Catholic Hiber-nian Society, and by continuing lowal to (applause). Such is your Catholic Hiber-nian Society, and by continuing loyal to the spirit of its rules you will very soon find by experience, that it will have con-tributed not a little to bring manifold blessings to your families, and to make yourselves such as the Church wishes you to be, thoroughly religious, honest, intelli-gent, earnest, and practical Christian men (applause). Your society is Catholic (applause). Your society is Catholic (applause). Your society is Catholic darkness and purified the world's cor-ruption. She alone has preserved to man the blessings and consolations and strengthening graces of the Christian re-ligion, and she has covered the earth with the fruits of civilization, learning, and the fruits of civilization, learning, and holiness (applause). Be not ashamed of the Catholic Church. She is the watchful guardian of the inspired writings. Every inquiring mind to day must repeat what St. Augustine said of old, "If I receive the Gospels of Christ it is through the authoritative teaching of the Catholic fulfills the prophet's words: "From the rising of the sun to the going down my name is great among the nations, and in every place there is sacrifice, and there is offered to my name a clean oblistion for offered to my name a clean oblation, for my name is great among the nations, saith the Lord of Hosts" (applause). Amiu the shifting scence of empires and nations which the history of this world presents, she stands resplendent by her faith and works (applause). Her devoted sons have never ceased to rank among the foremost in every ennobling pursuit of charity or science. In her pure atmos-phere the truths of philosophy and the charity or science. In her pure atmos-phere the truths of philosophy and the discoveries of the human mind have been preserved incorruptible and unshaken (applause). If science and letters and the fine arts adorn the world to day, the world is indebted for it to the Catholic Church. All the great languages of civilized nations have been matured under her fostering care; the French with ance are restering care; the French with its grace and delicacy; the Italian with its softness and sweetnes; the Spanish, with its stern dignity; the English and Ger-man, with their strength and riches (appleum 1) The Cithelic Cither of the State h their strength and riches ) The Catholic Church is "the (app) (applause.) The Catholic Church is "the city of the great King" (Parlms 47). Around her divinely strengthened bul-warks the powers and the passions of this world have ever surged in vain. Wicked men, with words of blasphemy upon their lips, and with the hatred begotten of apostacy in their hearts, have never ceased to device vain things against her; but He Who sitteth in the Heavens hath mocked them and the promise made by God has who sitted in the Heavens hath mocked them and the promise made by God has been fulfilled in her (great applause). "No weapon forged against Thee shall pros-per; and every tongue that resistent Thee in judgment, Thou shalt condemn" (Ish. in judgment, Thou shalt condemn" (Ish, 54). It was said of old that nothing greater, nothing wiser, nothing more glori-ous than imperial Rome had ever risen upon earth; and yet, like all other human things, Rome, with the accumulated glories of ancient civilization, was swept away; and so complete was its destruction that for a time the very ruins of the capital of the pagan world were absolutely deserted: \_Quenched is the golden statue's ray:

from God, and it is her destiny to lead men to God. She is not identified with any form of human Government. She witnesses the growth and decay of empires and kingdoms and republics; and amid all their changes and viciseitudes she re-mains unchanged. With all the boasted progress of science in modern times and the advancement of learning and the defying of material power, is the Church broken down or weakened, or decaying ? No ! Never did she stand before the world arrayed in greater moral dignity than at the present time-(cheers)-and never was it more manifest that every discovery in the pursuit of truth can only than at the present time-(cheers)-and never was it more manifest that every discovery in the pursuit of truth can only serve to add radiance to her earthly crown, vigor to her strength, beauty to her comeliness (menewed cheering). Be not ashamed of the Catholic Church (cheers). She alone displays to the world that peerless unity with which Christ en-dowed His Church. Her children are not tossed about by every wind of false doctrine. They hold the same doctrines of Divine Faith, and obey the same spiritual authority on the Rocky Moun-tains and in Vienna, in London and in Rome, in the depths of China and in Sydney (applause). Like the sun in the firmament, she diffuses throughout the world the same rays of Divine Truth, and imparts the blessings of Heaven to all who are gathered within her fold. She alone has been clothed with holiness, as with the golden garment of her betrothal by her Divine spouse. All the saints have been her children. Within her wide domain the heavenly waters of charity and mercy have never ceased to flow (applause). Those who are outside her fold dig for themselves cisterns; but they are broken themselves cisterns; but they are broken cisterns that cannot contain the life giving themselves cisterns; but they are broken cisterns that cannot contain the life giving waters of redemption. She alone leads us i back to the Apostolic age and unites the faithful of to-day with the Rock of Peter, upon which our Blessed Lord built His Church (applause). For more than 1800 years her Pontiff, teaching with an authority derived not only from earth, but from Heaven, fearlessly rebuking a sinful world and inheriting the spiritual power and privileges of the Vicar of Christ (cheers). She saw the commencement of all the Governments and sects that now exist in the world. She shall see the end of them all (cheers). She was great and respected before the Saxon had set foot in Britain. She will be found flourishing in undiminishing vigor when the sun shall have set on this greatest of the world's truly Catholic. Armed with a divine commission, she teaches all nations. commission, she teaches all nations. She goes forth "into the whole world commission, she teaches all nations. I She goes forth "into the whole world and preaches the Gospel" to every tribe and every tongue. The sun never sets i on her widespread spiritual dominion. She is literally everywhere (applause). At the present day she numbers more than 200 000,000, who receive the lessons of Divine Truth from her lips (cheers). You will meet with her, not only in every civilized land, but at the remotest sources of the Amazon, the Mississippi and the St. Lawrence, among the most savage tribes of South America, on the borders of the Caspian Sea, in the forests of India, on the burning sands of Africa in Siberia and China and Japan, everywhere you will meet with her, everywhere leading souls to God, everywhere bearing, imprinted upon her hallowed brow, the seal of Heaven as the bride of the Lamb (pro-longed cheering). Your society is Catho-lic, and I have told you not to be ashamed of the Catholic Church (applause). But, again, your society is Hibernian, and I must add be not ashamed of Ireland (great cheering). The land of the west is fair, indeed, among the nations. Nature, cheering). The land of the west is fair, indeed, among the nations. Nature, spreading out her richest gifts with no stinted hand, has given to her noble har-bors, majestic rivers, a genial soil. Erin's hills are green, the fields luxuriant, her climate mild. Her people are wise, her daughters are her pride, her sons are brave. Her music, so sad and yet so sweet Her music, so sad and yet so sweet, breathes a melody peculiarly its own. Love of country is the birthright of her children; a patriotism which time cannot chill and which seems only to gain strength by distance from the land which they love (enthusiastic cheer-ing.) Be not ashamed of Ireland (cheers). to gain strength by distance from the land which they love (enthusiastic cheer-ing.) Be not ashamed of Ireland (cheers). In the history of the Church there is per-haps no picture more beautiful than that which Ireland's early ages present. Her echools, her sanctuarise, her monasteries were the pride of Europe, the joy of Christendom. Pure as the refreshing water of her holy wells was the faith of the Christian life of her children (applause). The prophetic words of Isaias were fulfilled in her—"The land that was desolate and impassable was glad, and the wilderness rejoiced and flourished like the lily ; then did it bud forth and blossom and rejoice with joy and praise" (cheers). Her sons went forth with a hero-ism which has never been surpassed to renew in the fairest countries of Europe that Christian civilization which had been swept away by the barbarian invasions as by the tempests of a raging sea (applause.) a that Christian civilization which had been swept away by the barbarian invasions as I by the tempests of a raging sea (applause.) If the ruthlees barbarian was changed into a Christian man, if the foundations were I laid of that grand civilization which for the centuries diffused over the fairest regions of Europe the bleesings of peace and piety. of true charity and religion, it was mainly the work of Irishmen (applause). Their many and France, throughout Belgium and Switzerland (applause.) Churches enshrine their relice on the banks of the Danube and the Rhine. Pilgrims flock to their sanctuaries in the depths of the Black Forest and in the silent recesses of the Alps. Even the slopes of the Apen-nines and the olive-groves of Toronto, and the vine-clad hills of Florence resound to the praises of the sainted i missionaries from Erin (cheers). Nor was the sister island less indebted to her heroic sons. When the natives of Caledonia were as yet unelightened by the rays of divine faith, it was St. Columba and his brother missionaries that gave them the rudiments of Christian civilization. (Hear, i hear.). When the Saxons fell away from the teaching of St. Augustine, of Canter-

bury, it was Aidan and his associates from the Island of Ssints that renewed amongst them the light and life of the Divine truth and grace. (Applause). Centuries rolled on. Lawless bands of sea faring, mail clad marauders overran England and a great part of Northern Europe. They failed to conquer Ireland, for her sons have ever proved themselves as brave in the battle field as they were heroic in their piety. (Great applause). Again, for three centuries heresy left nothing undone to crush out the religious ballef of her people. This was indeed a season of dreary winter, a blighting and withering winter, a winter of tears. And yet the faith did not die out. Other nations more favored with the wealth and power of this world, bent before the storm. But in Ireland it was not so. (Applause). The same hero-ism that guarded her shores against the Dance guarded the hearts of her children against the assaults of heresy. The more violently the temptets raged, the deeper did the sacred tree of divine faith strike its roots in the affections of her sons, and Erin won from Christendom a peerless aureola as the martyr nation of Holy Church. (Applause). Be not ashamed of Ireland (Cheers). The winter is already aureola as the martyr nation of Holy Church. (Applause). Be not ashamed of Ireland (Cheers). The winter is already passed, the springtime is come—(immense cheering)—the sunshine and the smile of summer is already upon the green fields of Erin. (Renewed cheering). Address-ing you on this great Easter festival, may I not recall to mind that our Divine Lord bay three days antombed in the complete lay three days entombed in the sepulchre lay three days entombed in the sepulchre and rose again glorious and immortal. So does the Church of Christ, after being hidden in the recesses of the bogs and mountains of Ireland for three centuries, mountains of Ireland for three centuries, come forth in our days renewed in life and vigor and arrayed in the comeliness of her early years to partake of the glory and triumph of the resurrection. (Cheers). This glorious victory is given to Ireland to reward the fidelity of her people. Look through the annals of the Church. You will find no other people more truly Christian, more truly Catholic. Amid every trial their fidelity to religion has been inviolate and unstained. Her in-heritance of sorrow only serves to enhance the merit of her spiritual trithe merit of borrow only serves to enhance the merit of her spiritual tri-umphs. But if bright and peerless is this aureola of Ireland's faith to-day, we must never forget that we are indebted for it to the heroism with which our fathers sustained the unparal-leled sorrows and sufferings of a prolonged martyrdom. (Cheers.) But it is not the Church alone in Ireland that has arisen from the tomb. Her national spirit, too, has been revived—(cheers)—and Ireland stands before the nations of Christendom to day arrayed in a moral force sgainst which the enemies of justice struggle in vain, and asserting her national rights in the calm dispassionate accents of freedom, and demanding constitutional independ-ence as her inalienable birthright (great ence as her inalienable birthright (great cheering). At no distant day the great statesman who now holds the helm of the Empire will, by granting this legislative independence, add another to the unfad-ing laurels which he has already won in dealing justice to the Irish people-(cheers)—and this legislative freedom will be the crowning triumph of the peaceful struggle for justice which Ire-land's sons, through good report and evil report, have carried on for centuries (pro-longed cheering). We hall with joy the

longed cheering). We hall with joy the rising sun of this new era of prosperity and peace; its rays shall soon bathe with glory the emerald gem of the western world—(cheers). And here I may be permitted to adopt the words with which the immortal leader of the Irish people the immortal leader of the Irish people-O'Connell-congratulated his countrymen on their first great victory of emancipa-tion: "The men of Erin know that the only basis of liberty is religion. They have triumphed because the voice they raised on behalf of their country had first raised itself in prayer to God. Songs of liberty may now make themselves heard through-out our country, whose sound will travel through hill and valley with a voice of thunder, and be wafted along the course of the rivers and streams proclaiming far and wide that Ireland at length is free" (great cheering). Go on, then, gentlemen; pursue with courage, and purseverance, pursue with courage, and perseverance and earnestness the course of beneficence on which you have entered. Let religion and virtue guide your steps (applause). Fear not those enemies who, here as in Fear not those enemies who, here as in the home countries, persistently hesp obloquy on everything that is just, and honorable, and good. Combat them only by the weapons of forbearance and charity -(applause)-for the golden words of St. John Chrysostom should never be forgot-ten, "Christians are not to overthrow error by the use of violence, or constraint, but by perseverance, instruction, love, and charity" (enthusiastic cheering).

# JUSTIN M'CARTHY'S LETTER.

THE WRITER PREDICTS HUGE TROUBLE FOR THE TORIES.

FOR THE TORIES. London, July 17, Justin McCarthy's weekly review of the political situation is as follows: The campaign is over to all intents and purposes. The battle has been fought and we are not victor-ious. At least the Radicals under Cladence are not victoring the has been fought and we are not victor-ious. At least the Radicals under Gladstone are not victorious; and the cause of Home Rule has had its victory put off. There are a few elections still to be decided, one taking place this day in which I feel a deep personal and polit-ical interest, that of William O'Brien in South Tyrone. The result will not be known at the time of sending this letter. If O'Brien wins the Irish party will come back in number exactly the same as be-fore. The success of Sexton in West back in number exactly the same as be-fore. The success of Sexton in West Belfast makes up for the seat lost in South Derry, where Healy is for the moment displaced. We have already lodged a petition in the case of Derry city where I claim at sea on the ground that several votes were allowed by the Peturping officer in cases where

Returning officer in cases where PERSONATION CAN BR PROVED DISTINCTLY. Personation CAN BR PROVED District Pri-I have strong hopes that the petition may succeed. The majority against me was so small, only three, that a few errors of judgment on the part of the Returning-officer would be enough to convert that officer would be enough to convert that small Orange majority into a small Nationalist majority. In that event we may have added one to our number, and that is about all that in any case we could well expect to do, seeing that we have captured every seat where it was within human possibility that a Nationalist could win under the present conditions. We have done our part, and therefore the reproach of failure is not with us Glad-stone is overthrown. The condition of things is very curious. The Conservatives and "Liberal Unionist," as they are called, combined, have a large majority over combined, have a large majority over the Gladstonians and Nationalists combined. The Conservatives have some 318, the Unionists 74, these combining would make 392 or thereabout. Then the Glad-tonian have about 190 and the Nationalists will bring 86, combined 276. When the Conservatives and Unionists combine they will have about 393 or 394, against the 276 Gladstonians and Nationalists. But the Conservatives have not a major-ity of their own, and will have to trust altogether to combination with the Unionist, and be it remembered there is only one woint of construct and sentences. only one point of contract and combina-tion, and that is the question of Glad-stone's Home Rule Bill. It is

NOT THE QUESTION OF HOME RULE, for the Unionists all say they are for som measure of Home Rule, only not Glad-stone's measure. The Unionists will not stone's measure. The Unionists will not as a party accept coercion, they will not as a party declare sgainst Home Rule. Moreover many Unionists will be very anxious to come into office as son as pos-sible, and they cannot come into office with Lord Salisbury. No doubt Salisbury will try to induce Hartington to join him in making an Administration, but until I ace Hartington's nume officially aunoursed see Hartington's name officially announced as one of such an Administration I shall never be brought to believe he will take any part in it. For Chamberlain to take office under Salisbury would, of course, be absolutely out of the question, even if Salisbury were in the least degree inclined to make an offer of such a kind to the Birminghem Pasifiel. We able the here Birmingham Radical. We shall then have the Conservatives once again

IN OFFICE BUT NOT IN POWER. Such has been their fate often before, such will be their fate now. What then will happen ? People say that Gladstone will retire from Parliamentary iife alto-gether, or at all events from the leader ship of the party. I do not believe he will do anything for the present, I be-lieve that is certain. Sir Andrew Clarke, Gladstone's physician, is of the opinion that Gladstone's physique is perfectly sound, and that he has years of good work in him yet. Gladstone is not a man likely to there used work in him yet. Gladstone is not a man likely to throw up the sponge in such a cause as that he has lately adopted. On the contrary every word he has spoken, every letter he has written during the closing days of this contest, and they have been many words and many letters, only testify in the growing intensity of his conviction and his feelings. He will then. I trust and his feelings. He will then, I trust and feel confident, continue to lead such and rest connect, continue to lead such a Liberal party as still rallies under his flag. The Salisbury Government will soon find the misery, the ignominy, of striving to conduct affairs in the House of Commons without an absolute majority. I well remember the keen humour with which Directl once described the condiwhich Disraell once described the condition of Tory leaders put in such a plight. They will soon find out that there is little use in relying upon their Liberal Union-ists allies. Many Liberal Unionists are already ANXIOUS TO FALL INTO LINE again with the bulk of the Liberal party. If the Tory leaders have a grain of com-mon sense they will set to work at once to educate the party up to the level of Home Rule, Lord Carnarvon said last Notice Rule, Lord Carnaryon said last winter they could have done this if they only had three months more for the work of education. Now they have plenty of time if they only use it wisely. Having come into office as the determined opponcome into office as the determined oppon-ents of Home Rule the Tory leaders will speedily set their wits to work to find how they can manage to reconcile real Home Rule with professed Tory-ism, after all it is very much a matter of phrases and catchword. I came over in a steamer from Dublin the other night with a Tory member of the House of Commons, who is also a mem-ber of one of the great governing famil-ies who claim half of the Tory Cabinet to themselves. "Of course your party 

Correspondence of the Record. DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

VISIT OF BISHOP CARBERY TO CARLSRUHE St. Francis Xavier's Church, Carls-ruhe, was on Monday, 12th inst., visited by His Lordship, the Right Rev. Dr. Carbery, accompanied by Rev. Father Heenan, Vicar General, for the purpose of administering Confirmation to those of administering Confirmation to those prepared to receive that sacrament. The Rev. Dean Laussie, of Walkerton, and the Rev. Dr. Elena, of Formosa, were also present and assisted at the cere-mony. After His Lordship's entrance into the church, he gave Benedic-tion of the Blessed Sacrament, and pro-ceeded to examine the candidates as to their knowledge of their religion. High Mass was then sung by the Pastor, high Mass was then sung by the Pastor, the Rev. Father Rasserts, after which His Lordship spoke to the people as to the reasons of his visit to the parish, expressing his satisfaction at the condi tion of things in general, and paying a graceful tribute to the pastor and people for the beautiful church they had erected to the glory of God and His holy religion. The Sacrament of Conholy religion. The Sacrament of Con-firmation was then administered to about twenty-five young persons, who, His Lordship was pleased to say, were well grounded in their religious know-ledge, showing the care with which their back the dependence of the triangle to the same triang pastor had prepared them to receive this strength giving sacrament. About five p. m. His Lordship departed for Deemerton, to the parish of the Rev. Father Brohman.

The midsummer examination of the Carlsruhe school was held on the 30th of June, and the trustees, visitors and many of the friends of the pupils atten-ded and showed much interest in the school work, all expressing themselves well satisfied with the result of the examination. Mr. McArthur, who has taught in this place during the last seven and a half years, has a heavy school, the average attendance during the last half year being seventy ; but the condition of the school is healthy, and good progress is being made by the pupils. The midsummer examination of the pupils

pupils. On the 3rd of July a general holiday was given, in which old and young shared and which took the nature of a picnic. The Midmay Brass Band led the way to the grove of Mr. Rossel, followed by the children in procession, and these again by the parents and friends. On arriving at the grounds a summition and these the the grounds a sumptuous repast was found to have been prepared by the ladies of the section and all partook with a relish

After dinner a musical programme of considerable length was carried out by the members of the Band, and several young ladies of the section on the organ. Rev. F. A. Rasserts delivered a lecture on the relation of neverate and treatments

on the relation of parents and teachers to the youth intrusted to their care. The to the youth intrusted to their care. The rev. gentleman handled his subject in his usual masterly manner, and on re-tiring was loudly applauded. On the conclusion of this first part, the children competed for prizes in running, jumping, etc., and the little folks were as eager in their effects for another of others. their efforts for success as those of older years. The look of satisfaction on their youthful faces was a sufficient reward for those who had contributed to their muscent amusement. Between 900 and 1000 persons visited

the grounds during the day, and every one seemed well satisfied with the day's proceedings, and especially will the pupils of the Carlsruhe school long

during this election control, that Ireland is a nation "singularly free from crime, that the purity and virtures of the Irish women is the most perfect in the world, that her battle for Home Rule or politithat her battle for Home Rule or politi-cal autonomy is just, that no country could be more free from crime during a similar revolutionary aguation than Ire-land has been, and that what crime has taken place is due to the social system enforced on her by England." What a triumph, what a violication of Ireland from the lips of her enemies? Earl Spencer, who imprisoned 1 200 of the crean of Irish society in six months, now speaking on behalf of England, pro-claims in a voice that the structure.

claims in a voice that reas throughout claims in a voice that cu'pa. the world, mea cu'pa, mea cu'pa. H: ME RULER.

### DEATH OF MISS ELSIE EDITH BIRRELL.

On the 14th instant Elsie Elith Birrell died at the residence of her parents in this city. She was the only daughter of George and Alice Birrell and at the time of her death was in hersicht. her death was in her eighteenth year. She had been ill for a lengthem d period with a pulmonary complaint and the best medi-cal skill was employed to combat the dis-ease. Change of climate was also resorted to; but all to no purpose. Death came and claimed her as his own. The decree had arrived; human agency could not save the beloved one and restore her to those who m she loved and who loved her in return so fondly. She was always a bright, promising child, full of talent, the joy of the household and the beloved of her acquaintnees. A sunny future was spread ont her death was in her eighteenth year. She A sunny future was spread out before her-a world of good works were awaiting her fair hands and willwere awaiting her fair hands and whi-ing warm heart. Sweet charity has suffered a grievous loss, and no one can tell how many kindly deeds to the poor and lowly will now remain undone. But tell now many kindly deeds to the poor and lowly will now remain undone. But God's designs are always best and always holy. He has taken her to himself. What had been a joy on earth is now a joy in heaven, and from the blue vaults above—wherein she will spend countless days of blessed and innumer-able delights—where the innocest and able delights-where the innoceot and able delights-where the innoceot and the pure receive a crown of immortal glory from the hands of a loving Saviour-she will look with tender long-ing on the loved ones on carth, and anxiously await a happy reunion in that abode of glory where grief and sor-row never enter. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Birrell our sincere and heart-felt symmathy in their dir efficient and felt sympathy in their dire affliction, and trust the prospect of another meeting and a greeting in the hereafter with the beloved child who is now no more will assuage their grief and afford consolation

A Miracle at Lourdes.

to their aching hearts.

One miracle was wrought on a young American aged twenty-four. He was suf-fering from chronic and mortal derangement of all digestive organs. He was a mere skeleton, and looked at death's door. He was a He was wheeled in a sick chair in front of the rails before the Grotto, with one or two more, for eight o'clock Mass. He re-ceived Holy Communion, and suck back in his chair. Presently the second Mass of thanksgiving begun, when he was per-ceived to collapse. His vyes turned up, and he appeared actually dying. A priest rushed off for the Holy O.J, and ran back with them. He was there and then He was wheeled in a sick chair in front of with them. He was there and then anointed and received the Last Blessing.

Quenched is the golden statue's ray: The breath of Heaven hath ewep: away What toiling earth hath piled; Scattering wise heart and orafly hand As breezes strew an ocean's stread, The fabrics of a child.

The fabrics of a child. Amid the universal shipwreck the Cath-olic Church remained unharmed. She continued to be an ark of salvation, not for the conquered only, but also for the conquerors (enthusiastic applause.) Every human society contains within itself the seed of corruption and the germ of ultim-ate decay. The Catholic Church alone has the seal of immortality upon her brow (cheare). A special Providence ever guides her in her course. She has come

# LORETTO CONVENT, LINDSAY.

At the close of the scholastic year a At the close of the scholastic year at Loretto Convent, Lindsay, two handsome medals and pins combined were presented for general proficiency, the gifts of the late Right Rev. Bishop Jamot, of Peter-borough, and the Ladies of Loretto, Lind-say. Miss Teress Stafford, of Almonte, (niece of the late Rev. Father Stafford, of Lindsay), and Miss Hannah O'Connor, of Lindsay, were the happy recipients.

MOUNT HOPE PIC-NIC.

The following persons won the three prizes for which tickets were sold at the late pic-nic in aid of Mount Hope Orphan Asylum, namely : Music box, M. Mul-rooney; silver water pitcher, Miss Lizzie O'Meara; gold watch, E. Morkin, The prizes may be obtained from Father Dunphy on presentation of the tickets.

nember the school picnic of 1886.

# IRELAND VINDICATED.

To the Editor of the Catholic Record.

Sir,-It is a subject of much reflection at the present time that Ireland, a country almost insignificant in a territorial point almost insignificant in a territorial point of view, without commerce, without wealth, with a sparse, a depleted popula-tion, containing less inhabitants to the equare mile than any other part of Europe, should nevertheless occupy the attention of the civilized world to the ex-clusion, in some respects of their comattention of the civilized world to the ex-clusion, in some respects, of their own domestic affairs—that in the press of the world leading editorials are daily de voted to her, that in the pulpit she is con-stantly the theme, and in the senates of all countries she is watched and discussed with feverish anxisty. To quote the with feverish anxiety. To quote the eloquent words of Mr. Gladstone : "Go into the length and breadth of the world, Into the length and breach of the world, ransack the history of all countries and find, if you can, a single voice, a single book, almost I would say a single news-paper article, in which the conduct of England towards Ireland is any where treated except with profound and bitter condemnation."

Remarkable words these coming from a man who, but five years ago, was engaged in the task of trying to coerce Ireland into subjection. But why is it that Ireland is so promi-

But why is it that ireland is so promi-nent a feature in the world's affairs i Other nations are in bondage, other na-tions have their sons equally scattered over the world. Why, then, is it that Ireland—Ireland should be the theme of all tongues ? This is apparently a phenomenon unique and inexplicable, yet is capable of solution, and one solution

only. She has suffered more for the faith than any other nation in the world. She has been the martyred of nations, and now the hour has come and the powers of hell the hour has come and the powers of hell are about to witness her triumph, and they are rising up in all their devilish malice to defeat her. It is this battle of truth against falsehood, of God against the devil, that rivets the attention of man-kind the world over, of every race, color and tongue. She will succeed, for she is in the hands of Him who "raises up the lowly and casts down the mighty." Eng-lish statesmen are beginning to realize

I was quite near and watched. I was wanting him to die. He looked like a wanting him to die. He looked like a saint, and seemed dying a saint's desth. Such a scene is beyond words to paint. It was a lovely, fresh morning; the sun shone, the birds were singing lusuly; the tiver made music as it rushed and splashed along its rapid course. At a little distance came at intervals the hymos sung by the French pilgrims in front of the bath houses. The crowd of English pilgrims knelt around. The priests in surplices stood and prayed at his side. In front was the Grotto, and Mass going on. Flowers were piled about, and countless candles were birding. If it were possible let me die in such a scene ! No he did not let me die in such a scene ! No he did not die. The doctors who felt his pulse aid the worst was over, and we had to go off to our back. to our hotels. Next morning the young man and his sister were kneeling side by side on ordinary chairs in the Grotto. He declared himself cured, and vowed to become a priest. He remained ghastly thin but he would regain strength grad-ually. We all samg the Magnificat.— Lourdes Cor. London Tablet,

Rev. Father Smith, of the Society of Rev. Father Smith, of the Society of Priests of Mercy, popularly known as "Fathers of Mercy," a native of Ottawa, left Ottawa for Brooklyn on Saturday after a visit to his mother and family. The rev. gentleman has had an unique experience recently. He had been seriously ill and fell into a trance, which was taken for death, and the news of his demise was wired to his family. While lying await-ing interment he fully realized the prepar-ations that were going on around him here he prepar-him, but time to ing interment in fully realized the prepar-ations that were going on around him, but was unable for a considerable time to signify that he still lived. Happily, how-ever, he recovered, and among others who called upon him to congratulate him was a brother priest who had been summoned from another city to preach his funeral sermon.

Mr. W. Reath has received the contract to erect a new Catholic church in Wood-stock. The edifice will be a handsome one of red brick, 50x110 feet, capable of seating 600 people, with a tower 120 feet high, and will cost \$9,000. The contract provides that the building shall be ready for putting in the seats by December 1st.