

will be effected. Even the London *Times* has sacrificed its bigotry to a sense of justice and says: "Could Italians have abstained from more than a political incorporation of Rome, and have ruled it from Florence, they would have consulted both their own benefit and the general comfort."

THE names of the Holy persons canonized Saints of the Universal Church on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception are: "John Baptist de Rossi, Lawrence of Brendiso, Benedict Joseph Labre, Confessors; and Clara of the Cross, Virgin. Their places in the Calendar will be as follows: that of John Baptist on the 23rd of May, that of Lawrence on the 7th of July, of Benedict Joseph on the 16th of April, and that of Clara on the 18th of August."

CATHOLIC periodicals should waive their legal right to mutual abuse and square their conduct by the moral standard. For the edification of their readers, whose spiritual benefit they ought to consider as well as their own profit, they should overlook each other's little faults; or, if reproof be necessary in order to serve a good purpose, it should be administered according to the rules of Christian charity.

THE *Pall Mall Gazette* says that some parts of the Land Act are capable of improvement. "Everything points to the advantage of a great extension of the purchase clauses. The ministerial policy rests on efforts to promote the material prosperity of the Irish people. If this is successful, the other demands—we may call them the obvious requirements of Ireland—will be comparatively easily satisfied." Not so easily unless Home Rule be granted.

AN Italian paper *La Perseveranza* (secular) boldly states in effect that the Papal influence has vastly increased throughout Europe and is daily becoming stronger, while that of the Italian government is rapidly losing ground. It calls Leo XIII a "sagacious Pope," is astonished at the tact he displayed in bringing "the great Chancellor Bismarck" to terms, and seems to fear "the transformation of King Humbert into a Vicar of the Pope." Let us devoutly hope that such will yet be the case.

LORD DERBY has allied himself with the Liberal party of Great Britain. But if we are to judge by his utterances the noble lord is in spirit as illiberal as ever. This is his opinion on Home Rule question: "The sense of the majority of the people of the United Kingdom must overrule the wish of a merely local and possibly

temporary majority in a particular part of it." The majority is not "temporary" because it has existed since the time of the Union and is greater now than ever; and if the wish be 'local' it is only for local objects, and cannot prejudice the interests of the other parts of the kingdom.

JOHN BRIGHT is severe on the landlords of Ireland. According to his calculations, "If all that the Irish tenants had done were swept away from the soil, and if all that the landlords had done were left upon it, it would be as bare as the American prairie where the Indian now roams and where the foot of white man never trod." Then, should not each class be rewarded according to its merits.

OUR BOOK SHELF.

WE have received a copy of the *Irish-American Almanac* for 1882, published by P. M. Haverty, 14 Barclay St., New York. Besides the usual astronomical information, its contents are made up of: The calendar, which gives the feasts of the principal saints, and the dates of historical events in connection with America and Ireland; several pretty tales, biographical references and choice literary selections. A number of neat illustrations help to decorate the book. The usual price, 25 cents.

THE *Scholastic Annual* for 1882 has also been received. This is its seventh issue and it is fully equal to its predecessors in admirable mechanical and literary arrangements. It contains a variety of useful information, such as Church feasts and fast days, astronomical calculations, weather predictions, post office regulations, etc., Poetry, tales, topography and biography are the principal features in its literary department and are very interesting. It is published by J. A. Lyons, Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Indiana, Price, 25 cents.

THE *Youth's Cabinet* is the name of a new magazine, designed for the young, and issued monthly by P. O'Shea, 45 Warren Street, New York. Its contents are light, entertaining and wholesome—just the class of reading for Catholic youth. There are charming tales, standard poetry, biography, natural history, pretty stories, adventures, wit and wisdom, music, etc. Many of the articles are beautifully illustrated. The book is typographically faultless, being neatly printed in large clear type on fine toned paper, demi-octavo, making a conveniently large book of 32 pages to each number. The price is only one dollar a year in advance. The HARP wishes the new enterprise complete success.

Donahoe's Magazine, the *Catholic Fireside* and the *Scholastic* are at hand this month as spirited and interesting as ever. McGee's *Illustrated Weekly* has adopted a new allegorical heading which much improves its appearance. The *Scientific American* has also been received. Its cuts and letter press are, as usual, artistic and talented.