

OUR IRISH LETTER.

The Inauguration of the Season By the Belfast Catholic Club.

Rev. Father Finlay, S.J. Discusses the subject of the Emancipation of Labor—Impending Distress in West Cork—The Orr Conit nary Celebration—New Changes in the Police Force Regulations, and Other News.

DUBLIN, Oct. 23.—Last Monday the Belfast Catholic Club inaugurated its season for the season of 1897-98 with an address by the Very Rev. Father Finlay, S.J., F.R.W.I.

The subject of the discourse was one of vivid interest, "The Emancipation of Labor." His Lordship, after referring to the occasion of the evening gathering, plunged into the text of his lecture.

The instruments of production were the property of the Association, and what each man produced by his labor was absolutely and completely his own.

THE CARE OF THE LUNATIC POOR. The care of the lunatic poor is at present engaging the attention of the different charity organizations.

NEW DIRECTORS FOR THE NATIONAL BANK. Mr. P. J. O'Reilly, Rathven, County Westmeath, and Sir Thomas Gratian Esmond, M.P., have been added to the board of directors of the National Bank.

IMPORTANT ARREST AT QUEENSTOWN. Detective Sergeant O'Neill made an important arrest on Monday last at Queenstown on board the steamship Aurania of the Cunard Line on its arrival from New York.

IT IS AGAINST THIS STATE OF THINGS that the revolt of labor is really directed. It is against the idea that the laborer is not to be regarded as co-producer with the employer, and consequently entitled to his proportionate share of the results of the production to which both contribute.

the defence of their interests against capital. It is a defensive organization—a league for self-protection—and it has the disadvantages of a fighting force that it sometimes provokes the war which it is created to maintain.

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Ca'rickfergus in 1797 on October the 14th. Among those present who delivered addresses were Mr. M. McCarty, M.P., Mr. John Dillon, M.P., Mr. T. Harrington, M.P., and Mr. William O'Brien, M.P.

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olery being officially appointed to promote its interests. As successor to the Prince of the Apostles, later, he urged the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart to secure and repair the ancient church of San Giacomo dei Spagnoli at Rome, that it might be re-dedicated to divine worship as the general centre of devotion to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Italy.

Besides promoting the honor of the Mother of God, the Archconfraternity of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart has for object to obtain, by the all-powerful intercession of Mary, invoked under the above title, the success of difficult and hopeless cases, both in the spiritual and in the temporal order.

Acting on the principle that the more united are our prayers to Our Lady, the more unanimous our sentiments of filial piety towards her, and the more concentrated the efforts of our charity for one another, the greater will be the number of celestial favors vouchsafed us.

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The conditions of membership in the Archconfraternity of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart are very simple and easy, viz: 1st. To have one's baptismal name and surname inscribed in full in the Register of the Association at Watertown, N. Y., the general centre for America; 2nd. To say, morning and evening, the short prayer: "Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us." (100 days Ind.)

The spiritual benefits are very great. Address, Rev. Father Superior, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Watertown, N. Y.

CULTURE OF THE IMAGINATION.

A Presbyterian Minister Discusses the Subject. A Presbyterian Minister, Ian MacLaren, in an address to young men, delivered before an English audience, chose as his subject "The Culture of the Imagination." The speaker laid down two rules for the culture and guidance of the imagination.

THE SECOND RULE. Ian MacLaren's second rule he lays down as follows: "That a man should not only keep his imagination clean, but endeavor to give it a great breadth and width. It is a temptation to men of practical nature—those that are most likely to be successful in a commercial city, and who may not have had the advantage of, say, a university culture—to form an ideal which is composed of such elements alone as conventional respectability, worldly shrewdness, cleverness and commercial success.

THE FORCE OF GOOD EXAMPLE. "And I would say, shortly, two things that will help you. One is this: Endeavor to have before you some type of noble and elevated character. If you come across a young man, for instance, who habitually respects his father and mother—for piety lies at the foundation of character—who always regards women with respect whether they be poor or whether they be rich, who does not think his own precious self the end of his existence, who is willing to live for others beside himself, who never allows an impure word to cross his lips, and would scorn to say anything not perfectly true, and fears God and honors Christ—if you see such a man, or catch sight of his figure in the ways of life,

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lay hold of that man and make him your friend if possible. If that is not possible, hear the man speak, and see what he does. For just as when a painter secures a noble face once, you will notice how it goes through all his works, so, too, here, you will find that friendship will have the saving action of sanctification upon your character."

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"I DINNA KEN"—A Scottish farmer recently paid a visit to a South of England cattle show, and while walking round got talking to a native farmer. Neither could well understand what the other said. The Scotchman got a little nettled at this, and put it down to the Englishman's stupidity. "Moo," he said at last, "yer kye moos a' right, and yer coocks caw kate pleen, but I'm hanged if I ken mak' you oot." Jones was boasting of his extensive acquaintances. No celebrity could be mentioned unknown to him. He was intimately acquainted with all of them. Finally Dobson inquired: "Did you ever happen to meet the Siamese Twins?" Jones reflected a moment, and then said, "Well, I am not quite sure that I met both of them, but I knew one of them very well."