

RELIGIOUS NOTES AND REMARKS.

On Monday night, 13th Feb., a grand conference of the Alumni of Queen's College, Kingston, took place...

After a few words relative to the different views of the public to social and political life the speaker urged that the relation of the two powers should be that of friendliness and co-operation...

Having spoken of the press from various standpoints, Mr. Cameron summed up his opinion regarding the relationship between the press and the pulpit, in these words:—

With much of what Mr. Cameron has stated we heartily agree, and agree all the more readily because it is not new to us.

The wonderful Roman correspondent of the London "Morning Post" is endowed with one of the most fertile imaginations on record.

London, Feb. 14.—The Rome correspondent of the "Morning Post," referring to attacks published there upon Archbishop Ireland and Cardinal Rampolla, Papal Secretary of State, by the anti-American party, says:—

These attacks seem to be promoted by the Jesuits, and, judging by the excitement they have caused, they are bad omens for the future of Americanism.

On the 18th of January last, at Colwyn Bay, Wales, the Rev. Thomas Lloyd, delivered himself of a most wonderful arraignment of the Catholic Church, which establishment he pronounced to be a very dangerous institution.

In 1889 they propounded a scheme which they hoped to put in force on joining (gaining?) the ascendancy in this country; a scheme whereby the law would be abolished which provides that this Protestant nation shall be governed by a Protestant sovereign; a scheme for securing a Roman Catholic succession to the throne of these realms...

Our transatlantic contemporary adds:—

"We are quite willing to pay homage to the power of Mr. Lloyd's Cymric imagination. It is an imagination which an Eisteddfod bard might envy. But, alas, the use of this involves the painful inference that he must have regarded his auditors as simpletons."

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cluded in exhorting all to be faithful to their pledge, striving hard to keep alive so great and good a society and thus grow up useful members of society and loyal children of the Holy Catholic Church.

For the first time in many years the gut at Placentia is frozen over, and there is not the least difficulty crossing to or from each side of the harbor. The winter has been about the worst known in 20 years for frost.

Herrings still continue plentiful in Placentia Bay, though several schooners have been obliged to lie up for several weeks without securing full fares. Andrew Foley's boat, of Fox Harbor, and three others, waited for eight weeks without obtaining a haul. They hoisted their sails intending to "give up the voyage," but shortly afterwards the herring struck in immense quantities, and in less than a fortnight the three boats cleared over \$1,300.

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relief by the new road recently cut. The present Government has looked out for such an emergency, and can get supplies there in a few days.

THE PROPER WAY TO TREAT DOMESTICS.

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An hour afterward the lady went up stairs, saw that the work was not completed, sent for the maid and chided her because the task had not been finished. Now the maid had been busy with the downstairs work to which she had been assigned, and was not in the least to blame.

Where a family can afford to keep but one servant the lady of the house should not permit herself to be bound in any respect when she takes the girl into service. I mean by that that there should be no ironclad agreement as to the so-called privileges.

This would give her most of the day, for it would only be necessary for her to come back and serve the dinner. After that she could go out again if she chose.

Neither do I believe that the one day out should always be adhered to if it incommodes the mistress. The girl should be given to understand at first that she must accommodate the lady that engaged her when that accommodation is necessary, and in return her own desires will be considered when it is possible to do so.

To sum up, the proper way to treat a servant is to be considerate, firm, kind and thoroughly just. Where this policy is followed I think there will be few complaints of bad service.

REMARKABLE LONGEVITY.

(From the Dublin Freeman.)

The barony of West Muskerry has of late years been remarkable for centenarians. Judging from the following it seems to be holding its reputation for producing long-lived people.

There is at present living within a mile of Coachford, and still nearer to Peake Station, an old woman named Johannah Mountjoy who has arrived at the extraordinary age of 115 years. Our informant, on hearing the whereabouts of "Joney," the name by which she is more familiarly known, lost no time in repairing to her residence, which is a miserable little cabin situated on a bleak hill at the end of a long "bohrten."

"Joney informed me in Gaelic (for she speaks no English) that she was born near Aghabullogue, her maiden name being O'Sullivan (Gow). It seems her husband left her with a young family, and is supposed to have gone to America, and was never heard of afterwards.

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wish, our correspondent, before leaving, received her untimed blessing in the only language she knows.

Death of a Centenarian at Bantry.

The death and funeral of an extremely old woman named Mary Spillane has just taken place here. She attained the ripe old age of 112 years. Some say she was about 115, but as to how many years over 112 she was no one can say with any degree of accuracy.

Our informant continues:—"Joney informed me in Gaelic (for she speaks no English) that she was born near Aghabullogue, her maiden name being O'Sullivan (Gow). It seems her husband left her with a young family, and is supposed to have gone to America, and was never heard of afterwards. Her youngest 'boy,' Tom, who, by the way, is now over 70 years of age, and has buried two wives, resides with the mother, and seems most attentive to her. Indeed, to quote 'Joney's own words to me, 'he is the best gorsoun a mother ever reared, although he has the name of being a miser among the neighbors.' Whether this be so or not, it is almost incredible to think that within such a short distance of our go-ahead city of Cork, a poor old woman of that age should be lying on a miserable bed without even a bolster or pillow under her head, and minus a cup, saucer, plate, or knife and fork, and the house in a miserable condition.

A CELTIC REUNION.

A grand Irish re-union to celebrate the festival of La Fheile Bhrighde, or St. Brigid's Day, was held under the auspices of the Gaelic League of London, at the Bloomsbury Hall, Wednesday evening, Feb. 1st. The hall was full to overflowing, with a representative audience of the many literary and patriotic Irishmen and women in London, who are interested in the preservation of the national language and customs of Ireland. There

were present Gaels from the Highlands of Scotland, several of them in their picturesque national dress, and also Celts from Wales and Brittany. Mr. Francis A. Fahy, President of the London Gaelic League, occupied the chair. The programme composed solely of Celtic items, was admirably rendered and enthusiastically received.

A FISHERMAN'S TRIALS.

Exposure While at Sea Brought on an Attack of Sciatica Which Caused the Most Excruciating Agony.

Mr. Geo. W. Shaw, of Sandford, N. S., follows the occupation of a fisherman, and like all who pursue this arduous calling is exposed frequently to inclement weather. Some years ago, as a result of exposure, Mr. Shaw was attacked with sciatica and for months suffered intensely. He says the pain he endured was something agonizing, and he was not able to do any work for some months. His hip was drawn out of shape by the trouble, and the doctor who attended him said that it had also affected the spine. After being under the care of a doctor for several months without getting relief, Mr. Shaw discontinued medical treatment and resorted to the use of plaster and liniments, but with no better result. He was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and finally decided to do so. After using them for a couple of weeks, he found a decided relief, and in about two months' time every trace of the trouble had disappeared, and he was not since troubled with any illness. Mr. Shaw says he occasionally takes a box of pills to ward off any possible recurrence of the trouble.

Those attacked with sciatica, rheumatism, and kindred troubles, may avoid much suffering and save money by taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at the outset of the trouble. Sold by all dealers or sent postpaid at 50c a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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Notes From Newfoundland.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

February 15.

The weather on the west coast the past fortnight has been the worst for many years. Harbors are frozen over that had not been so for a decade, and Friday night, in Hermitage Bay, the thermometer was 15 below zero on the 'V. L.'s bridge, and at Bay Despair it had dropped to 25 below.

About 500 barrels of herring were hauled in Fortune Bay this winter, which is a very hopeful sign, and all trust that it will not be long ere this place will be as well stocked with these fish as in the years gone by. Millions of midge herring are in the waters, and these will undoubtedly rapidly increase and grow.

The famous iron ore mine which has lately been discovered at the head of Conception Harbor, will be worked extensively during the summer, and it is to be hoped that it will be a boon to the island.

The "Virginia Lake" had a very trying time on her last trip to the west coast. Since leaving here the weather has been unprecedented for cold and high winds, with terrific sea. On the way west it was about as bad as one could even anticipate, so that but slow progress was made at times. At Port-aux-Basques a large freight was taken on board, and returning every harbor was found frozen. Friday night was the worst on record, and one can imagine what it was on the bridge, facing to windward with the thermometer registering fifteen below zero. St. Jacques, Belloram, Burin, Tropassey, Fermouse and Cape Broyle are frozen solid. A terrible storm of wind raged on Sunday and the lay in Burin all day, as it was useless trying to cross to Placentia and on leaving that port

was frozen; she came on over her usual route. The water was exceedingly rough in Placentia and St. Mary's Bay, while at Fortune and Grand Bank with difficulty mails were landed, but to send freight on shore was impossible.

Sunday, Feb. 5th, Rev. Jas. White, having received the appointment from His Lordship Rt. Rev. M. R. Howley, was initiated as Spiritual Director of the Juvenile T. A. Society. The Rev. gentleman received an ovation when he entered the meeting-room, and in a very eloquent address showed up many things of interest to the society. He had been a member himself some years ago, and though he ceased to be among them, yet he never violated that pledge he had taken. On such an occasion as this, he said, he could not but feel proud that he, like the young boys who were now members, sat there himself once; and then too in the office of assistant treasurer. He said: "Keep your duties ever in sight and remember that you cannot be false to man without being at the same time false to God."

You are children of a Church which for 1900 years has baffled the attacks of her foes, and thus has proved to the world her divine mission." Today she stands as firm as when her Divine Founder, Christ our Saviour, said to His Apostles: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." As in the past, so in the future the Holy Church shall continue until the work of Christ is completed. If you wish to continue in the noble cause you have undertaken, strive then to cement your union with the holy Church. Take a firm grasp of her, and she will carry you along through the storms of life on by the shores of success into the haven of glory. Fr. White con-