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## Notes.

THE REVIEW will publish in an early number the speech delivered a few days ago at Cork by Sir John Pope Hennessy, one of the most distinguished Irishmen of the day, upon the life and work of Father Mathew, during the recent ceremonies in his honour in that city.

MR. DAVITT is making things lively in the *Labour World*. He has had very little difficulty in showing up Mr. James McDermott as an utter scoundrel; and at present someone is engaged in contributing to his journal a series of papers entitled "English Catholic Intrigue Against Ireland in Rome, By a Member of the Society of Jesus." The papers in question are so dull, so stupid, and badly written as to make it evident that Mr. Davitt has been the victim of a hoax. "We have not the slightest hesitation," says the *Irish Catholic* of Dublin, "in expressing our belief that no Jesuit Father ever wrote a line of the articles in question which form the evident design of their writer to misrepresent the probable causes of Papal action must be objectionable to every Catholic."

MR. LABOUCHERE is a little hard on Archdeacon Farrar. Discussing in a late number of *Truth* the Archdeacon's scheme for "Brotherhood" in the Anglican Church, that pungent writer says:

"It is indeed a very remarkable thing that Archdeacon Farrar, of all men, should have made this subject his own. The chosen advocate of the three rules of (1) poverty, (2) celibacy, (3) obedience, is (1) a portly, well-to-do ecclesiastic, well in the running for a bishopric, a palace and £5,000 a year; (2) a married man; (3) a preacher whose disregard of the authority of the Church has been manifested by more than one lapse into heterodoxy. If it really requires nothing less than a new order of mendicant friars to bring the Church to the masses, or the masses to the Church—and for anything I know it may—with what judgment shall Archdeacon Farrar and some of his colleagues on the platform at Hull be judged?"

OUR contemporary, the *Mirror*, of Baltimore, indulges in a bit of sarcasm at the expense of the energetic newspaper men on the other side of the Atlantic who send

out the voracious Vatican despatches. It says:—"The cable correspondents are busily engaged in the labour of creating new cardinals. The latest batch turned out by these enterprising and accomplished persons includes the names of Archbishops Stonor, Walsh, and Kenrick. It is needless to say that these prelates will not be formally invested with the dignity of the cardinalate until Pope Leo XIII. has had time to ratify the selection. The eagerness of a certain class of journalists to relieve the government of the Church of the onerous duties of making appointments and conferring honours, speaks volumes for the solicitude felt by its members for the personal comfort of the Holy Father; but there is reason to fear that the benevolent purpose of the correspondents is not esteemed as highly as it might be at the Vatican."

THE proposal of Mgr. Howley, Vicar-Apostolic of Newfoundland, that the Pope should act as arbitrator in the Newfoundland Fisheries dispute between France and England, is exciting no little discussion in the French papers, Catholic and Radical. The real question, however, is, Will the French Government accept the arbitration of the Pope? Upon that point there is great doubt. It must be remembered that the majority of the Republican party is composed of men who are fanatical in their hatred of the Papacy. With them, for the most part, it is not a question of policy, but of religion. Among these Free thinkers, infidels, and avowed atheists, are men who cannot even hear the name of the Pope without breaking out into abuse, not only of the Papacy, but of revealed religion itself. The present Government, if not absolutely in their hands, is either out of policy or inclination guided by their counsels, as shown, on almost every occasion, by its warfare against the Church and its ministers.

MR. G. A. SALA, the well-known English journalist, has had, as is his wont, a mild reminiscence appropriate to the celebrations lately held in honour of Father Mathew. He says:

"I remember when Father Mathew first came to London and convened a monster Temperance meeting on Hampstead Heath, whither tens of thousands rushed to take the pledge. Among the signatories were, if I remember aright, the venerable Earl Stanhope, grandfather of the present peer. Temperance medals were more frequently seen at the button-holes than the blue ribbon is now; but what a lamentable thing it is that the results of crusades, of whatever nature they be, albeit triumphant for awhile, are rarely permanent. Peter the Hermit lashed half Europe into a frenzy of militant piety, and crusade after crusade to the Holy Land astonished the infidels: yet the Crescent still floats over Jerusalem, and Turkish soldiers mount guard at Easter in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, to keep the peace between contending Catholics, Greeks, and Armenians. Possibly the eloquence of Father Mathew induced sixty thousand people in London to take the pledge; but how many millions of pounds sterling did the Revenue gather last year from the drink traffic?"

Upon this the *Weekly Register* very properly remarks that what it is straighter to the point to ask is, how many more millions still would the Revenue gather but for Father Mathew and those on whom his mantle has fallen?