HISTORICAL NOTES

THE question of the precedence of the Lord Mayor of Dublin at Mr. Gladstone's funeral, which was raised at the last meeting of the Corporation, it is said by the United Ireland, recalls a fierce contioversy which raged between the cities of Dublin and Edinburgh thirty five years ago. On the 26th of March, 1863. on the occasion of the presentation of an address of congratulation to the Queen at Windsor Castle on the marriage of the Prince of Wales, the Queen granted pre audience to Dublin. This aroused a served and stored up in books.—Milton. storm of indignation in Scotland. Pro tests were made to the Home Secretary by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, and a few weeks after when addresses were presented at Marlborough House to the Prince and Princess of Wales, Edinburgh Fasgiven place after London and Dublin was placed third. Then the anger of the loyal Irish was stirred up, and so fierce did the dispute become that the Lord Lieutenant intervened and ordered the Tater King of Arms to investigate the claim of Dublin. His report seemed to establish the right of the irish capital. but it was met by counter statements of was supprted by the chief of the English heralds.

At last the Queen was forced to interrene, and by her command the question was referred to a committee of the Lords in Council, which sat in February, 1864. The Council having gravely heard the little time without atcpoing it would cause disputed by the ablest Irish and Scottish lawyers, solemnly decreed that in future Dublin and Edinburgh were to I would lean on the handle of be considered ex oeque to be bracketed tegether for the second place, and that able to shake hands with the Lord Pro vost of Edinburgh, a thing he found himself unable to do when they both appear ed before the Council, though they had retained their personal friendship throughout the controversy, because no person was able to decide, while the mestion of precedence was still unsettled, who should first extend his hand!

THE ST. PATRICK'S PENNY.

In the long and sad annals of Irish history, says a writer in the Irish Week sway, levying troops, sending out amoss fact all the functions of a State. Well had it been for Ireland at that time if they had at once disavowed the treach erous Stuart, Charles I., and sought a suaded to take some substitute. king from some State on the continent this period by the Catholic Confederation are known as St Patrick's pennies, and are attributed by all historians to this body. This migra is a state of the body. This migra is a state of the body. this body. This view is strengthened by the fine execution of the coins, evidently continental, and the frequency with which they have been found in the neigherhood of Kilkenny. The decision of the Kilkenny Archaeological Society, after a thorough investigation, is to the same effect. The face of the coin has a crown and a king playing a harp, with the Latin inscription flored rer, whilst the reverse has a Bishop with a mitre, and a crezier and shamrock in the left and right hand, with the inscription "ecce grex," "Behold the flock." The coins continued to circulate in Ireland were blasted; but at last an effort was made to remove from the people this and encouraged. perpetual remembrance of a period when they still had leaders, men of high birth, nobles of Irish and English origin, whose power and influence England had to respect. Some of these coins became current in America. Mark Newby, one of the Irish agents in New Jersey, brought over a great quantity of Patrick's pence, which were legalized in 1862, the Act declaring that "Mark Newby's coppers, called Patrick's halt pence should pass as halfpence current pay," and thus a coin, minted at Rome, and prescribed in England, became legal tender in Amer-

MUCKROSS ABBEY, KILLARNEY.

The visitor to the far-famed Lakes of Killarney can only pay a visit to this venerable shrine, the hoary and stately ruins of which recall one of the most important religious establishments that flourished in Ireland previous to the penal days. The ruins acjoin the village of Clorbreen, and long prior to the erection of the now ruined structure a church stood on the same spot, but was consumed by fire in 1192.

Muckross Abbev was built by the Franciscans in 1440 and renovated in 1602. The ruin, which comprises part of the monastery and church, is remarkable for the beauty of its workmanship. Its perservation, seclusion, admirable situa tion, and the venerable trees surrounding it, render it one of the most interesting abbey ruins in Ireland. The entire length of the church is about 100 feet, and its breadth 24. In the centre of the still beautiful cloister an aged yew tree lifts its massive trunk of ten feet in girth, thirteen teet high, throwing its fautastic arms across the broken parapets, and by its sombre shade adds to the prevailing gloominess of the scene. The cloister, which consists of twenty-two arches, ten of them semicircular and twelve pointed, is the best preserved portion of the

abbey. The grave of MacCarthy More, whose castle was built on the ether side of the lake, is in a good state of preservation. Iron bars have been placed across the tombstone to preserve it. It is unneces sary to state that this hallowed spot is one of those endeared to every son and daughter of Ireland at home and abroad

I deny not but that it is of the greatest concernment in the Church and commonwealth to have a vigilant eye how books demean themselves as woll as men; and thereafter to confine, impricon, and do sharpest justice on them as malelactors; for books are not abso

that soul whose progeny they are; nay, it appears in the form of disease or they do preserve, as in a vial, the purest pecuniary loss, face it manfully and efficacy and extraction of that living in tellect that bred them. I know they are as lively and as vigorously productive as those subulous drugon's teeth; and being sown up and down, may chance to spring up armed men And yet, on the other hand unless wariness be used, as good almost kill a man as kill a good book; who kills a man kills a reasonable creature, God's image : but he who destroys a good book kills a reason itself -kills the image of Grd, as it w re, in the eye. Many a man lives a burden to the earth; but a good book is the precicus life blood of a master-spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life. We should be wary. therefore, what persecution we raise against the living labors of man, pre-

YEARS OF SUFFERING.

Brought About by a Fall in Which the Back Was Severely Injured - The Pain at Times Almost Unbescable.

Mr. Geo. F. Everett, a highly respected and well known farmer of Four Falls, Victoria Co., N.B., makes the following | everyone into whose eyes it looks. Its statement: — 'Some years ago while words are benedictions. Its every breath working in a barn I lost my balance is full of inspiration. It does good and and fell upon a beam, badly injuring my never evil all its days. It is like God, back. For years I suffered with the in-Lyen, the Scottish King of Arms, who jury and at the same time doing all I influence a perpetual revealing of God. could to remove it, but in vair. I at It goes through the world like an angel last gave up hopes and stopped doctor of joy and peace, singing into human ing. My back had got so bad that when I would stoop over it was almost impos sible to get straightened up again. When I would mow with a suthe for some pain me so that it seemed as if could scarcely endure it, and

my scythe in order to get ease and straighten up. At other times I would who is not prudent in the choice of his the representatives of each city were, as he laid up entirely. After some years of alternately. Thus everybody was satisfied, and the Lord Mayor of Dublin was to try one box. Before I had finished it I saw the pills were helping me. I bought six boxes more and the seven boxes completely cured me. It 's three years since I took them and my back has not troubled me since. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are an invaluable medicine and I highly recommend them to any person suffering likewise. I con sider that if I had paid \$10 a box for

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THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE.

A great deal is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love; pleasure bestowed upon a grateful mind as never steril-, but generally gratitude begets reward.—St. Basil.

Too much reading of action creates an unnatural stimulus of the imagination, The causes morbid and distorted views of life, and utterly unfits the mind for tak long after the hopes of the Catholics | ing in anything higher and deeper The taste for good reading must be cultivated ing drains, and puts the whole delicate

> It is said that a lawyer never does anything well for which he is not paid. A certain judge tells a story of himself that once, when about to attend to some professional business of his own, he took several dollars out of his purse and but them into his vest pocket as a fee for his labor.

> He is a nobleman in God's peerage who goes out every morning, it may be from the humblest of homes, to his work until the evening, with a determination as working for a heavenly Master, to do his best; and no titles which this world can bestow, no money which was ever coined, can bring a man who does no work within the sunshine of God's love. -DEAN HOLE.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh a better than medicine. Learn how to tell a story. A good story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a schoolroom. Learn to keep your own trouble to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows. Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in this world keep the bad to yourself.

An old gentleman who recently died in London had kept a careful record of just how many cigars he smoked during the fifty-three years he had practiced ance. Every man who has achieved the habit. It appears that the whole success won it through hard and number consumed by him was 328 713. Of these 43 639 were gifts. The cigara he bought cost him on an average 7 cents each, and he smoked 6 200 of them each year, or seventeen each day. Il's a wonder, indeed, he lived to be three all good druggists. 10 cts. a bottle. score and ten.

If you would be happy try to be cheerful even when misfortune assails you, room. Nay, even stores grow mouldy You will soon find that there is a pleas- and spoil unless aired and used be ant aspect to nearly all c roumstances- times, and they, too, become lumber.

lutely dead things, but do contain a po to even the ordinary trials of life. When tency of life in them, to be as active as the hour of misfortune comes. whether make the best of it. D) not nurse your troubles to keep them warm, and avoid that useless and senseless habit of constantly referring to them in your conversation.

> The Union and Times of Buffalo remarks: —

In satablishing trade schools for women whereby they can earn a living in following some useful occupation, Boston is doing a commendable service to womankind and proving herself a genuine benefactor to the vast army of unemployed females. In this way, to, she is making sensible atonement for her past folly in making fools of women with all her confounded 'ologies and sesthetic tomfooleries.

Love is always building up. It puts a line of beauty on every life it touches. It gives new hope to discouraged ones, new strength to those who are weak, new joys to those who are sorrowing, thus enabling them to go on in life's ways when, without the cheer, they must have sunk down in their disheartenment. It helps | Our American Cousins Are Becoming the despairing to rise and start again. It makes life seem more worth while to Whose name is Love. It carries in its hearts the song of Heaven, scattering everywhere good seeds which shall yield a harvest of righteousness.

You have not fulfitled every duty unless you have fulfilled that of being encertul and pleasant.-C. Bixton.

No man can be provident of his time. company - heremy Taylor.

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Write it on the liquor store, Write it on the prison door, Write it on the gin shop line, Write, aye, write this truthful line : "Where there's drink there's danger.

Write it on the workhouse gate, Write it on the school-boy's slate, Write it on the copybook, That the young may at it look: "Where there's drink there's danger."

Write it on the churchyard mound, Where the drink clain are to be found, Write it on the gallows high, Write it for all passers by: "Where there's drink there's darger."

Write it on our ships that sail, Borne along by steam and gale, W i e it in large letters-plain, O'er cur land and past the main: "Where there's drink there's danger."

Write it on the Christian dome, Six'v thousand drunkards roam. Year by year from God and right, I'r wling, with resistless might, ' Where there's drink there's danger."

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THE CATHOLIC "CITIZEN'S." HUMOR.

"Yes we do want Canada. Before the "Yes we do want Canada. Before the war is over the expansive sentiment Canada unless Canada would join this will be so strong in the United States," | Union. Canada, on her side, was supsays the Milwaukee "Catholic Citizen," posed to be unwilling to settle any of that the eyes of the nation will turn northward. The New York "Freeman's the sealing business. Journal" is fulling the Canadians into a false security.

" Now, we don't want Canada, or her people, in any other capacity than as good neighbors," it says. "But they would do Canada no good, and a ruined protest too much and profess to fear what perhaps they hope for in a halfhearted sort of way.

"They remind one of the girl who was being courted by an evidently green young fellow. He was on one side of the fence and she on the other. They talked about the weather, the tariff, and so on, for a time. After a pause in the interesting exchange of thought, she said, suddenly, 'Now, Sam, don't! 'Don't what?' said Sam, in great sur-prise. 'Don't kiss me,' said she. And to her surprise and disappointment he didn't.

"Don't! say the Canadians.

"Don't what?" says Uncle Sam. We are for following Chamberlain's advice and "drawing closer the bonds of union" beginning with that coy young thing, Canada,

THE "FREEMAN'S JOURNAL" REJOINDER.

The "Freeman's Journal," comment ing upon the remarks of the "Citizen,

says:-"If the 'Citizen had any heart or conscience it would not thus attempt to send a thrill of horror through our neryous northern neighbors. In giving some of the reasons why we do not want Canada as a part of the United States we left one unrecorded, out of a sense of delicacy. But now that the 'Citizen' has challenged our sincerity and accused us of 'lulling the Canadians,' we will give that unrecorded reason. It is, that our government, however large territorially, would be too small to give elbow room to the Milwankee . Citizen and the Antigonish 'Casket,' How could the former, with its stirling Americanism, get on with the latter with its pro-British proclivities? The former with its liberal conservatism, and the latter with its conservative rigorism? "We are charged with fulling the Canadians. What object could we have in milling a Canadian? And what object could the Canadian have in wanting to be lulled? We have been over in Canada several times and we never met a Canadian who manifested any particular desire to be fulled. It is we on this side the border who need billing; for what would become of us if the expansive sentiment should grow so strong in Canada that the eyes of the Dominion may turn southward? Does the Citizen 'know, history? Has he read how the Goths, Vandals and other northern barbarians drifted southward and swamped the Roman Empire? Has it not occurred to him to ask himself what would be the result here of the Dominion should set her hurgering eye on New Orleans and the Isthmus of Panama, as Russia has hers on Constantinople and the 1sthmus of Suez? Talk of lulling those who may at any time Januch themselves upon us like an avalanche

in the Museum of Ancient History! "If the 'Citizen' were not laboring under a false sense of security he would see that he, not the Canadian, is the party that needs lulling. Is he not aware that the Canadians-that is, the pre intelligent and enterprising of them-are invading this country by the thousands every year? And yet he does not realize his insecurity!

and consign our institutions to a place

THE PRACTICAL SIDE.

The New York "Tribune," in referring to the recent conferences at Washington between the representatives of the United States and Canada, says :-"It is not wise to be premature. A settlement of controversies with Canada will be a good thing. It will probably be effected. Negotiations to that end are now being conducted. They are likely to prove successful. But they are as yet negotiations and nothing more, and they are in a most rudimentary stage. To acclaim them as a complete and final settlement of all controverted points is neither politic nor

"All that has really been accomplished is to agree that all matter in dispute shall be referred to an international commission. That commission will consider them and, if possible, agree upon some settlement of them. Then the findings of the commission will be referred to the two Governments for ratification, which they may or may not receive. Probably the commission will come to full agreements and its findings will; be accepted. But of that there is no positive assurance. Certainly there commission. That commission will conno positive assurance. Certainly there coordenaces coordenaces co

is no ground for saying 'everything is now gracefully concluded, for it simply isn't.

"One other thing, however, has been effected of paramount importance. Both countries or their Governments have been brought into a reasonable frame of mind in which they sincerely desire a settlement, and are willing, apparently, to make those mutual concessions which are necessary to such a case. A year ago that was not true of them. The United States was at least suspected of the numerous controversies unless we would let her have her way entirely in

"Both nations have got over all that, They see that each has its own interests and that the welfare of one is bound in some degree to promote that of the other. Hard times in the United States Canada would not be a desirable neigh-Lor for the United States. Under such recognition the pending negotiations ought to be carried to a successful conclusion. But it will not help matters to announce a conclusion before the work is even well begun."

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