

# FLASH CK THE CHURCH

## ION AT ST. COLUMBAN

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### CK BY LIGHTNING.

year from that date, 1909, lightning struck on the east side of the all, adjoining the vestry. The oversight the original placed the vestry on the of the church and the use on the west and 220. Owing to this circumstance the fire in the C.M.B.A. story had been burning for before it was noticed. The church was filled with vestry was a blazing and the flames were the tabernacle where the sacrament was reserved. ran into the church, and Father Echert, of the latter two, over- dence smoke, lost their were driven back. But Leon followed a shorter ay of the west side, took turns to the right and left. Suddenly he emerged cloud of smoke and enectuary, now ablaze in aces. Swift as an ibex on side, up the altar steps tabernacle door flew with the ciborium in one e lunette in the other, icken pastor fled with burden, that Mary and ing deposited the Blessed in a safe place across Father McKee was on a physical collapse. He few moments, however, on in the midst of the who answering the call and fire bells, gathered point of the compass. efforts saved the preschool, but all the vest-hurch furnishings were the devolving element. ad to be borrowed from parish of Seaford enable the pastor to ss on Sunday. Already a new church are in pro-ration.

J. J. H.

### MMER INCIDENT.

he mopped her brow, but nothing more, was her ma who mopped the floor. -Detroit Free Press.

### SO TIS.

ope is the thing that plants the seeds; it digging's what knocks out the weeds. -Boston Herald.

### O ANGLERS.

I. barefoot boy, white birch pole; can of worms, swimmin' hole. baited hook, tug and swish; steady haul, string of fish.

### II.

white duck suit, canvas boat; costly rod, patent float. ready fly, east and swish; pretty sight, ut navy fish l. -Boston Herald.

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On the last Sunday in July will take place the Croagh Patrick annual pilgrimage, an event which has wonderfully developed during recent years and is regarded with great interest by Catholics of many lands. Masses will be celebrated on the mountain-top by priests from all parts of Ireland and from abroad at frequent intervals from early morning until noon. A fluent speaker of the old tongue will deliver a sermon in Irish, and afterwards there will be a sermon in English, in which the Rev. Bernard Keafsey will exhort his hearers, for the honor of St. Patrick, to take the temperance pledge for twelve months.

The Rev. James P. Clenaghan, B. been appointed Catholic Dean of R.A. B.D., St. Malachy's College, has side in the Belfast University by the Bishop of Down and Connor.

Jubilees continue to be celebrated or arranged for in various parts of Ireland, and some of them prove very interesting functions. On August 31st the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, the Archbishop of Tuam, will celebrate the silver jubilee of his Episcopate. He has shown himself to be, in scholarship, zeal, and statesmanship, a worthy successor to St. Jarlath and the other great Bishops who have adorned the See of Tuam. His Grace has done brilliant work on various boards and committees, and notably in connection with the Catholic Truth Society and the Agricultural Board.

The Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns, has also attained his silver jubilee, and an address has been drawn up for presentation to him supported by both Catholics and Protestants with whom he has been brought into contact. The Bishop of Ferns is known far and wide as a highminded liberal man; and one who has never tried to stir up religious differences, but on the contrary, has guided his flock in the spirit of peace and harmony.

The Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty has been expressing himself very strongly on the triumph of the Catholic cause. After having outlined the trials, persecutions, and deribulations of earlier days when Catholics were hunted about in Ireland and driven to assemble at the risk of their lives to meet and adore their Immaculate Saviour, he showed how the dawn at last began to break and how the brave grandfathers of the present generation came down from the mountains with hearts untamed and faith unbroken and raised their little slated chapels once more. In a peroration of great beauty, Dr. Fogarty said: "The old cause has triumphed, the storm is past; the morning is broken; the Egyptian is cast upon the shore, and the sanctuary of the Lord is still standing. The chapels of Ireland are built on the best of all foundations—the hearts and the piety of the people. This is modern Ireland's secular glory and Catholic Ireland's surest hope. Most of

the great medieval cathedrals and churches owed their creation to the bounty and faith of some wealthy individual, some pious king, baron prince or bishop who economized the revenues of the Church's land to create these giant unapproachable works of genius and of art which our age can only gaze upon with admiration, astonishment and despair. These are the monuments of individual piety rather than that of the people's piety, but there is hardly a modern Irish Church or chapel every stone of which was not placed in position by the hands of the poor, but devoted, people."

It will be noticed how strikingly Dr. Fogarty has reached the same conclusions as those to which Father Maturin has also given expression.

The Very Rev. James Dunphy, P. P., presided at a great national meeting held in Arklow last week, at which Mr. John Pedmond, M.P., delivered a vigorous speech. Dealing with the Budget and the way it concerns Ireland, he said that taking it as a whole, it was unjust to Ireland, but his hearers should not be misled in the matter. With the exception of last year when the Budget was passed when the not only took one and a half millions dollars a year of the sugar duty, but gave to Ireland twelve and a half million dollars a year in old age pensions, every Budget passed since the date of the Union had been unjust to Ireland. Chancellors of the Exchequer, when framing their Budgets, thought only of England, and never made allowance for the shameless robbery of Ireland, and that would continue until they got Home Rule. The Irish Party had vigorously opposed the provisions of the Budget which were unjust to Ireland and would continue to do so, but there were other provisions which the party had decided unanimously to support. They had obtained concessions in connection with the land and whiskey tax, and were in hopes that before the Budget was passed they would have safeguarded the interests of Ireland. In that matter their attitude had been reasonable, intelligent and effective, and they refused to be influenced by attacks either of ignorance or malice.

It is quite clear that an amendment of the Evicted Tenants' Act is rendered inevitable by the decision of the Court of Appeal in the case of the Clanciarde estate. The Estates Commissioners have been denied the opportunity of seeking the judgment of the House of Lords on the important question raised as to their powers in hearing petitions. It has been reported that the Lord Chancellor would have been inclined to use pleadings but for the opinion of his colleagues. These gentlemen do not regard as serious the question whether the Estates Commissioners should or should not be interrupted in the middle of the hearing of a petition by a writ of prohibition. At all events, there is now no appeal to the House of Lords. The Irish party will make it their duty to repair the defects in the act disclosed by this case.

RECEIVED PAPAL HONORS.  
Dr. Windle, President for Cork University College, has been appointed a Knight of St. Gregory by His Holiness Pope Pius X.

### A COMING JUBILEE.

At meetings held before and at the close of the annual retreat for the entire archdiocese of Tuam, under the presidency of the Right Rev. Monsignor Kilkenny, P.P., V.G., D. D., it was unanimously resolved and certain steps were taken to have a fitting celebration by the priests of his Grace's Episcopal Silver Jubilee. A committee was immediately appointed consisting of the vicars of the various deaneries with a representative of the curates adjoined in each case, and generous subscriptions were handed in on the spot. Considerable enthusiasm was manifested in the proposed movement to complement a great Churchman and at the same time to show an example of the loyalty that exists deep down between the Irish Episcopacy and their ecclesiastical subjects.

### THE CONGESTED DISTRICTS

The Dublin Gazette announces that the King has been pleased, on the recommendation of the Lord Lieutenant, to appoint the Right Hon. Sir David Harrell, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., I. S.O., and William Lawson Micks, Esq., to be members of the Congested Districts Board for Ireland.

Mr. W. L. Micks, whose name for the last few years has been closely identified with Irish public affairs, especially since the passing of the Local Government Act of 1898, has been a member of the Local Government Board since that year, and has taken a keen interest in many questions with which that body has been concerned, particularly poor law reform. He was born in 1851, and, after completing his education in Trinity College, he obtained a clerkship in the Irish Church Temporalities Commission in 1872, becoming Registrar in 1878. Three years afterwards, on the formation of the Irish Land Commission, he was appointed to the Under Secretaryship and in the ensuing year he was transferred to the temporary post of Comptroller under the Arrears of Rent (Ireland) Act. He re-assumed his former position under the Land Commission in 1883, which he held for the next couple of years, when he became a General Inspector under the Local Government Board.

The Right Hon. Sir David Harrell, P.C., K.C.B., who was born in 1841, was educated at the Royal Naval School, Gosport. From 1854 to 1879 he served as an officer in the Royal Irish Constabulary, and was afterwards made a Resident Magistrate, the duties of which he discharged until 1883, when he received the Chief Commissionership of the Dublin Metropolitan Police. He held that position until 1893, when he became Under Secretary for Ireland, which office he retained until 1902, when Sir Anthony (now Lord) MacDonnell was appointed to it. Sir David Harrell was created a Knight in 1895, and afterwards had the distinctions of Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian and Imperial Service Orders conferred on him.

### CARE OF THE INSANE.

At a meeting of the Clonmel Asylum Committee, Dr. Harvey referred to the practice of sending back insane people from America, and said they ought to call the attention of the Chief Secretary to the matter. Some patients were sent back in charge of government agents, and their own people got no notice and knew nothing of the matter until the patients were left at their doors.

The chairman asked if the Committee could do anything to prevent the system.

Dr. Harvey said they could only call the attention of the Irish Government to the matter.

Mr. McQuish said the people were set mad in America by overwork, and then were sent home when insane.

### LUNACY IN IRELAND.

The annual report of the Inspectors of Lunatics on the District, Criminal and Private Lunatic Asylums in Ireland, which was laid on the table of the House of Commons yesterday, shows that the insane in these establishments numbered 23,931 on January 1st, 1909, as compared with 23,718 on the corresponding date last year.

These numbers do not include the insane wandering at large, or those residing in private dwellings, with the exception of such cases as are under the care of the Lord Chancellor, i.e., Chancery patients.

This summary shows that there was a total increase of 213 during the year, the corresponding increase for the previous year having been 164. The increase during 1908 was greater than that which took place in either 1906 or 1907. It was, however, 200 less than the average increase for the preceding ten years, which was 413.

The foregoing figures relate to the actual numbers of the insane under care; but the relative increase in the number of the registered insane, from year to year, in proportion to the population is somewhat greater, owing to the fact that the general population is yearly decreasing.

### There Might Be a Choice.

The man with the glassy eye and preternaturally solemn demeanor put down a sovereign at the booking office at Charing Cross, and demanded "a ticket." "What station?" he asked the booking clerk. The would-be traveller steadied himself. "What stations have you?" he asked with quiet dignity.—The Argonaut.

### Meredith on Ireland.

In an article discussing George Meredith's views on Ireland, Mr. Stephen Gwynn, M.P., writing in the Daily Mail, says: "Meredith held that England's true interest lay, not in keeping Ireland disarmed and paralyzed, but in having every man in Ireland able and ready to defend his portion of the United Kingdom—united under a true union, such as that which to-day binds the Transvaal to you. I hold with him. I hold that, although after so long a contest, so swift a transformation as we have seen in South Africa is scarcely to be hoped, yet Great Britain would easily succeed in conciliating Ireland as she has conciliated her Colonies, through their interest and through their pride. But that, I think, does not matter. The point is that Meredith, seeing plainly that the price of Ireland's friendship is Ireland's freedom, held that it would be richly worth the price to his own country."

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ward Moore. The Mass was sung by a volunteer choir under the direction of Mr. Camille W. Zeckwer, of Philadelphia, organizer. The contralto solos were taken in most beautiful fashion by Mrs. Amelia Desvign, of New York. The other soloists of the Mass were Miss Candida Savereuse of Brooklyn, Miss Frances O'Donnell of Buffalo, Mr. Merrill F. Greene of Boston, Mr. William Lyons of Baltimore.

The sermon at the high Mass was delivered by the Rev. John H. O'Rourke, S.J., editor of the Messenger of the Sacred Heart, New York city. Father O'Rourke, after reading the Gospel of the day, addressed himself to his chosen theme, "St. Ignatius," founder of the Jesuit order of priests, which subject is handled in a most scholarly and eloquent fashion.

### THE FAMILY GATHERING.

The Sunday evening "Family gathering" was indeed a happy occasion. Rev. Thomas McMillan, C.S.P., presided, and ushered in a program full of interest. Following a preliminary selection by Greene's orchestra, Miss Ethel Capel, of Albany, gave a splendid piano solo. Mr. John Donnelly, an old friend and life member of the School, was the first speaker of the evening. Mr. Donnelly, who is of Vergennes, spoke in a most interesting fashion of the unique celebration at the Vermont city, and spoke of the important part that the Catholics of Vermont had taken in the Champlain tennenary celebration. Miss Francis O'Donnell, in splendid voice, was cordially received in a pretty vocal selection and encore. Following Miss O'Donnell, Mrs. A. R. Smith gave some most charming readings enthusiastically received, as were her encore selections of her own composition. A cornet solo by Mr. Gilbert Mauch of Boston concluded the musical portion of the pro-

gram, after which Rev. John H. O'Rourke, S. J., gave a most inspiring and inspiring address on the Catholic Summer School, its ideals and its stimulating influence for God and His Church.

### THE WEEK'S LECTURES.

The intellectual treats this week have been varied, interesting and instructive. The studies for the morning lectures have been of a most scholarly type. The Rev. James J. Fox, D.D., of St. Thomas College of the Catholic University, Washington, D.C., the morning lecturer, has given studies "Immortality of the Soul as manifested by the religious convictions of the ancient world." Thomas McTiernan, of New York, who gave two lectures, one on "Daniel Webster," the other on "Abraham Lincoln." The Rev. Thomas J. Campbell, S.J., of Montreal, delivered the two concluding evening lectures of the week on the early Indian missions.

### FUTURE PROGRAMME.

The calendar for the coming weeks of the session is crowded full of

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events of interest. August 3 the first of the Round Table talks will be held under the direction of Rev. Thomas McMillan, C.S.P., subject: "Catholic Educational Progress." The Alumnae Auxiliary Association bazaar for the benefit of the chapel of Our Lady of the Lake will be held early in August. August 6 has been set aside for the gala dramatic performance of the season, when Mr. Harry Beresford, the well known actor, will present "Who's Your Friend." August 24 will witness the dedication of the Macdonough monument at Macdonough National Park to commemorate the victory of the great commodore. It is expected that the speech of presentation will be made by Rodney Macdonough, the great-grandson of the commodore. The shaft will be accepted by Major General Leonard Wood, Commander of the Department of the East.

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