

of twilight, Wallace... leaving his pace... to present to Scrymgeour...

was his reply. "Were you ever in Scotland?" asked she. "Often."

in a cabin on a burn side... in Mid-Lothian... by its kindling...

Wallace replied, "I have never seen him so distinctly as to be enabled to give any right to my judgment."

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WIT AND HUMOR. A prominent lawyer of Toronto is in the habit of lecturing his office staff, from the junior partner down to Tommy, the office-boy. The following conversation was lately overheard between Tommy and another office boy: "Wotcher wages?" asked the other Tommy.

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My Dear Sir:—Since coming to Canada I have been a reader of your paper. I have noted with satisfaction that it is directed with intelligence and ability, and, above all, that it is imbued with a strong Catholic spirit.

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A RED DEER U. E. L.

We have received from the Province of Alberta a letter enclosing a newspaper article upon "That School Question Again."

ing it is L. O. L. We still think that our French friends might easily give him a rejoinder or treat him with silent contempt.

THE PLENARY COUNCIL.

From the press despatches we gather that in the early summer a plenary Council of the Church in Canada will be held in the city of Quebec.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY ON DIVORCE.

An Anglican clergyman in the County of Kent, England, refused to allow a Major Pitt and his wife to partake of holy communion because Mrs. Pitt was divorced from a former husband.

waning amidst the irreligion and worldliness of society as well as the unwarranted charter under which it first left port.

PREDESTINATION.

We have been asked a number of questions by a correspondent—of which the first is: "Can a Catholic believe in predestination?"

FEASTS MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE.

We have received the following from a correspondent: "One more objection among those who are loath to believe in the date of the Nativity of our Lord is fixed on the 25th of Dec."

whilst the great majority of feasts fall on stated days. Some of these are movable, others are positively fixed.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing to an American contemporary, the Catholic Sentinel, Milwaukee, states that he was shocked to find religious publications carrying advertisements for saloons.

COL. DENISON, of Toronto, is in advance of the Labor Unions in regard to the number of working hours. He thinks three hours attending to his magisterial duties is a good day's work.

THE COLONEL seems to be possessed of a goodly share of eccentricities, the most notable being his desire to pay but scant regard to anything and everything not labelled "British."

THEY HAVE AN ANTI-ALCOHOLIC league in Holland whose work is of a most peculiar character. For stated sums they will provide an intoxicated person with a means of reaching his abode.

ABRAHAM RUEFF, of San Francisco, one of the most notorious political bosses of our day, and who was convicted of grafting and hoodluming before the court, has been sentenced to fourteen years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

HOW MANY PARENTS are there who have given thought to the manner in which drunkards are made. There is always a beginning, but it is generally when the boys are of tender years.

WHAT PECULIAR SITUATIONS we frequently encounter in the world's ways. In New York State the employees of a large distillery went out on strike.

THERE IS MUCH FORCE in the statement of the Sacred Heart Review that among the pleasurable things that serve to draw a family together and to increase happiness and contentment in the home may be reckoned the practice of reading aloud.

THE GENTLEMEN who manage the moving picture shows are becoming more bold every day. So long as the owners of these enterprises give us "shows" which are not immoral in their tendencies they have a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

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PAULIST MISSION IN OTTAWA.

St. Joseph's parish in Ottawa, in charge of the Oulate Fathers, has lately been given a mission by the Paulist Fathers of New York. We copy the following synopsis of a sermon delivered at the opening, taken from the Evening Journal. Present day conditions are given a scathing rebuke which is most richly deserved:

"The final goal of life and the passing glory of all life's vanities were spoken upon forcibly in St. Joseph's church last evening, when Rev. Fathers Brady and Kennedy of the Paulist Order, New York, opened a week's mission for the men of the parish. The church was crowded to the doors, many standing throughout the service.

Father Kennedy's manner of delivery was both direct and interesting, and his sermon included many incidents on various phases of life. His text was from the Gospel of St. Matthew, 'What profiteth a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?'

In opening Father Kennedy told graphically of the fate which attended two immigrants from Germany. Years of labor in Western Canada had helped them to realize their aim in life—to return to their native country. But when their homeward voyage the ship began to sink in a storm. Unheeding the lowering of the life boats they stood on the fast sinking deck in consultation as to the safety of their wealth. Finally in desperation they leaped from the ship into the water, but it was too late; the bags of gold, tied to their necks, dragged them down and in despair they disappeared.

Now what was the aim of the man in life? Ask a number of them and varied would be the answers. One would be striving to acquire wealth; another had ambitions towards state administration, a third sought knowledge, while the fourth strove to find happiness, in lust. And did these men find perfect contentment in any of these pursuits. Hardly.

For his was the broken body, the incessant craving for dissipation that ended with the response 'Not happiness, but much misery has been my portion.' This each has failed. For man proposes and God disposes. What then should be his aim in life? Clearly to save his immortal soul. 'If,' declared Rev. Father Kennedy in conclusion, 'any of you have made wealth, knowledge, power or lust your aim in life, pursue it if you may. But remember that you must answer for your immortal soul.'

THE PLACING IN CATHOLIC HOMES OF CATHOLIC ORPHANS.

The Catholic Home Bureau of New York, which was organized in 1898, is doing a work that might be taken up, to a certain extent, by a similar organization in Canada. It is the peculiar province of this Bureau to find homes for the surplus population of the Catholic orphanages of New York. This report takes into account the expense of keeping the orphan in the evenings, course when legitimate members elect much trouble, how they run out of their evening meal is too largely in passing to their capricious way through

who manage the money are becoming more and more long as the owners give us "shows" in their tendency to life, liberty and happiness. They had, and indifference to the welfare of the officers of the institution that the bad ones deserve. In Monopicture show people to the point of carrying on Sundays. The proprietors of the official closed their doors, full swing with large scale detectives made be submitted to the who will then decide follow. It is notorious for many years settlement have carried on Sundays. This has scandal. There people in Canada's God is Voltaire, who stands in the way They should be a free coun-

Bureau is a guarantee that all children placed through it will be placed in good Catholic homes, where the influence, example and training will be good and where the children will have reasonable opportunities to receive a fair share of education. The names of applicants for children are carefully investigated before placing the children, and afterwards the children are visited twice each year in order to ensure that the agreement upon which they were taken is carried out.

The following extract from the report will show the care exercised in placing the children: "The spirit actuating the officers of the Catholic Home Bureau has been to view the little dependent child as one who calls for the same care, love and healthy surroundings that they would wish for their own were they left dependent. Waive work and industry are manifestly desirable, and should be provided for little hands and arms that are strong enough for it, there never has been any sympathy with the view that God made the little one an orphan to provide a servant for some family."

Attention is called in the report to the fact impressed upon all who are actively interested in the placing of children that heredity counts for little in the development of these children's characters. If they are treated in their foster-homes with affection, confidence and justice they almost invariably respond to the influences surrounding them and become the same as other children reared in similar surroundings, and eventually develop into honest, industrious citizens. Many little incidents are related to show this phase of the work. One of the wards of the Bureau is studying for the priesthood, two are studying law, and quite a number have received a high school education.

The Bureau, though a separate organization, is a special work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and is looked upon by that Society as one of the most encouraging works carried on under its auspices. The sick, the infirm and the destitute are worthy objects of charity, and to assist and relieve their sufferings teaches a lesson of love to the community, but is chiefly beneficial to those who perform these works. To fit a child for Christian citizenship who might otherwise have become a menace or a burden to society is a work of far-reaching effect and cannot well be over-estimated.

RESENTS CHARGE OF DISHONESTY.

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND TAKES LONDON TIMES TO TASK CONCERNING AMERICAN CATHOLIC STATISTICS. During his recent stay in the Eternal City Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, addressed an interesting communication to the Times of London, replying to certain observations by that great newspaper's New York correspondent, who questioned the veraciousness of the recently published statistics of the Catholic population in the United States, according to the official 'Catholic Directory.' The Archbishop's letter, which, though dated in Rome, February 4, was not published until February 13, was in part, as follows: "The statement of your correspondent cannot well be taken otherwise than as a positive charge of glaring unfairness and dishonesty on the part of the editor of the 'Directory' and, implicitly, on that of the Catholic hierarchy of the United States, under whose patronage before the American public. The charge, I beg leave to say, is utterly devoid of foundation, utterly contrary to facts and realities. Your correspondent says:

"What is called a Roman Catholic census of the United States, compiled from advance sheets of the official Roman Catholic Directory, is published to-day. It shows that the number of Roman Catholics in the country is 14,235,451. These figures are impressive, but they ought not to be used for purposes of comparison with those of other denominations, especially in America. Roman Catholic statistics in compiling the numerical strength of the Church do not, as those of other religious bodies, confine their enumeration to actual membership. In the case of members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, for instance, the number only \$39,659. * * * the inclusion of persons affiliated to that body by family ties would double that number as nominal adherents. All such persons are included in the statistics of the Roman Catholic Church, whether they belong to the organization or not, and the entire population of the so-called Roman Catholic countries swell the total.

"I am writing of the United States, and there I know for certain only such persons are included in the Roman Catholic census as make personal profession of the Catholic faith, and persons merely affiliated to the Church by family ties (if mere family ties may in any manner be said to constitute an affiliation) are not included in the figures given out by the 'Catholic Directory.' "The figures given out by the 'Directory' it should at once be remarked, are not of the 'directory's' own finding. They are those furnished by the Most Rev. Archbishop of St. Louis to the National Bureau of the Census, at Washington, under instructions received from the National Bureau itself.

INDIRECT REPERTORY GAMES. "In the United States the laws do not authorize the questioning as to the religious belief of the citizen in the taking of the regular census of the population. The Bureau, however, is encouraged to obtain a religious census by such indirect means as may seem practicable and effective. Usually recourse is had to the religious bodies themselves and to such agencies as they severally may recommend. In the case of the Roman Catholic Church it was agreed between Mr. S. N. D. North, director of the National Bureau, and the body of the Archbishops that the Metropolitan of St. Louis should have the matter in hand, and by putting himself into communication with every Bishop and every parish priest to obtain for the Bureau an exact estimate of the Roman Catholic population, so far as this was possible, upon such basis and through such calculations as Mr. North himself should have previously approved. The basis adopted was this:

"Those shall be reckoned as Catholics who, baptized in the Church, whether in their infancy or in their later years, still profess to be Catholics—not having since their baptism withdrawn from the Church, either by open act of apostasy or by conduct implicitly tantamount to a renunciation of the Catholic faith—mere infrequency, however, in attendance at Mass or at the sacraments not constituting such renunciation.

In other words, those, and those only, were to be enumerated as Catholics who, baptized in the Church, continue to make personal profession of the Catholic faith. These were the instructions for-a-ly, and plainly written to the several Bishops and parish priests; these the instructions to which Bishops and parish priests gave obedience in their enumerations of the Catholic population within their respective dioceses and parishes.

A RIDICULOUS STATEMENT. "How very different all this is from the statement of your correspondent that Roman Catholic statisticians include in their enumerations all persons having no other affiliation with the Church than such as family ties may give them! Actual initiation into the Roman profession of the Catholic faith alone constitute membership in the Catholic Church, and only such persons as come under those conditions are comprised in the figures of the recent Roman Catholic census. Never could it have entered into the mind of a Catholic acquainted with his catechism to imagine that a mere vicarious profession of faith through the agency of family ties, or the confederation of a Catholic; never did it enter into the minds of Bishops or priests contributing to the Roman Catholic census to mark down as a Catholic one who could claim only such vicarious affiliation. In families where some members profess the Catholic faith, where others are Protestants, or profess no religious faith whatever, only those who personally profess the Catholic faith, for or as they may relatively have been, were numbered as Catholics.

AN UNDER-ESTIMATE.

"Within a short time the National Census Bureau will publish as its own the figures now given out by the 'Directory'—14,235,451 Catholics in the United States. It is my personal conviction that these figures are too low. They should be at least 17,000,000, or even 17,000,000. Three or four dioceses, among which is found one of the most populous dioceses in the country, sent no report to the Metropolitan of St. Louis, so that he was obliged to credit them with only the figures printed in older numbers of the 'Directory.' In the reports of some other dioceses no adequate allowance, it seems to me, was made for the masses of newly-arrived immigrants, especially those of Oriental races. Throughout, too, I could read vestiges of older habits of some parish priests to claim as Catholics only those who are pew holders or regular contributors to Church funds. But let the figures stand, such as they have gone to the National Bureau of the census; and let us say that, adding to those figures the country through our newly-acquired dependencies, we find to-day under the Stars and Stripes as the very minimum a Catholic population of 22,474,440—a figure most gratifying to the Catholics of the United States and most hopeful for the future of the Catholic Church in our well-beloved country."—Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

THE "NON-EXPEDIT" WAS IN FORCE.

BUT WHERE BISHOPS THOUGHT IT NECESSARY, ITALY'S CATHOLIC ELECTORS COULD VOTE. On learning of the determination of the irregular parties to combine in Italy at the coming general election to form a "bloc," many Catholics throughout the country thought that now at least the encyclical of Pius IX., "Non Expedit," by which Catholic voters are prohibited to cast votes for candidates aspiring to place in the Italian Chamber of Deputies, should be withdrawn. But they do not see as far as an institution of nineteenth centuries' experience. The official announcement that the Non Expedit issued thirty-eight years ago still in force has been received obediently, though not without a confession on the part of the more advanced of the would-be voters that they are a little puzzled.

There is one exception, however, to the Papal encyclical. If the Bishop of a diocese foresees that if the Catholic voters abstain from the election a candidate noted, with danger to the interests of the Church, then all that is required is the episcopal sanction to exonerate from blame all who take part in the elections.

THE STRUGGLE FOR ORPHANS.

Of the thousands of tender orphans left helpless by the late earthquake, many of them are still in great danger on the part of the more unworthy of their compatriots and the more unscrupulous of sects foreign to Italy. The Freemasons, with characteristic energy, were first in the field in the chase after orphans; the various Protestant sects have left no stone unturned to get possession of them. The Pope is being impeded by every strategy from taking care of them, although he has given every requisite guarantee that nothing shall be wanting for their moral and intellectual training.

As a certain class of vultures more dangerous than the Masonic craft has tried frequently to detain the female orphans, the danger is all the greater. The surprise is that proper provision has not been made for the children up to this. The lack of energy shows that Italy has certainly not done its part to relieve the distress caused by the disaster in proportion to the manner in which the rest of the world has given assistance.

When the "bloc" of the Municipality of Rome abolished religious instruction in the elementary schools, it found itself confronted by a regulation of Hon. Rava, Minister of Public Instruction and his official in the ranks of Masonry. According to this regulation, though religious instruction could not be held during school hours, it might be imparted by those desirous of having it after school at their own expense, permission to be given freely to use the school rooms for that purpose. Last November thousands of Roman fathers of families applied to the Municipality for the use of the schools, according to Rava's regulation. No answer was returned to their request, nor was any notice taken by the Syndic of repeated petitions from the indignant fathers, who save how quietly the Municipality trampled upon their rights. As not even a registered letter sufficed to elicit a response, the people forwarded a legal intimation, allowing ten days for the consignment of the halls for the purpose specified by law. Judge of the indignation that prevailed on receiving from the capitol a curt intimation that if fathers of families wished to have their children instructed in catechism after school hours, each and every one of them should come personally and make a formal demand for the necessary permission. The action shows that boldness of the Council and the contempt it bears for the people's rights. MORE MASONIC INTERLUDE. The old Roman families—which, by the way, are now outnumbered by newcomers since 1870—were charitable in the extreme. An open door always stood ready for the poor and needy—a thing one never finds to-day among the new Romans. And one of their habits was to found dowries for girls in poor circumstances who were about to enter married life, which dowries have come down through ages to the present hour. Needless to say, the authors of the pious foundations intended the "doti" for Catholic girls of good character, so much so that the first thing demanded by the Congregazione di Carita from an applicant was a certificate of baptism and good conduct signed by the parish priest. But we have been informed recently by the "blocc" Municipality of Rome, under the leadership of Signor Nathan, ex-Grand Master of Italian Masonry, that for the future no such document is necessary. Let us look at the meaning of this. For the future the pure Catholic girl who is not blessed with abundance of the dowry intended for her, and her alone, by the pious dead with the daughter of the "anti-clericale," who, through hatred of religion, prevents his children from being baptized, or the unmentionable creature who haunts the public streets after nightfall. AUTHORS OF THE OUTRAGE. Needless to say, the authors of this new outrage on the Catholic sentiments of the people of Rome are our old friends, the Masons and Jews. "Masonry," says the "Osservatore," "is mixed up in the matter, for it studies with great anxiety every means of emphasizing its presence in all the manifestations of the political and administrative life of the Pope's see, which disposition is an index of the not unknown intentions of the Hebrew-Masonic sect." Speaking of a total eclipse of the sun, Masonry has for long decided to play in the life of Italy, the "Osservatore" quotes a message of Fratelli, Masonic Grand Master of 1870, sent out to "his dearest brothers" on the fall of Rome. "The Italian Government," said Fratelli, "is taking possession of Rome. The Grand Orient of Masonry in Italy and her colonies has decided to establish itself there, and to order its immediate transformation from Florence to Rome, the definite capital of the nation." And ever since that day the war waged by the craft against the Holy See has been ceaseless. Where there is a question of Christianity, the followers of the society are tireless, and what is not to be passed over in silence, their efforts are becoming more bold by day. —Rome Correspondence of Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

a word, they would strive to uproot the Catholic Church, overturn every civil ordinance, and thus prepare for our country days of sorrow, as has just unfortunately happened in France beside us.

The Catholic electors are then exhorted to approach the urns in those districts where the Bishops think it necessary, and in those districts only. They are told to make certain beforehand of the principles professed by the candidate—a precaution which is unfortunately only too necessary in Italy, for the following reason: Within the past week, during the heat of the electoral campaign, it has come to light that men who were in reality Freemasons put themselves forward as having no connection with the craft. On the other hand, in order to throw dust in the eyes of the voters, reports were set afloat declaring that certain candidates were Masons, although the men were certainly sturdy enemies of the brethren. This proved most confusing to the people at large, who scarcely knew what course to follow.

Such is a brief outline as to the conditions under which must be fought an election which is now admitted to be one of the most momentous in the annals of sunny Italy.

ROYAL VISITORS TO ITALY.

Within a short time Italy will have as a guest a monarch who is, perhaps, more beloved by his people, notwithstanding religious differences, than any other European sovereign. The King of Saxony has announced his intention of visiting Naples, Genoa, Venice and other parts of the peninsula. As a Catholic ruler he comes, of course, within the Papal prohibition against visiting Rome, and so strictly does His Majesty intend observing the Pope's decree that he will travel by sea from Naples to Genoa, thus avoiding even the old Papal States.

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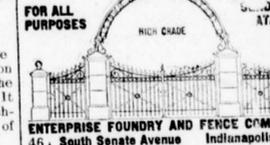
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An Anglican Rector Who was Converted by Lectures of Cardinal Merry del Val.

Rome has just lost a somewhat characteristic figure by the death of the Rev. Dr. Oxenham, for a great many years Anglican rector of All Saints'. He used language of extraordinary violence against Leo XIII. when that Pontiff declared the invalidity of Anglican orders, but the offense will be forgiven him in view of the service he rendered the Catholic Church a few years later. Mgr. Merry del Val was delivering a series of lectures on Papal claims in the Little Church of St. George and the English Saints, in which he very trenchantly refuted a pamphlet on the same subject by Mr. Oxenham; and the latter having challenged him to publish the lectures, the result was the admirable volume, "The Truth of the Papal Claims," by Raphael Cardinal Merry del Val, D. D., Archbishop of Nicea, which was issued in 1902, and which concluded with the sentence: "May Dr. Oxenham reach the same conclusion as that which brought Newman into the Church, and let him rest assured that if this grace is bestowed upon him he will have no truer friend than the author of these pages."

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Belittling Others.

The habit of belittling the great does not make small men larger, nor the large smaller, and yet, despite the utter want of purpose in the process, there seems to be no quality in humanity so exercised. Belittling is general; it is exercised with authority which it carves to pieces, and of course it is merciless with equals. Its ignorant and mean philosophy is not to recognize worth, and thus undo it. It is the senseless trick of the ostrich that imagines the whole body to be enveloped in darkness, because its head is hidden. The beggar shrugs with complacency at his low estimate of the president, and forgets for a moment his penury and rage in stretching to his full stature and feeling as big as the chief executive. The illiterate enjoy hearty, mocking laughter at the scholar and see not the beauty, the grace, and the light of intellectuality, in beholding an error that escaped the sweat-blinded, fire-eyed. They lift themselves from their stools, and the kings of thought are not as happy as they in their undermining conceits. The lazy, glorying in belittling labor and in calling ingenuity and skill hard names, preach equality in the distribution of the fruits of toil, and so try to hide their own incapacity. Folly laughs at wisdom; ignorance at learning; poverty at wealth; falsehood at truth, and the devil dares to sneer even in the face of Almighty God. Everywhere we see man anxious to tear down what he cannot build, to cheapen character that he cannot hope to fashion, to undo power that transcends his limitations. If men would infuse as much energy into their own work as they waste in belittling the works of others, then we would in truth have progress, for all would be building and none destroying. But, oh, the folly, the crime, and the shame of thinking that subtracting from one's neighbor's character or fame adds to one's own! No, it really diminishes the defamers and does not take a whit from the excellence of the other. Mangled character will not graft onto the destroyer's any more than the mutilated flesh of a victim will knit to and thrive on the body of him who did the killing.—Union and Times.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

What a Daughter Can Do.

There is so much a daughter can do for her mother that it is hard to know where to begin. Suppose we start with how she can help with the housework and care of the younger children. For years the mother has had the entire charge of both, and it is time she was relieved. Patiently and uncomplainingly she has drudged along with no thought but for the children's welfare and comfort. It should be the daughter's joy as well as duty, to bring a little recreation and pleasure into her mother's life. Remember, girls, that all your lives your mothers have been sacrificing themselves for you. Now you have a chance to reverse things. Your shoulders are young and strong; help lift the burden a little from the tired shoulders that have borne it so long. Let her see that you appreciate all that she has done for you. Take the heaviest part of the housework of her hands. Make her stay in bed in the morning while you get the breakfast. Send her out to enjoy herself while you look after the children. Of course you can not do this every day, but you can do your share of it. If you are a business woman you can not do much of this sort of thing, but there are many little pleasures you can give her. Something pretty to wear will please her. She is a woman, you know, and likes pretty things as well as you do. Confide in her and tell her your hopes and ambitions. She is better than all the girl friends in the world, and will never tell your secrets. The trouble about mothers is that we get so used to them that we don't half appreciate them until we lose them. Then quickly enough we realize what all that divine care and tenderness meant. No matter how much you do you can't begin to return all they have done for you, but do the best you can. A little love and petting is always appreciated by mothers; try it with yours and see if she does not thrive under it. As for the girls who talk and act disrespectfully towards their mothers, if they have no criticism is too harsh. If they only know what outsiders think of it I am sure they would stop it. The prettiest girl in the world is absolutely devoid of charm if she is impertinent to her mother. Begin to-day girls, and save your mothers all the worries you can; show them all the consideration you can, and give them all the love you can.—Sacred Heart Review.

Kindness.

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BREAK OF NATURE DESTROYS FARMERS' HOMES AND RUINS VAST TRACTS OF LAND IN WEST OF IRELAND.
Boston Pilot.

The moving bog or land slide of recent occurrence at Kilmore, near Ballygar, County Galway, wrought terrible havoc, and in its track left scenes of woe and desolation. Hundreds of acres of fertile land were blotted out, the crops were destroyed, the cattle killed and struggling, industrious families rendered destitute and homeless.

The disaster completely unnerved the inhabitants, and left them fearful of further danger. Fortunately, only one death resulted from the slide. Mrs. Ellen McDonnell, a widow, who lived near the bog, was caught in the moving mass and perished.

The calamity took place on Sunday night or early Monday morning. The bog was about a half mile from the village of Kilmore. With a terrible rumbling like that of a volcano, there was an upheaval of the bog to a height of twenty feet. The frontage of the bog was about a mile in width. It swept down on the village of Kilmore, covering the land and engulfing the houses.

INHABITANTS ESCAPE.
The people managed to escape from their houses in time to avoid the moving mass of mud and water.

The cattle, however, for the most part perished. Very little was saved from the houses. In fact some of the residents had barely time to escape with their lives, and lost all they had in the world.

UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO STOP IT.
Everything possible was done to stay the progress of the liquid mass, but to no avail. For the greater part of the week it continued its onward course, and at one time threatened to destroy the town of Ballygar, which is three miles from the scene of the slide.

LEAVES SCENE OF DESTRUCTION.
Never before has a bog slide done such damage or caused such desolation in Connacht. Viewing the scene of the landslide from the rising ground near the main road, the sight that met the onlooker was appalling.

For a radius of several miles a beautiful, fertile country had been turned into a dark and dismal swamp. The land was covered with the slimy stuff. The by-roads had been wiped out, and the houses nearly buried.

SEEDS OF VICTIMS.
The condition of the sufferers was pitiable. They were stunned and bewildered, and could not seem to realize just what had happened. The privations they had to endure were great.

No sooner had the news of the catastrophe spread through the country than means were taken for the relief of the victims. Food and clothing were sent, and funds were collected. The sympathy of all Ireland was aroused. A county relief fund under the direction of Archbishop Healy of Tuam was immediately started.

NEWS FROM HOLY FATHER.
The news of the accident was made known to the Holy Father by Archbishop Walsh of Dublin, who on sending the contribution from his diocese for the earthquake sufferers in Messina, wrote him of the catastrophe, and requested that he be allowed to keep \$1,000 for the sufferers in Galway. Pius X. did not merely grant the request, he did more. He sent \$5,000 to the poor afflicted ones.

LETTER FROM POPE.
The letter from the Vatican reads as follows:
Dal Vaticano,
February 12th, 1909.

Secretaria di Stato di Sua Santita.

My Dear Lord Archbishop,—I have received Your Grace's letter of the 11th of February, and have laid before the Holy Father your appeal on behalf of the sufferers by the recent disaster in the West of Ireland.

His Holiness was much concerned on learning the disaster caused by this accident. He desires me to convey to Your Grace the expression of his heartfelt sympathy, and to ask you to send \$5,000 to the fund for the relief of the victims. This amount may be deducted from the remittance you have announced for the earthquake sufferers. I am,
My Dear Lord Archbishop,
Your devoted servant in Christ,
R. CARD. MERRY DEL VAL.

HYPNOTISM.
Peasville, Ont., March 8, 1909.

To the Editor:—

Dear Sir:—There is a paragraph in the last RECORD which should, I think, be re-written, re "Priest Astronomers." I know of many professional priest astronomers. At St. John's University, Minnesota, there is a fine observatory at work, at which, besides the Very Rev. Father Abbot, are two or three priests. There is the well known Father Rigge, S. J., of St. Louis. Then there is the Catholic University at Washington, and there is our own Father Kavanaugh, S. J., of Montreal, and lots of amateurs. St. John's University, at my suggestion of the publishers, edited the new edition of the Catechism of Astronomy, published by the John Murphy Company of Baltimore.

I am truly glad to see you giving so much space to Spiritism et il genus omnia. And want to draw your attention to some of its dark places that need special notice.

I have given a great deal of attention to these phenomena, both practically and as a student of oriental mysticism, both here and in the East, and am very fully aware of the real character of their phenomena and the real existence of evil spirits.

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I will make a preface by reminding you of the late murder by a Methodist preacher in his church in Michigan, of the verdict and of his confession as published. Now I quite fully believe that he was not insane, and that his confession was true. Into the pathological feature of this case I am not going to go. Now, I have in the past ten or fifteen years sent at least twenty people to the insane asylum, whose madness began by studying hypnotism, and I fully believe that each and every one of them was obsessed by another personality, and this experience is frightfully common. I have known many ignorant people take up hypnotism. And when taken up by such or any people without the useful physical discipline used in the East, and which occupies long years, it inevitably leads to loss of personality, and obsession. Just as spiritism does, of which I personally know of some startling cases. Even an agnostic government ought, in its own defence, take up these questions. It is devil worship with a vengeance to us. The mail should be closed to any such advertisement and the Catholic press is the one to start the movement. Every one knows of the facts who has anything to do with insanity, whatever be their interpretation of them. And I am not at all sure that this very thing is not at the bottom of a great deal of the abominable and unusual epidemic of crime in recent years.

We may be fools in the eyes of science or our interpretation, which however is indorsed by the vast majority of learned men, pace the modern minority, but anyhow the facts are patent to every eye that cares to look through them.

GEO. CHAS. BUCHANAN.

NOTES ON IRISH FAITH.

To the most casual observer there are few things so worthy of admiration as the faith of the Irish people. If one has traveled in other lands this noble spiritual attribute becomes all the more evident; for whilst other nations glory in breadth of domain, in historical glory and the triumphs of war, Ireland, poor, despised and vanquished, glories in the faith she has preserved within her own borders and that which she has sown throughout the wide world. Nor can I think of the happy days of my youth in Wicklow without feeling that the one joy amidst the trials, the one strength amidst the weaknesses, was the living faith of my race. There the temptations were few, there the false gods of modern times were unknown or were as helpless and dumb as the worms that creep away to hide themselves beneath the ground from the first rays of the morning sun. The faithful people of Ireland, from early morning until they closed their eyes in peaceful sleep in the evening, seemed to be mindful of God's presence everywhere and whether in time of work or leisure they make some remarks which clearly show that they love their faith and their God. And this may rightly be given as a general rule of the conduct of the Irish people. Friends and strangers alike begin their conversations, generally by some word or phrase of praise to God; and very often God is the principal subject in the common discourse of the peasantry. They seem to realize God's providence and goodness in all the works of nature and to hear with reverence His voice speaking to their hearts from the summit of the lofty mountains and echoing through the deep glens. His message of love to man. They know that the greatest of human artists could give only a faint idea of the

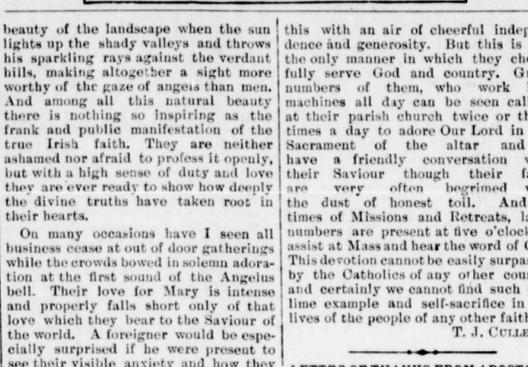
beauty of the landscape when the sun lights up the shady valleys and throws his sparkling rays against the verdant hills, making altogether a sight more worthy of the gaze of angels than men. And among all this natural beauty there is nothing so inspiring as the frank and public manifestation of the true Irish faith. They are neither ashamed nor afraid to profess it openly, but with a high sense of duty and love they are ever ready to show how deeply the divine truths have taken root in their hearts.

On many occasions have I seen all business cease at out of door gatherings while the crowds bowed in solemn adoration at the first sound of the Angelus bell. Their love for Mary is intense and properly falls short only of that love which they bear to the Saviour of the world. A foreigner would be especially surprised if he were present to see their visible anxiety and how they would run a long distance sooner than be a little late for the holy sacrifice of the Mass. The constant practice of reciting their prayers together in their homes in the evening upon the beads and meditating upon the Divine Mysteries brings them into close union with God. And if you would ask them why they sanctify their homes by this holy exercise, the most simple would be able to tell you, that it is the shortest way to meditate upon the wonderful works of God and the infinite merits of the Redeemer. They would frankly tell you that Christ has said "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Their love for a priest and docile obedience to his commands, is perhaps the greatest stumbling block to the vain-glory and domineering pride of sinful man. And it certainly was the strongest fortification of the Irish when the big guns of the Reformation began to roar upon the shores of vengeful vengeance upon the peaceful and innocent people of Ireland. These are a few things I noticed while Ireland was my home.

Still I do not mean to say that all the people of Ireland are good, but the bad are so few that they are not worthy of mention in a Catholic paper, but I will leave them to be treated by bigots and enemies of the Catholic faith and of the Irish people, or to those who are so fond of novelty and notoriety that they would rather write upon an exception than a general rule. Some there are who do not like to travel in well trodden ways and whose love for vain glory compels them to utter the most ridiculous things about the Irish people.

During several years I lived in the States where worldly wealth and pleasures seemed to predominate, where temptations were numerous and aggressive and where, too, I have seen the faith of the Irish stand the test. And if we would consider the number of eminent Bishops, competent and worthy priests of Irish descent and their untiring efforts to propagate the faith, we have another proof that the faith of the Irish can withstand every assault and flourish in any land. But the Bishops and priests could do very little if the laity were not faithful and generous. And perhaps, too, the exploits of the great are better known than the devotion of the humble; the wonderful achievements of the widows' mite is often altogether forgotten. The loyalty and self-sacrifice of the good Catholic people cannot be too well known or admired. For nothing less than firm and lively faith, a generous spirit well clad with the grace of God can overcome great difficulties and acquire laudable success. This is what the Catholics of the States have accomplished, as the monuments of faith, charity and Catholic education, testify in every city in the land. It is very difficult for the greater number of working people to support the Church and State, to contribute to charitable institutions, the schools of the Church and the extravagant schools of the State, to pay rent and supply all things necessary for family and home. And yet Catholics do all

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T. J. CULLEN.

LETTER OF THANKS FROM APOSTOLIC DELEGATE.

Mgr. J. E. Meunier, Administrator of the Diocese of London, Windsor, Ont.

Right Rev. and Dear Monsignor:—I am in receipt of your favor of the 1st instant containing a cheque for \$1956.49, of which amount \$1494.25 is the result of the diocesan collection for the victims of the Italian earthquake and \$462.24 for the African Missions. I have made two cheques of the relative amounts, the first of which I forwarded to His Eminence the Cardinal Secretary of State and the second to the Most Eminent Prefect of the Propaganda. I must offer you the expression of my thanks and appreciation to yourself, to the clergy and people of the Diocese of London for the generous manner in which they have charitably come to the assistance of their brethren of the faith so cruelly afflicted. With sentiments of esteem, I am, my dear Monsignor, Yours very sincerely in Christ, DONATUS, Archbishop of Ephesus, Apostolic Delegate.

We reduce life to the pettishness of our daily living; we should exalt our living to the grandeur of life—Phillips Brooks.

To get in touch with God is a great thing. It is likewise a great thing to get in touch with human needs and conditions. And who succeeds in this has grasped the great gain.

The Month's Mind

Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Thomas Kelly was celebrated at Prescott, March 23rd inst. The celebrant was Father Kelly, the deacon was Father O'Connell and the subdeacon was Father O'Hanlon. Monsignor Masterson, parish priest and Vicar General, occupied his accustomed place in the sanctuary. Fourteen prayers were offered by a large congregation for the repose of the soul of Thomas Kelly. May he rest in peace.

DIED.

CLIFFORD—At Canby, Ont., on Feb. 23, 1909, Mr. James Clifford, aged seventy-eight years. May his soul rest in peace.

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