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St. Patrick's Day.

Patron Feast Will be Fittingly Observed by Montreal Irishmen.

Details of Arrangements.

Various Irish societies will fittingly observe the great patronal festival. Naturally beginning the day with the religious services and following that with the parades and public exhibits their love for the land and the race.

In the afternoon and night there will be many entertainments, both musical and dramatic.

His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi has sent letters to the Irish Catholic pastors of the city granting them permission to have solemn high Mass on the feast of St. Patrick in their own churches.

This is a departure, as in former years all the parishes united in procession and service at St. Patrick's parish church, until last year, when St. Gabriel's held a service of its own.

This year, however, each of the Irish Catholic parishes will have its own celebration.

At St. Mary's parish the members of St. Mary's Young Men's Society and several divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, together with the school children of the parish, accompanied by bands of music, will hold a procession in the East End, then march to Church, where solemn high Mass will be sung and a special preacher will deliver the sermon.

At St. Gabriel's, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Agnes, the celebrations will be of an elaborate character.

At St. Patrick's Church the pontifical high Mass will begin at 9.30 a.m. Celebrant, His Grace Most Rev. Paul Bruchesi, D.D., Archbishop of Montreal, Preacher, The Very Rev. Thomas Barrett, O.P.D.D., Moore Organ Prelude, Moore Processional, Responses, Chancel Choir, Kyrie, Gloria, Riga, Credo, Gregorian, Ave Maria, Owns, Organist and Director of the Choir, Mr. P. J. Shea.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY DINNER

The fifty-third annual dinner of St. Patrick's Society will be given on Wednesday night at the Windsor Hotel. Previous to the dinner there will be a reception in the Hotel parlors. The toasts will include "The King," "Ireland," "Canada," "Our Guests," "The Press," and "The Ladies." The speakers will include Hon. Victor J. Dowling, Justice of the Supreme Court, New York; Hon. Geo. P. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals; Hon. Charles Murphy, Secretary of State; Hon. J. J. Curran, Justice Superior Court; Mr. R. L. Borden, Leader of the Opposition, Hon. C. J. Doherty, M.P., Mr. Henri Bourassa, M.L.A., Mr. Henry Kavanagh, K.C., Mr. E. McG. Quirk, Mr. Walter Kennedy, D. J.S.

A special musical programme has been arranged for the occasion. An orchestra will play Irish melodies, and the sweet voiced boy singers of St. Patrick's School will render Irish choruses, Miss Margaret McCann, of Toronto, soprano; and Mr. Frederick D. Carter, of Montreal, basso, will be the soloists. Miss McCann is well known to Montreal music lovers, while Mr. Carter will be remembered for his success in "The Messiah."

For the convenience of those who desire to attend the dinner, tickets have been placed on sale at the Windsor Hotel, and Hyman's, St. James street.

YOUNG IRISHMEN.

The Young Irishmen's Literary and Benefit Association will produce the Irish drama "Rosaleen" at the Princess Theatre, St. Catherine street west, on St. Patrick's night. The cast is a strong one, and Miss H. O'Brien, who will appear in the title role, is said to be a young lady of exceptional dramatic talent. Other members of the cast are Mrs. George Arless, Miss Nellie Tierney, Miss White, Miss A. Jones, Messrs. M. J. Power, T. J. Murphy, Jno. P. Cunningham, R. Kelly, J. P. O'Connor, R. Love and T. Kartizza. The play is a racy drama in five acts, and will be produced with appropriate scenery and music of the Emerald Isle. There will be songs by Miss H. O'Brien, Miss Ida Palmer, Miss Gertrude Gallery and Mr. George Morgan. Mr. Wm. Flanagan and Mr. Wm. Kitts will dance an Irish jig. Mr. Edmund T. Savers will act as stage manager and Signor Camillo d'Allesio as musical director.

ST. MARY'S YOUNG MEN.

St. Mary's Catholic Young Men's Society will present an Irish comedy drama, "The Boys of Drogheda in '98," in the Theatre National Français, corner St. Catherine and Beaudry streets, on St. Patrick's Day, afternoon and evening. The young men have been hard at work on the play for some time, and promise to excel all their past performances. The cast is a strong one, including such well known talent as Messrs. P. J. Doyle, P. Doyle, P. J. Carroll, M. Kenny, J. Chambers, J. P. Kavanagh, M. Ralters, H. O'Neill,

History of Ireland.

Demands That it Should Receive Attention in Parochial Schools.

A. O. H. Donates Prizes.

The following letter is self-explanatory and deserves serious consideration: To the Editor, True Witness: Dear Sir,—The Ancient Order of Hibernians of this country wish through the medium of your valuable paper to make a special plea on an important work that has occupied their attention for a number of years, viz. the study of Irish History in our parochial schools.

The Order in the United States are at the present time exerting every effort to engage the attention of the various authorities on the important question. In many dioceses they have succeeded in making it a compulsory study in the parochial schools. It has been placed in the curriculum of the Boston public schools and the educational department of New York State has placed it in their official list of studies.

On a thorough knowledge of the history of our race by the younger generation depends the spirit of nationality that will be manifested by them and the perpetuation of Irish sentiment in Canada.

We are all proud of our race, its noble past and present achievements in all parts of the world. But there is no part of the world in which our people have not distinguished themselves as scholars, statesmen, soldiers, or as men of affairs—above all as champions of freedom and justice.

But the question arises: What do our children know of Ireland? What do they know of its bright and glorious record of ages past? What do they know of the struggles and sufferings of their ancestors? We have a right to ask these questions when we consider the neglect with which the history of Ireland is treated in this country.

As a matter of fact it is almost lost sight of in our schools and homes while the children of our grand old race can get all the instruction they wish in the annals of other countries that are of far less concern to them from every point of view. Is it not a fact that our children are far more familiar with the names in foreign histories than they are with the names and deeds that have glorified the land of their forefathers? It is a shame that our children do not know of these things and we owe it as a debt to them that they should know it. This can be done only by making general provision for the study of Irish History in our parish schools, and agitation should be kept alive until that end is accomplished.

It is with just pride we assert that through the untiring efforts of the A.O.H. quite a number of children in the Catholic schools of Montreal are studying that glorious history of that land which gave them their nationality and faith, opening their eyes to the fact that they have a mother-country and a history of which they may justly be proud.

The County Board of Directors, A. O. H. are offering this year, as in the past, twelve gold and silver medals for competition in the various parochial schools, and trust that in the near future the various Irish societies will co-operate with them in the fulfilment of this great work, by taking similar action that will insure its adoption in the Catholic schools of this city.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space, I remain, Yours truly,
T. HEAVERS,
County Secretary, A.O.H.

W. Kennedy, M. Naughton, F. King, and P. J. Quinn.

The musical numbers include Songs by Misses Mott, M. Campsie, R. Geary, Messrs. H. O'Neill, W. Kennedy, J. Chambers, and W. Aird; and Irish jig by Miss Flossie Aird, and the O'Kane Bros. A crowded house is sure to greet the young men at each performance.

A. O. H. CELEBRATION.

The Hibernian Knights, Div. No. 7, A.O.H., are making great preparations for the due celebration of the feast of Ireland's patron saint, St. Patrick's Day, and intend giving their friends a rare treat in the form of an Irish patriotic concert, lecture and social, to be held in the Auditorium Hall on that evening.

They have secured one of the most gifted speakers in America, Mr. Matthew Cummins, the National President of the A.O.H.—a man who has at heart whatever should be dearest in every sense to the Irish Celt at home and abroad, and has on many occasions championed the cause of liberty, virtue, charity, education and truth. To him is due the credit of bringing before the National Convention of the A.O.H. the proposition of erecting a Celtic Cross to the memory of the stricken shipwrecked emigrants who are buried at Grosse Ile. In addition to the lecture a very fine programme of vocal and instrumental selections has been prepared, and the fact that Casey's orchestra has been engaged is in itself a guarantee that the balance of the programme will be appreciated.

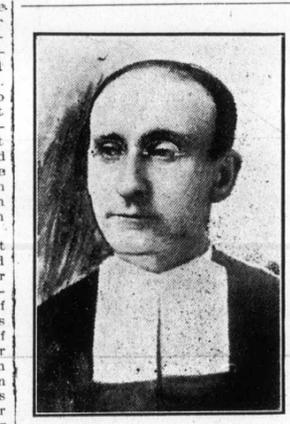
Brother Prudent Leaves

Director of St. Patrick's Removed to Toronto University.

A Touching Farewell.

Many persons in Montreal will receive with regret the announcement that Rev. Brother Prudent, who until this week had been director of St. Patrick's Boys' School, has been transferred to Toronto and is now serving in an executive position at La Salle Institute in that city. Brother Prudent has been a member of the Brothers of the Christian Schools for a period of thirty-five years, of which some thirty years have been spent in Montreal at St. Ann's School, the Archbishop's Academy, Mount St. Louis Institute and St. Patrick's School. In the various capacities in which he has served Brother Prudent proved possessed of exceptional qualities as an educator, and the thousands of boys who have passed from under his care recall pleasant memories of the hours spent in the schools with which he has been connected.

The short notice given of Brother Prudent's departure precluded any elaborate leave-taking on the part of those who would have wished to have been able to offer a sympathetic handshake to a former teacher, which took place at St. Patrick's



REV. BROTHER PRUDENT.

school on Tuesday afternoon, must have conveyed to Brother Prudent a fair idea of the great esteem in which he is held in Montreal. On that occasion the boys of the school were summoned to the large hall and in the presence of members of the clergy and the laity there was a touching scene. The choir boys sang several choruses, after which one of the boys read a charming address to Brother Prudent. This was followed by the reading of some admirably written verses and the presentation of a very handsome bouquet of roses. Rev. Father McShane, pastor of St. Patrick's, spoke most sympathetically of Brother Prudent and his work, and said that the first ideas of his own vocation had been suggested by Brother Prudent. Mr. Justice Curran spoke for the laity and expressed the hope that Brother Prudent would at some time return to Montreal. Brother Prudent thanked the speakers for their kindly expressed appreciation. He said that it was a sorrowful duty he was about to perform, but like a soldier he must obey.

Those present included:—Rev. Father McShane, Mr. Justice Curran, Father Killoran, Father Elliott, Father Singleton, Father O'Reilly, Father McPhail, C.S.S.R., Brother William, St. Ann's, Ald. O'Connell, Dr. Mullally, Mr. Martin Eagan, Mr. J. Fallon, W. E. Doran and the editor of the True Witness.

Here is something for the chap who is always telling how much better they do things elsewhere: Writing to the Daily Chronicle from Kamloops, British Columbia, "Britisher" says: "I have been in this beautiful country nearly three years, and I would like to point out where my countrymen are wanting in one or two respects. Some of them come out here and in speech and action assume that they are, so to speak, demi-gods, and that Canadians should adore them, because they have come from England. This kind of thing will never work out here, because there is a spirit of democracy which will never die out; that spirit which claims that every man is as good as another. Why is it the Scotch, Irish and Welsh get on here so well? Because they can adapt themselves to the conditions they find themselves in, while—I say it cautiously—the Englishman cannot; he wants things like they are 'at home.' Canadians get sick of employing men like that. They want not an England. 'When you are in Rome do as Rome does,' is a proverb that the average Englishman should take to heart."

No man or woman should hobble painfully about because of corns when so certain a relief is at hand as Holloway's Corn Cure.

Irish Brothers.

His Grace, the Archbishop Sanctions Invitation to Come to Montreal.

Teachers Are Required.

The announcement was made at this week's meeting of the Catholic School Commissioners that episcopal sanction had been granted to the Commissioners to invite the Irish Christian Brothers to send teachers to Montreal. There has been for some time a scarcity of English-speaking teachers in the local schools. The Brothers of the Christian Schools were unable to supply the lack of teachers, hence it became necessary to seek them from the Irish brothers. A deputation consisting of Canon O'Meara, Ald. Gallery and Mr. Joseph McLaughlin interviewed His Grace the Archbishop on the subject and received from him permission to invite the Irish order to send teachers to Montreal.

The Christian Brothers of Ireland is an institute founded at Waterford Ireland, in 1802, by Edmund Ignatius Rice, a merchant of that city. At the close of the eighteenth century a cloud of ignorance and misery hung over the Catholics of Ireland, the inevitable result of two centuries of dreadful penal enactments. During those unhappy years it was illegal either for a Catholic to educate his children as Catholics or for a teacher to undertake the work. The wretched state of the Catholic boys of Wexford excited the pity of Mr. Rice. He had some idea of joining a religious order on the continent, but the miserable state of his surroundings decided his future course. The Bishop of the diocese, the most Reverend Dr. Hussey, warmly approved his intention and promised him every support.

Mr. Rice's career as a merchant came to an end in 1800, and his whole future and life were devoted to the great work he had selected. In 1802, in Waterford, he opened his first school, assisted for a time by a few secular teachers. Soon after, some pious young men, drawn by the influence of his zeal and example, came to his assistance, and in 1803 a monastery was built for them by the citizens of Waterford. As the number of assistants increased and the reputation of the school became known through the island, many applications for brothers reached Mr. Rice. Houses were soon opened in Carrick-on-Suir, Dungarvan, and Cork. The Most Rev. Dr. Murray, then Bishop of Cork, summoned a meeting of the principal citizens and expressed to them a strong desire to procure similar advantages for that city. Two gentlemen offered to devote their lives and fortunes to the good work, and the first house was opened there in 1811. For almost a century the history of the Christian Brothers' schools of Cork has been one unbroken record of progress in primary, secondary and technical education. The Most Rev. Dr. Murray, Archbishop of Dublin, in 1812, established a community in Dublin. A second community was founded in 1818 and in 1907 there were ten communities in Dublin, educating more than 6000 pupils. These establishments comprise not only extensive primary and secondary schools, but orphanages, industrial schools, and a large deaf and dumb institution. The Limerick community was founded in 1816, and enlargements were made in 1825 and 1828, while many houses were opened later in the principal towns of the county.

In 1820 came the crowning of Mr. Rice's work in the Apostolic Brief by which the Holy See constituted his little band of workers into a religious institute of the Church. The Christian Brothers was the first Irish order of men formally approved by a charter from Rome. Encouraged by a regular succession of excellent members, the order gradually spread not only through the principal Irish towns, but also to Liverpool, London, and other large centres in England. Having gradually strengthened itself in the British Isles during the remaining years of the nineteenth century, the institute ultimately extended its influence into distant countries. In 1868 a colony was sent to Australia, and so fruitful was the effort that, out of a community of four, a province has grown up containing about fifty establishments, schools, colleges, orphanages, and a flourishing novitiate. Another extension of great importance was the opening of a school in St. John's, Newfoundland (1875). From the beginning the efforts of the brothers there have been very successful, and through the zeal and energy of the Benevolent Irish Society there are now five large institutions under their management. Between the regimental schools on one side and those of Anglicans and Methodists on the other, Catholic education was at a very low ebb in Gibraltar, when the Most Rev. Dr. Scandella introduced the brothers there in 1878. Soon the whole aspect was changed, and there are now on the Rock four establishments of the highest repute. From Gibraltar to New Zealand, from Australia to Newfoundland, the brothers had carried the standard of Irish monastic education, when, in 1886, Cardinal

Ireland His Subject.

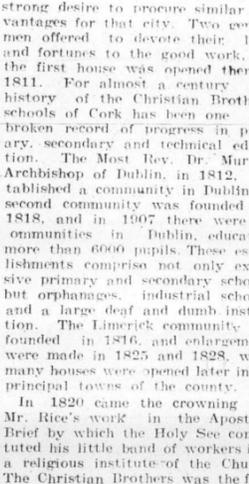
Father Naish, S. J., Will Lecture at Monument National.

Poet, Musician and Orator.

In honor of Ireland's patron saint an entertainment will be given at the Monument National on Monday night by the choral union, under the auspices of St. Agnes' Parish. Rev. Father Naish, S. J., will deliver a lecture on Ireland, and there will be a musical programme under the direction of Mr. J. J. Shea, recently appointed organist of St. Agnes' Church. One of the soloists will be Mr. Betts Brown, Baryton, of London, Eng., who will give selections from "Faust," and "Tanhauser."

Father Naish is a poet and musician as well as an orator, and one of the features of the programme will be his rendition of a song on the wearing of the green in Ireland, composed by himself.

Rev. Vincent Naish, S. J., was born in the County Limerick in Aug., 1852, and is a younger brother of the late Lord Justice Naish, who was the only Catholic except the late Lord O'Hagan to hold the position of Lord Chancellor of Ireland in modern times. Father Naish began his schooling with the Christian Brothers at Limerick, and afterwards under the care of the Jesuit Fathers in Dublin, Tullabeg and Stonyhurst. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1870 and was ordained priest at Louvain in 1888, and



REV. VINCENT NAISH, S. J.

left shortly afterwards for the Calcutta mission, where he remained for thirteen years during which time he filled the offices of rector of St. Xavier's College, Calcutta, and subsequently of military chaplain at Darjeeling. A breakdown in health resulted in Father Naish's return from India in 1903. Since that time he has been engaged in magazine work and on the lecture platform, having a considerable international reputation as a lecturer.

Simoni conveyed to the superior general the wish of the Holy Father that they should extend their influence to India. The superior at once complied, and at present there is a flourishing province there with many schools, orphanages and colleges. Since receiving the Brief of approbation in 1820, no event in its history was of greater moment to the order than the request of the Holy Father, through Cardinal Jacobini, to the superior-general to send a community of brothers to Rome (1906). The proselytizing agencies of Anglican and American authorities had given the ecclesiastical some anxiety, and to counteract these insidious influences the Holy Father called the Irish brothers to his side. The result amply justified his confidence. A foundation was made in New York, the first in the United States, in 1906.

Note and Comment.

Fifty Paragraphs of Opinion and News.

The Catholic Press.

At all events, this session of the Quebec Legislature will not be dull and listless, judging from the lively manner in which proceedings have begun.

Oxford students refused to listen to Keir Hardie when he tried to address them. This would indicate the people become tired of hearing unpleasant things about themselves. Mr. Hardie has been a merciless critic.

Hiram Maxham has invented a silencer for firearms. Hiram would confer a great boon if he would devise a silencer for some of our political propagandists.

Another man has killed the golden goose. A farmer in County Antrim found half a sovereign in the craw of the goose he had just acted as executioner of.

A temperance lecturer brought to Canada by the Dominion Alliance says that Canada is a long way behind Great Britain in that work. Wonder if he thinks big breweries and countless distilleries make for drinkless districts.

If the Police Committee is to be believed, Montreal is a most moral spot, being apparently free from all corruption and sin. Is that faith or ?

Says the Milwaukee Catholic Citizen: "A Catholic who finds a Catholic paper too 'dull' to read is a Catholic who rarely opens a prayer book. It is 'dull reading' too."

Now, if any person can offer a suggestion as to the best means of making the True Witness snappy and bright, as well as accurate, just write to the Editor.

Mgr. Francis Xavier Profontaine, member of the parol household, and the oldest priest in Seattle, Wash., is dead in that city, aged seventy years. His first congregation numbered ten white persons. On September 21, by special papal decree, he was invested with the purple robes of the Pope's household.

Bishop McFaul says: "Priests should not hesitate to go into the newspapers. Give them the news. Tell them what is going on in Catholic circles. Don't pay any attention to those who charge you with rooting your own horn when you give news to the newspapers."

We recommend this injunction to our friends of the Montreal Diocese. The Catholic journal is the place for all the Catholic news.

Serious charges in connection with the recent earthquake in Italy, were made against the Italian government and the Red Cross Society by the Rev. Angelus Idone, on his arrival in New York from Calabria on the Deutschland, of the Hamburg-American line. He is pastor of St. Marian's Catholic Church, Cleveland, Ohio. With him was his ten-year-old brother, Arthur Idone, whose home was wrecked in the earthquake. Father Idone made a statement to an immigration officer, Edward Flannery, for official action.

Briefly his charges are that the Italian soldiers were brutal and negligent and paid little attention to the sufferers, many of whom could have been rescued; that they were chiefly concerned in distributing the choicest of the American contributions to their friends; that provisions and blankets were carried away and that the looting continued until a lieutenant in command was finally transferred, but not punished.

"When I protested," he said, "the lieutenant ordered my arrest. My papers of American citizenship saved me. When I asked the Red Cross attaches by what right they gave away American supplies to their friends they told me to mind my own business or I would be arrested. I saw acts of cruelty which no newspaper would dare print."

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The Pipe of Pan.

(By Katharine Metcalf Roof, in Putnam's Magazine.)

When I think of Leo now, all the strange, unreal happenings of what might be called the last year of his life slip away and the picture that his name calls up is of a little boy in a sheepskin girdle with a chaplet of leaves about his head, playing upon a shepherd's pipe. I do not recall the literal background of the picture—it was one of De Long's famous tableaux at Newberry, almost twenty years ago now,—but in my mind I seem to see a sun-burned hill-top against a blue sky piled high with white clouds. "Pan and the Young Shepherd," De Long called it—and, at that evanescent moment when the soft roundness of the child merges into the slim strength of the boy, Leo was surely as beautiful as any shepherd boy that ever piped upon the Attic hills.

I had often seen him, before, of course, about the village streets. His older sister Hedwig was my little sister Sue's music-teacher. But probably more boy than artist in my perceptions at that time—I had just finished my first year at the art school—I seemed never to have realized Leo's peculiar, distinctive beauty until I saw him in the frame there, freed from his uncouth boyish garments, transformed into a little lad of Greece.

Leo's parents were German. His father, of aristocratic antecedents, a fact to which their name and the family features bore testimony, was one of the many who fled to America in the early seventies. But, socially deteriorated as is often the case with the better class of Germans in this country, he seemed quite content with the maintenance of his honest little grocery shop. And our acquaintance, except for Sue's professional connection with Hedwig, was limited to the exchange of cordial greetings on the street. But we knew, as one knows even one's humbler neighbors' affairs in a small community, that they were all more or less talented musically, and played together in the evening after the pleasant German fashion. He knew, also, that an older brother was a violinist in a New York orchestra and that Leo (whose whole name was Leopold) was something of a youthful virtuoso upon the flute.

Sometimes I stopped to talk with Hedwig when she came to give Sue her lesson. Without possessing Leo's extraordinary beauty, Hedwig had a delicate aristocratic charm of face and manner—I can recall her distinctly even now,—and, being far more intelligent and interesting than the other Newberry girls, our meetings might easily have become more frequent and assumed a more personal character, had it not been for the watchfulness of my conservative mother, and, even more than that, for the girl's own gentle yet impenetrable dignity. One conversation we had, in the summer of the De Long tableaux, which I had occasion to remember afterwards. I had inquired for Leo, and I noticed that a little shadow came upon her face at my question, although she answered with an obvious sense of pride in her announcement. "Oh, Leo—he has gone to New York to study the oboe."

And I had inquired, "Why not the flute?" "The oboists receive more," Hedwig explained. "There are fewer of them, so they are more in demand."

I asked why that was, and it seemed to me that she answered less simply and directly than usual. I remember she said for one thing, that not every musician, however talented, could become an oboist, and that a bassoon-player in the same orchestra with Otto who had recently visited them had said that Leo had the equipment of one man in a thousand,—the flexible lips, the chest development, the breath control. Oboists, she quoted the bassoon-player as saying, were born, not made. So he had taken Leo away with him, to work for a scholarship at a conservatory.

"It is a poetic instrument," I said, "and it seems to belong to Leo somehow. It suggests green rushes and brooks and Greece and Arcady."

But Hedwig, instead of meeting my outburst with her German responsiveness which I found so charming, looked suddenly grave. "But my mother is so unhappy about it. Her oldest brother was an oboist."

came out again directly with his oboe, upon which he played a few bars of a Mozart melody, and the canary, to my astonishment, after the prelude of a few chirps, repeated it exactly.

"I didn't know a canary could be taught a tune," I exclaimed. "Oh, yes, with a little patience. But few birds are so clever as Hans." Then he made the bird repeat his little solo. "You recognize it! It is the melody with which Tannino charms the birds and beasts in 'Zauberflöte.'"

"I hadn't just placed it, but the divine Mozart simplicity is unmistakable," I replied. Leo looked off at the drifting clouds above the dingy roof-tops. As he stood there among the vines, the light and shade from the wistaria playing over his head and face, he looked more than ever like a young wood god; yet I realized, in the revealing outdoor light, some tired, worn lines in his face that should not have been there, for he was built like a young Hercules.

"Yes, there is but one Mozart," he said. "But after all one could not easily mistake them one from the other, the inspired ones." He turned and looked at me, a light shining in his blue eyes. "There is Schubert—he is the wild woods, the earth, the sea and all that in them, and the morning stars singing together. But Mozart—he is an eighteenth century formal garden, with wide green lawns and clipped yews and little temples—but always above, the great eternal sky and the eternal sunshine."

It was not only his little rhapsody that held me silent for the moment, but the rapt look in Leo's face. Certainly he had made no mistake in choosing his profession. "Now I do not know which you love best," I said.

"I love them all best," he replied smiling. "They are all music, and they are all outdoors. All great music is cosmic, a part of nature. Such music as the compositions of Rossini and Donizetti is the music of indoors. It is charming, of course, in another way, like a quaint little spinnet in an old-time drawing-room. But one cannot listen to them for long."

"You seem to me to belong outdoors," I said. "I had thought it might be the association of that childish tableaux—but I see now that it is your real self."

"It is the way I feel," Leo answered. "Perhaps because I was born in the country. Sometimes I feel suffocated in these streets. That is why I live down here where I can at least see the vines and sit in the sunshine. Unfortunately one cannot be a professional musician and live outdoors—that was for the golden age in Greece. But how beautiful it must have been to play one's pipe under the trees and have the birds answer from the branches!"

He paused; then, with the air of one laughing at himself for his fantastic imaginings, he turned to the little concentrated fragment of life in the cage. "But here I have Hans—and we are both in a cage—although mine is a bit larger." Then he asked Hans if he would like to come out for a while, and the bird as if it understood began to jump excitedly from perch to perch.

"Aren't you afraid of losing him?" I asked as Leo opened the cage door and drew the bird out upon his hand. He shook his head. "I could not lose Hans."

Then we sat down on the veranda and discussed the best days and hours for sitting, while Hans flew about like an embodied sunbeam among the violet wistaria blossoms, returning from time to time to perch upon Leo's hand or shoulder.

"I am never lonely since I have had him," Leo said. "We have lived together five years. Hans and I, not sing a note."

His remark induced a reflection which I saw no reason for not voicing frankly, for our old Newberry association, slight as it had been, seemed to have placed us upon a friendly, informal footing. "You have evidently escaped matrimony so far."

Leo's face became grave. "I am too poor." "I suspect you have made your choice," I observed. "Yes," he replied, simply. "It is Anna Schultz. She lives in the house here on the second floor. If I could make money enough I should marry her."

"Surely," I exclaimed, "a musician in a big orchestra is well enough paid for that!" "I get eight dollars for each performance with the orchestra," Leo explained frankly. "But there are only fourteen concerts in the year, so I have to make up at the theatres, and there they pay only two dollars and a half a night, and one must play such stupid music! It is not music at all, usually. And I have to play there all summer, if I am not fortunate enough to get a place in a summer concert orchestra. But next year, perhaps, I shall get a position at the opera house. There I would have six performances a week at eight dollars each. There's much hard work about it, but then we could afford to get married and spend the whole summer outdoors."

"But two dollars and a half a night!" I exclaimed. "Why the stage carpenters must get more than that!" "More than twice as much," replied Leo calmly. "Art often does not pay—from that standpoint."

"And yet I am told that good oboists are scarce," I wondered. "Yes, and good reasons," replied Leo with an odd smile. "I did not understand when I began to study. And now it seems hard to start any-

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THE CHURCH AND THE WORKINGMAN.

From the quiet calm of Stillwater—which place, by the way, is situated in the State of New York—arises a voice in criticism of the Church, the Church in this instance being Christianity in the abstract.

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The Transfiguration, His Subject. Father Barrett's Second Sermon Was Impressive Link in Lenten Series.

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DESTINY OF NATIONS. Nations have a destiny—just as individuals—, they are called into existence to realize a definite portion of the divine plan. We to them if we fail to achieve their destiny! Then Christ weeps over them as He wept over Jerusalem. Let us glance at the vocation of the ancient Jews. How sublime! They were chosen to be the depositories and guardians of four primary truths; the unity of God, the Creation, the Fall, and redemption to be wrought by the Messiah. God raised up warriors to defend them, Kings to rule them, Saints and prophets to teach and rebuke them. These prophets, saints and warriors were all types of the Saviour. And as time went on the types grew more perfect, until at last the voice of the great Baptist is heard in the desert, proclaiming the immediate coming of the Messiah. He came. Oh how faint and feeble are the figures now when confronted with the Reality! What is your wisdom, ye prophets, what your love, ye Saints, what your strength, ye warriors, compared with Him who is essentially, and at the same time, infinite Wisdom, infinite Love, and Omnipotence! Brethren, the life of Christ was a beautiful tissue of those three attributes. He made an appeal to the intellect of man by His wisdom. And what marvellous wisdom! Boast no longer Greece of your Divine Plato—a greater than Plato is here. With what ease He solves the most difficult problems!

A PROFOUND TEACHER. How profound his teachings!—and withal how simple! Here is an eye that peers down to the very root of things, that reads the inmost heart. What masterpieces His parables are; sublime doctrine wedded to perfect literary form! But nowhere does His wisdom flash more luminously than in replying to the insidious queries of the Scribes and Pharisees. Ah, you poor benighted men, question Him no further; you but constrain Him to reveal how paltry your pretensions are, how sublime His wisdom! Verily never man spake as this Man. The wish of the great Grecian philosopher is realized—God himself has come to teach mankind. The Saviour's second appeal was to the human heart. And what makes the most persuasive appeal to our heart? Is it not love? Now the characteristic revelation of the Gospel is "God is Love,"—and the whole life of the Saviour is a commentary on that text. How is it that he cast such a spell over the people? Love beamed on His face, vibrated in His voice. Hence the magnetic power He exercised over the multi-

One their ardent young affection. O bad men arise and light the fire of persecution, and order forth the hungry lion and leopard, to exterminate the followers of the Galilean. Alas in vain! Gentle high-bred maidens walk into the arena, and dare the jaws of the ferocious beast, for Thy dear sake, O Lord. THE TRUTH OF FAITH. Lord Jesus Christ, Thy triple life testifies that Thou art God, and we believe it. Oh! let our lives bear witness to this tremendous truth! What will it avail us if while giving These our intellect, we give the world our heart? Better we had never known Thee, Lord. Oh, dear Saviour, bring our life into harmony with our professions. Abide in our heart as well as in our mind. Let thy love dominate our will, and through the will, our whole life. And thus cleaving to Thee by faith that worketh through charity we shall arrive one day at Thy Holy Mount, and shall see Thee there transfigured, not as on Thabor for a moment, but for everlasting ages.

THE REMINDERS OF RHEUMATISM Cold, Wet Weather Starts the Pain But the Trouble is in the Blood.

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Irish Compulsory. Keen Debate on this Question at the National Convention. Dr. Hyde's Strong Plea.

The question of including the Irish language as a compulsory subject in the matriculation examination of the National University of Ireland was one which led to a warm debate. Mr. J. P. Toland, M.P., moved: "That this convention approves of the inclusion of the Irish language amongst the compulsory subjects for matriculation at the National University of Ireland." Mr. John Dillon, M.P., spoke to the motion and after reviewing the struggles for a National University said: "The question truly stated is not an issue between friends and foes of the Celtic revival. It is a question of educational method. There is no difference of opinion that I know of in the Senate or outside the Senate as to the question whether Irish studies are to have a place in the new University ('question' that the LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND HISTORY OF IRELAND should hold a place of honor in the new native University of Ireland, and the only difference of opinion that exists is as to the best method by which those objects could be secured. Now, after all, is the question one of academic method? This is really the question—whether compulsory Irish for matriculation will best serve the interests of the Gaelic Revival as regards the University and best interests of the study of Irish in the University, or whether it will injure the language, and injure the University. That is my statement of the case. It is pressed and held and everyone is agreed that within the walls of the University the literature, language, and history of Ireland should hold the place of honor. Now, let me take some of the many arguments for compulsory Irish at the University. In the first place, it is said that if not compulsory it will not be an Irish or a National University at all. Does compulsory Latin make a University a Latin University? Does compulsory Greek make a University an Arithmetic University and compulsory arithmetic make a University an Arithmetic University? Then how does compulsory Irish make it an Irish University? Now, in the next place, it is said that if Irish is not made compulsory it will be degraded, and be put to one side behind the compulsory subjects. Are theology or Christian doctrine to be made compulsory subjects for matriculation, and if they are not, are we therefore entitled to say that they are degraded, banned from the University and made to take a back seat behind Latin and arithmetic, and that the University is agnostic or anti-Christian? I hold, precisely the opposite view. I am of opinion that if any question of degradation arises, the subject, degraded is the compulsory subject, because the fact of compulsion involves the admission that it would not be studied without compulsion. Why are arithmetic, algebra, Latin, and Greek made compulsory? Precisely because there is no enthusiasm behind the study of these subjects. Take care that in making Irish compulsory you may not TAKE THE FINE EDGE off the enthusiasm of the Gaelic Revival and bring down the study of Irish to the level of the study of Latin. Do you think you could get up a torchlight procession in support of compulsory Latin, or compulsory algebra? (cheers and laughter). It is said that if Irish is not made compulsory for matriculation, it must be placed at a disadvantage in comparison with compulsory subjects, and that the poor man's child, from a district where Irish is taught, would be placed at a disadvantage. There is only one respect in which making Irish compulsory could advantage an Irish-speaking student, or the poor man's son from the Irish speaking district, and that is by limiting competition for prizes in the University, through the operation of compulsory Irish in excluding from the University a number of students who would otherwise enter, and I cannot conceive any course more calculated to injure and lower the university and ultimately to injure the Gaelic movement itself, than by a policy of exclusion to make the winning of prizes more easy for the Irish-speaking students (cheers). With some people "compulsion" appears to be a blessed word, and the more compulsion is introduced into all the acts of a man's life, the better it seems to them. I am inclined to an opposite view. I think the tendency in education for a long time has been towards too much compulsion, and my own inclination has always been towards more variety and more liberty (hear, hear). If there were to be any compulsion in the matter of Irish, the proper compulsion, in my opinion, would be to require all students to attend courses in Irish, in literature, and history. To that form of compulsion I should offer no opposition, although, in my judgment, the cause of the Gaelic

Catholic societies can provide too many social entertainments. "Some thing" may be "doing" so often that hops and cinches and trolley-rides get to be a nuisance. A little more dignity and a little less frequency, would better serve the purpose. No matter how humble or how contracted the home may be, it should not be neglected in the scheme of Catholic social life. The Catholic social life, primarily, for making acquaintances. But the home is the center to which should be attracted the select, the congenial and the intimate social life.—The Caskey.

In this and subsequent issues will be found verbatim reports of sermons delivered by FATHER BARRETT, Irish Dominican, and lenten preacher at St. Patrick's Church.

Revival would be better served by leaving the students free and trusting to their enthusiasm. The great work of the Gaelic League has been done up to this BY VOLUNTARY EFFORT AND ENTHUSIASM, and their demand has been for a fair field and no favor. I think they are making a profound mistake in departing from this programme, and I should like to ask how far do they propose to go on the compulsory road? I watched the discussion with very great interest to see what proposals would be made in regard to the intermediate schools and the other Universities. At the Castlebar meeting Canon Lyons made a proposal which I knew was bound to come, that Irish should be made compulsory in the intermediate schools. This suggestion was received with loud applause. This is an argument which, judging from the literature of this controversy, has captured many people. On examination, however, it will prove to be utterly illusory—a complete fallacy. If it be open to any candidate to substitute Irish for any of the compulsory subjects, getting equal marks for Irish as for the subject for which it is substituted, how can the Irish speaker or the poor man's son be placed at a disadvantage by not making Irish compulsory? (Cheers.) I have sometimes hoped—looking over the literature and looking for some accommodation on this subject, because I do sincerely hope that we may come together and not be fighting over it, but to join in making it a great success (hear, hear)—I have sometimes hoped that this suggestion might meet all the difficulties, because, of course, in that way Irish would be included among the compulsory subjects or could be substituted for any compulsory subject. (A voice—"English," and laughter.) I am strongly opposed to making English compulsory for coming into the University.—I say it should be open to all who wish to become students of it, and I say therefore that it is impossible for any man in this room to assert or maintain that that being allowed—and I know there will be no difficulty about that—the Irish speaking student is at a disadvantage in any respect compared with any other student in the place. But there is one way, and one way only, in which Irish-speaking students coming from an Irish district can be advantaged by making Irish compulsory all round on everybody coming into the University, and that is if the operation of such a rule resulted in excluding a large number of students who would otherwise have entered the University and thereby lessened the competition for prizes and emoluments for the Irish students. If that be the object, it would, in my opinion, be impossible to conceive a more fatal way of INJURING AND LOWERING THE UNIVERSITY, and in the long run injuring the Gaelic revival, whose future is in large measure tied up with the success of the University. As Mr. Dillon returned to his seat, Dr. Douglas Hyde stepped to the ground and shook hands with him. The Chairman—We have here today, on my invitation, as the guest of the Convention, the President of the Gaelic League, Dr. Hyde (loud applause). I feel sure that his presence amongst us, and the welcome that he will receive from us all, will do a great deal of good (hear, hear) in softening in lessening—that friction which, unfortunately, in some places has existed between our organization and the organization over which he presides (applause). He will find from this Convention clear proof that in essentials both organizations are working for the same end. I know that although he is not a delegate, and, therefore, technically, is not entitled to take part in our proceedings, I know that I will be voicing the wishes of this convention if I now ask him to address the Convention in Irish. He was enthusiastically received, first addressed the Convention in Irish. He said he knew there was no difference whatever between the people who were working for the Irish language and who were working for the land and for the country (applause). He had come there to discuss the question of

THE PEOPLE ARE TAKING A GREAT AND VITAL INTEREST IN EDUCATION. (applause). Mark you, why are the people taking such an interest in education? They have never taken an interest in University education before. I tell you it is because of the Irish language, which has galvanised into life the latent love of the people for learning (applause). I entirely agree with what Mr. Dillon says that this University is entirely free from English influence, entirely free to be moulded by the people of Ireland, and far better than the kind of University we should have got if we had accepted the Bryce scheme, and I stand here to thank every man who has been instrumental in giving us this great University in Ireland (applause). There has been no attack, no investigation on our side as far as I am aware, and I assure my friend Mr. Dillon, that I personally never uttered a word that I could be ashamed of (applause). We asked the public bodies—and I think it was A PERFECTLY FAIR THING TO DO—to tell the Senate what they wished to see done. Was not that a fair thing to do? (hear, hear). We only ask you to-day to tell the Senate the same thing—that you wish to see, as an essential for entrance in the new University, the national language. There is no coercion of the Senate in that, no abuse of the Senate in that—God forbid! We don't know how the Senate may decide the matter as yet. But we have a perfect right to tell them how we wish to see it decided; and I think it would be very foolish for us, at this crucial moment for University education in this country, and having got for the first time, as Mr. Dillon says, a University on which we can impress our thoughts and writings, if we did not take this opportunity of saying so; if we did not, we would be acting, in my opinion, almost criminally. Now 85 per cent. of the students from Catholic schools in Ireland who entered the Intermediate system last year took up the Irish language—85 per cent. That shows that actually and truly the Catholic schools of Ireland have the machinery for teaching Irish ready for the students if they choose to put it into use (applause). I did not very well follow what Mr. Dillon said about compulsion. There is compulsion in every school, secondary college, and university. Every examination that ever was passed on this earth involved compulsion to pass it (applause). I do not myself think that the making of a subject compulsory casts any stigma whatever on it, but just the contrary, because it shows what subject you consider most essential for the students to take up. If the Senate accepted Mr. Dillon's plan and made no subject at all compulsory for entrance you would be postponing the day of reckoning, for at the very first examination that came on you would have the same trouble to face. The Gaelic League is a body that has been growing larger and more national in the deepest sense of the word—but, non-political. Why is it non-political? Because it embraces within its ranks men of all politics. We could not distinguish between this man and that man or decide between this man and that man. But we are national to a man (applause).

DOES NOT NEED A DOCTOR.

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SON & HATCHET... J. HATCHET... BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS... MARCH 11, 1909. BOYS and GIRLS... Dear Aunt Becky: I hope you have not forgotten that you had a niece by the name of Sarah. I am staying in the school. We have a nice teacher; her name is Miss Susie Brennan. I am learning Catechism, Sacred History, Grammar, Geography, History of Canada and French and arithmetic. I have a sister staying in the convent, her name is Bridget. We have had very cold weather and I long to see spring. We have lots of fun sliding; the sugar making will soon begin. I will be glad to get some new sugar. I am ten years old and five of us were confirmed. Well, dear Aunt, this is all I can think of. Hoping to see my letter in print, I remain, as ever, Your loving niece, HANNORAH BARRY. West Frampton, March 1.

BOYS and GIRLS

Dear Aunt Becky: I hope you have not forgotten that you have a niece by the name of Amanda. It is so long since I have written to you. My sister and I are staying in the school; this is the fourth year I am staying in school. I have a nice teacher, her name is Miss Susie Brennan. I learn grammar, third reader, devotional, catechism and arithmetic. I have four brothers and two sisters. I am 12 years old. I made my first communion last year. I can't think of any more news for the time. I hope to see my letter in print. I remain, as ever, Your loving niece, AMANDA LECLERC. West Frampton, March 2.

Dear Aunt Becky: It is so long since I have written to you that I suppose you are thinking I have forgotten you, but I have not. What has become of all your nephews and nieces that none of them write to you now? I am still going to school, and we like our teacher very well; her name is Miss Susie Brennan; she is a cousin of mine. I am learning catechism, Sacred History, French and English Grammar, History of Canada, Geography. I read in Fourth Reader in English and I learn French also. The inspector of schools will soon be coming, then we will get prizes. There are not so many coming to our school this year because there was a new school built and there were eight scholars left and Mary Enright and Bridget Barry went to the convent. Mamma is in Montreal this winter again; she will soon be coming home, then we will get presents. One of my uncles from North Dakota came to see us, we were very glad to see him. Hoping to see my letter in print, I remain, Your loving niece, LIZZIE COURTNEY. West Frampton, March 2.

Dear Aunt Becky: It is so long since I have written to you I hope you have not forgotten that you have a niece by the name of Katie Barry. I am going to school every day. We have a nice teacher; her name is Miss Susie Brennan. I like her very well. I am learning grammar, Sacred History, geography, Fourth Reader, French, catechism, arithmetic. The inspector is coming soon, and then we will be getting prizes. My sister Mary and Nora and I and Amanda Leclerc and her sister Anna are staying too, so there are a lot in school now. This fall my father got hurt very badly; he broke two or three ribs. He is better now. I have three brothers and six sisters. I have one sister staying in the convent, her name is Bridget. I am eleven years old. I made my first Communion last year and was confirmed. Well, dear Aunt, I think I will have to stop for this time. Hoping to see my letter in print, I remain, as ever, Your loving niece, KATIE BARRY. West Frampton, March 2.

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without a murmur. "Can't I go in and sit with that poor child?" asked Grandma. "No, ma," said Mrs. Brown. "Sarah Maria has been very naughty, and she must be punished. I want her to grow up a good girl." "I don't think I was ever quite so hard with you, Tiddy," quavered Grandma.

There were no fried pies for Sarah Maria that day, nor any of the good things she could smell cooking in the kitchen, but she had plenty of warm gruel, which was, perhaps, full as much as she deserved. Grandma desisted hard "to give poor little Sary just one cookie." But Mrs. Brown was firm. "Sarah Maria must be taught to mind; she must learn a lesson from this disobedience." "Sarah Maria's lesson was a hard one; but she learned it well. She was ill several days in the bed with a feverish cold. Her mother nursed her tenderly, and had several long talks with her little daughter. Sarah Maria never tried "Ben-doughnuts" again, and what was more, she never again disobeyed her mother. -W. Cassidy in Union and Times.

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The Benefits of Lenten Abstinence.

Is it not surprising how Lent sharpens the appetite and develops the weaknesses and infirmities which were before latent in our constitution? Up to Ash Wednesday we were perhaps hardly aware whether we had an appetite or not. We often sat down to the table with indifference, perhaps, sometimes, even with disgust. Then, too, how often, when the exigencies of business or the accidents of travel required it, have we gone without our regular meals for half a day or more, without serious inconvenience, certainly with no damage to our health. We took it all as a matter of course and made the best of it. But the moment Lent commenced we immediately became conscious of an intolerable gnawing at the stomach which was well high irresistible.

We had not listened to the kindly premonitory warning of Septuagesima Sunday, and, like loving, obedient children, began to make preparation for the coming holy season by gradually cutting off our daily allowance, limiting our indulgence of the pleasures of the table and putting ourselves on a more rigid discipline generally. We waited till the solemn admonitions of Ash Wednesday brought us face to face with the obligations which the Church imposed on us. We could not fast. Fasting makes us faint; gives us a headache and disagreeable feelings generally, and unfit us for business. We must seek for a dispensation. What is better, perhaps, we will go to our doctor and get his opinion. He is a sensible, kind man. He will appreciate the circumstances of the case and insist, as he always has, that a man in health should eat heartily in order to fit him for his duties.

As for assisting at daily Mass and the special Lenten services—well, it is, no doubt, a very good thing for those common people who are able to do it, but, really, it is too much to expect of us in our delicate state of health. We must not expose ourselves in this changeable weather. After all, it is not such a very important thing. There is such a thing as being righteous overmuch. One must not be a devotee. There is reason in all things; and it is evidently very absurd to suppose that, in our days, people could, go to the bad place, because they do not observe the Lenten spirit. By such reasoning many lul themselves into the belief that Lent is obsolete.

The "Etudes" (Paris) urges upon all Catholics the duty of abstinence during the Lenten season, if not as a token of their devotion to the teachings of the Church, at least as an experiment going to show that the mind works most harmoniously with the body that is temperately provided for. The Church is founded in all her conditions and phases upon the rock of true reason, and her care for the souls of men has never prevented her from caring for their bodies. And so it is that modern science is now going to her to find in her methods the secret of happiness.

First among them it has discovered that the reason of the all-pervading calm that marks the true believer in his faith and the practical follower of Catholic truths, as well as the endurance both of body and intellect, is to be found in the submission to a regime which tends in every way towards the cultivation of a healthy mind in a healthy body. Fasting during the Lenten season is regarded by many as an unnecessary penance. Yet, if the spirit of the penance be really entered into, it will be found that not only are the soul and mind invigorated by the hardships and made keener for the opportunities of life, but the body itself is invigorated by the process of abstaining. The late Lord Kelvin, one of the greatest thinkers the world has produced, was accustomed to say that "the feeding man" or the near-glutton was never really good at heart or efficient in his life-work, the bulk of the twenty-four hours of the day being taken up with the travail and the trouble of digesting the surplus of food. The consequence was that his life really afforded him no leisure

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for thoughtfulness for others, a virtue which grows with practice and contracts with disuse. Nor can the mind be expected to work with all its lucidity in play, when the body is laboring in discomfort. Lord Kelvin reached a patriarchal age as a result of a life of temperance, and though not a Catholic, it was known that he observed the Lenten fasts of our Church, and abstained when his engagements permitted it on every Friday.

The late Sir Henry Thompson, a surgeon of European note, was accustomed to recommend high-living patients to spend in out-of-the-way villages, where he was morally certain they would willingly have to submit to a fish regime. Though he was confessedly an atheist, and abused most systems of religion, it was his custom to say that the Catholic Church was the only one which took charge of man's body and soul by giving each the diet which was especially suited to it. He was on terms of intimacy with the Carthusians of Aximinster, who, he said, by their treatment of some of the patients he frequently rusticated to about recoveries which he with all his science, could not have effected. He held that no man could long remain healthy who did not usually arise from table still somewhat hungry. He recommended all who studied, or who led sedentary lives, to abstain from meat at least three days in the week, substituting for flesh-meat a diet of egg or fish.

M. Baron points out that the beginnings of all sound character lie in the overcoming of the appetite, and that though the early stages of abstinence from what is known as a hearty regime are undoubtedly hard upon the beginner, the results more than compensate for the hardships at first undergone. Where there is a tendency to gout, rheumatism, neuralgia complaints or other chronic indispositions, says Doctor Nulberg, high living is not only to be avoided but fasting is the only method of effecting a cure. There is little doubt that the ordinary allowance of food is far too liberal, and that regime prescribed by the Catholic Church in Lent is what is best suited to the average normal individual.

The Number of Roman Catholics in the United States.

A Roman Catholic census of the United States compiled from advance sheets of the official Roman Catholic Directory has shown the number of Roman Catholics in this country, exclusive of transmarine dependencies, to be 14,235,451. The correctness of these figures has been disputed on the alleged ground that Roman Catholic statisticians, in compiling the numerical strength of their church do not as statisticians of other religious bodies do, confine their enumeration to actual membership. It is averred, for instance, that in the case of mem-

HAD GIVEN UP ALL HOPE OF LIVING. Heart Trouble Cured by MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS. Mrs. Andrew Savoy, Gratton, N.B. writes: In the year of 1905 I was taken sick and did not think I could live any length of time. My trouble was with my heart and people told me that nothing could be done for a case like mine. I consulted the very best doctors but they could do me no good. For seven weeks I could hardly get up. I had no pain, but was so weak nobody in the world can believe how I felt. I had given up all hope of living and had given my little girl to my sister-in-law. One day a friend came to see me, and calling by name, said, "Lizzie, if I were you I would try a dose of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills as they are good for heart trouble." My husband got me a box, but for two days I was not feeling any better, but on the fourth day my husband said, "I believe those pills are doing you good." I was able to say, "Yes, I feel a good deal better this morning." He said, "Well, I will get you another box right away." I took two boxes and three doses out of the third one, and I was perfectly well and have not been sick since then. I will never be without them in my home for God knows if it had not been for Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, I would not have been alive now. Price 50 cents per box, 3 boxes for \$1.25. The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

St. Joseph's Home Fund

The actual date of Father Holland's birthday has passed and we had hoped that a goodly sum would have been realized to present to him on the 19th; but so many have been out of the city during the summer that our appeal failed to reach them and consequently nothing like the necessary amount came in. However, every day is a birthday—somebody's—so if each one contributed, his number of years either in dollars or cents, quite a comfortable sum in a little while would be realized. We thank those who answered our appeal and trust that those who have not already done so will send in their mite to help a worthy cause—To pay off the debt on the St. Joseph's Home for Working Boys. A cent will be as welcome as a dollar and will be acknowledged in issue following receipt.

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bers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who are represented as numbering only 830,659, the inclusion of persons affiliated by family relationship to that body would double the number of nominal adherents. The assertion is made that all persons thus affiliated are included in the statistics of the Roman Catholic Church whether they belong to the organization or not, and that the entire population of Roman Catholic districts is made to swell the total.

That there is not a word of truth in this statement is declared by Archbishop Ireland in a letter to the London Times. He points out that the figures given in the "Directory" are not of the director's own finding but are furnished by the Most Reverend Archbishop of St. Louis to the National Bureau of the Census at Washington upon the special request of that bureau, which is not authorized by law to investigate the religious belief of citizens. It was arranged that the Metropolitan of St. Louis should put himself into communication with every Bishop and parish priest in the United States and obtain for the national bureau an exact estimate of the Roman Catholic population, based upon such conditions as the director of the bureau should have previously approved.

Archbishop Ireland proceeds to show that the conditions adopted for the basis of calculation may be summed up as follows: "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 impliedly 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, the instructions plainly given to the several Bishops and parish priests were that those only were to be enumerated as Catholics who, having been baptized in the Church, still continue to make personal profession of the Catholic faith. There is no foundation for the charge that in the enumeration are included persons having no other affiliation with the Church than such as family ties may give them.

Mothers Value This Oil.—Mothers who know how suddenly croup may seize their children and how necessary prompt action is in applying relief, always keep at hand a supply of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, because experience has taught them that there is no better preparation to be had for the treatment of this ailment. And they are wise, for its various uses render it a valuable medicine.

It is Archbishop Ireland's opinion that the figures given in the Directory, and soon to be published by the national Census Bureau as its own—14,235,451 Catholics for the continental domain of the United States,—are too low. He believes that to represent fully the reality they should not be under sixteen or seventeen millions; for this among several reasons cited, that three or four dioceses, including 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 from some other dioceses no adequate allowance was made for the masses of newly arrived immigrants. Letting the figures stand, however, as they have gone to the National Bureau of the Census and adding to them the number of baptized Catholics in our transmarine dependencies, especially the Philippines and Porto Rico, Archbishop Ireland does not hesitate to say that at the very least a Catholic population of 22,474,440 exists to-day under the Stars and Stripes.

"A Grand Medicine" is the encomium often passed on Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, and when the results from its use are considered, as borne out by many persons who have employed it in stopping coughs and eradicated colds, it is more than grand. Kept in the house it is always at hand and it has no equal as a ready remedy. If you have not tried it, do so at once.

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ST. ANTHONY'S MISSION.

Last week the services in connection with the women's mission in St. Anthony's Church were held both morning and evening. The morning services were at 8.30 and 8.80, and in the evening at 7.30 o'clock.

ENTERTAINMENT AT ST. GABRIEL.

On St. Patrick's Day, the dramatic section of the St. Gabriel Juvenile T. A. & B. Society will present an Irish musical and dramatic entertainment in aid of St. Gabriel's Church, in the Church Hall.



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rollicking musical comedies, full of Celtic wit and humor, which will be supported by a clever cast of favorites and a chorus of fifty boys. All musical numbers are under the personal direction of Mr. Jerry J. Shea, who will also direct the grand orchestra which will be in attendance.

LECTURE AT ST. MICHAELS.

On the evening of the 16th there will be given a lecture in St. Michael's school hall by the Rev. Martin Callaghan. He is taking for his subject, "Music." Those who have heard the rev. speaker on former occasions can testify to his capacity in handling his subject. The lecture will be interspersed with violin selections. A rich treat is promised all those who attend.

Correspondence.

VERY TRUE.

To the Editor of The True Witness: Sir,—It occurred to me to wonder why there were no advertisements in your paper relative to the many entertainments taking place on St. Patrick's night.

The Catholic Record of London, Ont., is liberally supported by advertisements even from Toronto, and surrounding parts, and London itself has only a population of 24,000.

M. T. O'MEARA,

Irish Proverbs.

A man is bothered until he is married, then he is bothered entirely. A kind word never broke a tooth. Many a man's tongue has broken his nose.

God never shuts one door but that He opens two.

The silent mouth is melodious.

It is bad manners to talk of ropes in the house of a man whose father was hanged.

It is better to have a bald head than no head at all.

A Catholic Defence League.

Canada possesses a Defence League that is unique in its aim as well as in its plan of action. Its raison d'être is not to create a religious war but to render one unnecessary and impossible.

Its object is to reply promptly to every anti-Catholic article appearing in the secular papers, and this is accomplished by printing the Catholic reply in the same columns in which the slander was printed.

The tone of all Catholic Defence League (C.D.L.) correspondence is expository, but not acrimonious. The plan of action is simplicity itself. The subjects of debate are distributed between twelve different departments, and at the head of each Department is placed a writer who is a specialist in the subjects assigned to him.

A few weeks ago our Presbyterian writers of the fire-brand variety undertook to make it tropical for the "Roman Church" in the Diocese of London, Canada. Presently two of the C.D.L. heavy weights swooped down on the Calvinists and put all of them out of commission in quick succession.

The following taken from the London Free Press, is a sample of the C.D.L. work in Canada:

C.D.L. II ANSWERS LAYMAN. Editor Free Press: (1) Layman's letter in to-day's Free Press urges three objections against the Catholic Church of Rome. Firstly he attacks the claims of Peter; secondly he attacks the claims of Peter's successors; and lastly he attacks the Catholic rule of faith, and advocates the rule of faith sanctioned by the Presbyterian Church, Queen's avenue, London.

2. The writer could fill a volume with answers to Layman's fallacies, but for lack of space I shall abbreviate my arguments. There is one power that God has never conferred upon any man, Presbyterian or Catholic, priest or parson, layman or cleric, and that is the power to reform Christ's religion, or to establish a new religion in opposition to the church or religion which God established. It was God who established the natural religion in the Garden of Eden (Gen. ii, 7) It was God who established the Jewish religion on Mt. Sinai (Ex. xxix, 18.) And it was God who said to the Pope of Rome: "Simon, thou shalt be called Cephas, which is interpreted Peter (John i, 42.) "And I say to thee thou art Peter (Cephas or Rock), and upon this Rock (Cephas or Peter) I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it, and I will give to thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, etc." (Matt. xvi, 17.) St. Peter was Pope of Rome until June 29 A.D. 67, when he was crucified by the order of Emperor Nero. Now Pope Pius X is Peter's lawful successor in the See of Rome.

3. Every visible society is established for some end; this end cannot be obtained without order; order cannot be maintained without unity, and unity cannot be maintained without one supreme visible ruler or primate. Christ knew all this. In Matt. xv, 15, He promised that Peter would be the visible primate of His church. He fulfilled His promise later on (John xxi, 17.) and from Christ's ascension until June 29 A.D. 67, Pope Peter always ruled as the visible head or primate of the whole Christian church. Pope Peter was the first apostle to suspend the laws of nature (Acts iii, 4); the first to address the multitude after the descent of the Holy Ghost (Acts ii, 14); the first to receive the Gentiles into the church (Acts x, 45); the first to raise the dead to life (Acts ix, 40.) Moreover Pope Peter was the only apostle endowed with plenary authority to terminate the "much disputing" at the Council of Jerusalem (Acts xv, 7-12); the only apostle to preside over the election of Matthias (Acts i, 15); the only apostle for whom Christ prayed in a special manner (Luke xxii, 32); the only apostle with whom St. Paul wished to take counsel (Gal. i, 18.) Better still Pope Peter was the only apostle upon whom Christ promised to build His church and the only apostle to whom He promised "the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matt. xvii, 18.) Therefore Christ appointed Peter, the Pope of Rome, to be the visible ruler of His church. Now this church is going to last until the end of the world (Matt. xxviii, 20), and Christ intends His church to remain just as He established it, having one supreme visible primate on earth, and consequently Pope Pius X, the 258th lawful successor of Pope Peter, the First, should be and is recognized as Christ's meek and humble vicary on earth.

4. How does Layman try to meet these arguments? Let him speak for himself. "Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles," asserts that he "was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostle." Does not the phrase, "very chiefest apostle," clearly prove that, even then, Peter was recognized as the primate or supreme visible ruler of the church. In zeal Paul was not a whit behind Peter, but in the matter of authority and jurisdiction he

always recognized Peter as "the chiefest apostle." And thus Layman's argument collapses like a rope of sand. He quotes the notorious Froude—a no Popery writer that always seems unable, or at least unwilling to distinguish history from romance.

5. Again Layman refused to believe in the Primacy of Peter, because Peter did not compel his Jewish guests to eat shoulder to shoulder with the Gentile brethren at Antioch. If President-elect Taft failed to compel his Jewish guests to eat shoulder to shoulder with the black Gentiles at Washington, would that breach of etiquette prove that Taft is not the president-elect of the United States? What had Jewish etiquette to do with Peter's Primacy, or his infallibility? The infallibility of the church means that in defining matters of faith and morals only the true church cannot teach falsehood. A church or religion that teaches falsehood is not the true church or Christ, because it teaches falsehood and is therefore a false church.

6. Now the question discussed at Antioch was one of diet rather than one of faith or morals; hence Layman errs in not making this distinction. Every Bible student knows that it was customary for the Jews not to eat with the Gentiles. Fearing to offend the Jews Peter withdrew. Paul, on the other hand, not wishing to inflict a slight on the Gentiles, "withstood" or reproved Peter for not compelling the Jews and Gentiles to eat together. Does it follow that a Presbyterian denied his creed, simply because he abstains from eating beefsteak at a Catholic home on Friday? Surely not.

7. Peter did not contradict himself at Antioch. He was unwilling to coerce his guests in a matter of little importance a mere matter of diet, or of etiquette. St. Paul, viewing the subject from a different viewpoint, was inclined to be more punctilious, for he says, "I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed." (Gal. i, 11.) A man is sometimes blamed without being guilty of crime. Peter was the first innocent pope to be blamed, but he was not the last one. Did Paul ever deny Peter's primacy? No. Does Paul tell us that he rebuked John or James or Andrew? No. Because when an equal rebukes an equal the matter excites no special attention. But when an inferior withstands or "resists" a superior the matter is worthy of special mention, and that is why Paul recorded the Antioch episode to the Galatians. Therefore the argument set forth by Layman confirms the Catholic doctrine of the Primacy of Peter. In that same epistle St. Paul says: "Then after three years I went to Jerusalem to see Peter, and I tarried with him fifteen days (Gal. i, 18) . . . lest, perhaps, I should run, or had run in vain (Gal. ii, 2.) Behold even the great St. Paul required the visible guidance, direction and assistance of Pope Peter the First.

Whenever all the apostles' names are mentioned in the Bible—Pope Peter's name always stands first. In Matt. x, 2, the Greek Testament calls Peter "Protos" (First), and the Latin Bible calls Peter "Primus" (Primate, or first.) Andrew is not numbered second, nor is James numbered third. Why did God inspire Matthew to describe Peter as First—Primus—Primate? Layman's strongest argument against Peter's primacy may be thus stated: "At Antioch Paul resisted 'Peter to the face.' Therefore Peter was not the primate or premier of the church."

In like manner: At Toronto, Hon. Mr. Mackay resisted Sir James P. Whitney to the face, therefore Sir James P. Whitney is not the premier of Ontario. The conclusion is Layman's, not mine.

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8. The teaching Church—the church in which Christ promised to be the abiding Teacher until the end of time (Matt. xxviii, 20), is the rule of faith. This is the rule Christ made for Himself and followed during the three years of public ministry. It is a reasonable rule, a secure rule, and a universal rule. By this universal rule of faith the Catholic knows whether doctrines are or are not revealed by the Holy Ghost.

9. On the other hand, the great difficulty with the Presbyterian rule of faith is that the average citizen can never reduce it to practice. The follower of this rule must determine by his own private judgment and personal knowledge independently of all authority, past or present, what books of all that have been written constitute the collection of booklets called the Holy Bible. The Presbyterian cannot appeal to the teaching of the Jewish Church, or to the teaching of any other church, without appealing to authority which is contrary to the Presbyterian rule of faith. Has Layman discovered the inspiration and canonicity of the compendium of the Bible by his

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own private judgment alone? Or rather has he not accepted his little book on the authority of his friends and teachers? 10. In the practical affairs of life Dr. Ross' protector makes much less use of his private judgment than he thinks. If he is sick he renounces his private judgment and submits to "the tyranny" of the doctor. He does not analyze the pills for the approval of his private judgment; no, he simply swallows them on the faith of the doctor. It is the same when "Layman" goes to law; he gives his private judgment a rest and submits to the interpretation of his lawyer. On the boat or train he submits to the authority of the captain or conductor for interpretation of the rules of the company. Therefore common sense demands that all laws, divine and human, must have an authorized official interpreter. Without it human society, civilized or savage, could not exist, and without it the Church of Christ could not long continue to exist.

11. The Catholic rule of faith is the living, interpreting, infallible voice with Presbyterians the rule of faith is a dead letter, which neither explains nor answers any question, when charged with inconsistency by infidels and atheists. Christ never wrote a chapter of the Bible, nor did He ever command His apostles to scatter Bibles—genuine or counterfeit—all over the world. "Layman's" private interpretation is condemned in the following inspired booklets: Deut. xvii, 5; Peter iii, 6 and Acts viii, 31.

Moreover, "Layman's" Presbyterian rule of faith is utterly powerless in its attempts to prove the Divine inspiration of Scripture; to establish the canon of Scripture; to ascertain the true version of Scripture. Furthermore still Layman's "rule" multiplies the number of heretical teachers. It produces Shakers, Quakers, Mormons, Mennonites, Douviciens and Flying Rollers, all of whom claim to have the "dearly purchased right of private interpretation." Already this Presbyterian "rule" has split up the original religion of Christ into 300 warring sects. It has set up altar against altar, Christian against Christian, and brother against brother; it is not, therefore, it cannot be the rule of faith established by our Savior. All men are encouraged to study the Bible, but

the teaching church alone is the court of final resort for all Biblical controversies. 12.—The Bible is the most excellent of all books. All the inspired authors of the New Testament scriptures were faithful members of the Catholic Church, and one of them was Pope of Rome. The Church was preaching the gospel for sixty years before the whole Bible was written. It was not the rule of faith then, and it is not the rule of faith now. Layman gives a quotation from Galatians 11, 1-4, but the words he quotes cannot be found either in the Catholic Bible, or in King James' Authorized Version. Is it "ridiculous" then, to suppose that the Presbyterians have sanctioned some other version? "Layman" complains that Jerome's Vulgate did not supplant the old versions for 200 years. Jerome died A.D. 420, and the inspired booklets, Tobias and Judith, which he translated from the original Chaldaic, have not yet been accepted by Presbyterians.

13.—Before the Presbyterian Rule of Faith, or private interpretation was introduced, mortgages were unknown and men worked but six hours a day, yet they had plenty to eat and to wear. Now nearly everything is mortgaged to the hilt. Besides men have to work eight, nine, ten, twelve hours a day, and still some of us have to dodge the grocer. And yet this "open Bible" is the stock and trade argument of

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every half-baked theologian from Elijah III to Prince Michael of the Flying Rollers, and from Prince Michael down to the wild-eyed, cart-tail preacher on the market square. As Layman says, "I have no desire to continue this discussion further." I take this opportunity on behalf of your many Catholic readers, to thank you most sincerely for so much of your valuable space. Good-Bye, "Layman," and good luck to you, whoever you may be.—C. D. L. II.

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