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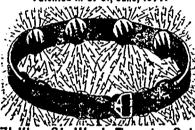
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LATEST CABLES.

Constantinople, Dec. 1.—Advices from Teheran state that the captured rebels in the recent insurrection are being treated with great severity.

In a number of instances they have been subjected to the barbarous Persian punishment of burial alive in brick pillars on the roadside, and European travellers are shocked by hearing the groans of the wretched victims issuing from these living tombs.

London, Dec. 1.—Hon. Arthur J. Balfour again addressed a Conservative meeting at Huddersfield to-day. He said he was still clear in his own mind that the Irish local Government bill ought to be passed, but it should not be introduced in Parliament unless the rights of the minority were safeguarded. At the same time he said the measure ought to be based on a broad franchise. Mr. Balfour declared that he believed it possible to produce a measure fulfilling both these conditions. Doubtless any bill would transfer the administrative power of the landowners to other hands, but that would not be a reason for rejecting the measure unless it could be proved that it would be a new weapon in the hands of the disloyal to injure the loyal.

London, Dec. 1.—Tenders for the new Atlantic mail service are being issued to-day from the office of the High Commissioner of Canada. Sir Charles Tupper, on being interviewed on the subject, says that the use of the new steamers as armed cruisers by the Imperial authorities will entitle the new Atlantic and Australian services to receive about £33,000 a year from the home government. It is hoped, however, that seeing the Imperial importance of the highway to the east, the British Government will see its way clear to make the subsidy £50,000.

RIO DE JANEIRO, December 1.—There is an alarming increase of yellow fever. The disease is in so serious a form that the embarkation of the Government troops for Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catalina has been temporarily suspended. President Peixotto hopes to arrive at some satisfactory arrangement with the insurgents without resort to force. Ex-Dictator Fonseca is in one of the palaces guarded by soldiers.

Washington, December 1.—The receipts and expenditures of the United States for the month of November were \$26,917,162 and \$27,911,002 respectively against \$28,986,124 and \$42,570,022 for the same period in 1890.

London, November 27.—Mr. Chaplin, chairman of the board of agriculture, has been charged by the government with the framing of their agricultural bill for enabling laborers and small farmers in Great Britain to acquire holdings—a measure approved at the Conservative conference in Birmingham, which concluded its deliberations on Wednesday. The cabinet, as yet, remains undecided as to the scope of the measure, and the proper period for its introduction.

Berlin, Dec. I.—The epidemic of influenza here is increasing in severity. Owing to the large number of influenza patients supplementary barracks at the Moabite hospital have been opened for their accommodation, all the ordinary wards there being full. There are now 1,700 patients at the Charity hospital, many of whom are suffering from influenza.

Pans, Dec. 1.—The council of the Textile Factory Workers' association have decided to appeal to Parliament to remonetize silver, being convinced that such a course on the part of the Government is the only means of saving from ruin the trade in which they are interested.

VALPARISO, Dec. 1.—The United States warship Yorktown arrived here yesterday. Her crew received a royal welcome from the crew of the Baltimore, which will in all liklihood soon leave for the North.

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In the history of Canada no other man has been known to rise so quickly from the ranks of the pople to the head of the Government of the Dominion, as Sir John Thompson, Minister of Justice, and his progress has been the more remarkable because it has been in a direction other than that which he himself would have chosen had he consulted his own inclinations. His is a mind of a thoroughly and awfully judicial east. His very speech, always calm, often cold, never impassioned, is a property rather of the judge than of the politician. When Sir John Macdonald took him from the Nova Scotian bench and into his Cabinet he transferred him from an atmosphere congenial if rarified to one of the earth much earthier. And the lesser Sir John did not like the change. It is not fair, perhaps, to say that his consent was conditional only upon his seeing through the medium of a portfolio his elevation to an even higher bench than the one which he had quit, but it is said, and that right often, that Sir John Thompson would sooner be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court than Premier of Canada.

It is not impossible that his conversion to Roman Catholicism, of which much capital was made in politics, was nothing more than another evidence of this intense judicialism which seems to be the very root of his being. In any case it assisted the natural bent of his mind, and left him a man of great austerity. In the case of a narrower man this would have stood him in bad stead in the leadership of a party of which not the least lovable and powerful characteristic is an affectionate fellowship. But there was in him just enough of the politician to enable him to see that he was to be no longer a driver, but a leader of men.

Upon the death of Sir John Macdonald and the succession of his namesake to the leadership of the House of Commons, Sir John Thompson's bearing towards his fellow party men underwent an entire change. He had never been morose, had always talked cheerfully and well when approached but he had offered his followers few opportunities for anything but the most limited converse. Upon the chieftain's death, however, he expanded suddenly, went out among his loyal subjects and within a fortnight had made fast friends and faithful followers of men who had been loyal only for the sake of the party. In this new light he appeared to the deputations which flooded the capital in the moeth following that funeral at which a nation wept, and the shrewd traders and solid grangers went away to tell the people at home that the new Sir John was as easy to meet as the old one, was likely to acquire, if he did not already possess, all of those faculties for leadership which had won the dead chieftain the unbroken confidence of the Canadian people.

Sir John Thompson's offices in the East Block at Ottawa are, in their simplicity, a reflex of his tastes. The room is far less pretentious in its furnishings than those occupied by some of the clerks of his department. Many a lawyer in the Capital works in more luxuriant quarters. He writes at a large, plain, open desk, and is scated upon a leather-cushioned revolving chair, in which he turns himself many dozen times a day to face his hosts of callers. Book shelves and bookcases fill up every available foot of room and, with the exception of where a map of the Dominion hangs side by side with an engraving of the Fathers of Confederation, the wall is hidden by calf-covered volumes. There seems to be not even room for the picture of Sir John Macdonald, of which he has possessed himself since the old chief's death, and which, for want of better accommodation, stands on the floor.

He is not even yet a man who is easy of approach. "This is my busy day," is the placard which langs constantly on the outside of the door of his office. He has no time to talk to idle men, and gives an answer only to a direct and definite question.

Notwithstanding his devotion to the arduous duties of his present office, he is a man of strong domestic habits and when he is not at his office in the east block he is sure to be found at his unpretentious but comfortable little home on Lisgar street. At the Rideau Club he is seldom seen except when he invites a select political friend to dine with him there.—Toronto Evening News.

THE AGES OF FAITH.

ANNA T. SADLIER IN Are Maria.

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Woman held a night place in mediaval society. Raised by Christianity from the degrad tion to which Paganism had reduced her, poets sang her praises, knights performed feats in her honor, the Church gave her a seat at its councils in the person of learned abbesses. Laws were made in various countries for her special protection. An insult to a woman was purushable by heavy penalties. James II., of Arragon, decreed that none save a murderer could be arrested in presence of a woman. It was a law of knighthood to permit no word to be said in derogation of the sex. And medieval womanhood, as a class, deserved the honor paid it. Every woman was then expected to be an adopt in household arts; the higher her rank, the greater were the number and variety of domestic details which she was called upon to master. Many women, in the absence of their lords, governed castles, managed estates, and even occasionally assumed the control of kingdoms. Margaret of Norway united all the kingdoms of the North. Nuns in their cloisters, princesses and women of high birth became famous for their learning.

Roswitha, the White Rose of Gandersheim; the nun-mathematician and grammarian, Liobe, that abbess of extraordinary acquirements, who, with much of human lore, had committed the whole Bible to memory; Gisella, the sister of Charlemagne, abbess of the famous Convent of Chelles; Hilda of Whitby; the Gonzaga sisters; Ella Longspee; Philippa of Hainault; Anne of Brittany; Edith the Good, wife of Edward the Confessor, quantly called "a storehouse of liberal science;" Osburga, the Mother of Saxon Alfred; Rowena, the sister of Hengist; Mabel Rich, mother of St. Edmund; Mary de Bohun, wife of Bolingbroke; Gabrielle de Bourbon; Mathilda of Canossa; Isabel of France, sister of St. Louis; the Grecian princess, Anna Commena, were all women famed for their intellectual acquirements. Their names, of course occur amid a host of others.

In the later Middle Ages many ladies taught in the Italian universities. Amongst the principal of these were: Cassandra Fidele, Isabella di Cordova, Isabella de Roseres, Catharine Ribera, Aloysia Signa, and Benedicta Cornaro. It was told of the latter that the struggle between her natural modesty and the desire to obey her father, whose wish it was that she should deliver a course of lectures, so told upon her health that it finally cost her her life. It is related of these other female professors that they invariably delivered their lectures with eyes bent upon the ground. A recent non-Catholic lecturer declared that, to his mind, St. Catharine of Sienna was the greatest woman who ever lived. Young ladies of the period were kept much in retirement, never appearing in profic unattended. At church or other crowded places it was customary for them to wear a long black cloak with folds of white. It is said that some orders of nuns have merely retained the mediaval dress. Their time was more or less busily occupied. Spinning was a favorite pursuit. Shepherdesses spun at cottage doors, the daughters of burghers in the courtyards, and princesses upon balconies all listening alike to some olden tale, or to some music of minstrel or troubadour. Dante represents the Florentine ladies as listening, while they plied the distaff, to

"Old tales of Troy, Ficsole and Rome."

Kenelm Digby is authority for the statement that heroic love entered generally into the marriages of the Middle Ages. "The maxim of the Pythagoreans," he observes, "to avoid a woman with gold upon her person, seems to have prevailed in all its force. Down to the fourteenth century, in France, the dowry of a woman was a chaplet of roses."

The households of the Middle Ages were in many cases models of order and decorum, as well as of state and elegance, even when they did not reach the perfection of that celebrated one over which presided Elzear and Delphina. The rules laid down for the government of that home forbade, in short, "all offences against the law of God. None were to be idle. All were to spend a certain time in prayer and study. All were to be merry without offending God. For," said the Earl, "I have no affair so near at heart as the advation of those who serve me."

The architectural beauty of the palaces and dwellings was very great, while the interior decorations were in perfect harmony with the externals. As to the abbeys and cathedrals, those "symphonies in stone," as Victor Hugo puts it, they were truly the creations of love and worship. Kings gave their jewels, nobles their wealth, artists and architects their inspirations, artisans their gratuitous labor, that all might have a share in the grand monument of faith. Mechanics were known to travel great distances and to fast on bread and water that they might add their tool to the sublime work. In Spain there were 70,000 great churches; in France 30,000 churches, 185,000 chapels, 2,800 priories, and 1,500 abbeys. Sometimes these erections were reared at the cost of a certain number of fishermen or soldiers or scholars. On one occasion, a hundred and twenty coachmen united for such a purpose. As an instance of highly decorated

exteriors, the Church of St. Martin of Tours was of green, white and red marbles, incrusted with gold and precious stones. The number of steeples and turrets gave a noble appearance to the medieval cities. It was the custom, besides, to commemorate notable events by the erection of graceful towers. In Florence a celebrated one was the creation of Giotto di Lapo; it was adorned with divers colored marbles from base to summit. In Padua was the tower of the celebrated Dondi brothers, also noted as clockmakers and astronomers.

The cities were marvellously quiet, travel being usually on horse or mule back. One of the bishops of Rheims once gave a piece of ground outside the city limits where all noisy trade might be carried on. "The silence," says a chromoler, "was broken only by the tinkling of innumerable bells—for such was the number of clocks that struck minute divisions from churches, palaces, convents or portals, that it was like a constant shower of hours, a beautiful harmony; or else it was by the solemn chant of a litany, begun within a church and continued in the adjoining streets by the kneeling multitude." One loves to fancy those quaint old towns, where at evening men and women gathered upon stone benches before the doors of houses, listening to the song of ministrels, or the recitations of wandering troubadours.

The maritime cities usually attained to the greatest prosperity, because navigation was so much in advance of other means of transport. The Free Cities of Italy became the models of pure democracy. And how much do we not owe to these Mother Ages in the matter of discoveries and inventions, of mighty thinkers and sublime intellects! Organs and bells first sounded in their dimness. Arithmetical numbers and algebraic calculation, clocks and spectacles, glass and stone-coal, the marmer's compass and the manufacture of silk—all have come dewn to us from those remote times. Roger Bacon explained the principle of the telescope, microscope, and magic-lantern. He strongly suggested gunpowder. The first bank and the first bills of exchange date from early in the twelfth century. The Abbe Requeno proves that two kinds of hand-printing were known, and Lardner refers to their existence and use. The sphere of geographical knowledge was constantly being enlarged by the daring of medieval explorers, above all the missionaries. The famous Vision of St. Brendon, an Irish monk, is said to have forestalled the discovery of America.

Carlyle declares that "Shakespeare was the outcome of the Catholicism of the whole Middle Ages": Dante was their exponent, Raphael, Angelo and Da Vinci drew thence their inspirations. Art had penetrated down into the very lives of the people. It produced carvers in metal, wood or ivory, painters upon glass. The secret of the grand old painted windows of the medieval era has perished. At the fairs and other festive gatherings, the lower classes had incomparable advantages for education. They heard philosophers contest a thesis and poets declaim verses destined to be hietorical. Music was universally taught, and young and old, gentle and simple, alike could join in the sounding anthems, the glorious Latin hymns. The Church, then all-pervading, had its spiritualizing effect upon all classes. Its festivals celebrated with pomp, its shrines and its wayside crosses, its open-air preaching and its litanies and processions, even the miracle-plays, produced their impression. Upon the exterior of houses was often inscribed, "Jesus, my Love, is crucified," or "Glory be to God alone." At the crossing of a bridge the words, "May this bridge be a path to heaven." Whilst within the monasteries everywhere arising, men and women of angelic living were toiling and praying, living out their maxim of Laborare et orare, and so being the silent but powerful benefactors of mankind in its struggle for civilization.

Modern criticism is gradually tearing away the veil which has enshrouded the Middle Ages in darkness. The power of Protestant tradition grows weaker, and impartial outsiders are rendering to them the justice long denied. Says Mr. Frederick Stokes, M. A., in his preface to a new edition of Maitland's "Dark Ages":

"Those ages had many advantages which we do not enjoy. were ages in which Christian faith was what a recent writer has called a vivid dynamic reality.' Whatever may be thought of the Crusades and more than one authority has held that they resulted in great political advantages to Europe, -they were one of the most splendid displays of faith and manhood which the world has ever witnessed. . The great theological schools were full of activity and intellectual It was during the very ages which moderns call dark that Christianity was formulated and systematized into its present shape St. Thomas, whose 'Summa' has dominated the Latin Church for many centuries, did but reap where the earlier scholars had sowed. . . . No man who is really grounded in the truths of Christianity can be said to be ignorant; and the practical teaching obtained from the pulpit and the confessional was of far more intellectual and moral value than the farrage of scraps of grammar and elementary arithmetic imparted to an unwilling generation in board schools and the like." This is life eternal to know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent'; and this knowledge the men of the Middle Ages possessed in a degree which we can hardly realize. . . . Men worked and fought and argued and preached and died, leaving no other record than a tombstone. Hence a large part of the criticism of the Middle Age is too often mere generalization and declamation,

representing rather the prejudice of the writer than the verdict of the scholar."

"The whole moral atmosphere of the age," says Mr. Frederic Harrison, an exponent of the positivist school, "amid infinite excesses and crimes, was so filled with a yearning after an ideal type of character that the fiercest soldier and the craftiest politician could be compelled to recognize and obey it. Pity for the suffering, justice to the oppressed, charity to the wretched, comfort to the afflicted, zeal for the improvement, harmony and happiness of men, have in all ages been the mark of the toftiest virtues. Those ages could not have been the darkness in which those qualities secured the unbounded homage of mankind."

"Gauge not with thy dilettante compasses," cries out Thomas Carlyle, "with that placid, dilettante supper, the Heaven's watchtower of our fathers. Another world truly; and this present, poor distressed world might get some profit by looking wisely into it, instead of foolishly. . . . Man then had a soul, not by hearsay alone and as a figure of speech, but as a truth that they knew and practically went upon. . . ."

Such testimonies do the great Mother Ages, long defamed because they were the Catholic Ages, provoke from impartial outsiders who remember their great claims to the veneration of mankind;—those ages in which lived the masters of thought, wherein nearly all the chief universities were founded; when France had her 60,000 schools and England had her numberless bands of students; when Ireland was the light of the West, and Italy, under the eggs of the Popes, the hearth at which the torch of learning was ever freshly enkindled.

THE PAGANISM OF CÆSAR.

D. A. O'SULLIVAN, Q. C., IN AMERICAN CATHOLIC QUARTERLY.

Conclusion.

The usurpation of the State in the case of a Church establishment—a phrase as humiliating and significant as if one would say the Post-Office Establishment or the Army and Navy Establishment—is one that, when complete, effectually disposes of public worship and of all things spiritual. One well-worded Statute of Conformity makes short work of Dissenters and their churches and creeds. State churches, however, are going out of fashice, and it is not usurpations of this one must now expect, but encroachment more or less harmless in appearance, but in reality, and in the long run, totally subversive of religion.

The modern State having seen the failure of an Establishment in religion has gone to the other extreme. It will have nothing now to do with God or religion. There remains, however, some remnant of the spirit of old days when the civil arm helped the spiritual one to preserve decent respect towards the Creator of the things. There is a legend, preserved among other legal fictions, that Christianity is part of the law of the land. Well, to some extent it is part of the law of the land, but to what extent more than fifty other things which are part of the law of the land? It is, no doubt, contrary to law to speak or write or publish any profane words villifying or ridiculing God, Jesus Christ, the Old or the New Testament, or Christianity in general, with an intent to shock or insult believers, or to pervert or mislead the ignorant and unwary. This is Blasphemy as legally defined, and renders the guilty person liable to fine or imprisonment according to the discretion of the Court. The intent is the material point; consequently, we may villify and ridicule God and everything sacred, and yet the law of the land will take no notice whereof unless the jury find there was the intention of shocking or insulting believers or perverting or misleading the ignorant and unwary. Thus a man may verting or misleading the ignorant and unwary. Thus a man may "soberly and reverently" examine and question the truths of those doctrines essential to the Christian faith, no matter low fun damental, without offending the law. No opinion, however heretical, no sarcasm or ridicule to the verge of profune scotling or irreverent levity, can be held to be legal blasphemy and within the reach the civil law, "The common law of England" says Lord Mansfield, "knows of no persecution for mere opinions." "I apprehend," says Mr. Justice Coloradge, "that there is nothing unlawful at common law in reverently denying doctrines, parcel of Christianity, however fundamental." To those who are familiar with the ordinary civil law of libel and slander, there is nothing here that the State does for God and Christuanity that it does not do every day for ano citizens or subject, or any of the instituions, recogized by the law of the land. The secular Courts interfered to punish blasphemous libels for the same reason as they did in the case of any other libel, viz., in order to prevent a disturbance of the peace,

If the State stopped at this point it would be somewhat a justification of the phrase that it regards Christianity as part of the law of the land and further that it will see that God, the Three Persons of the Blessed and Undivided Trinity, are duly respected and that the Scriptures are not burnt contemptuously and irreverently. This puts all these sacred persons and subjects on an exact level, before the law, with mankind and its institutions. But the State has not stopped at this point. Unitarianism for example, is not and never was blasphemous before the law, and the law will uphold a bequest "towards the support of Unitarians." These and other bequests that have been upheld for this monstrous heresy may not so obviously "strike at the root of Christianity," as Lord Raymond said in Rex v. Wookton," but what about trusts and bequests for the Jewish religion? One would suppose that to help the Jewish religion would be scarcely a recognized principle in a commonwealth where Christianity is part of its law. Lord Hardwicke, it is true, in the year 1754 decided that a bequest of twelve hundred pounds to found "an assembly for reading the law and instructing people in our holy religion" (the Jewish) was void as being in "contradiction to the Christian religion which is part of the law of the land." Now, however, the case is different. By a Victorian statute Jews are now placed on the same footing as Protestant dissenters, and all bequests to promote the propagation of Indaism are valid. The spirit of Liberahsm could not be fairly expected to do more than this, to legalize divisions in its own household.

The encroachments of the State are perhaps more baneful in process of time than its most daring usurpations. For it may not only take its property by delicate confiscation but it may debauch the household and at last may gradually wean and then carry off all its inmates. And all this may be done so plausibly, so patriotically, that we may be reprehended and abused for not being charmed with the process.

The modern State, with the benefit of some experience to holder methods says in effect. We will have nothing to do with religion, the name of God shall not appear in our constitutions, we shall pro-hibit the recognition of any form of worship; we will banish the crucifix from our courts of law and the mention of salvation from our system of instruction; we will give freedom to every one in the churches but let us have the training, the education of the country. Give us the Child. The world is wise in its methods the child of to day is the man of the next generation. And so a State system of education is legalized and the next step is is to make it compulsory. That is the tendency of the present age and it is nothing more or less than the most dangerous attack that has ever been made on the very existence of Christianity. It is worse than an Establishment, it is worse than a Persecution. It is such an abridgment of parental and spiritual rights as will lead to the most disastrous results. writers on law would have held up their hands in horror at this invasion of the natural rights of man. The Church always taking the ground that intellectual training should go hand in hand with moral and religious instruction, sees the State taking under its control what it deemed as the sum of all education and either neglecting or representation. ing or perverting the larger half of it. Yet when the State is through with its so-called education when and how can the foundation of all education be laid? How can you prop up the foundation while the gingerbread ornamentation is glictering on the roof? It would be, perhaps, better for a Christian father that his child should have been trained in a school of what he decided the deadliest errors of religion and morality than that he should be brought up in an atmosphere in which religion and morality were legally excluded. There from necessity a false religion and false morality would have taken its place. One can attack and correct the errors of a known system, but how can one be certain he has ever reached the influences of a thousand indefinite impressions? One cannot attack an unknown quantity as well as one can a positive, tangible, and determinate system. When once a State is determined that the education of its children is its duty and the duty neither of Church nor of parent, you can count, humanly speaking, on the next generation being as far from the Church and with as little belief of its members as human laws and worldly associations can make it. The great danger of this present day is the less of the child. Could this be actualized now all would be lost.

"The education of children in a manner suitable to their station and calling," says Chancellor Kent, "is another branch of parental duty, of imperfect obligation generally in the eye of the municipal law, but of very great importance to the welfare of the State. A parent who sends his son into the world uneducated and without any skill in any art or science does a great injury to mankind as well as to his own family, for he defrauds the community of a useful citizen and bequeaths to it a nuisance. This parental duty is strongly, persuasively inculcated by the writers on natural law. Solon was so deeply impressed with the force of the obligation that he even excused the children of Athens from maintaining their parents if they had neglected to train them up in some art or profession." The learned jurist goes on to show how several of the nations of antiquity were so impressed with the duty that they feared to entrust it to the parent. This however was "upon the principle totally inadmissible in the modern civilized world of the absorption of the individual in the body politic and of this entire subjection to the despotism of the State." It is this despotism that we complain of.

The rights of the parents result from these duties. They are bound to maintain and educate their children and the State cannot rightfully interfere to deprive parents of this sacred trust unless for good and sufficient cause. The interference of the State is not to be dreaded in

particular instances where the law rightfully steps in and deprives the parents of the custody of the child. These are not grievances but good, wholesome remedies. The real grievance is where the State sets up its own idol of education and insists upon all bowing down That is an infringement on parental rights that cannot be before it. defended. It is a blow at human liberty at the liberty of the per-

If the morality of national or State education is to be judged by a defective system, at what debts may we suppose it to be where the leaders and types of that system are themselves devoid of Christian feeling? In England a few years ago there was an inspector of national schools who had a world-wide reputation. His name was Matthew Arnold-the so-called apostle of "sweetness and light." Yet Mr. Arnold scoffed at the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity in language too brutal for repetition: he denied the divinity of Christ and ridiculed the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. He did all this in open day, and yet was a model school inspector for Christian England all the while. He acted in a manner that certainly rendered him amenable to the civil law for blasphemous libel. After this quis enstodiet custodes

Again, the State, if unable to reach the child, may try its influence on the family. It has attacked the sanctity of marriage and has disputed the position of parents as the guardians of their children. Once the foundation of society in the family is endangered, a whole train of evils may be expected. Yet the civil law, by improperly unloosing what Heaven has joined together, strikes a serious blow at the Divine law. Marriage, with it, is a civil contract, to be dissolved or annulled on grounds more or less trivial, but always with regard to the parties interested, and not with reference to the inherent indissolubility of the relation in which they have voluntarily placed themselves. It the home is to have any sanctity, it must be preserved with a higher sense of morality than prevails in the partnership of a business house or the by-laws of a joint-stock company. The family was the foundation of ancient society, even in pagan times; but modern theories not only disregard the family, but disintegrate it. This is a dangerous encroachment, and one that is subversive of a species of morality most essential to the well being of any State. The history of Rome affords a sample of woman at one time degraded from her lofty position as mother and mistress of her family, and at another time forced up out of her proper sphere in the opposite direction during the effeminacy of the later Casars. The Church alone assigns her her true place, and its Founder ennobled marriage and elevated it to the dignity of a Sacrament. The civil purpose of the modern State is to weaken and destroy the marriage tie, and to allow the contracting parties to contract other umons to the confusion of their own offspring and the scandal of society.

And so, in various ways, the State goes on, little by little, eating into the Divine law, and by mere human regulations adapting itself to the fallen and depraved natures of its subjects. The Church as an organization, the family, the children, the rights of parents and guardians, become at length matters of civil law, until there is no law beyond it. It does more than all this—it seeks to withdraw the firm ground from beneath the Church and leave it nothing to rest upon. With this object it attacks the Church's rights to property, and enacts what it calls Mortmain laws. No land, or money to be invested in land, or mortgage securities, or any of those species of property called chattels real, can be lett by will, and sometimes not by deed, inter vivos, to religious bodies or for religious purposes. Not a farthing's worth of these, out of the wealth of a milhonaire, in some countries styled Christian, can be devised or conveyed, to have one Mass said for the repose of his soul, much less to build or help to build a church for the most struggling parish in the land. The law favors everything of earth and nothing of heaven. What an extraordinary thing it is, that in a country where Christianity is said to be part of the law of the land—as in England, for instance—you will find a score of statutes repressing in every way the devoting of one solid acre of land to perpetuate the name and religion of the Founder of Christianity, or purpenate me name and rengion of the Founder of Christianity, or purchasing a few feet of earth for the burial of one of God's poor. Such is the fact, however, and such is and has been the policy of the law, even when England was not of the religion it is to-day. The State, as it fights for the things of the world, is the same State, whether in the time of Richard II. or George II., whether in England or in France. Truly, its kingdom is not only of this world but it begrudges and rectrains any sift or deposition that leaks be read in and restrains any gift or disposition that looks beyond it.

The State, however, is not without its arguments against the foregoing, and it has a morality of its own to offer. The Sunday must be decorously observed, though not with the strictness of a Scotch Sabbath, nor with the exactness of the Blue laws of New England. A day of rest is a human necessity, and any Divine Ordinance is well as a correboration, but not essential to the validity of the statutes. Men and animals require rest, and it was a habit of even pagan nations. And so the moral precept can be followed where good reasons exists, apart from the precept. Sunday must, therefore, be decently devoted to rest or idleness—or rather to ceasing from labor. But there the ordinance ends, and there is nothing spiritual in it, no more than in the "three days of grace" on a promissory note. There is no more ality about it, and there could be none no matter what was intended.

The State, however, recognizes God in its courts of justice. This,

when inquired into, has no great depth. Perjury is a crime when any one is injured pecuniarily, but as a sm simply, perjury is of ro consequence from a legal point of view. To be a crime, perjury must be a wilful false swearing in any judicial proceeding. Then, the matter of the oath must be material to the issue or point in question, and the onth must be a lawful one, administered by some person of competent When you come to regard all these, the moral complexion authority. of perjury is lost sight of altogether-it is the highest contempt of the civil court, and the law must take care of its own self-respect and that of my lord the judge.

Again, blasphemy and sacrileges are punishable-the former when it disturbs the peace or is occasion of scandal to decency; the latter, when there is injury done to the material church. Of common swearing, lewdness, immorality, and all the species of offences known to the criminal law up to murder and treason, the safety of the citizen, as the Roman law has it, was the supreme law; the sin was not only not punished, but not taken into account. Therein the State was right the sins that do not concern persons or property do not come within its jurisdiction. Admittedly, therefore, if mankind is to be governed by law, the civil law can only take its own share of rights and wrongs the remainder of the list must be decided by some other law. So far as there is a visible outward authority for that purpose, it must be the Church. The Divine command is no less to render to God the things that are God's than to render to Casar his due.

These are a few of the encroachments of pagan Casar, but there are

others, and the general design is to make his rule complete.

"The State," says Fr. Parkinson, "makes war on the practice of the Evangelical counsels, . . . it proscribes religious orders, and sets the brand of exile on its members. The State tears the priest from the sanctuary, and forces him to bear arms in war, just or unjust, as it lays hands on the student in the seminary and educates him as a solder, though God calls him to the altar. The State takes the child from the parent and the pastor, and educates him in its own schools in a mixed religion of its own; it even enters once more into the sem inary, prescribes what the future priest shall learn, what books he shall study, and makes itself the final judge as to his fitness to enter upon the sacred ministry; and then, it supervises his doctrine and preaching, and takes into its own hands the control of his relations to his bishop, of the conditions of his communications with the chief Pastor of all the faithful. But surely, these are enough to describe the system, which is the Anti-Christian system of relations between Church and State, which is the result of the working of the same domineering and improve spirit which carried the Roman ensigns into the Holy Place, and which shall have the fullest manifestation which God will ever permit when Antichrist shall seat himself in the Temple of God. showing himself as if he were God."

AN IDEAL.

"Paint me a picture, Sir Artist I pray you!
"The work of your brush I have reason to prize,
"Choose any subject I care not to name it—

"But whatever you choose, it must be a surprise."

" Something so fresh, and something so novel,

"That friends may delight in its charm ever new;
"A jo, in my gay hours, a soluce in sadness,
"Such is the task that I set you to do." The Artist searched, with poetic fancy,

The realm of beauty, the region of art, Vain was his quest of a subject, and useless. The dream to fulfill of a kind patron's heart.

One day a mendicant stood in the doorway Checred by a coin, ere the man turned away, He gave in return a look of gladness. The smile of the soul, from its prison of clay.

The artist cried, "I will paint my picture"
"To-day, in the light of these sunny skies,
"And will give I trust, to my noble patron"
"A subject indeed, that will be a surprise"!

He stood at length by the veiled casel.
The picture was finished, the patron was near.
He drew the curtain saide from the canvas.
And, silent, waited the verdict to hear.

The nobleman looked, and saw lo! a beggar Stood out from the canvas in colors true.
Worn and weary, in tattered raiment,
And cried. "Friend, your subject is scarcely new."

"Approach" said the artist, " and view it nearer, "Here, in the light from the dome above,"
He looked again, and saw—was it fancy?
In the form of the beggar the Lord of Love."

Saw the shadow of thorns on the forehead, The deep eyes, shinning with pity and grace, The hand outstretched, as in kindly blessing.— And knelt, neath the spell of the Saviour's face!

Oh many a time, as we walk unheeding, The Lord goes by in the souls we meet, Oh! greet with kindnessthe least, the lowest, And, trembling, watch for His passing feet.

The Cedars, Simcoe Out.

E. LUMMIS.

Catholic News

.Rev. Father Walsh of Our Lady of Lourdes will preach on Sauday evening next in St. Mary's church.

Separate School Trustee Elections.

In answer to inquiries we would say that the Separate School Trustee elections will be conducted by the same divisions as the municipal elections. Whether 2 or a trustees shall represent each division has not yet been determin-The entire board retires this year.

St. Paul's Young People's Association.

At the last meeting of the above Society a debate took place on the subject .. "Is there greater scope, financially, for young men in the United States than in Canada?" Both sides were ably argued by Messrs, C. J. Me-Cabe, Daly, O'Brien, Hudson, Mulqueen and Rev. Fr. Reddin. At their next meeting the acting both as waiters and caterers. Those subject for debate will be . " Is novel reading miurious?" The subject being the outcome of a paper dealing with the question, read by Fr. and the Misses Hughes. Reddin at a previous meeting.

His Grace at St. Paul's.

...St. Paul's church was crowded on Sunday evening when llis Grace the Archbishop mounted the pulpit and delivered an eloquent lecture upon "Charity" for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. His Grace treated the subject in its broadest sense, and stated that to be charitable was to fulfil the great law of God, and to obey the most explicit command of Christ. Under the ancients the poor had been sadly neglected, and it was not until after the coming of Christ that it became part of the social order to render them assistance. The prelate in cloquent terms described the rewards awaiting the charitable, and in this connection referred to the nuns of St. Joseph, who had been requested by the city health officer to take charge of the pest house and minister to those suffering from diphtheria. These noble women had gladly responded to the call, and were o'Reitly, F. Carten, J. Drohan, N. O'Hanley, now at their posts. Their reward would be Form 111 - Excellent P. Honse, R. Markette, Thomas Blanche, William P. Markette, Thomas Blanche, William P. Markette, Thomas Blanche, William P. Markette, and M. Mar great. Speaking with reference to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, he said that it was one of the most charirable of organizations. lending its aid as it did to all in need without reference to creed or nationality. It had done and is doing a great and good work, and richly deserved the support of all philanthropic people. The poor would remain as long as there were men, Christ himself had said it, and at the same time had given them as a charge to the Catholic Church. The collection was large.

Distance of the last

Christmas Sale.

.. The Christmas Sale in aid of the Sisters of the Precious Blood being held during the week, is meeting with much success. A change of location was made at the last moment. A large double store on Yonge St. being obtained. Lack of time prevented the rooms being draped or decorated, but many thought the bright glances and winning smiles of the ladies amply made up for the other deficiency. In Miss Hoskin the entire management was vested and the success she achieved is best attested by the display produced and accommodation provided. Her efforts were ably seconded by the ladies having charge of the different tables. On entering the store the first object to claim attention, and one which gave the younger generation and their fond mammas great delight, was are attracting large congregations at the Church the doll table, under charge of Misses. C. of Our Lady, Guelph, when it is known that Small, Georgia Duggan, Kirkwood and Mrs. he is to preach. Protestants of the best class O'Connor. their element amongst the dolls-of which they had a great variety, from the tiny black have good results. "Tippo Tib." to the large and stately beauty, ... A handsome new

and thereby extracting the necessary funds from mamma's purse. Another stand that drew much patronage in this way was the candy table, the Misses Dubois being the attendants. The fancy goods table bore upon it themselves. Those in charge were Mrs. Dunn. Miss Croke and the Misses O'Connor.

A beautiful collection of hand painted china was a feature, standing at it did upon a table near the entrance, and caused much favorable comment upon the skill of the artist. Misses Lemaitre and Harris were in charge. large stand upon which were placed articles of devotion was in charge of Mrs. Rooney, Linn, Delahaye, and the Missos Berthon. Last, but by no means least, as a drawing card, were the the soul brought an ond to his sufferings. refreshment tables, to which hungry humanity flocked to be fed. Tasty lunches were served each day from 12 to 2, the ladies in charge performing this service were Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. J. Foy, Miss Foy, Miss Smith, Miss Long

De La Salle Institute.

Testimonials for the month of November: Form III. - Excellent -J. Flynn, E. Kelly, M. Stafford, F. Boylan, H. Chase, J. Huntley. Good H. O'Connor, W. Malone, J. Kormann, E. McDonald, J. Wright.
Form II.—Excellent—C. Hanrahan, J.

Jordan, J. Harnett, J. Fraser, A. O'Donohoe, J. Ryan, F. Richard, W. Henry, M. Murray, F. Beer, W. Giroux, S. O'Brien, W. Miville, T. O'Connor, C. O'Donohoe, J. Pape, H. Trimble, Good.—M. Tumpane, M. Murphy.

Form I. - Excellent -- J. Moriarty, E. Rosar, H McGinn, V. McGuire, J. Milne, A. Whelan, A. McCandlish, F. Murphy, J. Hennessey, E. Costello, W. O'Toole, J. Kelly, O. Quinn, J. McCarthy, J. Muldoon, A. Short. Good-B. Moran, F. Firmegan, J. Finnegan,

St Mary's School.

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Form IV.—Excellent—F. McDonald, C. Garvin, J. Drohan, W. Read, M. Stafford, E. O'Grady, W. Veal, F. Furlong, J. Kennedy, J. Lysaght, J. O'Brien, J. Malone, E. Kelly. Good- A. Flynn, H. Eyans, S. breen, S. row at 'osin Doyle, P. Sullivan, W. Fletcher, J. Carey, J. ful a pastor. Collaton, F. Donovan.

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St. Catharines.

A conference of the clergy of the deanery of Niagara was held at St. Catharines on Thursday last, His Grace the Archbishop presiding. Very Rev. Vicar General Rooney was also present. A new marble altar in the church was blessed by His Grace the same day.

GUELPH.

... The sermons of Rev. Father Kenny S. J. These ladies were evidently in attend in large numbers and the well-known zeal and eloquence of the preacher cannot but

... A handsome new altar is shortly to be erected "Gladys"-first captivating the youngsters in the Church of Our Lady, Guelph.

DEATH OF REV. FR. GERARD

Rev. Father Joseph Gerard, pastor of Belle River, London Diocese, died on Tuesday, tho 23rd Nov., from the effects of a paralytic stroke. a variety of beautiful, useful and ornamental He celebrated the Holy Sacrifice on the Frigoods, much of which was the work the ladies day previous, and, although quite feeble after recovery from a lingering disease of diabetes, he felt buoyant and cheerful after breakfast, and conversed freely with his curate. Father Mounier, and his niece, who was devoted in her attention and care of him during his protracted illness. Suddenly, at 3 p.m. that evening, he was struck down with paralysis, and, after receiving extreme unction, became unconscious in which state he remained until Tuesday morning, when an easy and calm departure of

Rev. Father Gerard was born at Bremeuil, department of La Meurthe, in the Diocese of Nancy, Lorraine, France. After finishing his theological course in the grand seminary of Nancy he came to Canada on the invitation of Bishop Pinsonneault and was ordained priest in Montreal by Bishop Bourget in May, 1860, when he had not quite reached his 24th year of age-he was born in December, 1837. He remained for a short time in London, as curate under Bishop Pinsonneau , after which he spent a year in Simcoe, the was then appointed pastor of Biddulph and the Huron district, with the churches of McGilvray and Mt. Carmel under bis charge. Fourteen years of the best part of his life were spent in attending to the spiritual life and wants of the Catholics residing in this extensive mission.

In the year 1876, at the very urgent request of Bishop Walsh, he said good-bye to his grateful and much attached parishioners to take charge of the parish of Belle River, County Essex, where he toiled incessantly for fifteen years. He paid off all the debts that weighed on that parish after the erection of the grand gothic church at great cost by his predecessor. Father Gerard had the church beautified, frescoed and decorated, so that it new ranks with the nost elaborately finished churches of the diocese. He also built a magnificent brick Form III. Excellent—P. Henry, R. Mc. schoolhouse, two storeys high, that affords ac-Grail, John Christie. Good—C. Malone, R. commodation to four hundred children, in eight classes of boys and girls, taught by the indefatigable Sisters of St. Joseph.

That he endeared himself to every member of the congregation is evident from the immense rowd of people who attended the funeral, and gave unmistakeable evider ces of their deep sorrow at losing so good, so zealous and so faith-

The funeral obsequies were conducted by the priests of the diocese reciting the office of the dead twice each day, with Very Rev. Dr. Gauthier acting as leader and Rev. Fathers Cote and Lorion as chanters. On Thursday, at 9.30 a.m. High Mass of Requiem commenced, Very Rev. Dean Wagner celebrant, Rev. Fathers Connolly and Aylward being deacon and subdeacon, Rev. Father Aboulin master of ceremonies. In the sanctuary were the Right Rev. D. O'Connor, Bishop of London, assisted by Rev. Father Brennan, of St. Mary's, and Rev. Father Cushing, President of Assumption College. Were present also, Rev. Father Andrievx, of Paincourt; Rev. Fr. Flannery, St. Thomas; Rev. Fr. Villeneuve, St. Ann's; Rev. Fr. Gahan, London; Rev. Fr. Corcoran, La. Salette; Rev. Fr. Ronan, Wallaceburg; Rev. Fr. Cummins, Bothwel; Rev. Fr. West, Goderich; Rev. Fr. Schneider, Pointe aux Roches; Rev. Fr. Ryan. C.S.B.; Rev. Fr. Langlois, Tilbury; Rev. Fr. Hodgkinson, Woodslee; Rev. Fr. Boubet, Stratford; Rev. Fr. Traher, Sincoe; Rev. Fr. Quigley, Fletcher; Rev. Fr. Cote, C.S.B.; Rev. Fr. Gery, C.S.B.; Rev. Fr. McMenimin, Maidstone; Rev. Fr. Beelnard, McGregor; Rev. Fr. Beaudoin, Walkerville.

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THE "GALLICAN" CHURCH.

THE Gallican Church in Canada-a very different thing from the modern Roman Church- was coeval with the French occupation; naturally, just as the Anglican Church was coeval with the British occupation of every country to which British arms proceeded with their " reni, vidi, vici." But Canada now is a British colony; and its proper Church is the British Church.

The above intelligent item is clipped from the Canadian Churchman of the 19th Nov. The editor of the Churchman should be informed that there is no such thing in existence as a Gallican Church. Louis XIV. tried to form a Galbean Church after the fashion of Henry VIII., but Bossuet and the other Bishops of France resisted the attempt in a manner so bold and so determined that the King abandoned his mad project. They placated his Majerty, however, by the adoption of four propositions with regard to certain liberties of ecclesiastical discipline and revenues of the Church which the King claimed at the death of a Bishop, and until a successor was appointed. Those propositions, which formed the basis of what was intended as the Gallican, have no more application to the church in the Province of Quebec than they have to the affairs of the Grand Turk in Stamboul. The writer of the above item in the Churchman betrays a woeful amount of ignorance in church history. The people in France who claimed to be Gallicans flattered the monarch by appealing to him instead of to Rome on some points of dispute. But the French Canadian elergy and hierarchy show, on all occasions, the most unlimited confidence in the wisdom and paternal government of Papal authority. Even in yesterday's despatches it was stated that the Archbishop of Montreal is at present in Rome for the purpose of obtaining the Pope's decision in a controversy between his Grace and Cardinal Tascherean in matters affecting the supremacy of the Catholic university of Onebec. When the priests and bishops and people of Canada look to Rome for guidance and ealightenment in all spiritual matters and in all affairs of clerical rule and church discipline, it would be rather difficult for the Canadian Churchman to put his finger on that spot of the church in Canada that he could claim as GALLICAN.

British occupation of every country by force of British arms opens every such country to British evangelization. Not so did our Blessed Lord or His Apostles preach the Gospel, they came in lowliness of spirit and called upon all to learn "of me that we are meek and humble of neart," and they succeeded-as the Jesuit Fathers who follow their example now succeed-in introducing the gospel to the wilds of India, to the mountains of Manchuria and the dense forests of Africa. The British Armstrong guns and Snider rifles overpower and overawe the poor natives with their brutal cries of "Veni, Vidi, Vici." But they never make a convert to Christianity. The Anglican Church has been a failure as a missionary organization. The greatest curse that could befall Catholicity in Canada would be to transform it into a BRITISH CHURCH.

A TRINITY OF BIGOTS.

Within the memory of adults three men have made names for themselves in the British House of Commons owing to their intense and obtrusive bigotry. They have sunk into obscurity and disappeared from life's stage never to be seen there again-while the monks and nuns and Jesuits whom they assailed, and worked heaven and earth to have banished from the kingdom, are still to the front, fulfilling the duties of their Heaven appeinted mission, and forever increasing in numbers, in usefulness and public estimation.

One of them, named Spooner, was known to the public about twentyfive years ago for his oft occurring and persistent attempts at legislation against nuns. He could neither speak nor think on any other subject. He was forever proposing the appointment of committees of investigation, whose duty it would be to enter every convent and search all its hidden places and dark corners and barred cells, in order to discover the unfortunate creatures who were immured therein, and the tortures to which they were subjected. Poor Spooner's name is quite forgotten now, nor can his place be found. Since his day and time, an ex-nun who sued a Superioress for damages in rot keeping her in the convent, and made revelations on oath--declared in an open court house-that the worst punishment ever inflicted upon her for disobedience to rule consisted in her being compelled, on one occasion, to sweep the chapel floor with a napkin fastened on her head.

Newdegate, the second of the famous trio, had the Jesuit Fathers on the brain. He was forever interrupting the proceedings of the House of Commons by incessant calls for the expulsion of those Ishmaelites. Like Dr. Wild, of Bond St., he in voked the laws of Queen Elizabeth and declared that every Jesuit was an outlaw, and should be arrested or got rid of at sight. His speeches and motions for the naming of committees, however, fell flat on the House. The country got sick of his oft-repeated warnings and prophetic platitudes, until, on one occasion, after a long and tedious speech against the Jesuits, Disraeli arose and declared positively that he beliebed Mr. Newdegate was a Jesuit in disguise. He was forever advertising them and bringing them before the notice of the English people, and doing them an incalculable amount of good by foolish and uncalled for opposition.

What became of those two worthies we have no means of discovering just now, all we can say of them is that their day is past, that oblivion has overtaken them, and that the Jesuits are more highly considered and obtain more respect in Great Britain to-day than they receive in any other country on the globe, not excepting even the I'mted States, where their labors, their sacrifices and their contributions to science and literature are known and appreciated from Washmgton to Idaho in the far west.

Last of the noble trio, the Toronto Mail would so designate them, as it did the famous "thirteen," comes Mr. Whalley, and a little more light is thrown upon his character and ending than upon the lives of his colleagues in fanaticism. A despatch dated Liverpool. Nov. 26, tells the story of his anti-popery campaigns and of his shocking hypocrisy. He was even more rabid in bitterness of opposition to everything that savored of Popery, than were his compeers, Spooner and Newdegate. Nor was it ever discovered during his lifetime, or even suspected, that under the guise of a Protestant saint and martyr, he was ever busy at work fleecing the dupes who believed in his sincerity, and, as the despatch says, "while appearing to all as a Christian worker he had been leading a life of protracted swindling, and that many persons had been made the victims of his wiles." It appears, too, that all the time he was plotting the financial rain of those who trusted him, he did not spare even his own nearest relatives; and with them even, as with the public, so artfully did he conceal his character that he passed for a holy man and as being "an eminent philanthropist." His daughter was married to a Mr. G. B. Taylor. a successful merchant in Liverpool, and was beloved by her husband. who lived in the enjoyment of perfect domestic happiness, until he had the misfortune of trusting, all too confidingly, in the reputed sanctity of his father-in-law. The old hypocrite so completely wound the meshes of his villainy around the unfortunate Taylor, as to drag him down into absolute bankruptcy, and drive him to commit suicide in a state of insanity. Very naturally a feeling of horror and utter disgust filled the minds of the business men of Liverpool, when they

learned of the sudden death of Mr. G. B. Taylor, "a noted merchant who shot himself in his office." The despatch goes on to say that "Mr. Taylor was son-in-law of a prominent solicitor of Blackburn, Mr. Whalley of no-Popery fame, with whom he had business relations of a confidential nature," and that on the death of old Whalley it was discovered that the son-in-law, Taylor, was financially ruined. Others discovered that they had been swindled of their hard earnings and reduced to poverty; and they had to bear the loss and disappointment in silent sorrow. But to Mr. Taylor's pecuniary loss was added the family disgrace and the scandal of being connected with an arch-hypocrite and a swindler. This was too much for him to stand so he lost his reason and shot himself. What a lesson here for all honest Protestants, to avoid fanatics, and keep clear of the howlers against Rome and the Jesuits!

PRIESTS AND POLITICS.

The recent election at Cork has furnished an endless theme for those opposed to Home Rule to dilate upon, charges of clerical intimidation during that contest being the tenor of their plaint. Mr. Michael Davitt in a communication to the *Irish World* however, demes that this was the case, stating that no clerical intimidation whatsoever took place.

George W. Smalley, the London correspondent of the New York Tribune, whose English-Tory proclivities are notorious, took occasion to make this the body of the communication furnished to his journal, stating that "Mr. Michael Davitt appears upon the scene to deny that there was clerical dictation during the Cork bection. He calls it a dishonest cry, hollow, untruthad, and other things. He has, like other Irishmen, a stock of adjectives. Yet his denial, when examined amounts to httle. Canon O'Mahony, says Mr. Davitt, was the only priest who took anything like a prominent part in the election. That depends on what you consider a prominent part."

The New York Freeman's Journal pithily says in reply: "The priests of Ireland, if ever men were justified in interfering in the name of religion, morality and patriotism, were certainly warranted in all that they have done in this instance. If we have any regret at all, it is that they did not anitedly, in the name of decency, law and order, in the name of loyalty to faith and fatherland, publicly place themselves on record in Cork more distinctly, for the battle was not merely a political one in which the material welfare of the people was at stake, but it was spiritual as well, and had to do with the condonation or condemnation of a pernicious principle of immorality in public affairs and acts by which the Catholic conscience of Ireland was outraged. It is silly for men like George Washington Smalley to bring up this cry at this day and under these circumstances. But men like him have no desire to be convinced of the Catholic mind or disposition toward their fellow-countrymen."

There is no reason why a priest should not—nay, it is their duty under certain conditions, and when the good government or morality of a country is threatened—to interest himself in politics. A Catholic priest ever sets before his eyes the rewards promised those following his Master's footsteps, he dedicates himself to the service of his neighbor. Riches, have and worldly pomp have no place within his breast, for the salvation of the souls committed to his charge he cheerfully accepts toil and his our, and sacrifices everything dear to flesh and blood on earth. His flock and their welfare are to him the essence of being, his care, his jo,, his glory. In none is this trait more apparent than in the Irish priest, and therefore, the interest of his country, and the proud fond love of his country, find a place in his heart, and engages his attention. Were he a traitor to his country to its social interests he would be unfit to minister at God's altar.

As Archbishop O'Brien has well said in regard to priests and politics: There is no disciplinary canon of the Church, no pronouncement by the Soversign Pontiff, no law, rule, or regulation either counselling or commanding in general bishops to take no part in politics; and we are perfectly sure none such will ever be enacted. The reason is not far to seek. Taking politics in its proper sense, not in the degraded one of party expediency, the Church is eminently political. She has to teach individuals and nations, kings and subjects, and to pronounce on the morality of public as well as private actions. She

is primarily concerned with man's eternal good; but in this world of ours the temporal is often so closely allied with the eternal, that in safeguarding the latter she must help to regulate the former. This is very clearly laid down by Pius IX, in his condemnation of modern errors in the "Syllabus" issued in 1864. The 27th of the condemned propositions is very near, dangerously near some sentiments that from time to time are expressed in our newspapers. It is this: "The sacred ministers of the Church and the Roman Pontiff should be entirely excluded from all care and dominion of temporal things." That is condemned; hence its converse is true, viz., that the ministers of the church are not to be excluded from the care and dominion of temporal things. It is difficult to have patience in treating this subject. Is it to be tolerated that the Church, the pursing mother of modern kingdoms, the framer in chief of Magna Charta, the one who vindicated the liberty of the subject against powerful tyrants, and shaped the legislation of civilised Europe, should now be told to stand aside, and leave a free hand and a clear field to scheming partisans to wreck, for their own selfish ends, the noble work which she imtiated at the cost of persecu tion and suffering, and over which she kept loving and jealous guard during long centuries? The prelates of the Church, forsooth, must not have a voice in the public affairs of their country. Had it not been for them where under heaven would there be politics to be discussed. or a country worth working for? And although the church, after having trained nations in habits of civic policy, and fitted them for selfgovernment, withdrew to a large extent from the conduct of public affairs, let no one imagine that she is going to efface herself, or that she will allow the spirit of modern infidelity to efface her in the public life of a country.

But, some Catholics say, what has religion to do with Politics? No Irsh Catholic, of all others, should be the one to ask this question; Religion is the whole worship internal and external, which man is bound to give to God. It includes, therefore, man's faith in God, his love of Him, his lope in Him, and his obedience to His will. It includes duty that man, in every state and condition of life, owes to God. How do we define politics? "The science of government," says the dictionary. That is in theory, the knowlege of how a country should be governed, and in practice, the carrying of that knowledge into effect in actual government. The latter includes the management of all public affairs, internal and external, of a country, the making of laws and the choice of legislators-that is, of men who make laws. Now let us ask ourselves has religion nothing to do with these vitally important acts? Is it of no consequence what kind of men the people choose to make their laws ?--whether they are Atheists or Agnostics or immoral men. Have a man's opinion no more to do with the making of good laws than the making of good furniture? In a word have politics nothing to do with religion, or has religion nothing to do with politics? Let the history of Ireland answer. Did the question of religion never enter into the minds of the politicians who passed the penal laws? Had politics nothing to do with the delay of Catholic Emancipation? Has religion nothing to do with the exclusion of a Cathoric from the Lord Lieutenancy of Ireland in the present day?

Should the Irish priest stand aloof from a movement through which the cause for which they have suffered long and endured many privations was likely to be wrecked—and that when harborage was in sight, and the port and goal of their hopes at hand? Were the Irish people to endure forever the burdens they have so long borne as the price of their non-intervention? we say, unhesitatingly, no. Who, but they, have ever stood in the breach, often saving the people from themselves. Contumely they received before, but the outcome preved them right and from thankful hearts the cry went up, as the late John Boyle O'Reilly touchingly puts it:

Heaven bless you, priests of Ircland, for the wisdom from above, For the strength that made you, loving them. crush the tears that rose When your country's heart was quiv'ring 'neath the statesman's muffled blows: You saw clearer far than they did, and you grieved for Ircland's pain; But you did not rouse the people—and your silence was their gain; For too often has the peasant dared to dash his naked arm 'Gainst the sabre of the soldier; but you shielded him from harm, And your face was set against him, though your heart was with his hand When it flung aside the plough, to snatch a pike for fatherland!

Oh! God bless you priests of Ircland! You were waiting with a will, You were waiting with a purpose when you bade your flocks be still;

And you preached from off your altars not alone the words sublime, But your silence preached to Irishmen. "Be patient: bide your time!" And they heard you, and obeyed, as well as outraged men could do Only some who loved your Ireland, but who erred in doubting you, Doubting you who could not tell them why you spake the strange behest You who saw the day was coming when the moral strength was best You, whose hearts were sore with looking on your country's quick decay You, whose chapel seats were empty and your people field away You, who marked the fields where once the peasant's calon stood-You, who saw your kith and kindred swell the emigration flood-You, the Soggarth in the famine, and the helper in the frost You, whose shadow was a sunshine when all other hope was lost, You, they doubted and you know it but you never said a word Only preached, "Be still; be patient!" and, thank God, your voice was heard. Now, the day foreseen is breaking- it has dawn'd upon the land. And the priests still preach in Ireland, do they bid their flock di-band? Do they tell them still to suffer and be silent? No! their words Flash from Dublin Bay to Connaught, brighter than the gleam of swords! Flash from Donegal to Kerry, and from Waterford to Glare. And the nationhood awakening thrills the sorrow laden air.

Scarce a blade of grass or sprig of clover is there that has not been nurtured with the life blood of an Irish martyr priest, who willingly gave up his life for faith and country, and the same fidelity, patriotism and faith animates the priesthood to-day, causing them to labour unceasingly for their flocks temporal as well as their spiritual welfare and the people recognize it, and trust them implicitly and obey their call.

Priest to priest to sound the summons—and the answer, man to man; With the people round the standard, and the Prelates in the van; And the heart of Treland's hoping keep this golden rule of Cloyne. Till the Orange fades from Derry and the shadows from the Boyne. And the word is carried onward till the farthest lands they reach; "After Christ, their country's freedom do the Irish Prelates preach."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Apropos of the Protestant claim to the word "Catholic," a correspondent of the Boston Transcript tells the following story which recalls St. Augustine's advise to those who tried to rob the Catholic Church of its significant title. The rector of an Episcopal congregation had been preaching to his people on the use of the word "Catholic," "Let not this word," said he, "be usurped by an alien religious body. You are Catholics every one. Glory in the name; he ever ready to answer it; claim it as your birth-right on all occasions." A few minutes later he was taking off his surplice in the vestry, when a big Irishman put his head into the room and asked, "Av you plaise, sur, is this the Catholic Church?" "No, my good man, no," was the parson's ingenuous answer," The large red brick church around the first corner on the right. The one with the gift cross.

To the C tholic young man possessing the necessary brains and ability, who will enter political life and remain true to the teachings of his religion, the future holds rich hopes of Lonorable renown. There is a demand for such men—men who will show by scrupulous honesty, honorable methods, and unselfish labors for the common good of their countrymen, the grand results of Catholic teachings when lived up to strictly. No Catholic will, if he follow out his religious principles be guilty of corruption or alliliation with those whose hands are stained with crooked dealing. His conscience tells him that he must be true to the trust reposed in inm by his fellow entizens, and not enrich hunself by one penney which belongs to them. He must always realize what politicians too often forget—that the Ten Cemmandments are as binding in political matters as in private life.

This may seem like drawing too high an ideal for Catholic young men to aspire to. But it is not impossible to reach it. Every day young men give up much that the world holds dear, in order to serve their God and their fellow men, by entering a religious life. May we not hope that among our laymen there may be found those who will serve their country in her legislative halls and municipal offices, with something of the fidelity and self-sacrificing spirit shown by those in more sacred walks of life? The ambition is, at least, a noble one and worthy of the consideration of every young man who aspires to political fame.

We would not wish to say that all our present politicans are dislanest, but we feet justified in asserting that too low a standard exists among many. As for the lower class of politicians, the gutter statesmen, who regard it as a compliment to be called "shek" or "crooked," there are, alas, too many who are Catholics in name, but who do not live up to Catholic teaching.

CELTIC LITERATURE.

THE DOOM OF O'DONNELL.

(Faosi the literal translation by Professor O'Curry, of a poem written by Peregrino O'Clery one of the celebrated Four Masters—probably a monk—who died about the year 1670.

This homily, which is a sermon to ourselves is the latest composition of the last of a race of chromelers and Semenchies renowned in Irish annals, addressed to Turloch O'Donnell, the last chief of Donegal, on the vanities of this world, the fallen fortunes of his House and the dispersion of his clan and kindred after the Plantation of Ulster and the wars of Cromwell.

My curse on the World, with its wilesand its dangers, Its follies and frauds, to them all who are strangers Though good kings from thee have received their gold sceptre. At banquet and dance they at last saw the spectre. And some, before Christ, that we read of -their equal -Were raised up aloft to be crushed in the sequel. Large space to Assyrians and Medes long thon gavest, To Chaldees and Persians - where now are their bravest? And he, the great Greeian, first mighty commander, How short was his time - the renowned Alexander; And Casar, that master of empire, the Roman, You conquered the monarch who vanquished each forman. For no one has risen on thy back, O World! But fell at thy wheels, into dark sorrow hurled, The poor, though ungifted, unwealthy, are faithful, As nought has been taken away, they are grateful.

We thank the good God who has left us religion. And wership our Saviour, not earthly ambition. Compare not with Pagans, though famous in story. Thy place, O my friend, will with saints be in glory. I grieve that so worthy a chief should wear fetters. Through batted of foes for our nobles—their betters; But wouldst thou possess the unfading bright flower On earth and in Paradise—'tis in thy power; With courage bear shackles as those of a marryr. They'll shine in the crown that awaits thee herafter. Our sins were the cause of the sufferings so grevious Of Christ, when in mercy He came to relieve us. The seeds of the Charch blood of Christiaus refreshes. One drop of the Saviour's was millions more precious On Calvary shed—when in pain and in sorrow He taught us to take up our cross and to follow.

Though from thy green hills and thy rich valleys driven. Be thankful O'Donnell, for geat favors given. Brave heart that withstood wars and rapines worst st rms. How changed from the days when in strength and in beauty. In hall, fair and hunt and at hurlings we knew thee, Forget these, but not, with thy years ten times seven. The ship of thy soul should be seeking a haven.

Clan-Connell has praised thy fair youth e'er since twenty. Though near Saxon planters; they found peace and plenty:—When warfare ensued—with deep care for thy people. Their lives were oft saved although half starved and feeble And who since Prince Dalach,* protection afforded so much to the Sept and so many supported; Through natives and strangers—their * carts without fear in, Ye traversed each province of ever-green Erin. In foray and war thou didst bravely defend them. For fourteen long years ceased not succor to send them. Submitting at last thy retainers and Kerne To Sassanach laws, on the banks of Lough Eric.!

Once than and thy clausmen three thousand cows counted. Then poor and in prison were the traubles surmainted. Abandon thy pride, for thy life is near ended. This not thou alone on this list is unfriended.
On earth the best triumph for men and for women is that o'er the world, o'er the flesh and the deman. If mid the false lures of this life than wert stricter. Thy soul would soon share joys colestial, as victor: I pray that for thee our Lord's blood be not wasted. Do penance that peace everlasting be tasted. The deeds, words and thoughts may have with the omission, Him wounded, so let there be heartfelt contrition. To search thy soiled conscience, find out all the simming. The graces received and how used --from beginning. Hast thou on fair fame or estates made aggression. Repair if thou caust and restors --through confession. My life, full of years, -- they are o'er ten times seven, Before thee I hope to receive rest in heaven.
"The right my last theme should be Turlough O'Donnell," The last golden link to the land of Tryconnell.
So thus from earth's back are the good and great hurled.

Montreal.

II. Kavanagu.

*Dalach was hereditary Prince of Tirconnell, now Donegal (the fort of the stranger) nucestor of the O'Donnell sept of the territory.

† Hall's History says Lough Erne is one of the loveliest lakes in Ireland, and was one of th bounds of O'Donnell's ancient patrimony.

†O'Donnell was Peregrine O'Glery's patron.

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At the conclusion of Mass Rev. Father Boubat ascended the pulpit and preached a very eloquent and impressive sermon in French from the text, "Behold I will send my angel who shall go before thee, and keep thee on thy journey and bring thee into the place that I have prepared, take notice of him and hear his pice." (Exodus 25-21).
Right Rev. Bishop O'Connor addressed the voice.

congregation in English and drew tears from many present, both priests and people, while speaking of the great works done by the deceased priest and of the many amiable and endearing qualities of his heart and mind that made him so many warm-hearted and attached friends, as witnessed by the great number of priests who, that morning, were gathered from the most remote parishes of the diocese to assist at the funeral, and pay the last tribute of their affection to a confrere who was universally esteemed and beloved. His Lordship mentioned receiving the day previous from Archbishop Walsh of Toronto, expressions of the deepest regret at the sad news of Pather Gerard's death, and of the high admiration and sincerc affection in which the deceased pastor was held by His Grace.

The Island was then sung by the choir and the last absolution pronounced by His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, after which all that remained of the late lamented Father Gerard were first carried in procession around the church and then consigned to the tomb in a vault beneath the sanctuary of the church. May his pure soul rest in eternal peace.

DEATH OF REV. FATHER LAMONT.

Rev. Father Lamont breathed his last on Wednesday, the 21th Nov., in the parochial residence of Very Rev. Dean Murphy, Irishtown. The deceased priest had reached the 75th year of his age. He was born at Kintail, Invernesssline. Scotland, studied in the Propaganda, Rome, and was attached for some years to the parish of Ft. Augustus, now in charge of the Dominican Fathers. Father Lamont did missionary work for many years in the Scottish Highlands, travelling always on foot o'er slippery crag and mountain steep, sometimes fifty miles in one day. He was a robust highlam'er, a ripe scholar and a zealous, self-sacrificing priest. He came to Canada twenty years ago to preach to the Gaels of West Williams, Middlesex, in their own language, and was held in the highest esteem by Rt. Rev. Bishop Walsh, who, when the pious Father's health was enfeebled sent him to the parish of Irishtown under the care of Dean Murphy.

In this parish he has been for the last ten years, edifying both priests and people by his robust faith, his eloquent discourses and his extraordinary piety. He made it his practice to go round the fourteen stations of the Cross every day, and very often, if not always, on his bare knees. Several pions people knew the hour when the saintly priest made these devotions and were on hand to join in the responses and follow him round the sacra ria.

The funeral obsequies were held in the parish church on Saturday last. Bishop O'Connor was present in the sanctuary. High Mass of Requiem was sung by Very Rev. Dean Murphy assisted by Rev. Father West, of Goderich, and Rev. Father McCabe of Irishtown. Very Rev. Dr. Kilroy, Rev. Father Cook, Rev. Father O'Neil and Rev. Father Brennan were also present. His Lordship addressed the congregation in feeling terms on the many virtues of the deceased priest, and called upon all present to remember the example which he constantly men. In 1817, as is well known, her first gave while living and pray for his soul in poemswere published in the Irish Nation under gratitude for the many kind services he rend. The pseudonym of "Speranza."

Dr. T. A. Slovan's

ONYTOENIZED EMULSION of PURE COD LIVER OIL. If you have Tightness of the chest the pseudonym of "Speranza."

ered to all, when health permitted him to exercise his zeal and charity in their midst. His Lordship then gave the last absolution, and the remains of Father Lamont were consigned to the tomb. R.I.P.

Book Rebielus.

Songs and Miscellaneous; Poens, by John Liurie, Second edition. Toronto . Imrie & Graham.

In this work the author has put into book form many of the gems which from time to time he had contributed to different sources. In this second edition there are 315 pages as against 210 m the first, and many of the songs are set to music. The author's prolific pen has strayed over many subjects, and has culled the sweetest flowers in the fields of patriotism, love, home and friendship, binding them up in a neat sheaf for the reader. The vein of humanity and unobtrusive piety, as well as the easily read thoughts, render the book as delightful to the child as to the student, and therefore entitle it to a place in every home. As is well said in the preface, it would be difficult for thoughts, however expressed, on Love, Friendship, Home, and kindred topics, to fail of finding response in the human breast; and the average reader who follows the bent of his own unperverted taste, and is as indiferent to the critics as the poets themselves, will find much to please him in the book. Of profit he should also find much, if his sympathies are as been and broad as the author's, and his appreciation equal to his, of the warmhearted Christian brotherhood, and unaffected moral purpose, which should find expression in all our work.

Men and Things.

..Hon. William F. Sheehan, the newly elected hentenant-governor of New York state, is about 30 years of age, a native of Buffalo, N.Y., and an alumnus of St. Joseph's College of the Chris tian Brothers of that city. He is the first Catholic in the history of the state to hold the office of lientenant-governor. Mr. Sheeban is a lawyer. He was for five successive years the representative of the workingmen's district of Buffalo in the assembly, and last year was speaker of that body.

.. Madame Sarah Bernhardt's birth certificate has been found. She is not a native of Havre, as she herself supposes, but a l'acisiene of the Latin Quarter. She was born in 1814, her mother being a Berlin Jewess, who was then a struggling milliner in the Rue do l'Ecole de Medecine, a few doors from the house where Marat was living when assassmated by Charlotte Corday. Her sister Jeanne is two years younger. The house in which the great actress first saw the light is an old and dilapidated one. She owes her education, which she received at a convent at Versailles, to M. Meres, the financier.

The most popular Irish salon in London, says a London correspondent, is undoubtedly that of Lady Wilde, whose son has just married the queen of lady journalists, Mrs. Frank Leslie. Lady Wilde's Saturday afternoon receptions in Oakley street are well known to Irishmen of genius resident in London, and probably more than any other woman she has assisted and encouraged those who are auxious to attain to celchrity as writers. Her own literary works are numerous and well known. Recently she published two remarkable volumes on Irish folklore, which have done much to dispel prevalent the deceased priest, and called upon all present erroneous impressions concerning her country-

...A telegram received in Paris from Algiers on Monday last announced that Cardinal Lavigerie was dying. He had received the last Sacrament. Inquiries in Paris, at the Convent of the White Fathers, confirmed the sid news. The Superior had received a despatch saving that the Cardinal had received extreme unction. The Cardinal himself demanded the Sacraments. In addition to the disease from which he has been suffering for a long time, and which has suddenly become worse, he has had an attack of influenza and a stroke of paralysis. The White Fathers spent the whole of Saturday night in prayer. Cardmal Lavigerie has sent to ask for the Apostolic Benediction from Leo XIII.

CHINESE POSTOFFICES.

It is not to be imagined that a veritable nation of shop-keepers like the Chinese would remain, owing to the refusal of their government to convey their correspondence, destitute of a postal service. They have, indeed, a very complete system of their own entirely independent of the state, says Cornhill magazine. In every town of any size may be seen ten or a dozen shops with the sign "Hsin Chi," letter office or postal establishment, suspended outside. Their business is to carry not letters only, but small parcels, packets of silver and the like, usually to other towns in the same province, but also on occasion to other provinces. They are, in fact, general carriers, or. perhaps it would be fairer to say, they occupy much the same position in China now as did the "agents" at Harwich and Dover of the postmaster general at the beginning of the ighteenth century so miscellaneous are the packages committed to their charge.

They have no fixed tariff varying according to weight, and there appears to be no limit. within reason, to the size of letters or parcels they will carry. The charge for letters is fairly constant, but in estimating the cost of conveyance of parcels the size and shape alone seem to be taken into account. A rough calculation is then made, which the sender is at liberty - if he can to abate. In fact, the transmission of parcels is regarded as being quite as much a matter of bargaining as the purchase of a pig. As there is no monopoly, each postoffice tries to underbid its rivals, and connection sometimes verges on the ludicrous. Since the institution of female postoffice clerks in England, how many complaints (doubtless quite groundless) have there not been from would-be purchasers of stamps who have been kept waiting at the counter while the postmistress and her assistants compared notes on last Sunday's fashions? In China this deplorable state of things is reversed. There each post-office has its touts, who go round at very short intervals' to each place of business to beg for the privilege of forwarding their letters. The bankers are the best enstomers, and as post time draws near, quest time is fixed at the open ports by the departure of the local steamers, you will see a tout enter a bank and interrupt the clerks with an entreaty to be allowed to convey the letters they have not yet copied. He is dismissed for half an hour, and meanwhile two or three rivals will appear with the same request. The lucky man is he who happens to come in as the letters are scaled.

.Lord Randolph Churchill isnot the oniv British nobleman who is now wandering about in the wilds of South Africa. Lord Headly, who has done much prospecting in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and other western states, has formed an important expedition to assist in the explora tion and development of Mashonland.

"THE IRISH IN AMERICA?"

From the Dublin Freeman's Journal of Oct. 28th we take the foll owing report of a lecture delivered in that city by His Lordship Bishop M'Golrick. Food for thought and reflection will be found in abundance therem.

Last evening a lecture on "The Irish in America-their Trials, their Triumplis" was delivered by the Most Rev. James M'Golrick, D. D., Bishop of Duluth, U. S. A., in the Father Mathew Memorial Hall. Church street. Dr. M'Golrick is a native of Borrisokane county Tipperary. He has spent twenty five years on the American Mission, and during that period he has had ample opportunity of sudying the fortunes of our exiled fellow countrymen. The lecture was a highly entertaining and interesting narrative, and much appreciated by the audience which crowded the hall. The platform was tastefully decorated with plants supplied by Thornton of Grafton street. Before the proceedings began a selection of music, vocal and instrumental, was well rendered by the choir. The Very Rev. Father Columbus (Maher) O.S.F.C., President of the League of the Cross, occupied the clair.

Among those present were-Rev. Father Benvenutus, Rev. B. Kelly, Rev. P. Reilly, Rev. W. Dowd, All Hallow's College; Captam Carroll, Cardinal Manning's Guards; A. Altman, Paul Cullen, M. J. Dunn, B. L.; Mr. Cogan, T. C., Mr. Duffy, Mr. Cummins,; G. Cummigham (a Father Mathews veteram Count Plunkett, J. Niall Briscoe, J. Marks, Hugh T.Carroll, W. B. Campbell, Wm. Field, Blackrock.

The President said-Ladies and gentlemen and fellow-members of the League of the Cross, I have great pleasure in introducing to you this evening a most distinguished Irish-American, the Most Rev. Dr. M'Golrick, Bishop of Duluth. The fact of his being a Tipperary nan proclaims him racy of the soil, and a patriot in the true sense of the word. The fact of his being elevated to the Episcopal dignity while yet so young, proclaims his piety and learning. Ins power and ability. The fact of his being a suffragan bishop in the archdiscess of the great Father Mathew of the West, Archbishop Ireland, proclaims that he not only follows the same principles but that he is one of his most zealous and most active collaboriers in the promotion of the glorious cause of total abstamence among our exiled brothers and sister who live, thrive, and have happy homes under the liberty protecting forts of the star spangled banner of America. His lordship has kindly come amongst us this evening to help on our soul-saving work; to spread the light of total abstinence, and to tell us how our people fare in the land of the free "Their trials and their triumphs." Such a grand subject will be most instructive and interesting to us all. especially coming from the eloquent lips of his locaship after his 25 years' experience among the exiled children of our race.

His Lordship, in the course of his address, said for long years the conth and strength of Iroland by thousands and hundreds of thousands driven from the land they loved so well, sought refuge in free America. Deprived of education at home and pauperised by stern laws, the Irish emigrant to America found himself with few resources, save his bodily strength and his cheerful habits and mind. At first, with a few friends and aiml many hardships, neglected and forgotten, the poor Irishman worked at his allotted task, lived his brief day, and died unknown. The Irishman's character was spread before his employers by journal. tract, and magazine as that of a lazy, thriftless, drunken creature. History, supposed to be the witness of truth, was false in his regard, His broque was detestable to American ears, his honest face was carica ured, his word was doubted, his religion was hated as both absurd and idolatrons. Meanwhile it was only that religion, and its beauteous promise of reward hereafter and its kindly ands to the poor. that could enable him to bear the scorn and continuely of men. Only the thought wife and children steeped in poverty at home, and dependent on him for support, could force him to stand with bowed

head and silent tengue in the face of foul repreach.

Nor could it be said that these early pioneers from hrin lived and died in vain. Gathered together, though few in number, they formed the nucleus of a Catholic congregation; the cheery voice and kindly tone of the Irish priest -the "Soggardi Aroon" was soon heard amongst them, and the despised shanty church was the blessed spot from which, in course of time, the lefty cathedral was to spring. The little band of exiled Catholics had grown into a great and well founded organization with nine thousand priests, ninety bishops, and over twelve millions of faithful Gatholic people. Truly, the growth of religion in the United States was a wonderful triumph of God's mercy. Years went on, and still the tide of emigration swelled; numbers imparted strength, and successful labour brought means fer education as well as for religion. Seen beside the church grew up the school and the content; colleges for the higher education reared their stately walls, and the children of the Irish became a great and educated power in the country. In the learned professions the trishman's native talent did him youman's service, and his name was held in honour through the length and breadth of the land. By hones work in all departments of business the walls of prejudice were broken down, until now they beheld the Irish people merged into the social life of the United States, and become the firmest upholders of the Republic. There were providential ways for the establishment of

a thoroughly religious people; yet, strange to say, though in large numbers the Irish people crowded into cities and there built up tho Church, their permanence and increase were not assured in the land. Almost confined to the large cities and manufacturing towns, they made slight effort to become owners of the soil. Other peoples-Germans, Danes, Swedes, and Norwegians came to the States, and going directly to the great west, soon could be traced as owners of the teening acres of that fruitful land. Independence, bounteons plenty, if not wealth, waited on the former; but frivolous and petty causes then, as well as now, prevented any organized effort for the settlement of the Irish people. Then and now want of union had always been their greatest difficulty and their standing reproach. Could they not even at this day learn the lesson taught them by such sad experi-In what better and more charitable work could the societies of St. Vincent do Paul, both here and in America, he employed, than m aiding to independence, by accurately prepared information, those who were forced to seek employment in America? Personally he would say that the bishops of America do not wish to encourage the emigration of the Irish people. Ireland was the natural home of the Irishman; there if he only received encouragement and assistance to become proprietor of some little spot in his own fair land, no longer ground down by landlord or agent, what man in all the world could be so happy? Yet as so many left this country for America with the example before them of what other nations had done, and were doing, for their emigrants it ought not to be said that such a union was for them in Ireland impossible. As a silver lining to the cloud it was a pleasant truth to know that many of the finest homesteads in Puritan Massachusetts and the old State of Maine were now in the possession of the sons and grandsons of Catholic Irishmen.

Another enemy, the most terrible of all, had ever followed the Irish people, and had ever proved to be their greatest destroyer, and that was the demot of drunkenness. The advocates of total abstinence had frequently been accused of exaggeration. Its upholders had been called fanaties and extremists. Theologians had proclaimed in dictatorial tone that total abstinence orators were dangerously near to Men anxious for the success of the cause were startled to find themselves called Manicheans! Meanwhile drunkenness and its consequent evils increased all over the United States. Nine hundred millions of dollars a year were spent in drink. Bread and milk cost less than the drink bill by ninety-two millons of dollars. boasted of our advance in education, but there were ten dollars spent in education for every \$250 thrown into the till of the saloon keeper. An army of 100,000 men died the drunkard's death every year in the United States. What tongue can tell all the sorrows, the miserics, the heart burnings beneath such figures? Eighty per cent, of all the crime of the country was declared due to drink. The Irish people. fallen a prey to the evil, dishonored religion; their children, deprived of natural guardianship, were taken up by the State or by sectarian charities, and were lost to the Church. Then was heatd what, I trust. you in Ireland will never hear strange theories about confining the priest within the sanctuary, and making poor distinctions between him as a man and as a priest. Threats were even made to starve out priests who took a prominent place in upholding total abstinence in short, to bring the Church to terms by cutting off the supplies. Total abstinence was found to be the remedy for these evils. It was preached and practised by priest and people, and in every State in the Union where it prevailed were found happy homes, educated families, religion prosperous, crime diminished. Would that the people of Ireland at home had remained faithful to the pledge of Father Mathew!

What a sermon there is in the lately published statistics of Dr. Grimshaw, Registrar-General for Ireland, for the year 1890. In that year offences arising from drink were \$,000 over the year 1889, and 1,400 over the average of the last ten years. It will not do to make comparisons between this and the other countries, and console ourselves with the thought that after all we are not so had as our neighbours. The Irish people are blessed with many noble qualitic have talent enough and to spare; they are the purest people under the sun; their religion is with them a living, energising power; the supernatural has always been for them the only real and good. Why with all these cannot this one festering sore be healed? Total abstinence societies must be encouraged and extended. Men always temperate must be led, for the sake of example, to take the heroic step of oining the total abstinence ranks, and thereby add dignity and thence to this movement. As in union there is strength, the various total abstinence societies should form a great national union, and thereby give mutual aid and encouragement. May our dear Lord bless all those engaged in this noble cause, the people that they may follow and persevere, the leaders, that they may direct and wisely lead, until Ireland sober is also Ireland free.

On the motion of Father Penvenutus, O.S.F.C., seconded by Count Pinnkett, and supported by Mr. J. Dunn, B.L., a vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to Bishop M'Golrick.

The audience renewed the pledge of total abstinence, given by Bishop M'Golrick, and then received his lordship's blessing

The proceedings concluded with the singing of "God Save Ireland."

A WONDERFUL PIECE OF WORD-PAINTING.

Appropriate Approp tyrs, Allen, Larkm and O'Brien, which was observed Monday, the following article, which appeared in a special edition of The Irishman, on the morning of Nov. 23, 1867, and is, perhaps, one of the ablest literary works which ever adorned the columns of an Irish newspaper, is printed. For its publication the editor was sent to jail, and the attorney-general, who prosecuted, said of it at the trial, that " it was written by no ordinary pen, and he told the jury-" Perhaps he may live many years - you may drink deep of the stream of literature, but, I believe, you will seldom meet in your reading an article of more power, of more vigor, of more stirring eloquence, than that article 'The Holocaust.' It was at first attributed to the glowing pen of the diastrous Isa c Butt, but it is believed to have been written by one who still fives, and whose pen has frequently rendered splendid services to the cause of Ireland—the learned Dr. Sigerson of Dublin. It was headed "The Holocaust," and read as follows:

Deaf to all warnings, however ominous, spurning alike the argument of the just and the prayers of the merciful, the government of England has this day done a deed of blood which will overshadow its name

before the whole world.

Nothing can account for its perpetration, against all the urgings of statesmanship and humanity, save alone the blindness which falls

from heaven upon overweening pride.

Clouds of passion and prejudice have wrapt their councils round; thick and gloomy, and terrible as ever fell the black night of darkness upon the Egyptian land "because," said the Lord God of Israel, "ye would not let my people go."

Hapless people! Fortunate only in the protection of one sovereign

- The King of Kings, the Judge of Judges, the avenger of oppressed mnocence, who shall surely mete cut to a l offenders, retribution with

interest to the uttermost farthing.

Hapless people! They have been required to build without stones, to make brick with straw, and when their task masters have found the task not completed, the lash has been laid unsparingly on their backs.

For they were deprived of their lands, and punished for being poor; deprived of their liberty and scourged for being seris, deprived of their teachers, and slain alike for learning and being ignorant.

Those days, they explain, have passed and gone away. We have

long desired to govern you mildly and well.

Thus they cry out. And since when, we ask, has the change been shown?

Was it in the relief act?-granted merely through fear of civil

Was it in the prosecutions of the tribune who wen it?

Was it in the famino, which slew its millions under their flag?

Was it in the exile of those gallant men whose counsels would have guided them to avert the popular death?

When and where can we behold this beneficent change of policy? Let it not be hid from the nation.

Was it in the mouthing of the viceroy, who incessantly proclaimed that Ireland was proper only for brute beasts, not for men?

Was it in the millions' exodus fleeing from all ports, before his firt,

to the uttermost ends of the earth?

Was it in the refusal to this day to change a system of land laws which plunders them of their hard won earnings, and drives them out bare and miserable, sick and dying, in the heat of summer, and in the rey chills of winter, from the homesteads of their fathers, from the native land of their race?

Lot it be shown to us this change which should make us glad.

Is it to be found in the benignity of rulers whose faces we never see,

but whose swords we have often felt ?

Is it to be found in a denial that we have a right to a voice in our government like Hungary, like Australia, like Canada, like any colony soever of the empire, however small, provided it be not Irelan3 ?

Finally, the wrongs and grievances of the country are admitted. English statesmen have denounced them in the harshest terms. The present chancellor of the exchequer has declared them sufficient cause for ravolution. When young men know this - when young men hear this-when, too, they see those statesmen not only justify revolution at home, but foster it abroad then, stung into desperation and madness, should they act upon the lesson taught, where is the exonera tion, where is the mercy?

On a vitiated verdict; on tainted testimony; on evidence which has been admitted that of false swearers or perjurers on a verdict avowed to be flawed with error two men and a youth in the eye of the law

an infant-are done to a cruel death.

Behold England's justice in the conviction and condemnation -- behold England's mercy in the sentence and execution of the political prisoners- Allen, Larkin, O'Brien.

There, indeed, written large and deep written in letters indelible written in letters of blood-read the mercy and justice of England!

They died far from the land they loved-far from the nation they would fain have served -foully standered by the organs of a sanguinary aristocracy, in the midst of 5000 bayonets. It was said as an excuse

they were offenders against society, but an army had to interfere between them and the people to prevent a rescue. It was said as an excuse they were non-political criminals; but they offered their lives to save those of two fellow men, and they died with their faces turned to the West, with trust on Ged in their souls, and on their lips the patriotic cry -- God Save Ireland."

DEAD, DEAD, DE D. But there are those who think that in death they will be more powerful than in life. There are those who will read on their tombs the prayer for an avenger to spring from their bones, exocute aliquis ex esubus ulter, and we foresee troubles and trepidations, which might have been averted by a humane policy, which we would fain have averted, and which we pray, by wis r conneil, may yet be saved the nations. Mistakon as these marryled men may have been, they shall be remembered in their native land along with these who have gone before them; nor shall their deaths shake her desire for legislative independence, nor her trust in its speedy consumartion.

From the morning watches even to the night, Israel shall hope in the Lord,

Because with the Lord there is mercy, with Hun there is a plentiful redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all who work in iniquity .- Beston Republic.

IS THE CHURCH LOSING?

PROMINEST Catholic writers assign the following reasons for loss of church members in this country:

1. Catholic families settling in places many miles from church or priest.

2. Mixed marriages.

- 3. Neglect of religious instruction and a deficient education at bome.
- 3. Reading of bad papers, and the joining of anti Catholic societies.
- 5. Staying away from the church to avoid contributing towards building churches and keeping up schools.
- 6. Catholic children, compelled by limited means, to leave home to secure a living.
 - 7. Occupations where there is no chance to hear mass on Sunday. 8. Emigrants who had little faith when they left Europe.
- 9. The absence of solid Christian literature from the average Catholic home.
 - 10. Not enough priests. This cause is gradually disappearing.11. A false idea of social position. This cause is confined prin-
- cipally to women of fat purses and little brains.
- 12. Not being taught Christianity and the beginning of theology in the vernacular.
- 13. The oft-repeated attempts to introduce and keep alive foreign customs, manners, modes of thoughts, which tends to make the Catholic religion appear as an exotic, instead of having it racy of the soil.
 - 14. Intemperance.
- 15. Want of activity in Catholic Church circles for young men and wamen.
- 16. Briefest and best. A summing up of them all. The world, the flesh and the devil.—Ex

Brussels, Dec. 2. -Telegrams from Belgian missionaries in Mongolia give further particulars of the cecent troubles in the north of China. They state that the missionaries at Taku have escaped to the mountains, and the Chinese priests and nuns were horribly ill-treated. It is feared some Belgian missionaries were killed at Chaoyung.

The rebels are not Mongolians but Chinese colonists, who are very numerous in that region. They belong to a secret society that has been conspiring for four years and has imported many foreign ritles, the custom-house officers winking at the illegal practice or conniving with the importers by seizing the rifles and reselling them at auction.

The severe measures which the Chinese Government ordered when inflammatory placards were posted provoked the revolt. Central and Western Mongolia are tranquil.

Rumors that Russia would intrvene have spurred the Chinese Government to take active measures to suppress the revolt.

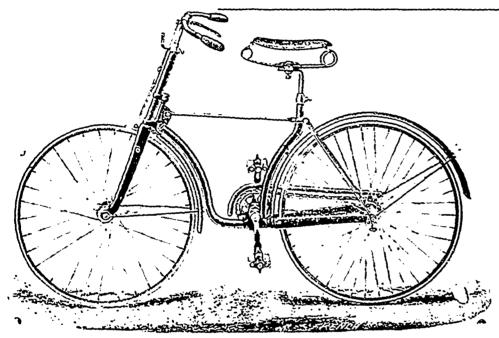
Loxbox, Dec. 2.—The Times' correspondent at Paris confirms the report that the French Government is urging the powers to take combined action against China.

The Standard's Paris correspondent says he hears that the United States Government will also be urged to take part in the movement against China. He adds that it will be a difficult matter to determine the ground upon which the various countries may act in accord, as some of the powers are averse to taking any steps likely to weaken China's prestige.

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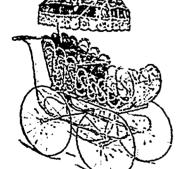
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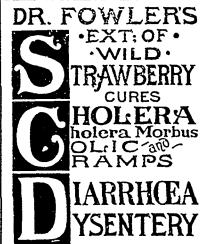
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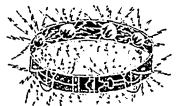
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