

NEWS FROM SCOTLAND.

Amongst outstanding events in the Catholic Church in Scotland recently, not the least has been the presentation to Right Rev. Aeneas Chisholm, Bishop of Aberdeen, of his portrait to mark the celebration of his jubilee as a priest.

The portrait, which was painted by a Scottish artist of eminence, is a striking likeness. It was subscribed for, not only by Catholics all over Scotland, but by many prominent non-Catholic admirers of the Bishop and his work.

The presentation ceremonies began with Pontifical High Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen, at which the Bishop himself officiated. The handing over of the portrait followed in the presence of a large public gathering, and a banquet, at which eulogistic speeches were made by prominent priests and laymen, concluded the proceedings.

The portrait of Bishop Chisholm will be hung in Blair's College, the Scottish national ecclesiastical seminary, of which His Lordship was rector prior to his elevation to the Episcopate. The picture will have as company very fine portraits of such historical personages as Cardinal Beaton, Mary Queen of Scots, and Prince Charles Edward Stuart.

Father Bernard Vaughan, S. J., whose fame as a preacher is world-wide, occupied the pulpit of St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen, the other Sunday. The building was filled to its utmost capacity, and hundreds were unable to obtain admission.

PAINT IS PAINT EVERYWHERE.

In last week's Everybody's Magazine, Dr. L. T. Thompson, without intending any offense, illustrates a view he advances on Neuro-pathology by referring to the superstition of the Irish peasant to witchcraft.

Materialism is, indeed, one of the latest weaknesses of the human mind, while Fetishism, or the hope to control external phenomena by witchcraft, is the earliest. The fetich mode of thought is undoubtedly low and absurd, if you will, but it is immeasurably better for mankind than gross materialism.

Here are a few examples of the superstitions obtaining in Protestant countries which the doctor and men like him will do well to look into before they exploit Ireland for specimens of witchcraft.

In the north of England it is still believed that the name of a person written on a pipkin, containing a live frog stuck full of pins, will injuriously affect the bearer of the name.

In Somersetshire a good cure is to shut up a large black spider in a box and leave it to perish; that spider and ague may disappear together.

In Devonshire some of the hair of a child with the whooping cough is given to a dog between two slices of buttered bread, that the dog may take the cough with the hair.

Sir John Lubbock, speaking of the influence of tradition, says: "When we require examples of crime and superstition, we go among these whom we do not like, forgetting, or rather unwilling to admit, that among ourselves may be found instances of depravity and examples of witchcraft as deplorable as those of the Fetich people of equatorial Africa."



That prayer is of force only on one particular planet is to reduce it to an absurdity. There is a theological explanation to this effect: If lost, prayer is useless; if saved, superfluous.

DECREE. CONCERNING THE REJECTION OF CERTAIN POSTULANTS IN RELIGIOUS BODIES. From an audience with His Holiness, of September 7, 1909.

The Church of Christ, although she feels a spiritual joy when members of the faithful after mature deliberation and with a right intention embrace the state of perfection in religious families, still, solicitous as she is for quality rather than number, has so regulated the entrance into the novitiate and the profession of vows as to ordain that only those are to be admitted to the observance of the evangelical counsels in religious houses, who give proofs of a divine vocation.

Without special permission of the Apostolic See, and under pain of nullity of profession, neither to the novitiate nor to the taking of the vows are to be admitted any postulants: I. Who have been expelled even from lay colleges on account of immorality or other serious offences;

When you experience great dryness in your meditations or other prayers, do not feel distressed and conclude that God has turned away His face from you. Far from it. Prayer said despite aridity is usually the most meritorious.

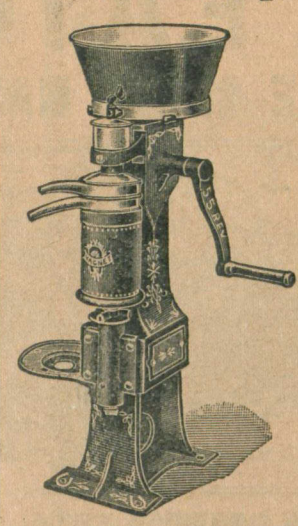
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Father Connolly's Funeral. From the Belmar, N.J. Advertiser. St. Rose's church was the scene of an extraordinary funeral on Wednesday.

Death of Father Martin. Amherstburg, Ont., Oct. 16.—Rev. Arsine Martin, assistant priest of the Amherstburg parish, and a former professor of Assumption College, Sandwich, is dead, after a lingering illness.

CHISHOLM.—At Beauty, N. S., on Sep. 17, 1909, Mrs. Christina Chisholm, widow of the late Valentine Chisholm, aged seventy-two years. May her soul rest in peace!

SMITH.—At West River, N. S., on Sep. 30, 1909, Mrs. Catherine Smith, wife of John Smith, aged sixty-eight years. May her soul rest in peace!

McDONALD.—At Dominion, N. S., on Sep. 4, 1909, Mrs. Ronald McDonald, relict of the late Ronald McDonald, East Bay, C. B., aged seventy-one years. May her soul rest in peace!

McKENNAN.—At Dominion No. 4, N. S., on Sep. 27, 1909, Mr. Colin F. McKinnon, aged thirty-six years. May his soul rest in peace!

McGILLIVRAY.—At Fairmont, N. S., on Sep. 15, 1909, Margaret MacGillivray of West Lakeville. May her soul rest in peace!

DALTON.—At Pass Mission, Sask., on Sep. 22, 1909, William C. Dalton, son of Samuel Dalton of Hollowell Grant, aged fifty years. May his soul rest in peace!

McMASTER.—At Brook Village, N. S., on Sep. 21, 1909, Isabella McMaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McMaster, aged five years and two months.

McRAE.—At Beaver Meadow, N. S., on Sep. 20, 1909, Mr. Duncan McRae, aged thirty years. May his soul rest in peace!

CHISHOLM.—At Clydesdale, N. S., on Oct. 5, 1909, Mrs. Emie Chisholm, wife of Duncan Chisholm, aged fifty-four years. May her soul rest in peace!

BOYD.—At Fraser's Mills, N. S., on Sep. 26, Mr. Angus I. Boyd, Postmaster, aged sixty-seven years. May his soul rest in peace!

The Rosary Stars. How swift the evening shadows fall How quiet, near and far! Already beamed down to earth Full many a little star.

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