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Our readers in all parts of the country will, we feel assured, be pleased to learn that the distinguished Bishop of London, Right Rev. John Walsh, is now on his way home.

HOME RULE AND LIQUOR CONSUMPTION.

An argument against Home Rule has been devised by the Coercionists and freely made use of both in England and Canada. It is that "the branch of manufacture and commerce which most flourishes in Ireland is that of the distilleries and liquor dealers."

manufacture is not to be confounded with the consumption of spirits. The demand for Jameson's, Keenan's and Guinness' manufactures, all over the world, cause the amount of spirits manufactured in Ireland to exceed by far the home consumption.

From the above figures we may justly conclude that the Irish manufacture is able, in spite of discriminating laws against the Irish manufacturing interests, to hold its own against both England and Scotland, and the reason why the Coercionist press and politicians make so much noise on this matter is that they are not satisfied with having destroyed the other Irish manufactures, but being jealous that, in any department, Ireland should excel England, they wish to destroy this one also.

The second assertion is that the consumption of spirits has increased in Ireland only, while it has decreased in England and Scotland. The fact is that in various years the fluctuations of increase and decrease in consumption was very different in each country.

The statement which is partly true, is that the distillery business is a prominent industry of Ireland. This arises from the fact that nearly all Irish industries have been killed by English legislation. So that when Unionists make this reproach to Ireland, they are a complete exemplification of the schoolboy's ideal of a despicable bully, who "kocks one down, and then kicks him for falling."

THE BALLOT.

The Mail is still at work to elevate the standing of the Separate Schools, and its panacea is "the ballot." We might be very thankful to that journal for the interest it is taking in the welfare of our schools, were it not that we know its intent is by any means within its power to bring about, if possible, the total destruction of our Catholic school system.

Now it is well known to all who are acquainted with the wishes of Separate School supporters through the province, that there is no desire whatsoever to change the mode of election in this respect. There have been no interferences with freedom of election in any case we have ever heard of, and certainly before any demand for tinkering with our school law would be justifiable, there ought to be some glaring cases of this kind.

There is good reason to believe, however, that these letters, for the most part, were not sent to the Mail at all by Catholics, but that they were concocted by friends of that journal, and probably in its own editorial sanctum. Be this as it may, the few grumbling Catholics who are concerned in the matter by no means represent the Catholic school supporters of Ontario.

The Globe has said, that if Catholic electors want the change, they ought to get it. But Catholic electors have not, in any way, signified that they wish it, and it is quite time enough to extend the favor to us, when we appreciate its value sufficiently to look for it and to ask it. A few anonymous writers in the Mail, who are certainly not our friends, and are most probably bitter enemies, are not to be judged as uttering Catholic public opinion. Let us know their names, and then we shall be able to judge how far they represent the opinions of the Catholic body.

It will be difficult for the Mail to excite any agitation on the subject. The Catholic voters do not wish to conceal, either from their clergy or their fellow-laymen, their votes at the school elections. They know perfectly well that the clergy take a deep interest in Catholic education, and they do not wish to conceal their votes from them.

AN OBSCENE LECTURE.

Justin D. Fulton, the author of the obscene book lately issued under the title "Why Priests should wed," has been lecturing in Chicago, in pursuance of his plan to annihilate the Church. It will be remembered that the respectable girls employed by the Band-Avery Printing Company refused, in a body, to continue to set up the type of this precious volume on account of its lewdness.

The lecture of which we have written above was delivered on the 26th ult. On the 28th Fulton delivered his second lecture, largely made up of extracts from Maria Monk, Edith O'Gorman, etc. In the course of it he said in his elegant style: "There ain't a member of Congress who dares to spell Romanism out loud in the dark, and don't you forget it. The times call for a man who will stand for the truth." Of course, he is the man!

Men of this caste are the fitting allies of the powers of darkness, in defending the "gates of hell" in the warfare between the Church and Satan; but they forget the divine promise that against the Church of Christ "the gates of hell shall not prevail."

kind of grain is a multiple of 10,000! And the number of bushels of tithes is for the 7 kinds of grain, also a multiple of 10,000, four times, of 5,000, once, and of 2,000, twice. These things do not occur, generally, in real life. These figures, evidently inexact, make the tithes very nearly 4 per cent. It is true, but Mr. Perreault adds that "a small proportion grown by Protestant farmers" must be deducted from the total of 1,251,000 bushels.

THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Toronto Ministerial Association are a body composed of a number of Toronto Ministers of several denominations, perhaps three or four, and certainly they are not devoid of education, whatever may be the other qualifications they possess. It is not long since they decided upon having a certain gentleman elected Mayor of the city; but the electors by a majority of 1007 decided otherwise.

It is needless to say that Catholics, in the first place, will repudiate the insolent demands of these aggressive clergymen. But they tell us that Catholics should have no voice in the matter, because we have Separate Schools. We have Separate Schools in the cities and important towns of the Province, and in some rural sections, but in nearly all the rural sections, and villages, Catholics necessarily make use of the Public Schools.

There was a good deal of acrimonious disputing on the streets, but no injury was done, though the Church managers assert that they had intelligence that it was intended to break all the windows. Dr. Bolton, one of the managers, was present, as he declared, to protect the Church. He stated that Fulton's intention was to make money out of his book. He agreed that "the lecture was unfit for a Church."

SCOTLAND MINDFUL OF THE GREAT JUBILEE.

We notice with pleasure that the devotion of Scotch Catholics that started lately for Rome, headed by the Most Rev. Archbishop of St. Andrew's and Edinburgh, his Grace the Archbishop of Glasgow, and that illustrious layman, the Marquess of Bute, has been duly presented to the Holy Father and, uniting the voice with that of the Catholic nation, has reverentially congratulated him on the attainment of his golden sacerdotal Jubilee.

The Sisters of St. Margaret's Convent and the Catholic ladies of Edinburgh, also shown their duty on the memorable occasion. The former presented a magnificent gold chalice, fashioned according to an ancient Celtic model, and enriched with gems of Scotland. The latter sent a fine album containing views of the ancient cathedrals, abbey churches and of ecclesiastical edifices of Scotland, each page being enriched with flowers of Scotland in elegant embroidery.

A literary gentleman of Scotland, James MacVeigh, Dumfries, was not to be outdone. He had his fine edition of Bishop Chaloner's English Martyrs of Elizabethan age, richly and elegantly bound for presentation to the Holy Father; and it was presented by general of the Services in person, who an old friend of Mr. MacVeigh's, letter is, no doubt, justly proud of acknowledgment which he was favored with, a letter from the Sovereign Pontiff, written by his most private Secretary, by which is imparted to Mr. MacVeigh and his family the Apostolic Benediction. The elegant book is much admired by all who saw it, and it left Dumfries. Among these were the Ministers of the place, who were greatly pleased to find that so beautiful a specimen of the art of their old country was designed for a present to the learned and holy Pope Leo XIII.

"FAITH CURES."

In the United States, especially also to some extent in Canada, the so-called "Faith Cures" are just now attracting considerable attention. The advocates of this "Faith cure" system maintain the only method by which a cure can be made to cure sickness is by reliance on the Divine power and goodness to the sick. Thus a Rev. John Salmon has started an Independent Church in Toronto in advocacy of this system, "What right has a Christian to take body out of the hands of the Lord, give it into the hands of a physician, and as one of many conferences here in the United States by the followers of doctrine, the Rev. Glen Wood made statement of belief: "The substantial of our belief is that God heals all directly in answer to prayer, and we are in belief on the twenty-sixth verse of the fifteenth chapter of Exodus: "Jehovah that healeth thee."

The Rev. Mr. Simpson, in an interview with a Tribune reporter last December answered to the query: "Should one use the usual remedies for a cold?" "Why not! Just open your lungs, God will give the relief." At these words many cures were reported, speakers, but the Tribune reporter admitted to him that no cures had place, as far as he knew.

Last Saturday's Globe has an interesting article on the "Faith Cures." The editor takes the view that, as the Scripture attests, cures have been miraculously wrought "there is no antecedent impossibility in such 'faith cures,' the question being whether or not such have actually taken place." He judges: "It is certainly no more to suppose disease cured by the Almighty answer to prayer, than that He effect it by a mustard poultice, doctor's prescription."

Concerning the power of God to cure miraculously, there can be no question among Christians who acknowledge "the power of goodness." Even Jesus said that God may as easily direct miracle, as by the ordinary treatment. From Him the cure of either case: "For all healing is from Him." The Most High hath medicines out of the earth: manna will not abhor them. xxxviii: and "the Most High hath this knowledge to men that He honored in his wisdom." Nevertheless from these passages Holy Writ we may learn that in as in other departments of life, His intervention is not to be looked for as a usual mode of operation. He has occurred, occur still, and will continue in the future, whenever deem it expedient so to "manifest glory." (St. John ii, 11.) But for miraculous intervention in any contingency of life, while a

REV. GEO. W. PEPPER.

The people of Guelph and surrounding country have before them a rare treat for the 9th instant, when Rev. Geo. W. Pepper, pastor of the Methodist Church, Cleveland, will deliver an address on the Irish Question in the City Hall of that city. The Rev. Mr. Pepper has done noble work in the cause of down-trodden Ireland, and we hope his reception in Guelph will be worthy the cause and the man. The members of the Irish National League of Guelph are to be commended for their earnest work in relief of their kindred in the old land. Their conduct is in striking contrast to the coldness and indifference of some Irishmen in other parts of Canada.

THE REAL PALMS.

The New York Freeman's Journal, one of the leading Catholic journals in the republic, speaks as follows of our esteemed friend, Mr. Thos. D. Egan: Mr. Thomas D. Egan has made adequate arrangements for supplying all the real palms that may be needed by his patrons. But this year the demand on his resources have so greatly increased, that he finds it necessary to inform new parties that they will obligate him, and insure themselves against disappointment, by sending in their orders as soon as possible. Mr. Thomas D. Egan is the one man in this palm business who has never disappointed a customer. In this important matter it ought not to be a question of low price for inferior goods, but a fair price for superior and reliable service.

Not one school section in the Province has asked for the introduction of the ballot, either by direct vote of the people at a public meeting, or even through vote of the School Board. Of what benefit would be the ballot at the Catholic School elections? None whatever that the Catholic ratepayers see. In most cases the trustees are elected with unanimity and by acclamation. There are occasionally contests, but very seldom, and when there are contests the ratepayers are not ashamed of the men they support, and they are not afraid to let it be known for whom they vote. Hence they do not think it worth their while to agitate for a secret ballot. In fact they prefer the open vote, and they will not be badgered out of it by the Mail and its anonymous correspondents, who, in all likelihood, are regular attacks of the Mail office, for the most part.

But would it not free the voters from clerical intimidation? As this intimidation has its existence only in the Mail's imagination, it seems scarcely worth while to agitate for its suppression, and

It is impossible for them to free themselves from this responsibility: the more so, as Fulton was permitted, next day, to take part in conducting a "noon prayer meeting."

THE MAIL'S ARITHMETIC.

The Mail of the 27th says: "In reply to the question what the tithes paid to the Roman Catholic Church in the Province of Quebec amount to, Mr. J. X. Perreault, of Montreal, publishes a letter showing that they amount to four per cent. of the gross production of grain of all kinds." We are all aware that the tithes are one twenty-sixth of the grain produced by Catholics only. As this does not amount to four per cent. of the produce of the Catholic farmers' crops alone, we may well wonder how it can be four per cent. of the "gross production of grain." Turning to another column of the same journal we find Mr. Perreault's actual figures. He makes the total produce 31,280,000 bushels, and the tithes 1,251,000. The very round numbers would lead to the suspicion that the figures are not over exact, but when examination is made into the details, the suspicion becomes a certainty. The number of bushels produced of each

NEWS FROM IRELAND.

Dublin. A capital illustration of the absurdity of the Irish landlord claim for compensation...

Tipperary. Ever since Mrs. Casick gained the renewal of her license in the Court of Queen's Bench...

Leath. The Land Corporation are stocking with cattle some of the evicted farms on Lord Massereene's estate...

Cork. We regret to announce the death of the Rev. Walter B. Murphy, O. S. F., which took place on February 6th...

Antrim. Constable O'Sullivan, of Enlarrah Station, county Antrim, has resigned after a service of thirteen years...

Dewey. A diabolical letter is about to be served on all the Ards tenantry of the Marquis of Londonderry by the estate bailiff...

Fermanagh. Another extraordinary outrage is reported in the county Fermanagh. The Rev. Mr. Abbott, Rector of Luttrebran parish...

Galway. On Wednesday, February 8th, Mr. Ferguson, of Windfield, near Mountbellew, brother in law of the late illustrious Father Tom Burke...

Clare. On February 7th, the people of Milltown-Malby were addressed by their representative, Mr. Jordan, M. P. for West Clare...

ability, integrity, and faithfulness of Mr. Jeremiah Jordan, and passed with acclamation. The people of Knock, on learning of the liberation of Mr. T. D. Sullivan...

SCANDAL-HORRORS. What a villainous thing it is to go about not doing good as the Saviour—but scattering foul aspersions, blackening reputations...

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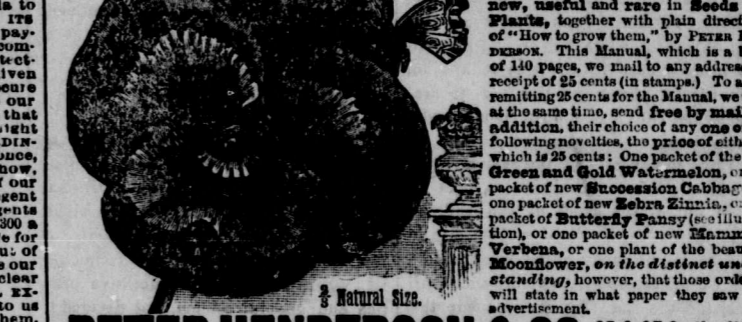
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SHORT INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOVE. HANNAH.

H. Y. Freeman's Journal. Delivered by the Rev. James Donohoe, Rector of the church of St. Thomas Aquinas, Brooklyn, N. Y.

DEAR PEOPLE: I am going to speak to you on the solemn vows made in the child's name when the sacrament of Baptism was administered.

What are the vows that you have made? You are bound to God, to His Church, and to your fellow-men.

Remember how our Saviour cured the sick and infirm who came to Him, when He was on earth.

Some of the baptismal vows have reference to faith, others to morals. Your constant presence in church, and the quiet reception of Holy Communion are in themselves acts of faith.

What are the pomps of Satan? He only speaks to you on the present. He is the chief of those accused as revolting against God, that he is constantly striving to make us partakers of his evil and of the eternal torments to which the justice of God has condemned.

