

Our Weekly Sermon

SACRIFICES MADE FOR THE FAITH.

What has your religion cost you during the past year? Strange as this introduction may seem, I will, according to your answer, tell you whether your religion is only on the surface, or whether you are really and truly a Catholic at heart...

It is an open secret amongst those who have read history that never would the so-called reformation of Luther, or that of Henry VIII, have succeeded unless, for unfortunate conditions, which were, that the Church had slumbered in peace and tranquility in these countries...

And with this truth before our eyes, we put the question: "What did your religion cost you during the past year?" Were you simply hot-house Catholics, those Catholics who go to Mass on Sunday when it is fine, but on rainy days or cold days, unfavorable days, remain away?

God's example and God's precepts are to the effect that we must love our neighbor. Yes, He goes farther than that, and insists absolutely that we must love our enemies. He tells us emphatically that we must do good to those who wrong us.

ing to do. And so, we might run through all the commandments, and all the precepts.

We might take up the vice, and after the other, and examining ourselves, find if the love for our religion had us in restraint or not. And we can judge infallibly of our standing to-day in the sight of God, as we would be able to answer the question honestly, Have I made a sacrifice for the love of religion, or have my professions been as the politicians' professions of patriotism, idle boasting?

How, then, has the year been spent? What have I merited? How do I stand? Is there in my heart that real, sincere, that deep piety and devotion which a Catholic should have? Or is it but an idle boasting of mine, the result of early education and association?

The business man makes his accounts yearly, takes stock, examines into his accounts, and knows positively at the end of the year, whether his ledger shows a debit or a credit. And we Christians, carrying on the business of saving our souls, will weight, measure, and add up and find if we stand debtor or creditor in the matter—whether we have gained or lost during the past year, whether we have gained God's grace or lost it, and we can tell infallibly how we stand by answering honestly the question: Has my religion cost me during the past year anything, and how much?

Now it perhaps strikes you that on considering closely your home life you will find much to improve, and at great personal sacrifice, which will make that great law of Christ and His Church more dear to you—that law of love. Let me suggest to each one, therefore, the question, "How am I acting? Am I kind, forbearing, charitable, generous, indulgent to those at home? My brothers, my sisters, my father and mother, my husband or wife as the case may be, or am I fault-finding, harsh, bitter, unforgiving, uncharitable, unyielding?"

LORD'S PRAYER FORBIDDEN IN ITALIAN SCHOOLS.

The latest illustration of the spread of anti-clericalism comes from Italy. An order for the discontinuance of the Pater Noster, which it has long been customary for the pupils to recite at the opening of the Italian lower schools, has been issued by the superintendent at Milan, where the schools are under the authority of the Municipal Council.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

THE SAND-MAN.

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GUNNING FOR RAIN.

Cleveland Moffett reports in the March St. Nicholas an interview with "Prof. Myers, the balloonist, in which he learned something about gunning for rain. One of the balloonist's first stories was about the rainfall experiments with balloons that he conducted years ago for the government.

"No," said Myers; "I should call it rather large." "The other man shook his head. 'I'm afraid it won't make noise enough to lead our theory'."

COMIC CHIMPANZEES.

The keeper of the chimpanzees at the Zoological Gardens in Toronto placed a doll-baby in their cage one day. It was clothed in a red dress that attracted the attention of the animals in a moment. At first they stood at a respectful distance and joo-hooed at it to show that they had not fallen in love with it at first sight.

THE ANGELUS.

If the Mohammedan three times a day turns his face toward Mecca, and calls upon God and His Prophet Mohammed, how much more ought the Christian frequently to look up to Heaven during the day, and invoke the Divine Redeemer and His Blessed Mother.

The Angelus is a prayer, which is to be recited morning, noon, and night, when the bell rings, in honor of the Mother of God and in adoration of the mystery of the Incarnation.

At first the bell was rung only twice a day, half an hour before sunrise and half an hour after sunset, to call upon the faithful to pray God for the success of the crusader's arms.

Among the stories which were told by certain aged physicians at a reunion of medical men of the times when surgical operations were conducted without anaesthetics, none were more touching than the following:—

'TWOULD HURT DOLLY.

A little girl, not more than eight years old, was injured in such a way that it was necessary to amputate one of her legs. She proved to have wonderful pluck, and instead of blinding her, as was customary in such cases, she was given her most cherished doll to hold.

KEEPING OF SECRETS.

When Are We Bound to be Silent? Information of Value.

The Rev. Thomas I. Gannon, S. J., spiritual director of the Children of Mary, of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Boston, recently gave a conference to them, in the course of which he treated of the duty of fidelity in the keeping of secrets.

First, there are Natural Secrets; as when we have learned by accident something about our fellow-creatures which he certainly does not desire to have known. We all have passages in our past life, faults, infirmities, personal and family disadvantages, which it would injure us to have made public.

Second, there are Secrets of Promise. The promise raises the obligation above that of the Natural Secret, and makes the crime of breaking it doubly grave. Alas! Many pious people have too little appreciation of the gravity either of a secret or a promise, and having received the one and given the other, behave like the "pious" but indiscreet woman, whose tongue made a church paper unnecessary in a certain district.

Third, there is the Secret of Trust. A fellow-creature comes to you in perplexity or distress to seek your counsel, or lay bare for the relief of his heart some grievous trouble, promising that he wishes you to accept his communication in confidence. If, by past experience, you know you cannot keep a secret, you are strictly bound to refuse the confidence. If you accept it, you are bound to carry it inviolate to God's judgment seat. You commit a vile treachery, a crime of magnitude, if you betray it.

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WHAT ARE CARDINALS?

The Origin of the College and the Duties of Its Members.

So much has appeared in the daily papers lately about the new honors, which, it is said, are to be conferred upon Mr. Martinelli that the following account, culled from trustworthy sources, may be interesting.

The derivation of the word "cardinal" is clearly from the Latin "cardo," a hinge, and according to this derivation one bearing this title is one of the permanent clergy of the church round which the whole governmental structure works.

The origin of the College of Cardinals is obscure, but it is certain that in the year 301 Pope Marcellus instituted parish churches in Rome, or "titles," as they were called, and committed the charge of them to clergy known as "cardinal priests."

Rome, under Augustus, was divided into fourteen "regions," and over these and the various charitable and other institutions which they contained were appointed seven deacons—the apostolic number afterwards increased to fourteen—who, having a fixed charge, became known as cardinal deacons.

The Pope was at first the only Cardinal Bishop, but he was assisted in his deliberations by several neighboring prelates, and this was the start of the six Cardinal Bishops.

The number of Cardinals has varied at different periods, but there have never been more than seventy, a number fixed in the year 1586, and consisting of six Cardinal Bishops, fifty Cardinal Priests and fourteen Cardinal Deacons.

The Bishops assume the titles of the old suburban sees of Rome, and the Priests those of the "titles," or "parishes," of the Holy City. The dignity of the office grew, and the duties attached thereto were diminished, and finally abolished, the Cardinals becoming the Pope's assistants and constituting the "Senators of the Roman Church."

The majority of the Cardinals have been and are Italian, but almost all nations are represented in the college. The creation of a new member is announced by the Pope in consistory, but the name is not made known until the succeeding assembly.

The duties of a Cardinal cannot be called arduous. During the life of a Pope he must "take an active part in the government of the Universal Church, and though the Pope is not bound to do so, he generally consults and asks the concurrence of the members. In its associations with the rest of the world the college forms, it is said, an unrivaled "school in the science and art of governments in all its forms."

If the Papacy be vacant the Cardinals are responsible for the safekeeping of the Church, and they must see to the maintenance of order until the assembly of a new conclave for the election of a new Pope.

Catholic Hierarchy

How the Catholic Church is Governed To-day.

In the hierarchy of the Catholic Church to-day there are eleven patriarchs, 725 archbishops, and bishops of the Latin rite with sees, forty-nine archbishops and bishops of Oriental rites, 367 titular bishops, seven archbishops and bishops without sees, and ten prelates nullius diocesis. These figures mark and increase during the present Pontificate of two patriarchs, thirty-one archiepiscopal sees, 101 episcopal sees and two prelati nullius diocesis. Moreover, His Holiness has created three Apostolic Delegations, sixty-one Vicariates and twenty-four Prefectures Apostolic.

Press despatches from Pittsburgh say that at the monthly meeting of Bishop Ebelan and his councillors on Monday afternoon announcement was made of the erection of a new See of Altoona. It was further stated that the official documents from Rome were in the hands of Archbishop Ryan. Inquiry at the archiepiscopal residence elicited the information that no definite pronouncement in regard to the matter is available at this time.

OBITUARY.

MRS. O'BRIEN.

Mrs. Michael O'Brien, who, since 1817 had been a resident of Peterborough, succumbed to a severe illness from pneumonia last week at her home, 312 Downey Street. The deceased lady came from Ireland over fifty years ago with her husband, who predeceased her. There now survive her two sons, Messrs. John and Michael, of Peterborough, and three daughters, Mrs. Shannon, of Saginaw, Mich., and two others, unmarried, residing at home. Mrs. O'Brien was 81 years of age.

The funeral took place on Thursday at 9 p.m. from her late residence, Downey Street, to the Roman Catholic Cemetery. May her soul rest in peace.

JAMES GIBBONS, ST. AUGUSTINE.

The angel of death again visited this parish and bore away one of our highly esteemed young men in the person of James Gibbons. The deceased, who from early boyhood had the noble aspiration of becoming a mediator for the people in the dignity of the priesthood, devoted his talents for several years to the liturgy of Our Holy Mother Church. Having taken his classical course at Assumption College, Sandwich, where his amiable disposition endeared him to teachers and pupils, he commenced the study of theology in the Grand Seminary, Montreal. When there about two years his health failed and for the past year he has been suffering from a complication of diseases.

In September of last year he visited the sanitarium in Santa Fe, New Mexico, cherishing the hope that with the change of climate and under the treatment there his health would improve. While there he suffered from malaria. However, he remained there till two weeks previous to his death. His sufferings were the most intense, but he cheerfully accepted the cross of our Heavenly Father and endured all with true Christian fortitude, till relieved by death at 9.30 p.m. on the 1st inst.

On the 4th inst., at 10.30 a.m., the remains, accompanied by a very large procession, were borne to the church and were met by the worthy pastor, Rev. J. Hanlon and Rev. W. McCormick, of Kingsbridge. After solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the former and an impressive sermon given by the latter, the remains were interred in the cemetery. Six brothers of the deceased acted as pallbearers. The many friends and acquaintances extend their heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing, and all unite in the prayer for the faithful departed. Requiescat in pace.

SISTER MAY VICTORINE DUFFY.

It is our sad duty to record the death of Sister May Victorine, of Nazareth Convent, Rochester, N.Y., whose demise occurred after an illness of about five months. For many years Sister Victorine taught in the Convents of Rochester, Elmira, and Auburn, N.Y., having a special class in painting, she being an artist of no mean ability. She was much beloved by her pupils, for her kindly manner, and the interest she always manifested in the advancement of those under her charge.

Her deathbed was surrounded by her loving Sisters in Religion, and her last moments were soothed by the consolation of Holy Mother Church.

The funeral took place from the Normal School on Friday, March 1st., where Solemn High Mass of Requiem was sung by Rev. Father Hickey, Vicar-General of the Diocese, assisted by a number of priests from the seminary. Many of her old friends and pupils attended the mass and funeral, amongst them being her particular friend, Miss Lula O'Bryan, of Auburn, N.Y., and her cousins, Messrs. J. W. and M. F. Mogan, of Toronto, Ont.

Decedent leaves to mourn her loss: Her beloved father, Mr. Michael Duffy; her sisters, Mrs. Joseph Stockton, and the Misses Emma and Ellen Duffy, her brother, Mr. Wm. Duffy. We loved her during life; let us not forget her in death. Requiescat in pace.

TIMOTHY O'CONNOR.

Ex-Ald. Timothy O'Connor, who had been confined to St. Joseph's hospital, Guilford, for some sixteen days with typhoid fever and other complications, passed away at that institution last Wednesday. The deceased was a member of one of the pioneer families in the section. His parents came from Castle Island, near Galway, in 1830, and settled on a bush farm near the now thriving village of Rockwood. Seven years later he was born on this farm, and had resided in the vicinity up to the time of his death. He was widely known in Wellington County and the adjoining counties of Hellen and Waterloo, and highly esteemed. He had a reputation for honesty and uprightness in all his transactions. For two years he represented St. George's Ward at the City Council, and discharged his duties fearlessly. He was genial, warm-hearted, open-handed and sympathetic, and a special favorite with those who knew him well and enjoyed his society. In politics he was a Conservative, but his views were broad and liberal. In religion he was a devout Catholic and a regular attendant of the church of Our Lady. He was unmarried. Three brothers survive—Joseph, who is lying ill in New York; Judge O'Connor, of Sault Ste. Marie, and William, of Guilford.

Judge O'Connor had returned to the Soo, thinking that his brother was on a fair way to recovery, but was intercepted by a telegram and came back in time to be present at his brother's bedside at the moment of final dissolution. R. I. P.

MGR. BESSONIES.

Right Rev. Mgr. Bessonies, vicar general of the diocese, died on Friday last, at the great age of 86 years. Sixty-one years ago Mgr. Bessonies began his life work as a priest of God.

The Federal Life Assurance Company OF CANADA.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the shareholders of this company was held at its head office in Hamilton on Thursday, the 7th instant. In the absence of the president through illness, Mr. William Kerns, vice-president, was appointed chairman and Mr. David Dexter, secretary.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The directors presented their annual report, as follows:—Your directors have the honor to present the report and financial statement of the company for the year which closed on the 31st December, 1900, duly vouched for by auditors.

The new business of the year consisted of fourteen hundred and forty-two applications for insurance aggregating \$2,091,735, of which thirteen hundred and ninety applications, for \$1,995,985, were accepted, applications for \$95,750 were rejected or held for further information.

As in previous years, the income of the company shows a gratifying increase, and the assets of the company have been increased by \$211,133.12, and have now reached \$1,271,310.92, exclusive of a guarantee capital.

The security for Policyholders, including guarantee capital amounted at the close of the year to \$2,149,057.92, and the liabilities for reserves and all outstanding claims, \$1,123,738.07, showing a surplus of \$1,025,319.85. Exclusive of unutilized guarantee capital, the surplus to Policyholders was \$147,602.85.

Policies on sixty-five lives became claims through death, to the amount of \$101,507.38, of which \$12,500 was re-insured in other companies. Including cash dividends and dividends applied to the reduction of premiums, \$23,079.25, with annuities, \$2,929.56, the total payments to policyholders amounted to \$170,813.58.

Careful attention has been given to the investment of the company's funds, largely on mortgage securities and loans on the company's policies, amply secured by reserves. These investments have yielded results better than the average results of insurance companies doing business in Canada.

Expenses have been confined to a reasonable limit, consistent with due efforts for new business.

The field officers and agents of the company are intelligent and loyal and are entitled to much credit for their able representation of the company's interests. The members of the office staff have also proved faithful in the company's service.

Having decided to increase the guarantee or subscribed capital to \$1,000,000, the amount authorized by our act of incorporation, your director issued on 12th November last the balance of 3,000 shares, at a premium of 40 per cent. on the amount called. These shares were allotted and taken by the existing shareholders. Though the call of 213 per share was required only in bi-monthly instalments, the greater portion of it was paid before the close of the year.

The assurances carried by the company now amount to \$12,176,282.20, upon which the company holds reserves to the full amount required by law, and, in addition thereto, a considerable surplus, as above shown.

JAS. H. BEATTY, President. DAVID DEXTER, Managing Director.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Federal Life Assurance Company:—Gentlemen:—We have made a careful audit of the books of your Company for the year ending 31st December, 1900, and have certified to their correctness.

The securities have been inspected and compared with the ledger accounts and are found to agree therewith.

The financial position of your Company, as on 31st December, is indicated by the accompanying statement.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. STEPHENS, J. J. MASON, Auditors.

Hamilton, 1st March, 1901.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1900.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Premium income: 413,794.76; Interest and rents: 50,244.21; Capital stock: 31,285.00; Premium on stock: 15,600.00.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Paid to Policyholders for Death Claims: 511,093.97; Endowments, surrender values and profits: 170,813.58; Expenses, taxes, dividends and reinsurance premiums: 146,552.35; Balance: 193,748.94.

ASSETS, DEC. 31, 1900.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Debentures and bonds: 117,752.59; Mortgages: 626,484.83; Loans secured by policy reserves: 237,314.69; Cash in bank and other assets: 289,808.81.

LIABILITIES.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Reserve Fund: 1,073,902.67; Claims unadjusted: 25,937.37; Present value of claims paid by instalments not due: 13,889.95; Present value of dividends applied on temporary reductions of premiums: 10,013.08; Surplus: 147,502.85.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Guarantee capital: 1,271,310.92; Surplus security: 877,715.00; Policies were issued assuring: 1,995,985.50; Total assurance in force: 12,176,282.20.

On motion of Mr. Kerns, seconded by Mr. T. H. Macpherson, the report was adopted.

The Medical Director, Dr. A. Woolvorton, presented an interesting statistical report of the mortality of the company for the past and previous years.

The retiring directors were re-elected, and at a subsequent meeting of the Board, Mr. James H. Beatty was re-elected President, Lieut.-Col. Kerns and Mr. T. H. Macpherson Vice-Presidents.

One year ago he celebrated his diamond jubilee. He sang the Solemn High Mass himself, assisted by a number of the most prominent clergy in the State. A dinner was tendered Mgr. Bessonies on that occasion by Bishop Chatard, at which all the priests of the city were present to do him honor.—Indianapolis despatch.

MRS. FLYNN, HULLETT.

Yesterday forenoon the six sons of Mrs. John Flynn bore her remains from the house in which she had lived for so many years to their last resting place in the Catholic cemetery. Very many friends had gathered to pay this tribute of respect to a woman who in life they had loved and whose personality will long remain green in their memory. Mrs. Flynn was a native of Ireland and came with her husband to Hullett in 1852 and took up the land upon which both remained until death called them home. Mr. Flynn passing away eight years ago. They were imbued with true Irish hospitality and their latch string ever hung out. Mrs. Flynn, who had reached the advanced age of seventy-five years, was a consistent member of the Catholic Church and, in the absence of the parish priest, Rev. Father McMenamin, who was called to Montreal by the illness of his mother, Rev. Father McCabe, of St. North, conducted the services at the funeral. The family of his good mother in Israel are Owen, John and Andrew, at home, Dominion, near by; James, in Clinton; Hugh, in McKillop and Mrs. Patrick Gilvin, of McKillop also. Mrs. D. Shanahan, of Clinton, and Mrs. T. Lavin, of Hullett, are sisters of deceased.—Exchange.

MOTHER MARY MARIANA DEAD

Mother Superior Mary Mariana is dead at the Sisters' Hospital, Los Angeles, Cal., aged seventy-one years. She was for many years in charge of a large orphan asylum at Richmond, Va., and was treasurer of the Order of Sisters of Charity of the United States. For the last twenty-three years she has lived at Emmitsburg, Md. Recently she had been paying her yearly visit to the houses of the order, and arrived in Los Angeles from New Orleans a month ago ill with pneumonia. She rallied from this and ten days ago was stricken with paralysis. This was followed by two other strokes, the last of which caused her death.

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REVIEWS. The Catholic World Magazine opens its March number with an article on the Filipino Friars.

RUTHVEN ON TRIAL. The anti-Catholic lecturer Victor Ruthven, who on March 4th drew a revolver to protect himself against an infuriated mob at Shanklin in the Isle of Wight, while Ruthven was delivering an anti-Catholic lecture, has been charged in the County Court at Newport, Isle of Wight, with shooting with intent to kill.

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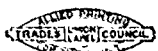
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ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Sunday next brings round the feast of Ireland's glorious apostle, the great St. Patrick. Few are the children of Erin—and few they should be—in whose veins the blood will not thrill with quickened speed and loving heart upon that day.

handful. To remember all this, to thank God for our noble ancestry in the faith, to imitate them in their constancy, to hand down the trust untrampled to our children—this is to remember St. Patrick and Ireland too.

FREE MASONS IN GERMANY.

The Dominion Presbyterian is responsible for the following:

It is said that the Kaiser has directed that no known Free Mason shall be promoted to the higher grades in the public services, or to the superior grades in the army.

It is a peculiar thing that the leading Protestant State in Europe; the most learned and enlightened people in the world; the power that is everywhere acknowledged as being at once the most progressive and aggressive in any and every line to-day; the nation that is admittedly one of the greatest powers at the present moment, and whose future is more than bright—it is peculiar, we say, that such a land should be the first to see that Free Masonry is not conducive to the prosperity of the country.

VOCATIONS.

Some of our Catholic people have peculiar ideas of what a vocation to a religious calling means. Vocation, in its derivation, means a calling, and in its religious connection, it is simply a call from God to a religious life.

for sends a young man or a young woman back into the world, that is no indication that such a one's morals are not good; that such a one has any flaw or blemish in his character; that such a one lacks ambition or has made a failure of life. It simply indicates that his place is in the world, it may be for reasons that are not only not at all not indicative of any lack of ambition, strength of character or ability, but it may be for reasons that may even assist him toward unqualified success in the world.

MODERN PROTESTANTISM.

We clip the following announcement of a Methodist 'Revival' meeting from a Chicago paper of last week:

Articles of agreement for the final fight between Duke M. Farson and the Devil have been signed. Mr. Farson signed in person. The Devil was so busy in New York and Washington that he could not keep the appointment, but the Rev. Richard A. Morley, who delights in these contests, signed for the Lucifer party.

The articles call for a limited number of rounds each night for fifteen nights, beginning Monday March 11. Mr. Farson bets \$1,000 against fifteen souls owned by the Devil. Should Mr. Farson win—decision to be left to a referee who was also selected—the Devil will lose fifteen souls. Should Mr. Farson lose he will subscribe \$1,000 to Mr. Morley's church.

Mr. Farson began hard training Tuesday for his contest. He has selected the auditorium of the first Methodist Church as his training quarters, and is assisted by five experts. The sessions are billed as 'Love and Holiness' meetings. Tuesday Mr. Farson had to call on the police for protection. Persons not connected with Mr. Farson's party attempted to spread doctrines bordering on heresy.

It is difficult to find language sufficiently strong, and yet conventional, to characterize such methods of advertising religious meetings. It seems to us that such vulgarity and such appeals to the very lowest passions, cannot but indicate an extremely low ebb of Christian influence, and must mark a retrograde movement even in Methodism.

prizing is any longer intelligible to it. We prefer to believe the latter alternative. It is interesting to note that the Polioa protection spoken of was necessary to silence an opposition speaker whose doctrine was that of submission. He wore a black eye as a sign of his teaching.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

We quote the following from The Toronto Saturday Night:

"Always when a settlement is arrived at the Roman Catholics gain the advantage, because they obtain something and give nothing. The Church itself is hard and fast, and the cloister politicians of the Roman Catholics somehow find an opportunity to obtain an advantage and give none. In the coronation oath the Dominion Parliament, both sides agreeing, give the Roman Catholics something which is theirs for all time, and obtain nothing in return.

The editorial writer on The Saturday Night is usually clear and to the point, but in this particular instance it is not all at necessary to tell our readers that his information has evidently been received not second hand but fourth, and from a source that is anything but reliable at that. As far as getting something for nothing is concerned, we have nothing to say.

porary to "enquire into" them. That is precisely what Catholicism is asking for here in America—a careful and unprejudiced enquiry into her doctrines and practices. We have no secrets to divulge. Any honest enquirer will find all the information he is seeking. What we do object to is the submissive and final acceptance by Protestants of any and every statement made about us by Protestant preachers and writers whose business it seems to have been, and to be, bringing "discredit" upon Catholicism.

POSITIVISM.

The March number of the North American Review ranks positivism amongst the great religions of the world, and contains a lengthy article under this head by Frederic Harrison one of its leading English apostles. Few adherents of Comte's philosophy would be bold enough to claim it on any level with Christianity or Judaism. No magazine with a reputation to make or a name to save should admit the claim even upon its title page.

Humanity," and mean thereby the aggregate of the human race—is nonsense. Worse still, it is idolatry. There is a supreme Humanity—but it is the human nature of Him who is above all names that are named in the heavens above and the earth below. He it was who founded a religion—not directly a philosophy, nevertheless. His religion has been the only school of true philosophy, and the noblest policy and society for the good and progress of humanity.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Goldwin Smith calls the denunciation of Catholic doctrine in the Coronation Oath an "historical fossil."

The Associated Press despatches praise the anti-Catholic preacher, Rordan alias Ruthven, for his forbearance in not shooting sooner when attacked by a mob recently in the Isle of Wight.

The Alumni of Toronto University are forming themselves into organized bodies all over Ontario with a view to assisting their Alma Mater in any possible way. Up to date the prevalent method of bringing aid to the State University has been to pass resolutions and to memorialize the Government.

The Irish members of the British House of Commons have decided that it is inconsistent and improper for any of them to use influence of any kind to obtain Government appointments for any person. They seem determined to remain independent of party and to fight their battles without prejudice and without favor.

The recent disgraceful scene in the British House of Commons, in which certain Irish members were expelled bodily for resisting an attempt at gagging, cannot, in justice, be laid at the door of the Irish. The attempt of Mr. Balfour to rush through an bloc a £17,000,000 item, £2,000,000 of which had to do with Ireland, must be regarded as an outrage to justice.

The Telegram, in commenting upon Father Ryan's letter on the "Jesuits' Oath" question, says that no newspaper can be expected to verify every item that appears in its columns. Probably not, but no newspaper should admit an item into its columns that is as insulting as the article in question without verifying it.

The Home circle

THE PLACE I ONCE CALLED HOME

As the low and lingering shadows... I long to swim the portal that's been closed to me for years...

In a gentle retrospection, I chase the tears away... And here to fading memory that sunny summer day...

A score of years have flitted to the limbo of the past... I stand with courage vanquished, where all wand'ers stand at last...

I know they'd gladly greet me if I'd only just walk in... And surprise them with my presence...

BE HAPPY.

Why not be happy? Life is meant for happiness... I have often tried to imagine what heaven is like...

So here we are, in this world so beautiful that even the inspired writer draws his pictures who furnish us...

Don't haste and don't hurry! This is the advice given by a hale and beneficial old man to those who ask him...

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SOME REMEDIES FOR INSOMNIA

At a woman's club the following rules for inducing sleep were given by one of the members...

low, don't worry over the dressmaker's and the gas bills... The members of this club believe that the club woman of to-day has more nerve than are good for her...

TO KEEP A PIANO IN GOOD CONDITION.

A piano is so sensitive to cold and heat as an invalid must not be put too near a fire, or the wood is drawn by the heat... Never leave it near an open window...

WOMEN THE BEST HOME FINANCIERS.

Mrs. Russell Sage, writing in the March number of "Success," says: "College education for women, it seems to me, is being carried to excess... For a few women, it is excellent, but for the majority, it is needless..."

OVERCOMING SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS.

It is said that a certain actress once a great favorite in "society" Paris, but now retired from the stage, earns a very comfortable income by teaching awkward, shy or ignorant girls and women to be graceful and self-possessed and socially charming...

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IRISH WIT AND HUMOR.

The [Prosperity of a Jest Lies in the Ear of Him who hears it, Never in the Tongue of Him who Utters it.] Men and women of all of us, no matter how serious-minded we may be...

THE BEAUTY OF THE FIGURE.

A good carriage, freedom of movement, and a light, elastic step add wonderfully to a woman's natural facial or physical beauty, declares Maxine Elliot, and this is something that proper exercise will enable us to acquire...

RELATION OF DRESS TO STYLE.

A very wise bachelor once said to me: "Beware of the woman with theories about dress." The only answer to such an unthinking remark that occurred to me was, "Beware of the woman who has none."

FASHION NOTES.

Ribbon lovers in New York, now stand enraptured before the spring output just displayed, in which the tinsel craze has full swing. The great difficulty many will bemoan is that the loveliest are \$7 per yard...

PREVENT DISORDER.

At the first symptoms of internal disorder, Farnell's Vegetable Pills should be resorted to immediately. Two or three of these salutary pellets, taken before going to bed, followed by doses of one or two pills for two or three nights in succession, will serve as a preventive of attacks of dyspepsia...

Are You Deaf??

Are You Deaf?? All cases of DEAFNESS or HARD-HEARING... International Aural Clinic, 100 St. James St., Toronto

held a seat... The great "Tribune's" wit was manifested on many other heated occasions in the House, notably so when in a heated debate he vehemently denounced the infamous wrongs inflicted upon Ireland, and an English member reviled O'Connell for slandering the Government...

General News.

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

ST. MICHAEL'S.

Although the weather was very disagreeable, there was a large congregation Sunday night at St. Michael's Cathedral on the occasion of a special session by Rev. Father R. McBrady, in behalf of the St. Nicholas Home.

ST. PATRICK'S.

Father Grogan, C.S.S.R. officiated at Stayer on Sunday last in the place of Rev. Father Duffy, the parish priest, who is still confined to St. Michael's Hospital in this city.

ST. HELEN'S.

Standish O'Grady, for almost twenty years paymaster of the outlying works of the Public Works Department, died at his residence, 26 Beaconsfield avenue, he had been in poor health for some time, and in January, 1898, was compelled to retire from office.

ST. MARY'S.

The late Philip DeGrady, who died in Montreal, was buried on Saturday morning from St. Mary's Church. Mr. DeGrady was well known in journalistic circles in Toronto, having been connected with the Catholic Review in this city.

LITERARY AND ATHLETIC.

The association met as usual on Sunday afternoon. The feature of the meeting was a lecture by Mr. McMahon on "Tuberculosis." The debate of the day was on the resolution, "That the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo will be a benefit to Canada."

ST. BASIL'S.

It is our sad task this week to report the death of an estimable young man, a student at St. Michael's College, Mr. Joseph Caveney, of River Point, Rhode Island.

his soul. Rev. Father Sullivan, C.S. R., acted as celebrant, Father Plummer, C.S.B., as deacon, and Rev. Mr. Foster as sub-deacon. May his soul rest in peace.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL.

Honor list:— Sen. IV. Excellent.—F Hallman, G. Somers, J. Hurley, Good.—A. Clancy, J. Ryan, E. Hurley.

ST. BASIL'S.

Application, attendance and deportment:— Form IV, Sen. Excellent.—M. Smith, Good.—C. Costello, G. Martin, F. Cuthery, H. O'Leary.

NEW CATHOLIC CLUB.

The Catholic Students of Toronto University Organized.

Taking up the suggestion made some time ago in the columns of The Register, the Catholic students of Toronto University have formed a club.

THE FORTY HOURS.

To-morrow the Forty Hours' Devotion will open at St. Joseph's Church, Leslieville, and will close on Sunday.

MISS MAUDE GONNE

Last Sunday's World contained an editorial conveying the news that Miss Maude Gonne, the Irish agitator, together with Major McBride, of the American Irish Brigade in the Transvaal war, and other celebrities, would be present at the I.C.B.U. concert on Saturday evening next.

Ancient Order of Hibernians

Annual St. Patrick's Concert in Massey Hall.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will celebrate Ireland's National Anniversary by giving a grand concert in Massey Hall on Monday night, March 18th, when the following high-class artists will appear—Mrs. Clara Barnes Holmes, of Buffalo, N. Y., America's greatest contralto, will make her first appearance in Canada since her extended tour of the European continent.

A NERVY AGENT.

Complaints are being made to the parish priests throughout the city that an agent for a Buffalo Catholic paper has been calling upon the Catholics of this city.

DEATH BED CONVERSION.

It is not generally known in religious circles in this city that the late Mrs. Fred Worts, of Toronto, died a Catholic.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

At the last regular meeting of Branch 85, C.M.E.A., Toronto, the following resolution of condolence was adopted:—Resolved:—That we, the members of Branch 85, tender to Brother Thos. Ryan, our sincere sympathy in the loss he has sustained by the death of his father, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded our worthy brother, and that it be entered in the minutes of this meeting, and a copy be sent to The Catholic Register for publication.

THE KING TO C.M.B.A.

Thanks for Expressions of Sympathy.

The Recording Secretary of Branch No. 1, C.M.B.A., Windsor, Ont., Mr. P. M. Keogh, has received the following letter in answer to the resolution of condolence sent to King Edward:— Government House, Ottawa, March 1, 1901.

Sir,—In obedience to commands received from His Majesty the King, His Excellency the Governor-General desires me to convey through you to the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada, His Majesty's heartfelt thanks for the kind expressions of sympathy contained in the resolutions forwarded with your letter of the 31st January, which have been gratefully appreciated by His Majesty and Royal family.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Choice Officers made in Catholic Societies

St. Bridget's Court, Catholic Order of Foresters at Wednesday night's meeting, balloted for and accepted three members and received three applications for membership.

St. Mema's Society of Hull at a meeting Wednesday night had three initiations and seven propositions.

At this week's meeting of St. Patrick's Court, Catholic Order of Foresters, Hull, John F. Boulton was appointed Deputy High Chief Ranger.

new officers were installed by D.H.C. R. Boulton

St. Joseph's Society of Hull will shortly commence the re-erection of their hall, which was burned in the big fire last April.

A despatch to the Mail and Empire says.—The Irish students attending Ottawa University are a very dissatisfied body just now.

CORNWALL RECEPTION.

Two Young Lads Takes Final Vows. A very solemn and affecting ceremony took place in the Hotel Dieu of this town, when Miss Margaret McDonald, of Finch, and Miss Mary Chisholm, of St. Raphael's, made their religious profession, taking the final vows of the order of St. Joseph.

There were present in the Sanctuary Very Rev. G. Corbett, V.G.; Very Rev. Dean Desautels, Very Rev. Dean Twomey, Williamstown; Rev. W. Macdonald, St. Andrews; Rev. T. Fitzpatrick, Rev. D. C. McRae, Glen Nevis; Rev. D. A. Campbell, St. Raphael's; Rev. D. McMillan and Rev. A. McRae.

The funeral of the late Patrick Joseph Slattery, who died Saturday, took place from his late residence, 102 Theodore street, to Notre Dame cemetery, service over the remains being held in St. Joseph's Church by Rev. Father James Fallon.

THE FEDERAL LIFE

The Federal Life Assurance Company has just issued its nineteenth annual report, printed elsewhere in this issue. It speaks for itself, indicating a very prosperous year.

The Catholic church at Gatineau Point, Quebec, of which Rev. Canon Beauchamp is parish priest, will shortly be finished. A new vestry will be built. The church has been in use for some time, but is not yet completed.

WESTERN ASSURANCE.

The value of property destroyed by fire in Canada and the United States during the past year has been computed at a total of \$163,000,000, being greater by \$27,000,000 than that of the preceding year, and largely in excess of that of any other year since 1871.

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ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Grain, Wheat, white, bush; Rye, bush; Beans, bush, etc.

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Wheat, 1100 lbs. each, at \$3.25 per cwt. Whinley & McDonald, wholesale commission sold 57 yearling lambs at \$4.75 per cwt.

W. B. Leveck bought 60 lambs at \$4.90 per cwt.; 10 sheep at \$3.50 per cwt. C. Woods bought 20 cattle, 100 lbs. each, at \$3.50 to \$3.85 per cwt.

Brown & Snell bought 2 loads exporters, 1200 to 1275 lbs. each, at \$4.35 to \$4.75. R. J. Collins bought 11 cattle, 1100 lbs. each, at \$4.15 per cwt.

Wesley Dunn bought 20 sheep at \$3.40 per cwt.; 100 lambs at \$4.65 per cwt.; 5 calves at \$7 each.

Alexander Leveck bought 25 butchers' cattle, some of which were very choice, 1137 lbs. each, at \$4.37 per cwt.

H. Maybce & Co. bought 13 butchers' cattle, 11 heifers and 3 fat cows, 1000 lbs. each, at \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.

Robert Lynn sold 20 stockers, 850 lbs. each, at \$3.30 per cwt.; 2 fat cows, 800 lbs. each, at \$3.75 per cwt.; 2 fat cows, 800 lbs. each, at \$3.40 per cwt.; 2 fat cows, 850 lbs. each, at \$3.40 per cwt.; 2 fat cows, 850 lbs. each, at \$3.40 per cwt.

Maybce & Zengman bought 25 stockers, 700 to 900 lbs. each, at \$3.20 to \$3.35 per cwt.

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