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FROM A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The following is a letter from a doctor just received by the Rev. Mother Superior of the Sisters of the Holy Family, Cape Town, South Africa.

I hope our long letters of last week did not tire you. We are still busy with the poor wounded men, the half of whom are poor prisoners, and some of them are very badly wounded.

Another Sister from Kimberley writes: "One of the ordes (a Scotchman) he always heard that the nuns were a rich, idle set of ladies, but now he sees the difference."

IRISH ART AND CHARACTER.

John Ruskin, in his work "Sesame and Lilies," addresses the following remarks, critical of Irish Art and Character to Kilkenny.

AN ENGLISH PARSON ON DEATH TO THE SAINTS.

The words of the English parson at the altar in York, have been passed with their late vicar, the Rev. E. H. Bryan, who is evidently a man of great force of character.

AN HISTORIC ALTAR.

English history preserves many of the quaint, historic scenes and incidents that have left their impress on the architecture, and associated with bits of landscape, which are of the deepest interest to the people.

SAINT PANCRATIUS.

Great and universal in the Catholic Church is the honor given to the martyr boy, Pancratius, in Rome the feast of St. Pancratius is a joyfully celebrated festival.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF SAINTS.

The brutality of Edmund Arrowsmith's trial surpasses belief. He was not heard in his own defence, and when Justice Telfer told him he was to die on the scaffold, he answered: "And you, my lord, must die too!"

THE BROTHERHOOD OF SAINTS.

"My dear," said the banker to his only daughter, "I have noticed a young man attend in a dress suit in the parlour two or three evenings each week."

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A ROMANTIC CAREER.

Pathos and comedy, romance and adventure are strangely mingled in the career which came to an end when Mrs. Bazaine died recently at a private hospital in the suburbs of the city of Paris.

THE NEXT TWO YEARS WERE SPENT BY

The next two years were spent by the young girl as her dowry the palace of St. Anne, located in a beautiful suburb west of the capital city.

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Marshall Bazaine and his beautiful wife in and about the court. A child was born to them, and never was his hand more proud of wife and child than the young wife two years before his appointment.

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Latest Mails from ENGLAND IRELAND and SCOTLAND

IRELAND. COIK.

At the meeting of the Cork Board of Guardians, April 24th, Alderman Michael McCarthy, Quonstown, said that since the last meeting of the Board...

ENGLAND.

When the Archbishop of Canterbury pronounced his famous "opinion" on the use of incense in the Mass...

SCOTLAND.

The operations of the Aberdeen Law Librarian have been attended with such financial success...

DUBLIN.

A meeting of delegates from the National Association took place in the Council Chamber, City Hall...

An English illustrated newspaper has fallen into a curious error. It presents its readers with a portrait of Daniel O'Connell...

Stormy weather has seriously interfered with operations on the East Coast of England...

WOMAN AND THE CHURCH.

Mr. F. H. Guernsey, a Protestant, writing on the influence of the Catholic Church in upholding the sacred rights of women...

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Amongst the first effects of Irish air upon Her Majesty may be mentioned the establishment of a good appetite. Since arriving at the Phoenix Park last Wednesday...

One little episode of the going forth of the Duke of Norfolk to the war recalls certain customs of knightly medieval times abandoned by the Duke of Howard...

There are four good habits—punctuality, accuracy, steadiness and dispatch. Without the first of these, time is wasted...

The Castle has acted again with its usual crass stupidity. On the third day of the Queen's visit it paraded an extreme Irish nationalist paper, and seized all copies of it contained in the offices and news papers...

At a recent meeting of the North Leithrim divisional committee of the United Irish League delegates attended from Drumkeilly, Newbridge, Kilsallaghan, Crovelea, Kilmurray, No. 2, Drungone, Manorhamilton, Rosslin, and Glenferme, Glendale...

The ex-Liberal, Sir William Guthrie Gulliver, on his well prepared address on the subject of pure beer...

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CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK. SUNDAY, April 30th, 2nd, after Easter. Red. St. Peter Martyr, Double. Missa Proleptica.

Education Without Religion in Ontario.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Ontario Educational Association was held in this city last week. Comparing all that is latest and best, in our Public and High School teaching and teachers, it was a very important meeting.

The programme presented us on entering—and we regret to say not very graciously—gave us the educational departments to be considered, but especially the names of the gentlemen who were to consider them.

The Presbyterian Witness pursues and defends the position of Protestantism on the question of authority as follows: "Now the Protestant doctrine of infallibility—the Christian doctrine of infallibility—is negatively that no man, and no council, no church, is infallible or inerrant.

Quite so; "He (Jesus Christ) is the real fountain of truth and of all authority," and as such He said to Peter: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against her."

He who has authority has the power to bestow authority. The mission given to Peter and the Apostles was clear, definite, unmistakable, and emphasized again and again. From whom did John Knox, Martin Luther, or Henry VIII. obtain his authority to preach the Gospel and to plant a new Church?

representative of the High School Board of Toronto, and had a right to speak at the meeting. He first joined issue with the President of Queen's. Dr. Grant had asserted, and tried to prove, that what we lack in our educational system is "A driving power," and, to "begin at the top."

Father Ryan showed, with arguments and eloquence, that convinced and captivated his audience, that what we lack is not a "driving" but a "drawing" power—not to begin at the top but at the bottom.

The Foundation of Faith.

The Presbyterian Witness of Halifax takes exception to the claims of the Catholic Church as set forth by the Catholic Register in the following paragraph:—"The Bible is the foundation of non-Catholic faith. But the Bible is at the mercy of the 'Higher Criticism' and in the eyes of those who look upon it as the one great and sole authority, is being criticised out of authoritative existence.

"The Bible is the foundation of non-Catholic faith. But the Bible is at the mercy of the 'Higher Criticism' and in the eyes of those who look upon it as the one great and sole authority, is being criticised out of authoritative existence. What then? When the Bible has yielded to science, a scientific religion may be looked for, capable of satisfying the yearnings of the weaklings who are ashamed to acknowledge the God who revealed as truth what the human intellect cannot grasp in the same way as it comprehends the proposition in Euclid. The non-Catholic view is 'the Bible or nothing'; the Catholic view is that of St. Augustine, 'I would not believe the Bible if I did not believe in the authority of the Church,' which was before the Bible." On the other hand the Catholic Church which has ever been the true guardian and interpreter of the Sacred Scriptures is ready to defend it against the destructive criticism of modern science and advanced schools, which of recent years have made themselves so aggressive as to alarm Protestant Churches.

Second, "the pastoral rather than the priestly conception of the ministry,"—which is reasonable and comprehensible under the above circumstances. No faith no mission; no sacrifice, no priest—only a preacher to speak to the people the things that are pleasing to them.

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Let us go as near as we can to the "Fountain of truth and of all authority," and we shall reach the "Fountain of truth and of all authority" Himself.

Prayers for the Dead.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, by the official recognition his circular letter to the clergy of the English Church gives to the efficacy of prayers for the dead, has raised a storm in the English Protestant world and put his Grace of Canterbury literally between the doctrine of purgatory and the—deep sea. Questioned on the matter in the House of Lords by Lord Kennard, he quoted a precedent in a form of prayer, issued in 1797, on the occasion of "many and signal victories," in which occurred the following words: "And for those whom in this righteous cause Thy Providence permits to fall, receive, we pray Thee, their souls to Thy mercy." Dr. Temple said that his letter was dictated by a spirit of sympathy for the many families in England recently thrown into mourning by the war in South Africa. The Anglican Church has not yet formally rejected the doctrine of eternal punishment, so that there are two places, and two only, where go the souls of the departed, the one making useless, the other unnecessary, prayers for the dead. It is difficult just to see where his Grace of Canterbury stands in the matter. He seems to have some idea of extending the theory of evolution into the realms of Heaven, by which the happiness of the blessed can be increased by the prayers of those who are upon earth. How reasonable, logical, consoling and consistent with the infinite mercy, goodness and justice of Almighty God is the Catholic doctrine and belief in Purgatory which the reformers rejected. Not only this, but times of death and calamity prove the existence of an irresistible impulse on the part of humanity to pray for the peace and happiness of those who are gone.

A Plea for Christian Unity.

One remarkable fact stands boldly out in the Protestant world, the absolute necessity of a union of the Protestant churches to save Protestantism from disruption and chaos. The Rev. Algernon Crapey of St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, offers the following summary as a basis of Church unity.

First, "the subordination of the official organization of the church to the church itself," by which, we presume is meant that the people themselves are to state what they want in the shape of doctrine and to see that the church is conducted in a manner most pleasing and flattering to themselves.

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Fifth, "there is to be absolute intellectual freedom in the church, so that every opinion shall have a hearing and be taken for what it is worth." The weak point in this arrangement is the lack of authority to determine the worth of individual opinion.

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is a discovery indeed, but we doubt if it will appeal to the Protestant "trained intelligence," which, so far, has baulked at it terribly. Seventh, "the restoration of the church's moral discipline as the only true basis of her spiritual life." This is a candid admission of an active falling away in morality on the part of the Protestant clergy, but we fail to see how this restoration of moral discipline could be the basis of the spiritual life which is founded on faith and supported by good works. Altogether this new reformationist of Rochester offers a string of undefined generalities, plausible perplexities and quack admixtures that, instead of being productive of unity, would end in confusion worse confounded. The rock upon which Protestantism is most surely foundering is what has been hitherto looked upon as the keystone of its structure—the right of private judgment and its legitimate barnacle, the repudiation of spiritual authority.

A Third School Inspector.

It is said that the Hon. Mr. Harcourt, Minister of Education is about to appoint another Inspector of Separate Schools for the Province. It has long been recognized that the work of inspection, owing to the growth and development of our Separate School System, is more than two Inspectors can properly perform, and it has been a matter of wonder and much comment that the government should have delayed so long in providing adequate and thorough inspection. Whatever is worth doing is worth doing well, and it should be the aim of all who are interested in our schools to have them as efficient and perfect in every respect as possible, and thus as a guarantee to the parents that, besides the religious teaching and the Catholic atmosphere in and about our schools, the secular education obtained in them will be up to the standard of that prevailing in the Public Schools.

Close, frequent, regular inspection is a very great assistance in maintaining in the schools a uniform standard of proficiency and, therefore, it is with pleasure, and with renewed hope for the continuance and increase of good work in these schools that we learn of the government's intention in the direction of more thorough and efficient inspection. We feel confident that the step will meet with the favor and endorsement of all who have the welfare of our schools at heart.

We understand that there is a considerable number of candidates for the position of third Inspector, some of whom have all the requisite qualifications, but more who have them not. So far the custom has maintained of appointing fully and legally qualified men as Separate School Inspectors, and for many reasons it is altogether desirable that the precedent already established in this very important respect should not be departed from. We would go so far as to say that, if the choice of duly qualified men is limited to a few, political or partisan leanings should be waived, and the best man appointed.

The two present Inspectors are legally and otherwise qualified men; so was the late lamented Mr. Donovan. That fact was recognized by the Catholic teachers of the Province and was to them a guarantee that the Minister of Education had made a fair and prudent choice—a choice that at once put earping criticism, dissatisfaction and petty jealousy out of employment, and made for the betterment of school government generally. True, the man who is appointed to such a responsible and honorable position should be a good, practical Catholic—more, if you will. But, surely, out of the gentlemen who hold the necessary legal qualifications, such a man is obtainable. It would be nothing less than a positive injustice to those Catholic teachers, who have qualified for the position, and would be a great discouragement to such Catholic teachers as are aiming at the highest professional certificate, to ignore the claims of the qualified in favor of some man not qualified.

Apart from the principle involved in the issue, we may be permitted to state that we are in no way personally concerned in the matter, and for the welfare of our Schools we can only express the hope that the choice of the Minister of Education will be one that will commend itself to all sections of the Catholic body of the Province.

Hon. John Costigan's Luncheon.

Judging by the long list of names and the representative character of the gathering around a festive board at the invitation of that veteran and deeply respected statesman, the Hon. John Costigan, the luncheon to the Representatives of Irish Societies at Ottawa, must have been a most interesting, unique, and eminently successful affair.

The aim and purpose of the assemblage being of a kindly and sociable nature, labored politics, and so gave scope and opportunity to those who were privileged to speak on the occasion, to refer, without fear of mistaken motive, to the many eminent qualities of heart and mind possessed by one of Canada's most distinguished statesmen, and a man who has ordered himself to the people of his race by his sterling honesty, integrity, and manliness, during a long and closely scrutinized public career.

We could recall many instances in support of our statement, stretching over a long course of years. We need only refer briefly to two, which are still warm in the memory, not only of Mr. Costigan's ardent admirers, but of all lovers of clean public life and fidelity to principle and justice. One was when, on a not-essentially-forgotten occasion, the reputations of members who had grown old in the public service of this country were besmirched beyond redemption, that of Mr. Costigan came through the ordeal imposed by Parliamentary investigation free and unscathed. The other occasion was one of trial, much smallness of soul, and petty meanness, above which the loyal-hearted gentleman rose when others fell.

It is beyond dispute that there is no Irishman in public life in Canada to-day who has, in the same degree, the confidence and sincere regard of Canadian Irish Catholics as has the Hon. John Costigan. As one of our gentlemen truly said, the Irish Catholics never had, and probably never would have, a better representative than honest John Costigan.

Rev. Father Ryan.

Donahoe's for April contains a very fine portrait in half-tone of the Rev. Father Ryan, Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, together with the following notice:—"The Catholic Club of Harvard made a distinct and popular hit in bringing to New England, that scholarly and eloquent Canadian divine, Rev. Father Ryan, Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto.

Father Ryan lectured at Harvard University before a large and appreciative audience which had come from far and near to hear this famous orator upon his familiar and well-studied subject, "Christian Economics." Father Ryan has made a special research into the science of sociology and kindred economic and has done much practical work in the solution of social problems. He is a profound student who has already achieved a world of good.

A member of the Senate of the University of Toronto, and of the High School and College board of the same city, Rev. Father Ryan stands high in the educational councils of his country. He has written extensively upon religious, sociological and educational topics."

A Veteran Catholic Journalist.

Mr. Patrick Donahoe, the veteran founder and publisher of the Boston Pilot, of world-wide fame, celebrated, on the 17th of March, his eighty-ninth birthday.

It is also interesting to note that on Tuesday, April 17th, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Donahoe celebrated the forty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Donahoe was Miss Annie E. Davis, of a well-known Southern family, who had moved to Littleton, Pa. She was a niece of the famous Sister Anne Alexis, so affectionately remembered in Boston, and is also related to Miss Agnes Repplier, the celebrated essayist. Mr. and Mrs. Donahoe received many congratulations on their anniversary.

Monastic Orders.

One of the most scandalous attacks on the monastic orders in European Catholic countries, which appeared in the Contemporary Review for March, is being widely quoted and made much of by some of our non-Catholic or anti-Catholic contemporaries. The writer is a certain Mr. Saint-Genix of no particular repute, but quite evidently a scurrilous French infidel, animated by the bitterest hatred of the religious Orders of the Catholic Church. The New York Tribune commented on the article with approval and in consequence

received two letters in reply to its editorial on the matter—one from a Jesuit Father; the other from a "Casino Girl," a Catholic. The Tribune editor ignored the Jesuit's letter but published the "Casino Girl's" to his own confusion, for it is a remarkably clever epistle, which we publish elsewhere in this issue. Speaking of the incident the learned Jesuit above referred to very gallantly says:

"I am not at all pained that my letter should have been suppressed, or that the Casino Girl's should have been preferred. On the contrary, I consider her letter much better for the purpose of putting such men as the editor of the Tribune on their guard, and urging home some plain but unpleasant truths to the large number of Protestant readers, chiefly women, of this bigoted newspaper."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Archbishop Ireland is to be the Fourth of July orator at Paris this year, on the occasion of the unveiling of the Lafayette monument.

Some of our American exchanges have it that there seems to be some truth in the report that Mrs. Dawsey, the wife of Admiral Dawsey, has left the Catholic Church and become a member of the Episcopal denomination. Coming, as it does, so closely on Admiral Dawsey's announcement that he would be a candidate for the Presidency, it is apt to cause much comment, if not a little wonder. Ambition—"by that sin fell the angels."

Death has removed one of the most active and powerful opponents of Home Rule for Ireland and the betterment of the agricultural classes of both Ireland and Scotland, in the person of the Duke of Argyll. In 1880 when the Gladstone Government was returned to power, the Duke of Argyll was appointed Lord Privy Seal, but resigned from the government because he could not agree with his colleagues in the Cabinet concerning the Irish Land Bill.

The Easter number of the New World, our esteemed Chicago contemporary, is a magnificent specimen of business enterprise and up-to-date journalism. After seeing and examining it, no one will have the temerity to say that Catholic journalism lags in the rear of progress. This issue consists of 166 pages, is splendidly and profusely illustrated, practically gives a history of the growth and spread of Catholicism in the State of Illinois and is a model of neatness and general arrangement.

Father Doyle, the distinguished Paulist of New York, continues his replies to important questions on Catholic doctrine and practice. In answer to the question: "Why do Catholics object to their children being educated in the Public Schools?" Father Doyle says:

"Because they believe, as did Washington, that morality is inseparable from religion, and because religion is not taught in the public schools. Life is but a span, and salvation is the one thing necessary. Education for time is good; education for eternity is better; education for both time and eternity is best."

The Queen's visit to Ireland has almost passed out of the sphere of current topics. At first the papers were full of the subject, but interest in the event has calmed down greatly. What they have told us indicates that the Nationalists are maintaining their assumed attitude of respectful indifference. The great demonstrations made at the arrival of her Majesty in Ireland were almost entirely due to efforts of the loyalists as distinguished from the true and solid body of the people. Many of them were brought from Belfast and other centres of loyalty for demonstrative purposes. The masses of the people were unmoved.

IRISH AND OTHER WIT AND HUMOR.

(Written for the Register.) "The well to ease an overburdened; To soothe the mind and jaded brain; To snatch an hour from gnawing care; And gather strength in sweet repair. He was vain enough to think himself a poet, and among other things he had written the following:—"Hail, land of poetic stern and wild. Meet name for a poetic child." When the last line came from the printer's hands it read:—"We pursue for a poetic child." It was alleged that the type's fatal blunder caused the ruin of the aspirant genius. The wayward god was keeping bad hours, and the fond father feared he would "shorten his days"; the sympathetic wit had still a claim to be

The Home Circle.

HOUSEWIVES' HINTS.

A conscientious housewife will give the above hints, which will be her permanent.

White linens should be washed in cold water, and the water should be changed frequently.

Enamelled furniture, however, will take the color, can be cleaned by rubbing with a soft brush.

Old oil furniture can be thoroughly cleaned by being washed with hot water.

The best way to remove milk stains from leather covered chairs is to rub the leather well with a clean, soft and very dry cloth.

A little kerosene oil is excellent for cleaning a zinc bath tub. Rub the oil on with a wad of cloth, then wash it off with hot water and polish with powdered lath brick.

It frequently happens that painters splash the glass of windows when they are painting the sash. When such is the case, the best way to clean is with hot water and wash them with it, using a soft flannel.

For sweeping a room neatly there is nothing like newspaper. Take a page of newspaper at a time, wet it in hot water and squeeze it until it ceases to drip.

Freshly papered rooms are sometimes repugnant to the smell on account of the odor of paste, and it is well to bear in mind that this unpleasant smell can be prevented.

THE KITCHEN.

A NEW DESSERT.

Here is a new dessert, the constant lapping of all the ingredients into a box of gelatin to make in a scantyful of cold water. Take half a can of peaches, drain the fruit, and measure the juice, adding to it enough boiling water to make a pint of liquid.

POTATO FRITTERS.

Take some potatoes, boil and peel them, pass them through a sieve or colander with a little cream, parsley, salt and pepper; mix with enough melted butter to make soft. Take one of the strips of veal, stuff it with the dressing, and tie it up well with a string.

VEAL BIRDS.

Cut raw veal in thin slices, four inches in length, three inches in width. Make a stuffing of one pint of bread crumbs, half an onion chopped fine, an equal amount of minced parsley, salt and pepper; mix with enough melted butter to make soft.

RICE BALLS.

Boil rice for ten minutes in salted water; drain and pour on milk, in which let it steam until the rice is reduced to a pulp and all the milk absorbed, adding more milk when necessary.

THE BEDROOM.

Bedrooms should never be scrubbed with kerosene or any wet day unless there is a fire to dry the room thoroughly before bedtime.

weather the building should be removed from the bedstead and all the brass or ironwork washed and wiped.

With the Children.

BARFOOTED ANGELS.

The strangest stories are true. The simplest tales are best. For the true story is always filled with the tremulous longings of human sympathy.

Clinging to a narrow strip of land between the Mississippi River on the one hand and the wooded hills rising to the west on the other, Iowa, has survived the wreck of the continent.

Many a story of the days when Iowa was a factor in river commerce may still be heard from the men and women who have dwelt there so long.

Long before the river trade left the coming of its sure decline Iowa was justly proud of a beautiful Catholic church, the pride of the country.

Charles Delaney, open-countenanced and impulsive, asked as Father O'Hara's altar boy, not so much from his own choice as in conformity with the wishes of his mother.

What a difference a punctuation-mark can make in a sentence! Here, for example is an incident related by the editor of the "Catholic." "Jim was broke."

"Confound those operators!" said Tom, with apparent severity. "It is strange they cannot get my messages through correctly!"

It is common to distinguish between the intellect and the conscience, and to say that virtuous action is worth more than strong thinking.

Free and easy expectation immediately relieves and frees the throat and lungs from viscid phlegm and a medicine that promotes this is the best medicine to use for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs and all affections of the throat and chest.

yellow pumpkin. How Teddy did wish that his papa had Tommy's house and Tommy's garden and Tommy's pumpkin-kin all three!

THE SACRED HEART.

Behold of what delicate worth The bubble we pursue on earth. The things we chase, And a world of trouble they.

"You have everything, don't you?" said Teddy, gratefully. You have pumpkin-kin—whole garden full of them—'an apples 'n' grapes 'n' such."

"You can have a big bagful," declared Teddy, "an if you'll get some toothpicks I'll show you how to use 'em."

A LOST EXCLAMATION-POINT.

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"How short their epitaph, how simple, yet how sad. They died in hero's death—no laurel upon their graves."

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A DISHONEST DOG.

A true story of a farmer's dog, which has been found guilty of obtaining property under false pretences has recently been told.

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Strange Case.

(By Thomas Swift)

CHAPTER I.
What am I to do with my life, my dear?
The proprietor of this weighty question, Frank Neville, was twenty-one years of age, his mentor, Hugh Parker, was his senior. They were alone in the latter's room at St. Roman's College on the morning of the two friends, whose lives had run so pleasantly together for six years, were to part and become doers in the untrodden world of the college walls.

or are compelled through sheer force of circumstance to plot along in a distasteful groove, regretting their life-long one wrong turning. But—there goes the bell! And the two friends hurried down to the refectory for supper.
That night they knelt side by side for the first time in the dear, old College chapel. From five hundred fresh young voices burst forth the sweet, familiar hymn—
'Maria, mater gratiosa
'Duilex parvum elementa
'Tu nos ab hoste protego
'Et mortis hora suscipis.'
By midnight the next day the halls Neville and Hugh Parker their college days were over.

oblivions of the other's presence, and the thro' to the end.
Suddenly a cry as of one in distress fell upon the artist's ears and arrested his hand. The cry was repeated and he started to his feet. Harkening to the verge of the precipice, from the angle where he stood he could see far below him the fluttering of a woman's garment. In a moment he had taken in the situation. The waves had reached the rocks and were beating furiously against the two projecting headlands. The woman was a prisoner to the tide, which now remorselessly rushed in ever nearer to complete its cruel work; for the cliff was unscalable, the rocks and the two projecting headlands. The woman was a prisoner to the tide, which now remorselessly rushed in ever nearer to complete its cruel work; for the cliff was unscalable, the rocks and the two projecting headlands.

that the old man was crushed with her soft hand in his, and looking a little deeper into the boy's face, he was drawn to his heart.
Nellie Irving had abandoned his unfinished sketch whilst Nellie Irving had stepped on the village street to her aunt's charming cottage.
Walter Courtney had achieved fame at an unusually early age. His splendid physique and the glow of perfect health rather belied his assertion that he wanted rest from the hum and toil of New York life. He had heard from some friends of the beautiful scenery of Alling Bay and had resolved to spend his holidays pleasantly and profitably. Like many another young fellow in the big metropolis, he had no particular religious views and his belief casual alike into the soul of the simple Catholic maiden had revealed to him the awful distance of faith to which he had clung in his boyhood's days. But more than this was achieved. His interest in Nellie Irving grew and grew into one of love that could but be thwarted so strong as to bind his life to hers. For as the summer days went by they met again and again, and they loved with a love that could but be thwarted so strong as to bind his life to hers. For as the summer days went by they met again and again, and they loved with a love that could but be thwarted so strong as to bind his life to hers.

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FATHER PAT.
There was one confessional vacant—
Telling the sinner to cling to God—
Saturday's Mass was left unread—
Kind looks were lost to the children—
And grief on the people sat;
For the people had lost their father,
And that father was—'Father Pat.'
So poor homes stay'd unbrightened
By the father's cheery voice,
There were those who felt as 'they
Saw him dead,
'Who will never more rejoice.'
And all the little children—
Such as pressed without fear or dread
To our Saviour's knees—full sadly knew
That a Mass had been left unread!
There were sorrow and burnings and troubles
That only the Father could
Brush right away with his worthy hand.
And they are unsubsided
Sorrows and troubles and angers,
And spleens and woes, and what;
But the Father did his work beside
And the Father was—'Father Pat.'

EUROPEAN COMMENT ON THE QUEEN'S IRISH VISIT.
Continental powers recognize that Ireland is the vulnerable spot of the British empire. The continental press seems to derive sardonic amusement from the Queen's Dublin visit. A German paper, the Voelkische Zeitung, points out that the Irish Nationalists were never more violent in Parliament than since the beginning of the South African war, although many English jingo papers refrain from publishing the text of their speeches. The Soviet (St. Petersburg) says:—
'England is afraid; England trembles. That is why England, while yielding her defence to the world, makes her obedience to Ireland. History records nothing like it—pride England groveling before Ireland! Is not this a sign of the times? Europe should duly appreciate this confession of weakness, and put a stop to English rapacity, for the sake of humanity, for the present and for future generations.'
England cannot blind Europe to the existence of Irish difficulties. Gladstone, the one English statesman in seven hundred years, who knew how to solve the Irish question, will yet have to be followed by the English people before Ireland be rightly consolidated. Queen's visit but gild a mockery.

THE PASSION PLAY OF 1900.
With the exception of a few minor changes of personnel, the Passion Play at Ober-Ammergau remains this year practically the same spectacle that has been seen, at intervals, since its establishment in 1633. The play of 1900 discussed by Josef Mayr in 1890 and 1891, will pass into other hands. Mayr had hoped to sustain his former role, but an accident in the woods in 1896 left after-effects which made it quite out of the question for him to take the part of Christ again. He will this year recite a prologue, a part for which his splendid elocutionary powers make him peculiarly fitted.
The Christus this year, says the writer, will be Anton Lang, a young man whose blameless life, gentle, reverent face, and quiet dignity of manner render him, it is said, an ideal Christus. He was chosen by acclamation, and has the great advantage of being reversibly and easily changed into the professional actor and the great part, that of the Madonna, will also be represented by a new player, Anna Flunger, described as a young woman of much beauty and holiness of life. Says the writer:—
'She is the daughter of the village postman. As at present arranged, Bertha Wolff will play the part of St. Mary Magdalen, Andreas Baum that of St. Joseph of Arimathea, and Porter Mundl that of St. Peter. The old wooden theater has been demolished and one of iron erected in its place. The new building will be roofed over, not open to the sky, like its predecessor; but it will be open toward the mountain and the stage, so that the background will not be destroyed. The new playhouse will accommodate 6,000 persons. There will be a grand rehearsal on May 20 and 21, and the first and 27th of that month. There will be six performances in June, July and September, and seven in August, in addition to several supplemental representations; and on each occasion the performance will last for 3 1/2 hours, with an interval of an hour and a half. Some half a million visitors are expected.'

WIT AND HUMOR.
'If you keep on as you have begun, Mabel,' complained the young husband, running his eyes over the expensive account, 'we shall never be able to lay up anything for a rainy day.'
'How can you say so, Henry?' exclaimed the young wife, righteously indignant, 'when you know I have two of the loveliest rainy day skirts that were ever made.'

BORROW.
Last night came sorrow while I lay in sleep,
And laid his hand upon my brow, and drew
My mind to wakefulness and thrilled me through
With memories that I thought were buried deep.
I felt a faint and familiar fragrance creep
About my face: and on my lips the dew
Of kisses long time lost fell soft anew;
And in my heart I felt the old love leap.
And so the pain I counted dead came back,
And took possession of my heart and eyes
To make them hold the thing they needs must lack.
Dearest, than ever dear—Altho' unwise
The soul that says, 'This grief can no more rack.'
For sorrow slumbers oft, but never dies.
—J. J. Bell.

A clergyman whose salary had not been paid for several months told the trustees that he must have his salary as his family were suffering for want of the necessities of life.
'Money!' exclaimed one of the trustees, noted for stinginess. 'Do you preach for money? I thought you preached for the good of souls.'
The minister replied, 'So I do; but I cannot eat souls. And if I could, it would take a thousand such as yours to make a meal.'

The officers of the Mafeking garrison were at mass—and what a mass! 'Cheer up, lads,' remarked Colonel Baden-Powell, taking his second helping of mule stock. 'We ought to be worse off.' 'Indeed! I can't imagine how,' rejoined his superior major. 'Well, just fancy our situation if the automobile had been later to have been.'
'Can any little boy or girl tell me what Joseph was for a teacher and what he said to the boys?' asked a boy. 'I think I know that he was Jacob's favorite.'
'I know,' one of the little girls said, 'he was a teacher and he was a good man.'

CHAPTER II.

On the morning of the day of Frank Neville's departure from St. Roman's, away by the sea were sunlight and summer clouds, whose shadows chased each other over the blue waters as the glad tide surged up one of the mighty bosoms of the great Atlantic to sport for a while amongst the purple-brown rocks of Alling Bay.
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GENERAL NEWS.

CLERICAL CHANGES.

His Lordship the Bishop of Hamilton has made the following changes and appointments:—
Rev. F. O'Reilly has been transferred to St. Mary's, Brantford, to the parsonage of that city, to succeed Father Barker, who has been ordered to retire to the community of St. Basil.

CONDOLENCE.

At the last regular meeting of Div. No. 4, Ladies Auxiliary, A. O. H., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—
Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, to call from amongst us to a happy home in Heaven our beloved sister, Carrie Deane, aged 70 years, who died on the 23rd inst., we, the members of Div. No. 4, Ladies Auxiliary, A. O. H., do hereby express our sincere sympathy with the parents and family of our deceased sister, and pray that God and His Blessed Mother will comfort them in this hour of affliction.

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At the last meeting of Branch No. 1, I.C.B.U., the following resolution was adopted:—
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ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.

The third open meeting of the St. Paul's Catholic Truth Society took place on evening of April 21st, at 11 1/2, Power St., and was attended by a large and appreciative audience. A select programme of music and recitations was rendered in an extremely creditable manner and much enjoyed by all present.

The intellectual feature of the evening was a most interesting lecture on the life of St. Antony, the hermit, and the founder of monasticism, by the Rev. Father Hand, pastor of St. Paul's church.

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HON. MR. COSTIGAN'S LUNCHEON TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF IRISH SOCIETIES.

As reported in the Ottawa Journal the luncheon given to the representatives of Irish Societies by the Hon. Mr. Costigan was a splendid affair.

The Irish Catholic Societies of the city of Ottawa have a staunch friend and supporter in Hon. John Costigan. With the view of bringing together the various leading representatives of these associations, Mr. Costigan invited them to luncheon in the Senate restaurant yesterday.

Mr. Costigan in referring to the good work done by the Irish Catholic organizations of the city said that he had some knowledge of what they were doing as he came to Ottawa first as a representative in 1867, and was a permanent resident of that city since 1862.

Mr. Costigan, in reply, said that as their meeting was an informal one, and as there was no programme, that fact would account for the sudden turn of affairs.

Rev. Father Whelan, in reply to the toast of the clergy referred to the growth of Irish Societies in the city during the many years he was connected with them.

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NEW BISHOP OF VANCOUVER.

Rome, April 20.—The Pope had a secret consistory yesterday, and previous to the appointment of a new Bishop of Vancouver, the late Rev. Father Mgr. Donohue delivered an appropriate address.

The Easter services at the R. C. Church, Hildesheim, were interesting and impressive. The altars and sanctuary were bright with flowers, plants and palms and the music was excellent.

Easter Sunday was celebrated in grand style in our church. The choir, under the leadership of Rev. C. Brophy, rendered a beautiful Mass in St. Anthony's Mass in a way which reflects much credit on its various members.

DEATH OF MRS. SULLIVAN.

The death occurred at No. 297 Dundas street, Peterboro, on the 17th inst., of Mary O'Brien, wife of Mr. Daniel Sullivan.

The late Mrs. Sullivan was the daughter of the late Daniel O'Brien, and was born in Cobourg, seventy-one years ago. In 1818 she married her bereaved husband in Douro and has since lived in Peterboro.

Deceased was a true member of the Roman Catholic Church and was beloved by all who had her intimate acquaintance. Besides her bereaved husband she leaves two sons, three daughters, three sisters.

PASTORAL VISITS.

His Grace Archbishop Duhamel announces pastoral visits for this district as follows:—L'Original, May 23, 28 and 24; Vanhook Hill, May 24, 25 and 26; Hawkebury, May 26, 27 and 28; St. Anne de Bonaventure, May 28, 29 and 30; St. Anne de la Riviere, June 1 and 2; Rockland, August 15, 19 and 20; St. Victor d'Alfred, Aug. 24, 25 and 26; Plantagenet, August 28, 29 and 30; St. Joseph de Prescott, August 30, 31 and 1st September; St. Joseph de Fournier, September 1, 2 and 3.

GOLDWIN SMITH'S POLITICAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Editor Register.—In your issue of April 5th, your Chicago correspondent refers approvingly to Goldwin Smith's Political History of the United Kingdom. Thinking that some of your readers may not have had time or opportunity to study this work.

Next in order is the daughter of Henry VIII, by Catherine of Aragon, named Bloody Mary. Goldwin Smith in his opinion of Mary shows a desire to be fair, though it is hard to overcome life-long prejudices and the effects of education.

"Bloody Mary" was a good woman, spoiled by circumstances and religious superstition. As for her own blood and her own tendencies, how could the daughter of the injured Catherine of Aragon have been anything but a bitter enemy to the Reformation?

The next Queen in whom we have interest is another daughter of Henry VIII, by Anne Boleyn, called in this day "Good Queen Bess." This heroine of Protestantism has been handled most unparalytically by our author. "False and perfidious she was, heartless and selfish, capable at times of hateful cruelty, possessed with the same bitter and hardly dwell in the same breast with greatness, to say nothing of her indelicacy, and at least one darker stain."

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THE MURDER OF BOCKET BY FOUR OF THE KING'S KNIGHTS.

The murder of Bocket by four of the King's knights is not considered in the light of a heinous crime, but rather as to its after effects in his death Bocket conquered, an electric shock ran through the League of the Kings' feet as his knees, so calmly abjured the murder, bowed him self beneath the censure of the church, renounced the Constitutions of Clarendon, and afterwards professed an abject and penitence more degrading than the humiliation of Henry IV at Canossa, or of Barbarossa at Venice.

Next we come to the bold, bluff, free Henry VIII, the gentleman of easy manner and easy virtue. Goldwin Smith's opinion of this champion of the Reformation leaves nothing to be desired from a Catholic point of view. "There is reason to think that he had a not unkindly nature, though by no means a religious man, and a full treasury of intellect, it was spoiled and turned into a selfishness as intense as ever had its seat in the heart of man."

Cardinal Wolsey, who became Chancellor to Henry VIII., is not treated very respectfully. "The early part of the reign is the government of Wolsey, the last, perhaps the greatest, and certainly the most magnificent of the ecclesiastical statesmen." "His magnificence, his train of gentlemen, clad in velvet of the Cardinal's color, the eight ante-chambers with rich hangings, through which suitors passed to his presence."

Of Catherine of Aragon, divorced wife of Henry, the author gives his opinion in a few words which plainly show why she is so highly regarded. "The conduct of Catherine is noble firm, maintaining her right, the right of her daughter, and that of all wives, yet loyal and gentle, is the redeeming feature in a vortex of villainy and of blood."

Finally, after marrying six wives, Henry VIII. was gathered to his fathers. "The author says that how he regarded the religion which he supposed to have inaugurated. 'The will of Henry VIII. instantly requires and desires Christ's mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, with all the holy company of Heaven, to usually to pray for him, and provide an altar at which daily masses shall be said for him perpetually while the world shall endure.'"

Henry VIII. was not a Protestant, as shown now beneath the name of the English Reformation. He desired to be fair, though it is hard to overcome life-long prejudices and the effects of education.

"Bloody Mary" was a good woman, spoiled by circumstances and religious superstition. As for her own blood and her own tendencies, how could the daughter of the injured Catherine of Aragon have been anything but a bitter enemy to the Reformation?

The next Queen in whom we have interest is another daughter of Henry VIII, by Anne Boleyn, called in this day "Good Queen Bess." This heroine of Protestantism has been handled most unparalytically by our author. "False and perfidious she was, heartless and selfish, capable at times of hateful cruelty, possessed with the same bitter and hardly dwell in the same breast with greatness, to say nothing of her indelicacy, and at least one darker stain."

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