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THE CHURCH AND MATRIMONY.

The now well-known Deloit case has aroused attention not only to itself but to the general question of matrimony, and the rights of Church and State involved therein. Protestant societies are all of a sudden deeply interested in the indissolubility of the marriage tie.

of all guilt and assumes a more odious, disgusting and corrupting form of sin. The spouses are not bound in conscience to mutual fidelity, and may be as unfaithful as they choose.

Goldwin Smith bases his argument upon the ground that marriage is a civil status. That savors too much of absolutism, a doctrine which was never a favorite one of the Oxford Professor.

THE DIVORCE EVIL.

In last week's Weekly Sun we were somewhat surprised at a man of Goldwin Smith's calibre advocating a Divorce Court for Canada.

Milwaukee, where, out of two hundred divorces granted, but one hundred were legal; in the face of protests from the Chicago divorce judges who are crying aloud for some measure that will diminish the divorce evil in some way or any way.

Let such men as Goldwin Smith read the following report of the evils of divorce as gathered by a New York Sun correspondent in Indiana:

THE KING'S OATH.

The Rev. J. F. Gorman preached a sermon in Grace Church, Ottawa, a week ago on the Coronation Declaration against Catholics. The rev. preacher expressed himself as very strongly in favor of the retention of the oath.

time to do so. The days are rapidly passing away when bigotry and prejudices, begotten of ignorance and hatred, combine to crush a man because he is a Catholic. Once in a while there are flashes in the pan that indicate the fitful sputtering of this hate that worked such havoc in the days gone by.

programs; we readily recall William III. and the Peace of Limerick, together with the atrocities he perpetrated in the name of Protestantism in the campaign leading up to that violation.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.

We have received from "Honest Enquirer" a long and somewhat intricate statement of a matrimonial case. As the case is particular, its explanation is of no general interest.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Thomas O'Donnell's addressing of the British House of Commons in Irish must have been a treat—to the Irish.

The Irish members of the British House of Commons are prepared for a fight to a finish with anything and everything that does not suit them.

The Police Commissioners of Toronto have decided to have a police inspection of workshops and factories to see that they are provided with means to escape in case of fire.

As a result of a crusade against saloons in Leavenworth, Kansas, following directly as a result of the Carrie Nation raids, there occurred a shooting fatally last week.

Mr. Thomas O'Donnell does not propose to allow the recent squelching he received in his attempt to introduce the Irish language in the British House of Commons, to interfere with his programme.

the membership of the Irish party will come to my support, and the chances for trouble are fair.

His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII., celebrated the anniversary of his election to the Pontificate on Wednesday of last week. He is in excellent health and spirits, and promises well to reach the hundred mark, a point that he is aiming at not for the mere sake of living, but that he may perfect his already glorious reign over the Church.

There is a report going the rounds of the daily papers that Monsignor Falconio, the Papal Delegate at Ottawa, will be transferred to Washington, where he will take the place of Monsignor Martinelli, the Papal Delegate to the United States.

Some time ago Catharine Leslie, the able editor of the Woman's page of The Sunday World, took occasion to give a severe rebuke to the silly women and girls who daily hang about the Princess theatre in this city so that they may get a glimpse of the actors and actresses as they come out of that place of amusement.

Crown Attorney Curry thinks that if gambling is to be stopped in this city, the fountain head of the vice must first be cut off.

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A smallpox scare has again reached Ontario. The dread disease broke in the north, and by the escape of a patient seems to have spread itself pretty well. While, on the one hand, our health authorities in Ontario are both competent and alert, on the other, people themselves should take every precaution to prevent this dangerous plague from becoming widespread.

The insurance companies, prompted doubtless by the recent disastrous fires in Montreal, have issued orders to their agents materially raising the rates in the congested or down-town portions of our Canadian cities.

Th recent body-matching at Peterborough has created a great deal of bitter feeling in that town, and a shudder of horror has spread all through Ontario. The very thought of having one of our own dear ones stolen from the grave for dissecting purposes; the idea of the beloved one whom we cherished when alive, and whose remains we revere as hallowed; the thought that the body of one who so lately mourned and wept over—the dead whose memory is enshrined in our hearts, should be taken from the grave to satisfy the curiosity of a stranger, that it should be carved up by some unfeeling wretch, whose only thought is of self, is enough to make one shudder, to drive one to extremes in an effort to inflict a suitable punishment upon the perpetrator of such a deed.

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HOME RULE.

Continued from Page One. presumably, for the decline in population. Since 1850 British taxes have diminished 3s. per head, and Irish increased 11s. 11d.

Indecent, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, almost in so many words, parodied Lord Palmerston's candid dictum that "Peasant's Right Means Landlord's Wrong." He laid down the principle that justice to Ireland, Scotland or Wales is, and must be, an injury to the predominant part, and a necessary offence in the light of the Higher Imperialism.

FEDERAL HOME RULE. The true "Unionists" are the Federalists or Home Rulers, because their form of Union rests on the enduring foundation of justice to every component part before even the requirements of the whole are considered.

But again the destinies of Ireland and of the "Empire" are in the lap of the gods. Thou art not conquered; Beauty's sign yet is crimson in thy lips and in thy cheeks, And death's pale flag is not advanced there.

Ireland, North and South, Protestant and Catholic, practically as one man confronts the British Legislature with a demand for the peremptory "ending" of Strongbow Landlordism. Now, in principle, the Peasant Landlord's claim to exclusive ownership is indefensible as that of Peer or Squire; but the proved evils of Peasant Proprietorship are not to be discussed at the rag-end of any article.

REBELLIOUS PRIESTS. The Philippine junta in London has received word that Judge Faif, head of the United States Philippine commission, has imprisoned Canon Chanco and Padre Sevilla and Roxas for refusing to recognize the authority of Archbishop Chapelle. It is reported that the priests will later be deported to Honolulu.

MULHALL'S STATISTICS

Figures showing the Religious Standing of the World.

The new religious statistics of the late Michael G. Mulhall, published a week or so before his death in December last, are of unusual value.

Table showing religious standing of the world: Christians, Mohammedans, Jews, Pagans. Total: 501,600,000.

"We find that more than one-half of mankind is still enveloped in paganism, and that the degrading tents of Mohammed hold sway among many of the principal states of Asia and Africa."

Table showing relative strength of Protestants and Roman Catholics in chief missionary countries: Europe, United States, Canada, etc.

As to the relative strength of Protestants and Roman Catholics in the chief missionary countries of the world, Mr. Mulhall gives the following table (compiled in 1893).

Table showing the ratio of Protestants to Roman Catholics in various countries: India, China, Siberia, Japan, etc.

"The English Catholic Register for 1893 gives the number as 1,870,000. It is interesting to ascertain which phase of Christianity increases numerically the faster throughout the whole world."

There can be no doubt that the principal Protestant nations, such as Great Britain, Germany, and the United States, are advancing with rapid strides in population, whereas such Catholic countries as France, Ireland, Spain and Portugal, have little or no increase yearly.

Table showing annual increase of Catholics, Protestants, and Total for various countries: United Kingdom, France, Germany, etc.

An examination of the relative progress of Protestantism and Roman Catholicism in the English-speaking countries, however, reveals, he states, a much larger percentage of gain for the latter faith.

Table showing the Church of England and Roman Catholic dissenter statistics from 1855-65 to 1886-95.

"In the decade ending 1865 the Church of England stood to dissenters as 9 to 1, but at present it is less than 3 to 1. The dissenters have gained what the Church of England has lost, while the ratio of Catholics has slightly fallen off in the forty years."

THE SUN SAVINGS AND LOAN COMPANY OF Ontario

ANNUAL REPORT

The annual meeting of this Company was held in the Company's office, Toronto on Monday, the 18th inst., with a good attendance of stockholders present.

The chair was taken by the President, J. T. Gilmour, Esq., M.D., who opened the meeting by reading the notice, which had been sent to all stockholders, calling the same, and prefacing the proceedings with some remarks expressing his satisfaction and pleasure at seeing so many of the stockholders present.

The Secretary was then called upon to read the Director's Annual Report, from which the following interesting facts and figures are taken:

Table showing financial data: Total Assets, Dec. 31, 1900; Net earnings for the year; Mortgage Loans; New loans made during the year.

Regular and stated payments are being made from time to time on the subscribed capital, increasing rapidly from month to month.

The report stated that all loans made by the Company were on the periodic repayment system, fixed sums of principal and interest at certain times paying off loans in stated periods, and that said payments were promptly made during the year.

After the reading of the report remarks were made by several of the stockholders present, expressing much satisfaction with the past year's business and greater confidence than ever in the company.

THE CORONATION OATH.

Editor "Catholic Register":—Sir.—Please allow me space in your valuable journal to make a few remarks on the advisableness of the Parliament of Great Britain to eliminate from the formula used in administering the Coronation Oath that most obnoxious clause which proclaims the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the belief in the Real Presence as held by Catholics, with the intercession of the saints, to be idolatrous.

Now, sir, in considering the mighty possessions over which he is called to rule, King Edward VII. will behold millions of his most loyal subjects professing the Catholic faith, and, therefore, their belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. He will see them on bended knees asking the saints of God to intercede with the Most High in their behalf.

Where is the man, whose blood does not run cold when he has been insulted by one whom he reveres and serves? And yet, is this not the case in the present instance, when a ruler loved by his people, from whom he expects (and rightly so) loyal obedience, is made to conform on oath that which they hold most dear, and for the defence of which they would willingly sacrifice all—yes, even their very lives—idolatry.

Where is the man, Catholic or Protestant, whose heart is not filled with indignation at the very thought of such a thing? Where is the man calling himself a Christian who does not wish to see such an abominable assertion thrown out of the formula used at the coming coronation?

I affirm that such an oath is not only an insult to every Catholic, the world over, but a blot on the history of England.

It is not my object, Mr. Editor, to enter on a religious discussion, on the subjects of belief in question, sufficient to say, that as Catholics, we believe those articles of our holy religion, and as Catholics we demand a redress.

How can a monarch expect love from subjects whose religious belief is denounced by him with an oath? We ask for British fair play; we beg no favors; we are satisfied with our lawful rights, but these we claim and will not cease to demand until they are granted us.

Why should Catholics above all other subjects of the Empire be denounced as idolaters? I think it is high time to ask a redress, and I trust ere long it will be granted.

"CATHOLIC." Montreal, Feb. 21, 1901.

Socialism.

New York Sun's Comments on the Encyclical. The subjoined is an editorial utterance of the New York Sun on the latest encyclical of the Holy Father on Socialism.

"The theory on which the Pope's encyclical on Socialism, published in the Sun of yesterday, rests is that the only true and sufficient remedy for the ills of human society is religious rather than secular or political, and consists fundamentally in the application of the principles laid down by Divine faith, having regard, indeed, to the temporal advantage of the lower orders, but designing therewith to fit their minds for the enjoyment of things eternal."

final goal, for which we came into the world, is put forward by the Pope as the supreme obligation of religion.

"Accordingly, the Pontiff has never encouraged Catholics to form associations for the assistance of the poor, or introduce other schemes of the kind without at the same time warning them that such things must not be attempted without the sanction and aid of religion, without its inclusion and aid, in other words, the only 'Christian democracy' he recognizes is a democracy inspired with the faith and the spirit of the Church of which he is the earthly head."

Having laid down this fundamental principle, the Pope proceeds to warn Catholics not to be beguiled by an excessive ardor for charitable enterprise, which possibly induces an relaxation of due obedience to the Church, but to be 'entirely submissive to episcopal authority' and 'ready to give up their own ideas and listen to the bidding of the rulers of the Church, absolutely as His own.'

"This is not doctrine which will be tolerated by the political Socialists, and its repeated utterance by the Pope will tend to increase among them the hostility to institutional religion with which their movement is already charged. It indicates that the Roman Catholic Church will steadily oppose their activity by denouncing their theory as un-Christian and pernicious, and will lend no countenance to any enterprise for the improvement of social conditions which is not impelled and governed by faith and obedience to its authority."

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