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OUR CURBSTONE OBSERVER

ON THE MAYORALTY.

Probably your readers have been under the impression that I have been "lost, strayed, or stolen" during the last few months. It would be somewhat difficult to lose such a wandering scribe as I am, at least on this continent; there is no likelihood of my being stolen, as I would merely be a "white elephant" on the hands of the robber; but I have certainly strayed considerably, and in various directions, since last fall.

Of course I felt a little rusty on Montreal political and municipal affairs, on account of my absence, but I had a pretty fair recollection of some of the leading events that go to shape the situation. "Is it not an Irish Catholic's turn this coming term?" I asked. "It is," replied my friend, "but, all the same Mayor Prefontaine is in the hands of his friends, as he calls it."

You can imagine my surprise when told that the present Mayor recanted all that, and was in the field for a second term. I asked my young friend why it was that the Irish-Catholics did not insist on their rights, and select a candidate to oppose him. "That is exactly what they are doing," he replied; and he added, "We have a candidate, and a good one at that."

MISSIONARY WORK.

"The Missionary" is a small publication issued by the Paulist Fathers, in which the experiences of each missionary, in his work for the Catholics, are combined and made public without going into the details of which particular Father wrote a special article, or delivered a special sermon, we will reproduce a few wise comments, the result of careful observation and long experience.

THE HOLY FATHER'S POLICY.

"Innominato" the Roman correspondent of the New York "Sun," like all well-informed political or national writers seems to have developed a faculty of taking a bird's-eye view of every diplomatic situation in Europe. However, he furnishes details regarding the Holy Father's sentiments, his thoughts, his most secret designs, with a minuteness which might give rise to some suspicion. That "Innominato" is well informed we have no doubt, that he is a keen observer is evident, but we fear that even these advantages

way, as the French Government never failed to show moderation toward the Pope; it was, besides and particularly, the bringing out of the acute, though silent and hidden conflict between the enemies of the Papal policy, and the adversaries of the Triple Alliance, aided by the old parties of reaction. It may be imagined with what eagerness these rivals endeavored to make capital out of the anti-clerical attacks in France.

This is followed by a whole column of details that only an "alter ego," of every diplomat on the continent, could possibly obtain. As for example when he says: "Leo XIII. has felt personally the unpleasant recoil of this state of things on the whole body of his policy. So he has increased the number of his councils, he has uttered cries of alarm. At one time he thought of promulgating an encyclical, in which he should recapitulate the benefits which he has steadily showered upon France, and, in a pathetic conclusion should protest against any anti-clerical measures. With the true spirit of abnegation and a deep understanding of the French keyboard, he decided to give up this rather solemn method of expressing his feelings, justly fearing that such action might have serious consequences. Moreover, the intelligent apprehension of the Nuncio, his sure and accurate fingering, his unweary and universal activity, had after the first few days, decimated the impact of the assault. Itself uneasy, the French Government acted the part both of lightning and lightning conductor. The Pope's vigilance, however, was not relaxed for a moment. In his talk with authorized persons, whether French or of other nations, he repeated in a thousand forms the following declaration: 'I am the head of the Catholic world. My priest's conscience does not allow me to look on in silence when measures are being taken against the interest of the Church. It is my duty to speak. I know that my protests may bring on unpleasant consequences. But duty above all things. I have reason to believe that these warnings, dropped in the right places, have not failed to produce some impression.'"

THE PILGRIM FATHERS.

As a rule, we have very mistaken ideas regarding that famous band of religious exiles, known as the Pilgrim Fathers; but certainly we were not prepared for such a description of these venerable founders of a peculiar colony as given in an American contemporary. The writer is a resident of Plymouth, and he seems to be familiar not only with the history of the quaint old apostles of a strange creed, but even with that of their descendants. The whole letter is too lengthy for reproduction, but we cannot allow the following to go without giving our readers the benefit thereof.

"Two hundred and seventy-nine years ago this week the Mayflower cast anchor here for the purpose of discharging 100 contract laborers sent from England at the expense of John and William Pearce, two London merchant adventurers, who lost \$12,000 by the venture; for the Pilgrim Fathers had conscientiously refused to pay for their passage in work or kind, and after they had eaten the food and drank the ale and rum that came out of the Mayflower, they kicked over their contract, and shirked for themselves. During the first winter half of the poor emigrants died of hardships and disease. Of the remainder two were hanged for murder and one was murdered by a brother Pilgrim Father. From the forty odd men and women who survived millions claim descent. The truth seems to be that there are not more than 30,000 living persons who are descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers, and most of these are scattered about this State.

THE IRISH LANGUAGE.

The St. Louis "Review," Mr. Arthur Press' admirable little publication reproduces from the "Gaelic League Weekly" (Dublin), of Dec. 2nd, a most timely article upon the teaching of the Irish language to children. It certainly has a genuine ring about it; and thus it runs:

"To ignore and neglect a language known to the pupil, in educating him, is a radical and elementary blunder. It is a well-recognized fact now in civilized countries—it is beginning to be recognized in Ireland, where our school systems are at length being forced to substitute civilized for antiquated methods—that the great object of education is not the storage of facts, however useful, in the youthful mind, but the development of the mind itself. In this process by far the greatest and most important part of the work, and the natural basis of all the rest, is done before the child ever goes to school—it is done in the natural process of the acquisition of the language of his parents. Not all the teaching that he may receive in all his after-life compares in any degree with this first part and foundation of his education.

MISSIONS IN BROOKLYN.

A report of the spiritual success of the missions recently brought to a close in the Catholic churches in Brooklyn has been looked forward to with much interest by the priests and the people says a non-Catholic newspaper of that city. The average attendance at the morning masses at the churches was 47,044, and at the evening services 40,001. In several of the churches afternoon services were also held. These figures however, do not do justice to the attendance, as in all the churches the missions lasted for from one to four weeks, and each week the congregations changed from all women to all men, or married women to single women, and the same for the men. A total of 123,078 confessions were heard, as follows: Men, 48,714; women, 63,283, and children 11,081. The number of communicants, those who received holy communion are given as 123,652; men, 49,322; women, 63,714, and children, 10,606. There is a slight difference between the number that went to confession, and the number that received holy communion, as it is obligatory in the Catholic Church for all intending communicants to go to confession before receiving the sacrament, this difference is explained by a number of children who went to the confession and were too young to receive holy communion, and also by others, adults, who went to confession in other churches.

THANKS OF THE ORPHANS.

The Sisters of St. Patrick's Orphanage beg to thank on behalf of the Orphans all their friends who so kindly sent presents at Xmas and New Year:

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ADVICE TO YOUNG SINGERS.

Since my arrival in America I have received a great many letters from young singers asking advice in regard to their future careers, says Alvarez, the celebrated tenor now in New York. A professional singer has little time for the pleasures of correspondence, but I am glad to offer a few suggestions to the unknown friends who have thus honored me with their confidence.

First, in regard to the voice, I am inclined to believe that any person possessed of health, a deep chest, a good larynx, and with no confirmed bad habits in tone production, and who has in addition an inexhaustible supply of perseverance and patient concentration of purpose is the true success in singing, as in every other art and occupation under the sun. Granting then, that you have a good if not a great voice, what are the next essentials for an operatic career?

Youth. You will need all the years of your life to perfect your art, and the sooner you begin after completing your physical development the better. It is a great mistake, however, to begin using the voice before attaining the growth. The vocal organs previous to this time are immature and a very little strain will weaken and often ruin them beyond repair.

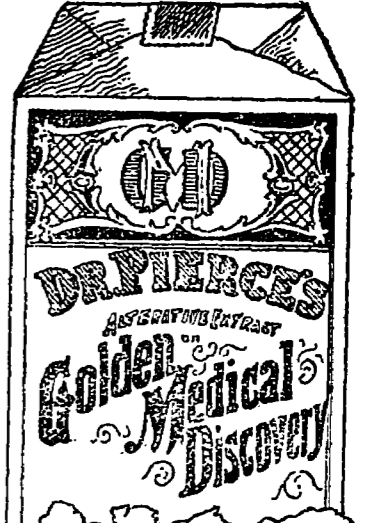
Properly equipped at the start with voice, youth and health, a singer has much in his favor, but more is yet required. In operatic and in fact in all stage work a pleasing personality, particularly for women, is desirable—I might almost say indispensable. A singer of unlovely or disagreeable appearance starts in her or his work terribly handicapped. The talent must be phenomenal to overcome the adverse impression given to the audience.

But more yet is required for a sincere artist. A thorough knowledge of music in all its branches is vital. Nearly every one of our great artists is a skilled musician. The study of music should be thorough, long before vocal training begins. The better the musician the quicker are the results in the cultivation of the voice.

Temperament is the one great requirement for an opera singer, without which all other qualities are insufficient. The temperament which enables one to feel the thought in the music as well as in the words, and to give expression to that thought by voice and action, is the soul of all true operatic work and from its born dramatic ability.

With all these qualities you may think success is certain. But that is not so. One may possess all of them, yet never attain greatness. Application, perseverance, concentration, are the qualities which tell. Indomitable will accomplishes wonders, and you will need it in operatic work.

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It is unusual to speak of a sermon as beautiful, but in the present case we can find no word in the English language more suitable to characterize both the subject and the treatment at the hand of the preacher...

dence of gnawing hunger; though repellent deformity have stolen the graceful symmetry from his tender limbs, and loathsome disease be eating away the tiny frame, the supernatural faculty of appreciation in the heavenly spirit finds a holy joy in the sight of the blessed young soul...

Let all who have children; all who take an interest in the future generation, all who wish to know what the Catholic Church does for the young, all who would like to understand the reason of the Church's solicitude in matters of education...

of Rome who rules her, the Bishops spread over all the earth—the Church, clad in all the august pomp of her Divine endowments, takes to her side the barefooted child of the street, and in the name of the Sovereign Creator, Redeemer, and Judge, she stands as trusty sentinel, to guard the priceless treasure which has been set in his innocent soul...

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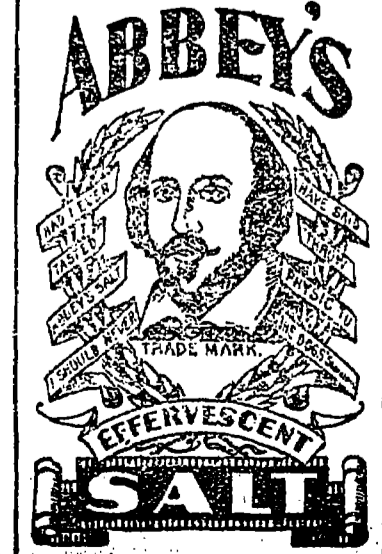
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News of the Week

Twenty-five years ago, on the 6th January last, the first issue of the "Catholic Columbian" was given to the public. Since then that admirable family paper has gained thousands of friends all over this continent.

Washington, D. C., must be a hot bed of Apianism. It is thus the Church News speaks of recent events in that city. The latest outbreak of Apianism in this city took place Tuesday evening at the Masonic Temple.

Another sample of Protestant munificence in regard to education is that of Dorman B. Eaton, the civil-service reformer who died Christmas and who left a number of handsome legacies to educational and charitable institutions in his will.

We glean the following from a London letter: The Delagoa Bay situation has been cleared considerably this week.

cision only to regard provisions plainly intended for the enemy as contraband of war. Then, again, the high British official's mission to Lisbon, announced in these despatches last week, seems to have stirred up the Portuguese Government to refuse to allow recruits to pass through Lourenco Marques for the Transvaal.

A London exchange remarks: Lady doctors are fast making themselves felt in the medical profession, and, judging from the past list for and, judging from the past list for the University of London, they are coming forward in ever increasing numbers.

The New York "Herald" says no better monument to the memory of the Rev. Dr. McGlynn can be devised than that which his friends propose to raise by meeting the debts which the generous priest contracted in relieving the wants of the poor and needy, and which he was unable to pay before his death.

A despatch from Paris says: The government has not quite settled the details of its naval reconstruction programme, but only another council probably is needed before the bill will be submitted to the Chamber.

Missionary societies in London are much concerned about their future operations in China. Through the influence of France the Roman Catholic missionaries secured a special position and official protection which Protestants claim are used as formidable proselytizing engines for Roman Catholicism.

The Drawing in connection with St. Francis Xavier Church at Brockville, which was to have taken place on the 28th and 29th of December, has been postponed until the 25th, and 26th of this month.

The Eighteenth Century closed amidst the boom of cannon and the clash of arms. The genius of Napoleon had stirred Europe into a frenzy of war.

erican war in the Philippines close before the end of the year the probability is that the old century will close and the new century dawn in an era of peace.

Dr. Springer recently read a paper before the Academy of Medicine, in Paris, about his investigations to promote the growth of children, youths or even people who are apparently fully grown.

One of the interesting features of the Paris exhibition will be balloon races, which will start from Vincennes and are open to foreigners. Each competitor must produce evidence of his experience as an aeronaut.

General Joubert, who seems to have been the organizer from a military standpoint, of the Boers, is a great student, and may be called a pupil of the famous Von Moltke, since he has studied every line from the pen of the German tactician.

A recent judgment in the Eleventh Police Court of Paris, leads one to believe that magistrates regard poets as mad, not figuratively, but so literally as to warrant their incarceration in a madhouse.

The London Sun reports that on the reassembling of Parliament, January 30, the Government will immediately ask for a further war credit of \$100,000,000.

A PHENOMENAL MISSION.

The non-Catholic mission which the Rev. Father Younan, C. S. P., has been preaching during last week, in St. Patrick's Church, has been a success that even the most sanguine could not have anticipated.

One of the pleasing facts most forcibly brought out by this mission, is that a most kindly feeling exists in the minds of our non-Catholic fellow-citizens generally towards the Catholic Church, and that they are perfectly willing to listen to any clear exposition of Catholic doctrine.

Already have we noticed some of the practical results of Father Younan's magnificent explanations of Catholic doctrine and practice. In more than one Protestant Church, ministers from whom we have generally received the hardest and most unreasonable attacks, have referred, on last Sunday, to the mission; and they, one and all, spoke in terms of the highest respect both for the preacher and for his methods of making known the teachings of Catholicity.

The contemplation of such a spectacle as that witnessed in St. Patrick's church during the past week, should suffice to inspire every Catholic with a legitimate pride in his religion. When we imagine a vast edifice like St. Patrick's, filled to suffocation with citizens of various denominations—even Chinese pagans to the number of about thirty—all justifying, not only respectfully, but with an attention that amount to a real enthusiasm, while a Catholic priest, in plain, unvarnished, direct and au-

phatic language, unfolded for them the magnificent plan of the Creator, the grandeur of man's mission on earth, the miracle of redemption, the teachings of Christ, the logical deductions therefrom as exhibited in the dogmas and practices of the Catholic Church, and the reasonableness as well as the sublimity of everything connected with the immortal institution that the Saviour of mankind has bequeathed to humanity.

The seed has been sown with lavish hand by Rev. Father Younan; it remains for Catholic laymen to cultivate it and to so continue the work that the harvest may be ripe when the Great Gleaner comes to gather in the grain.

THE SUDAN DESCRIBED.

We have all ideas more or less vague about Egypt, the Nile, the Sudan. We can easily associate the first with huge prehistoric pyramids and the Sphinx, the second with semi-annual risings, over-flowings, sinkings, cataracts, and Arab camps, the last with several military expeditions, the name of Gordon, and the exploits of Kitchener and our own Girouard.

It happened to us this week, to come upon an accurate, elaborate and highly interesting description of that country. It is from the pen of Father Ohrwald, a Veronese African Missionary priest. Under special permission of the English Government this good priest paid a visit recently to that country, for the purpose of selecting a piece of ground to found a new mission in the capital of the Sudan.

A CATHOLIC CORRESPONDENT.

The name of Mr. William Ellison is familiar to almost every Catholic reader in Canada, and to a goodly number both in the United States and the British Isles.

ment, and several of his articles have been reproduced by the Catholic papers of Ireland and England. He has done more than his share in keeping before the public the needs of our people, the story of their progress and improvement—socially, commercially and otherwise—in the various centres where they have settled in numbers.

Mr. Ellison has likewise contributed considerably to the secular press, and one of the most recent evidences of his great resourcefulness, fertility of thought, and happy mode of expression is the Twentieth Century number of the Quebec "Daily Telegraph."

C. M. B. A. OF CANADA.

BRANCH 26.—The annual installation of officers of Branch 26, took place at its last regular meeting. The installing officer was Grand Deputy G. A. Carpenter, of Branch 232, who was assisted by President Thomas R. Cowan of the same Branch.

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. M. Callaghan, Medical Adviser, Dr. G. J. Merrill, Dr. E. G. O'Connor, Dr. H. J. Harrison, Chancellor, Bro. D. J. McGillis; President, Bro. J. J. Costigan; Vice-President, Bro. J. P. O'Callaghan; 2nd Vice-President, Brother F. J. Curran, B.C.L.; Recording Secretary, Bro. P. J. McLaughlin; Asst. Sec., Bro. T. L. DeLaney; Financial Sec., Bro. J. W. Warren; Treasurer, Bro. J. H. Maiden; Marshal, Bro. Jas. Milloy; Guard, Bro. Joseph O'Toole; Trustees, Brothers A. McMillen, Jas. J. Shaw, Jas. J. Gahan, E. J. Sears and P. J. Darcy; Finance Committee, Brothers E. J. M. Dolan, T. J. Evers, G. A. Gaudin; Business Committee, Chancellor A. D. McGillis; Chancellor, M. Sharkey; Chancellor Martin Eagan; Committee on Good of the Association, Rev. Martin Callaghan, Grand Chancellor T. J. Finn, Chancellor P. Reynolds, Chancellor Dr. Harrison.

From the reports presented the Branch is in a most prosperous condition. After the installation addresses were made by the Grand Deputy, the new officers and others; a vote of thanks to the retiring officers was adopted unanimously. Branch 26 is the parent Branch of the C. M. B. A. of Canada, and ever since its inception has been one of the most active in the promotion of the interests of the Association. Its first president was Brother T. J. Finn, who is still as active a member as on the day of his initiation.

BRANCH 1, Quebec Council.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.—There was another splendid gathering of this good old Branch of 150 membership, last week to witness the grand installation of officers for the next term, the names having appeared in the "True Witness" of Dec. 16th. Supreme Deputy, Brother P. Flannery, an old officer of Branch 9, being present as a visiting brother, was invited to perform the interesting ceremony of installation.

BRANCH 232.—The committee of management of the above Branch having charge of the completion of all arrangements appertaining to the approaching progressive euchre party and social to be held in Beaman's Conservatory Hall, Friday Evening, February 9th, 1900, held a most successful meeting on Tuesday evening

ing last, and the various committees reported the progress made—from which it is ascertained that Branch 232 will have a bumper house, at their next entertainment. The prizes for the Euchre party are very handsome, and it is the intention of the committee to place the same on view in a few days in one of the prominent windows on St. James Street, therefore, avording the public and friends of this popular Branch an opportunity of seeing them.

DR. DE COSTA'S LECTURE.

On Wednesday evening last Dr. De Costa the widely known and eminent scholar of New York, who recently left the Episcopal pulpit to become an adherent of the Catholic Church, lectured at St. Mary's Hall, under the Gaze, on "America." The chair was occupied by Mr. Justice C. J. Doherty. Any attempt at condensing the admirable and brilliant discourse must necessarily do the lecture and the lecturer grave injustice.

One feature of his discourse was particularly happy, that was his allusion to the French-Canadians who had migrated and were migrating to the United States. They were bringing with them the Catholic virtue of purity. They could be counted upon to stamp out the foul stain of divorce. The Catholic Church must play a great role in the United States. The so called Reformation had proved a great failure. It was leading and led to moral decay.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish a report of the proceedings of the concert given by the Hibernian Knights. One of the features of the evening was a spirited address delivered by that sturdy Irish Nationalist, Mr. John Devoy. Of course it was to be expected that Mr. Devoy would give expression to strong opinions. We give an accurate report of his speech for the benefit of our readers, in order that they may form their conclusions.

Irishmen in Canada enjoy the most perfect Home Rule, and are unwilling to take a second place to any other section of the Canadian community in their devotion to the institutions under which they are privileged to live. It is so evident that Mr. Devoy felt this which greatly embarrassed his position and he realized the difficulties that may be engendered by such an address at this particular moment when he stated: "I do not forget Canada's generous action in supporting Ireland's claim to Home Rule. I fully appreciate the fact that Irish citizens of Canada have political, social and business relations with other sections of the population with which I have no right to interfere."

Mr. Devoy spoke very strongly but it must be taken into consideration that he is one of those who has suffered greatly for the cause of Ireland, and naturally his feelings find expression in forcible language.

Rev. Father Younan, whose sermons during the recent mission at St. Patrick's have attracted so much attention, will deliver a lecture on India, in the Monument National, on Tuesday the 24th inst. Father Younan will deal with the questions of races, languages, religious customs and the general conditions prevailing in that strange land. The lecture will be illustrated by a hundred or more stereopticon views. The tickets which have been placed at the low figure of 50 and 25 cents, may be secured at St. Patrick's Presbytery, at the up-town office of the "Star" and at Sadien's, Notre Dame Street. The lecture will be repeated for school children on the afternoon of the following day at 4.30 o'clock. The advance sale of tickets is progressing well and there is every prospect that the eloquent Paulist Father will be greeted by an audience such as has rarely been seen in the public halls of this city.



THE CRUCIFIX OF BADEN.

A Legend of the Middle Ages.

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH.

CHAPTER X.

Solitude was the cradle of creation; solitude is the never-ceasing fountain wherein exhausted souls are refreshed.

The griefs, the sufferings that have left their print on my brow. All these thou knowest, O Lord!

"And can I hope?" he murmured. "Mina is in heaven. Shall I again see her?"

But no voice replied, and sighing, he stood again erect. Then after a few moments of silent meditation he seized his chisel, and recommenced his work.

At last his work was done. When the last blow of the chisel had been given, when the stone had received the final touch, when Christ hung there wounded, quivering, breathing, sublime, Master Sebald knelt before his work and bowed his forehead to the earth.

His remorse was for his crime, his sorrow for his child. They wore deeper the furrows in his brow; they made his hair whiter, his step more feeble and uncertain.

The old master commenced his work, ever surrounded by these sad companions. Ever hearing the last murmurs of Otho, the last sighs of Mina, he carved the holy cross and the summit of Calvary.

We may add that the sculptor's request was quickly granted, for in those happy days there were sheriffs who believed, and judges of tender hearts.

They carried, then, with great pomp, Master Sebald's statue to the cemetery; and, for the first time since his imprisonment began, the old man saw the crowd of men, the green leaves, the tomb of his daughter, and the white clouds of heaven.

His own face was a book, a book of sorrows speaking most eloquently, wherein all bitterness, all failings, all regrets, and all terrors, the dreams of the artist, the humiliation of the master, the friend betrayed, the sufferings of the father, the anguish of the condemned, had inscribed their memories and left their foot-prints.

"Pardon, O Christ!" he said. "If I, a weak mortal, an unworthy and sinful man, dare, in carving thy sacred lineaments, trace mine. But I design not, O Lord! to show thee happy and full of peace, or radiant and glorious. I promised to prevent thee suffering, suffering even the death of the cross; I suffer that of the gibbet. A friend betrayed thee; a friend betrayed me. Thou wast loaded with insult and ignominy; I too had good cause to blush before my judges. Thou wepest over the sins of men; thy children; I over my child's grave. And as, O Lord! thou wert man as well as God, I may not offend thee in copying the anguish,

murs arose in the crowd which soon swelled to violent clamors. Could so repentant a man, so old and true an artist, be given over to the gibbet!

"Is life a boon?" murmured the old artist sadly bowing his head. "But I await the mercy of God. He is more generous than man."

Such is the legend of the sculptor and his work—a legend which offers a simple characteristic picture of the ages of confiding faith, when the Christian placed his hopes, the injured his vengeance, the criminal his repentance, and the artist his genius, at the foot of the cross.

A puny child is always an anxiety to the parents. There seems generally no reason why the little one should be weak when it is so well fed.

THE END.

CALCULATING A CENTURY.

We have read more than one argument regarding the date upon which the twentieth century commences; not a few have contended that it began on the 1st January, 1900, and many furnished reasons, which, at first sight, seemed plausible.

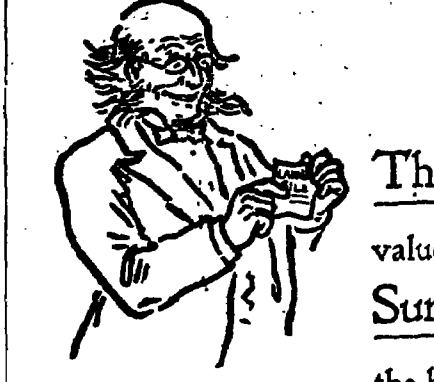
"That man, the twentieth century will not be here until next year. Professor McGruntle has been telling my boy Denis that the first century had to borrow a year from the second century to make up its count, and every century since had to borrow in the same way and never paid."

"That's so. Well, 'tis some trouble with the way they counted the first century. I think they dropped a year, or forgot to begin their count at the right place."

"That is not the way my old hedge schoolmaster, who knew more than twenty professors, used to count time."

"Here some fellow would begin 1, 2, 3, up till 94, 100. Then the old man would chuckle and laugh, and say that's only one hundred things like potatoes or apples, but I asked you to count a century."

Of various other sections of Scotland the writer gives some most interesting information. Leaving out the Archdiocese of Glasgow, because already given, we have the following table of statistics, taken from the Catholic Directory of Scotland for the years 1880 and 1899:



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Children will go sleighing. They return covered with snow. Half a teaspoonful of Pain-Killer in hot water will prevent ill effects.

CATHOLICITY IN SCOTLAND.

Glasgow, which is universally considered the stronghold of Presbyterianism in Scotland, is at the same time the backbone of Catholicity in that country.

In giving the reasons for this increase he pays a tribute to the Catholic colonizing spirit of the Irish, who seem to be continuing to-day the work carried on by their ancestors of seven and eight hundred years ago.

"This increase of the Church in its population, institutions and in the religious and social influence and position it wields, throughout the country is due to two causes. First, to the one continuous stream of Irish emigrants during the last sixty or seventy years to the banks of the Clyde, and secondly, to the heroic labors, zeal and energy of the clergy who fed and fostered the germs of Holy Faith thus brought within the country until it has made Scotland's great commercial centre the third most populous Catholic city within Great Britain and Ireland."

The widespread anxiety concerning the milk supply makes the circulars of some of the high-class dairies of New York and vicinity interesting reading.

The Archdiocese of Glasgow comes of an old Dorsetshire family. He is the eldest son of the late Count Eyre, and was born at Bryan Hall, Askani, York, on November 17th, 1817.

On January 31, 1869, Mgr. Eyre was consecrated Archbishop of Glasgow in Rome by Cardinal Reisch, assisted by Archbishop Manning and Archbishop de Merode.

The following table will tell clearly the progress made, in the last twenty years, by the Catholic Church in Glasgow Archdiocese:

Table with 2 columns: 1890 and 1899. Rows include Priests, Secular; Priests, Religious; Missions; Churches, Chapels and Stations; Institutions, Educational; Institutions, others; Congreg. schools; Congreg. Hlgs; Children at Rel.; Exams; Estimated C. population.

Table showing approximate number of Clergy, Secular and Regular, Missions, Churches and Chapels and Stations, Schools and Departments in the Archdiocese of Edinburgh and the four Suffragan Sees of Aberdeen, Dunkeld, Galloway, Argyll and The Isles, in the years 1880 and 1899 respectively.

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Random Notes For Busy Households.

SILENT SORROWS. — Every person has some experience in the art of silent sorrows.

as which wrinkles the forehead is one of the most trying (I hardly dare say it because of the goodness which often wears this mask), one of the most aggravating things which can exist without any intention to annoy.

I take it for granted that we all lay claim to the usually acknowledged supremacy of our sex in regard to endurance.

MASSSES FOR THE DEAD. — The Guidon Magazine has a special article on the subject of Masses for the dead; the main point, and what seems to be a new subject for the reflection of Catholics, deals with the difference between High Mass and Low Masses for the dead.

Where men excel us is chiefly in the meeting of slowly approaching and inevitable disability or unavoidable disaster. It would be hard to reckon the names of the husbands who bring a steadfast constancy of kindly security to homes over which and certainly descending wings.

It is by no means rare such is the case, and the weight of probability is on the other side.

One of our weak yet lovable feminine characteristics often forces men into this heroic solitary struggle.

From the very beginning the Church has recommended a solemn service for the dead, not only on the day of the funeral, but also on the 7th and the 30th day thereafter as well as on the anniversary.

Too often we are like the poor Irishwoman in the famine year, who driven to desperation over her husband's passivity, would poison him out of sleep, either on his pillow or by the smugly side of the haystack and scream in his dull ears, "Wake up, John, and think of a plan."

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REMINISCENCES OF CENTENARIANS.

As the nineteenth century goes out it would be a matter of surprise were we to know how many people are now alive, who can remember the beginning of the same hundred years.

Pitt was burned, and, fired with patriotism, my brother and myself, with the heedlessness of youth, made ourselves prominent in the demonstration.

Another interesting personality is Michael Mooney, who lives at the home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, in Philadelphia, was born in April, 1792, in the town of Granwith, Ireland.

As a result an investigation came and our little family was terrified nearly to frenzy by a report circulated on January first that our arrest had been ordered. We could not leave the city without attracting notice, so my mother hid us amongst the rafters in the attic.

That was to us what the Revolution of 1776 was to America, only it didn't turn out so well.

In quite a light-hearted way she said to the newspaper man: "I am the oldest Daughter of the Revolution."

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Miss J. Williams, 107 First St., Detroit, Mich., writes: "I am glad to inform you that Dr. Coderre's Red Pills cured me of what the Doctors told me was incurable."

Mrs. Phillip Bourque, 272 Carter St., Montreal, writes: "I was suffering with everything that a woman can suffer with."

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THE JUDGE AND THE COW.

I had a peculiar case before me once when I was on the bench. The judge during lunch hours had become acquainted with a certain man who had gone into partnership with another man in the ownership of a Jersey cow.

man. My friend was a simple-hearted chap, so he went home to think it over. At the end of the week he sent over for some hay for the cow.

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G.M.B.A. of Canada, Branch 26. (Organized, 19th November, 1884.) Branch 26 meets at St. Patrick's Hall, 2781 Alexander street, on every Monday of each month.

Young Irishmen's L. & B. Association. Organized, April 1874. Incorporated, Dec. 1870. Regular monthly meeting held in its hall, 18 Dufferin street, on every Monday of each month.

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THE STRUGGLE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Apart from the information of Lord Roberts' arrival, with Lord Kitchener, at the front in South Africa, and the uncertain movements of General Buller, the news from the scene of war comes very slowly; and what does come is not always substantiated. In fact the world seems to be afforded but very uncertain ideas regarding the fluctuations of the great struggle going on in the Transvaal and Natal.

Whilst others might be described as handsome. All were big, strapping fellows, but there was no uniformity about their dress. Nearly all of them were dressed in civilian clothes, and at first sight they would be taken for what they were a lot of farmers.

KITCHENER THE REAL COMMANDER.—For what it is worth we give the New York Herald's statement concerning the command in South Africa. The Herald says: "It now leaks out that Lord Kitchener is really chief in South Africa, at the head of the British troops, and Lord Roberts is a figurehead."

"It happened thus. The National Defence Committee met and decided that Lord Kitchener was the man for the place. He was Lord Salisbury's nomination. The Premier had made a study of Lord Kitchener on the occasion of the Sirdar's visit to Hatfield, but endless difficulties were in the way."

"Two months ago I told you the rumor that Lord Kitchener would go out, and the Herald was absolutely the first paper to forecast the possibility, which has now become a fact. The matter was then under discussion, but the trouble was that Lord Kitchener was the junior of General Buller, Warren and others."

"But Lord Salisbury is never beaten upon a technicality, and his solution of the problem was to send Lord Roberts. He will restore the confidence of the men by his presence as field marshal, while the fact of Lord Kitchener being his aid will enable the latter, under cover of his superior in authority, to conduct the campaign."

"The general opinion is that the idea is not bad."

LORD DEFFERIN'S SON KILLED.—The cable brought the news that the Earl of Ava, eldest son and heir of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, has died of the wounds he received in the defence of Ladysmith last Saturday. The death of Lord Ava causes widespread regret here. Apart from his father's popularity, Ava was well liked. He gave every promise of a brilliant career. He volunteered his services and was one of the first to go to the front. He had frequently been mentioned in the despatches for his bravery in rescuing the wounded.

The Earl of Ava was born in 1863. His father is the most distinguished of British diplomats. He has been Governor-General of Canada, Viceroy of India and British Ambassador to France. The Marquis has two other sons, Lord Basil and Lord Frederick, the latter a lieutenant in the Ninth Lancers.

JEALOUSIES AMONG GENERALS.—The Associated Press cable letter of January 13 is responsible for the following strange news: "It is now well known that Gen. Buller despises Field Marshal Roberts and hates General Lord Kitchener, that the commander-in-chief, Lord Wolseley, shares General Buller's feelings, and that Wolseley is scarcely on speaking terms with the Secretary of State for War, Lord Lansdowne. To such a flagrant extent does this enmity go that Lord Wolseley wrote to Lady Buller that he knew nothing of Lord Roberts' appointment to command the British troops in South Africa and that he disapproved of it."

"Without enormous obstacles to overcome in the way of the Boers' strenuous resistance and initial advantages, this condition of affairs between the army leaders would constitute a stupendous drawback to the success of the British. One paper, usually well informed on service matters, declares it is quite likely that General Buller will throw up his command and come home and be a thorn in the side of the government. This is probably an exaggeration, but it is admitted on all sides that he is likely to make himself as disagreeable as possible to Lord Roberts."

KILLED AT COLENSO.—It was as we ventured to anticipate last week before the lists of killed, at the battle of the Tugela River were published, the unfortunate Irish regiments suffered terribly. We need only give some of the names showing the terrible sacrifice of life at Colenso, says the "Irish People":

1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.—Sergeant J. Magee, Sergeant J. Ireland, Sergeant R. W. L. Lango, Corporal J. Kelly, Corporal S. Dobbin, Lance-corporal T. J. Bourke, J. Rowe, J. Wallace, W. Smith, R. McAuloy, J. Leith, M. Kennedy, P. Williams, D. Kincaid, J. McMillin, J. McQuillan, J. McGarry.

2nd Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers.—E. Grant, J. McPartland. 1st Battalion Connaught Rangers.—Sergeant Jeremiah Dunne, Corporal Wm. Doherty, Corporal Michael Kelly, John Cavanagh, John Sheehan, Matthew Aylward, Thomas Dunne, John Manning, Michael Cahill, Manuel Enoch, James Fogarty, Frank Burke, James Byrne, Edward Smith, Patrick Heagney, Wm. Moran, Bernard Laffey, Martin Manning, Corporal Michael Graham, Corporal Peter Kehoe, William Tubey, Corporal Peter Flynn, Michael Quarters, Alexander Farrell.

1st Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers.—Corporal J. Catcart, T. Cole, Color-Serjt. V. J. Magee, Sergeant T. Callan, Sergeant J. Flynn, J. Farroway, M. Butler (alias P. O'Keefe), J. Cole, M. Nolan, B. Costello, W. Bisset, T. Davy, P. Usher, J. Connell, J. Wisdom, M. Hayes, J. Neill, J. Toole, C. Joyce, S. Walsh, M. Muldox.

2nd Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers.—Sergeant E. P. Hayes, Corporal W. Coyne, J. Broderick, John Smith, P. Synott, F. Dillon, J. Murphy, John Doolan, W. McAlpin, C. Moore, P. Clifford, J. Flood, J. Gibson, J. Pearse, P. Murphy, James Bennett.

Besides this grim list we find an O'Hara and a Warren amongst the killed belonging to the South African Light Horse, a Moloney killed while fighting with Theophrastus' Mounted Infantry; a Corporal Pat Cronin in the West Surrey Regiment; a Molloy, a Byrne, and a McKenna with the Royal Scots Fusiliers; a DeLany fallen in the ranks of the Royal Field Artillery; and a Fegan amongst the victims in the 66th Battery of the same.

As if by magic, after a few applications, every gray hair in my head was changed to its natural color by using LUBY'S Parisian Hair Re-novator. It is a new hair restorer and see for yourself.

NOTES FROM OUR EXCHANGES. AN EDITOR'S FLIGHT.—A despatch from Berlin, published in the "Catholic News," says that Sigmar Mohring, editor of the comic paper, UK, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for insulting the Catholic Church in a poem entitled "The Cowardly Act at Rennes." This fact is a gratifying evidence of the progress of Catholicity in Germany. No longer can the Church be insulted with impunity there. What a change the years have wrought in the land where Catholics suffered so severely from the odious Kulturkampf. It is certain that the influence of the Centre party is responsible for the present attitude of the Government toward the Church. The Catholic party has ever demanded justice for Catholics. That justice was denied them a long time, but at length the Centre party has become so strong that the government now dare not affront Catholics. There is a lesson in this German incident for the Catholics of the United States.

PLAIN TALK TO SUBSCRIBERS.—A Prince Edward Island newspaper has this to say to its delinquent subscribers: "We wish to notify those subscribers who are several years in arrears that our forbearance has been exhausted and that patience has ceased to be a virtue. We have put ourselves out a good deal to accommodate these people and to afford them opportunity to pay in whole or in part, or to make some arrangement about their indebtedness; but our reward has almost invariably been in the shape of false promises. We have grown tired of this manner of procedure and have determined to turn these delinquents over to the County Court to be sued for the next term. If they wish to save themselves trouble and expense they will avail themselves of the warning afforded by this notice. We mean business."

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.—It is the duty of a Catholic to go to Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, unless excused by good reasons, says the "Intermountain and Colorado Catholic." This every Catholic knows, or ought to know. Generally, too, Catholics understand that they do not fulfill the obligation of keeping Sunday holy by merely rushing in a hurry to Mass in the morning and, as if getting rid of a disagreeable task, spending the rest of the day smothered up in sensational newspapers, or speculating on purely material ends. It is seriously to be deplored that many Catholics are satisfied with this way of spending Sunday. It is not meant that the whole day is to be passed on one's knees, or in the recitation of long prayers; but it is meant that of this day a considerably greater portion than on secular days should be occupied by practices of piety. Hearing Mass devoutly, saying the beads, reading the lives of the saints, not the lives of Dick Turpin and Jay Gould; inspiring by Christian stories the love of God in children, a Catholic family should live its Sunday in an atmosphere of Christian devotion.

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AMERICA'S COAST DISASTERS

According to the New York Herald a compilation of the wreck statistics for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1899, shows that New England suffered as never before. The States of Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts in that period lost one hundred and sixty-two vessels, valued with their cargoes, at nearly two million dollars, while three hundred and twenty-five persons perished. It was the most disastrous year in the history of this coast. The greatest losses were in the gale of November 27th, 1899, when many wrecks occurred. The great majority of them were between Vineyard Haven and Highland Light, Cape Cod. In that gale the steamer Portland went down with all hands—one hundred and twenty-nine persons, passengers and crew. The following summary will afford a definite idea of the extent of the damage wrought:

Table with columns: Number of vessels lost, Tonnage, Value of ves. and car., Loss of ves. and car., Sum. of persons on board, Number of lives lost.

ABOUT SKY-SCRAPERS.

How much higher will be the skyscraper of the twentieth century than that of the nineteenth century? So far as the work of the builder is concerned, an office structure 200 x 300 feet and 800 to 1,000 feet high could easily be erected.

AN IRISHMAN'S LETTER.—Mr. Thomas Brannigan, of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, at present in Pretoria, has addressed the following letter to his sister, Miss A. Brannigan, Laturcan, Monaghan: "Pretoria, 16th Nov., 1899. "Dear Sister.—You will be surprised to learn where I am now. I am in Pretoria, a prisoner of war. We don't know how long we will be here, but I expect we will be here until the war is over. I got over the first day's fighting of nine hours' all right, but the second, when we were fighting about six hours we were caught. There are about 1,400 English soldiers here altogether. We get fairly well treated. We get plenty to eat, only it is very cold at night and we have scarcely enough to keep us warm. I have nothing more to say at present, only just to let you know I am well. Hoping you are all the same. — I remain, your ever loving brother, "T. BRANNIGAN, "Royal Irish Fusiliers, "Pretoria, South Africa."

AN IRISH PHYSICIAN.—From London we learn that Sir William Stokes, of Dublin, is gone to join Sir William McCormack, in the surgical work which the Boers are expected to provide for them. The Dublin man belongs to a famous family of physicians and surgeons. His father was renowned for the accuracy of his diagnosis of chest diseases, as well as for his skill in treating them. But a more historical figure was his grandfather, Dr. Whitley Stokes, Fellow of Trinity College, and friend of Wolfe Tone. Whitley Stokes, being heart and soul with the United Irishmen in 1798, was suspended from his fellowship by Lord Chancellor Clare, the infamous Fitzgibbon of the period. On being asked to tell what he knew of secret societies in the college, he answered that there was an Orange secret society and he knew some of the members. He was not aware of any other. It is related that Lord Clare was so angry with the suspected rebel that he could have killed him on the spot.

TERRIBLE BOER GUNS.—The "Universe" has the following regarding the guns used by the Boers at Ladysmith: "The Boers must have some extraordinary guns playing upon Ladysmith. A Morning Post message reports the case of one shell killing six privates of the Gloucestershire Regiment and wounding nine. There is no reason to doubt this statement, the casualties being generally minimized. According to the correspondent of the Daily News, Ladysmith suffered the heaviest bombardment of the siege, on the 24th of December, Christmas Eve. The Standard's special correspondent at Ladysmith states that on December 18th, a single shell fired by the Boers from Umbulwana Hill killed five men and eleven horses. If the Boers have many pieces of such destructive power it is a wonder that the town is not a heap of ruins."

DESCRIPTION OF A BOER.—Sergeant Spicer, a Catholic of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, formerly of the Catholic congregation of the Sacred Heart, Exeter, and son of Mr. C. Spicer, of North Bridge, Exeter, has written a letter from his father from near De Aar, South Africa. It is dated December 3, 1899. Sergeant Spicer was fifteen miles from De Aar. The writer had an opportunity of looking at them all, and his first impression of a Boer was that he was certainly not the sort of man, a nervous person, when alone, would like to meet on a dark night. Some were fine-looking individuals.

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