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Down the St. Lawrence

It is three miles, a delightful drive, from Three Rivers to the picturesque village of Cap-de-la-Madeleine. Over the St. Maurice on a magnificent bridge and along a sandy road between two rows of struggling cottages, you gradually ascend until you reach the church whose spire you could detect from ten miles upstream. Of late years the shrine at Cap-de-la-Madeleine has been only second to Ste. Anne de Beaupre as a resort for pilgrims. So numerous have those pilgrimages become that it was deemed necessary to augment the number of attending priests, and as a result the Oblate Fathers have taken charge of the parish and shrine, even as the Redemptorists have long since had charge of Ste. Anne de Beaupre. At present there are three fathers there: Father Dozols, the Superior; Father Blais, an assistant, and Father Gladu (he of the facile pen and eloquent voice), who has charge of the beautiful little publication, "The Annals of the Holy Rosary."

The shrine, as the parish, is dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene, whence the name given that grand capo or head land that looms up from the river, just below the confluence of the St. Maurice. I need not tell the story of St. Mary Magdalene, but I must recall one or two events of her life, in order that the readers may better understand my simple description of one of the most beautiful and wonderful "ways of the Cross" on this continent. Mary was the Sister of Martha and Lazarus. In her portion of the family heritage was the Castle of Magdala (from which she derives her name). Being too world-minded and too addicted to the pleasures and vanities of life, to agree with her brother and sister, she retired to Magdala and there held high revel with her admirers, until she became a source of scandal for all Galilee. Martha and Lazarus begged Jesus to have pity on their unfortunate sister. He then touched her heart. The story of her conversion, her repentance and her saintly life need not be repeated. For thirty years after the departure of Our Lord she lived in France (Provence), doing good and performing penance. To-day, in the heart of light and frivolous Paris, the Church of the Madeleine is one of the most splendid monuments that Christianity has ever raised to the honor of a Saint—the patroness of repentant sinners. On Canadian soil to-day, at Cap-de-la-Madeleine, is a shrine dedicated to that blessed friend of Our Saviour, and beside it is the most striking

and inspiring reproduction of the Via Dolorosa—the path followed by Christ from the House of Pilate to Calvary, of Crucifixion, that could possibly exist. It is this I will now attempt to describe.

Standing upon the deck of a steamboat going up or down the St. Lawrence, two objects appear to your eye as marking the village of Cap-de-la-Madeleine. They are the spire of the new church and an immense square tower, with gray and brown battlements. This latter edifice might be a huge lighthouse, or else an observatory, or a building for hydraulic purpose. If you have a magic glass you can read, in large black characters, on the face of the structure, the words "Tour Antonia." But even this name, which is in English the "Tower of Antonia," affords you but slight information; yet when you have visited the shrine and its surroundings the name bears a very great and significant meaning. It is the tower built by the Romans, after the taking of Jerusalem, upon the site of the ancient tower of David. But I may as well commence with the story of this and other structures around it.

A Franciscan Father, who had spent some thirty years in the Holy Land, and who had an aptitude for surveying, had taken exact measurements of all the places in and around Jerusalem, that are sacred to the passage and the Passion of Our Lord. When in Canada Father Frederick—such is his name in religion—conceived the idea of constructing an exact reproduction of the localities consecrated by the footprints of Christ. The proportions are exactly one-third in size of the originals. Hence it is that when you leave the shrine at Cap-de-la-Madeleine you are in presence of several acres of ground cut, built upon and fashioned into a copy of the Holy Places in Jerusalem.

When you step down from the chapel you pass through a hilly garden (the Garden of Olives), you cross a torrent (the Cedron), and you approach Jerusalem along the road followed by Christ on the day of his triumphal entry. You enter the city by a large gateway, and there you stand in a narrow street in front of a structure like a huge prison, on the walls of which you see the Turkish arms, the Mahomedan Crescent. This building is to-day a Turkish barracks, but was, in the time of Christ, the Praetorium, or Judgment Hall, in which Pilate condemned the Saviour. You enter by a candelabra doorway, and you are in the presence of the first Station of the Cross—Christ before Pilate. I will not ask the reader to follow me around the fourteen stations, but will rather give a hurried description of the place. At each station there is a small pulpit, from which the director of the pilgrimage preaches a brief and appropriate sermon, or instruction.

MR. HURLEY'S CURIO.
Mr. Hurley, ex-M.P. for East Hastings, possesses a remarkable curiosity, being a profile of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, cut out of a dark, brown mineral stone, by Joel Johnston, a Tyendinaga Indian, who used only a common jack-knife to make the bust. The redman is a warm friend of Mr. Hurley, and having seen a picture of the "Great White" Premier, determined to make a "little monument" of him, and, finding a stone capable of being whittled, he turned it, like a sculptor, into a piece of art. The likeness of Sir Wilfrid is excellent, and reflects the highest credit upon the sculptor.

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HIBERNIANS IN SESSION

Provincial Convention Assembled in the City of Ottawa

Ottawa, Aug. 11.—Irishmen and sons of Irishmen from all parts of Ontario are gathering in the city today to attend the provincial convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which opens this afternoon in St. Patrick's Hall, Maria street. The brethren assembled this morning in the hall and proceeded to St. Joseph's Church, where Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Cornell. The formal opening of the convention took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock, when the visitors were accorded the civic welcome, after which the business session will commence and will be purely of a private nature. The convention will probably last about three days, for which a programme is being arranged by the local committee.

The delegates who have arrived so far are: Toronto, P. W. Falvey, county president of York; Jos. Routledge, president Division No. 1; Jno. Sullivan, president Division No. 3; Hugh McCaffey, president Division No. 5; R. W. Kennedy, president Division No. 4; W. F. Ryan, E. Moote, N. Donovan, P. Crotty, Jno. Hurst, Jas. Malone, Wm. Pierce, Hugh Kelly.

St. Catharines—John McCarthy, provincial treasurer; and E. Hartnett.

Hamilton—Thomas O'Dowd, provincial secretary, and J. J. Burns.

Stratford—J. J. Dolan.

St. Thomas—James McManus.

St. Mary's—M. J. Flemming.

Goderich—J. Burke.

Gananoque—John Lee, provincial vice-president, and T. O'Conor.

Kingston—M. J. Lynch, provincial president, and T. M. Daley.

Arnprior—R. J. Slattery, county president of Renfrew; Michael Hayes, president Division No. 1; F. J. Quinn, recording secretary, Division No. 1; Jno. F. O'Neill, treasurer Division No. 1; J. P. Galvin and T. J. Monaghan.

Ottawa—M. J. O'Farrell, county president; Division No. 1, represented by M. H. O'Connor, president; John Butler, vice-president; Allan Tolka, recording secretary; Wm. Christie, treasurer; Division No. 2, Jas. Bennett, president; James Rowan, vice-president; Alex. Hunter, financial secretary; W. G. Teafe, recording secretary.

Every train this morning has brought in additional delegates, and all are expected to be present at the opening this afternoon.

Although the life in Ottawa of the Ancient Order of Hibernians is a

comparatively short one, its growth has been surprisingly rapid. Division No. 1 was organized in 1896, with a charter membership of fifteen. It soon doubled and tripled, and in a few months was a flourishing organization, and has now a membership of nearly 200. Mr. Michael Quinn, who is a widely known fraternalist, was one of the founders of the order in Ottawa, and was the first county president. Great credit is also due to Messrs. Jas. O'Reilly and M. Gleman for assisting in its establishment. Among others whose names are to be found on the list of charter members are Messrs. P. Powers, P. S. Dodd, Thos. Troy and Dr. W. Troy.

About four years ago, Division No. 2 was organized, and has now a membership almost as large as the pioneer division. Mr. Geo. Kilt was the first president of this division, and was succeeded by Mr. S. Cross, who was followed by Mr. A. Hawley. The present presiding officer, Mr. Jas. Bennett, is occupying the chair for a third term, which speaks loudly of his popularity with the brethren, and of his ability to fill the office. He has also been secretary of the county board, previous to his appointment to the presidency of Division No. 2.

The county board is a very important body, and has much to do with the life and progress of the organization. It is formed of the officers of the county divisions, and is the governing body of the district. Those who have been presidents of the board are M. J. Quinn, Chas. Murphy, M. H. Fagan, the late Jno. A. Hallinan, P. S. Dodd, S. Cross, and the present occupant Mr. M. J. O'Farrell.

Both divisions and the county board held all their meetings in St. Patrick's Hall, and judging by the attendance and the enthusiastic spirit shown, the A. O. H. in Ottawa has a bright future before it.

LAURIER AND BARTON

The Premiers of Canada and Australia Dined by the Irish Party

London, Aug. 1.—Mr. John Redmond, M. P., Chairman of the Irish Party, had a very interesting dinner party at the House of Commons last evening to meet the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister of Canada, and the Right Hon. Sir Edmund Barton, Prime Minister of the Australian Commonwealth. Mr. Redmond's other guests included: Right Hon. John Morley, M. P., Lord Justice Mathew, Mr. T. Shaw, M. P., ex-Solicitor-General for Scotland; Mr. John Dillon, M. P.; Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M. P.; Father Cronin, of Buffalo; Mr. Barry O'Brien, Mr. J. O'Kelly, M. P.; Mr. W. Stead, Mr. H. W. Massingham, Mr. Flannery, Private Secretary to Sir Edmund Barton; Mr. D'Arcy Scott, of Ottawa; the Hon. Chas. Russell, Mr. Devilin, M. P.; Mr. W. Redmond, M. P., and Mr. M. Dalton. The gathering, as will be seen, was a remarkably representative one, and excited very great interest in Parliamentary circles abounding, as it did, a striking evidence of the sympathy with the Home Rule cause in the most powerful quarters in England's greatest colonies. The dinner was entirely private, there being no toasts or speeches of any kind. I understand, however, that probably before they leave England the Colonial Premiers will find an opportunity of making a den-

nite pronouncement of their views on Home Rule. Mr. Edward Blake, M. P., to his great regret, was unfortunately prevented from being present, as he has not yet quite recovered from the effects of his recent accident.

The banquet has attracted a good deal of attention. A correspondent writes: The banquet at which the Chairman of the Irish Party entertained the Premiers of Canada and Australia must have come with a shock of overwhelming surprise to the Unionists and Jingoes of England. The Premiers ate at the present moment the most looked-up-to men in England. The loyalty of the Colonies to the Empire has stirred a fervor of enthusiastic gratitude in the heart of the British Imperialists. The Irish Party are, on the other hand, a gang of criminals, convicted criminals, for whose special benefit a Coercion Act has been revived and an army of police and a regiment of Removable are maintained. That the Criminals should be the honored hosts of the heroes is, it must be confessed, a little bewildering. But it is not to be forgotten that those same Premiers whose characters are so praised, whose views are so courted, are one and all enthusiastic Home Rulers.

To the means through which Ireland became a sharer in the glories and responsibilities of the British parliament, a brief retrospect will not be out of order. During the dawning hours of the last century, the parliament of Ireland, commonly called "Grattan's Parliament," weak down amidst a carnival of corruption, which, in the perfidy of its character stands without a parallel in the annals of history. Like bullocks in the shambles, foreign exotics who were transplanted in the soil of that country were purchased for lands, for offices, for sums of gold, by the infamous Castlereagh, the agent of the British minister.

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"Fellow countrymen, the Irish contingent in the British Parliament need pecuniary aid to carry on the fight, and we now appeal to you to respond to the call. Collectors duly authorized will wait upon you without delay, and we hesitate not to predict that the call will not be made in vain."

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"Of the policy of Britain towards other sharers in the glories of the Empire, a significant lesson is taught by the march of events in South Africa. Here, after a sanguinary strife unequalled in history, and when a victory is achieved largely accelerated by Irish blood and Irish valor, Home Rule is granted to the valiant Boer; whilst Ireland is ruled from Dublin Castle by aliens in blood, and aliens in sympathies. In Canada, also, our French-Canadian fellow subjects are loyal, contented and prosperous through methods founded upon justice, whilst drastic expedients have been adopted to firmly plant loyalty in the hearts of Irishmen through the medium of coercion acts, supplanted with prisons, with gibbets or with convict ships.

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UNITED STATES BISHOP MCPAUL REPLIES TO ARCHBISHOP IRELAND.

Archbishop Ireland is encountering a heavy fire of dignified protest against his recent declarations on the Philippine situation. At the American Federation of Catholic Societies in Chicago, it was evident from the tenor of the speeches that the Convention would not regard the admonition of Archbishop Ireland against a discussion of the Administration's methods in the Philippines.

At the evening meeting Bishop McPaul was the principal speaker and directed his attention to the treatment of the Friars and the school question in the Philippines. The Bishop said in part:

"When the news arrived that the Catholic churches in the Philippines were desecrated and looted, the officers of high rank in the army attempted to refute the charges, yet the desecration and looting of those sacred edifices are now so certain that claims for damages to ecclesiastical property will be accepted by the Government."

"Reports, too, of the frightful spread of drunkenness and immorality after the occupation of Manila by the American army were vigorously assailed. Is there now any one who has the audacity to question their truth? Since then we have all heard of the 'water cure' and the murderous orders issued by an American general. The perpetration of these outrages was unknown for a time; they were, however, so flagrant that it was impossible to keep them from the knowledge of the public. The introduction alone of the public school system was just cause for alarm."

The speaker declared that the federation is deeply interested in obtaining just treatment for the Friars, who had suffered, he declared, "so many cruel calamities."

Bishop McPaul, who was the father of the movement to consolidate the Catholic societies of the United States, congratulated the Federation and other Catholic bodies that had agitated the question from their standpoint for assuming "so determined and courageous a position during the alarm shown by weak-kneed Catholics and advocates of partisanship."

"It has been said," he continued, "that as the Friar question was in the hands of the Vatican Catholics should have allowed it to rest there. This is very true, and there is certainly no evidence of anything but confidence in the wisdom of the Vatican and just pride in the fact that agitation helped to bring the question where it properly belonged and out of the domain of party politics. We are satisfied that if such a course had been pursued all along in Philippine affairs the Government would now have the islands in much better condition."

"The main trouble with some of our people is that they imagine all problems can be solved with a few strokes of the pen or one or two diplomatic flourishes. It is to be hoped that they have profited by the lessons of experience, and will know better for the future."

"However this may be, the federation proposed to keep up the agitation and invite the assistance of the Catholic press, confident that a strong intelligent public opinion is necessary to point out the way and aid the Administration in the arduous and difficult work demanding attention in our new possessions."

"In response to a protest and a petition addressed to His Excellency, the President of the United States, the War Department sent the Federation two intercepts containing information as to the total number of teachers employed—the number sent from this country and the institutions whence the teachers came. It was desired therein that proselytism was either committed or existed in the schools."

"There are according to the records of the Filipino teachers, 367 American teachers. The latter num-

ber includes eighteen or nineteen Catholics. In obtaining American teachers only about a half dozen Catholic institutions were asked to propose candidates, whereas over 100 non-Catholic college teachers, agencies, etc., furnished the balance at the request of the authorities. Here discrimination against Catholics is evident."

"The impression has gone abroad that America is furnishing educational facilities to the Filipinos for the first time, and that the people were in state of dense ignorance. This is another calumny. The Filipinos were not civilized and Christianized as we have conferred blessings upon the Indians of America by rifle bullets, which consigned them to quiet habitations beneath the sod. During centuries the Friars dwelt with the tribes of the Filipinos, and it is to them that they are indebted for whatever they possess of education and religion. They are a chaste and pure people and were unaware of any of the vices of civilization until American soldiers occupied their soil."

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"In conclusion, let me draw your attention to the position maintained by the federation during the delicate and important negotiations between the Taft commission and the Vatican, a position which should command friend and foe alike that it cannot be swerved from its course or from the prosecution of its high purposes by hostile criticism, and that it is conscious of the value of silence at critical moments. Let it be clearly understood that the federation shall keep up peaceful agitation until all these problems shall be solved in accordance with justice. It is its aim to protect the interests of Catholics, whether at home or abroad, and in effecting this by constitutional methods its members do not doubt that they are exemplifying their loyalty to their church as well as to the flag of the United States."

Bishop Messmer discussed the duty of Catholics from a standpoint entirely different from that which Archbishop Ireland warned Catholics.

Although he did not mention the Archbishop of St. Paul by name, the delegates, who half-filled the Cathedral, saw at once that Bishop Messmer's utterances were inspired by the warning of Archbishop Ireland to Catholics, and by the criticism made by officers of the societies of the Archbishop's declaration.

"Pope Leo XIII," said Bishop Messmer in his sermon, "has advised Catholics to interest themselves in Christian citizenship. He has urged them to advance the cause of Catholicity, and he has also told them to be good citizens of their different countries."

ROME

THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION Mr. P. L. Connellan, one of the best informed of the Rome correspondents, writes on July 21: The work of the commission appointed to negotiate at Rome for the removal of the Spanish Friars from the Philippines is concluded. The members of this Commission—Mr. William Taft, Civil Governor of the Philippines, Judge Smith, of the Supreme Court, who is a Catholic, Major Biddle-Potter, of the United States Army, and

the Right Rev. Dr. O'Gorman, Bishop of Sioux City—were received this morning in special farewell audience by His Holiness Leo XIII. This evening they leave for Naples, with the exception of Bishop O'Gorman, who stays in Rome till the end of the week, and from that port they will sail on 24th July for New York.

The members of this Commission seem jubilant over the success they have achieved. In a conversation with one of its members the other evening, regarding a telegram which came from Washington announcing the abrupt cessation of negotiations and the immediate recall of the Commission. I was told that this was a baseless fabrication, and that the exact contrary was true. All which could be concluded in Rome had been brought to a most satisfactory end. The Commission was highly satisfied with the whole course and outcome of the deliberations.

The audience of this morning would seem to confirm this statement. The official Observatore Romano of this evening has a report of its contents in these terms: "This morning His Holiness has received in farewell audience His Excellency Mr. William Taft, Governor of the Philippines, together with the members of the American Commission presided over by him. His Holiness, in order to show his personal satisfaction at the result of the negotiations carried on by this same commission, was pleased to give a personal souvenir to His Excellency the Governor and to each of the members of the Commission. After the Pontifical audience the Governor and the members of the Commission went to take leave of the Eminence Cardinal Rampolla, Secretary of State." It is reported further that the gifts bestowed upon the members of the Commission have, besides the precious memory attached to them, a considerable intrinsic value. This condition of things completely disposes of the wild rumors which have been spread abroad announcing the failure of the mission, and other similar stories. Details concerning the awards to be made to the religious authorities in the Philippines for property damaged, the price to be paid for transfers of property, and such like matters, will be arranged on the spot between Governor Taft and the Apostolic Delegation to the Philippines when that office is filled. It was felt that such questions could be settled more satisfactorily there than they could at Rome. With this work ahead, the political and ecclesiastical authorities seem satisfied with what has been concluded here.

The Observatore Romano devotes a leading article this evening to the question of "The Holy See and the United States." It observes that in spite of the categorical contradiction it gave on Friday evening to the statements then issued a series of equivocations and malevolent reports are circulated concerning a pretended or imagined failure of negotiations between the Holy See and the United States in regard to the Philippines, this journal deems it opportune to add to the views already given regarding the development of these negotiations, opposing to the empty rumors and fantastic reports of adversaries the invincible language of fact.

"The Government of the United States," continues The Observatore, "in sending to Rome a Special Commission charged to treat with the Holy See on some points having relation with the religious interests of the Philippine Islands, gave to Mr. Taft, Civil Governor of these Islands, who had been selected to preside over it, the opportune instructions in which were expressed the views and the desires of the Government itself in regard to such questions."

"Mr. Taft, as soon as he had reached Rome, hastened to communicate such instructions to the Holy See, which responded immediately, manifesting that its ideas were concerning this question, and tracing itself the grand line which in its judgment should serve to the definition of the points in controversy."

"A few days after this reply had been received, the Government of the United States formulated a concrete project of Convention and submitted it to the Holy See, which, after having examined it, in its turn drew up a counter-project and communicated it to that Government."

To this second communication of the Holy See the Government of the United States hastened to reply, making known how it would accept the lines traced in the first proposal formulated by the Holy See itself, which, therefore, as has been said, served as a base to the future negotiations which should be continued and completed at Manila.

"And in giving this reply the Government of the United States employed the most friendly and most courteous terms, rejoicing in declaring that, a complete understanding of the ecclesiastical authorities of Rome being established between the American authorities of the Philippines and every danger of future difficulties and opposition was eliminated. Mr. Taft was then charged to assure the Holy See that the American Government would always do all that was possible in order to continue the harmony which was reached and to come to an understanding concerning what should be done for the general advantage, manifesting at the same time its own satisfaction for the consideration and courtesy which was made evident in its regard."

"This is the faithful exposition of the facts, and after this," says The Observatore, "there only remains the question: Where are the pretended suspensions or ruptures of negotiations, where are the failures dreamt of, and all the other vague phantoms invented by malevolence and malignity, which have been created by the adversaries of the Holy See in virtue of the intolerable situation created to the Pontiff in Rome?"

This, or most of it, constituted the theme of conversation on the part of the Commission to those who called upon its members. The anti-Papal and anti-Catholic spirit of certain newspapers here has given a false impression of the issues at stake in the Philippine question. That the Spanish Friars are to be gradually removed from the position they now hold is what the American Government desires, that sequestration of their properties will follow is not in the design of the Government, but that their places shall be supplied by members of the same Order belonging to other countries is contemplated in the new arrangement. The suspicion of the United States Government arises only from the fact that the Friars are Spaniards, and, therefore, likely to be antagonistic to the new Government, as they are to certain people in the Philippines.

The echo of the downfall of the bell-tower at Venice a week ago continues still to resound throughout the length and breadth of the land, and even in many countries of Europe. The disaster, which is the outcome of Government carelessness, has been followed by the dissolution of certain Governmental associations or bureaux appointed to safeguard such monuments of art and history. The grand principle of how not to do it is the principle which is achieved in a hundred ways in modern Italy. In this the now Italy notably takes precedence of most other countries.

The outburst of emotion which has gushed forth on the fall of the Campanile of St. Mark's, at Venice, was most ample and varied. Tears, historical reminiscences, popular phrases, and scientific pronouncements on modes of building and strength of foundation—all come together in a day or two from now the whole event will be forgotten everywhere else except in Venice. In other cities people are beginning to discover that the grand and monumental buildings that make the renown of the land are in danger of falling. The Basilica of Vicenza is in peril, the spires of the Cathedral of Milan are said to be shaky, and, as the architect who announces that is Beltrami, who holds a high position in his profession, it is likely to be true, the ancient Church of Saint Zeno, at Verona, is also requiring repairs; and, if we may believe a most anti-Catholic authority in Rome, the fine Renaissance ceiling of St. John Lateran, formed of carved cedarwood, most highly gilded and painted, is in such a condition of decay that large portions of it may at any time fall down on the heads of worshippers, or pilgrims, or tourists. For several years past the ceiling of this church has been in need of repair, and it is now proposed that a portion of the offerings which will be given to Leo XIII on the occasion of his Jubilee, by the Terrieries of St. Francis, will be applied to this necessary work in the Cathedral Church of Rome—the mother and the head of all the churches of the city and the world. The re-building of the bell-tower of Venice is determined upon; the cost of such work is estimated at six millions of Italian lire.

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That It Be Studied in the Public Schools Simply as a Literary Work

(From The New York Sun)

Because of the passing away of the old time "familiarity with the English Bible," the National Educational Association, in session at Minneapolis last week, passed a resolution expressive of its "hope" and wish that public sentiment would permit the Bible "to be read and studied" in the public schools generally, but simply as a literary work of the highest and purest type, side by side with the poetry and prose which it had inspired and in large part formed.

This association would not have the Bible treated as a "theological book merely" of supreme religious authority, but only as "a masterpiece of literature." For that very reason, however, the study it advises would be without avail even for the secular purpose of giving purely literary instruction, and its introduction would be opposed not less earnestly than was the purely perfunctory reading of passages from the Bible with which the daily sessions of State schools usually were once opened. Of course, children gave little heed to the readings, yet even slight attention to the Bible provoked both religious and infidel opposition. An attempt now to introduce the formal and careful study of the Bible, though as "a literature" only, would arouse still more violent resistance from both these camps.

The very suggestion that now the Bible should be read and taught simply as "a masterpiece of literature," wholly apart from any religious character, put forth as it is from nominally Christian and Protestant source, is significant of a change of spirit which cannot be called less revolutionary in its significance. A suggestion from a Christian source that the Bible be degraded from its place of supreme elevation as "the book," and the "word of God," to the category of the human words of Milton and Shakespeare as merely a masterpiece of the literary expression of a single race would once have aroused the whole English-speaking world, believing and infidel, as a momentous surrender of pivotal religious position. Now it is taken as a matter of course.

In a baccalaureate sermon preached not long ago to college students in this city a preacher of a Church whose sole foundation is supernatural Biblical authority spoke of the Bible as a book "through which runs a thread of myth and legend." And no one in his very orthodox audience seemed surprised. The Bible is practically a fairy book in this modern pulpit conception, and under one guise or another of evasive language and illogical conclusion the teaching of a large part of our theological schools leads to that conception; but the popular taste prefers to get its myths and legends from other and more amusing sources. If people do not go to the Bible for their religion they will not go to it at all.

That the old familiarity with the Bible has been lost by this generation is very apparent in both current speech and writing. Quotations which formerly came to the tongue of every speaker, whether religious believer or unbeliever, because embossed in their memory by early study of the Scriptures, are heard no longer, except from people of the older generation, and their source and application are not understood by contemporary audiences. Sunday schools, according to official statistics, continue to include a great part of the children of Protestants, but actually, in New York at least, they are not the flourishing institutions they once were, unless it be as philanthropic enterprises among the poor as "mission" schools. How large is the part of the children of Fifth Avenue and of the districts of New York generally where fashion resides who attend Sunday schools and are drilled in the Bible!

People hear paeans of the Scripture read as lessons in the churches on Sunday, but they listen to them only perfunctorily. The aestheticism of the services appeals to them more powerfully. Even Protestant churches which have always rejected forms of worship as pagan superstition are now importing vested choirs and musical litannies into their services, as a cover behind which to hide poverty of belief in the Bible as the sole authority for their faith. The mere adoption of the Bible as a text book in schools, on the ground that it is "a masterpiece of literature" will be powerless to check this revolutionary tendency, the most remarkable in the whole history of Christianity.

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To thee, O Virgin Mother, never touched by stain of sin, actual or venial, I recommend and confide the purity of my heart. An indulgence of 300 days, once a day, to all the faithful who, devoutly and with contrite heart, recite this ejaculation.

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REMORE. Do naught to-day thou mayst regret to-morrow; For though to-day may die its ghost will linger And haunt thee with a ceaseless sigh of sorrow. While points remorse with an accusing finger. Say no unkindly word, or, like an ember In a dead fire, a breath will blow it living; The worst of punishment is to remember, When tears are vain and wrongs are past forgiving.

SAINT DOMINIC. Father of eloquence, white-robed friend of God, Bright is thy memory through uncounted years; Fair as the sun-kissed Calabroga sod; Time but unrolls through all the changing days; Thy life, thy love and all that thou has taught, Thy sons have borne thy staff right faithfully, And walked in all the wisdom of thy ways— Ay, strove and loved and pitied all life's pain, Raised broken hearts from deeps of sin and woe, Served God with all humility of mind; Scorned wealth and power, the love of God to gain, And held aloft, unaided and alone, The lamp of faith through all the strenuous years, Like thee, dear saint, and now man's greed is vain. God loves, God loves, God will protect His own. —Teresa Beatrix O'Hare in the Rosary Magazine for August.

A PRELATE ON CONVENT SCHOOLS.

In his address to the graduates of an academy last month, Bishop O'Connor, of Newark, paid a notable tribute to the various teaching orders.

"Much has been said and written in our day," said the speaker, "about the higher education of women and the advisability and wisdom of opening to women the walks of life hitherto by men only. Without wishing to enter upon a discussion of this much vexed question, or attempting to settle the problem, I feel that I can truthfully say

firmly established as among the teachers of our Catholic schools and colleges. It is in the Catholic Church alone, indeed, that such education is given, for the Church looks upon education without religion as worse than useless. The child should ever bask in the sunshine of virtue and breathe the air of heaven if he or she is ever to develop the noblest qualities of manhood or womanhood. Where schools lack such training the great desideratum is wanting, and in supplying the want the convent school stands eminently supreme."

WHO SHALL BE FAIREST?

Who shall be fairest,
Who shall be rarest,
Who shall be first in the songs that we sing?

She who is kindest —
When fortune is blindest,
Bearing through winter the blooms of the spring,

Charm of our gladness,
Friend of our sadness,
Angel of Life, when its pleasures take wing.

She shall be fairest,
She shall be rarest,
She shall be first in the songs that we sing!

Who shall be neatest,
Noblest and dearest,
Named but with honor and pride evermore?

He, the undaunted,
Whose banner is planted
On Glory's high rampants and battlements hoar,

Fearless of danger,
To falsehood a stranger,
Looking not back while there's Duty before!

He shall be neatest,
He shall be dearest,
He shall be first in our hearts everore!

PAGANISM AND DECADENCE IN ENGLAND

A correspondent who reviews a number of recent works upon the social condition of England presents an alarming picture of the spread of paganism and decadence in the centres of population. He says:

England is becoming every year more and more a Pagan country. The increasing serousness of the situation is manifest in the evidences of uneasiness amongst the middle classes — the citizens are haunted by the ghostly spectre of their city slums. The sensational talk in the press about hooliganism and so forth is but a trifling suggestion of the dark and angry cloud that hangs over every big English community. There are to-day in England millions of men and women who do not know, and who never knew, the very elements of the Christian religion. Neither the Church of England nor the Nonconformist churches exercise the slightest control over the Godless multitudes. The fact is so glaringly apparent that the clergy do not themselves deny it. They talk about missions, but these missions are so often talked of and so little seen, that they stand in very much the same light as the mythical Mrs Harris.

Mr. B. S. Rowntree, in his book, "Poverty: A Study in Town Life," says that he "fully and regrettably recognises the fact that the direct influence of the Christian Churches is comparatively small" over the wage-earning classes. In the city of York the matter is, however, brought out even more strongly by the Churches themselves, and it is not a little diverting to note the mutual recriminations between High and Low Church parties as to the responsibility for the Paganism of the people. The churchwardens of Manchester Cathedral, in a recent letter to the Bishop protesting against the High Church practices of the Dean, say "You have recently had to complain that in the very rural deanery in which you reside not five per cent. of the adult population attend the services of the parish churches." The fallacy of the suggestion that the absence of the people is due to Ritualism is easily demonstrated by the equally deserted state of the "Low" and Nonconformist churches. One of the contributors to a work on London slum life, entitled "The Heart of the Empire," quotes evidence to show that the Nonconformist churches "became emptied and blighted by poverty," and describes them as essentially the churches of the middle classes.

The same writer "profoundly believes" that the regeneration of the masses will be eventually effected by

the Church of England, yet of the Church at the present day he says: "Associated with our kitchens, doles and gifts of food and clothing, they gather the shiftless and less reliant."

The working classes are not only indifferent but contemptuous of their attitude towards all the Churches with the sole exception of the Catholic Church. After paying a warm tribute to the work of the priests amongst the London poor, the writer already quoted says, "Few who know anything of the life of the slums will be found to join in the shameful parrot cry of 'No Popery!' which has disturbed the minds of wealthy and languid individuals in a different quarter of life."

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FIRE-DRILL SPARKS

The man who sprawls all over the street can would shrink like a shivering shirt if he had to pay two fares. The Suburban Fireman — We got there after the fire was out. His wife—Well, it couldn't last for ever! "Politeness pays," said Uncle Eben, "but if you tries to draw too much dividends on it, you gets to be a confidence man."

"I want to see some Brussels," began the prospective customer. "Carpets, sprouts or point lace?" asked the florist briskly.

Mrs. Richmond—What lovely antique furniture! Mrs. Bronxborough—Yes, and do you know, we got it almost as cheap as if it had been new!

Mother—Dar me! The baby has swallowed a piece of worsted. Father—That's nothing to the yarns she'll have to swallow if she lives to grow up!

Beggar—Ain't ye got a penny for a poor blind chap? Old Gent—Why, you are only blind in one eye. Beggar—All right, make it a ha'penny then!

"Wh, will you women persist in shopping until you are completely exhausted?" "It isn't the shopping that tires one, dear, it is taking the things back and changing them!"

Mrs. Chinner—Why does young Mr. Gurie always knock at the door when he comes to call on you? Miss Chinner—He's afraid if he comes with a ring we'll regard it as a proposal.

"I wish," he said in dreamy way,

"that I knew what she really thinks of me." "Why don't you find out the name of the lady to whom she confides her secrets and call on her some time?"

When the doctor was asked what he thought of the reception he had attended the previous evening, he said: "It was a carbuncle." "What do you mean by that?" "Why, it was a great gathering a swell affair."

Tom Gynn—Did you hear how old Colonel Hiram Ribald drank all his whiskey in the French custom house rather than pay duty? Tom Collins—Fooled 'em, eh? Tom Gynn—Not on your life. They made him pay an internal revenue tax.

There is danger in neglecting a cold. Many who have died of consumption dated their troubles from exposure, followed by a cold which settled on their lungs, and in a short time they were beyond the skill of the best physician. Had they used Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, before it was too late, their lives would have been spared. This medicine has no equal for curing coughs, colds and all afflictions of the throat and lungs.

Despite the low birth rate, however, the race of illegitimacy has appreciably increased. "Whatever be the explanation of the increasing poverty," says The Medical Officer of Health, "I would earnestly call attention to its importance, and to the necessity of according to its causes a quite special study." In a series of some rather obscure remarks on the housing conditions, the Medical Health Officer says, "It is the factor of poverty which renders the provision of sanitary dwellings difficult."

At times there is a certain amount of overcrowding, especially in the poorest districts."

This is an admission of the existence of overcrowding within the knowledge of municipal authorities without steps being taken to prevent it. Statutes and by-laws are in existence for the prevention of overcrowding, but the evil is so widespread and the influence of slum landlords so great that they remain a dead letter. In "The Heart of the Empire" we find, "A population of nearly million—larger than the total white population of South Africa—is living in London at the present time illegally overcrowded. The whole would be turned into the streets in a few weeks' time if the local authorities were to insist on the enforcement of the law."

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THURSDAY, AUG. 14, 1902.

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND CHAL-
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Last week we commented upon Archbishop Ireland's condemnation of American Catholic newspapers on account of their attitude upon the Philippine controversy. It is abundantly evident that the words of the Archbishop of St. Paul are not to pass unchallenged. They are promptly and respectfully met by the denounced press in the first place, but since they were uttered a convention of Catholic societies has been held in Chicago, and two bishops have spoken there who are quite plainly in disagreement with Archbishop Ireland. In the remarks of Bishop Messmer some sentences contain a general instruction to Catholics in reference to political action. He says:

"There is another field for the Catholic laity and the religious duty of the Catholic laymen, as our Holy Father tells us, and that is in the field of politics. It is a great mistake to suppose that politics have nothing to do with religion. Our Holy Father has clearly pointed out in his encyclical on the constitution of Christian states, clearly pointed out and laid down as a Catholic principle, that society and the laws of society, and the public life of society must be based upon religion, just as well as the private life of individuals. What is society but the collection of individuals. What is it but the unity, the organized unity of all individuals? If, therefore, the individual is bound to an everlasting God and to observe the will of this God, of this Almighty God, then society is bound in its doings and in its work to observe those same laws. And for Catholic citizens, therefore, it becomes a duty, in the exercise of citizen rights, and their duties as members of the organized society of state, to do whatever they can in order to shape the public life of the nation and the laws of the nation on lines of Christian principles. That does not mean that religion must be brought in in everything that is called politics, but it means, for instance, that it is a duty of the Catholic citizen, and the Catholic layman, as a citizen of society, that he must follow as a supreme rule and law the welfare of the country and not his own private interests; that it matters of public welfare and public concern, he must not consider this or that person, he must not be led by mere personal views or personal or human respect, but he is bound by the law of Christian doctrine, by the law of conscience, to vote and act according to principle. Is there not a great field for the Catholic laity in this regard, in this, our country, and with us in particular? Here, where we are under a purely democratic form of Government, here the responsibility for the public life of the nation, the responsibility for the laws of the nation, whether federal laws or state laws, or municipal laws, wherever there are laws—the responsibility rests in the last instance upon each individual voter. You cannot shirk that responsibility, and you cannot throw it either upon the President or his Cabinet, or Congress, the House and Senate. If those gentlemen make laws which are not according to Christian principle, which are not for the welfare of the country but simply to promote private interests, then it is you who become responsible for it, who have voted for those men that made those laws. They are your representatives, they are your delegates, they are your servants, and in your name, the name of the people, they make those laws for the people. Under a democratic form of government the responsibility, the political responsibility of the citizen, becomes at the same time a matter of conscience."

It is here, as our Holy Father tells us, where Catholics, as citizens, are bound to act according to conscience, and to act therefore according to the principles which are the tools of our

conscience. Is there not a great field here for Catholic action?

If Catholic men, if Catholic societies, if a federation of Catholic societies all through the country could inspire those many thousands, hundreds of thousands of Catholic voters, with these principles laid down and proclaimed by our Holy Father, would we not see a great change in ever so many places, in the laws, in the legislation? Would there not be a way opened by law, by just laws, to help solve the social questions and remedy the social evils?

Politics! Politics, the Holy Father tells us, becomes the duty of the Catholic layman where it is necessary to defend the rights of the Church, where it is necessary to make known and insist, as far as principle and prudence command, upon the claims of the Church being respected. It is useless to go into any particulars. We all know that in this regard, too, is a great field before the Catholic laity of this country. We know there are still a great many things whereby the rights of the Church are interfered with."

SUPPORT THE UNITED IRISH LEAGUE

To-day we give the entire text of the United Irish League appeal sent out by the Ottawa branch. The moment is most opportune for an earnest effort to reawaken Irish Canadians to active work in the Home Rule army. The Irish in Australia have in the last few weeks cable £1,000 to Mr. Redmond. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Premier Barton have not omitted in connection with their Coronation visit to re-test their faith in Ireland and the men who represent the great majority of her people in Westminster. They have been banqueted by Mr. Redmond and the Irish party, and wherever they have spoken they have declared that the Dominion and Commonwealth are loyal because they enjoy those very institutions of self-government which are denied to Ireland. The effect of such declarations upon English opinion is clearly seen, and Mr. Morley has referred to it with gratification in the House of Commons.

The debates on the corrupt Government of Ireland that have marked the present session of Parliament also have helped to revive the active sympathy of leading Englishmen who have long been known as sympathizers with Ireland. In another place we publish a letter from a leading Englishman of letters, Mr. Chesterton. It is typical of the feeling of profound disgust and horror among fair-minded Englishmen over the Sheridan scandal. Mr. E. C. Bentley writes in a not less remarkable strain. He says the Sheridan conspiracy in which Dublin Castle is involved is far blacker than the Pigott scandal which involved as far as known only The London Times. Mr. Charles F. G. Masterman says:

"The Sheridan scandal is as a momentary glimpse into hell. The vision passes, but somehow life is different afterwards. In the one case, as in the other, astonishment is aroused, not so much by the misery of the victims within as by the complicity of those who live outside in the sunshine. The attitude of the Unionist member, the press, the official world towards this regrettable incident or 'momentary misadventure' is, perhaps, the strongest argument ever advanced for Home Rule for Ireland. To me, I must confess, wrapped up in this squalid tale of infamy there is a profound revelation. This is the exhibition, not as material for rhetoric or denunciation, but as the duly accepted commonplace of the common people that this sort of thing is customary and normal. They appear even a little surprised that we should be moved by it."

"Apparently those who wish well for innocent persons falsely accused are those who urge them to plead guilty. The English tribunals, that is to say are as the deities of Selenus in the musings of Calaban. The reckless may delude them; the wise will humbly endeavor to placate them, and no one anticipates that they will ever be turned from their purposes by the irrelevant considerations of justice."

"Perhaps only the young or those out of sympathy with their time can feel in full the stinging shame of such a revelation. I know certainly of some of those who henceforth will respectfully protest their inability to follow any party which does not place a measure for the self-government of Ireland in the forefront of its programme."

Ireland is not friendless to-day, and

warm hearts and powerful pens are at her service in every land under the sun, and England holds them by the tens of thousands. Shall Canada be silent and indifferent at such a time? The record in the past forbids the idea. Let the appeal from Ottawa find practical response in the first place from Irish-Canadians and others who will not be slow to participate.

THE CORONATION

King Edward was crowned on Saturday last. The undisturbed ceremony was somewhat of a surprise in its success, for up to the last hour the fears of a second postponement had not been entirely dispelled. The occasion was shorn of a great deal of the pomp of imperialism so much magnified in the first designs and so little missed from the consummated scheme. Everyone seems to have been satisfied with the degree of spectacular grandeur achieved. The aged Archbishop of Canterbury could have stood less of it than the King, and as it was would have fainted but for the presence of mind and strength of arm of the Sovereign. This dramatic incident could not have been introduced intentionally to better effect, if the object has been to impress the nation with the reality of the King's physical restoration. Queen Alexandra is acknowledged by all observers to have looked as happy as she is beautiful, so that a very reasonable compensation was reaped for the disappointment and alarm amid which the original plans collapsed.

Notwithstanding the tribute that has been paid to the ancient pageantry of his rank, the world is inclined to look upon the present King of England as the most democratic of modern monarchs. He is frankly a pleasure-loving man who does not take the trouble to hide his tastes under a crown or a bushel. Those very tastes are perhaps largely responsible for the intimate knowledge of his subjects which the King possesses, and if he is to reign long—which is the hearty wish of all his people, without distinction of class or nationality—it is to be hoped that he will put his knowledge to the test and impress the liberality of his mind upon the government of his dominions at home and abroad.

We have heard a great deal of the "imperial passion" of the British people of late. But the most enthusiastic of imperialists may be pardoned if they stammer at the phrase, when the poverty and debasement of the masses in the large cities is constantly being pictured in cold statistics. The King is well advanced in years, and by all accounts has lost nothing of the original generosity of his mind. It will be impossible for him to take a philanthropic interest in the better housing and instruction of the poor of his Kingdom, without influencing the political schools and drawing their attention to the need for effective domestic legislation. Ireland, it is said, has always shared his sympathy, and his acquaintance with the outlying portions of the Empire is a feature of his education that no predecessor of his boasted.

Edward VII. has much in his favor that should help in making glorious those who live outside in the sunshine. The attitude of the Unionist member, the press, the official world towards this regrettable incident or 'momentary misadventure' is, perhaps, the strongest argument ever advanced for Home Rule for Ireland. To me, I must confess, wrapped up in this squalid tale of infamy there is a profound revelation. This is the exhibition, not as material for rhetoric or denunciation, but as the duly accepted commonplace of the common people that this sort of thing is customary and normal. They appear even a little surprised that we should be moved by it.

"Apparently those who wish well for innocent persons falsely accused are those who urge them to plead guilty. The English tribunals, that is to say are as the deities of Selenus in the musings of Calaban. The reckless may delude them; the wise will humbly endeavor to placate them, and no one anticipates that they will ever be turned from their purposes by the irrelevant considerations of justice."

"Perhaps only the young or those out of sympathy with their time can feel in full the stinging shame of such a revelation. I know certainly of some of those who henceforth will respectfully protest their inability to follow any party which does not place a measure for the self-government of Ireland in the forefront of its programme."

Ireland is not friendless to-day,

pledged and organized into societies and affiliated with the National Union over 10,000 new recruits—in actual figures 10,450. And were it not for the shrinkages in some of the older unions, we might have had the pleasure of counting the year 2002 as the most phenomenal year in the history of Temperance work. The decreases so offset our gains that our net progress in actual membership is 5,368.

"Canada is again coming into line.

There is an apostle of the right kind at Peterborough Dr O'Brien, of the cathedral (of Peterborough), came here to-day with societies of 500 and more, the fruit of his own labors. The inauguration of these Peterborough societies means the spread of a larger and wider movement throughout Canada."

FRANCE'S ANTI-RELIGIOUS CRUSADE

SADE

The situation hourly grows more serious in France. Again the people are aroused and the Combes Government may have an early opportunity of putting the question to the test, whether the people are to be governed according to their own will or the prejudices of anti-religious renegades in office.

In truth the people have stood an incredible strain of aggression already from the enemies of religious schools. They have suffered the noblest Catholic institutions of learning to be closed in the faces of their sons. But when the same treatment was attempted towards their daughters, they said "Stop, we will fight first."

An English contemporary opines that though the majority of Frenchmen are pseudo-sceptics, they are not unlike pseudo-sceptics in other lands—they will take no chances with their daughters. We often see the same thing exemplified in Canada. Men, who have figured on occasion as rampant opponents of religious schools, have taken the precaution of educating their own daughters in convents. Whatever else they deny or admit, they know that religion cannot but beautify and ennoble the character of woman. The men of France stood stock still while the orders of religious men were being driven from their country; but the moment M. Combes turned his attention to the orders of religious women, and especially to the teaching orders, the average Frenchman dropped his attitude of indifference and prepared to fight Yes; to fight the very government returned to power a few weeks since on the Republican cry, which has now become the cry of the demagogue in France. M. Combes has himself to blame for the consequences already brought about, and it worse should happen it will not be want of serious forewarnings.

Weeks before the people resorted to violent resistance to the order to close 3,000 of the convent schools where the young women of France are being educated, Cardinal Richard addressed a solemn protest to the President of the Republic. "A violent oppression of conscience," he wrote, "is imposed upon the families of the country, an oppression prepared gradually by the law of 1882 secularizing teaching in the public schools, and of 1886 banishing the religious from their walls. To this families replied by establishing schools after their own hearts at the prices of sacrifices constantly renewed. Children flocked to these schools, and the Masonic sects answered this persistent manifestation of the desires of these families by the preparation of a Law on Association which had for its purpose to render the establishment of free schools impossible. This present simultaneous closing of nearly 3,000 schools has no other object than the destruction of religious teaching in the free schools after its exclusion from those belonging to the State. The measures now being taken clearly show a determination to close the schools after everything has been prepared that could conduce to that object."

The Toronto Globe the other day in a flippant editorial note, suggested that the introduction of the Masonic order into the school fight is in the nature of a conspiracy among Catholic writers and preachers. But The Globe, if it had read up the question would know better. In a recent number of The Nineteenth Century, one well known as a mouthpiece of French Masonry avowed that the object of the Order in France is chiefly political and anti-Catholic and in this feature, he added. It resembled Masonry in no other country. The Globe was over-sensitive; the French Masons themselves are not in

the least degree inclined to be so.

Whatever the influences behind M. Combes may be and of course the Socialist body is the strongest element in the fight the world will watch France with keen eyes, when her people raise the cry of "Liberty." In fighting for the right to educate their daughters in schools of their own choice, Frenchmen and French women have never raised that historic shout in a more righteous cause.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Strange thing that not one of our Canadian papers appears to have heard a single word about the Irish Parliamentary banquet in London to Premiers Laurier and Barton. And these are the papers that profess to give all the news.

The Tablet says the Hon. Violet Gibson has been received into the Catholic Church. Miss Gibson is a daughter of the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, and has been preceded on "the path to Rome" by her elder brother, the Hon. William Gibson. "Open, O you heavenly gates" is the appropriate motto of the Gibsons.

On July 29th King Edward got on his feet for the first time after the operation, and of course required assistance. A petty officer of the blue-jackets, Mr. Duffy it was, who had the duty to perform, and as might have been expected, he did it very well. Duffy is the biggest and strongest man on board the royal yacht.

The Chicago New World has vindicated the vitality of the Catholic press according to the popular and practical standard. During the convention of the federation of Catholic societies, The New World issued a daily edition containing verbatim reports of the proceedings, a test which the big dailies are inclined to boast of whenever they attempt in regard to political and other conventions.

A coincidence comes to our notice which has bearing upon the insurance of church buildings and property. On July 14th the Catholic Church at Lansdowne was struck by lightning and damage to the extent of about \$50 resulted. On the same day, at Toledo, Father Meagher's presbytery was struck and slightly damaged. The insurance in both cases was carried in the Anglo-American Insurance Co.

A gratifying symptom of the progress of Catholicity in England is the continued growth of the number of missions opened in various parts of the country. That of Willesden-green, which was inaugurated last August, has grown so rapidly that a branch in connection with it is about to be opened. In the old town of St. Ives a church has been erected, an event more than usually noteworthy, as the stones composing it were removed one by one to St. Ives from Cambridge, where the first specimen of Early English architecture was found, in which the elder Pugin worked as a Catholic, at the Gothic revival. Yet another has been built in the thickly-populated town of Oldham, that of St. Anne's, which, like many a poor Catholic place of worship, must do twofold duty—that of a school and chapel. The former is on the ground floor, and will accommodate 450 children, while the latter is built over it, and can seat 700 persons. The total cost of the new buildings is about £8,000.

A PROTESTANT ADMISSION.

(From The Christian Advocate, Methodist.)

In this country at the present time we have a frankly secular (school) system. The Catholics do not like it, and we do not blame them for it. They are maintaining at a great expense their parochial schools. The Protestants send their children to the public schools; those children receive no religious education there, and in most families very little. If any, elsewhere, it is to be feared, what religious education is imparted in the Sunday school in the brief period of an hour, taken up largely by public services, our readers have perhaps a better opportunity to do for themselves than we. The Catholics retain their people by the education of their children. Protestants send their children to Sunday school and not to church, and lose a large portion of them, both from the church and the Sunday school, before they are out of their teens.

A COLONEL REVOLTS

Vannes, France, Aug. 11.—The Prefect of the Department of Morbihan asked that a detachment of cavalry be sent to assist the authorities in their efforts to close the unauthorized congregationalist schools at Plœrmel. The General commanding the district ordered Lieut.-Col. St. Remy to go to Plœrmel with a part of his regiment. Col. St. Remy refused to obey this order, declaring his religious sentiments forbade him to do so. The meeting broke up with shouts of "Long live the Sisters" and "Liberty."

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ANTI-CATHOLIC CRUSADE

France Seems to be on the Brink of Another Revolution—The People Fight for Religion

Brest, France, Aug. 7.—Exciting scenes occurred to-day at the expulsion of a number of Sisters from their school at Landeneau, near here. A special train conveyed detachments of soldiers to Landeneau, where a body of gendarmes had already been mobilized. A large crowd assembled at the schools and surrounded the soldiers in the square in front of the school. When the Commissary of Police arrived, accompanied by a locksmith, the people protested vigorously, shouting, "Long live the Sisters and liberty." "Down with the Ministry." Women threw themselves on the ground in front of the horses of the gendarmes. The commissary ordered the Sisters to open the school doors. They refused, and the locksmith picked the lock and broke windows, amid the denunciations of the crowd. The commissary ordered the Sisters to leave the school, which they did, leaning on the arms of the townswomen. Accompanied by the priests and thousands of people, they marched to a church, where they sang a hymn. A large crowd followed the gendarmes to the railroad station, shouting "Death to the locksmith." The man was protected by the military. Similar scenes are expected in other villages of Finisterre, where the decree against unauthorized schools is to be put into execution. A priest at Fulgost urged women to kneel in front of the school in order to stop the gendarmes.

The soldiers and gendarmes reached Landeneau early in the morning, but watchers already had given the alarm, and the tocsin was sounded. The whole population of the town was intensely excited, and hurried to the school. At one time when the crowd broke the military cordon to charge the crowd and bloodshed was feared. Emile Villiers, member of the Chamber of Deputies for Finisterre, who is a Conservative, intervened and appealed to the people to be calm. Viscomte Lagatinais, leader of the Opposition, cried, "You can arrest me, my ancestors died on the scaffold, and I deem it an honor to be arrested for this noble cause." After the expulsion of the Sisters the crowd again became so threatening that the commissary ordered the troops to charge, but the intervention of M. Villiers induced the people to disperse. A few women were hurt in the disorder. The commissary at Crozon tried to expel the Sisters from school, but the gendarmes were unable to force their way through the crowd and the attempt was abandoned.

PEOPLE DECLARE THEY WILL RESIST

Brest, Aug. 11.—The Prefect to-day called a meeting of the inhabitants of the Towns of Saint Meen, La Folgoet and Ploudaniel, who have been earnestly devoted to the interests of the branch as a whole, and its individual members one and all have learned to regard you as a warm friend, and to esteem you as a brother.

While we are pleased to know that your new position is likely to be congenial to you, and that your appointment thereto is an expression of confidence in your ability, integrity and probity of character, we cannot help feeling that in your departure Peterborough sustains the loss of a good public-spirited citizen and Branch 30 one of its most respected members.

In bidding you farewell, we beg of you to accept of this small token of the esteem in which you are held by your brethren of this Society, and we trust that it may remind you from time to time of old and tried friendships, and of associations and recollections that have become dear to us all.

Signed on behalf of members of Branch 30, C. M. B. A.

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Peterborough, July 29, 1902.

Dr. Moher made an appropriate reply, expressing his regret at the severance of ties in Peterborough and the pleasant relations he had always enjoyed with them all. He thanked them for the kind words and good wishes.

Rev. Dr. O'Brien made a short speech in which he made reference to the good qualities of

WINNIE WALTON'S FORTUNE OR THE JACKBOOT LEGACY

A STORY OF OLD DUBLIN

(Continued from last week)

The crowd around the stage had now become so dense that not a soul could make his or her way down the narrow street. And several dandies who were accompanying ladies home from the play were forced to stand with their fair charges opposite the porch of the theatre without being able to advance a step. One of the exquisites who had been bantered rather pointedly by the Merry-andrew by dint of elbowing and pushing, at length succeeded in advancing through the crowd opposite the rickety stage.

"Come," he exclaimed, "are we to remain here till morning, while that imp of slight-of-hand abuses us all? If we were all beggarly impostors like himself! Down with him! Stage and all, and clear the street if you are men!"

"Yes," exclaimed Bob O'Mahony, with a hideous grimace at the speaker, at which the crowd laughed uproariously. "Yes! Wade; begone! Clear the street, till Bally Jackson dances' the hornpipe that his grandfather, the old posturist of Marrowbone lane, taught him. Clear the street, I say!" and he grinded again at the enraged Bally Jackson, turned a somersault, and grinded once more, till the whole crowd burst out into a roar of laughter that seemed to shake the ancient walls around them.

Bob now turned towards the throng of dandies before the porch of the theatre, but they, not relishing a similar display of wit at their expense, after whispering a few moments, all gathered together and rushing forward in a body with their drawn swords, drove the crowd before them, the impetus of which in instant overturned the rude stage round Bob O'Mahony with it, he, however, with the agility of a cat, alighting on his feet amid the throng beyond, where he proceeded to dismember himself of his spangled habiliments, at the same time exhibiting beneath a suit of most unexceptionable broad cloth. After whispering to a few students who, at their turn spread the intelligence he gave to their companions around, Bob, with a rapier which somehow or other he had possessed himself of, began forcing his way towards Bally Jackson, and at last a regular uproarious scuffle commenced in the street beyond the fallen stage. Men and women awayed and at first, swords clashed, and clenched fists resounded upon sturdy chest and forehead, when, just as the uproar was at its highest, Donat Connor, who was a corpulent and aged man, found himself with his three daughters and Winnie Walton in the very centre of the fray. As he stood, perplexed and fearful, looking this side to side for some way by which to extricate himself and his charge, two gentlemen, who we may well say at once, were no other than Handsome Charlie and his friend Tom Fenton, pushed their way up to him, and bade him be of good cheer, promising at the same time to conduct himself and his charge safe through the roaring crowd.

"This way—this way, good sir," said Charlie, with great politeness, as he and Tom Fenton made their way before towards the wall opposite the fallen stage. "Quick! or you'll break in the crowd will fill up in an instant."

Donat Connor puffed and pushed onward—the four terrified girls following; and Handsome Charlie and his companion clearing the way in front—and at last had the satisfaction of seeing himself and all safe on the other side of the crowd. Charlie and Tom now offered their services to escort the party safely home. The latter they accomplished without further adventure, and that night Handsome Charlie had the satisfaction of receiving, over a tankard of wine the marked and especial thanks of old Sam Grimes for the service he and his companion had rendered to Winnie Walton.

Next night Charlie attended duly at "The Jolly Drummer," and over another tankard of claret, began making his overtures to old Sam with a frankness that almost universally provoked petulance.

"Stop, sir!" hissed Charlie, in a forged voice, as Rupert came up; "out with you, and let your betters take the wall!"

"You'll have to fight, then, for the right of way," answered Rupert, stepping back, and instantly drawing his rapier. "The wall I must, and will have, so I warn you, gentlemen, to pass on, else!"

"Else what, sir?" hissed Charlie again, now quivering with passion, as he found himself face to face with his hated rival.

"Else I will run you through the body!" answered Rupert, making a sudden lunge at him, which Charlie succeeded in parrying without a scratch.

"Pink him! pink him!" shouted the companions of the latter, as Rupert placed his back to the wall and prepared to defend himself.

"Yes, pink him!" echoed Charlie. "Toss the base hound's body into the gutter!"

"Some of you will go first," reported Rupert, undaunted, as he succeeded in plunging his rapier through the shoulder of the man nearest to him. "How do you relish that, my friend?"

The man gave a yell of agony as the cold steel was withdrawn from his flesh, and now attacked Rupert with implacable fury. The result of the contest was that the four masqueraders, taking away with them some signal marks and tokens of Rupert's prowess, left the insensible body of the latter behind them, lying in a pool of blood upon the solitary street. About half an hour afterwards, as a belated bacchanal was making a number of sinuosities down the street, he stumbled over Rupert's body, and the fall sobering him somewhat, he scrambled to his feet, and called eagerly for assistance. Rupert's body was immediately borne to "The Jolly Drummer," and there laid upon old Sam's spacious arm-chair, to await the arrival of a surgeon. When the latter arrived he found that Rupert still exhibited some symptoms of life. He bandaged up the several serious wounds that the young student had received upon face and limb, but there was one near the region of the heart which he paused over for a long time before making a decision regarding it. At last, after a most minute and careful examination, he pronounced it not mortal, and when it was dressed, poor Rupert, still almost insensible, was conveyed to bed.

It was broad daylight when he awoke to consciousness. When he did so, he was barely able to give an account of the transaction as it had occurred, but he could not give the slightest guess as to the names of his assailants. The news of the affair soon spread, and a vast amount of indignation was thereby aroused in old Trinity among the students, by all of whom Rupert was greatly beloved.

"Well," said the old fellow, with an almost imperceptible smile, "I am now as sweet-tempered and angelic a course of my life, my name is not Sam Grimes. Good as he is, though, I do not think I can give him Winnie and the old boots!"

Handsome Charlie, after getting the rather disheartening answer from old Sam, which we have related above, for some time gave up all thoughts of Winnie Walton, and once more turned his attention to the alluring vicissitudes of the gaming-table.

Now it was that he hated Rupert Russell with that bitterness and intensity which only a man mad in love is capable of feeling towards a successful rival. He sought, however, no occasion of public quarrel with Rupert, but from the depths of his heart he swore to be avenged upon him at the first opportunity. And that opportunity speedily presented itself.

One night Charlie and three of his companions were returning from a masquerade, and, entering a narrow and deserted street that led beside "The Jolly Drummer," saw, by the indistinct light of a solitary lamp that burned in the distance, the figure of a man approaching.

"Now," whispered Charlie, "we cannot be recognized in our masks and strange dresses, and if this be a Trinity man coming down the street, we will give him a little pinching to accelerate his motions towards Alma Mater."

The figure had at length approached within a few perches of where they were.

"I care not," he said, "what you can give her I will now turn my thoughts to a profession, and trust to be able to marry her independently after a short time."

"I advise you to marry her at once," returned old Sam, with a wink of mysterious meaning at Rupert. "My will is made; and, believe me, neither you nor my grand-niece will regret its wording when I die, notwithstanding the old boots!"

Rupert—for it was he—was coming down the street with his right hand to the wall. According to the custom of the time, it was his right to pass inside Charlie and his comrades, but it was not their intention to allow him that almost universally conceded privilege.

"Sam Grimes, on the wedding day, wrote a letter to his absent son. Whether it was that the old fellow drank too much of his own sack that night, our authority does not say, but, however it was, Sam Grimes died the day after the wedding, and was buried with all due solemnity in St. Patrick's

About ten days after the old man's death, Abel Grimes came over from England, to act as executor to his father's will. The latter was opened in the presence of Winnie and her husband and a few witnesses, and after the usual preamble, Abel read out, in a full-toned, satisfied voice, the words that gave and bequeathed to him his father's property, without a single reservation save one. This went on to say that—

"Forasmuch as my grand-niece Winnie Walton has lived with me since her infancy—has been to me even as a daughter, and perchance better; and has always been obedient to orders, from revile to shutting up of camp, I therefore give and bequeath to her my old boots and their contents, which are locked in the black cabinet in my bed-room, and which I have never worn since obeying my lord, the Protector's orders, at the sack of Drogheda."

The black cabinet was opened, and the huge pair of old jack-boots brought to light and examined. They were both filled with coins of silver and gold—chiefly the latter—one of them, the left, having only a top layer of silver, the remaining layers being all gold. When this glittering heap was removed, Rupert found in the foot of the right boot a mass of papers and a parchment, which, on his examining them, to the infinite astonishment of all, proved to be the missing title-deed of the property of his fathers.

Aided by the persuasive contents of one of the old jack-boots, Rupert soon entered into another law-suit, worked it up to a certain turning-point as his father did before him, then produced the title-deeds, and won the long-contested property. To his splendid mansion beside the Boyne he then removed in triumph with his beautiful wife, and there they both lived happily during many a bright day and revolving year after.

Handsome Charlie, some time after failing to recruit his fortunes at the gaming-table, was lodged by the old Jew, Tom Fenton, in a tenement within a debtor's prison, where for two years he continued daily and nightly chewing the cud of sad experience, at the end of which time, by the death of an old aunt who had not forgotten him in her will, he was enabled to release himself, and came forth, a sadder and a wiser man. Then, lesson he had brooded upon in prison effectually cured him of his gaming propensities, but he still relished the town, and lived there till his death, always the most fastidious and exquisitely-dressed old bachelor in the merry city of Dublin.

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GERALD GRIFFIN

Life-Story of the Great Irish Writer

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These words of the poet, dramatist and novelist, Gerald Griffin, suggest to us the idea of recalling some facts of his rather eventful life.

Gerald was one of a numerous family. He saw the light for the first time in the ancient and historic city of Limerick. Many are the associations that circle round the mere mention of that name, the most powerful, no doubt, is that it is the city of the "broken Treaty," in the city that manifests to the world the deceit and falsehood of England. Many indeed were the open acts of treachery committed against the sons of the dear old isle by her savage and brutal Saxon conqueror, but I doubt much if there be one which has held up England to the contempt of the world as her violation of the "Treaty of Limerick."

Here beneath the shadow of the old "Treaty Stone," of the landmark of England's treachery, the first seven years of Gerald Griffin's life were spent, it is

a struggle that had in it, all the bitterness of disappointment and the smart of wounded talent. He labored, waited and still hoped on despite many rebuffs, and that for three long years. His bold and resolute courage and independence sustained him throughout. Listen to his words, descriptive of London life.

My soul is sick and lone,

No social ties its love entwine,

A heart upon a desert thrown

Neats not in solitude like mine,

For though the pleasant sunlight

shine,

It shows no form that I may own,

And closed to me is friendship's

shrine—

I am alone—I am alone

The darkest day must pass, and so it did for Gerald. His sketches in his periodicals began to attract notice in 1826 "Holland-Tide" appeared and was favorably criticized. Then followed "Tales of the Munster Festivals," a series of Irish stories which showed in their author talent of a superior order. As a prose writer he was now recognized, and awoke at last to his real vocation. The drama was now laid aside, and with it London life. We find him once more on "the old sod" in 1827.

Whatever may be Griffin's gifts as a poet or dramatist, it is in the novel that he shines best. He does not describe, but reproduces. Intimate acquaintance enabled him to produce what only art and philosophy enabled others, hence the beauty of the Irish sketches. It is the absence of effort that makes him so effective. In quick succession followed "Tales of the Jury Room," "The Collegians," "The Duke of Monmouth," "The Rivals," "The Invasion." Everything sailed smoothly now. His name was made and fame snuffed upon him.

Griffin, no doubt, reaches the climax of his genius and success as a novelist in "The Collegians." It is a beautiful story well told. One that has trod the streets of the old historical town and has listened to the rich tongue of the Limerick peasant, and is familiar with every niche of old Garryowen must needs feel his heart responsive to its note and his mind moved to appreciation. Even to those who are not thus familiar the tale speaks home with that touch of nature which makes "the whole world kin." The characters stand boldly out, in no imaginary surroundings, but as nature has them—natural.

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