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According to official figures there are in Germany to - day 22,094,492 Catholics; while the Protestants number only 37,646,852.

Leo XIII. publicly made his own this classical dictum on the functions of an historian, namely, "not to say anything false, but also not to fear saying anything true." The policy of suppression for fear of scandal need not amount to positive falsification of history; when it does, the consequence is sometimes very unpleasant. Unfortunately, too, much history has been written from a partizan view-

The editor of The Tablet (London) says: "Mr. G. K. Chesterton has not become a convert to the Catholic Church. Of course, there have been reports to that effect because of his 'Orthodoxy' and of the views expressed in many of his journalistic articles favorable or sympathetic to Catholic faith and practice, just as there were similar reports about W. H. Mallock years ago after the publication of his striking book, 'Is Life Worth Living."

The renegade, McCabe, has written a book entitled "The Decay of the Church of Rome." In it he tries to prove that the Catholic Church lost 90,000,000 members during the nineteenth century. "To justify his conclusion," Father Phalen of the Western Watchman says, "he quotes a half hundred hysterical priests and editors, all of whom at some time or other suffered from spasms of indigested zeal, and gave extravagant statements of possibilities, after the manner of the promoters of chicken farms. Our conviction is that very few Catholics fall away from the and no situation too s faith; and these few have no con-

Some Protestants are very anxious to make it appear that they are receiving recruits from the Catholic Church. The conversion of the "Society of Atonement" has been offset forsooth - not once, but twice. In Montreal a "priest and his parishioners" turned their back upon Rome, but unfortunately not even the Archbishop of that city can find out who they are. But the other case down in Kansas City is more real. There a renegade Italian priest. who claimed to have received his authority from St. John the Baptist, gathered about him some countrymen "who," America tells us, "never went to the Catholic Church nor received the Sacraments." The whole gang of them are now Episcopaliansat least for the time being. Protestants, however, should not be too jubilant over the affair; they get some of our rubbish now and then, whilst many of their noblest and best

laid in pure domestic life, in com- the just value of the friendship of ness, and a certain soundness and interest and friendship, and the rulers

nation, observe carefully whether for Great Britain as the nation that was because the Roman Pontiff was on the other hand, was vague and in these qualities are increasing or decaying. Observe especially what qualities count for most in public life. Is character becoming of greater or less importance? Are the men who obtain the highest posts in the nation, men of whom in private life and irrespective of party competent judges speak with genuine respect? Are they of sincers convictions, consistent lives, indisputable integrity? . It is by observing this moral current that you can best cast the horoscope of a nation."

A new light is east on the character of Kossuth in the "Correspondence of Priscilla, Countess of Westmoreland' just published by her daughter. Lady Westmoreland was wife of our ambassador at Vienna during the period of the Crimean War. "Kossuth," she says, "was known, by all who had the means of ascertaining the truth, to be a cowardly adventurer,though, at the same time, a very clever talker, - whose political career had done nothing to redeem his previous character, which was that of a not very scrupulous lawyer." Lord Westmoreland was very strongly opposed to the foolish Crimean War. In waged that war, it must be said, as "Britain and France had hoped, and concert, to put down the stubbornness public law of Europe. Austria urgea the two leading states to send in their ullimatum and promised it her decided support; she redeemed her accuracy. It was Prussia which broke up the European concert by declining to support the policy which she had recommended."

The heroism displayed by our clergy when duty calls them to the presence of danger frequently envokes the admiration of non - Catholics. This admiration is often expressed in private by Protestant gentlemen who know how to appreciate worth when found even in the Catholic Church; and sometimes, too, it finds its way into the public press. For instance, The Rockfort Star, a non - Catholic secular journal, had this to say on the occasion of Father Heaney's recent brave work in the mines at Cherry,

go if there are men needing the offices of the Church.

"Celibate, wedded to the Church, carrying with him the consolations and sacraments, nothing deters him from his duty. If he dies it is only one soldier fallen from the ranks and

another steps up. "Father Damien is known the world over for his work among the lepers of Molokai, but other Damiens have worked and died unknown to fame. The priest who went down the mine faced unknown dangers, but he went. He knew there might be use for the offices of his position if perchance some poor miner had survived and needed consolation of the Mother Church as his life passed out. The mental and spiritual calm from his ministration even to one man, was ample excuse for his going.

'This accounts in large measure for the strong allegiance of the member-ship of this Church and those of us who are not Catholics must admit it. Wherever danger is, where death stalks, where he is needed, the priest goes, unquestioning, following his duty."

The author of the American declaration of independence, who at one time was so full of animosity against the British that he believed that "if our country were to be swallowed up W. E. H. Lecky, id The Political by the ocean, Great Britain would be Value of History, has this to say, in a bonfire from one end to the speaking of the prosperity of nations, other," lived to change this opinion

can do us the most harm of any one universally acknowledged as head of on earth, and with her on our side we need not fear the whole world;" and to John Randolph: "I am sincerely one of those who wish for a reunion with the parent country and would rather be in dependence on Great Britain that on any nation on earth. or than on no nation." And he expressed to the British ambassador his regret that there had not been proposed a federal union of Britain and America with a federal parliament representing both. This change of opinion is not greater than took place in the Briton who in 1772 wrote: "Nothing but a convulsion which will shake the globe to its centre can restore the European nations to the liberties by which they were once so distinguished," and who lived to write the Reflections upon the French Revolution, even before the convulsion actually came.]

The New York Tribune says-in a most friendly spirit-that the United States would not "suffer Canada to become the possession of any other European power than that to which it now belongs." The phrases of this statement expose one of the most justice to the Liberal party, which amusing miszonceptions of our American friends. Canada-or any Mr. Gladstone has pointed out, that other of the "Over - Sea" countries - does not "belong" to any had a right to hope, by the European one but its own inhabitants organized and represented by their of the Czar, and repel his attack on the own legislative and executive government. Canada does not "belong " to Britain any more than California belongs to the state of New York. It is not "in the possession of" Britain pledge to the extent of strong verbal any more than the western states are "in the possession of" the original thirteen that formed the American Empire and governed the West by a Territorial government for many years, and still governs a part of it-New Mexico-in that way, in spite of the solemn promise of Home Rule given sixty years ago when New Mexico was annexed-a promise which might have been carried out long ago if the Catholic press in the United States had devoted as much time to the abuses of their own Government as they used to devote to the reforming of the British United States. Nor could any European power conquer seven millions of Canadians spread over halt a continent. It took the Germans four years to conquer the Herreros, "Wherever death and danger stalk and the suppression of that rising was a priest of the Roman Catholic Church at least effected with British aid. An may be found. No danger is too great Australian who fought in the South African war, and then was present at the Prussian manoeuvres, declared that the Prussian army could not have conquered the Boers in one hundred years. How then could it conquer Canada ?

> "We find," says Skene |Celtic Scot-land, vol. II. p. 6], "the early British Church in close connection with that ot Gaul, and regarding the Patriarch of Rome as the head of the Western Church and the source of ecclesiastical authority and mission; and with the exception of the temporary prevalence of the Pelagian heresy in Britain, we can discover no trace of any divergence between them in doctrine or

Dr. Skene, then, flatly contradicts the view that the early Celtic Church was not in communion with Rome. He was a great historian, and knew early Celtic history as few men have known it. Moreover, he was no lover of the Catholic Church, and he would have argued against her if he could. And he does argue against her on this very question as far as he can. In a note to the above passage, he observes : "The Rome of the fourth and fifth centuries was not the Rome of the middle ages. It was the Church of St. Jerome and St. Augustine. There was no question then about supremand the causes thereof as indicated and to write to Thomas Law: "No acy; and the Bishop of Rome was by history: "Its foundation is man is more sensible than myself of simply regarded with deference and respect as the acknowledged head of mercial integrity, in a high standard Great Britain;" and to James the Church within the western provof moral worth and of public spirit, in Monroe: "No two countries on earth inces of the empire of which Rome simple habits, in courage, upright- have so many points of common was the capital. The learned writer appears to forget that St. Jerome and moderation of judgment which springs | must be great bunglers if, indeed, with | Augustine were themselves most quite as much from character such disposition they break them zealers defenders of the Roman as from intellect. It you would form asunder;" and "we should more primacy. If, as Dr. Skene says, there the orders into families, a wise judgment of the future of a sedulously cherish a cordial friendship was no question about supremacy, it

the Western Church. For the testimony of the above-named fathers on the point, vid. Allies' Per crucem ad Lucem, vol. I. p. 376.

The process to canonize Blessed Joan of Arc will begin this month. She has been "raised to the altars" as a Virgin though the "shorter way of martyrdom" was first proposed. The late Cardinal Parocchi opposed the latter course, declaring that "Joan of Arc must ascend the alters of the Church, as she entered Rheims, by the open gate of the examination of her whole life." Now, however, Father Ayrolles, in a recent number of the Revue des Revues, proves that her death clearly fulfills the conditions for martyrdom laid down by Benedict XIV. According to this illustrious Pontiff "a martyr is one who dies for not performing an action which would not be conformable to the precepts of religion, or which, on account of circumstances, would be prejudicial to religion, or performing an action conformable to religion and forbidden by a tvrant."

It is noteworthy that Benedict XIV expresses his conviction that the religion which Mary Stuart professed was the real cause of her death. Here is what he says (he wrote in Latin, of course.): "If the true cause of her death be examined ;-since it must be placed in the hatred of the Catholic religion, which hatred, while she lived, had remained constant in England;-if the invincible fortitude be carefully weighed, with which she repelled the proffered condition to desert the Catholic religion; if the protestations be attended to, as they ought, which she uttered before her execution and during it, to wit, that she had always lived a Catholic and for the Catholic faith most willingly died; if the most evident reasons be not omitted, as they should not, by which is shown not only the falsity of the crimes charged against Queen Mary, but also that the unjust sentence of death. based, it would appear, on calumnies, in very truth proceeded from hatred of the Catholic religion, and (was passed) in order that heretical dogmas neight continue to exist unchanged in the kingdom of England (if we consider all this), no condition, perhaps, will be wanting in those necessary for true martyrdom." (De Canonis. SS. L. III., Cap. XIII., No. 10, Roman edition of 1748).

Until recently it was assumed by many that the scientific theory concerning the origin of species is in contradiction with Genesis. This impression was unfortunate as it exerted a strong influence in causing scientists to set their face against religion. As a matter of fact, however, there is nothing revealed that necessarily conflicts with the principle of theistic evolution. This kind of evolution admits that God created everything at the beginning, but many things only virtually. Besides, the assertion that everying was created according to its kind, even when not understood of virtual creation, does not necessarily refer to species as understood in biological science. Only in the last century or two have scientists come to agree on the precise definitions of species, genera, and the like. And even now they are far from being agreed in applying these terms to particular cases. The following observations from The Pilot are interesting:

It is stated repeatedly in the first chapter of Genesis that the various plants and animals were created according to their kinds, or each according to its kind. Almost everyone takes this to mean, each according to its species, and hence concludes that States has made such diplomatic the chapter teaches the separate creation of all botanical and zoological species. There is an evident contra-diction between this and the modern doctrine of Evolution or descent of some species from others,

But species as we now take the word, and kind as used in Genesis, are not necessarily synonymous. Species are today understood of the last systematic divisions of the living world. Trey themselves are united into genera, the genera into orders, and definite, according to modern scientific standards, and may have meant no more than what we now call generaor orders or families. It is unreasonable to suppose that the author of Genesis had in mind the exhaustive and precise system of classification

employed by modern biologists.

The squirrel family, for example, is found by modern zoologists to contain over seventy - five species in North America alone. separated only by the finest of specific

Is there any reason for believing that such narrow distinctinos were in the mind of the inspired author of Genesis? Would he not more prob-ably have thought of the members of the squirrel family as being all of one

General Houser Lea's book, "The Valor of Ignorance" is a frank confession of the military and naval impotence of the American Empire made for the purpose of arousing his countrymen to the consciousness of the struggle which he believes to be coming for the mastery of the Pacific. with Japan. Yet curiously he does not perceive the way in which the Japanese, if they ever make up their mind, to cross the path of the United States, will strike their blow. They are not likely to send an army three thousand miles from its base of supplies to invade the Pacific Coast and alarm the spirit of the American people, any more than the Americans sent an army to invade Spain. Nor are they going to demand the surrender of the Philippine Islands by the United States. They have watched the doings of the Americans in Cuba, and they have heard of their doings in Texas. And when they are going to quarrel there will be individual Japanese at work getting up insurrection in the Philippines, and keeping the pot boiling, until popular sentiment in Japan forces the government to intervene in defence of liberty and equality against American imperialism, and on behalf of "Asia for the Asiatics," The only way possible in which this danger can be averted, as he should see, is a close alliance of the American government with the Catholic Church, and the concession to the Catholic Church in the Philippine Islands of such privileges as she enjoys in the province of Quebec. General Lea thinks that the real danger lies in the American populace, which he says is likely to precipitate war without preparation, being uneducated, unable to distinguish true from false, and unable to observe the rights of other people, and more criminal than any other nation. He says that the divine right of a majority to govern is as absurd as the the divine right of Kings: - " High and low, the ambitions of the heterogeneous masses that now riot and revel within the confines of this republic only regard it in a parasitical sense, as a land to batten on and grow big in, whose resources are not to be leveloped and conserved for the furtherance of the Republic's greatness but only to satisfy the larval greed of those who subsist upon its fatness." He exposes the military and naval weakness of the American Empire, shows that the Atlantic coast cannot be left without a fleet because Germany within a fortnight could place 250,000 men on American soil, says that the Monroe doctrine now invites war, declares that the Panama Canal will supply so many future possibililities of war that it would better be left uncompleted unless the American people are prepared to supply the means for its defence, points out that Japan is situated in the strategic centre of the Pacific, that she is able to place two hundred thousand men upon the Pacifie Coast in 22 days, in Hawai in 14 days, and in the Philippine Islands in 5 days, and admits that the United mi takes that Japan will be able to show lawful cause for war. He ends his book by declaring that the American forces, if unsuccessful in the inevitable war, would scatter, as heretofore, dissention throughout the Union, breed rebellions, class and sectional insurrections, until this heterogeneous republic, in its principles, shall disintegrate and pay the toll of its vanity and its soorn into the The word kind as used in Genesis, palm of re-established monarchy."

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Cardinal Newman's Prayer for the Faithful Departed.

O God of the Spirits of all flesh, O Jesus, Lover of souls, we recommend unto Thee the souls of all those Thy servants, who have departed with the sins of faith and sleep the sleep of peace. We beseech Thee, O Lord and Saviour, that as in Thy mercy to them Thou becamest man, so now Thou wouldst nasten the time, and admit them to Thy presence above. Remember, O Lord, that they are Thy creatures, not made by strange gods, but by Thee, the only living and true God; for there is no other God but Thou, and none that can equal Thy works. Let their souls re-loice in Thy light, and impute joice in Thy light, and impute not to them their former iniquities, which they committed through the violence of passion, or the corrupt habits of their fallen nature. For although they have sinned, yet they always firmly believed in the Father, con and Holy Ghost; and before they died, they reconciled themselves to Thee by true contrition and the Sac-Thee by true contrition and the Sac-zaments of Thy Church.
O Gracious Lord, we beseech Thee,

remember not against them the sins of their youth and their ignorance, but according to Thy great mercy, be mindful of them in Thy heavenly glory. May the heavens be opened to them, and the Angels rejoice with them. May the Archangel, St. Michels Angels them to Thee. May Thy holy Angels come forth to meet them, and carry them to the city of the heavenly Jerusalem. May St. the heavenly Jerusalem. May St. Peter, to whom Thou gavest the keys of the kingdom of heaven, receive them. May St. Paul, the vessel of election, stand by them. May St. John, the beloved disciple, who had the revelation of the secrets of heaven, intercede for them. May all the Apostles who received from Thee the power of binding and loosing, pray for them. May all the Saints and elect of God, who, in this world, suffered torments tor Thy Name, befriend them; that being freed from the prison beneath, they may be admitted into the glories of that kingdom, where, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Thou reignest one God, world without end. Come to their assistance, all ye Saints of God; gain for them deliverance from their places of punishment; meet them, all ye Angels; receive these holy souls, and present them before the Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them. May they light shine upon them, rest in peace. Amen,

Our Duty to the Catholic Press.

(address by Father Pernard Vaughan, S J. Speaking before a large Catholic gathering in the Caxton Hall, Westminster, last Monday evening, Father Bernard Vaughan said that Catholics in this country do not seem

to have fully grasped the power of the

The Press shapes and moulds modern democracy. It makes our laws, forms our minds, influences our It is the teacher who is always teaching, the preacher who is always preaching, the Parliament which is always sitting. It is the great medium for the circulation of ideas. It used to be said: "If you want to spread an idea, telephone, telegraph, or tell a womao. A much more effectual way is to tell the Press.

There are various bodies of men in England who have got hold, as they

think, of great and beneficial ideas— Nonconformists, Socialists, Rational-ists, political parties, Social Reformers. They know the power of the Press. They tell the Press, and the consequence is that their ideas get poured over the democracy in terrents and affect the popular mind and the

popular will.

We Catholics have got hold of the greatest and most beneficial of ideas. But we do not tell the Press—with the result that those ideas are not brought before the nation. Yet those ideas are the ideas which the nation needs most of all if it is to be saved from the decadence of paganism towards which

at would seem to be rushing.

We have the best of all messages to
deliver, and we do not deliver it.

The Catholic Church which has built The Catholic Church which has built up European civilization, is still the beacon light by which nations must steer if they are to avoid shipwreck. We are all of us concerned to keep that light shining. Yet we neglect the Press, that mighty flish lamp which might diffuse it.

The Catholic Charch is the City of

The Catholic Church is the City of The Catholic Church is the City of God set upon the hill. Let us put lamps in our windows so that the stumbling wayfarers in the valley beneath may be drawn by their brilliancy. We are too apt to keep the light for our domestic parochial illumination. We pull down the blinds. The wayfarer is left to grope his way in exterior darkness. The Catholic Church is not limited to your carrieb. parish.

Cardinal Newman's message to Catholics in England was that they should force and compel men to look at the Church:

"Oblige men to know you; persuade them, importune them, shame them into knowing you. Make it so clear what you are that they cannot affect what you are that they cannot street not to see you, nor refuse to justify you. Wherever Catholicism is known it is respected, or at least endured by the people. . . A religion which comes from God approves itself to the conscience of the people wherever it is really known" ("Present Position,"

"Let your light shine before men'— by example, by charitable word and deed, by holy living. Yes, but let it shine before them, too, through the medium of the Catholic Press, for in that way it will reach thousands who will never see you nor listen to your spoken word. What would not I give to have the whole world for an audience as I have to it a message from God Himself.

We Catholics in England have to contend against a blizzard of misre-presentation, calumnies, lies, Popular prejudice against us gets embodied in prejudice against us gets embodied in penal legislation, in unjust action, in unfair treatment, in studied misrepresentation. Let us not be content to protest against penal laws, to repudiate slanders, to repel unjust deeds. Let us meet the evil at its source, and enlighten the prejudiced girds which have issued in injustice. minds which have issued in injustice. Many of those who attack us are well Many of those who attack us are went meaning men who are swayed by ignorance or else steeped in prejudice. They attack not us but a figment of their own imagination. Make it clear to them what you are, what you believe, and why you believe it; compel them to see the beauty of Catholic doctrine. This is a point on which Leo XIII, much insisted in my last audience with him. Oh! the splendor veri.

Some, I know, there are who are so embittered that they will not be brought to see the truth. But the search-light of the Catholic Press, if it cannot be made to attract them, will at least diminish their power to injure and revile us. It can show up their injustice in the eyes of all right-thinking fellowmen. It can make the issues plain, and prevent those aggressive revilers from poisoning the public wells of knowledge.

THE POPE AND THE JOURNALIST.

The Catholic Press! It is our great weapon if we but knew it. The present Pope knows it. Pius X. once took the stylograph out of the hands of a Catholic journalist, kneeling at his feet, and blessed it with these

words: "I bless the symbol of your office. My predecessors used to consecrate the swords and armour of Christian warriors. I am happy to draw down down blessings on the pen of a Christian journalist.—The Tablet,

How to Pronounce Latin.

A LONG, TEDIOUS, AND UNPROPIT-ABLE DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION.

In the London Tablet there has dragged along for months a tedious and unprofitable discussion of the question. 'How should we pronounce Latin?' The effort to get back to the original Latin voice, in the time of Cicero, or Kickero, for instance, would seem to be fruitless. The Latin pronounciation of different peoples is effected by the peculiarities of their own living languages. It is difficult to represent the voice of one language by the letters or sound symbols another. It is as difficult as it would be for an English speaker of to day to get back to the English speech of the twelfth or thirteenth century. When the monks of Southern Europe came north to educate and convert the northern barbaric tribes they brought the Latin alphabet with them and endeavored to make the Latin letters represent sounds that were unknown to the Latin languages, it was the same difficult task that the early missionaries had to face in their efforts to express the sounds of Indian words by the use of the Latin letters. It is this that gives the gratesque appearance to many of our English words when spelled, and gives literal combinations that no longer express combinations that no longer express any sound in English. For instance, 'neigh,' where the 'igh' represents no sound whatever with the letters alone to judge from. Who could say 'neigh' spelled any? And laugh does not spell 'laf.' The 'augh' was combined to express a sound that is no longer in the English language or in the English throat. The same difficulties are found in French, and to difficulties are found in French, and to especially in Irish; all of which use the Latin letters hidden by ornamental horns or tails

But we are wandering from the subject. Let us get back. What a pity they didn't have the phonograph in the old Roman days, that we might hear the great Latin orator charming the Roman Senate, or questioning and denouncing the scoundrel Catine; "Quousque tandem abutere, Catilina; patientia nostra'? or the music and rhythmical swing of Virgil's hexa-meters? How we would cock our ears to list n as the listeners of old · Conticuere omnes, intentique ore tenebant.

But they hadn't the phonograph, and their pronunciation had to come down traditionally and the living languages tinctured it with their own

peculiarities. Many years ago we knew a Croatian priest in the diocese of Alton whose Siavonic name was very difficult to pronounce. To give it correctly you had to begin with a snerze and end with a guttural spasm. But that is obiter dictum and has nothing to do with the point.

with the point.

He was a scholarly gentleman, and spoke Litin with great ease and fluency. Once on being complimented on his fine Litin he said: "It would be strange indeed if I could not speak Latin: it is my mother tongue. My parents knew no other language; our neighbors knew no other; my youthful companions knew no other, It was the language of the village. I knew of no other until I left home to attend college where we were required by law to learn German. I am taken to be a German, but the German is a foreign language to me." with the point.

foreign language to me.'
Now the point of this appears. The
Croatian priest continued: "As to pronunciation, it appears to me that those who kept the Latin a living language should be the best judges of its pronunciation. He said no more. But the force of his reasoning may be questioned. The English speaker of to day is no better judge of the pronunciation of the English of the thirteenth or fourteenth century. thirteenth or fourteenth century, simply because he speaks the English of to-day. The Greek speaks the Greek of to-day; but it is not the

Greek of Homer or Plato or Aristotle. The fact that a people inherit a language does not prove that they inherit guage does not prove that they inherit the correct pronunciation. In case of the English they certainly have not. Not only the sound but the meaning of words changes in the course of time. A living language is constantly taking in new words and throwing aside old words, and throwing off the old meanings. This is one very good reason why theology and science seek their technical terms in dead languages, when words, like dead dead languages, when words, like dead flies in amber, are still and change not,—The Pittsburg Observer.

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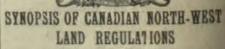
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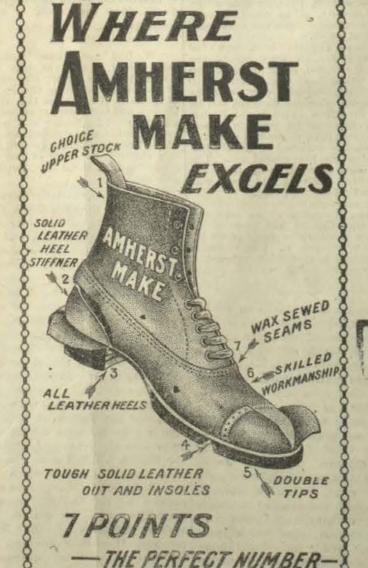
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The gate swung back noiselessly, and before she realized it, the child was in the garden. She touched the roses caressingly, almost costatically—brushing them slowly against her flushed cheeks, her eyes, her full red lips—whispering to them in a babyish monotone of tenderness. From his open door the Grouchy Man regarded her quietly. Oh, the pathetic eagerher quietly. Oh, the pathetic eager-ness of her little brown hands! He thrilled responsively, and, misunder-standing both cause and effect, said aloud; 'It seems we are all cursed with a properties of the second second second second second in the second secon

with unsatisfied longing."

She dropped her lunch pail with a clatter when she saw him coming to-

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'Don't look so scared,' he added gruffly. 'You-you have such beautiful flowers,' she faltered. 'I just love

'Oh, you do?' And all at once he

smiled, a smile so transfiguring that the child caught her breath.

What is it? he asked.

When you laugh, I'm not afraid

of you.'
'Why should you be afraid of me?'
he demanded, looking at his thin, white hands.

white hands.

'Because you're the Grouchy Man,'
He reached down and stilled the
nervous whirling of her sunbonnet.

'Come here,' he said deliberately,
leading the child to a seat under the
pepper trees. 'Is that what they call
me in this valley of toil?'
She looked up at him, reclaiming her
hand. After all he seemed more sad
than grouchy.

than grouchy. 'What is a valley of toil?' she

asked shyly,

He looked across the roses to the mountains blue in the distance.

'It's a place of empty hands and hearts that are never filled, a region of striving and working, of petty struggle, where—

beautiful work,' she interrupted, 'and that's all you have to do.'

'That's just it, little girl,' he said quietly, 'It's all I have—to do!'

'I don't see,' she murmured.

'Some day you will see,' he answered.

'In the meantime, we go on working until we're tired enough to sleep—you for something to eat; I—to

She leaned forward and touched him. Do you know what I do when I want to forget

to forget?'
'You child? Do you have things to forget?' His tone was condescendingly humorous.
'Oh, yes,' she answered, smiling, 'sometimes I'm lonely—and then there's the mortgage. I don't know what it is, but it's something dreadful, mother says.'
'And what do you do?'
'I go to the country across the blue

'And what do you do?'
'I go to the country across the blue mountains—not really truly,' she explained hesitatingly, 'but I'm sure it is there—and every one does what he loves best to do, and lives in a beautiful house, and smiles all the time, and—' She stopped suddenly, a great shyness creeping over her. 'You catch me,' she cried; and the Grouchy Man chased her in and out among the roses, and through the long grass under the peppers, until they grass under the peppers, until they both sank panting into the greenness.

ing till the tears ran down her freckled cheeks, and her short pig-tail shook up and down. She was tossed and tumbled, laugh-

A shade fell over the garden, softening the colors and gathering them into a mass. The sun had passed behind the mountains of Romance Land.

'I must be going,' she said wistfully, 'But you'll come again, won't you, and tell me of your land beyond the

sunset?'
'It's not a real country,' she reminded him. 'It's just make-

'It's the only real country, child,' he assured her. 'I've caught glimpses

'Hold out your dress,' he added some-what gruffly, and slipped an armful of roses into it. Oh!'she cried opening her eyes very wide. He turned and strode to-

ward the house.

'Good by,' he said when she reached the gate.

'Good-by,' she called. 'I'm coming again some day.'

'That I may watch your dreams

He shivered in the chill that crept through the garden. For a few momen's he paused; then went in and

carefully shut the door. It was indeed a valley of toil to which ill-health had brought the

Grouchy Man. In a few scattered cottages were men and women, strong, undemonstrative, born of those who fought their way from the far East to seek a home and sustenance in a new country. Be-tween these toilers and a disappointed exile tending roses, there must inevit-

ably lie a pathless desert. And so, in his infinite wisdom, the dream god gave the Grouchy Man and the child - each other.

Sometimes, in response to her youth, the Grouchy Man romped with her or wove a fairy fabric of ever-changing wonder from marvelous facts. Often he was very gruff and closed his door against all entreaties; but the child had learned that gruffness more often means sorrow than ill - humor. Thus their friendship grew, slowly perhaps, because uncon-

There came a day when she found him with his face on his arms, lying in the grass under the pepper trees. She paused for a moment in surprise, then sat down beside him touching him

shyly. 'I know what you're thinking of,'

'Oh, you poor Grouchy Man!' she cried, reaching out to him with the mother-instinct of a little girl.

'Go home, child. I cannot play to-day.' But he caught her brown hands and held them close against him. She sat quite still for a long time.

Mother said the Grouchy Man was very sick. She leaned forward and kissed him, a moist little kiss, somewhere near his ear.

'I know -she waited a moment-'you're thinking of the time when you saw the Wonderland; aren't you?' Yes,' he answered.

'Tell me about it,' she pleaded.

'Well,' he began wearily, the words a cloak for his pain, 'in the Wonder-land I saw success. I worked day and night, from year to year, until my goil was almost reached; and then 'his voice faltered-' you cannot understand, childie; but it's the greatest
thing in the world-it's happiness.' She looked at him doubtfully. 'I don't believe it!'

For a few moments they were silent. She noticed that his mouth quivered, and remembered how her own red lips trembled when she wanted to cry. The need of saying something came to

her.
'When father broke his leg last spring,' she said soberly, 'he said he did not care to live, if he could not go on working for mother and me.'

'For mother and you?' he repeated, a subtle change coming over his face, softening the lines about his mouth. He raised himself and drew her to her feet. 'Come, little child,' he said huskily, leading her through the

flowers to the gate.

'But I don't want to go,' she pleaded, lifting ner arms to him. Don't you wish you had a little girl like me? Wouldn't it make you

The words were childishly appealing. He unclasped her hands and held them in his own. 'I don't know what

I wish to-day.'

Then she left him. The next day she paused by the gate on her way to the store. The Grouchy Man was

working among his roses, singing the chorus of an old college song.

'Holloa, little girl,' he called merrily, 'going to school?'

'No, you foolish Grouchy Man; it's a holidar.'

a holiday."

'That's fine!' he cried. 'Come and have lunch in Romance Land.'

'Oh!' she exclaimed, swinging on the gate. 'I'd just love to. Shall I

come early and nelp set the table?'
'Not too early, or I won't have any
work done,' he replied sharply, continuing his digging.

The child hurried along to the cottage near the summit of the hill.

What do you think? she called, as

she opened the door and ran into the kitchen to her mother. 'The Grouchy Man wants me to come to lunch to-We're going to have a party.

The woman looked down thoughtfully. 'I don't know whether I want you to go,' she said. 'I'll not have you crying yourself to sleep again be-

'Oh, mother!' she begged, 'he's almost well to-day: he was singing when I came along.

Well, he has helped you with your lessons; and it's not for me to keep a little pleasure from one so near dying, so put away the things, and you'd better wear a clean dress.'

'May I put on my blue one?' She drew her mother down to her and kissed her.

And your blue hair-ribbon, too, if

The child untied the packages from the store and poured the sugar into the crock, wondering if the snow on the mountains was as white and glistening, and wishing that the beans which she let slip through her fingers were great pearls, so that she might have a necklace to wear at the Grouchy Man's party! The butter she laid in the cooler—was there gold as bright in her Country of Dreams?

At last she was standing among the roses, and the Grouchy Man was laughing at her.

Where shall we set the table?' he asked, carrying it out of the house. Under the pepper trees, where we can't see anything but the flowers and the mountains.'

Her conscious flinging aside of the sordid actual touched him keenly. You child,' he said softly, and then he smiled, 'to-day we live in the Country o' Dreams.'

You know I'm a Duchess,' she told him while she arranged the dishes and he brought out the most tempting things to eat. 'And I have beautiful

'So I see,' he laughed, catching hold of her straight pigtail and giving it a

'Can't you play make-believe?' she cried indignantly. 'The ladies in Wonderland always wear curls. How do you know?

'Because they are beautiful,' she answered, watching him as he passed her a plate heaped with goodies. The ladies or the curls?

She looked at him from the golden heights of her imagination in a halfpitying, half - condescending way. Your coat is of satin, you Grouchy Man, just the color of the snow in the mountains at sunset.

'And how does my rosy - hued garment become me?' he said, giving a pat here and there to his khaki coat. She paused to consider, a piece of bread and jum raised to her lips.

'You look like a king,' she decided critically, 'and you're big and strong and well,' she added, emphasizing each

'Let us live always in the Land of Make-Believe,' he said. She felt the bitterness in his voice, and stretched out her hand to him across the table. There was strawberry jam on the fingers, but he grasped them unheed-

she whispered.

He raised his head, his face almost gray in the shadow.

'Some day we're going to Wonderland together, aren't we, where we won't have to make-believe?'

'Yes, yes'; he said, bringing a box out of his pocket, here's something from across the mountains, for the

from across the mountains, for the lady with beautiful curls.'
'Really and trully?' she demanded.
'Tross your heart?' And then came an excited whisper: 'Oh!' And another softer: 'M-m-m-m!' as she laid back the tissue paper and disclosed the bright rows of many-colored

candies.
'Aren't they beautiful? Oh don't you think this one lovely?'
'Oh, childie, I do!' he agreed.
'It's just the color of your eyes,' she murmured thoughtfully.
'Do you really think it?'
'See!' she exclaimed triumphantly,

holding it up where the sun could brighten it. Can't something be done?'
Yes'; and laughing with a childish

abandon of gaiety she ate it. 'I want another piece of cake,' she said presently. 'I just love cake with frosting, and she pressed each brown finger between her lips, 'Mother never buys cake with frosting; but once when I was sick, she baked a tiny

cake all shiny white on top.'
Soon the golden hours passed; the stories of the Wonderland were finished, the romp among the roses, and the happy idle moments in the grass, listening to the Grouchy Man, watching him with eyes blue as the heavens and wide, were now a memory.

The Grouchy Man stood on the steps of the hill cottage. He was breathing hard, and in the sunlight that slanted low over the mountains he looked tired and old. For two days he had watched and waited for two days he watched and waited, for two days he had worked among his flowers, restless and alone. Now with his arms full of roses he had come to seek the child. It was the first time he had approached the place she called home, and its bleak cleanliness chilled him. Through the open door came the sound of voices and something in the tenderness of the low tones seemed to make more insistent the Why within

'Mother, isn't it fine?'
'What, darling?'
And then the answer, each word sweet with content and child-love.
'Just being here with you, with your arms around me. 'Mother's dearie!'

A long pause, a silent golden held them. A rose slipped to the doorstep, but the man did not notice it.

'Mother, what is happiness?'
'Well, little one,' came the answer,
'I reckon it's the having what you choose above all else.

'I know what you choose,' was the eager response, 'just having father and me.' 'I guess you're right, dearie.'
'But you work so hard, the child reasoned tenderly; 'and you're all tired out, and sometimes sick.'

Yes, girlie.' There was a quick sob, and very slowly the child spoke. Each word was uttered with pitiful distinctness:

Then -happiness is pain.'
The old man rather felt than heard

the sudden impulsive movement of her body as she clung to the woman. 'And the Wonderland beyond the mountains -- oh, my poor Grouchy Man!'

The man without stooped and laid the roses with unconscious tenderness

on the door-step.
'Dearest,' he heard the young voice exclaim, 'you're crying, your eyes are shining bright. I'm going to tell the dear Grouchy Man, there's something better than a City of Dreams.'

What, darling The man leaned forward.

He turned away, walked slowly across the yard and down the hill, through the warm glow that spread

The brief Western twilight gathered over the brown earth. At first he was conscious only of surprise, an astonishment in which every sense seemed suspended. Fear unreasoning came to him with its passion of pain. Mechanically he walked along the road between the scrubby rows of dusty eucalyptus trees. Fear of the change within him made him shrink from the awakening instincts that had lain dormant all his life, a human longing for love and companionship. Somehow the sorrow he had treasured in his heart, ennobled by the anguish of resignation, kept perpetually upon the altar of his devotion, had become a thing of impotence, inadequate to the best that was in him. It was not that his ideal had become ignoble; for the success that he coveted in the scientific world was worthy of human effort; but he no longer thought its accomplishment the greatest happiness, nor felt its loss the deepest pain. The man stopped and looked across

the valley to the cottage in the sunset light.

Then happiness is pain, he re-peated wearily. Ab, what was his endurance of grief, his bravery of submission, to the power of this woman who had found happiness—the wonder of this little child who accepted it as the highest and best? He walked on rather quickly. Anger took possess sion of him. Why could he not have gone on quietly to the end, cherishing his sorrow, his disappointed ambitions? The time was close at hand. Oh, that he should have to learn from these unlettered people, that he had failed, failed in his fundamental perceptions. There is a higher motive for human effort than ambition to succeed. His anger died away as suddenly as it had come. He opened his gate and going in, closed it with accustomed care. He walked among the roses, which caught at his garments as he passed. He reached out and touched those nearest him with cold, sensitive fingers. They were a very intimate part of his life, these silent witnesses to his daily work, his monotonous struggles, and, in a few golden moments, to his romps with a child who had led him laughing along the dream paths of youth he had never known.

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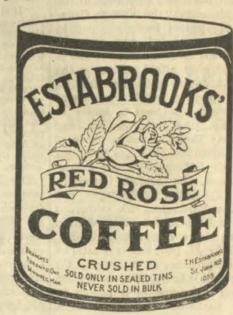


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Far away the sunset glowed and slowly, stretched out his hand to the burned into the snow of the mountable, rested a moment against a tains, and the man gazed deep into the distant glory, his eyes wide open, his brow strained and contracted. He smiled, and for a moment the lines of mental agony softened; his mouth became tender, boyish, for he remembered that once in the Romance Country he had worn a coat of just Country he had worn a coat of just that color, and a Duchess had shaken

the Valley of Toil into the peace of its darkness, and, as if in greeting of night, the roses sent upward to meet it a myriad of subtle breaths of fragrance. The Grouchy Man fragrance. The Grouchy Man approached his cabin and paused at the door as he had often done in the long ago. It was long ago, the time before the child's coming, for a word, a thought can separate hour from hour by an aeon of feeling. He was conscious of clenching his hands, of holding his breath, of the tense rigidity of his entire body. He entered the house and built a fire on the rough stone hearth-deliberately, the rough stone hearth—deliberately, heedfully, as he did everything—and fanned it until the room was aglow with light. Taking a box from the table he sat down by the fire, and unlocking it, selected a large document from its contents. This he spread out upon his knees and read through care fully. It was very short, a last will and testament, bequeathing all be had to the scientific institution to whose work he had sacrificed his health. Suddenly, determination making his face stern, he held the paper to the flames and watched it burn antil only

a few charred fragments remained. For a long time he sat motionless, his face resting on his tightly clasped hands. In a faint glow of the dying fire his figure looked strangely boyish. With the instinct of primitive man he reached out into the pitiless stillness for help. Characteristic of himself, it was not relief he prayed for, but the

strength to endure. Darkness, silence, and solitude sur-rounded him. Like the sweep of the ocean over rocks and shore, grief seized him, rising over his resistance, drawing him into its passion, lifting his soul, broadening his mind, as it deepened his anguish. His nerves relaxed their tension, his white, slender hands unclenched, his shoulders trembled with the force of his emotion, and he sobbed, the hard, dry sobs that wring the soul. Gradually, as time passed, the little wild, insistent voices of the country made themselves heard and filled the night with their murmurs. A radiance of mist brightened the little room, and fell luminous about the stooping figure. The man raised himself

chair, and finally, stood by the window. The moon had risen from the heart of Romance Land, and above the blue mountains was shining down upon the Valley of Toil, asleep in the hollow of the hills. In the distance rose the encalyptus trees, straight and tall, hiding the child's home within their shadow. And the Grouchy Man saw her

future as his desire would build it, a radiant further, into which she carried the white wisdom of her childhood. Some day he would plan out the details, when he was not so tired, and to morrow he would make a new will. against the time when his guardianship would cease.

As he turned from the window, a rare, transfiguring smile illumined his face, and its radiance still lingered about his boyish mouth when they found him in the morning, mercifully before the coming of the child.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

A CURIOUS PLEA.

The efforts of the Baptists to convert Quebec remind one of "the mountains in labour," and of the offspring thereof, "a ridiculous mouse." But at least one result does follow; when the "shekels" of the ware guid are needed to rescue the poor benighted French from the thraidom of Rome, we do get, now and then, a rather unsavory rehash of old fables and unblushing misrepresentation. The latest orator in the field that we wot of is Rev. P. J. Stackhouse, B. D., Campbellton, in the province of New Brunswick. This gentleman is very anxious to rescue the "French people of Canada" from "political, social and religious subjection." And yet, according to the same authority, "the French Canadian has played an important part in the development of our country. He has in his veins the blood of one of the most highly gifted nations in the world - a nation that has left its impress upon the political history of Europe and has been a leader in philosophy, the sciences, art and literature. There is not a phase of our Canadian life that has not been profoundly influenced by our fellowcountrymen, the French Canadian, In our Provincial Lagislatures and Dominion Parliament his oratorical genius and talent for statesmanship has made him a commanding figure.'

This eulogy is just, but it is fatal to the rev. preacher's argument. On what ground is he going up to Quebec to teach and improve a people so gifted? In social life he will find in that province people far superior to himself in courteous manners and chivalrons sentiments. He will find there, too, a people who know how to distinguish politics from religion, but who, nevertheless, realize, as a Christian democracy eught, that moral principles must shape and direct conduct whether public or private. And, then, the same people have been in possession of the deposit of Revelation for hundreds of years and their missionaries have been among the chief glories of the Christian name. How are Mr. Stackhouse and his confreres going to convince them of their errors? First, to what brand of the Baptist verity do they seek to the Regular (North), Regular (South), Regular (Colored), Six-principle, Seventh Day, Freewill, Original Freewill, General, Separate, United, Baptist Church of Christ, Primitive, or the Old Two Seed in the Spirit Predestinarian?

And, then, when a particular brand is Lecided upon, on what ground, Mr. Stackhouse, will you rest its truth? On your private authority? The Quebec people will likely prefer the authority of the Catholic Caurch. But you will rely upon argument? But your argument; have been weighed by far abler men in the Protestant churches, and they have been found wanting. You ridicule Confession; some Protestant ministers extol it, An organ of German Protestantism (Evangelische Kirchen Zeitung) says that Medernism means the "absolute destruction of the Christian religion;" you believe the contrary. Was is right? Professor. Eurp of Syracuse University, who is a clergyman, and "frequently speaks from an octhodox pulpit," says that "it is unscientiff; and absurd to imagine that God ever turned stonemason and chiseled communiments on a rock," Is your opinion more reliable, Mr. Stackhouse? And then, the other day, Ray. Dr. Moxon, Springfield, Mass., said: "The doctrines of eternal punishment, the fall of man, the virgin birth, the resurrection of the body and the reality of miraculous deeds are no longer necessary in the faith." This particular minister is an able man and in good standing; is your opinion worth more than his? There is, again, Rev. Dr. Aked; he is of the

spiration of the Bible be calls "little men with little minds." No wonder that many Protestants turn to one self-contradictory dogma only, which they call "creedless morality." Protestant ministers have been influenced too much by the atmosphere of pseudo science. They, in too many instances, have gone with the tide, have been swept from their moorings and appear before men no longer as the exponents of supernatural beliefs, but as dabblers in modern scientific theories and social and economic problems with a thin solution of Christianity to preserve some resemblance of Christian

Then, when hold on dogma becomes thus uncertain, what is the result? Morality suffers. You cannot subtract divine sanction from dogmas of the speculative order, such as the existence of God, the Incarnation, the Divinity of Christ, the Inspiration of the Bible, etc., without at the same time destroying the very basis of the moral law. Chaotic state of belief, then, throws some light on the race snicide that we hear so much about to-day. But where do we find this race suicide which is causing so much alarm and which was the chief cause of the downfall of ancient Greece and Rome. Not many months ago a very interesting article appeared in The Nine. teenth Centucy, entitled "The Extinetion of the Upper Classes." Among other things, the writer, Mr. Whet-

"It should be noted that, in respect to the main question now under discussion the Roman Catholics alone among our families of good stock, taught by kept a right sense of social responsibility. Among them alone the birthrate is maintained, and the figures are very significant, showing clearly that there is no real decrease in fertility in the classes involved in our survey. present tendencies continue, the future of England, perhaps of the world, lies with those born in Roman Catholic

The French Canadians are doing more than their share to verify the forecast of Mr. Whetham. There is no race suicide among them, and consequently they are rapidly overrunning New Brunswick and glorious Ontario, and developing, besides, considerable strength in the New England States. Can the same be said of their neighbors, who are so solicitous concerning their spiritual and temporal

Now, what is the cause of the fecundity of families? Fidelity to Christian traditions; statistics prove that up to the hilt. In fact, Neo-Malthuslanism (cace sulcide) is decimating liberalism. It was to this cause that the Weekblad of Haag, the organ of the liberal socialists in Holland, attributed the defeat of its party last year. Moreover, the same canker-worm is committing greater ravages everywhere among orthodox Protestants than it is among genuine Catholics. Babel's organ, the Vorevacits, boasted some time ago, of the rapid increase of the population of the convert the French Canadians? Is it German Empire, but it noted, too, that the increase is largely due to the Catholics, "among whom the fruitfulness of marriage is twenty per cent. higher than among Protestants." As a matter of fact, it is Protestantism that is inevitably drifting into liberalism, not Catholicism. There is vet hope for even France, for there is a sound nucleus yet in that country which makes no compromise with the enemy. Can the same be said of Protestant countries? When the universities and theological schools are drifting, the ninnies and the ignorant will not long stem the tide.

We shall return to this subject.

Book Review.

"Atoned," adapted from the German by Rev. L. A. Rsudter Society of the Divine Word, Techny, Illinois.

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The scene of this story is laid chiefly in Hamburg. Max Von Elliott, whose parents, after many vissicitudes, had died early, was adopted by a rich uncle who did business in that city. This tincle, Thomas Hart by name, was a stern, exacting man of scrupulous integrity. Elliott, however, did not remain long under his roof; he was driven forth and disgraced by counting and malicious intrigue. Then cunning and malicious intrigue. Then his after career is sketched until finally the nemesis that accompanies wrong doing and the reward attendant upon virtue are brought home to the mind with exceptional force. This story, too, is a strong one — impressive, pathetic, and so realistic that one would almost expect the assurance given at the end that "it is not altography faither that he had been assurance." gether fictitious, but in the main is drawn from lite."

The Escapades of Candy Carrigan by Cahir Healy. Society of the Divine Word, Techny, Illinois,

These fire side stories were learned by the author from the Gaelic shana-Baptist persuasion, and a scholar to boot. Those who still talk about everlasting punishment and the in-

very appropriately dedicated to all

who enjoy a bit of fun.
The "Society of the Divine Word" has also just issued a dainty little volume, called Life's Little Day. This work was compiled by D. J. Scannel O'Neil, and is made up of a collection of gems culled from Catholic sources with a view to impress upon the reader the serious side of life.

Our London Letter.

LONDON, Feb. 10th, 1910. It is a curious fact, that, though at the time of the riots in Liverpool, the secular press had much to say of religious intolerance, the Government Enquiry now being held in that city into the cause of these disturbances, in which the Orange element was the aggressor, is being passed over in complete silence by the whole daily press. Perhaps the reason is not far to seek, when we find that during the few days of its progress, up to the present the case has gone very de-cidedly against the Orangers. The immediate cause of the enquiry is the charges brought against the police of the city, that, in endeavouring to keep the peace and protect helpless citizens, they were guilty of brutality which caused the riots. This charge is brought by the followers of the man Wise, the Protestant agitator of Kensit type, before whose coming the Orangemen were kept in bounds, and the respectable Protestants of Liver-pool lived in perfect pasce alongside their Catholic neighbours. A special Bill having been passed to enable the Commissioner to take the evidence of various witnesses on oath, Mr. Ashton K. C., was appointed to hold the enquiry, and in addition to repre-sentatives of the Wise faction, the police force and the Catholic defence committee were both ably repre

The hearing, which opened last week is expected to last some three weeks, and already the revelations made thereat have shocked all those who have become acquainted with them. The Protestants opened the case, declaring that they had assur-ances from the chief of police that neither the Host, nor any "religious emblem" would be carried in the great jubilee procession of Holy Cross Mission. They were enraged (appar-ently they assume the right to order the public processions of the city) when they found banners and statues were being carried, and while they were singing "Dare to be a Daniel" and organising a concerted protest, the public sweaped down on them police swooped down on them hundreds strong, a mounted troop following up the foot, - and com menced using their truncheons in the most brutal manner! Such is the account of the "Lumbs" as they are affectionately known. Unfortunately in the course of cross examination it appeared that these same worthles were brandishing swords and laying rude hands upon the bearers of a statue of Our Lady and the Divine Infant. Moreover, one of their leaders confessed that he put his wife and child in a place of safety before going down to witness the obnoxious procession, a quite unnecessary proceeding, if no trouble was expected. This gentleman, a Mr. Thomas, became very restive under the brilliant Catholic counsel's close investigation of the means whereby he lived, confessing he devoted most of his time to propaganda in connection with the Liverpool Orange League. He also gave some unrehearsed accounts of the sayings and doings which take place at the "Pit," an open space which has been appropriated by these rufflans for daily meetings at which the most revolting speeches are made, not only against the Church and her sacred Ministers, but even against Our Blessed Lady herself. He confessed he had remarked that though they were surrounded by Catholic institutions no windows were broken, but expressed himself as greatly astonished when the very same night saw the Everion Valley Convent riddled with stones, and several Catholic houses bombarded. It transpired also that the peaceful Orange mob were armed, like a rabble of long ago, with swords and clubs. Moreover their temper did not get the better of them on one isolated occasion, but caused them to create a perfect reign of terror in the poorer quarters of Liverpool, and you already know how Priests have been waylaid as they carried the Blessed Sacrament to the dying, have been held up in the Fever Hospital by hostile mobs, and have been grossly insulted again and again. Indeed a shiver of disgust ran through the whole court, when they were informed how on at least two occasions the sacristy of one of our churches had been forced, and the mass vestments, ready for the morning's sacrifice, had been most horribly deffied by these creatures who call themselves human. So far as the case at present stands, not one shred of evidence has been adduced to uphold the Orange contention, but valuable side lights have been thrown on the terrible provocation offered to Cath-olics, and on the disgraceful me bods employed by the Orangemen. Fancy the little Sisters of the Poor being so terrorised by the violence and insults of these ruffi ins that they dare not go

> (Continued on page 6.) Card of Thanks.

abroad on their errands of mercy !

Mr. and Mrs. D. Grant Kirk desire o express their grateful appreciation of the timely and invaluable service rendered by the Antigonish Firemen on Saturday evening last while their residence was on fire. Their prompt-ness in arriving and their action in saving life and property connot be soon forgotten. They also wish to thank all other kind friends who rendered valued service and sympathy on this occasion.

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General News.

licensed drunkenness increases.

The Canadian civil service report shows that there are 3,500 civil servants in the departments at Ottawa. Their slaries aggregate about \$4,000,000 a year.

hibited the manufacture of intoxicants. This year it has adopted a bill forbidding the importation of all fermented liquors except for medical and industrial purposes.

Seriously ill last wee proving somewhat.

Among the Among

The by-election in Queen's Co., N. S., to fill a vacancy in the House of Assembly caused by the appointment of Hon, E. M. Farrel to the Senate resulted in the election of W. L. Hall, Conservative, over A. W. Hendry, Liberal, by 229,

The largest criminal docket ever in Nova Scotia was at the late session of the Supreme Court in Sydney. Seventy-nine persons were charged with offences on forty-two separate indictments. Forty-eight were found guilty and 46 were sentenced on Tuesday. Many of the accused were strikers and were let go on suspended strikers and were let go on suspended sentence, a few got terms in Dorches-

Premier Asquith has filled the vacancies in the ministry. The new ministers are: William Wedgewood Benn and Ernest Joseph Seares, junior lords of the treasury; Edwin Samuel Montagu, under-secretary for India, and Cecil William Norton, assistant postmaster general. Mr. Norton succeeds Sir Henry Norman, who failed of election. In the case of the junior lords, by-election will be necessary, but both had good majorities last sary, but both had good majorities last

The resignation of Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of public works in the Alberta Government, has created a crisis. His reason for resigning is that he is unwilling to sign a contract with the Alberta & Great Waterways Railway Company by which the Government guaranteed its bonds to the extent of \$20,000 a mille with \$400,000 for terminals. He claims to have fifteen supporters of the Government in sympathy with him. There are fortyone members in the Alberta Legislature. All are Liberals except two
Conservatives one Indepennent Conservative and one Socialist. If Mr.
Cushing's claims are correct, the Alberta government will have a difficult time.

The British Parliament met on Monday, when for the first time since the elections a fair outline of the policy of the Government was given on the several important matters demanding attention. It is now known that the Budget will first receive attention and will be followed immediately by legislation on the immediately by legislation on the Veto power of the House of Lords, on which question Mr. Winston Churchill stated the Government would stake its existence. There are conflicting rumors as to what course the various groups of supporters of the Government will take with regard to these questions. Sometimes it is stated that the Irish will insist on the Veto issue being first settled, as they claim that the Lords, once the imperative financial bill is passed, can triffe with the reform of their House and ultimately shelve it. Later reports ultimately shelve it. Later reports credit the Irish with accepting the Government's assurance of determined action on the Veto. The Laborites are one with the Irish on the necessity of action in regard to the Lords' powers, in fact they are more extreme and are demanding even the complete abolition of the Upper House. They are, however, strongly in favor of their Budget and all its details, while the Irish are as strongly opposed to cleuses therein which place heavy taxation on an important industry of that country, viz., the manufacture of whiskey and indirectly on the prowhiskey and indirectly on the production of barley. An extreme wing of the Liberal party, some 25 in number, is not satisfied with the Government's policy on the Lords and is also asking for determined action. The consensus of opinion is that the Government will not be able to satisfy the various elements comprising its following, and will be obliged to resign, at least this course is expected

There is a serious strike of street car employees in Philadelphia. Rioting in every section of the city followed the attempt of the Transit Company to operate its lines on Sunday. sengers and crews were driven from the cars by infuriated mobs of strike sympathizers and in nearly a score of instances the abandoned cars were burned or otherwise destroyed. The police arrested nearly five hundred persons, charged with inciting to riot. Two women were hit by stray bullets Two women were hit by stray bullets and many people were removed to hospitals. The leaders of the Amal gamated Association of street and electric railway employes say that 6,200 of the 7,000 employes have left their cars. The officials of the company say that 3,000 of their employes are loyal. The importation of 175 strike breakers from New York led to an attack on the barns and main an attack on the barns and main offices of the company. Windows were broken by stones and the crowd dispersed after 25 arrests had been made. The transit officials say that made. The transit efficials say that 297 cars were wrecked, two were completely burned and one was partially burned. Two thousand six hundred and eight car windows were smashed. The transit efficials say that also have an opportunity to qualify for the physical drill certificates. Full particulars can be had on application to the Pprincipal of the Agricultural College, Truro. M. Cumming R. H.

to be taken within a year.

Goldwin Smith, the well-known literatteur of Canada, is said to be dying.

The Nova Scotia Legislature will open this afternoon. It is thought Neil Gillis, M. P. P., Glace Bay, will be appointed speaker.

The latest official figures of Joston's arrested drunks shows an increae of 29 per cent. Wherever the traffic is licensed drunkenness increases. On Monday, the National Organizer

Personals.

Mr. J. D. McIsaac of Port Hawkesbury, was in Town this week.

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Rural Education.

At the N. S. Farmers' Association, held in New Glasgow in January last, the farmers were unanimous in asking for more teaching of Nature study and science related to agriculture in the rural schools than ever here to fore. In this they are in line with the people of Germany, Denmark, the United States, and other parts of the world. who are modeling sheir common school systems so as to give the people a better knowledge of and interest in the various industries. Our leading educationists of Nova Scotia, for the most part, recognize the importance of this principal, but in working it out find that they are hampered by the lack of knowledge of natural and applied science on the part of teachers of our rural schools.

It is to meet this exigency that the Summer School of Science which convenes this year at Liverpool, N. S., and the Rural Science School, which convenes annually at Truro, are conducted. Both are laudable institutions and merit the attention of all our teachers. The Summer Science School has already been discussed in these columns, and we now take opportunity to say something in regard to the Rural Science School.

This Rural Science School is conducted by the affiliated Agriculture and Nermal Colleges. It meets annually at Truro, where the pupils have the advantage of the excellent Provincial Laboratories as well as of observing first hand work in progress at the Agriculture College. This school will be in session during July and August next. A regular curriculm of studies have been prepared, which, when completed, entitles the pupil to receive a "Rural Science Diploma" which entitles the pupil to receive a Government Grant. In order to equalize conditions the Government will pay travelling expenses of all teachers in attendance. Teachers will

Town Council.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held on last Monday night for the purpose of appointing a policeman and inspector of license for the Town. In response to the notice in THE CASKET calling for applications The Casker calling for applications for the offices, several were received and read at the meeting. The application of John McDonald, painter, who had been appointed policeman temporarily, was accepted, and Mr. McDonald was, on motion, unanimously appointed to said offices for the ensuing year. His salary as policeman, sanitary inspector, etc., was fixed at \$360.00 and as inspector of licenses at \$150.00 of licenses at \$150.00

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At White Head, on the 13th of February, 1910 MARGARET LOUISA, infant daughter of 'R. ami "NES GEORGE H. MUNEOR, aged 2 months and ni. e days. Interment was at Port Feil's cemeter; on Tuesday, 15th inst.

At the City Hospital, Feb. 14th, of dipl theria, after a short lilness, MISS CLARAE. McMILLIN, to years, form riy of antigonish, N.S. The deceased had been for over tweety years a buse at St. Luke's crome, Roxbury. Interment at Woodbawn Cemetery, Ever u., Feb. 16. Busides an aged mether, she leaves two sisters and four brothers.

At Little Lake, Richmond County, on the Feast of the Epiphany, of uncumonia John Johnson in the fifty eighth year of his age, after receiving the lass sacraments of the Church with great evotion. After a Requir High Mass, his remains were laterred at the Sacred Heart cenee y. He leaves a wife four sois and one daughter, two brothers and two sisters, and numerous triends and relatives to mourn his loss. May his soul rest in peace!

At Portland, Maine, on the 17th inst., JOHN FRASER, son of JOHN FRASER Tallor, of South River, Antigorish county The deceased never recovered from an 1 jury received last fall. Honest, honourable and ludustrious, he was esteemed by all who knew him. He was fortified in his last m-ment by all the rites of the Church He leaves surviving him a widow and elx children: also a brother, rimon Fracer trackmaster, I. C. R. Sydney, and two sisters. Katle and Mag le of Antigonish. May his soul rest in peace!

At Los Angeles, Cal., on the 2 th of January, 1910, in the seventy fourth year of her age, MARY E, the beloved wife of CHARLES O NELSON, I the same place, and daughter of the late UANIEL. V. MULLINS of S. S. Har or, Antigopish. She leaves best es a disconsolute husband and three children, two st-ters and four brothers, one of the latter being D E Mullins of Monk's Head, this County. On January 23rd she was burled in Los Angeles cemetery beside the remains of her brother, Hugh F, whose death preceded hers by a few months.

At East Sagus, Mass., U.S. A., on February Sth. in the 42od year of his age, JOHN MCLEAN, son of the late Alexander wellean of Rear Georgevile. A relapte after an attack of typhoid pneumonia brught his beautiful life to an early and. His death, like his life, was worlhy of a true thristian, for he prepared for it by a devont reception of the last sacraments and went to his reward trusting in the divine mercy and resigned to the will of God Five young children and a disconsolate widow mourn the loss of a kind father and a loving husband. The sympathy of the community goes out to them, to his aged mother and other members of the bereaved family. R. I. P

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Our London Letter.

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Preparations are already going forward apace for the great event of next June. Since the announcement of the consecration of Westminster Cathedral was made, barely a week ago, three of the remaining side altars have been promised, each at a cost of £500 a piece, and other decorations for the side chapels, etc., amounting in all to £12,000 have been subscribed for. The Cathedral itself, the vast building unadorned has already cost more than a quarter of a million sterling, and probably by the time it is finished it will have quadrupled this amount. Only a privileged few, of the Press, etc., will witness the actual consecration ceremony, since none of the floor space of the Cathedral will be available, being entirely required for the officiating prelates and clergy. Each altar will be consecrated separately, and there are fourteen of them in the Cathedral, a Bishop officiating at each. The day before the ceremony a tent will be erected in an open space between the Cathedral and the Archbishop's house, in which will rest the relies of the early English martyrs whose bones are to be interred in the High Altar. Solemn vigil wifl be kept around this bier during the whole night, and in the morning the caskets and their precious contents will be borne in state to the Cathedral.

Much sympathy is felt with Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton Stuart, who have lost their little son. The brother of the Marquis of Bute put up for Card ff in the recent election and during the campaign, the little boy, who was but three years old, caught a chill, whilst driving round the constituency in a motor car labelled "Vote for Daddy," and died this week.

That all important subject-the children-formed the basis of Archbishop Bourne's pastoral letter which was read in all the churches on Sunday last. At the commencement, His Grace opined that the result of the election would give us breathing space, at least, from the dangers which menaced our schools and took this opportunity to draw the attention of the parent to the fact that the training of mind and heart should be found in the home itself and that education within other walls should be but the complement and development of the home training. With true fatherly counsel and deep insight the Archbishop laid down the rules which should be followed in the bringing up of children, the discipline to be exerted, the simplicity of dress, food, and amusements which should characterise little ones in every walk of life; the obligation of example upon the parents; the unselfishness and self - control to be inculcated in the children, -qualities so woefully lacking in the rising generation of to-day, where, if daily experience goes for anything, the child appears to occupy the place of a diminutive Moluch in many house

The Catholic University Students Society, which was inaugurated by Archbishop Bourne last week, and which is now under the able Presidency of Mr. Justice Walton, an old London University man, promises to be a very successful and useful organization As Dr. Bourne said in his opening speech, the needs of the times are continually bringing forward new works and new associations, wherewith to meet them. His Grace paid a tribute to the Catholic Women's League, which has issumed such great proportions in a short time, and is doing a highly useful work in fitting our Catholic women to combat the intellectual enemies of the day, -whether in the drawing room or in public assemblies. and to aid in the groundwork of social and political events of importance, many of our Catholic ladies assisting in the canvas of voters during the recent election. The new Students' Society already numbers some sixty members of both sexes, and has a lady for its honorary secretary.

One of the oldest priests in Ireland has just passed away in the person of Father John O'Brien of Holy Cross, Thurles. The aged Father had been forty years in Thurles, and sixty four years a priest. To the last he was in full possession of all his faculties and had vivid recollections of the terrible years of the famine. He was deeply loved by his parishioners and will be sorely missed. R. I P.

A distinguished Scottish priest, Canon Lord Archibald Douglas is on the sick list, but is fortunately now !

on the road to recovery after a severe illness. Lord Archibald was for some years stationed in London, at Southwark Cathedral, but has now been at Girvad, in his native country, for upwards of a twelve-

month. Amidst the efforts to stir up strife which made themselves evident at the time of the election, Scotland did not escape. The Edinburgh Evening Despatch was betrayed into publishing a protest from a correspondent against the manner in which, he said, the clergy at St. Mary's, Leith, forced their people to support the Liberal candidate, threatening them with severest ecclesiastical punishment if they voted otherwise. Needless to say, there is not a word of truth in this assertion. No word, save one of warning against Socialism, was uttered from St. Mary's pulpit on politics, and the Secretary of the local branch of the U. I. L. has written to the paper to deny that executive issued any circulars at the church door. But our enemies saw too good a chance to sow discord to let it pass, and although their efforts in Edinburgh have failed, in some parts of the country, they have set Catholics of rival political allegiance by the cars. Of course, too, these lynx-eyed individuals have discovered that the Vatican is very pleased at the result of the British elections, and is already bringing pressure to bear on the Irish heirachy to force the Irish Party to do its behests, secure various unspecified privileges for the Church, and re-establish diplomatic relations between England and the Vatican! How is it we Catholics are always the last to hear what the Vatican is CATHOLICUS. doing?

Cardinal Merry del Val.

PEN PICTURE OF THE MOST STRIKING FIGURE IN PAPAL COURT.

Twenty five years ago or thereabouts, writes De Zipp van Calava, in the St. Joseph, Mo., News Press, a slender, swarthy youth, chiefly notice-able for a pair of wonderful brown eyes, was in attendance at the Acca-demia dei Nobili E-clesiastici in Rome. As the result of many pranks, he bore the nick name given him by some English school fellows of "Merry Devil." By no means brilliant, he was industrious and reasonably well-conducted, with a remarkable aptitude for languages, a passion for outdoor sports, and a singularly winning manner. Years passed and in due course the youth came to man's estate. The black cassock of the student and priest gave place in turn to the crimson sash of a monsignore, to the violet soutane of a Bishop, and to the scarlet mantaletta of a Cardinal dinal.

To-day he is generally to be found in that portion of the Vatican palace known as the Borgia apartments. Rafael Merry del Val is one of the most remarkable figures in the Catholic Church to-day. He is as the right hand of the Holy Father. He directs the policy of a power that has four bundred millions of the most loyal subjects on earth. And all this at the age of scarce two score and five.

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A REMARKABLE LINGUIST.

Merry del Val's remarkable abilities as a linguist gave him an enormous advantage from the very start. Spanish is his mother tongue, English he speaks like an Englishman, French like a Parisian. Of German, he has a fluent command; his Italian is so entirely free from accent that he has come to be regarded almost as one of

that nationality.

The fact that he is the first Cardinal Secretary of State who has been able to deal with Catholics of the Anglo-Saxon race in their own tongue was perhaps, a chief factor in his appointment. Born in London in 1865, his father, who was then an attache of the Spanish embassy, having descended from an Irish family that emigrated to Spain early in the seventeenth century, Merry del Valis the youngest Cardinal Secretary of State since the first incumbent of that office, Carlo Borromeo, the nephew of Pope Pins IV. (1559-1565), who held the post when scarcely past his majority. A Cardinal at thirty-nine, his tur-

ther advancement came through a series of peculiar circumstances. L20 XIII., on his death bed, nominated as consistorial secretary, Msgr. Volpini. Strangely enough Volpini died a tew days before the Holy Father, who was kept in ignorance of his friend's death. Had Volpini lived, he would by virtue of his office, have been secretary of the general congregation of the Sacred College, which met to elect a new Pope. His death necessitated, of Pope. His death necessitated, of course, the selection of a new score-tary. The choice of the College of Cardinals fell naturally enough on the young and energetic Merry del Val, who was thus brought into daily personal contact with Pius X., to whom, on his election as Pope, he acted as Secretary of State, pending the appointment of a permanent incumbent.

How HE WAS APPOINTED.

He was one day leaving the Pope's cabinnet, with a mass of correspondence when Pius X, called him back

and handed him a letter, remarking casually: "This is also for monsigcasually: "This is also for more," Adding the letter to the others, he passed out. In due course of time it came to his attention, and, opening it he found it was a notifica tion written by the Pope's own hand, of his appointment as permanent Secretary of State because of his "capability, devotion to work, and absolute self-abnegation." So great was the shock of this unexpected, unsought, and, perhaps, unwished-for, honor that the Cardinal is said to have

momentarily lost consciousness.

The Cardinal is an indefatigable worker, a frugal liver, a man of strong likes and dislikes, with a hot Luin temper that is often in evidence, but always under control. Tall and slim of figure, grace of motion, showing the highest type of the Andalusian in every feature, his face when in repose is little more than a mask, so utterly devoid is it of all feeling and expression. But when a smile gives life to his sphinx - like countenance, then, indeed, all the marvelous fascination which this remarkable man can exercise becomes apparent.

AN EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT. similar capacity. In the following year he was himself the representative of the Holy See at the jubilee of Emperor Francis Joseph, a post which he likewise filled at the coronation of Edward VII.

trusted advisor of King Alfonso, whom he prepared for his confirma-tion, and on three occasions he was appointed by the Queen Regent of Spain as religious instructor for her daughters.

Merry del Val's chief early success, doubtless, was won in the Manitoba school controversy, which threatened to destroy the power of the Church in Canada, and which required the most delicate handling. Sent by the Pope to study the question on the cpot, his visit was a noteworthy success and marked an epoch in the religious history of the Dominion. To the English speaking population he appeared the cultured Englishman: the French found that he spoke their language quite as perfectly as them-selves, and at Laval University he replied to a long Latin address in the same tongue,— The Catholic Universe.

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In health, who comprehends death? Oh, the awfulness of the realization that we must shortly give an account of the lives we have lived — that we

of the lives we have lived — that we must appear against our wills at the Bar of Eternal Justice! On, my God, what an agony—this of dying! It is only death itself that can make us understand death. Death is an abyss into which we descend—an abyss that lies between life and judgment.

We pray and we supplicate help for the hour of death, but do we begin to understand its meaning? The mere physical sufferings we endure, however terrible they may be, are not what occupy our minds at this supreme time in our existence. The thought that we must leave behind us all that we have ever known—that we all that we have ever known-that we must sever the ties dearest to us; that our body must return to the dust whence it came, and that our spirit must take its way to that other world, there to be judged and to be requited with either nell or heaven — these are the dread thoughts of this hour!

Then do our bodily ills become in-Then do our bodily ills become insignificant; then begins to rage in our hearts the tumult of fear; then is that weapon of demoniacal hate, despair, waged by our strong adversary—all our sins rising up as if to justify him in his subtle and fearful insinuations. Ah, then we, who nave drunk of the life-blood of hope, who have been nourished by the sacraments and have put our trust in Jesus Christ, and in the mediate between us and our transgressions, find comfort, and the Dayline

gressions, find comfort, and the Divine assistance in the agony of dying. Then comes to us with infallible trust those words of our God: "He who eats this bread shall not die forever," and we know that in the sacrament, that is the Body and Blood of our Redeemer, we have received help and strength that cannot fail us since we have fed

and the hope of immortal tire.

To some, God sends a speedy death, and to some a lingering one, according to His just and holy designs. To those for whom He reserves the latter, for whom a protracted fear and expectation of the awful summons is a part of its arounder to be becaused its arounder. part of its agonies, oh, be assured that there is a crown above the cross; that it is in His mercy and infinite wisdom that he has appointed this death. If we but correspond with the graces poured out so lovingly and so generously in our dying hours, we will merit the right to enjoy eternal felicity, and would see the error of his ways and to live forever in the everlasting presence and enjoyment of our God.— The Pittsburg Observer.

Deserved Tribute.

The purity of the Irish race is proverbial. There is no calumny which they resent so bitterly as a suggestion that they are lacking in this virtue. And we must say to the credit of the world that rare indeed is it that the Irish are called on to defend their There are two qualities of the race universally acknowledged-purity and courage. And those who seek, may find a subtle connection between the two qualities. Tennyson's Sir Galahad says:

My strength is as the strength of ten Because my heart is pure."

Senator Sullivan, when he intro-duced his bill against white slavery in New York, declared that he was confident that no Irish - American would be found implicated in the vile business. And Mr. Moscs, of the District Attorney's force, and formerly officially connected with the Anti-Society in New York City exonerated Tammany in a recent speech from any connection with the traffic, and added that he was sure Tammany would never be allied with it as long as a large percentage of its membership was of the Irish race.

These tributes reflect the opinion held by the public in general in regard to Irish respect for the virtue of

We will find in the following extract from the Ave Maria one chief cause for the love of purity so char-

acteristic of the Irish people:
"There can be no question that one of the most imminent spiritual dangers of the most imminent spiritual dangers of the day, especially to adolescents, is what Bishop Vaughan well style the sovereign seduction, the widespread vice which explains the existence of the infamous white slave traffic. Apropos of avoidance of this danger, the editor of the New Zealand

Apropos of avoidance of this danger, the editor of the New Zealand Tablet places in juxtaposition two recent utterances of non-Catholic authors. The first is found in Mr. G. K. Chesterton's 'Heretics':

"'A young man may keep himself from vice by continually thinking of disease. He may keep himself from it also by continually thinking of the Virgin Mary. There may be question about which method is the more reasonable, or even about which is the more efficient. But surely there can

reasonable, or even about which is the more efficient. But surely there can be no question about which is the more wholesome. The second extract is from a recent novel by Mr. Philip Gibbs:

"'My boy, the reverence of divine womanhood in the sacred and beautiful figure of Our Lady is very cleansing to the filthy hearts of men. The thoughts of divine motherhood and virgin innocence drags them out of virgin innocence drags them out of the mire. It gives them a bright vision, to which they grope their way through the darkness of their own sinfulness. That is why the Irish people never indulge in the black, unnatural vices of humanity. God knows many of them are weak, like myself; many of them are brutal; but the memory of the 'Hail Mary,' taught to them in the cold cabin and the little church, comes singing into virgin innocence drags them out of the little church, comes singing into their ears when the devil lures them to his blackest pits. And even if they descend to the lowest depths, the face of the Madonna looks down at them; and with one Ava Maria shouted and, with one Ave Maria shouted

"This is no flight of the imagina-tion, no mere rhetorical 'purple patch: it is a truthful transcript of the experience of thousands of Catholic boys and men whom devotion to the Blessed Virgin has preserved from sin or won to repentance. The Scapular and the Rosary are youth shest talismans in a world where sensuality is rife and occasions are manifold.-The New York Freeman's Journal.

Baptism of a Pervert's Child.

" A Catholic has fallen away from his faith; he even professes a religion, which, he says, is free from all theological trimmings. He contracts a civil marriage with a non-Catholic, but he sees that the child born of their union is taken to the priest for baptism. The priest refuses baptism unless the parents seriously promise him that the child shall be brought up a Catholic. This they refused to do. But they will allow the child to choose a religion for himself when he comes to the years of discretion. What is to be Irish Ecclesiastical Record (No. 503) replies as follows:

The priest acted rightly in refusing to baptize the child. A priest is on a child that is not in danger of death, unless there is reasonable hope that it will be brought up a that cannot fail us, since we have fed upon His sacred flesh that is the food and the hope of immortal life.

Catholic. In the present case there seems to be no reasonable hope that the child will be brought up a Catholic. the child will be brought up a Catholic. The parents' own lives give absolutely no guarantee, and their | promise to allow the child to choose a religion for himself implies that the child will remain an indifferentist in religion unless something very exceptional occures to direct it on the right path.

return to his Catholic allegiance, the case would be different; but so far as the case has been unfolded, there is no reason for hoping for that happy consummation. The mere fact that the child was presented for baptism was not enough of itself to give such hope, since it apparently meant nothing more than the desire of the give such hope, since it apparently meant nothing more than the desire of the father that his child should have the beneft of external connection by baptism with child would be brought up a Catholie Review.

The Biblical Commission and the First Three Chapters of Genesis.

The Biblical Commission estabgiven eight Responses in reference to the first three chapters of Genesis (see Ac!a Ap stolicae Sedis, I, 13).

various systems of interpretation which have sought to exclude the literal historical sense of these chapters do not contain genuine history corresponding to objective reality and historical truth; and it rejects every view that would regard the chapters as fabulous or allegorieal or legend-The Commission insists in a

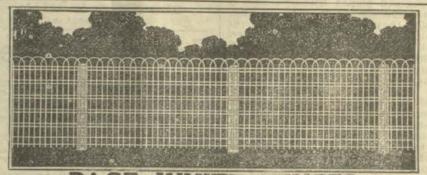
said of the priest's action in the truth of such parts of the chapters special manner on the historical case? Did he act lawfully in refus- as touch the foundations of the ing baptism?" To this query the Christian religion, as, for instance, the creation of all things by God at the beginning of time, the special creation of man, the formation of the first woman from the first man, the not justified in conferring baptism state of original justice, the fall from that state, etc.

Having thus insisted upon the literal and historical sense of these three chapters, the Commission makes certain concessions in favor of the liberty of the exegete; thus he is allowed to follow his own lights regarding any point on which the Fathers and Doctors of the Church were not agreed; he is not bound to take every word and phrase in the chapters in the literal sense; he is

from a tortured heart, they leap out of the clutches of the foul fiend and stretch out their hands to the Mother of the corresponding obligation of remain- as scientifically correct, and he may, ing through life a member of the life choose, look upon Yom (day) ing through life a member of the if he choose, look upon Yom (day) Church. The refusal of the parents as an indefinite period of time. But to give a definite promise that the these concessions are of minor importance. The really important sufficiently proves that the father did | Responses are the first three, which not mean the child's baptism to be declare and insist upon the historical regarded as binding it to the Catholic | character of the first three chapters Church,-The Catholic Fortnightly of Genesis Of course enlightened readers know that the Responses of the Commission, even when approved by the Pope, neither are nor pretend to be infallible. They must, however, be recognized as solemn judglished by Leo XIII. has recently ments of the weightiest and most competent church tribunal on Biblical questions, and as such they claim the adhesion of all loyal Catholies .-The Commission declares that the The Catholic Fortnightly Review.







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LOCAL ITEMS

Waldren's photo studio will be open Tuestay, March 1st, and until Saturday, March 5th.

Dr. Cox will be at the Merrimac Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, March 1st and 2nd.

On Tuesday next, March 1st, the members of St. Ninian's Branch of the League of the Cross will renew their pledges in a body. A full attendance is particularly requested.

THE PUBLIC meeting announced to be held at the Celtic Hall at 7.30 o'clock next Tuesday evening in con-nection with the Seed Fair will not take place, as the Hall has been engaged for the evening.

HOCKEY. - To night, at the College Rink, the Sydney hockeyists cross sticks with the College team, the same team that vanquished Harvard. The Sydneyites are also well - known, having many victories to their credit this season. The game to-night is for the amateur championship of Nova Scotia, and a battle royal is antici-

JAMES M. WALL, law student of this Town, who was the only candidate for "final" at examinations of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society last week, yesterday received notice of his having passed. Mr. Wall is an earnest, hardworking, conscientious young man, which qualities, combined with his well-known sterling integrity, is bound to win him success as a practising barrister.

A NUMBER of Town ladies gave the inmates of the County Asylum a pleasant afternoon on Feb. 15:h. Besides cakes, fruits, and other refreshments they also thoughtfully remembered the male inmates with tobacco and pipes. Forty nine patients partook of a tasty and abundant repast, after which followed a pleasing musical programme. Mr. and Mrs. Grant, of the Asylum staff, wish to thank the ladies for thus wish to thank the ladies for thus brightening the lives of the afflicted people in their charge.

Fire. — An unoccupied house at James River Mountain, owned by Mr. Allan McDonald of that place, was destroyed by fire on last Thursday. Mr. McDonald used the building for a store house, and had many articles therein when the fire took place, all of which wave lost. Among the articles which were lost. Among the articles destroyed were 85 bushels potatoes, 60 bushels oats, fanning machine, raking machine, truck waggon, sets of harness. Mr. McDonald estimates his loss at upwards of \$250, exclusive of building.

TUESDAY EVENING the Ladies' Auxiliary of the League of the Cross assembled at the Celtic Hall in large numbers. The purpose of the gathering was to bid farewell to two active members, Mrs. James O'Brien and Mrs. Edward McIntosh, who leave Antigonish next Tuesday for Bassano, Alberta, where they will reside. Both ladies were presented with brooches made from gold coins, which were suitably engraved. Adresses were read by Miss C. J. Macdonald and replied to by Mrs. McIntosh. A pleasing musical program followed, in which a number of ladies took part.

THE EDITOR of the Eastern Chronicle, whose editorials we read always with interest and frequently with with interest and frequently with appreciation because of their originality and particularly because of their fearlessnes in touching on matters local, matters political and matters religious, a quality the possession of which we often envy Editor Fraser, makes the following remarks about us in speaking a few words of commendation of a Brother Editor: "For intion of a Brother Editor: "For in-stance, The Casket of Antigonish is perhaps extreme in its views of what ts own church is, but that is what its there for, but in real ability it sur-passes any of the big dailies, and we have little doubt that its influence is greater in inverse ratio to its size in comparison with the big ones.

Sudden Death, — Mr. Arthur Cunningham of Cambridge, Mass., died on Thursday evening last while attending a Masonic meeting. Death was unexpected and was due to heart trouble. Deceased was an annual visitor to this Town, which was his native home. He was a son of the late William Cunningham of Antigoni h and a brother of the late Rupert Cunningham, our late Town Clerk. He was 57 years old, and had resided in Massachusetts 37 years. He was a in Massachusetts 37 years. He was a quiet man of good character, and was generally liked and respected. His body was brought here for interment, the funeral taking place on Tuesday. Two brothers, Dr. Norman Cunningham of Dartmouth, N. S., and Mr. Charles Cunningham of Tatamagouche, N. S. were in attendance. N. S., were in attendance,

It MAY be of interest to the Catholic young women of this Diocese, who go to the United States or who wish to learn nursing, to know that the Sisters of Providence, some of whom whom were visiting the Sisters of St. Martha here last summer, usually have vacancies for pupil nurses, and are always in need of help to do domestic work in their hospitals. The domestic work in their hospitals. The Sisters of Providence conduct the Saint Vincent Hospital, Worcester, the Mercy Hospital, Springfield, the House of Providence, Holyoke, and the Farren- Memorial Hospital at Montague City. The advantages of being employed in a Catholic hospital are evident, as the help or the candidates, as the case may be, are always give of being permitted to practise

their religion, whilst a young woman who takes up a three years' course in a "public hospital," where no pro-vision is made for attending Mass, runs some risk of becoming careless in the practise of her religious duties. Any communication addressed to those Sisters with a view to obtain a position ought to be sent to Mother Mary of Providence, Beaven - Kelly Home, Holyoke, Mass.

THE HANDSOME residence of Mr. D. G. Kirk, situated on Main Street, Ant., was on Saturday evening seriously was on Saturday evening seriously damaged internally by fire and water. The fire started in the basement, apparently from a defective electric light switch. It spread with surprising rapidity, and before the inmates were aware that the tuilding was on fire, the flames had communicated to the stairs and thence travelled quickly to the upper floors. Mrs. Kirk was obliged to make her escape from an upper floor through a window, to a ladder. It was fortunate that the fire occurred before the family had retired. On the arrival of the firementhe whole interior was burning, and the total destruction of the building was threatened. Two powerful streams were soon pouring into the house and with such good effect that the exterior was butslightly damaged. The furniture naturally suffered great injury. The house was insured for \$8,000 and the furniture for \$2,500. Mr. Kirk is contemplating internal and external changes in the building, and will defer repairs. The adjusters for the insurance companies were here this week, and Mr. Kirk has been awarded \$6,400.

CURLING.—Two rinks of the Antigodamaged internally by fire and water.

CURLING. -Two rinks of the Antigonish Juniors went to Truro last week nish Juniors went to Truro last week and wrested the junior trophy from the Truro boys who won it last year. Our juniors put up a splendid game and won out by four points, thus accomplishing a feat which several strong junior clubs tailed in already this winter, for the Truro juniors are in fact a very formidable combination. in fact a very formidable combination. Yesterday three rinks of Pictou curlers visited Antigonish to play the juniors for the foregoing trophy, and were successful, winning by fifteen points. The home curlers had a visit also from the Canso curlers, who have organized a club this winter. They were two rinks strong and played friendly games in the afternoon and evening, after which they were entertained at the rink. They are a good lot of sports and, judging from their playing with so little practise and experience, will so little practise and experience, will undoubtedly make good curlers in a very short time. The visitors express-ed themselves as well pleased with their trip and the treatment accorded them by our curlers. Mr. E. Macneill, manager of the local agency of the Bank of Nova Scotia, has presented a beautiful cup to the Antigonish curlers for friendly competition. The cup is a handsome one, and is much appreciated by the curlers. appreciated by the curlers.

THE DAILY GAZETTE (Glace Bay) has just published the "annual reports" of St. Joseph's Hospital for the year 1909. During the last half of the year there was a falling off in revenue, owing to local industrial troubles. Nevertheless, no deficit has occurred; on the contrary, obligations to creditors on account of interest and loans have been met and the payment of \$3,141.07 on capital account made. The number of patients treated, too, is constantly increasing, the number treated last year being 1009, that is, 176 in excess of the number treated in the year 1908. To quote further from the report of the secretary of the hos-pital executive (Rev. C. W. Mac-Donald): "The nursing staff, as at present constituted, comprises two graduated head nurses, a graduated operating room nurse and twenty one pupil nurses. During the year ended, five student nurses completed their course and were awarded the diploma of our Training School. One of these has since taken a post-graduate course. in New York and now returns to be-come a head nurse in her alma mater. In this connection, it is worthy of note that a limited number of our senior nurses are allowed, free of charge, to take three or four months of their undergraduate course in some of the best American hospitals with which St. Joseph's is now affiliated. In this way our nursing staff is continually kept in touch with all that is best in Hospital practice,

Hospital practice."

HYMENEAL. — Colin Francis MacKenzie, formerly of South River, Antigonish, and Miss Elizabeth Gray were married at the Cathedral, Providence, R. I., on January 11th, by Ray. Fr. Dowling. The best man was John J. McKenzie and Miss Catherine Trayner was the bridesmaid. 2 wedding breakfast was partaken of at the newly-furnished home of the happy couple, at 338 Smithfield Avenue, Providence.

At Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, on November 1st, 1909, Rev. Father Arsenault united in marriage Miss Catherine Connolly of Guysborough, Nova Scotin, and Mr. Reginald Cross of Paswegin, Sask. Mr. and Mrs. Cross have taken up their residence in Vegreville, Alta.

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Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Cassie L. Mc-Eachern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McEachern of Ballentyne's Malcolm McEachern of Ballentyne's Cove. Antigonish, County, N. S., which took place on Tuesday evening, February 8, at Lynbrook, L. I., to M. J. D. Squire. The bride was attended by Miss M. Armstead as maid of honor and Mr. McDonald was the best man. This was the first marriage celebrated in the Parsan Catholic Church of the

THE LECTURE delivered by A. W. Lane on "Canadian Government Annuities" in the Celtic Hall on the evening of Monday, the 21st inst., was, as anticipated, extremely interesting. A large attendance was expected, but A large attendance was expected, but the heavy downpour of rain kept many within doors. The lecturer, who is well known to the Canadian public, having served as chaplain with the Second Contingent of Canadian Mounted Rifles in the Boer War, is a magnetic and lucid speaker, and held the attention of his audience from the start. He briefly outlined the origin the attention of his audience from the stact. He briefly outlined the origin and development of the scheme and showed its manifold advantages over the systems adopted by the governments of other countries as well as those of insurance and benevolent organizations. The fact that we are all more or less the creatures of circumstances was strikingly illustrated and the necessity of an early ed and the necessity of an early provision to ensure comfort in old age provision to ensure comfort in old age brought graphically home to his audience. He then clearly explained the principles of the scheme and invited questions by members of the audience on any point not fully understood. The chair was occupied by Mr. Allan Macdonald, barrister. The lecture closed with the singing of the National Anthen. National Antheni.

Rev. Mr. Lane is to speak on the same subject at the school house, Heatherton, at 7.30 p. m. on Saturday next. As the matter of his address appeals to all, no doubt many will go to some inconvenience to be present.

Hay at Auction

To be sold at public auction, on Tuesday, March 8, at the barn of the late Joseph McDonald, William's Point, about 12 twelve Tons of Good Hay. TERMS, 6 months' credit on approved notes, or 5 per cent discount for cash. ALEX. R. McDON & LD. Monk's Head

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To be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Church St., Antigonish, occupied by Mrs. Sears, Restaurant, on

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