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CAN A CLAN-NA-GAEL MAN BE AN HONEST HOME-RULER?

Some of our readers think that we are unjust to patriots who advocate Home Rule, while still remaining members of the Clan-na-gael oath-bound society.

J. G. I [name in full] do solemnly swear, in the presence of Almighty God, that I will labor, while life is left me, to establish and defend a Republican form of Government in Ireland, that I will keep strictly secret the name and everything connected with this Br'd from all not entitled to know such secrets, that I will obey and comply with the constitution and laws of this Br'd and C'p, that I will faithfully preserve the funds of the Br'd for the Cause of Irish Revolution.

J. G. "Kiss the book. Admit the brothers to light and freedom." The instructions given to the new-bound brother by the Junior Guardian and by the Senior Guardian are the same sense and point out that the purpose of the U. B. affiliated with the Irish Revolutionary Brotherhood, is the establishment of a Republic in Ireland and by the sword. Here follow these instructions:

The J. G. shall then address the candidates as follows: Brothers, you have tonight, of your own free will, sworn to be true to Ireland, to the Br'd, to your race; that which must be kept in letter and spirit. While you respect it, those around you will be your friends—violate it, and wherever our Br's are stationed, you will have sworn enemies. Let it not then be such that we regret admitting to our Br'd.

And we who are members of that great Church, a lineal descendant of Christ, we who have the supreme privilege of receiving Christ into our sinful bodies; of partaking of that Bread of Life which shall nurture our souls and strengthen us against the wiles of the great Enemy of our souls; we who enjoy the immeasurable boon of approaching the tribunal of Penance and there, laying our sins at the feet of

and freedom is typical of the object which this Br'd is sworn to obtain for our country. May God strengthen you to work with zeal and fidelity in the cause whose duties you have undertaken. Be mindful to make the sacred cause, the symbol of Union and Fraternity; cast aside all petty jealousies and sectional views, with one object ever in your mind—Ireland's independence!

We again maintain that no Clan-na-gael man who has taken the above oath can be an honest Home-Ruler.

SILLY LYING.

Much silly but mischievous lying is kept up these days by parties interested in weakening and decrying the influence of ecclesiastics, and especially of the Holy Father.

1. As soon as the Irish envoys, O'Brien, Dillon & Co., came to America, the story was set afloat that the Pope had written a letter to the bishops in America forbidding them to aid these gentlemen. The American bishops received no such letter, because the letter was never written, nor even dreamed of.

2. When it was made known that the learned and patriotic Archbishop of Dublin refused to favor the leadership of Parnell, we were informed that now he was to be made a Cardinal, insinuating that the price of his change of views was a bribe by the Pope.

3. When the Irish bishops' manifesto appeared, it was met by an inuendo that now English influence was at work to get the Pope to use his spiritual power against all Irish priests who upheld Parnell. The purpose of this lie was to wedge into the Irish mind the suspicion that the action of Irish priests in resisting the man who had betrayed their honor and wrecked their National cause, was not of the heart and spontaneous, but proceeded from the Pope, at the instigation of the English.

All these inventions came from the same shop. Perhaps what appears in the Catholic Review of this week furnishes a clue to the discovery of the workmen:

"The correspondent of the Herald, who signs himself 'Member of Parliament,' is a Parnellite, and the cables to the New-York Sun are also tinged with the Parnell spirit. Nothing is more curious in the present trouble than the attempt of the Sun and other Parnell adherents to belittle the action of the Irish hierarchy and to laugh at the connection of personal morality with public politics."

This lying by cable is silly but mischievous.

CHRISTMAS.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO, ET IN TERRA PAX HOMINIBUS BONAE VOLUNTATIS.

So sang the Angels on that eventful morn'g when the infant Jesus, the Savior of mankind, He who was to be the mediator between an outraged God and His disobedient children, He who descended from His heavenly throne to take upon Himself the mantle of poor, sinful humanity even to an ignominious death, as a common malefactor, on the Cross, was ushered into this dreary world in the crib of Bethlehem on that Christmas morn'g, now distant many centuries. But the efficacy of that Redemption inaugurated then is still as applicable to the sinner as it was on that first Christmas day. And for this great mercy we can echo the Angels' glad hymn of thanksgiving at the birth of the infant Christ. And our hearts should be still more overflowing with gratitude than they, because it was by His advent upon earth that we are permitted to hope of finally attaining the blessings and joys of Heaven in the great eternity beyond the grave.

And we who are members of that great Church, a lineal descendant of Christ, we who have the supreme privilege of receiving Christ into our sinful bodies; of partaking of that Bread of Life which shall nurture our souls and strengthen us against the wiles of the great Enemy of our souls; we who enjoy the immeasurable boon of approaching the tribunal of Penance and there, laying our sins at the feet of

our Blessed Lord, having our guilt washed away by Him, through the ministry of His priest; we who are allowed to assist every day, if we will, at the unbloody sacrifice of that same Savior; How great cause of gratitude have Catholics at this Christmas tide.

The great feast of Christmas brings joy to every heart, as well to priests as people, especially to those for whom Christ was born to be received by them in the Holy Eucharist. It is the only feast during the year when priests are privileged to say three masses. The first at midnight is in honor of His eternal birth from all eternity, as described in the words of God the Father, speaking in the Psalms—"Thou art my son; this day have I begotten Thee." The second Mass, offered at the dawning of day, is in honor of His birth as Man, well illustrated by the rising of the Sun in the heavens, the Light of the World. The third Mass is offered in honor of His sacramental birth on the altar, a beautiful illustration of Day giving joy, peace, prosperity and happiness on earth.

May the blessings of this holy season be poured copiously into every heart and the Divine love which brought the Son of God on earth be reflected in every household, so that every Christian will partake of the joy vouchsafed by the angels of God, when they sang "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will."

Next week we will commence the publication of a story translated from the German by "J. A. S.," the writer of the charming sketch of the Passion Play which appeared in a former issue of this paper. The title of the story is "Between a Brother's Love and the Seal of the Confessional." Read it.

Judging from its last issue, the Jury still fears the terrible hierarchy will some day run away with the entire country. We regret that our contemporary is so easily frightened. Why not consult with the Rt. Rev. Cleveland Coxe, who fears the awful Jesuits? Misery loves company.

Memorial to the Late Mother Xavier. At a meeting of "Our Former Pupils" Society, the following resolutions were adopted on the death of Mother Xavier:

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst Mother Xavier, Superior of St. Mary's Orphan Asylum, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the society mourn with profound sorrow the death of Mother Xavier, whom in our infancy first taught us the love and fear of God, and with maternal care and patience fitted us to go forth into the world to take up the cares of life. Be it further

Resolved, As a tribute to her memory we desire to record our appreciation of the faithful services and untiring devotion to the interest of the boys under her care.

Resolved, That we tender to the Sisters of St. Joseph's, her relation and friends assurance of our deep sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the Sisters of St. Joseph's and the trustees of St. Mary's Orphan Boys' Asylum, and that a copy of the same be entered on the books of our Society.

MARTIN WELCH, JOHN CURNEN, FRANK CORRIGAN, JOSEPH GLEASON, THOMAS LEAHY, DANIEL DOOLEY, Committee.

The Operetta in St. Mary's Hall. The Operetta in St. Mary's Hall will commence on Xmas night and continue every evening during the holidays, doors open at 7.15 p. m. No children admitted during the evening performances except in charge of their parents. A matinee especially for the children will be given at 2.30 p. m. New Year's Day, and for those who cannot come at any other time, admission for the children to the matinee only 10 cents. There will also be a matinee Friday afternoon, Dec. 26th, at 2.30 p. m.

Xmas in St. Mary's. The music at midnight Mass in St. Mary's will be magnificent. Father Frank O'Donoghue has been kindly permitted by the Superior General of his order to come from Germany and

Philadelphia, to celebrate the Solemn High Mass at midnight. Rev. F. O'Hanlon, deacon; Rev. Father Angelo, sub-deacon. Master of Ceremonies, Father Stewart. Pew holders will be admitted by ticket free, all others must pay 25 cents admission. A collection will be taken at all the Masses for the orphans. After midnight the following are the hours for the Masses in this church—5, 7, 8.30 and 10.30 a. m. At midnight Mass the following gentlemen will be in attendance at the door: Messrs. P. Cooper, R. Lennon, Wm. Reid, Wm. Egan, Thos. West, J. W. Smyth and Edward Gurry. Ushers: Messrs. P. Judge, Dr. McCort, Dr. Somers and James Connolly. Doors open 11.15 p. m., December 24th. No one admitted to the galleries until the auditorium of the church is filled.

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