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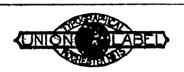
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#### IRISH HOME RULE

After many years of ceaseless struggles for Home Rule, Ireland has at last seen the dawn of liberty and has inaugurated the nearest approach! to that priceless boon that the green isle has ever known. While the change is not as radical as it might be still it is a big step in the right direction and will tend to prepare the way for a broader and wider freedom for that down-trodden country. The grand juries, bodies nominated exclusively by the landlords which formerly governed the counties, are entirely superceded by the councils, which have been elected directly by the people and in most cases from the such is the case, let us proclaim that

The common people are in com plete control in all the councils, and the change is one of the most remarkable ever seen in the country.

Laborers and farm hands are sitting in the council side by side with their employers. Servants are officially superior to their masters, and bricklayers are making laws for men of

The people pitched in to work hard for the election of their candidates, even the women assisting, and the re sult was an overflowing victory for the Nationalists. They elected 554 members, as against 110 elected by the Unionists representing the old

At last we are to have a Catholic chapel on the government reservation at West Point, a license under which the structure will be erected has been feered.

Bellamy Storer, the new United States Minister to Spain is a convert to the faith:

Captain Coghlan, of the Raleigh, will probably be a little more discrest become connected with it. in his after dinner speeches hereafter. Mis singing of "Hooh der Kaiser" did not add much to his official stand-

Dr. Rooker, secretary of the Papal Logation at Washington says there is absolutely no foundation for remore in the secular press relative to the appointment of a representative of the United States in the College of Cardi-

Thereports from the Philippines Indicate that ere long MacArthur will eatch up with Aguinalde and, crush Lis power.

A test of the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy was made in Chithe other day by professor Jereme Green, head of the department of Mysica and electrical anguscering at and Dame University.

DIVOTION TO THE BLES-ED VIRGIN

Now that the month of May is near at hand, the time set aside by the Church for the special honoring of the Blessed Virgin, it will be most appropriate to quote from the pastoral letter recently issued by the devout Archbishop Duhamel, of Ottawa, dealing with the question of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and enunclating Catholic doctrine thereon It is in pamphlet form and contains twenty-eight pages and is now being read in the churches of the archdiocese. In the course of his letter His Grace says: "The knowledge, love and reign of Mary increase in proportion to the perils and wants of the church. This is a fact, proved through the centuries of Christianity from the council of Ephesus to the promulgation of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. of Leo. XIII. on the subject."

After reciting evidences of the maernal sovereignty of the Mother of

God, the letter continues, in part: "Devotion to Mary can augment and give an increase of expansion to the reign of Jesus in souls? Yes, without doubt. For, those prayers we recite at the foot of Mary's throne, those hymns of praise we sing to her on certain solemnities, those consecrations to Mary read on first communion day or at the close of a parochial retreat are but transitory, temporary and ephemereal acts, although their fruits and perfumes are of imperishable profit to the soul of the just. Blessed de Monford says that Mary being the most conformed of all creatures to Jesus Christ, and devotion inclining to imitate the subject beloved-it follows that of all devotions, that which most consecrates and conforms the soul stronger tie can there be to unite us to Christ than His Mother? It is by her

"In this hierarchy of mediation, it is beyond doubt that God, the wisest and most just of kings, has proportioned parables-where the Master gives to toleration and now are begining to his faithful servants power over a learn the magnitude of their own number of cities equal to the number strength. At various times, in this of pounds brought by each one-if Mary must hold the first rank in this hierarchy of mediation. In fact, she holds the first rank among creatures; she is the daughter, the spouse and the mother of God; such is her dignity; she is the hollest of creatures; such is her position, her capacity; she is, as will be said hereafter, our co-redemptrix; such are her services. If then. we require a mediation to go to Christ, to be united to Him, let us go

us to go to Him.

Continuing, the pastoral explains at length the teaching of the church in relation to the Blessed Virgin and its doctrinal teaching on the question of the mediation of Mary between Jesus at all. No more than one swallow and His disciples among all nations and at all times.

"Daily should it be a duty and a desire for us, to consecrate our whole being as a holocaust to Our Divine Master. That our sacrifice may be acceptable to him let our altar be the heart of Mary."

The concluding part of the pastoral announces the formation and canonical erection in the diocese of Ottawa of the confraternity of Mary, Queen of Hearts, the principal seat of which will be in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Montreal road, under the direction of the priests of Mary. The objects of the society are explained at length, and the faithful are enjoined to

During the years of his pontificate which have elapsed so far, Leo XIII. has increased the number of episcopal sees in the Catholic Church throughout Christendom by 218. The episcopal sees, that is those occupied by bishops, which he has created, outnumber all the new sees erected by the Pope of any other rank. Next come the vicariates-apostolic, the bishops of which hold titles of lapsed sees. Leo XIII. has given us two new patriarchal sees, thirteen additional archiepiscopal ones, and he has made seventeen sees, that were formerly simply epis-

copal ones, archiepiscopal ones. Archbishop Chapelle brought back with him to New Orleans a young Spanish-speaking priest from Cuba. Father Fernandez, who will remain in the United States for a year or so for the purpose of studying English and our Catholic ecclesiastical ways. Then he will return to Cuba and do what he may towards introducing American Catholic methods there. This is a practical step towards putting the to survey the situation in all its deal-Cuban church in agreement with the conditions which will prevail in the laland, at least as long as American away is paramount down there.

THE INDIAN SCHOOL QUESTION.

Another dark spot to brand the

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record of the Fifty-fifth Congress, in privilege to cast a vote. the reluctance it displayed to give the deserved and due consideration to rick Ford-who gave the petition a to cannot be denied. very conspicuous place in the Irish World and a highly commented editorial, called for action on the members of congress. No action was takennotwithstanding our Cardinal is the respective representative of no less than twelve millions of Catholics in or was it entirely devoid of that sense go to Him that sent Me, and none of and from this to the last constitution of honor or adicted to that degree of you asketh Me: Whither goest Thou? stupidity as not to be able to grasp at But because I have spoken these the significance of so important an ad. things to you sorrow hath filled your dress that concerned all Catholics in heart. But I tell you the truth: it is general. That is, the weight of the expedient to you that I ge, for if I go peti on simply demands a due share not, the Paraclete will not come to and fair treatment that is accorded to you: but if I go I will send Him other religious denominations. In to you. And when he is come He fact, the petition from the alpha to the will convince the world of ain, omega presents a logical demonstration and of justice and of judgment. of an unbiased mind. Hence, when Me. And of justice, because I go to His Eminence addressed the members the Father, and you shall see Me no of congress, in a general body, the longer And of judgment, because very least he could have expected was the prince of this world is already a respectable hearing. Having not judged. I have yet many things to been granted the due courtesy in that say to you but you cannot bear them respect- the question naturally pre- now. But when He, the Spirit of sents itself in this fashion: "What are truth, is come, He will teach you all we Catholics going to do about it ?" truth for He shall not speak of Him-To answer the so important question self, but what things soever He shall would be to happily and vigorously hear He shall speak, and the things coincide with the suggestion of the that are to come He shall show you. "Ave Maria," and quickly acted up- He shall glorify Me, because He shall on by THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL, in receive of Mine, and shall show it to the sending of a joint letter of the you." to our Lord is devotion to His Holy American bishops to their flocks and Mother, and that the more a soul a congress of Catholic editors to agree is consecrated to Mary, the more it is upon a uniform and vigorous policy. consecrated to Jesus? But what And sooner the matter is attended to the better it will be for those whom it is concerned. Heretofore, we Catho-He came to us, it is by her He wishes lies, as a body, have been too tolerant

in many things, especially of the "religico-politico order." As, I have CATHOLIC JOURNAL-too much toler He teaches this himself in one of his of that country put aside the policy of we hear much of the re markable degree of Protestant toleration. So much (?) so that we can look in vain for an example where the offices of the president, vice president

or secretary of State have been honored by Catholics being elected to the same. Although a practical republican in politics. I am sorry to have to say I am ashamed of the many doings of my party and entirely dis gusted with the present administration. The very atmosphere at headquarters seems dosed with "Anglo Saxonism' bearing the foul breath of the London autocracy; The repub follows: lican party must not harbor the thought that a favor here and there, now and then, satisfies us Catholics as a class of people! Not can bring the summer.

I hope it will not be necessary to have a centre party with a Windthorst at its head; but will join that party that will respect us Catholics by granting our portion of attention and favors The funeral took place Wednesday. so lavishly bestowed on other classes April 19th at 9 c'clock from the Caof individuals. Either party cannot thedral chapel. Rev. George B. of the Catholic vote. That is an established fact and clear as the noonday's sun. Therefore, let us cast our votes, hereafter, to that party that will see that justice is done to Cathopresent congress will see the wise of this city, besides three sisters, Ellen, policy of taking up ('ardinal Gibbon's Ann and Maggie, and two brothers petition and give it due consideration. Otherwise, the writer will out short his affiliations with the republican we use personal exertion and a predetermination to have our rights acknowledged —the matter becomes

plain in the word of "duty." It is very easy to be seen, that in the demise of the great James G. Blain, the republican party lost an able guide and a true American leader. In his time there was no English snobbery evinced in its dealings and its actions savored of the true American spirit. Verily, Blain did'nt lack the courage to see that Eagan and Ryan were appointed as ministers to foreign countries. Evidently the Eagan's and Ryan's "are not in it," just now! A change has come over the present administration that makes the "enubbing" of Cardinal Gibbon's petition no surprise at all to those who have kept an "Eagle Eye" on the workings of our government. Knowing the unfavorable condition of matters at the present time the Catholic press is justified in making rebellion to those things that have been practiced against us. Therefore, it behooves us ings and aet accordingly to our best interest. Party name has about as much real significance and worth as

the soap balloons sent from clay pipes by little children. It is party action that should be considered by every individual who has the right and

That our present Republican administration must necessarily have a that able and logical petition of our reaction to set itself right with the beloved Cardinal Gibbons, to re open people for a victory in 1900 is very the Indian school question. At the clear to be understood by the ordintime of the publication of the petition ary citizen. That the mistakes have throughout the press, the writer in been many, snap judgments indulged conjunction with his friend, Mr. Pat- in, and very weak policies adhered

H. O'C. WATKINS, N. Y.

### THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL - Fourth Sunday after these United States. What explana- Easter-St. John xvi. 5.14 - At that tion, if any, has that congress to offer, time, Jesus said to His disciples: "I that cannot fail to win the attention ()f sin: because they believed not in

What are we to learn from this gos-

Seeing the apostles filled with sor row because they must separate from their divine Master, we should learn how great our sorrows ought to be when of our own accord we separate on other occasions declared in THE learning how necessary the Holy ation is worse than no toleration at all. always invoke Him that He may also the power of each agent according to We are having a working illustration instruct us in the truths of the faith, of it just now in Ireland. The people and guide our steps in the way of

#### Weskiy Church Oslendar.

Sunday, April 30-Fourth Sunday after Easter-Gosp. St. John wi 5-14 .- St. Catherine of Sienna, virgin.
Monday, May 1—S3. Philip and James, apostles.

Tuesday, 2-St. Athanasius, bishop, confessor, and do:tor of the church. Wednesday, 3-Finding of the Holy Cross Thursday, 4-9t, Monica, widew.
Friday, 5-Si Pius V., Pope and confessor Saturday, 6-St. John before the Lasin

### FORTY HOURS' ADORATION.

The order of Fosty Hours states that the devotions will take place as

April 30-Seneca Falls, Avon, Ontario, St. Mary's, Rochester; Moravia, Corning,

Mrs. John Wilson died at the family residence, 169 Kent street, Monday, April 17th, aged 43 years. bearers were Alderman Casey, Frank D. Knight, James Garvey, Hugh Hackett, Hugh McGuire and Daniel Egan. The deceased leaves besides her husband, two sons, Lemuel and lie's at large. By such action our John, and one sister, Mrs. B. Quinn 40 North Ave., near N.Y.C.R.R.

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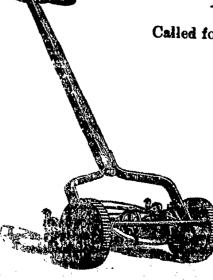
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