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Self-Explanatory

Rev. A. A. Notebaert has sent the following letter: To the Editor of the Rochester Herald.

Dear Sir:—Your editorial of last Monday on Great Britain and the Congo, leaves the impression that England, in her stand against the Congo, leaves the impression that order, and takes the part of a dignified protector in behalf of an oppressed nation. The truth is that England has long since contemplated a railroad from Cairo to the Cape over her own territory, and now that she has learned from various sources of the financial success of the Congo Free State and of its immense possibilities, she has decided to extend her protecting wing over the newly discovered country? To attain that end, a campaign of systematic slander and calumny was inaugurated. Unscrupulous men exhibited false photographs of supposed acts of cruelty, grossly exaggerated abuses that are inevitable in all new colonies, intentionally misrepresented facts and under the cloak of humanity and Christian civilization suppressed the good accomplished, but with no other aim in view than to obtain the mastery of the Congo. At first, England had disclaimed any connection with the original agitator, Mr. E. Deville, who for reasons best known to himself, changed his name to E. D. Morel. This man was the salaried agent of the rubber industry and of the Chamber of Commerce at Liverpool. His means were of a questionable nature and he was found guilty of bribing false witnesses, against the Congo administration; his calumnies edited in book form by Captain Burrows, an Englishman, were ordered suppressed by Justice Riddely of London. Yet, the same Morel is now endorsed by the British government and was the principal speaker at the indignation meeting previous to the last debate of the British Parliament. Another speaker at that meeting was the Rev. Dr. Harris, who, when in Rochester, failed to accept my challenge and did not even dare attempt to disprove the serious charges I made against him. At first, England demanded that Belgium should annex the Congo, and now that the annexation is decided upon, England wants King Leopold to step aside, and to give up the work of thirty years, accomplished at the expense of hundreds of lives of brave Belgians and of an enormous expenditure of his own money. The original charges of cruelty are dropped and now King Leopold is requested to leave the Congo because he is the manager of the rubber industry. There is the whole truth in a nut shell. Humanity is a pretext, the real motive is greed, first, greed last and greed all the time, that is England's record the world over.

Lord Cromer, the principal auditor at the session of the English Parliament, speaks of "Meretricious abuses and explorations of native races by foreigners and for their benefit only, and states that he has never seen nor heard a misdeed comparable to the abuses that have grown up in the Congo." The testimony of many English travelers, too long to enumerate, and all perfectly free and independent, is in direct opposition with the utterances of Lord Cromer and should be sufficient argument against him; all the more that Lord Cromer, who was the British diplomatic agent in Egypt, is the very man who inaugurated in Egypt the worst system of mercenary abuse and exploitation of native races. All the resources of Egypt have been under his direction, exclusively monopolized by Englishmen, so that the condition of the natives is now one of wretchedness and starvation. A still worse state of affairs exists in Australia, where the natives have been made to disappear by poison and artillery, to such an extent that the northwestern part of Australia is the only one where natives have survived the devastating effects of English civilization. In India the most fertile provinces are bled of their wealth by the British government and by the British officeholders. They produce more than enough for its own people, but they are taxed until a state of famine is the ordinary condition of the country. Another famine is now impending over India, and a million or more is the low estimate by an expert of the deaths from famine in India within the next few months. In fact, all the British colonies are victims of the worst form of oppression at the hands of the English.

The discussion in the Belgian Parliament, to which you refer, was not the result of the declaration made in the British Parliament, it was simply one of many sessions at which the matter of the Congo had been discussed, with the result that of late a settlement satisfactory to the great majority of the Belgian deputies has been reached. It is true that Mr. Vandewilde, leader of the socialist party, created a sensation at one of the sessions, but no true American would allow himself to be influenced by a man of that stamp. His socialist smacks of anarchism. The official organ of his party and his own, "Le Peuple," commented very strangely on the assassination of President McKinley. The Belgian Socialist, under the leadership of Vandewilde, exhibited great enthusiasm at the murder of the King of Portugal and would not hesitate to repeat such questionable demonstration at the murder of the ruler of any country.

Belgium and its King have agreed to annex the Congo as a Belgian colony. King Leopold has acquired sovereignty over the Congo Free State, according to the principles of international law. The conference of Berlin has sanctioned this sovereignty and Belgium will abide by the stipulations of that conference, and govern the Congo accordingly. If England is intent on taking unfair advantage of its numerical superiority over Belgium, the civilized nations will be her judges and be convinced once more of her bad faith, her insincerity and her unjust thirst for the lion's share.

REV. A. A. NOTEBAERT. Catholic Federation. The mass meeting of Catholics, held last Sunday evening in St. Michael's parish Hall, was a grand success in every respect. It was the most numerously attended of all meetings held under the auspices of the Diocesan Federation of Catholic Societies, the spacious hall being packed on the floor and the galleries. The following clergy were on the stage: Rev. M. J. Hargather, rector of the parish, Rev. F. R. Rauber, Rev. Wm. Gruenauer, Rev. J. P. Schellhorn, Rev. F. J. Scheid, Rev. J. F. Staub, Rev. F. Kunz, Rev. L. G. Hofschneider, Rev. Wm. Btzel, Rev. Dr. Michael Steines of Syracuse. Joseph P. Ribstein, president of the Federation, called the meeting to order and introduced Alderman Louis Heindl as chairman of the meeting. The rector, Rev. M. J. Hargather, delivered a most cordial and eloquent address of welcome to the immense audience, recounting what the Federation had done in the past and expressing the utmost confidence in what it would do in the future in the interest of the church and religion. The second speaker was Rev. M. Steines, S. T. D. His subject was "The Necessity of Federation." He was followed by Hon. Jas. M. E. O'Grady, whose subject was "Catholic Federation." The last speaker on the program was Hon. Henry R. Glynn, who spoke on "The Practical Side." All speakers handled their subjects in a masterly manner and they were frequently interrupted by enthusiastic applause. St. Michael's Church choir only ended the evening by several well rendered selections. The hall was elaborately decorated with flags and bunting, making a pleasing effect. The next meeting will be held in the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rev. J. P. Schellhorn, rector, April 5th. The next regular meeting of the Federation will be held next Sunday evening in St. Joseph's parish hall.

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Mr. O'Grady to Appear in Debate. "Resolved, That an American Workman Cannot Be a Socialist," is the subject which will be debated under the auspices of the Labor Lyceum in Cook's Opera House next Sunday, March 15th. Hon. J. M. E. O'Grady of this city will take the affirmative and Prof. G. R. Kirkpatrick of New York the negative. Whether it be willingly or not, this is a subject which is attracting a certain amount of attention. If we are to meet it and answer it we must know something about it. Mr. O'Grady can be relied upon to present his views and results of his study of this subject in such a manner that it will repay those who attend. The readers of this paper need no eulogy of Mr. O'Grady to feel assured that their case rests in safe hands. Prof. Kirkpatrick is spoken of as a good debater and polished speaker. He is well known as a socialist lecturer and writer. He has debated with Henry Clegg, the banker of New York, with Congressman J. Basil Barnhill and numerous others. Prof. Kirkpatrick is not a stranger to Rochester, having lectured in this city on one or two previous occasions. In order to defray the expense of the theater, etc., a small admission of ten cents will be charged at the door.

Lima, N. Y. The drama, "Handy Andy," will be presented by home talent on St. Patrick's night at Brendan Hall. The following is the cast: Patrick Hendrick, Geo. Cummings, Geo. Eichinger, Edw. Hogan, Wm. Harrington, Bart. Hayes, Michael Hogan, James Matthews, Mary Hayes, Mary Lockington, Emma Lockington.

Canandaigua, N. Y. Prayers were offered Sunday for Michael Roman, Daniel Grea by and Father Rafferty. The children's confessions will be heard this week on the Ember days. Miss Katherine Burns of Rochester has taken charge of the rehearsals of "The Chaperone," which will be rendered by fifteen young ladies of the Sodality next Monday evening at Hemis Hall. The address will be given by Rev. John H. Sullivan. Father Dougherty called at ten o'clock Sunday to the disgraceful and insulting postal cards which are on sale as "St. Patrick's Day Postals." The collection for the Propagation of the Faith, reaches 475.20. Sunday afternoon Father Dougherty preached to the inmates at the County Home. Messrs John Enright and Chas. Widman rendered appropriate hymns. The sermon Wednesday evening will be by the Very Rev. Mgr. J. W. Hendrick of Ovid, and his subject, "The Mass." During Lent, the epistle and gospel, taken from the Mass of each day, are read in the vernacular after Mass. Occasionally even in this twentieth century we hear of some of our non-Catholic friends who insist that Catholics are not allowed to read the Bible or that it costs money to go to confession. The chanted Masses this week are for Mrs. Mary Coesgrove and Mrs. Mary Toomey. The Young Defenders will receive Holy Communion next Sunday, marching from the school to the church and wearing badges appropriate to the nearness of the Festival of St. Patrick. We have recently had installed in the First Grade room of the school one of Prof. Kelly's figuring boards, and it is a pleasure to see how rapidly the little ones can add up two or three lines of figures. The following letter received this week from Bishop Clancy will be of interest to his many friends hereabouts:



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St. Mary's, N.Y. Feb. 29, 1906. My Dear Father Dougherty: I thank you cordially for your kind thought in sending me a photograph of your new church. The photo is well done and the church itself is a gem and worthy in every way of the "Sleeping Beauty." I have so many tender associations connecting me with Canandaigua that I naturally take deep interest in the town and its surroundings. In the terrible times that succeeded the great famine of '47 in Ireland, all my maternal relatives (excepting my own mother) sold out their farms at home, as did millions of people all over Ireland; and on going to America, they settled down in Canandaigua, because of labor facilities which the opening up of railways afforded at the time in that locality. For the most part they lived and died there. In the quiet graveyard, which lies outside the town, my grandfather and grandmother, three uncles and three or four aunts were long since laid to rest, but my youngest brother, who died there in 1892 or 1893, is also there awaiting his resurrection. May they all rest in peace! With best wishes for the spiritual and temporal progress of your good people, I remain faithfully yours in Christ, J. CLANCY.

AUBURN, N. Y. The last will and testament of the late Rev. Hugh J. Rafferty was made public during the week. St. Bernard's Seminary at Rochester is remembered in the will and by its terms a scholarship will be established for the benefit of the students entering that school for the study of the priesthood. The Auburn Asylum is also remembered in the will. The several relatives of the dead priest were remembered. The Lenten services at the different churches are all well attended. The morning services are held after the regular 8 o'clock Mass. On Wednesday and Friday evenings special de-

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St. Mary's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Laughlin at each of the Lenten services at this were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. church a collection for the poor of Frank G. Pennell. The parish is taken up. Miss Laura Hamilton is to open the Holy Family parish held their millinery rooms in the Patterson Block and it was very successful. Special instructions were given each day. The number of communicants were large. The devotions closed on Wednesday morning. The Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus, will hold their annual dancing party and reception at the Hall on April 29th. This affair promises to eclipse anything ever attempted by the Council and will be one long to be remembered. The different committees having the affair in charge will work for the one success that is bound to come. The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick will hold their first annual banquet at the Osborne House on St. Patrick's night. The affair promises to outdo anything ever given in the city. The club is composed of 100 of the leading Catholic young men of the city. Well known speakers will be heard at the tables in different towns. The young people of St. Mary's parish will give an entertainment on Tuesday night for the benefit of the Italian church. The Lyceum Hall should be crowded to the doors, as the program to be carried out will be one of great interest.

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Honeoye, N. Y. A very enthusiastic R. R. meeting was held March 14th. The ladies have taken an active interest in the proposed R. R. There isn't the shadow of a doubt in regard to the fulfillment of the long felt desire for a R. R. through this town if the people do their part, and surely no one will fail to see the need of co-operation. Seventy-five shares were subscribed for at the last meeting. Several of the ladies subscribed for shares in the stock.