

Communism while at the same time he proclaimed the rights of the workers. The Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII on the Condition of the Working Classes is one of the most striking economic documents of modern times. The Pope insists upon the sanctity of family life and raises his voice against birth control and divorce and other evils that destroy the sanctity of the Christian family and thereby lower the moral standard throughout the countries of the world. Rome stands for all that is good. The words of a

The impression made upon that great French orator a hundred years ago has been made upon numbers of others who, on visiting the Eternal City, fell under the benign spell of the successor of St. Peter.

Our pilgrims will have the glorious opportunity of visiting Lourdes also, that sacred spot at which take place miraculous cures—cures of body and cures of soul, that holy shrine where the sick of soul and sick of body are restored to health. The miraculous nature of the bodily cures that take place

the faith of the Irish people, their loyalty to the Church, the priests, and the Hierarchy," he said. "It was astounding to me, after 20 years, that a country that has been defamed by propaganda work was not only as good as it was 20 or 40 years ago, but better, as far as I know, than ever it was before. The faith and fervor of the people are stronger and purer than ever. This is not only my impression, but that of all the parish priests I met, who told me that never at any time in her history were Ireland's people



The old house (on left) and school (on right) occupied by the Marist Brothers prior to the erection of the new school and residence. The Jesuit Fathers lived in the old house shown above during the time they were in charge of the parish of Invercargill.

great French preacher, P re Lacordaire, are worth quoting:—"O Rome. . . Seated amid the storms of Europe, I saw no anxiety on thy brow, and no distrust of thyself; thy glance, turned to the four quarters of the world, followed with sublime discernment the development of human affairs in their connection with those that are divine; whilst the tempest that left thee calm, gave thee, in the eyes of thy child, less accustomed to the variation of ages, a something which rendered his admiration full of compassion. O Rome! God knows I did not mistake thee because I found no kings prostrate at thy gates. I kissed thy dust with joy and unutterable reverence, for thou didst appear to me what thou truly art, the benefactress of the human race during past ages, its hope for the future, the only great thing still left in Europe, the captive of the universal jealousy, the Queen of the world. A suppliant pilgrim, I brought back from thee, not gold, or perfumes or precious stones, but something rarer and more unknown, the treasure of Truth."

at Lourdes is beyond all doubt. The pilgrims are to be envied who will have the rare privilege of visiting that spot where Our Blessed Lady revealed herself to the peasant girl whose beatification is shortly to be pronounced.

In regard to Ireland, we hear a great deal about her and against her. We answer in the words of a well-known poem—

We've heard her faults a hundred times,  
The new ones and the old,  
In songs and sermons, rants and rhymes  
Enlarged some fifty-fold.  
But take them all—the great and small—  
And this we've got to say,  
Here's dear old Ireland, good old Ireland,  
Ireland, boys, Hurrah.

I shall read to you what a Sydney priest just returned from Ireland says about the country:—

"You would have to travel Ireland from south to north, and east to west, to realise

better, and their guarantees were in the frequentation of the Sacraments, the daily and weekly Communion. Above all, the priests spoke of the young men. To read the papers you would think they were doing nothing else but shooting people down. But they are only mad on one thing—and that is religion, and if that be madness, I wish we had more of it."

Again I congratulate you, my dear Dean, and you, the parishioners of Invercargill, on the latest addition to your group of beautiful buildings. I pray that God will bless this house and the good Brothers who will live in it and will teach your boys how to become good Christian men, exemplary citizens and pious, devoted Catholics.

I have now much pleasure in handing over my cheque. It will go to paying for the furnishing of the house or for the improvement of the grounds. By an act of striking generosity which you will never forget, Dean Burke has paid the entire expense of erecting this beautiful monastery.

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