

tered, their thoughts will go back with deep gratitude to the old halls where they were encouraged to walk in the footsteps of the martyred patriot prelate who brings such glory to the Irish College now. We are happy to know that the present superiors of our old college are just the men to train young Irish levites on the lines on which Oliver Plunket was trained in bygone days. It will not be their fault if the clergy who go forth from those historic walls will not be Irishmen as well as priests.

### Christian Womanhood

The French atheists aimed at undermining the foundation of religion and morality in France. They captured the schools and they banished God from them, with the result that even professed secularists confessed that the nation was on the road to destruction and that only a religious training for the young could save it. That the atheists and the immoralists did not utterly corrupt France was due to the fact that they were not able to corrupt the women of the country. In spite of bad schools, bad laws, bad literature, and bad example, the women of France were true to the old traditions of the land that gave us Blanche and Jeanne; and because they were true France found a Foch and a Castelnau to save her when the rotten reed of Freemasonry broke under the stress of the war. As long as the women remain pure and good and true a nation cannot be lost; but if once womanhood loses its virtue the end is decay and ruin, as sure and as swift as was the corruption of old Rome and old Greece. To put the matter in another way: the morals of men are what women make them. Men will respect pure women, and a modest, retiring girl needs no other defence in her walk through life. Forward, unmaidenly girls lead men into temptation, and if men fall, more often than not the first step is due to the woman. Therefore, the best defence of a nation is the purity of its women, and its greatest bane is laxity of moral fibre and loss of modesty among its daughters. In a country like ours, where moral depravity is so widespread and where vice is so naked and unashamed, only two safeguards against ruin are left. Religious education that will teach the young people to fear and love God is the first essential, and next to it comes the influence of a good home, with its Christian atmosphere and the watchful eye of a conscientious mother. Both must work together. Even the best school will not save girls whose parents will allow them to go with whom they will and to keep late hours and come and go as they please. And on the other hand home influence will not avail much unless deep in the young heart are formed Christian principles that will raise a rampart against sin and be a bulwark against temptation in the hour of danger, which will come for all. Therefore, while we are doing our best to provide good schools, and while our devoted teachers are spending themselves day by day in the cause of Christian education, we have a right to expect that fathers and mothers will do their part at home to complete what is begun in the school. The father and mother who neglect to watch over their children will have a terrible reckoning one day, for they will go before a Judge who will demand of them not only an account of their own souls, but also an account of the souls of the children to whom they were stumbling-blocks instead of guardians and protectors. Over young girls especially parents are bound to watch. What the girls are now the future mothers will be, and it is their hands that will have the moulding of the destinies of the people in after years. A modest, pure, retiring girlhood in the country will mean a healthy promise for the future; and a forward, shameless, corrupt girlhood will mean a harvest of rottenness.

### The Murder in Cork

Roger Casement said that his valet was bribed by Britain to kill him. Arthur Griffith told the people

of London that the Government had instructed its tools to shoot prominent Sinn Feiners. Irish juries have found policemen and soldiers guilty of wilful murder and in no instance were the murderers punished. Even against French and Lloyd George verdicts of murder have been brought in; and even English papers throw on them all the guilt for all the blood that is spilled in Ireland. It is not the way of the British Government to punish its hired criminals: even after exposure the notorious Sheridan was let go scott free. Rather is it the way of British chivalry and fair play to try to throw upon others the guilt which is all its own. Thus the unspeakable brute who is Lord Lieutenant of Ireland—like a lordly liar—told some newspaper person that the Lord Mayor of Cork was killed by Sinn Feiners. It was a lie, and French knew it was a lie. But nobody expects anything honest, as nobody expects anything decent from French. Thomas McCurtain was killed by policemen. Mr. McVeagh had the courage to assert this in the English Parliament, and there is abundant evidence that he was right. At the inquiry into the murder, the counsel for the next-of-kin marshalled the following facts before the public, leaving no doubt in the public mind as to who were the murderers:

(1) The murder was committed by about 20 men, six of whom entered the house, the others being stationed outside.

(2) The men were tall men who wore civilian overcoats and caps and carried rifles with straps, such as those served out to the police.

(3) A short time after the murder was committed several civilians saw tall men in civilian dress pass through some of the back streets from the direction of the Lord Mayor's residence carrying rifles with straps. The men were followed and seen to enter the King Street Barracks.

(4) A little later policemen in uniform but wearing civilian overcoats and caps came from the same direction and also entered King Street Barracks. They also carried rifles.

(5) The Lord Mayor's house is only forty yards from the Blackpool Barracks, a principal police barracks. Rifles fired outside and revolvers inside the house could not fail to attract the attention of the police in the barracks.

(6) The attention of the police was not attracted. They rendered no assistance and did not visit the house until eight hours afterward.

(7) Military raided the house an hour after the murder and asked no questions as to how the Lord Mayor was killed or expressed no surprise at seeing him dead.

(8) With the military were police from the neighboring Blackpool Barracks. These did not enter the house. But if it were not already known to them that the Lord Mayor had been murdered, the information must have been communicated to them by the military with whom they withdrew after the raid at 2 a.m. Yet no police visited the house until 9 a.m.

(9) The men who murdered the Lord Mayor knew the interior of the house perfectly.

(10) Police had raided the house over twenty times in four years and several times within the last two months.

(11) On the morning after the crime bullets were found outside the Lord Mayor's residence which were of the latest police pattern.

(12) Immediately outside the door of the murdered Lord Mayor's residence was found a policeman's button.

Some earnest enthusiasm of life is the effectual cure for all disquiet. There will always be minor cares and troubles for those who are at leisure to attend to them; nor can we be rescued from these except by interests and pursuits that take us out of their region.

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