

acity of spokesman for the Irish people, in order to win favor from any American political clique. All this throws some light on an incident which occurred over a year ago. When the Friends of Ireland sent a deputation to wait on President Wilson, the President made it clear that while willing to meet them he must insist that Judge Cohalan be excluded from the deputation. Clearly it was not because of the Judge's Irish sympathies this protest was made by President Wilson. Unscrupulous political tactics like those which caused the attacks on de Valera were very probably the cause of the President's objection. At any rate Cohalan's effort to trap the Irish leader and make him a tool of a political American party has been defeated.

#### CATHOLIC GROWTH IN SWITZERLAND.

The Swiss city of Geneva was formerly best known as the home of John Calvin. More recently it has been associated with the international administration of the Red Cross and in the future may be distinguished as the seat of government of the League of Nations (says the *Irish Catholic*). It is of interest to note that Calvin's town has lost much of its former Calvinistic aspect, and is now a Catholic community by a comfortable majority. It still retains, however, reminiscences of its former position in its discrimination against those Catholic.

The Catholic churches which were delivered into the hands of the Old Catholic schism in the seventies of the last century have been restored to Catholic worship mainly through the work of M. Ador, Geneva's foremost citizen. "The Catholic majority in the entire province," says the *Missionary*, "is nearly 10,000, and all political portents point to the early future for the spectacle of the city of Geneva being ruled by adherents of Rome." Though the city is far more Catholic than non-Catholic, yet religious Orders are not suffered to have a legal existence; our Sisters must wear secular clothes out of doors, and priests are forbidden so much as the use of the surplice on such occasions as funeral processions. Yet the growth of more just and even gentler feelings is acknowledged among the younger members of the ruling class. The last Bishop of Geneva was the greatest Catholic of his day in Europe, St. Francis de Sales. His successor in the title shall be installed not many years hence, if we are to trust the tokens of God's will seen in present conditions."

Work for God, with God, and thou shalt succeed.  
Co-operate and assist; not criticise and find fault.



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#### FRANCIS THOMPSON

(By "CARITAS.")

Apropos of the two delightful articles on Francis Thompson in the *Tablet* of August 5, it may be interesting to some of its readers to add that there is an opinion current among some of the intellectuals in England, though I know of no writer on Thompson that refers to it, that the idea of the title of the *Hound of Heaven* was borrowed by the author from the following lines, notably the one I have put in italics, of James Clarence Mangan, whose life was so like that of Thompson:—

Oft with tears I've groaned to God for pity,  
Oft gone wandering when the way grew dim,  
Oft sung unto Him a prayerful ditty  
Oft all lonely in this throngful city  
Raised my soul to Him.

And from path to path His mercy tracked me  
And from many a peril snatched He me  
When false friends pursued, betrayed, attacked me  
And gloom o'er-darked; and sickness racked me  
He was by to save and free.

Another point in the great lesson of the *Hound of Heaven*, not sufficiently emphasised, I think, by commentators, is the consequent dignity of the real vocation to be a crucified disciple of our Blessed Saviour no less than the monk of a Carthusian monastery, that may be the lot of the tramp and apparent neer-do-well, to which idea Benson does so much justice in his *None Other Gods*. Has not Thompson some such message in the following lines:—

Ah, is Thy love a weed indeed,  
Albeit an amaranthine weed  
Suffering no flowers except Thine own to mount,  
Ah, must Designer Infinite,  
Ah, must Thou char the wood  
Ere Thou canst limn with it.

#### SUPREME COURT IN DUBLIN.

Dail Eireann intends to set up a Supreme Court in Dublin to review cases reserved from the county Sinn Fein tribunals (says the *Independent*). The Court will consist of a limited number of judges. This statement comes from a well-informed source, from which we also learn that, outside the cities of Dublin, Cork, and Belfast, Sinn Fein Courts are in operation in practically every county in Ireland.

The London Press Association's special Dublin correspondent has had the above report officially confirmed.

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