

BURNING OF DEAD

Condemned by Archb'shop
Bruchesi

A PAGAN CUSTOM.

Cremation Formerly Prohibited to the Faithful of the Church.

In a pastoral letter Bishop Bruchesi Roman Catholic, says the following in reference to The Crematory Question.

"Dearly beloved brethren, you have learned, as we have, that the Mount Royal Cemetery Company petitioned the Quebec Legislature some time ago for legal authorization to have a crematory. Despite the courageous opposition of several members and legislative councillors, the request was granted. It is a triumph for the very few friends of cremation in Canada. For us the vote given by the majority of our legislators was a real surprise, and it caused us regret. The practice that is henceforth to have legal sanction is not only condemned under severe penalties by the church, but is, moreover, in manifest conflict with Christian feeling and popular sentiment. Far be it from us to think that even one of our Catholic representatives had given his approbation to cremation itself; it was because those who requested it were not members of the Catholic Church that they succeeded in their undertaking. But it is none the less true that the act which was passed might in the future have unhappy results. Likewise we consider it to be a duty of our pastoral charge to communicate to you the teaching of the Holy See upon this important subject. In this we follow the instructions given to several Bishops on the 19th of May, 1886, by Leo XII., in which he requests them to inspire the faithful with the greatest horror for the 'detestable abuse of burning dead bodies.' It is true that in pagan antiquity cremation existed, but the custom of burial and interment was then still more in vogue. The patriarchs of the old law, the Jews, the Egyptians themselves, would have none of that, cremation called by the Talmud an abominable thing. The Romans only adopted it in the last year of the Republic. As to the Christians, even the schismatics and heretics, they ever held it in horror from apostolic ages down to our time.

THE CATHOLIC DOCTRINE.

"The Catholic doctrine on this subject corresponds admirably with the inclinations of our nature, as it does with the highest and most delicate sentiments of the human soul, inclination and sentiments that we think should have their weight in every act of Christian legislation. And, dear brethren, there is something else to consider: The church has so to speak, accentuated, in the touching burial of her children, her faith in the immortality of the soul and in the resurrection of the body, as well as her profound respect for those mortal that her august sacraments had sanctified. Consequently it is not surprising that impiety should have attacked a practice so pious and so full of mysteries, that it struggled against it and that it sought to have it gradually disappear. For we need have no illusion about it; if men of good faith can see in cremation only a scientific and economic question it is certain, as moreover it is admitted by the most ardent supporters of that practice, that the system is engendered by a feeling hostile to Christian faith, to the spirituality and immortality of the soul. Such was the remark of his eminence Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, in a letter to his clergy, dated the 24th February 1900:—'The doctrines professed by the men who seek to have the custom prevail,' said he, 'were a sufficient reason for the faithful to be suspicious of any such attempt. Besides, the enemies of religion have frequently and openly declared that the great advantage of cremation were the keeping away of the priests from the ceremonies and the replacing of Christian funerals by civil obsequies.' His Eminence adds:—'The pagans buried the bodies of their dead, and it is that pagan custom that it is desired to have brought back to us without reflecting how it would cause our society to go backwards for nineteen centuries.'

FORMALLY PROHIBITED.

We hesitate not to assert that the introduction of this practice of cremation into our City of Montreal is regrettable. Does the tolerance of creeds opposed to ours or does the respect due to the freedom of worship justify it? Assuredly not since it is not included in the ritual of any church, and since it was not asked for by any religious denomination, but by a mere civil company. Does a so-called respect for individual liberty affect it? But who is there that does not see whether this principle must lead us Individual liberty thus understood is the source of communism, socialism and anarchy. It is the negation of all truth, order and justice.

but as it is necessary to perfectly understand its nature and its true prerogatives so it is necessary that discernment and prudence should govern every decision or concession concerning it. However brethren you now know your duty. Cremation is formally prohibited for all the church. None of them may encourage it. Let us cling to the ancient and pious customs bequeathed to us by our fathers in the faith. Let us be chary of all innovation that do not harmonize with our holy dogmas and let us pray that in our dear country the laws while favorable to progress may ever and above all respect Christian tradition.

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PARIS, April 10.—Le Siecle, the leading Dreyfusite organ in France, and the most persistent champion of Great Britain in the Transvaal, to-day announced its failure and sale at auction.

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NEWSPAPER MEN COMING.

OTTAWA, April 10.—The Canadian press association are arranging for an excursion to the maritime provinces in August.

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EXCITEMENT IN SUGAR MARKET.

LONDON, April 11.—With the approach of the budget statement the excitement in the sugar market is reaching fever heat. Wharves at Hamburg are choked with sugar waiting to be shipped to England and there is such a run on vessels that even colliers are being pressed into service.

Sugar imports for the month of March was 257,490 tons as against 131,262 tons in March of last year.

STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE.

Are factors of the greatest success. No person can do full justice to himself without them.

In no season of the year are they more easily exhausted than in the spring. We need not discuss the reason for this here. It is enough to say there is one, and that is Hood's Sarsaparilla gives strength and endurance as thousands annually testify.

SALISBURY TO RESIGN POST OF LORD CHANCELLOR.

LONDON, April 10.—The Daily Mail says it understands that Lord Salisbury is about to resign the post of Lord Chancellor and that he will be succeeded by Baron Iverstone, Lord chief justice of England.

Scrofula is a bad thing to inherit or acquire but there is this about it—Hood's Sarsaparilla completely cures even the worst cases.

THE RUSH WESTWARD.

WINNIPEG, April 8.—About two hundred Ontar to agriculturists and young men left on Saturday evening and to-day for their destinations. Five special trains with live stock and settlers effects, also came through from Ontario.

Gentlemen,—While driving down a very steep hill last August my horse stumbled and fell, cutting himself fearfully about the head and body. I used MINARD'S LINIMENT freely on him and in a few days he was as well as ever.

J. B. A. BEAUCHEMIN.

Sherbrooke.

TO FIGHT THE STEELE COMBINE.

DENVER, Colo., April 10.—The reported purchase of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company by John W. Gates, John Lambert and I. L. Ellwood, independent of the United States Steel Corporation, received addition confirmation yesterday.

POTNAM'S CORN EXTRACTOR.

Doesn't lay a man up for a week but quickly and surely goes on doing its work and nothing is known of the operation till the corn is shelled. Plenty of substitutes do this. Some of them are dangerous no danger from Putnam's except to the corn. At all druggists.

FAME OF SARDINIA.

Sardinia is celebrated for the tombs which proves that prehistorically it was inhabited by great giants. Recently four new tombs have been found which contain skeletons over nine feet long.

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You Are A Wizard

so spake a customer the other day, after we had clothed him becomingly for spring.

What did we do, well simply this, we fitted a suit of elegant dark Scotch Tweed, "a \$10 Royal Beard" to him we do not fit him to the suit, we never do that, don't have as you know with such a large range at hand.

After pleasing him perfectly as we can you in a suit we covered him with a genuine solid always to be depended upon Christy 2; oz. hat cost him \$2.00, improved his appearance \$5.00 worth.

Then we got him an up-to-date collar and a pretty necktie "Imperial" at 50c. and finally a smart neat warranted pair of tan gloves of just the right shade, cost but \$1.25 worth \$1.50 of any one's money. And the change in our customer's appearance fully warranted him in calling us wizards but were not, we simply know our business and know it well.

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