

but a trifle compared to that of our Very Rev. Prior; and that where the pagan poet saw in the ocean providential barriers between nation and nation, we on the contrary, see a providential means of spreading the Gospel and of keeping in touch—from the furthest end of the earth—with the Vicar of Christ. He wound up with a fervent prayer to the better divinities Horace could pray to for his friend's safety and return.

Altogether these lectures were a treat to the community and were highly appreciated. Courage, gentlemen—call again, for if "curses," like chickens, come home to roost, blessings and "praises," too, have the same happy faculty.

The "Kansas Sage" (?) says that the reason why we can't civilize the Indians is because "the critters can't raise a beard." It's lucky he did not make this statement before the Woman's Congress!

An Oklahoma farmer ordered in his will that "he should be buried with his boots on."—Thoughtful for his *sole* to the *last*.

If the assistant Editor has not been sent to his reward since the perpetration of the two above items, he was certainly born under a lucky star.

"Leaving the Yazoo," published in the *ADVOCATE* a few years ago, is republished in this issue by request.

Mrs. Bridget Murphy and her son Mike, of Indianapolis, have the thanks of the *ADVOCATE* for favors received.

The *ADVOCATE* feels that he would be lacking in appreciation and duty if he failed to express the pleasure His Lordship Mgr. Meerschaert derived from the creditable manner in which the students of Sacred Heart College and St. Mary's Academy acquitted them-

selves during the entertainments given in his honor whilst among us.

In the Indian appropriations that recently passed the U. S. Senate, all the old Catholic school appropriations were cut down and all new ones stricken out, but the two great Protestant schools, the Lincoln school in Pennsylvania and the Hampton school in Virginia, were left in. In arguing against this injustice, Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, said:

"I am a Protestant of Protestants; but I shall not ask for Protestant institutions what I deny to Catholic institutions. When we say that Church and State must be separated, we mean it, so far as we are concerned. This bill came up from the House with seven Catholic schools (which had been named in former laws) struck out. The House struck them all out. We presumed it was because they were Catholic schools; but the House retained in the bill the two schools that are Protestant schools. We do not believe that to be just or right."

But a majority of the U. S. Senators have done what they knew to be neither "just" nor "right," nor in accordance with any form of free government, they publicly legislated for Protestants and against Catholics. But this craze will end in discredit for all concerned, because when common sense asserts itself, the people *must* and *will* recognize that the legislation of no land can continue to refuse equal rights to *all* citizens and yet hope to perpetuate itself a Republic. Such discrimination, if persisted in, would destroy any Republic because it would change it into a despotism, for *Bigotry is Tyranny*.

"There is a restless activity in the breast of youth, and he is the best educator who turns this energy to high and generous aims." And how can this "activity" be so turned except by