

the Sandwich-Islands to Protestantism, was one of the "noblest triumphs of Christianity in modern times." These Islands were some years ago thoroughly *Methodised*; and it is precisely there that the Mormon Missionary gathers his brightest and largest crop of laurels at the present day.

The zeal which these Protestant sectaries display in publishing and disseminating "Tracts" and periodicals, in which their doctrines are explained and recommended, is not inferior to that of the most active of the evangelical gentry, who make such a fuss here during their "Anniversary Week." Mr. Smith informs us that:—

"The *Deseret News*, edited by Elder Canington, issues 4,000 copies weekly. A weekly newspaper in St. Louis, Mo., by Elder Snow; another in the city of New York by Elder Taylor. A periodical is published in Liverpool, England, edited by Elder Richards, and has issued TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND copies weekly; a weekly periodical is also published in Swansea, South Wales"—another Methodist stronghold—"called the *Ugdon Season*, in the Welsh language, edited by Elder Jones.

"A periodical called the *Scandinavians Sticome* is also published in the Danish language, at Copenhagen, Denmark. A periodical has also been published in Switzerland in the French language by Elder Stanehouse. The Book of Mormon has been translated and published in the Welsh, Danish, French, German and Italian languages..... Missionaries have established many branches and a periodical in Australia; branches have been established in South Africa, Gibraltar, Malta, and also in the allied army and navy in the Crimea; several branches have been established in India, and a monthly paper published at Madras..... A Company has been incorporated to assist the immigrating Saints from the countries where they are most oppressed. It is termed the 'Perpetual Emigrating Fund Company,' and has a capital of \$250,000, and is conducted on such principles as to be continually increasing, and extends assistance to emigrating Saints in the form of loans, to be repaid after they settle here..... About 1,000 Saints have emigrated from Denmark to this territory—Utah—and a similar emigration is expected this season."

The peculiar tenets of the Mormons are so well known, that it is not our intention at present to dwell upon them. They differ from most other Protestant sects, in more openly advocating the practice of polygamy—or as they Scripturally phrase it—"the patriarchal system of matrimony." For so doing a great outcry has been raised against them by their brother Protestants, though most unreasonably and inconsistently. The Mormon can cite Scriptural authority for his practice; he can appeal to the example of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the Saints of the Old Testament; to the private teachings of Luther, Melancthon, Bucer, and the Saints of the Protestant Reformation—who tolerated polygamy, though, to be sure, only in the rich and powerful; and, above all, they can appeal to the "right of private judgment," which is as good when urged by Protestant against Protestant, as when employed by Protestant against Catholic. As Catholics, of course the "patriarchal system" of the Mormons must strike us with abhorrence; but so does the equally anti-Christian and immoral "divorce system," which, to the disgrace of modern civilization, obtains amongst every Protestant community, in the Old or the New World. Betwixt "divorce" and "polygamy," as far as the interests of morality are concerned, there is not a pin to choose; and so long as all Protestant sects retain the former, it is rank hypocrisy on their part to denounce the polygamy of the Mormon, who can well retort upon his accusing brother Protestant—"Thou hypocrite: first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."—ST. MATT. vii., 5.

At the Annual Meeting of the St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society, held in St. Patrick's House on the 27th ult., the following gentlemen were elected Office-Bearers for the ensuing year:—

PRESIDENT:

The Rev. Director of St. Patrick's church (*ex-officio*.)

ASSISTANT PRESIDENTS:

All the other Clergymen of St. Patrick's Church, (*ex-officio*.)

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

W. P. Bartley, 1st Vice-President.
Edwd. Murphy, (Jacques Cartier Square) 2nd do.

TREASURER:

Christopher M'Cormick.

SECRETARY:

Edward Murphy, St. Urbain Street.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

John Gillies,	Michael Bergan,
James Lenahan,	T. C. Collins,
W. W. O'Brien,	Edwd. McLaughlin,
Patrick Durrick,	Michael Morley,
John Cusack,	Denis Downey,
Edward Skiddy,	Martin Price.

VIGILANCE COMMITTEE:

Denis Barron, for the	Centre Ward.
Daniel Martin,	East Ward.
Michael Harrison,	West Ward.
Charles Moffatt,	St. Ann's Ward.
Daniel Davis,	St. Antoine Ward.
William Kiernan,	St. Lawrence Ward.
John Toulie,	St. James's Ward.
Daniel McMenomy,	St. Louis Ward.
James McCann,	St. Mary's Ward.

We are happy to have it in our power to state that the Irish Catholics of Montreal have generously provided for the expenses of the delegates sent by them to the Buffalo Convention. After handing over to the delegates ample funds for their current expenses, the Treasurer has a small balance in hand.

THE ST. SYLVESTER TRIAL.—The evidence for the prosecution still continues. Want of space prevents us giving a report of the trial; but we will publish the particulars next week.

TRAVELS IN ENGLAND, FRANCE, ITALY, AND IRELAND. By the Rev. G. F. Haskins.

Although we have already noticed the above work from which we have given an extract relating to Ireland, we think it deserves a further notice from us, especially because some of our readers may not have seen the book itself. We are tempted to give the following extract, for which the good priest, who composed it, is entitled to the gratitude of every man who loves truth and wishes not to be deceived. There have been so many "books of travel" written by Protestants, and replete with the grossest falsehoods about the Catholic religion, the Pope and the Clergy, in Italy; which of course no Catholic ever believed, yet because they were believed by Protestants, we think Father Haskins has done great service to the public by exposing the vile parties from whom the falsehood emanates; shewing, at the same time, how nicely Protestant tourists are gulled and duped by their guides, who, in Italy, are called Cicerones. With these observations, we proceed to give, the extract:—

"There is a class of men in Italy called Cicerones. Their office is to accompany tourists from place to place, to point out all objects worthy of notice, to expatiate on the merits of all sorts of things, and to make as much money as they can. The money making I have put last, but with them it is always the first, and the most important thing. Truth, in their estimation, unless it pays, is a drug. Falsehood, if lucrative, is a priceless treasure. They are a race shrewd, intelligent and well drilled. They are unsurpassed in their knowledge of character. . . . Is it a party of Catholics? Protestants are sure to receive their deserts, and even more. Is it a party of Protestants? Catholics are sunk down and steeped in ignorance and superstition, and the priests are a profligate and debauched class."

After some remarks on the evil effects produced by these deceitful guides, the author says:—

"I beg the reader's attention to the following incident, which occurred while I was in Rome.

"Mr. B., an intelligent and wealthy Protestant gentleman, arrived in Rome during my residence in the Eternal City, whose acquaintance I had the honor and pleasure of making at that time, and who was my travelling companion and intimate friend during many of my subsequent journeys. He went to Rome for the purpose of examining for himself the religious and literary institutions of Rome. One day he was invited by a party of American tourists to join them in a visit to some of the charitable institutions of the city.

"They employed a very celebrated Cicerone, named Pietro Nobili—the same, I believe, who has officiated in the same capacity for some of our most distinguished tourists. He was recommended to them as a very intelligent man and a liberal Catholic. Accordingly, the gentlemen of the party plied him very freely with questions—holding their note books in their hands, ready to record his answers. Every individual of the party, except Pietro Nobili, was a Protestant, and Pietro Nobili knew it. Accordingly, he served up an entertainment suited to his knowledge of Protestant appetites. He began by abusing the clergy in general—lamenting in most touching language their gross ignorance and shameless immoralities—at the same time assuring his gaping auditors that good men might undoubtedly be found amongst them—excusing their conduct, at the same time, as well as he could—and pronouncing an eloquent dissertation on the celibacy of the clergy, and the wealth, hospitality, and good cheer of the monks.

"But the Cardinals?" asked one of the party; "surely they are not so ignorant or immoral?"

"O, no—by no means. The Cardinals are learned men, and very accomplished in their manners. And why? They are princes and roll in wealth. They grow rich however, at the expense of the poor; and that accounts for the multitude of beggars that throng our streets and churches."

"But at least they are moral in their lives?"

"Yes, certainly. That is as far as it is necessary that they should be. Of course, they are but men, and must."

"But you do not mean that they marry?"

"No—but you see that large building opposite." (It was the great hospital of St. Michele, for the education of hundreds of poor children, and for the relief of adult paupers.) "Well, that is an immense seraglio—magnificently fitted up—and it is visited by none but Cardinals."

"But does not such an institution give scandal to good Catholics?"

"O no; we become accustomed to such things, and only smile now and then." (Here followed a great flourish of note books and pencils.)

"And the pope—is he a good man?"

"Yes, a most holy old man. We all love the Holy Father. He is a man of course, and has his little weaknesses." (A great rustling of leaves among the note books.) "He has a high regard for the fair sex—and" (lowering his voice) "it is said indeed—"

"Mr. B. had been for some time boiling with indignation at this fellow's impudence and imposture, and he could contain no longer:—

"Look you here, my friend. You may stop that nonsense. You have given us your opinion, of the priests and cardinals, and you know full well that you were uttering falsehoods. I will now give you my opinion of you; and I know that I speak the truth. You are an infamous liar and an unprincipled villain, and I should serve you right if I denounced you to the authorities of Rome. For whom do you take us? Is it for Protestants? so we are. But dare you thence include that we are fools and knaves like yourself, and the contemptible class to which you belong? Gentlemen we are acquiring ignorance, and not knowledge, from the services of this wretch. For my part, I came to Rome to obtain knowledge, and I want no such teacher as this." "The whole party, when they saw the miserable poltroon thunderstruck, pale, trembling, and silent, were satisfied that Mr. B. was right, and they applauded his zeal."

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.—The elections took place on Tuesday, and were conducted with such order and quiet, as to entitle Montreal to consider herself the best conducted City for the time being on the Continent.

At the election of Mayor, Mr. Alderman Alwater presided at the west end of Bonsecours Market; Alderman Henry Starnes was proposed by Louis Renaud,

Esq., seconded by L. H. Holton, Esq., and elected by acclamation, amid the repeated cheers of spectators. His term of office commences on the 2nd of March next.

After the declaration, the Mayor elect came forward and said:—

I have now to thank you for the honor you have just conferred on me, and to assure you, as I have already done in answer to your Requisition, that I shall to the best of my ability, perform the duties of the office with impartiality. Elected as I am to-day, by the unanimous voice of the citizens, to the important and arduous office of Chief Magistrate of the City, I feel as if I could not in return do too much. I can only show how highly I appreciate the honor, by losing no opportunity of doing all in my power to promote the interests of the City. I am not vain enough to suppose that I possess the same abilities as my worthy friend the present Mayor, to fill that office; but I trust that with the assistance of my colleagues in the council—which has indeed been kindly promised to me, and without which I should not have presumed to take upon myself the duties which attach to me—I shall be enabled to achieve the task, if not with distinction to myself, at least so as to evince my desire to give you satisfaction.

At present owing to various causes, there exists some difficulty in procuring the means required for prosecuting the numerous public improvements so much needed in this City; but I hope, with the completion of the great work under construction—the Aqueduct for the supply of the City with the pure element of water—all these obstructions will disappear. As Mayor, as you are probably aware, it will fall to my lot to become one of the Harbor Commissioners, and I can assure you, that having no local interest to secure, I shall, in the discharge of the duties of that office, study to promote the general interests of the entire population. I again, Gentlemen, beg to return my thanks for the high honor you have this day conferred on me.

The meeting was then addressed by Dr. Nelson the retiring Mayor, who thanked the Electors for the confidence and support which had produced his election, and made them effective to the public service. He would retire to a private station with a thankful sense of the honor which had been done, of the good will which had aided his efforts, and a constant desire for the welfare of a city over whose Councils, he had so long presided. He congratulated the electors on the choice they had made, which he believed would be for the benefit of the city.

Three cheers were then given for the present Mayor, and the assembly dispersed.

East Ward—F. Leclaire, Esq., and Louis Marchand Esq., elected without opposition.

West Ward—H. H. Whitney, Esq., elected without opposition.

St. Ann's Ward—Alexander M'Cambridge, Esq., elected without opposition.

St. Antoine Ward—Henry Bulmer, Esq., elected without opposition.

St. Lewis Ward—J. B. Homier, Esq., elected without opposition.

Centre Ward—W. A. Townsend, Esq., elected without opposition.

St. James' Ward—Joseph Simard, Esq., elected without opposition.

St. Mary's Ward—Dr. P. Rottor, elected without opposition.

St. Lawrence Ward—This is the only ward contested, the Candidates are J. R. Bronson, Esq., the old representative, and Francis Clarke, Esq.

The polling for this Ward will commence on the 23rd.—*Commercial Advertiser*.

We have received from St. Jean Chrysostome the following information in addition to that already given, respecting the disorderly condition of that parish:—

"MORE OUTRAGES AT ST. JEAN CHRYSOSTOME, COUNTY OF CHATEAUGUAY.—Decidedly the Parish of St. Jean Chrysostome will become distinguished in the annals of barbarous actions. A few days ago, an account of the brutal attempt at murder, made in the house of G. A. Beaudry, Esq., Notary, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Municipality, was laid before the public. This day we give a statement of other facts of the same nature, towards some of the councillors and valuator of that place. How long will last this state of things? Is there no authority in the country, to protect the lives and properties of those appointed to enforce the laws, when these laws are not approved of by the rabble.

Thursday, 31st January last, about 11 o'clock in the evening, some fifteen ruffians broke into the house of Josiah Black, Esq., Justice of the Peace and Municipal Councillor. Mrs. Black was suddenly surrounded by a number of them and kept in a corner with a gun pointed towards her breast. A number of others ran to a sofa where Mr. Black was asleep, and seized him, while one of them gave him a blow on the head with a large pistol, which caused so severe a wound that he lost his senses. Having recovered, his tormentors dragged him on the floor, with a pistol at one ear, a gun at the other, and an axe and scythe playing around him. The villains then threatened to take away his life if he did not use his endeavors to stop the valuator, or if he went any more to the Council. Having remained half an hour in the house, enjoying these savage delights, they left and went over to Mr. James Craig, one of the valuator, where were also M. M. Philip Brady and Richard Jaker, colleagues of Mr. Craig. Having given two blows with a gun on Mr. Brady's head and sworn the valuator that they would not act any more, they searched the house and found part of the valuator's roll, which they either burnt or kept. After several threats they left the place and went to Mr. George Hart's, another councillor who was then absent. They went to Mrs. Hart's bed, and having seized, insulted and threatened, they searched the house and stole two beautiful guns belonging to Mr. Hart. They then set fire to the house, and cleared off. Fortunately Mrs. Hart succeeded in extinguishing it, having, luckily, a barrel of water in the house.

These facts require no comment. The public may now judge what protection the people of this part of the country enjoy."

BUFFALO, Feb. 12.—The Irish Convention met here today at four o'clock. Upwards of eighty delegates have already arrived. The Very Rev. Dr. McDonnell, of Kingston, was the temporary chairman. A committee of five from Canada and five from the United States were chosen to report permanent officers to-morrow. The hotels are crowded, and the New York press have several reporters here. There is great enthusiasm. High Mass for Convention to-morrow.—*Herald*.

LIST OF DELEGATES TO THE BUFFALO CONVENTION.—The following is a list of the Delegates elected to the above Convention, which met on Tuesday last. Of those elected for the United States, we have taken no note, but for the Canadas the list is full:—

Very Rev. Theodorus Kirwan, R.D., London, Patriarch of the Movement.

City of Montreal; Irish Pop. 20,000: Delegates: B. Devlin, Esq.; G. E. Clerk, Esq.

City of Quebec; Irish Pop. 12,000: Rev. Mr. Harkin; Rev. Mr. Nelligan.

City of Hamilton; Irish Pop. 6,000: Messrs. C. J. Tracey, M. Murphy, M. J. O'Beirne.

City of Toronto; Irish Pop. 19,000: Rev. Mr. McNulty; T. J. O'Neill, Esq.; M. Hayes, Esq.

City of Kingston; Irish Pop. 6,000: Very Rev. A. McDonnell, V.G.; John Patterson, Esq.

City of Ottawa; Irish Pop. 4,000: H. J. Friel, Esq.; J. H. Burke, Esq.

City of London; Irish Pop. 2,500: P. G. Norris, Esq.; John Wright, Esq.

Town of Brantford; Irish Pop. 1,500: Rev. J. D. Ryan; R. Cartan, Esq.

Village of St. Thomas; Irish Pop. 200: Messrs. P. Murtagh; P. Burke.

Perth—Delegates: Very Rev. V. G. McDonagh; John Doran, Esq.

Town of Aylmer; Irish Pop. 400: J. J. Roney, Esq.

County of Elgin; Irish Pop. 1,000: Messrs. J. Cunningham; P. Bobier.

Township of Mosa; Irish Pop. 300: Timothy Howe, Esq.; James Cunningham, Esq.

Town of Chatham; Irish Pop. 300: J. W. Williams, Esq.; James Cartan, Esq.; P. J. Flood, Esq.

County of Norfolk; Irish Pop. 3,000: Rev. J. Ryan; D. O'Donnell, Esq.

Town of Dundas; Irish Pop. 2,000: Patrick Freeland, Esq.; Thomas Gray, Esq.

The total number of delegates, therefore, which will assemble in Buffalo in behalf of Canada is thirty-five; representing an Irish population of 80,000. The total number of Irish Canadians in the Province, that is to say of Irishmen and their immediate descendants about 350,000. The Buffalo Convention will express the delegated sentiments of about one-fourth of this number.—*Toronto Mirror*.

THE WEATHER.—Up to Tuesday last the exceeding mildness of the weather gave strong indications of a general thaw. But in the morning of that day, the wind rose, and blew severely the greater part of the forenoon. In the evening we were visited with a perfect hurricane. It was blowing great guns, the cold was intense; and the drifting such as to cover with a white coat any unfortunate wight who happened to be out of doors. Yesterday morning the thermometer stood 23° below zero; and the cold continued throughout the day. The cars were mostly stopped from running, and the state of the roads prevented anything like an attempt to stir in the country.—*Transcript*.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.—On last Saturday, Ignace Guna-rvengen, and seven other Indians of Chagnewaga, were arrested and committed to the Common Gaol of this District under the warrant of Charles Joseph Coursol, Esq., Inspector and Superintendent of Police for the City of Montreal, to await their trial at the next Court of Queen's Bench, Crown side, upon several charges of arson.—*Pilot*. We regret to announce that Mr. Duncan McEwan was killed on Thursday last near Port Emsley, by the falling of a tree while chopping in the woods. The unfortunate man lived about twenty-four hours after he was struck.—*Pilot*.

DARING BURGLARY.—Last night some ruffians effected an entrance into the office of the Prothonotary by means of a ladder. The glass was removed and the window unbarred. They took a strong box and threw it into the yard, and tried to force it with powder, but failed. The ruffians, after a fruitless attempt to force the box, decamped, leaving it behind. There was also a large safe in the office, which defied any effort to remove or to open it.—*Three Rivers Inquirer*, Feb. 9.

TWO LOVERS BURNED TO DEATH.—TRAGEDY OF MR. FOLEY AND MISS RICHMOND.—The *Whitby Reporter* tells a mournful tale connected with the burning of Mr. Richardson's dwelling house at Prince Albert, early last Saturday morning. The flames had enveloped the entire building, before the inmates were aware of their situation, and each on awaking, rushed from the fury of the flames. It was soon discovered that one of Mr. R.'s handsome daughters yet remained in the house, and Mr. Foley, a young man, dashed through the flames to rescue the sleeping girl, but neither came out alive? The fire was too powerful for them. Daylight presented the charred trunks of two human beings (the bones protruding through the blackened flesh,) who a few hours before, enjoyed health without a thought of the sad fate which awaited them. The young couple thus cut off from among the living, in the morning of their days, were engaged to be married the ensuing week. The fire was caused by throwing burning ashes into a barrel in the rear of the house.

Married.

On Saturday, 3rd instant, by the Rev. E. P. Roche, P. P. Mr. Dennis Crowley, to Miss Juliana, eldest daughter of Mr. Edward Duncan, all of Present.

On the 29th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Perrault, at St. Clement, County Beauharnois, Duncan James McDonald, Esq., of St. Poly-carpe, to Mary, eldest daughter of James Quigg, Esq., County Beauharnois.

Died.

In this city, on the 9th instant, Mr. Geo. E. Laughlin, of the Post Office Department, Montreal.



THE Members of the LATE ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY are requested to meet at ST. PATRICK'S HALL, on MONDAY EVENING, the 14th inst., at 8 o'clock, as business of importance has to be transacted.

W. P. BARTLEY,
T. C. COLLINS.

Feb. 14.

REMOVAL.

THE Subscriber begs to notify his Friends and the Public generally, that on the 1st May next, he will REMOVE his HORSE-SHOEING SHOP from Haymarket Square to 23 St. Bonaventure, and corner of Little St. Antoine Streets, where he will carry on the HORSE-SHOEING BUSINESS as heretofore.

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