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lic press.**

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I heartily bless those who encourage
this excellent work.

PAUL,
Archbishop of Montreal.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1909.

A MOUNTAINOUS MOLEHILL.

Half a truth not infrequently im-
plies a whole untruth, a fact useful
to remember when affairs Irish and
Catholic are under discussion by a
section of the daily press. Having
lived in an atmosphere of screaming
sensationalism, some of the members
of the fourth estate have come to
believe that it is necessary to shriek
in shrill tones so that their tale may
be heard above the din, which is of
their own making, and deafens our
ears but theirs. It is a fault of
modern journalistic methods that
piles adjective on adjective and
builds monumental headings upon
slim foundation. One shudders
when attempting to imagine what
a cloud-piercing effort would be re-
quired to adequately top an item
of world-wide importance. Living
and working in a hurly-burly scum-
ble, men of the profession some-
times see with distorted vision and
fail to gain true perspectives. Hence
one may understand how it hap-
pened that a certain simple matter was
easily developed into a sensation.
Convenience necessitates a departure
celebration of St. Patrick's Day, but
the cause was lost sight of in the
office of one daily in the effort to
make a terrible tale out of a trifling
topic. It raved ruction and roared
riot until it fairly danced a new
Donnybrook into our peace. And all
this pother because there is to be
more than one local celebration of
St. Patrick's day. It would be rather
a curious situation if the Irish
citizens of Montreal could not con-
sult their own convenience without
raising a stir in the rest of the
community. There will be three pa-
rishes observing the patronal feast
publicly and with all due solemnity,
but it will be done in perfect har-
mony, each in full understanding
with the other and all with Episco-
pal sanction.

BROTHER PRUDENT.

The soldier must be ever ready for
the road, and, likewise, the religious
must be prompt in obeying the call.
It must have been sad leave-taking
to Brother Prudent when he left
Montreal yesterday. Indeed he him-
self said that it was a sorrowful du-
ty. But the worthy laborers in the
vineyard soon thrust down their per-
sonal feelings, and seek new fields
with keen interest while yet strong
in the associations of other work.
Brother Prudent has served in va-
rious schools in this city during a
period of thirty-five years and a
host of boys learned their lessons un-
der his able tuition. Every boy who
passed from his control and went out
to fight his battle in the world re-
mains proud of his associations with
the worthy teacher, and it is indeed
a long, long list of men who are

glad to call him friend. Brother Pru-
dent has done a great work in St.
Patrick's School, and during his term
of office as Director the institution
has gained in importance and value
day by day. The scholastic improve-
ment of the institution is shown by
the number of boys who succeeded in
McGill matriculation examinations,
and also in the large number being
prepared for the coming examina-
tions of that university. Brother
Prudent has been a director in the
best and fullest sense of the word,
and when his present days will have
grown to man's estate they too will
surely remember him with gratitude.
Brother Prudent goes away, but the
work goes on. The ranks fill quick-
ly. In Brother Bernard there is a
worthy successor, and one who has
the fullest confidence of those best
qualified to know of his ability.

THE CHURCH AND THE WORK-
INGMAN.

From the quiet calm of Stillwater
—which place, by the way, is situat-
ed in the State of New York—arises
a voice in criticism of the Church,
the Church in this instance being
Christianity in the abstract. Mr.
Charles W. Wood, speaking in a re-
presentative capacity, in the course
of a lecture, found fault with the
position of the Church towards the
workingman. "How may the Church
reach the workingman?" thunders
Mr. Wood, and he continues: "Experi-
ments are being made all over the
country. The Railroad Young Men's
Christian Association is 'feeding the
brute' and watching for results.
Some churches are going to all man-
ner of extremes in furnishing enter-
tainment for him. Workingmen like
to be entertained, and the advocates
of this innovation are enthusiastic
about the way they are nibbling the
bait. In some places, but to those
who wish the Church to be some-
thing more than a house of high-
class vaudeville the outlook is dis-
couraging. If the problem were how
to entertain the workingman, it
would be easy. But the purpose of
the Church is to be something more
than entertain, and it must be sorry
satisfaction to a disciple of Christ
to get a crowd together by means of
entertainment, who are willing to
stomach a sermon in order to see
the fun.

"The Church of Christ has tried
almost every conceivable way of
reaching the workingman excepting
one. That one way it could hardly
be expected to try, for it was the
method that Christ employed. It was
a simple method, too simple to pe-
netrate the brains of organized
orthodoxy anywhere: it consisted of
reaching the sinners by mingling
with them and going where the sin-
ners were. Of course it caused criti-
cism when he ate with the publicans
and sinners; the Pharisees called
him a glutton and a wine-bibber;
they said they didn't think much of
his associates, and intimated that a
man who was anybody wouldn't
have much to do with a crowd like
that. Jesus didn't stand very high
socially. The first three gospels are
full of criticisms thrown at him
by the nabobs of the Church. But
somehow he didn't seem to care.
"I am not come," he said, "to call
the righteous, but sinners, to re-
pentance."

"My dear church-member, if your
object in life is to get social recog-
nition, if you are cautiously avoid-
ing the publicans and sinners, if you
are smugly satisfied with your own
righteousness, if you consider your-
self too good to associate with us,
it is your right as an American citi-
zen to do so. But please don't
come to us with the bluff that you
are a follower of Christ; for, even if
the bluff works, it will be because
we don't know anything about that
real Jesus; and you will not reach us."

The speaker is "not sure that the
Church can reach the workingman."
But he adds sarcastically:
"After its members have tried
everything else, wouldn't it be a
good scheme to try to be a little
like Christ? We have a right to
ask, 'What would Jesus do?' I sug-
gest that you don't even try to con-
vert us until you are yourselves se-
riously whether you are real follow-
ers of Christ or just eminently re-
spectable churchmen. You are ever
so good; there's no doubt about
that; but are you a follower of
Christ?"

"These words seem rather severe,
but it is time that some one should
speak. Here is the Church, compos-
ed of professed followers of Christ,
looking at millions of us poor
wretched wage-slaves, lost souls who
are going to hell as fast as they
can; and you wonder why we can't
be decent and come to church. What
do you actually care about us? We
do your nerves some and you feel
that your own lives and property
would be safer if we could all be-
come good, orthodox believers, and
quit all our dangerous habits. But
what do you care about us? If you
whole heart and mind became filled
with the Christ-love which will en-
able you to love us in our baseness
and our sin as Jesus did, we'll know
it. We won't run away from you,
and we won't stand off and think-up
lies about you then."

If we eliminate the true Church
from the characterization of "the
Church" which Mr. Wood speaks of,
his remarks will be found true to a
considerable extent, if, indeed, not in
whole. The position of the work-
ingman in the religious bodies that
stand apart from the Catholic
Church is not any too clearly defin-
ed. It is to be feared that there are

people who would not be wel-
comed. But Mr. Wood does not ap-
pear to have looked far afield. Had
he done so he would have found that
in the Catholic Church the work-
ingman finds his true place. The lowly
and the great are equal fruit for
salvation in her eyes. The dignity of
labor is fully recognized by the
Church; indeed it would be impossi-
ble that it could be otherwise. The
Son of Man labored, and Divine tri-
butes to labor are such that they
should be ever fresh in the memories
of all men. Yes, Mr. Wood, look you
to it that you again consider the con-
ditions and render full measure of
justice. General Booth, the vener-
able head of the Salvation Army, an
organization that does a great deal
of good, despite what unfriendly criti-
cisms think of its methods, once said
to the writer: "The workingman
has little place in Protestant bodies.
The Roman Catholic Church is the
only one that welcomes the work-
man, and is the only Church that
really does anything for him."

THE CARE OF BOYS.

By the terms of the new civic by-
law it is an offence to sell cigarettes
to any boy under sixteen years of
age and policemen have been in-
structed to begin an active cam-
paign against the practice. That is
very well in its way, but are there
not other safeguards for children
that might have been considered and
put into operation to far better ef-
fect? The boy who smokes is usual-
ly imitative, and being imitative in
one thing is imitative in many
things. There are evils existing in
Montreal many times greater than
cigarette smoking, and the daily
round brings to the notice of boys
much more evil than the stolen fruit
of the cigarette puff. By all means
guard the boy, but do not allow the
safeguards to end with an anti-ciga-
rette by-law.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is a rather striking sign of the
times to note the presence of Catho-
lic representatives at a meeting of a
non-Catholic body identified with the
temperance movement. That is more
like Christian unity.

A glance at the Monday issue of
the local daily papers will show that
Catholic news of Sunday is well re-
presented. From that it may be in-
ferred that the Catholic population
of the community is to be consid-
ered.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians
have initiated a strong movement
to induce the study of Irish history
in the schools. That is a good work
and one in which all the Irish so-
cieties should assist.

Half a dozen earnest persons have
penned burning letters to the True
Witness pointing out the evil of the
postal souvenir that has been pre-
pared for St. Patrick's Day. If the
Irish people themselves will refrain
from purchasing such things the ven-
ture will prove exceedingly unprofit-
able.

The weather man usually begins his
active spring campaign on St. Pat-
rick's day. It is to be hoped that
he will provide warm sunshine and
clear skies for our benefit next Wed-
nesday.

The effort being made to seek the
improvement of elementary educa-
tion in the Province of Quebec is one
which should be heartily endorsed.
In that department this section of
the country is sadly deficient.

William Taft was inaugurated as
President of the United States last
week. A couple of days later it
was possible to sit in a warm, com-
fortable place of amusement in Mon-
treal and watch life-like pictures of
Inauguration Day in Washington, and
see the pleasant face of Smiling Wil-
liam brought almost to one's very
doors. It is but a short time since
a big ship, struck down in the At-
lantic, summoned to her aid ships
from within a radius of several hun-
dred miles by means of a simple ap-
paratus and human operation. These
striking advances of science are in-
teresting, but the interest gains by a
consideration of the great feats of
the Creator. The story of Jonah
and the whale puzzled a poor man in
Toronto, yet he probably accepts
everyday wonders without a thought.

A worthy parson declared to a
Montreal gathering that there is no
devil. Now that is a real, comfort-
ing doctrine and much more inter-
esting than another parson who let-
tered but previously on the subject
of "Blue Devils." It would be pos-
sively thrilling if the chap who says
there is none would only disclose that
source of his information. He is cer-
tain to have some followers. There
are many people who live as if they
wanted to believe that Satan is a
myth.

MARRIAGE.

The following story was related by
the Rev. Dean Williams D. Hickey,
pastor of St. Joseph's Church at
Dayton, Ohio:

There was something unusually
sad about the first death that oc-
curred this year in our parish. The
greatest anxiety of every Catholic
when death approaches is to re-
ceive the last sacraments; even when
a member dies far away from home,
half the bitterness of death fades
away from the hearts of his family
when they learn that he had a priest
before the end came, and that he
had been prepared for his last jour-
ney. After death, no consolation is
sweeter than the privilege of bring-
ing the body reverently to church,
there to have the requiem chanted
over it, and afterwards of placing it
in consecrated soil, there to await
the summons of the angel's trumpet.
Now this particular death was lack-
ing in both these consoling elements;
the last sacraments were not ad-
ministered, the remains were not
brought to the church, no requiem
was sung over them, and they were
not interred in hallowed ground. We
have no desire to wound unneces-
sarily, and we mention this case only
because it carries with it a warning
to some of our young people. Early
last year a young man and lady call-
ed upon one of the priests of this
church and handed in their names to
be called out. In the course of con-
versation with the young man, the
priest found him poorly instructed in
his religion, possibly through no
fault of his own, and volunteered to
give him the proper instructions at
such time as he would find it con-
venient to come. The very next
day they sent word to the priest that
he need not call them out, went to
Protestant minister of this city, and
were married. Needless to add that
the young man came for no instruc-
tions. Marrying in this way, both
parties incurred the sentence of ex-
communication from the Church,
from which no priest in the diocese
could absolve them save the Arch-
bishop. Surely a wretched way to
begin married life—to cut one's self
off from the Church just when re-
ceiving her holy sacrament, and to
enter life's most serious responsibil-
ity unaided by God's saving grace.
Excommunicated they were by their
own choice, excommunicated they
remained of their own free will, and
excommunicated they died by the
judgment of God. Not even the ap-
proach of the most trying and cri-
tical period of a woman's existence
roused her to a sense of the danger
of her soul, nor stirred within her a
desire to seek absolution from this
dread punishment. A child was
born, soon the mother sank, in her
death agony some one sent a mes-
senger who came breathless to the
priest's residence. Hurriedly he
started forth, anxious to lift the
excommunication, for with the ap-
proach of death even this extraordi-
nary faculty is vested in him by the
Church. Ere he reached the house,
she was removed from his jurisdic-
tion, death had reached her before
the priest. She had died in a state
of excommunication, there was to be
no Christian burial for her; for the
first time in the career of the pre-
sent pastor, he was obliged to deny
to the bereaved family the right of
bringing her body to the church and
of interring it in Calvary's sacred
ground. It was a painful duty, his
sympathies were with the bereaved
family, and are yet, but there was
no alternative. She had chosen her
lot, and relentless death had sealed
that choice beyond recall. There may
be silly young women and rash young
men who think lightly of being mar-
ried outside the Church. If such
there be, we have only one question
to ask them—would you like to put
yourselves in the place of this poor
unfortunate?

Poet of the Habitant.

Father McShane's Lecture on Works
of Dr. Drummond.

Sweet Singer Was Sympathetic.

"No poet, even of our own belief,
has sung so sweetly the beauties of
our church, the impressiveness of
our religious practices; none have
eulogized more eloquently the mis-
sion of devotedness and self-sacrifice
of the Catholic clergy."

The foregoing is an extract from
a lecture delivered on Tuesday at
the Notre Dame Collegiate Institute
at the Mother House of the Congre-
gation Nuns, Sherbrooke st. West,
by Rev. Father McShane, D.D., S.S.
The subject of the lecture was "The
Poet of the Habitant," and was given
as part of the course in literature.
The poet referred to is, of course,
the late Dr. William Henry Drum-
mond, so well known to all Cana-
dian readers of this generation, and
whose charming and delightful works
will live while written language re-
mains. Of Dr. Drummond, Father
McShane said: "By his death Cana-
da lost a most respected citizen, a
successful physician and a popular
poet. Gifted with a sympathetic
disposition, Drummond endeared him-
self to a host of friends in his own
country, and his poems made for him
many warm admirers throughout
the English-speaking world. Sympa-
thies of his Irish origin appear in the
pathos of his dialect pieces, like-
wise in the touching lines written
shortly before his death, 'We're
Irish Yet.' These verses were de-
livered, it will be remembered by
Dr. Drummond at a dinner given in
the Windsor Hotel by St. Patrick's
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Father McShane pointed out that
Dr. Drummond's works were three-
fold. In plain English, in Irish
dialect and in French dialect, he
continued: "The author of the Ha-
bitant never considered himself a
professional man of letters. He
wrote for his own amusement. But
the enthusiasm that attended the
publication of his works was not
shared by his own countrymen. It
has been objected by educated French
Canadians that his poems were de-
signed to ridicule French-Canada, but
nothing was so remote from the
mind and heart of Drummond,
as may be seen from his own intro-
duction and by the significant words
of the Poet Laureate, Louis Fre-
chette, 'Drummond's chief merit
seems to have been to have revealed
to a relatively ignorant public the
finest Canadian peasantry. In this
he has accomplished the work of a
diplomatist, endeavoring to bring
together for mutual understanding
the nation, two sections of the com-
munity divided by race prejudices.'

Characteristics of the Habitant
were pictured by Father McShane.
Of Drummond's characterization of
the habitant, Father McShane said:
"Religion is part and parcel of the
habitant; it permeates his very life;
he loves his faith, his priests, his
village chapel, with his pretty tape-
stry steeple and his sweet sounding
bell. Drummond has understood
this, and his pictures far away
from savoring of religious prejudice,
form the most suitable refutation of
those silly tales and stories of ig-
norant priests and superstitious peo-
ple indulged in by certain bigots and
caricaturists. No artist has ever
drawn a more delicately faithful
picture of the home life sanctified
and ennobled by the influences of the
Roman Catholic religion. No poet,
even of our own belief, has sung so
sweetly the beauties of our church,
the impressiveness of our religious
practices; none have eulogized more
eloquently the mission of devotedness
and self-sacrifice of the Catholic
clergy."

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are appointed to
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is my Beloved S-
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"There is one
that eclipses all
one man compar-
others—even great
insignificance. H-
all things, and I
He is the key of
Erase His name
stood on the Mos-
tion, as the Mos-
one hand, and Mos-
John on the other
represent the pe-
symbolize the fu-
Christ towers all
pedestal of His
And to prove the
man, He lived a
earth. In the
lived in type and
came in person
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finally, for ninte-
lived again in the
who believe in H-
mighty King of
The feet with the
Thee. It is well
Lord, studying Th-
through which the
Divinity radiates
through Thy Bod-
Transfiguration.

DESTINY
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dividuals,—they
istence to realize
of the divine plan
they fail to achieve
Then Christ wept
wept over Jerusa-
at the vocation of
How sublime! T-
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four primary tri-
God, the Creation
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siah, God raised
fend them, King-
Saints and proph-
buke them. The
and warriors were
Saviour. And as
types grew more
last the voice of
is heard in the
the immediate con-
He came. Oh ho-
are the figures ne-
with the Reality
dom, ye prophet-
ye Saints, what
warriors, compa-
is essentially, an
infinite Wisdom,
Omnipotence!
Brethren, the li-
beautiful tissue of
bites. He made
tellect of man by
what marvellous
longer Greece of
a greater than H-
what ease He so-
cured problems!

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How profound
with how simp-
that peers down
things, that read
What masterpiece
sublime doctrine
literary form!
His wisdom fla-
than in replying
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cast such a spell
Love beamed on
in His voice. H-
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