FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH.

The Story of Kateri Tekakwitha,

. Western son Ton Resident Pi TERESA

The friend of Kateri's mother, nastasia Tegonhatsihongo received Anastasia Tegonhatsihongo received her with joy.

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This woman had been converted to Christianity some time after her feind's death, and had always watchled Kateries growth with much interest. Etiquette, as strict among the Indians as it is with ourselves, had forbidden her to interfere with the child, or taken the content of the child, and the present of the child, and the present of the child, and the present of the child, and the child of the child, and the child of the child, and the child of the child o

Anastasia was an olderly woman of somewhataustere character, and rather inclined to chargecrate the necessity for penance and rigid self restriction. This is searcely to be wondered at considering the depravity and heense which prevailed among the savages during her youth, and in which she herself had participated in measure before her conversion. But, however salutary an influence a character like that of Anastasia might have exerted upon the wild and untamed pagan girls breight into contact with her, its effect upon Kateri was somewhat unfortunate. Always accustomed to regard the slightest sin with horror, and to magnify out of all proportion her own shortcomings and the necessity for expiating them, Kateri required the gentle direction and restraint of a calm and well disciplined mind, rather than the urging to fresh austerities of a stern and somewhat severe monitress.

To do her justice, however, Anastasia was incapable of understanding the young girl's real chierator, or the wonderful advancement she had already made in the spiritual life. She judged her by her own standard, and by what sae had seen of the converts to Christianity among the Irequois girls, whose previous training resulted in forming characters and tendencies that required the severest discipline and repression.

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But what she saw of Kateri in the first few days of her residence with her, and the insight her few judicious questions had given her into the mind of the Mohawk L. f., filled Anastasia with activities activities.

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Christian though she was, she was utterly unable to comprehend the mysterious power that had taken a simple and untaught girl, and given her a wisdom and a knowledge far transcending that of the older woman.

Anastasia was awed by the sanctity that beam-d from those gentle dove like eyes, and seemed to surround the girl with the atmosphere of heaven.

The old woman was talking one day to Kateri and her adopted sister, who, with her husband and children also resided in Anastasia's lodge, and in the course of her remarks she mentioned the sin of slander as being very prevalent among the Christian Indians.

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Turning to Kateri, she admonished her to beware of this sin, and told her to examine her conscience as to the number of times she had been guilty

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In complete simplicity, Kateri asked her instructress to tell her what slander was in order that she might comply with her instructions. Somewhat astonished, Anastasia explained the meaning of the word, and Kateri immediately said she hadnever willing ly slandered anybody, and she could not understand how anyone could be so wicked. So it was with almost every sin the old woman could mention, Kateri had never heard of it before, and the knowledge that there could be found people wicked enough to commit so many sins against so good a God, seemed to weige, her down as heavily as though her shoulders bore the whole iniquity of her people.

This insight into the terrible deprayity of the world, coursed with Anastasias frequent exhortatious upon the necessty for penances ank deep into Kateri's mind, and was the fruitful cause of the fearful punishments she inflicted upon her innocent self, and the terrible austerities which continued without intermission almost to the day of her death.

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Her eyes were rather weak owing to an attack of small pox in childhood, and, partly on that account, and partly because of her modesty and timidly, she usually covered her face with her blanket, especially in public and in the presence of strangers.

On one occasion she was seated in the lodge, conversing with Anastasis, when a young man passed through, and, stopping before Kateri, pulled asside her blanket, exclaiming as he lid so. "They say this one has sore yes, let's see." Kateri flushed deeply, but made no reply, only quietly replacing her blanket.

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The rude boy made a hurried exit, abashed by a sharp reproof from Anastasia, and no little impressed by Kateria meckness and self control, qualities always admired by the

Daily the Lily's devotion increased in fervor, she recited the Angelus three times a day, and the litanies of the Blessed Virgin every night.

Every week she approached the sacrament of penance. She spent hours in prayer, and her chief delight was to be in the presence of the Blessed bearangers.

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Did anyone want her and fail to find her in the field or in the lodge, or praying before a simple rude cross she had cut in the bark of a tree, she was certain to be in the church, sitting or kneeling as close to the Tabernade as possible, her face covered by her blanket, and so oblivious of everything around her that nothing but a touch and the words, "You are wanted Kateri." aroused her.

That was enough, she was ready to go whenever her services were needed, the cry of distress or suffering nover escapedher, and often, by a mysterious impulse, she would rise of her own second and go straight to some lodge whose immates were in distress or in need of help, and never was visitor more welcome than she.

The simple Indians almost wor hipped her, they regarded her as a being of different mould to themselves, and as a denie of of heaven dwelling amongst them. They were righteven the best among them, and they were hany good and noble souls, was scarcely worthy to touch the hem of her robe.

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It was the privilege of Father Cholenec, to admit this beautiful soul in full communion with her Divine Spouse and he says the scene on this memorable occasion was sublime.
The church was decorated with evergreens and flowers which some of the Indians grow for the service of the altar.

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Every Indian in the village was present.

For hours before the commencement of Mass Katern had remained prostrate before the altar. During Mass she remained in the same position, and just before the absolution she raised herself upon her knees, signed derself with the sign of the cross, and waited with her eyes raised to heaven, and a look of cestasy upon her face, which readered her countenance seraphic for the coming of her Lord.

That communion set the seal upon the wondrous work of grace; the Lily opened her petals; Kateri's heart was on fire; from that moment she was a saint.

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Her fervor was, if possible, even greater than before; she never neglected a single duty she was accustomed to perform in the lodge, or out in the fields, but while engaged in her usual occupations her thoughts were ever fixed upon her Divine Lord imprisoned for her sake in the tabernacle, and her work finished, she would meditation.

It might be thought that Kateris troubles were over, that henceforth her lot would be one of peace. But not so, still darker clouds loomed over the Lily, and her dearest and nost cherished friends were to become, if not her persecutors, at least the disturbers of her tranquility and peace of mind.

Anastasia had lost her hueband

peace of mind.

Anastasia had lost her husband several years before she became converted to Christianity, but her sons and daughters, with their respective wives and husbands, had followed her Canada, and setting up lodges close to her own, had made it their business to provide her with food and skuns for clothing.

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But kateri had no male relatives in Canada with the exception of her foster rister's husband, and he, besides his wife and himself, had a large family of children to clothe, and though he could supply Kateri with food, she would not accept skins from him nor from the sons of her aged friend, who had their own families to provide for besides their mother.

Amastasia and Kateri's sister, accordingly decided that it would be expedient to marry her to some young hunter who could keep her comfortably clothed. They argued that her dislike of Swift Arrow arose from the fact of his being a pagan, and exceedingly unlikely ever to become a Christian. But a young Christian brave, that was a different matter altogether, Kateri could have no reasonable objection to marrying one of her own faith.

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So these two blind wiseacres debated together, much after the fashion of Kateri's aunts, and with (it must be confessed) very little more knowledge of the case or of the person with whom they had to deal, than had been displayed by the two old equawe. This is not ao surprising as it may at first sight appear, because virginity was never preached to the Indians, it being sonsidered above either their comprehension or their powers. Therefore, as Kateri herself did not know the meaning of it, it is exarely to be wondered at that her relatives did not understand that there was a better state than mar riage, and that, in urging it upon Kateri, they were not doing the best thing possible under the circumstances.

(CONCLUSION NEXT WEEK)

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In presenting the annual report of tichnessers of the company for the year ending state December, 1580: the directors have pleasured to the company for the year ending state December, 1580: the directors have pleasured that the company of the present have pleasured that the company of the present account shows a profit or the pear's transactions of \$119.703.43. Out of this tw. half-yearly dividends, at the rate of 10 per cent per anount, have been deelared; \$5.702.38 has been written off for depreciation in securities, and the balarco alled to restrict from in the volume of those of the state. It has known in cases and to provide for run ing (if the liability on a purely opinion as been increased to \$410.55.31. The treatment in the company of the state of the past year.

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SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL
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STATEMENT:

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Total expenditure, including appropriation for losses under adjustment 2,217,019 52 Balance ... \$ 119 768 13

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Dividends on stock \$ 100,000 00
To.al assets \$ 93.44,27 18

Reserve fund \$ 1,086,008 21
Cash capital \$ 1,000,000 00
Security to policyholders \$ 3,085,008 21
The annual report of the directors having been read, the Preudent, in moving its adoption, stated that he was pleased to be able to say that the year had not been maked by any serious individual losses such as the beat had had to calor so the company had been extracted on upon the same hines as had been i dlowed in the past, and the results, as shown in the statements sub mitted, were he thought, upon the whole, as favorable as the most sanguine shareholder c uld have anticipated, bearing in mind the prevailing condition of general business throughout the continent during the year 1890. The company was such as might naturally have been looked for under the decremanances. An amount of \$5,752.85 centities, which was off for deprectation. company was such as might naturally have been looked for under the circumstances. An amount of \$5,752.38 had been written off for depreciation in securities, which was necessary to bring them to their unarket value at the close of the year, and which must be regarded as a very moderate shrink value at the close of the year, and which must be regarded as a very moderate shrink value at the loss. Briefly spraking, he said that the figures in the report submitted showed that while the company had somewhat reduced volume of business, there had showed that while the company had somewhat reduced volume of business, there had been a fale margin of profit on the year's transactions—as shown in the revenue account—and after paying the usual dividend of 10 per cent., and making allowance for depreciation in securities, there was an in crosse in the reserve fund of the way and the correct of the control of the control

Kenny.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held aubsequently Hon. Geo. A. Cox was re-elected President and Mr. J. J. Kenny, Vice President for the ensuing year.

LATEST MARKETS

TOBONTO, March 3, 1897.

Grain receipts on the street are very light. Barley is firm and oats are steady. Hay firmer. No dressed hogs offering. Barley—Firm, 500 bushels selling at 290

Barrey-ram, occurred to 32c.
Oats-Steady, 200 bushels selling at 21c to 22c.
Hay -Supply fair; prices firm, 10 loads selling at \$13 to \$14. No straw offered.

White wheat,	\$0 00
do red 0 74	0 00
do goose 0 63	0 631
Buckwheat 0 324	0 00
Rye 0 33	0 34
Oats 0 21	0 22
Peas 0 40	0 00
Barley 0 29	0 32
Hay	14 00
Straw 6 25	7 50
Eggs, new laid 0 14	0 15
Ducks 0 40	0 60
Butter, lb rolls 0 12	0 21
do tube, dairy 0 09	0 12
Chickens 0 25	0 50
Turkeys, 0 09	0 10
Gcese, 0 07	0 08
Potatoes 0 20	0 35
Dressed hogs 4 75	6 16
Beef, hindquarters 4 00	5 50
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Lamb 6 50	7 50

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MONTREAL, March 1.—Grain—There is very little doing and prices are practically under the state of the s

Meal.—The market is not quotably altered from last week and priors remain about as follows:—Rolled, per bag, \$1 45 to \$1 50; do prr bri. \$2 90 to \$3; granulated, \$3 15 to \$3 25; do pur bag, \$1 00 to \$1 55; standard, per bag, \$1 00 to \$1 55;

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The forty-sixth annual meeting of the Western Assurance Company was held at the head offices, in this city on Thursday, Feb. 27. The exhibit for 1800, as submitted in the report for the year, is satisfactory, showing, as it does, a revenue account profit on the year's business of \$110,708.43. Ten per cent. per annun news-adays is considered a high rate of interest on cash investments—and this is what the lucky share holders received on the money which they have applied in purchase of "Western" slock. The dividends in this connection amounted to \$100,000; and with assets of the value of \$2,324,427, and a reserve tund so large as \$1,086,008, there is a prospect shead which must be encourseling to the friends of this old and popular institution. To the officers and agents of the "Western" is, of course, mainly due the prespecting of the company and they were fattingly complimented for their discression and judgment in the conduct of the company affeirs, which had been all that could be destred by its Directorto. Lead, Copper, Brass. Iron, Ledger, Book and

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