

Symptoms and Causes of Premature Old Age.

(Continued from Page Four.) mination of the blood to the brain, and put too much work upon the heart. At the same time Dr. Hamilton points out that absolute abstinence may be as hurtful as excessive indulgence in men who are habituated to alcohol or tobacco; it cannot be denied that the lack of customary stimulants has sometimes precipitated a condition of affairs which might have been delayed by less radical measures. In a discussion of the causes of pre-senility the author of this essay concurs with foreign observers in thinking that many Americans break down at an earlier age than is the case with Europeans. "Our national characteristics are such as to invite a premature decline in energy through an overuse of our nervous system." This national tendency to pre-senility is attributed largely to "our struggle for the rapid accumulation of wealth or for the gratification of an ambition, which is due to competition, and in no small measure to the stimulation of our newspapers." We are reminded that many Americans enter on a business life in their teens, "take little or no physical exercise of a beneficial kind and insufficient mental exercise of a recreative order, readily adopting the luxurious life of Continental Europe, and in our unrest carrying everything to extremes. A pernicious influence of a poet of the disposition to 'hustle,' and to select careers for which they are unfitted. Men who should be behind the plough or in the counting-house adopt professions for which they are not adapted, and often break down through attrition or thwarted ambition. The supposed necessity of keeping up a certain appearance involves a constant and fagging use of brain-power, which is accompanied by worry and by anxiety of the kind that makes men prematurely old. What injury such strife does not of itself effect is wrought by the stock market. The usefulness of a trustworthy exposition of pre-senility will be disputed by no one who has marked the unwelcome frequency with which in our larger cities men of fifty or even younger seem to have grown old before their time.—M. W. H., in the New York Sun.

Burglars in A Convent.

Some people must have felt inclined to enjoy a joke at the expense of a couple of burglars when they gave them a "tip" that the Catholic convents were veritable store-houses of booty. Gold and silver and jewels were to be had for the mere lifting! So a raid was planned. At the convent adjoining St. Michael's Church a burglar got in through a window. One of the Sisters heard noises in the house, and going to the reception-room she found the man ransacking the desks. She asked the fellow what he wanted, and he replied, "Money!" The Sister handed him her purse, saying that there was \$1 in it. "If that's all you have I don't want it," said the burglar, and he jumped through the window. The same night the Sisters' residence next to St. Matthew's Church was entered in the same way. The thief made off with \$1.50 which he found in a desk in the front room. The home of the Notre Dame Sisters on Fort street, near Ninth, was robbed in a similar manner. The burglar got three dollars after ransacking the rooms in the lower part of the house. The Sisters residing in the house adjoining St. Agnes' School report that a burglar tried to get into their home by a window. The Sisters were aroused while the fellow was raising the window. The gas was lighted in the room and the thief jumped back into the yard and escaped in the darkness. The home of the Sisters teaching in the Sacred Heart School was robbed of \$2.35, taken from a desk. Total proceeds of the raid, \$6.85.

RUMORS FROM OTTAWA.

Rumors that now appear to assume the proportions of certainties, are afloat at Ottawa in regard to the impending ministerial changes. The Supreme Court of Canada meets on the 15th of this month, and the present Minister of Justice, Hon. Mr. Mills, will ascend that Bench in time for the commencement of the term. It is said that the important portfolio of Minister of Justice will go to the present Solicitor-General, Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Brigands Rob A Monastery.

A despatch from London, Eng., of a few days ago tells the following incident, which adds another chapter to the criminal acts of brigands. A small band of brigands had been troubling the country side only a few miles from Naples. The other night the miscreants conceived the bold idea of pillaging the Franciscan monastery, which was believed to contain much wealth, including golden altar vessels in the chapel. About midnight the brigands, with the aid of ladders, scaled two lofty walls and entered the monastery through the windows. The monk keeping vigil gave the alarm, and the monks, numbering about a dozen, barricaded themselves in their cells and started praying. The brigands stormed each cell in turn, gagged each inmate and finally attacked the venerable prior. He stoutly refused to surrender, and as the doors of his room were also stout, the brigands were not able to force them. It happened that the prior had a revolver, which he used to good advantage when presently the brigands appeared at his window. The unequal combat ended by the prior falling badly wounded, and the brigands then pillaged the monastery at their leisure. Fortunately an alarm telling that the gendarmes were coming prevented them from entering the chapel. As they retired with their booty an aged servant, a lay brother who had hidden in the garden, fired six shots with his revolver. When the gendarmes tardily arrived it was discovered that the lay brother had displayed lay skill in the use of his secular weapon, for the body of a dead brigand was stretched under a bush and traces of blood along the route of the brigands' flight showed that others had been wounded. The good prior had also wounded at least a couple. As soon as the young King of Italy heard of the affair he instructed the Minister of the Interior to send the prior a gold medal with a suitable inscription recording the occasion of his valor.

Caught by a Priest Robbing a Poor Box.

With \$1 which he had stolen from the poor box in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, West Hoboken, N. J., a young fellow was caught one evening last week by the pastor, Father Louis Gabriel. The church, as is customary, is left open in the early evening to allow people to worship. Non one was in the church at the time the attempted robbery was committed. Fearing just such a case of robbery, Father Gabriel had arranged and electric alarm in the box. When the lid opened a bell sounded in the rectory. The priest, when he heard the bell, ran to the church. The edifice seemed deserted, but in the semi-gloom he discerned a man in the rear of the church, near the poor box. The priest grappled with the fellow, who was so frightened that he was powerless in the strong grasp of the priest. Dragged to the street and turned over to a policeman, the culprit was locked up. He said he was Wallace Morely, of Newark.

CORONATION CEREMONIES.

According to a London despatch the problem of hotel accommodation is likely to prove a serious one for foreigners who come to London for the coronation intending to remain in the city only a few days, and especially so in the case of persons prepared to make only a modest outlay. As I am told all the hotels will advance rates, in some cases at least, persons must expect to pay just double the prices of ordinary times.

THE SAME SAD STORY.

Clasped in each other's arms, with their pet kitten between them, Joseph and Freda Beyer, four and five years old respectively, were suffocated by smoke in their home, on the second floor of the five story tenement at No. 124 Greenwich street, New York last week. Both bodies were found in the furthest corner of the room under the bed, and there was little difficulty in telling what had taken place. Left alone by their mother, who locked the door and closed the windows, they were playing together. The boy perhaps made a torch of a stick of wood at the stove, and in the play it ignited some of the woodwork of the room.—New York Herald.

THE RESULT OF CARELESSNESS.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Elizabeth Watkins, an octogenarian, met death in a fire early to-day. The frame structure occupied and owned by Lavery Brothers, liquor dealers and grocers, was damaged to the extent of \$8,000. Mrs. Watkins, occupying an upper floor tenement, was smothered by smoke before help could reach her. Other occupants barely escaped. The fire was caused by a cigar thrown into a pile of sawdust on a lower floor.

SAD FATE OF MINERS.

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 8.—Eighty-five miners killed and seventy-five more buried under debris were the fearful results of a dust explosion at the Honda mines in Mexico, the news of which was received here to-night. At the time the explosion occurred there were 160 miners at work in the mine, all of whom were entombed by the shaft being choked off by falling earth and stone, loosened by the explosion.

FOR HOME RULE ALL ROUND.

The Hon. T. A. Brassey has addressed a letter to the Liberal agents and secretaries of Liberal Associations throughout England, giving particulars of work done during the past few months with the view of educating opinion in the Liberal Party on the subject of Federal Government for the United Kingdom and the Empire. A number of meetings have been held by all shades of opinion in regard to the war, and a resolution has been unanimously adopted advocating the establishment of a local Legislature in the several countries of the United Kingdom, each having power to deal with its own internal affairs, leaving to the Imperial Parliament the management of matters affecting the United Kingdom as a whole and of all Imperial business. The opinion was further expressed in the resolution that the Colonies should be invited to send representatives to the Imperial Parliament as soon as they desired to share with the mother country the burdens of the Empire. Mr. Brassey says that the resolution having been carried unanimously at every Liberal meeting might be described as one on which all Liberals could unite, so it will be brought forward at the general committee of the National Liberal Federation at Leicester.

ATTEMPTS TO KILL THE CZAR.

London, Feb. 2.—A Vienna dispatch to the Sunday Special says rumors are current that an attempt has been made on the life of the Czar. The report is regarded as important in official quarters.

AN EDITORIAL APOLOGY.

Two gentlemen once attended a temperance meeting, and on returning home by a dark and narrow lane, were thrown out of their conveyance. The incident was reported in the local paper, and the account closed with the words: "Fortunately, both men were sober." The editor received an angry protest from one of the gentlemen concerned, with a request for an apology. He was equal to the occasion. "In our account of the unfortunate accident to Messrs. —," wrote the editor, "we stated that, fortunately, both men were sober. It appears this statement has given great offence. We, therefore, beg to withdraw it."—Household Words.

The Trade of the Religious Institutions is desirable, but it is generally conceded hard to reach. That's true, because the average advertising medium, often containing news and advertising features of an objectionable nature, is not admitted there. BUT—The True Witness, the only Catholic weekly newspaper in the English language published in the Province of Quebec, goes into thousands of Catholic Institutions and private homes, because clean news and clean advertising, only, find place in its columns. Rates and sample copy on application. THE TRUE WITNESS P. & P. CO., Ltd., Montreal, P. Q.

Market Report.

THE DEMAND for grain continues to improve. In addition to a fair movement in oats, there is also a good trade in feed, barley and peas. The flour trade remains firm, with a good business doing. Rolled oats are still slow, and prices are easy. Feed is active, and the demand improving, while hay continues quiet and unchanged. There is a fairly active local market for provisions at steady prices, and the same may be said of dressed hogs. Cheese and butter continue firm, but butter is the more active of the two. Eggs remain firm, but the demand is not so active. Other farm products are very quiet.

GRAIN—New crop, No. 2 oats, locally at 47½¢ to 48¢; No. 2 barley, 56½¢ to 57¢; No. 3 extra barley, at 53½¢; buckwheat, at 53½¢ to 54¢ east freight; peas, 80¢ high freight.

FLOUR—Manitoba patents, \$4.10 to \$4.20; strong bakers, \$4.00; straight rollers, \$3.45 to \$3.60; in bags, \$1.75 to \$1.85; Ontario patents, \$3.70 to \$4.

FEED—Manitoba bran, \$20 to \$21; shorts, \$22 to \$23, bags included; Ontario bran in bulk, \$20.50 to \$21.50; shorts in bulk at \$22.50 to \$25.50.

ROLLED OATS—Millers prices to jobbers, \$2.45 to \$2.55 in bags, and \$5.00 to \$5.20 per barrel.

HAY—No. 1, \$10 to \$10.50; No. 2, \$9 to \$9.50; clover, \$7.25 to \$7.50 in car lots on track.

BEANS—Choice primes, car lots on the track, \$1.40 to \$1.45; broken lots, \$1.45 to \$1.50.

PROVISIONS—Heavy Canada short cut pork, \$21.50; selected, \$22.50; compound refined lard, 8½¢ to 9½¢; pure Canadian lard, 11½¢ to 12½¢; finest lard, 12½¢ to 13½¢; hams, 12½¢ to 14¢; bacon, 12¢ to 15¢; dressed hogs, \$8.25 to \$8.65; fresh killed, abattoir, \$9 to \$9.65 per 100 lbs.

POULTRY—Turkeys, fresh killed, 11¢ to 12¢; ducks, 8¢ to 10¢; geese, 8¢ to 9¢; and chickens, 10¢ to 11¢; old fowls, 6¢ to 7¢ per lb. for dry picked birds, and scalded stock from 1¢ to 2¢ less.

CHEESE—Ontario, 10½¢ to 10½¢; Eastern counties, 10½¢ to 10½¢; Quebec, 10¢ to 10½¢.

BUTTER—Choice creamery, current receipts, 21½¢; seconds, 19½¢; western dairy, 16¢ to 16½¢; rolls, 17¢ to 17½¢.

MAPLE PRODUCTS—New syrup, at 6½¢ per lb. in wood; 70¢ per tin; sugar, 8¢ to 9¢.

EGGS—Strictly new laid, 28¢ to 30¢. We quote selected cold storage, 25¢; Montreal limed, 20¢ to 21¢; western limed, 19¢ to 20¢.

LIVE STOCK—There were about 300 head of butchers' cattle, 20 calves and 30 sheep and lambs, offered for sale at the East End Abattoir on Thursday. The butchers were out in large numbers, but were disappointed at the small supplies and the poor quality of the stock offered, and the prices were about one-quarter of a cent higher all round. The best cattle sold at from 4½¢ to 4½¢ per lb., but they were only middling, and from that down to less than 4¢ per lb., for pretty good cattle, the common stock sold at from 2½¢ to 3½¢ per lb., and the milkers, of which there were about 50 offered here, at from 3½¢ to 4¢ per lb. Mr. G. Martel paid \$12 for the best calf on the market, and \$9 for another. The other calves sold at from \$2.50 to \$6 each. Sheep sold at from 3½¢ to 3½¢ per lb., and the lambs at from 4¢ to 4½¢ do.

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A VALUABLE GIFT.—The beautiful Mazzolini portrait of the Madonna presented to Rev. Dr. J. J. Stafford on the occasion of his elevation to the pastorate of St. Patrick's Church, Washington, D.C., was formally unveiled the other day. The canvas measures 84 by 54 feet. The value of the painting is \$20,000.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session, for a Bill incorporating an Association to be known under the name of "Followers of St. Anthony of Padua, Montreal," for mutual benefit purposes. Montreal, Jan. 8th, 1902.

AN IRISH GOVERNOR.—The "Sacred Heart Review" says:—The memory of Thomas Dongan, one of the early colonial governors of New York, was honored this week at a dinner in the Hotel Savoy, New York city, at which about 100 were present. Justice James A. O'Gorman, of the Supreme Court, was toastmaster. Senator Thomas C. O'Sullivan reviewed the work of Governor Dongan in incorporating the municipality of New York. He thought Governor Dongan should have a monument.

NOTICE.

The Fabrique of the Parish of Notre Dame de Montreal will apply to the Legislature of Quebec, at its next session, for an act to better define the rights of the grantees of burial lots in the Cemetery of Notre Dame des Neiges, and those of their heirs also to make more complete the dispositions of the laws now in force concerning the administration of said cemetery. TAILLON, BONIN & MORIN, Attorneys for the Fabrique of Notre Dame de Montreal.

NOTICE.

A bill will be presented to the Quebec Legislature, at its next session, to modify the charter of the "Compagnie Hypothecaire" (56 Vict., ch. 76), by translating the name of the Company in the English version, into "The Mortgage Company," and by defining the costs of organization mentioned in Article 72 of said charter. Montreal, 25th January, 1902.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1902. ALL COMMUNION FORE 6 O'Clock. BOUNDARIES OF Patrick's parish extend to Mount and Mc the west. Above She it runs from Amherst limits west beyond Seminary; on the from the corner of William street to Mc Gill to river and east as far as Grant limit is the old city the dividing line betw and St. John the 1 and running from the West and Duluth Ave line about midway b and Napoleon streets Ward lies in St. Pat. WHO ARE PARIS All Catholics residing tory, and whose langa lish, belong to St. P of all other languages or other of the French ther Notre Dame, St. Louis, according to families where French are equally spoken, t of the head of the fam what parish the family when the mother tong of the family is Fren family belongs to the and to St. Patrick's ther tongue of the hea ly is English. In ca especially on occasion parties should consult of the pastors of the which they live. HOURS OF SE ON SUNDAYS AND Low Masses, at 6, 7 High Mass, at 10 o' and Benediction, at 3. ing service, (except August and Septemb of Rosary, congregatio English, sermon and ec tion at 7.30 p.m. ON WEEK DAYS. Masses at 5.30, 6 and winter, Masses at 6, o'clock. PARISH SOCI FIRST SUNDAY OF Holy Scapular Society St. ALD. D. GALLER It is not the wish of appreciation of the where all the candida publish the portraits of already served two to "earn his spurs." The Ann's have marked the room for comment. As will be se title of the story of "The Secret of t terical facts, as th and which crushed story, rather l be read by every