

ST. MARTIN'S SUMMER.

As the evening shadows were falling, on the 11th of November 1837, a traveller, who had been riding along the banks of the Somme, in search of a safe crossing, wearily turned his horse toward the main road.

He soon reached the outlying houses in the suburbs of a large city. Dismounting he knocked loudly with the hilt of his sword on door of the nearest house.

In answer, a voice from within called out "enter" and at the same time the latch was raised.

The master of the establishment started nervously at the sight of a Roman soldier, his surprise was immediately detected by the stranger and he, too, retreated somewhat.

"Enter, enter," repeated the master, stepping out as far as the threshold, "No matter who you may be, when seated by my hearth you shall be considered as an ever welcome guest."

The soldier thanked his kind host and, having dried his garments, gladly joined his friends at their evening meal.

"Stranger," said Ambrosio, "will you now tell us what we have the honor to entertain?" "My home," answered the soldier, "is very far away, perhaps you may have heard of a place called Pannonia?"

At early dawn, the soldier took leave of his friends, having first partaken of the simple breakfast which, even at so early an hour, his hospitable host prepared for him.

The morning was gray and gloomy and snow was falling heavily in large flakes. In such weather it took but a very short time before the beighted traveller was completely lost in the deep forest.

"Whoever you are, speak," said the soldier, "and tell me what you want of me." "I am hungry," said the poor frail creature.

"I have," said the soldier, "a loaf of bread and a bit of cheese. Here, take and eat," answered the soldier taking down his knapsack.

"What more?" asked the soldier. "I am cold," was the chattering answer. The traveller saw the poverty of the unfortunate wretch and glancing at his watch for the clock.

"Here, take this," said he generously "gold and silver, I have none, but what I have, I give freely in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

"This is how the world was first peopled," said the soldier, "and thus it is now. The world is peopled by the poor and the rich, and the rich are the cause of the poor's misery."

Protestantism, not Christianity, Declines. The New York Herald, of October 8, has the following: "I did not say that religion was a failure, or anything that sounded like it," said Rev. B. De Costa, rector Protestant Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist, New York.

St. Francis' school, testimonials. Form II.—Excellent.—F. Martin, C. O'Brien, J. Glynn, C. Glynn, F. McCarron, R. Byron, H. Smith, J. Mullins, F. Delaney.

A Bloody Labor Fight in Illinois. On Wednesday, Oct. 13, the mine owners of Virden, Illinois, imported from Alabama a train load of negroes in order to break down the Miners' Union of the Chicago district.

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The Protestant Church, has not the machinery for dealing with the needs of the world in these times. Not one clergyman in one thousand dares preach a sermon on the Seventh Commandment.

Instead of putting our shoulder to the wheel and fighting against the awful spread of social vice and drunkenness and Sabbath breaking we are squabbling among ourselves and spending our energies on denominational differences.

There are no seventeen sects of Methodists and thirteen sects of Baptists, and almost as many distinct varieties in each other religious group.

One of the most gratifying things which a Catholic traveller can see witness in most parts of Canada, is the attitude of the Catholic societies, which have recently sprung into existence.

Not only in the cities and larger towns, but in many of the rural districts, will you see or more of these organizations well met, most of them having for their object the promotion of education, and an aim to say, acting in the most harmonious way with the Catholic Church.

Besides ministering to sick members, and guarding against the miseries of want the widows and orphans of domestic wars, they are also Debating Clubs in the most practical sense.

No one need be told how much these organizations have contributed in giving self confidence to young men, in developing their mental facilities, and otherwise equipping them for the battle of life.

Many of our greatest orators have been graduates of these institutions. Glancing across the Atlantic, I have only to mention the name of Mr. Thomas Sexton who, during his brilliant but entirely too brief parliamentary career, was recognized by all as the foremost orator of the British House of Commons.

In the pretty little town of Almonte, in response to a very kind invitation I, in company with my young friend Mr. John J. Frawley, attended a meeting of Branch No. 24 of that excellent organization, the Emerald Beneficial Association, and was a gratified spectator of most creditable proceedings.

The following are the names of the officers: President, John G. Malone; Vice-President, B. M. Bolton; Recording Secretary, John O'Hare; Financial Secretary, L. Dowdall; Treasurer, Robert Johnston; Stewards, J. F. Brunette, P. Frawley; Marshals, Thomas H. Malone; Guard, John Lynch; Chaplain, J. Canon Foley.

School Testimonials. The following is the Honor Roll of St. Helen's School (boys) for the month of September: Form IV.—Senior, Excellent.—Geo. Diern. Good—F. Egan and F. Mulhall.

Form III.—Senior, Excellent.—J. Gray. Good.—J. Reddin, V. Bero, L. Laing, and A. Kirby. Junior, Excellent.—D. Plumtree, O. Byrne. Good.—C. Kirby, W. Pegg and J. Kearns.

Form II.—Good.—G. Franco, F. Tracy, A. Woods, J. O'Leary, W. Mulhall, L. O'Connell and J. Torpor.

The following are the testimonials winners for the month of Sept in St. Mary's school. Form IV.—Excellent.—F. Kelly, W. Oster, J. Madigan, J. Maloney, P. McGarrigh, F. Walsh, H. Haines. Good.—L. O'Connell, J. Lohau, T. Read, J. Fennell, A. McDonald, A. Horbert, A. L. O'Connell, J. Kennedy.

Form III.—Senior, Excellent.—N. Faulkner, J. Clancy, W. Loroux. Good.—T. Hanson, W. Hanlon, J. Flanagan, M. O'Rielly, W. Wylie, J. Nolan, E. Zaegman, A. McNeill, F. Griffin, J. Haggerty, C. McCafferty, E. Brackel.

Form II.—Junior, Excellent.—P. Murphy, F. Walsh, J. O'Donohue, E. McEvoy, M. Montone. Good.—H. Axworthy, L. Danie, W. McDowell, F. Flanagan, D. Donovan, E. Duffy, E. Cahill, J. Murphy.

Form I.—Excellent.—J. Carolan, A. Deo, W. Devine, W. McDonald. Good.—J. Cozons, T. McConvey, J. Christie, S. Ford, F. Wado, J. Callaghan, A. Cavanaugh.

Result of monthly examination. Form IV. Senior Div.—E. Kelly, W. Ceter, F. Read, J. Maloney. Junior Div.—B. Brown, A. Grossi, J. Fennell.

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The Kaiser's War On Labor. Emperor William has announced that a bill in preparation providing that persons inciting others to strike shall be punished by imprisonment at hard labor.

The laws against intimidators of workmen are already the most stringent in character, prescribing punishment from three months' to two years' imprisonment and the Emperor's new proposals have incited such hostility as to make it certain that there will be grave disturbances both in the Reichstag and throughout the country, if their enactment is forced.

Hon. J. M. Gibson for East Wellington. FERRIS, Oct. 10.—The Liberal of East Wellington paid the Hon. J. M. Gibson a marked compliment to day by tendering to the Commissioner of Crown Lands the unanimous nomination of the party to succeed the late member, Mr. Gibson.

Mr. Thomas Ballard, Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "I have been afflicted for nearly a year with that most dreaded disease Dyspepsia, and at times worn out with pain and want of sleep, and after trying almost everything recommended, I tried an old box of Parmentier's Vegetable Pills. I am now nearly well and believe they will cure me. I would not be without them for any money."

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