

## Letters to the Editor.

### A FRENCH-CANADIAN VIEW.

Dear Sir,—Having read and noted the truth of the statements made by your "Curbstone Observer" in the issue of July 14th, I must congratulate him for his untiring energy in behalf of the Irish Catholic people. Judging by his writings of the past and present, no one will doubt him to be otherwise than a gentleman sincere and honest.

By his patience and good sense he cannot fail to attract the attention of people of his own race, as well as of other races who are readers of the "True Witness." We heartily agree with him in his remarks about the negligence of Irish Catholics in supporting Catholic papers that have their interests at heart. In this Province of Quebec there are more than sufficient Irish Catholics to support a large daily paper, but I notice they neglect the press that is working to protect them from being falsely slandered, and support the secular press that is striving to degrade them through ignorance of their merits. If there were more "Curbstone Observers" views in our Catholic papers, we would all profit greatly thereby. It is very well to submit to censure when censure is deserved, but when it is administered through religious and national prejudices, only neglectful Catholics will stand it.

You have sufficient intelligent men in your race and religion, if they will awake to their duty and stand up against unjust abuse. So long as they are content to put up with the insults of the secular priests it will continue to taunt them. Let Irishmen unite and send in their subscriptions to one paper. If they furnish the means they will get from it all the news and interesting events which attracts them to subscribe for non-Catholic publications, besides having a Catholic newspaper in their home, where it may be read, and which don't help much, but there are thousands probably who say the same thing.

We trust your "Curbstone Observer" will patiently continue giving the readers of your paper his views. I am, yours respectfully,

A FRENCH-CANADIAN.

**DEALING WITH DELINQUENTS.**—A subscriber from the city writes:—I must beg your indulgence for not "coming to the front" before, but it entirely escaped my notice. Hoping it may not occur again, and wishing you every success in the straightforward manner you have chosen and which is, as you very clearly stated, indispensable to the proper administration of a paper wishing to live and prosper.

Another subscriber from Halifax says:—I have noted your remarks of 23rd ult., regarding your new basis of circulation, and could have wished you had adopted it from the start. It is the only fair way of dealing to both sides to have a settlement at the end of each year, or failing in that to discontinue the paper.

**THE KINDLY WORD.**—Another subscriber from Ottawa, writes:—I enclose one dollar, being my subscription for your paper now past due. I am very sorry for having neglected this matter, but will be more prompt in future, as I consider the "True Witness" a most welcome visitor, and should be subscribed for by every Catholic from Halifax to Vancouver.

## Notes From Ottawa.

The session has at last drawn to a close. It was a long, a weary and a not very remarkable session. However, Ottawa people have nothing to complain about. The longer the session the better for the city: hotels, trades people, merchants—all benefit by this annual gathering of the country's representatives in our legislative halls. Towards the close a little excitement was created by the questions that came up for consideration before some of the committees; but, as a rule, people were fully aware that when the general elections are in sight, both parties seek to make the most political capital possible out of the expiring Parliament. The Government allows matters to drag on to a tedious degree in the hope of some fresh issues arising that may serve to place the party in power in a favorable light before the electors, while the Opposition has no very great repugnance to a lengthy session since it affords additional opportunities of criticizing the Government, of making speeches, and of fabricating campaign literature for the coming fray. Thus it is that a lengthy session, even extending into mid-July, is not looked upon as a great misfortune by those immediately concerned.

Of course, nothing is certain in this world—not even life itself; but in the political world uncertainty is a chronic condition. Speculation as to the probable date of the general elections has furnished the sages of the Russell House rotunda with material for talk and even for mild gambling. But no person can profess to say positively anything on the subject. Ottawa has fallen gradually back into its ordinary groove and goes on now just as if no session had ever taken place.

Since the great fire nothing of any moment has taken place here. It is wonderful the rapidity with which the burned sections are being rebuilt. Especially is that so in Hull. But the trouble is that they are running up match-box houses made of slabs and cheap lumber. In a few weeks there will be combustible enough, in the form of small dwellings, to feed an

other grand conflagration. It is most wonderful how experience, and very bitter experience, fails to teach common prudence. Possibly the builders of these houses may say that they have not the means to put up anything more substantial, and that they must get shelter in some way or other. There is a good deal of truth in this statement; but if the large amount of funds that poured into the Relief Fund treasurer's coffers were to be used in part to aid in constructing proper houses, it would be of more practical use than to lie dormant—not even creating interest—in the hands of the committee.

The Aylmer prison has been renovated, and is now in more perfect order than ever it was in the days when that town was the "chef-lieu" of Ottawa district. This may indicate that for some time to come Aylmer will enjoy its old time privilege of keeping the criminals of the district. The city of Hull will likely demand the return of the prison and court house; but if such be the desire, it would be well for them to let the Government and the country see that there will be no likelihood of another fire in the near future.

## Champlain Summer School.

Cliff Haven N.Y., July 23, 1900.

**THIRD WEEK.**—The first solemn Pontifical Mass which it has been the good fortune of Summer School members to attend in their own chapel and on their own grounds, was celebrated Sunday morning, July 15th. Many things tended to make it one of the most memorable and most impressive ceremonies ever held at Cliff Haven. The enlarged chapel, with its new sanctuary, the exceptionally fine sacred music and notable sermon, and the presence of the Right Rev. T. M. Burke, Bishop of Albany, and several distinguished priests, all added toward making it a remarkable event.

The preacher of the day was Mgr. James F. Loughlin, D.D., of Philadelphia, first vice-president of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which he treated in a most beautiful and impressive manner.

The musical programme, which in every way surpassed the usually heard in many of our large churches throughout the country, especially deserves commendation.

Monday morning's lectures began promptly at 9.30 with the work in "As You Like It," under the direction of Dr. James J. Walsh. The course is still largely attended despite the extreme heat, and the lectures and discussions are quite as attractive and as learned as those on the heavy tragedy of Hamlet.

At 10.30, the course on "The Study of Language," was commenced. The lecturer, Dr. George Melville Bolling, is associate professor in the Greek Language and Literature, and assistant professor in comparative philosophy and Sanskrit in the Catholic University at Washington. Dr. Bolling received his Ph. D. from John Hopkins, and was about the same time elected a Fellow of that University.

Because of their erudition and their scholarship, these lectures promise to be extremely valuable. Under their scope lies a large field of learning, out of which Dr. Bolling has carefully selected that material which is best suited for his purposes, and has cast it into such a form, as to present it clearly to the minds of his listeners.

The second week's work in study of Dante's Inferno was continued at 11.45 by Dr. Mahony. This and Dr. Walsh's course are largely attended by New York teachers, who are anxious to secure certificates which shall insure their promotion.

The Hon. Martin Glynn, of Albany, member of Congress, and scheduled lecturer for Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week, telegraphed on Monday that he would be unable to keep his appointment on account of illness, the doctor forbidding him to leave his home.

The students at Cliff Haven, however, were not allowed to suffer from disappointment as Dr. J. J. Walsh Monday night was asked to give a talk on his experiences in his travels through Russia. The lecturer gave a very picturesque and sympathetic account of his journey through Russia, and evinced some new but thoroughly impartial views on the character of the people and the government.

Tuesday night Mr. Glynn's place was ably filled by Dr. John Talbot Smith who delivered a forcible and thoughtful lecture on "The Popular Disease," which treated in detail the non-religious aspect of most phases of modern life.

Sunday evening a reception was given to Bishop Burke at the New York cottage. In his honor a musical programme of unusual excellence was rendered. Several other features of the social life have been most attractive. The Curtis Pine Villa entertained twice, once at an observation and once at a musical. There was also a dance at the Champlain Club.

The attendance has been very large this week. The grounds are rapidly filling up, and it is expected that rooms will be at a premium in a very few days.

## REVISING OF VOTERS LISTS.

The fact that the next general election will be held on voters lists compiled under the provisions of the Provincial voters lists acts has stirred up interest in the revisions now going on or to be held in the various municipalities. Each yearly revision in the past has been carefully attended to, but because the term of the present Parliament may expire before there will be another revision all over Ontario special attention is being given to the lists this year. Though in Ontario residence within a polling sub-division is required in most cases, special provision is made to permit the names of

lumbermen, mariners, fishermen, students and farmers' sons to be put on the lists, and during this last session of the Ontario Legislature soldiers serving in South Africa or in Halifax were similarly provided for. The intention of the act is to give a vote to every man in Canada who is a British subject, 21 years of age, but it is the duty of everyone to see that that intention is carried out by the officials, and that his name is on the list, for it is only those whose names are on the list that can vote effectively.—Ottawa correspondence, Toronto Globe.

## Local Notes.

**CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.**—The regular weekly concert of the Club was held on Wednesday, and attracted a large crowd. Dr. Devlin occupied the chair, and an excellent programme was rendered. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed their services to the success of the evening:—Mrs. T. H. Burns, Mr. Burns, Miss Pringle, Misses Sanster, Mr. M. J. Fowler, Mr. W. Johnston, Mr. George Morgan, Mr. Robert Baird, Mr. R. O'Reilly and Seamen O'Toole, Wilson, Neill, Parker, O'Brien, Smith and Donnelly.

**DIVISION NO. 4, A.O.H.,** at its last meeting installed the following officers:—President, J. A. Heffernan; vice-president, M. Miller; recording secretary, F. J. Croke; financial secretary, T. W. Mitchell; treasurer, J. P. Purcell; medical adviser, Dr. F. Duckett; sergeant-at-arms, Ed. Maloney; sentinel, P. Scullion; sick committee, John Ryan, Jno. Costello and D. Whyte; finance committee, P. J. Donnelly, Dr. P. Duckett and D. Mathison. The Division is making good progress and ranks among the foremost in the Order.

**THE PARENT SOCIETY.**—It is now many years since the Parent Irish National Society—St. Patrick's—held an excursion down the river. This year, however, the executive decided to renew the old custom which had always attracted a large gathering of Irishmen of all classes, and arrangements have been all completed for a trip, on the steamer "The River Queen," which will leave on Wednesday next. There are hundreds of our people who have but little leisure time for holidays who would be much benefited by taking such trip as is offered by St. Patrick's Society. The proceeds of the excursion is intended for charitable work. A large crowd should accompany the old stalwarts.

**NEW RULES FOR POLICE.**—The reform element in the City Council are rushing matters, judging by the following amendment to the police rules which marked the necessary of an applicant for admission to the ranks of the "finest" to produce the following certificate, duly signed, as provided:—

To the Superintendent of Police:—

We, the undersigned, certify that we have known for a number of years Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, and solemnly declare that he is a man of good moral character, of sober and industrious habits; that we have never known him to be guilty or convicted of any criminal act or disorderly conduct, and each of the undersigned further contents that this certificate may be made public, and is willing to furnish any other information respecting the applicant which he may possess.

The present certificate shall be signed by live well-known and respectable citizens of Montreal, and by the officer in charge of the district in which the applicant is residing.

**LATE MISS MCCARTHY.**—A casket containing the remains of Miss A. M. McCarthy, the sister of Dr. McCarthy, of this city, whose death at Lucerne, Switzerland, was announced in the "True Witness" some time ago, reached Bonaventure station by the Delaware & Hudson express from New York. The casket weighed 1,500 lbs. The remains were interred in Cote des Neiges cemetery.

**PROF. J. A. FOWLER "BAGGED."**—A very pleasant incident took place last evening, when the members of St. Patrick's choir, to the number of over 50, met in their practice room, and presented their highly esteemed organist and musical director with a handsome, English leather "Clobber" bag, on the occasion of his leaving for a two months' trip to Europe. The popular president of the choir, Mr. Robert Warren, occupied the chair, and in a very happy speech, made the presentation. The "bag," which contained a fully equipped toilet set, is of the latest design. Prof. Fowler received quiet an ovation on rising to respond. He thanked the members of his choir for their very handsome gift, and assured them all that he would prize it very highly, as it was a striking proof of the harmony, goodwill and good fellowship that existed between the members of the choir and himself, which he hoped would long continue. Prof. Fowler, during his remarks, alluded to the good and great work the choir was doing, and promised them, that while in Paris he would visit the shrine at Paray-le-Monial, and offer up prayers for the success and prosperity of its members. On resuming his seat, he was loudly applauded.

Messrs. J. J. Rowan, W. J. Crowe, G. A. Carpenter and others made short speeches. At the conclusion of the speech-making, the members were treated to a "Smoke," thoughtfully provided for by the President of the choir. After the cigars were lit and a pleasant half hour spent with music, the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow," wishing Prof. Fowler "bon voyage," "a good time," and safe return. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to President R. Warren for his happy thought in supplying the "weed."

During Prof. Fowler's absence, the choir will be in charge of Mr. G. A. Carpenter, and Mr. Louis Ratto will preside at the organ.

## OBITUARY.

**MRS. J. J. MCGOLDRICK.**—It is with deep regret that we are called upon to chronicle the death of Mrs. J. J. McGoldrick, which occurred at her mother's residence on Thursday. Mrs. McGoldrick, who was a member of a well-known family in this city, being a sister of the late Mr. Thomas J. Quinlan, had been ailing for the past eight months. Recently her malady assumed an acute form, and despite all the efforts of the best medical skill, and all that a loving mother and devoted sisters could do, she passed away peacefully to her eternal reward. The funeral, which took place this morning, to St. Patrick's Church, was attended by citizens of all classes. To Mrs. Quinlan, and the family of the deceased, the "True Witness" offers its most sincere sympathy.—R.I.P.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED.

Transcribed by Patrick Hannan. McHugh, of the Montreal Gaelic Society (Kre na n-Apostol.)

Kreidim an Dia, an Ahair uille-chuachtaig, Kruihuicheor neive agus talvan: agus ann Josa Kriost aon-Vack-San, ar d-Tiarna: a gaval o' n-Spirad Naov, a geineay o' Meubire oig, a d' fualaid pais faio Phoint Phialaid, a Keasay, a fuair bas agus a haylakay; a Kualy sios go h-firion: a d'eiriy an tras la o' varvaiv; a chuay suas air neiv: a ta' ann a huive air yels De, an Ahair uille-chuachtaig; as sin tiokfas le vriohavnas havair air veoyav agus air varvaiv.

Kreidim San Spiorad Naov, 's an Naov Eaglais Katolicleach, a g-Ku-moinn na naov; a vahney na b-peakay; ann eiriyne na g-koop agus 's an beaha hahain. Amen.

## CANON PICHE'S SUCCESSOR.

His Grace, Archbishop Bruchesi has named Rev. J. T. Savaria, chaplain of St. Jean Benoit retreat at Longue Pointe, as the successor of the late lamented Canon Piche. The announcement was made at a meeting of the Churchwardens, held at the Presbytery immediately after the funeral service. The new pastor enjoys a high reputation in this diocese, and owing to his particular experience is, it is said, well fitted to assume the direction of such an important parish as Lachine.

Father Savaria was born 34 years ago at St. Julie, and received his classical education at the Seminary of Ste. Hyacinthe, graduating with honors. He then entered the Grand Seminary in this city, where he followed the regular course of theology with marked success. He was ordained priest on May 19th, 1883, and was appointed assistant priest of Les Cedres, in Soulanges County. He remained there about two years, and since that date has been chaplain of the retreat at Longue Pointe.

## AT ST. ANNE DE BEAUPRE.

(Special to the True Witness.)

St. Anne de Beaupre, July 26.—This year has surpassed all previous years in the number of pilgrimages, which have visited this grand devotional shrine. Ever since the opening of the summer season every day has witnessed hundreds of pilgrims entering the portals of the beautiful and wonderful Basilica. During the past week large numbers of people have arrived from the United States and different parts of Canada, and taken up their quarters in the various hotels, so that they could attend the special and imposing services in honor of the Feast of Good St. Anne.

Enormous throngs of people attended the different masses, which were most imposing. There was a very large attendance of the clergy, including many bishops and other dignitaries, and the decorations of the Basilica, and especially of the different altars and the statue of the Saint were extremely beautiful. The principal Mass was sung by His Excellency, Mgr. Falconio, Papal delegate, who arrived here to-day.

Next Saturday two pilgrimages from Montreal are expected, one of which will be composed of the men of the Irish parishes of Montreal. It is simply wonderful how easily thousands of people can move about at the various shrines that are everywhere in evidence in the limited area around the Basilica.—J. G. R.

## WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Ever since the uprising of the "Boxers" in China the war news from South Africa has not received much attention from the big daily newspapers. One correspondent writes:—

After a comparatively long halt at Pretoria for recuperation and re-equipment, Lord Roberts' army has advanced to Bronkhorst Spruit, about halfway between Pretoria and Middleburg. He is leaving Pretoria and Johannesburg under a strong guard.

The Boers have attempted to thwart his plans by raids west and north of Pretoria, and hold him back by hanging on his flanks, just as they did when he set out from Bloemfontein to Pretoria. He has again pushed ahead, and is striking for the gateway to the Lydenburg district, leaving Lord Methuen and General Baden-Powell to suppress the raiders in the western district, and headwood to pursue De Wet. It is not clear whether De Wet has made a fresh haul of 200 prisoners belonging to the Welsh Fusiliers, near Roodeval, or whether this incident is



## ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY

### EXCURSION TO LAKE ST PETER

(IN AID OF THE CHARITABLE FUND.)

**WEDNESDAY, August 1st, 1900, at 1.30 p.m.**

Steamer "Three Rivers" will leave Victoria Pier, opposite Bonsecours Church, returning to Montreal at 9.30 p.m. Temperance refreshments at city prices. CASEY'S Orchestra for dancing. Staterooms and Tickets can be secured at SADLER'S.

**TICKETS—Adults, 50 cents. Children 25 cents.**

an amended form of the previous account of the capture of 100 Highlanders.

The situation in the absence of complete details is somewhat confusing, but apparently Lord Roberts has decided that the best method of suppressing the guerilla warfare is to follow the railway toward the entrance to the Lydenburg district, and the Boer communications with the only remaining base of supplies, namely, Delagoa Bay. The plan is a bold one, since commandos of raiders are prowling about in many directions, but he counts without doubt upon effective support from General Buller, and also upon the paralyzing effect of a renewal of the advance towards Kruger's last stronghold.

## THE CHINESE WAR.

Here are a batch of contradictory despatches published by the daily newspapers from various sources regarding the legations in China.

The most sensational news from China this morning is a message from the London Mail's Shanghai correspondent stating that a Chinese interpreter and writer at the British legation, who escaped from Peking to Tientsin, declares that when he left the majority of the people in the legation were dead, and the condition of the living was hopeless. He states that Sir Robert Hart died on July 2. There is no indication given of the date upon which the interpreter left Peking.

The "Standard's" Shanghai correspondent telegraphs an extract of a letter written by a high Chinese official at Peking on July 9, in which the legations were said to be uninjured on that day, although only 300 persons were left alive.

The "Morning Post's" Chifu correspondent states that a native messenger who left Peking July 10, reports that the legations still survived, but were in need of prompt aid.

The Shanghai correspondent of the "Express" states that after correspondence with the Governor of Shan Tung, Li Hsun Chang announced that the Government would give the consuls safe conveyance to Tien Tsin on condition that hostilities ceased, the advance to Peking was abandoned, and all matters in dispute be made the subject of friendly negotiations.

The "Telegraph's" Canton correspondent states that an Imperial decree has been issued announcing that no peace can be obtained without going through a war, calling upon the viceroys and governors to prepare for attack and defence, and warning them that they will be held responsible if any territory is taken through their delay or mismanagement.

## A CATTLE EXPORTER DEAD.

London, Ont., July 26.—Mr. John C. Coughlin, aged fifty-five, a member of the well known firm of cattle exporters, died at his residence at Glanworth last night. He had been ailing for some time, but death came rather unexpectedly.

Mr. J. C. Coughlin was a relative of Mr. C. Coughlin, live stock agent, 43 St. Sacrament street, and a member of the firm. Mr. C. Coughlin left for the west on Thursday to attend the funeral.

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