

exclusion of the Christian Inquirer—a Protestant journal of New York, edited by a member of the Unitarian church—from the reading rooms of a public society in this City. In those days the Montreal Witness did not certainly come before the public as an advocate for freedom of enquiry; but rather as the opponent, of "freedom of thinking" and the right of private judgment. Whence then has come this sudden change in our cotemporary's principles? Is it "liberal" to exclude a "Christian Inquirer," and, at the same time, "illiberal" to put a veto upon the Montreal Witness? We pause for a reply.

TREATISE ON THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. By Cardinal Lambruschini. Translated by Mrs. Sadlier. D. & J. Sadlier, Montreal.

Ireland and America are already indebted to Mrs. Sadlier for more than one book replete with the genuine spirit of patriotism and piety; her pen is one wholly and not unsuccessfully devoted to the good of her race and the glory of God. The book now before us is a good work; for which every Catholic heart will owe Mrs. Sadlier a debt of gratitude. Nor will she in whose honor this monument is raised, forget to make a suitable return to the distinguished writer. We pray our good Mother long to preserve and sustain a talent so nobly employed.

As to the merits of the book itself, it is sufficient to state, that the chief Treatise is from the pen of one known to the civilized world for his statesmanship, and now made known to the Catholics of America, as a loving and devoted son of Mary—His Eminence Cardinal L. Lambruschini. His Treatise on the Immaculate Conception was received with the utmost favor in Italy and on the Continent; and was translated into all the European languages. It is introduced to us by an Essay of Rev. Father Felix, S.J., the successor of Fathers Lacordaire and Ravignan, in the Pulpit of Notre Dame.

To these are appended the Litany of the Blessed Virgin; with explanatory and justificatory texts of the Holy Fathers, opposite to each title bestowed by the Litany on our Blessed Lady. This is very happy. Then we have a sermon of St. Alphonsus Liguori on the Dogma; followed by Cardinal Wiseman's beautiful Pastoral Letter, and a full account of the celebration at Rome on the 8th December last.

If there is one regret felt by us after perusing this handsome volume and excellent book, it is, that the sermon of Bossuet on the Conception should not have been thought of in compiling a work which must do great and lasting good.

Of all that we have read on a matter so intimately connected with the honor of the Mother of God, there is nothing that surpasses that magnificent exposition of the greatest of Christian orators; if, indeed, there be any thing that at all comes near it.

Perhaps, should a second edition be issued—as we scarcely doubt must soon be the case—Mrs. Sadlier will add one gem more to the precious crown she has laid at the feet of our Queen and Mother.

CHEAP VIEW OF MONTREAL; with a Supplementary Sheet gratis.

We have had occasion to notice this very useful and ornamental work of art before, and have much pleasure in again recommending it to the public. We say useful, because as it may be sent by mail to any quarter of the globe, it makes known to those at a distance, and who have only heard of such a place, that Montreal is not a City of huts; but that it can boast of its magnificent public buildings, immense domes, and lofty spires; and can compare favorably with any City of its size in Europe. A great number have already been sent to the old country; and we can assure those who have not yet sent copies to their friends there, that they cannot send anything that will be more appreciated, as the following extract, from one of the many letters received by parties who have sent copies to their friends at a distance, will testify:—

"I forgot in my last to return thanks for the 'View' of your beautiful City, which you sent me. I can assure you that it quite astonished me. I had no idea that Montreal was such an extensive and finished City as this 'View' represents it to be. 'H. A.' (who you know is well acquainted with Montreal) was here last night; he saw it, and pronounced it a most correct 'View,' and wishes you to send him two or three copies. I think if the publisher gave some statistics of the population, &c., of the City at the bottom of the engraving, it would render it still more interesting to the folks here."

The Publishers have acted upon the hint suggested above, and have issued a "Supplementary Sheet" gratis, containing not only statistics of population, trade, &c.; but also a View of eight of our public buildings, viz.: Mechanics' Institute, Post Office, Court House, St. Patrick's Church, St. Andrew's Church, Merchants' Exchange, Champlain and St. Lawrence Rail Road Office, and Bonsecours Market. All for 1s 10d.

Copies can be procured, under cover and ready to mail, at the Printing Office of Salter & Ross, and at the Bookstores.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN RAWDON.

To the Editor of the True Witness. Sir—The great National Festival of Irishmen was observed here on its anniversary with all its accustomed splendor. The weather was rather unfavorable, owing to a heavy fall of snow the preceding day; nevertheless, there was a large congregation of Erin's sons and their descendants, each wearing the national emblem. High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. J. Quinn, our respected Parish Priest; after which the Rev. gentleman ascended the pulpit, and delivered a most feeling and eloquent discourse, drawing a vivid picture of the life and times of Ireland's Patron Saint; and concluding with an earnest appeal to Irishmen to imitate his virtues; and to show their respect for him and their native land, by humility and forbearance towards one another.

The pain bém on the occasion was the gift of Alexander Daly, Esq., Crown Lands' Agent, and did honor to the generous donor. In the evening a numerous and respectable party of ladies and gentlemen, with several invited guests, (amongst whom were Dr. Genand and Mr. John Haly, of the Parish of St. Jacques) met at Mr. J. Daly's Temperance Hotel, at dinner, to celebrate the day in true Irish style. The repast did honor to Daly's reputation as a caterer. After the cloth had been removed, the Rev. J. Quinn, P.P., gave the following toasts, which he prefaced in his usual happy manner. He said—Ladies and gentlemen—The first toast I am about to propose is one that requires little preface; for whatever else time may efface and destroy, it leaves unseared and untouched the deep felt affection of Irishmen for the land of their birth. On this day Irishmen and their descendants assemble together to renew and keep alive the fires of filial devotion, and to do honor to their Patron Saint; and, therefore, I give you with extreme pleasure—

"The Day and all who honor it." Music—"St. Patrick's Day." Mr. John Rogan, having been called upon, rose and said—Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen—It is not the first time I have had the honor of addressing you on the anniversary of our Patron Saint; and I must feel highly honored, indeed, in being called on to respond to the toast of the day, and only regret my inability to do the subject justice. "The Day and all who honor it;"—and where is the Irishman with one spark of nationality in his bosom does not. To use the words of the Poet—

"Breathes there a soul so cold and dead, Who never to himself hath said— This is my own—my native land."

If a cosmopolite were to enter this room to-night, and ask what means this display? and why such an assemblage gathered together?—I would wish that he did—he would receive an answer in the enthusiastic cheer with which you have greeted this toast. That cheer would tell him that on this day, from end to end of this vast continent, in every city, town, and village, from the Rio Grande to the Gnt of Canada, nearly eight millions of our race meet together to-night, to proclaim their origin, and to vow anew their love to their native land—our own sea begirt Isle.—(Loud cheers.) For centuries, the history of our race has been a continued struggle, between a race striving to maintain its nationality and a host of races seeking to absorb it; and from the history of this strife, we might select many a day of martial glory worthy of being celebrated by a great nation. But not so; we celebrate a day devoted to peace—a day which witnessed the consummation of that union between God and Erin, which has never been impaired—the day which gave her that Christianity which consoles her, and has consoled her in her hours of darkness and adversity. (Cheers.) It is a source of happiness to us to know, that year after year as St. Patrick's Day returns, and Erin puts on the joyful face of past days, and listens with maternal fondness to the filial cheers of her children wafted over the seas that surround her—she can smile and say—"The millions who have gone forth from me have this night assembled in peace, and are upholding my name and my spirit in the land of the stranger." (Great cheering.) We are a proverbial race for the tenacity with which we cling to the institutions of our ancestors.—The customs and feelings which distinguished them in the remoteness of antiquity, distinguish us today. Many a would-be prophet has foretold the day when we should be no longer a race separate and distinct; but the Celtic race exists beyond the Pillars of Hercules. Yes, Sir; from north to south, from east to west, you will find the sons of Erin working for the promotion of civilization, where it has not made its appearance; coupling with it that which is most dear to them—the standard of religion, the harbinger of freedom. And it requires no prophetic vision to see them still as distinct and separate as ever, in the future of the 20th century. On this day, it is our duty to review the past, to profit by the lessons it has taught us, and employ such days as this for the purposes of union; for by such means we shall fulfil our mission and glorify the name of Erin. (Cheers.)

The following were given in their order from the chair:—

"The Queen and Royal Family." Music—"God save the Queen." "The Governor-General." Drank with great applause.

"Ireland—the land of genius and hospitality." Responded to by Mr. B. M'Manus in a highly eloquent and patriotic speech.

"Canada—the land of our adoption." Responded to by Alexander Daly, Esq.; who ably reviewed the progress of the country during the last 20 years; and concluded by hoping that all classes would join together for its future advancement.

"Irishmen all over the world." Responded to by Mr. M. Rowan. "The Clergy of Canada." The Rev. J. Quinn returned thanks.

"The Ladies." Responded to by Mr. James Daly, junior. "Our guests." Responded to by Dr. Genand, of St. Jacques.

Several volunteer toasts were given, which were responded to by Messrs. Wm. Price, Wm. Rowan, and F. M'Manus.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM.

(From a Correspondent.) The anniversary of Ireland's Patron Saint was celebrated here by the St. Patrick's Society with more than usual splendor. There was a large attendance of Erin's sons and daughters. The members of the Society formed in procession at the lower end of the village, and proceeded in good order to the church, where they assisted at High Mass; after which they listened to an eloquent discourse appropriate to the occasion, delivered by their estimable and much respected Pastor, the Rev. M. Beaudry. During Mass some excellent pieces of sacred and national music were performed by the brass band belonging to the parish.

After Mass, the procession formed in the same order as before, and proceeded through the principal streets of the village, the band playing the national airs—"Patrick's Day," "Garryowen," &c. It was certainly a proud duty for the Sons of Erin to muster

under the peaceful banners of St. Patrick and Father Mathew—the two Apostles of Ireland—and to proclaim to the world, that they still hold the true faith, (as handed down to us by St. Patrick and his lawful successors) pure and unswayed, though far away in the wilds of Canada, and as delivered to their forefathers fifteen hundred years ago.

The procession, after marching through the chief streets of the village, returned to the church, where the Secretary of the Society made some appropriate remarks on the necessity of unity which should exist among Irishmen, and between the Irish and French Canadian population.

Mr. McGonigle, Assistant Secretary, addressed the people at some length, and in an eloquent and patriotic strain; after which they separated in a peaceable manner to their homes, all well pleased with the proceedings of the day.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.

At the Annual Meeting of the St. Patrick's Society, held at St. Patrick's Hall, on Monday, the 2nd inst., for the purpose of electing Office-Bearers for the ensuing year, the following gentlemen were elected:— William P. Bartley, President. H. J. Clarke, 1st Vice-President. J. H. Daley, 2nd Vice-President. P. Rouayne, Treasurer. Henry Kavanagh, Corresponding-Secretary. T. C. Collins, Recording-Secretary. John Cox, Assistant Recording-Secretary. CHAIRMEN:—Rev. J. J. Connolly, and the Clergy of St. Patrick's Church. PHYSICIANS:—Dr. H. Howard, and Dr. Hingston.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT. Edward Murphy, Patrick Dunn, P. Mohan, Joseph Dunn, James Britt, Thomas Hennessey, James Abjon, John Connor, Michael Doolan, Michael Kelly, Thomas Pulton, James Burns, Patrick Desmond, Daniel McFartyre, F. Toland, William Wilson, Christopher Eagan, John Meagher.

MARSHALS ON HORSEBACK. Chief, John McDonald. Assistants, Michael McInerney, and Patrick Ryan. FOOT MARSHALS. Jas. McElroy, Jas. Donovan, and Jas. Donnelly.

The Rev. P. Dowd begs gratefully to acknowledge a donation of two pounds currency, from Mr. Geo. Mathews, Engraver, for the orphans of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum.

THE CAPTIVE NUN.—The Toronto Catholic Citizen publishes the following letter from Miss S. Bolster, the young lady whose story we gave in our last issue; and who, unless Mister George Brown of the Globe, and the editors of the Toronto Colonist, the Christian Guardian and several other Protestant journals of Upper Canada, be not a pack of unmitigated liars and slanderers, has for some time been detained a prisoner by the Sisters of the St. Joseph Convent. Here is Miss S. Bolster's letter. Our readers must decide as to who is the liar, the young lady, or Mister George Brown. We do not think that they will decide against the former:— To the Editor of the Catholic Citizen.

Sir—Justice and truth compel me, much against my feelings, to appear before the public, through your paper. I come not to clear myself of any act which should cause me to blush, but to vindicate the character of a most useful community, the Religious of St. Joseph, from foul aspersions and insinuations, which are as unmanly as they are groundless.

Last Fall of my own accord, I went to the convent of St. Joseph, situate on Power street, Toronto, with a view of embracing a Religious life. The members of this Institution devote their lives to the service of God and the welfare of their fellow creatures, by instructing children, attending orphans, nursing the sick, feeding and clothing the poor. Is such a life unworthy of christianity? I was not decoyed into the Nunnery: never for a moment was I detained there against my consent. On the 30th of January last, for the sake of peace, and in compliance with the express request of a younger brother, I left the sweet abode of peace and virtue, where I have spent the happiest days of my life. I visited subsequently, at different times, the said Convent, desirous of being re-admitted; but always received an absolute refusal at the hands of the Lady managers. Since the 18th of February last I have not put my foot within the threshold of St. Joseph Convent, nor have I seen any of those good women about whom Protestants know so little. Since that time, I have been living out in the country, about eight miles from the city, in the house of a most respectable family, whose kindness and tender sympathy amidst my trials, I shall never forget. Apprised by a friend of mine, living in this city, and by statements published in the Globe and the Leader, of the strange rumors circulating, and that my absence from Toronto was the cause of calumnious charges against the good Religious of St. Joseph who, as insinuated, detained and secreted me in their Convent, contrary to the wishes of my family, I returned last Sunday to this city. I am now once more living at my elder brother's house on King-street, a few doors west of Bay-street. Any one doubting the fact, or questioning my statement, may satisfy himself by calling at the place indicated. He will I trust, convince himself that I am not a prisoner in a Nunnery. Indeed my liberty has never been infringed, except when I was forced, much against my inclinations, to leave the Convent on the 30th of January last.

I regret exceedingly that persons calling themselves gentlemen, and the friends of religious and civil liberty, should have been guilty of such ungentlemanly conduct, as to assail, in their widely circulated Journals, the character of inoffensive women, who spend their lives in doing good to their fellow-creatures. Had my former co-religionists practised in deed and in reality as much liberality as they profess with their lips, such unpleasant occurrences would not have taken place; the tongue of calumny and malignity would have remained silent; charity and good feelings would not have been offended; and peaceable and virtuous women would not have been disturbed in their happy retreat.

SARAH BOLSTER. Toronto March 27th, 1855.

CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS BANK.

The Ninth Annual General Meeting was held at the office of the Bank, Great St. James Street, on Monday, the 2nd of April, at three o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the Report, and for the election of a Board of Management for the ensuing year. Benjamin Brewster, Esq., was called to the Chair, and Mr. Collins, the Actuary, officiated as Secretary. The President, A. LaRocque, Esq., read the following statement to the meeting:—

General Statement of the City and District Savings Bank, Montreal, 1854. Dec. 31—Amount due Depositors, this day, interest included, £173,875 2 2 Contingent Account, 6,580 8 7 £180,455 10 9

Invested as follows:— Montreal Court House Debentures, £11,195 5 6 Provincial and City Bonds, 67,752 0 9 Bank Stocks, 21,575 6 6 Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad Company's first Mortgage Bonds, 10,256 13 4 Loans at short dates, on endorsed Promissory Notes and the collateral securities of Bank Stocks, Provincial Bonds and other Securities, 60,445 5 6 Office Furniture, 181 17 7 Cash on hand, 9,019 1 7—£180,455 10 9 J. COLLINS, Actuary.

Montreal, Dec. 31, 1854.

It was then moved by S. C. Monk, Esq., seconded by Isidoro Mallon, Esq., and resolved: That the Report and Statement of the affairs of the City and District Savings Bank, now submitted, are very satisfactory, and that the same be received, adopted and published.

Moved by his Worship the Mayor, seconded by A. Laframboise, Esq., and resolved:

That the best thanks of this meeting are due, and are hereby presented to the Board of Managing Directors and Actuary, for their zealous and efficient services in carrying on the business of the Institution for the past year.

The Chairman having been requested to leave the Chair, and J.B. Smith, Esq., having been called there-to, it was

Moved by E. Quin, Esq., seconded by Frs. McDonnell, Esq., and resolved:

That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to Benjamin Brewster, Esq., for his conduct in the Chair. The Scrutineers, Messrs. I. Mallon and Edward Murphy, reported the following gentlemen elected as Directors for the ensuing year:—

HON. JOS. BOURRET, HENRY JUDAH, DR. WOLFRED NELSON, L. H. HOLTON, A. LAROCQUE, HENRY STARNES, E. ATWATER, A. M. DELISLE, H. MULHOLLAND, N. DUMAS, Esqrs. This terminated the proceedings, and the meeting separated.

JOHN COLLINS, Secretary.

Great St. James Street, } April 2, 1855.

The following morning the Managing Directors newly elected met, and again unanimously elected Alfred LaRocque, Esq., President, and E. Atwater, Esq., Vice-President for the ensuing year.

The Reciprocity Treaty came into operation yesterday the 5th instant.

Died, In this city, on the 1st instant, D. S. Stuart, Esq., Revenue Inspector.



A GRAND SOIREE OF THE SAINT PATRICK'S BAND UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, THE 16th INSTANT, AT THE BONSECOURS HALL.

A splendid QUADRILLE BAND will be in attendance, with the assistance of the ST. PATRICK'S BAND. Refreshments of the best quality will be supplied. Tickets of Admission—Gentlemen's, 5s; Ladies' 2s 6d.—To be had at Messrs. Sadlier's Book Store, Notre Dame Street; at Mr. Seebold's Music Store, do.; at Mr. D. Carey's Clothing Store, McGill Street; and from the Members of the Committee; and at the door on the evening of the Soiree.

The Committee will do all in their power to accommodate and please those who may favor them with their presence. Doors open at Eight o'clock precisely. M. BARRETT, Secretary.

Montreal, April 5, 1855.

YOUNG MEN'S ST. PATRICK'S ASSOCIATION.

A LECTURE WILL be DELIVERED before the above-named body, by MARCUS DOHERTY, Esq., At the Odd Fellows' Hall, Great St. James St., ON

THURSDAY EVENING, THE 12th INSTANT, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK. Subject:—"THE SPIRIT OF A NATION NEVER DIETH"

Admission—1s 3d; Ladies—Free. Tickets may be had at Sadlier & Co.'s Book Store; O'Meara's Restaurant; Franklin House; from Members of Committee; and at the doors on the evening of Lecture. 6th April, 1855.