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## The Late Mother de Chantal

"Who shall find a valiant woman?" The price of her is as of things brought from afar, and from the uttermost coasts. She hath opened her hand to the needy and stretched out her hands to the poor. She hath opened her mouth to wisdom, and the law of clemency is on her tongue. Give her of the fruit of her hands and let her works praise her in the gates."

"Behold thou hast taught many, and thou hast strengthened the weary hands."

Well might the Scriptural words above quoted be applied to the late revered Mother Mary de Chantal, who gloried in death and with a look of ineffable calm upon the still features, lay upon the catafalque before the High Altar in the Chapel of St. Joseph's Convent, her remains clothed in the Religious Habit of her Order, while the solemnly impressive rites prescribed by Holy Mother Church for such occasions were carried on within the Sanctuary. Only a few days before her sudden demise the deceased Religious had come to the Mother House, St. Alban's street and Surrey Place, from St. Mary's Convent, Bathurst street, where for the last ten years she had been Mother Superior, to attend the Community's Annual Retreat. She had accepted the loving invitation of her Divine Spouse to enter into solitude and silence to "come apart for a little while" that He might speak sweet secrets to her soul. On Friday evening, August 7th, the Spiritual Exercises began, and on Monday, the 10th inst., at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the Convent bell rang to assemble the Sisters in the Chapel to pray as in their daily life in honor of our Redeemer's agony and the dolors of His Blessed Mother for agonizing souls the world over. Mother de Chantal obeyed the summons that called her to pray for the dying and to visit our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. She had reached the Chapel door when a sudden attack of the heart—she had been suffering from heart trouble for the past two years—seized her and swaying backward she fell to the ground. She remained, however, perfectly conscious and shortly after was able with assistance to regain her room. Medical attendance was immediately summoned, as it was feared the shock might have ill effects, for a brief time no immediate danger was apparent, but it was evident to the sufferer herself that the accident, if so it might be termed, was her call to eternity. "This has come for my death," she said, and a half-hour later she exclaimed, "I am dying, fetch me the priest." The Very Rev. J. H. Lowenkamp, C.S.S.R., of Baltimore, Md., Director of the Retreat, hastened to her and administered the Last Sacraments. She renewed her Holy Vows, and at 5:20 p.m., surrounded by her sorrowing, supplicating Sisters, she gave up her soul to her Creator. A spiritual book which she had been reading when she fell summoned her to pray for souls in their agony, was found after her death with the page open at the "Preparation for Death"—"Blessed is the Servant whom when the Lord cometh, He shall find so watching."

Reflecting upon the circumstances of Mother de Chantal's death, there seems to us something which she had earnestly stated that her last hour had come, when as yet it was not evident to others; it was the grand act of a noble life that was ever marked with strength of soul and strength of purpose to carry great designs into execution; for the deceased Religious was a grand type of woman, mental and physically—a broad-minded woman of great intellectual capacity and much executive ability; no littleness nor weakness ever characterized her discharge of duty or marred her vast undertakings. In her strength and tender-

ness were beautifully blended, her great charitable heart embraced in its wide sympathies the sorrows and griefs of others, generous and magnanimous she strove to lighten her neighbor's burden and to soften by kind and delicate attentions what she could not always cure. The memory of her beautiful life-work is a noble incentive to labor for the welfare of humanity; her life was indeed a reflex of the Gospel teaching of charity, a realization of the poet's beautiful word-picture when in depicting the "Mission of Woman" on earth he says it is

"To uphold, purify and confirm by her own gracious worth  
The world, in despite of the world's dull endeavor  
To degrade and drag down and oppose it forever;  
The Mission of Woman on earth; to give birth  
To the Mercy of Heaven descending on earth—  
The Mission of Woman! to nurse and to soothe  
And to solace, to help and to heal  
The sick world that leans on her!"

Mother de Chantal had a lofty ideal of woman's work and woman's worth; the same broad expansive spirit that marked her administration when directing charitable institutions was visible also when as Superior of an educational establishment she did not satisfy herself with theories only but made practical application of the same. Nothing was left undone to promote the cause of Catholic education; she wished Catholic schools and teachers to be in the forefront, abreast of the times; Catholic pupils she encouraged to continue their studies and to obtain the Higher Education. She would have her teachers train the intellect, develop the mind and direct the soul's aspirations to the Infinite, the Source of Light and Knowledge. May it not therefore be hoped that she shall receive that reward promised those who "instruct many unto justice" and who "shall shine as stars in the Kingdom of Heaven."

The early period of her religious life was spent teaching in the schools of St. Catharines, but by far the greater number of years she was employed in the office of Superior at the House of Providence, St. Joseph's Convent, London, Notre Dame Convent, Sunnyside Orphanage, St. Michael's Hospital, for a time she was Rev. Mother Superior at the Mother House, St. Joseph's Convent and Academy, and, as is stated above, the last ten years of her life she was Mother Superior at St. Mary's Convent, Bathurst street.

The solemn High Mass of Requiem was celebrated in the Convent Chapel on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at 9 o'clock by the Rev. A. P. Du Mouchel of St. Michael's College, the Rev. J. Plomer, C.S.B., and the Rev. V. Murphy, of St. Michael's College, officiating as Deacon and Sub-deacon respectively. The Very Rev. J. J. McCann, V.G., represented His Grace the Archbishop, who to his deep regret had a prior engagement outside the city and whose most heartfelt sympathies were offered the Community in their sudden bereavement. In the Sanctuary and transept were the Very Rev. V. Marjion, Provincial of the Basilian Fathers, the Very Rev. J. H. Lowenkamp, C.S.S.R., the Rev. J. Kilcullen, the Rev. L. Brennan, C.S.B., the Rev. J. Walsh, the Rev. J. Hand, the Rev. J. Kelly, the Rev. A. Stuhl, C.S.S.R., the Rev. Dr. Tracey, the Rev. J. M. Cruise, the Rev. R. Papineau, S. J., the Rev. C. Gallagher, the Rev. J. McFadden, the Rev. M. Abuhlin, C.S.B., the Rev. T. O'Donnell, the Rev. P. Ryan, C.S.B., the Rev. Bro. Odo, Director of De La Salle Institute; the Rev. Bro. Michael, Director of St. Mary's; the Rev. Bros. Patrick, Matthew, S. Michael, Paul, Dominic, Maxentius, Edward, Rogation, Walter, John, Simon and Pius.

The singing during the Mass was Gregorian and was devotionally rendered by the Nun's Choir. The "Pie Jesu Domine," soulfully and pathetically sung, was touching in its pleading, "Lord, All-pitying Jesu, Grant her Thine eternal rest."

It was remarked by many who had known the cultivated tastes of the deceased Superior that no flowers surrounded her bier, only the severest conventional simplicity reigned round, she who had so long loved earth's blossoms, she who had seemed to verify the truth of that pretty conceit "that flowers only flourish rightly in the garden of some one who loves them," she who had appeared to possess that pleasant magic of which Ruskin wrote "the power to flush her flowers into brighter bloom by her kind looks upon them"—strange, they remarked, that she should not have her beloved blossoms scattered over her in death; but, nevertheless, "unseen flowers surrounded her and invisible angels carried their fragrance before the Throne of the Eternal for those white-winged spirits bore on high from supplicating Sisters purest blossoms of prayer gathered in the shade of the Sanctuary—immortelles not of earth but Heaven. And shall not the many friends of the dear deceased increase the number of those spiritual bouquets by heeding the petition of her Religious Sisters who in notifying acquaintances of her death earnestly request that for the love of Jesus, Mary and Joseph "you will recommend to God in your Holy Sacrifices, Communion and Prayers the soul of our beloved Sister M. M. de Chantal McKay, who died Aug. 10th, at 5:20 p.m., in the 77th year of her age and the 49th of her Religious life. Requiescat in Pace."

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## In Memoriam Leo XIII.

London Punch's Tribute.

(Not in a thousand years, perhaps, has any man passed out of this world so universally loved as Pope Leo XIII. From no sect or class came a discordant note. The following tribute, in poetry, comes from a quarter that one would least expect. It appears in London Punch, but it would do credit to the most dignified and the most religious journal in Christendom.)

There in the hushed cathedral's holy calm,  
Dim lights about him, and the dome above,  
He sleeps—immortal by the spirit-balm  
Of Universal love.

Still over lips and brow where life has passed,  
Lingers the smile of faith serenely fair,  
The hands that blessed the world are folded fast  
As in the act of prayer.

The long day closes and the strife is dumb;  
Thither he goes where temporal loss is gain,  
Where he that asks to enter must become  
A little child again.

And, since in perfect humbleness of heart,  
He sought his Church's honor, not his own,  
All faiths are one to share the mourners' part,  
Beside the empty throne.

High guardian of the mysteries of God,  
His circling love enwrapped the human race,  
For every creed the Pontiff's lifted rod  
Blossomed with flowers of grace.

O. S.

## Knights of St. John Excursion to Hamilton

On Saturday last the combined Commanderies and Auxiliaries of the Knights of St. John held their annual excursion and picnic to Mount-View Park, Hamilton. The day was all that could be desired, and all parties seemed to enjoy themselves to the utmost limit. The greater number of the excursionists were interested in the games, which were very exciting, and resulted as follows:

- No. 1, girls' race, 6 to 8 years—Mary Glover, Lizzie Smith.
- Extra, girls' race, 8 to 10 years—Pearl O'Leary, Mary Logan.
- No. 2, girls' race, 10 to 14 years—Bertha Ward, Bertha O'Connor.
- No. 3, boys' race, 6 to 8 years—Berty Crowe, Albert Norris.
- No. 4, boys' race, 10 to 14 years—J. McNamara, J. Maddon.
- No. 5, girls' race, 14 to 17 years—Annie Fallon, E. Dudaway.
- No. 6, boys' race, 14 to 17 years—Cahill, Jos. McGoldrick.
- No. 7, married ladies' race (members and members' wives)—Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Nurse.
- No. 8, married ladies' (open)—Mrs. McCabe, Mrs. Farrell.
- No. 9, single ladies race (members)—Miss O'Reilly, Miss O'Reilly.
- No. 10, single ladies' race (open)—Miss Fallon, Miss Brown.
- No. 11, throwing soft ball—Miss J. O'Leary, Miss McInerney.
- No. 12, married men's race (open)—Mr. Clark, Mr. Rogers.
- No. 13, married men's race (members)—C. J. Regan, Mr. J. Mack.
- No. 14, 100 yards race, open to all (men)—Mr. Porter.
- No. 15, single men's race (members only)—Mr. T. Porter, Mr. T. Doyle.
- No. 16, committee race (ladies)—Miss McInerney, Miss Scallan.
- No. 17, committee race (men)—Mr. C. J. Regan, Mr. T. Porter.
- No. 18, old men's race (over 50 years)—Mr. Jas. Kelly, Mr. J. Heffernan.

The Knights and Ladies of St. John desire to express their appreciation of the excellent accommodation provided by the park proprietors, and also tender their sincere thanks, to patrons and friends of the society for the generous support given by them, all of which tended towards the success of this event.

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## Appreciation of a Baptist

(Vancouver Daily World, August 3.)

As might have been expected from one taking the broad view of human affairs characteristic of Dr. Roland P. Grant, the Baptist divine last night paid a high tribute not only to the dead Pontiff, Leo XIII., but also to the Catholic Church in general. Leo is described as the greatest of all the popes bearing that historic name, his only rival being the tenth of the succession, and the Roman Church, with its world-wide ramifications, as the most magnificent organization mankind has ever seen.

Prefacing his remarks with the statement that he proposed to leave personal beliefs out of the discussion, Dr. Grant dwelt at some length upon the character of the late Leo, upon his shrewdness as a diplomat, his skill as a financier and his remarkably thorough knowledge of matters literary. During his Pontificate, the Roman Church had witnessed a wonderful growth; it had been placed upon a more solid basis than ever before, and Leo's attitude towards other ruling powers had given it a recognized standing even amongst those who were most bitterly opposed to the doctrines for which the Holy Father stands.

Unlike all other ecclesiastical bodies, the Catholic Church of Rome has swept through time like a great river, its course has sometimes been silent as when the stream slips gently past the quiet, shaded banks of rest, again, fierce and turbulent, has raged the battle around the gates of the Eternal City as temporal and spiritual powers have tried to wrest from Peter's successor the authority which with time had invested him.

Catholicism is to-day more widespread than many imagine. On every hand it is to be seen the increasing tendency with which the English Church is leaning towards its old rival, adopting the methods and ritual that have for centuries swayed the emotions of Catholic masses. But there was little sincerity in the newly-awakened spirit of "confession" in the Anglican body; it is as mere light talk compared with the deep reverence displayed by devout Catholics as they kneel penitent before their "father."

Strange as it may seem, Leo never in his long term of authority, performed an act or uttered any statement which might indicate a welcoming attitude towards Anglicans; the reason is simple. A life extending over centuries has so firmly entrenched the Catholic body that it is sufficiently strong to scan with judicial attitude all modern tendencies, and any merging or compromise with the English Church could not but weaken the position of the Pontiff. If they wish to become Catholic, they must become Catholic pure and simple, not Anglican-Catholic.

An Italian Cardinal will undoubtedly be elected at the presently sitting conclave, thought Dr. Grant. But it would make little difference whom he might happen to be, for any one of the sixty-three Cardinals now at Rome is a man thoroughly capable of filling with distinction the exalted position occupied by the ecclesiastical ruling over the See of St. Peter.

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A thoughtful writer says: "Do your whole duty—do it well. Let the result alone. The best any of us can do is but a fragment. We are responsible for that alone. The things we cannot do some other one is waiting and preparing to do after the work has passed through our hands."

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## Pope Pius X.

(London Daily Chronicle.)

Only on Monday last a Daily Chronicle representative asked me who was likely to succeed Leo XIII. I replied, "Who can tell? I wish it were Cardinal Sarto. He is the one above all others who would worthily fill the vacant throne." And now, 24 hours after that brief conversation, the Cardinal Patriarch of Venice has been proclaimed Sovereign Pontiff. Never was a telegram of congratulation more sincerely written than the one I sent to His Holiness this (Tuesday) afternoon at the decision of the Sacred College. Look at his record, and compare it with those of the "statesman" Cardinals; then you will understand what I mean. Pius X. is, above all things, a single-minded servant of the Cross. At Salzano, where he ministered for fifteen years as parish priest, he won the hearts of the people by his exemplary life and swift sympathy with all who were in trouble, sorrow, need, or sickness. At Mantua, as Bishop, he led the clergy to follow his example of humility, and by the force of his character changed the entire face of a neglected diocese without making a single enemy, and during his years' rule at Venice he has been an inspiration to all, clerical and lay, who have come under his influence in the Patriarchal See. It is no exaggeration to say that in Venice he is adored by old and young, rich and poor, by aristocrat and gondolier. Why is this?

It is, I think, not merely because of his genial manner and affability, but his genuine sympathy and transparent sincerity, and it must not be forgotten—his humility. He has a rich, melodious voice, a kindly smile, and makes you feel at ease the moment you are ushered into his presence. The first interview I had with His Holiness was in 1895. He had then been raised to the Cardinalate for two years, and my object was to secure, if possible, his support at the Vatican on behalf of an Armenian prisoner who had been sentenced to a long term of imprisonment by a Turkish Court without the formality of a fair trial. He listened with close attention to the details of the case, and, at a pause in the narrative, said, "It is, alas, too true. My heart bleeds for these sufferers. Would that it were possible for the Powers to work together for the rescue of the victims of oppression. That is my constant prayer." His Eminence took steps, but without success. On another occasion the Cardinal was greatly interested in the life of Cardinal Manning. I told him all I knew. How Archbishop Manning espoused the cause of the poor unskilled laborer, and actually fought for the better housing of the working classes, and by doing so made friends everywhere. How his simple life and frugal habits drew to his side "all sorts and conditions of men."

Upon my last visit to Venice it was my privilege to hear the Patriarch preach in St. Mark's. There was a vast congregation. The text was from St. John's Gospel, chap. 21, v. 17, "Pasce oves meas." and the Cardinal in dwelling on the duty of the laboring office, spoke of the test of love being active service. As the shepherd loved his flock, so would he serve it. No journey with them would be too arduous or too long if only he could guide them to green pastures, and where the cool water quenched their thirst. The reward of the shepherd was to witness the comfort of his flock, and then only would he himself recline on the hillside and take from his leather wallet a frugal meal. And in life the joy of the bishop and the priest was to guide their flocks. The tinkling of the neck-bells was music to their ears, and so the Church, in all ages, had pointed to the record of St. John, declaring our Lord's command to the Church's first Pontiff, St. Peter—that great commission—"Feed My sheep." And then the patriarchal benediction—every word so clearly spoken—fell upon our ears, and as we passed out into the Piazza of San Marco we felt that we had been under the influence of a great evangelist, who realized the enormous responsibility of the pastoral office.

## Entered The Religious Life

The solemn and beautiful ceremony of taking the veil of the religious life was witnessed in St. Joseph's convent on Saturday last, the occasion being the Feast of the Assumption, when eight young ladies took the veil. In addition, one novice made her first vows and five sisters their final vows. Vicar-General McCann, representing the Archbishop, received the candidates in the sanctuary of the convent. The young ladies taking the veil were Miss Zeagan, of Toronto, who will henceforth be known as Sister Mary Walburga, Miss Teale, Ottawa, Sister Mary Berchmans, Miss Tully, Renfrew, Sister Mary Bernard, Miss Cheverette, Lafontaine, Sister Mary Ernestine, Miss Thomas, Lafontaine, Sister Mary St. Roch, Miss Desroches, Sister Mary Clair, Miss Dantzer, Berlin, Sister Mary Eulalia.

## Oakville Gives Example to Toronto

An Oakville correspondent sends to The Times the following: Beautiful Oakville Liberal Oakville! Broadminded Mayor Kelly, of Oakville, had the flag at half-mast for the death of Pope Leo XIII. He also called direct congratulations to Pope Pius X. Mayor Kelly is a staunch Presbyterian—Hamilton Times.

## Death of Stephen Hallett

Irish Catholics and especially members of the Irish Catholic Societies, have heard with deep regret of the death, on Sunday afternoon last, of Mr. Stephen Hallett, at his residence, 10, Herrick street, after six weeks' illness. Mr. Hallett, who was 43 years of age, was President of Branch 12, Irish Catholic Benevolent Union. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning to Mount Hope Cemetery, Mass was celebrated in St. Peter's Church.

(From a Special Correspondent.)

A zealous member of St. Peter's Parish and a prominent promoter of Catholic societies passed away on last Sunday evening in the person of Stephen Hallett. Belonging to a family who were amongst the first and steadiest supporters of St. Peter's Church ever since its humble beginning as a Mission chapel over thirty years ago, he took the most active interest in it during the seven years since it became the centre of an independent parish. It was with considerable regret that parochial responsibilities were first assumed, for the congregation was not large and was scattered over a wide area. However, two things were in its favor, namely the active sympathy and encouragement of the genial and broad-minded Archbishop Walsh, who remembered some of the supporters of St. Peter's as his former parishioners and the prospect of the city's growth in that direction. Under the inspiration of these factors the people of the newly-erected parish set to work with a will in the midst of the then prevailing depression, and a short time showed that they were worthy of the confidence reposed in them by their Archbishop and former parish priest. One of those who gave most freely of their energies towards bringing about this result was Stephen Hallett. Whether it was a question of picnic, bazaar, temperance or benevolent organization, he was always to the front. He was President of the League of the Cross, president of Branch 12, of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union, and at the time of his death Grand President of that Society. A sad feature of his taking off at the early age of 43 years, is that he leaves behind a large and young family whose main support he was. His widow and children have the deepest sympathy of his brothers of the I. C. B. U., who were most faithful in their attention and of a wide circle of friends. Above all they have the consolation of knowing that he was surrounded by and received most edifyingly, during the weeks of his last illness, all the ministrations of the Catholic faith.

## Oldest Employee in the World

Charles McCurry died on Monday at his residence, 270 Ontario street, at the advanced age of 81 years. The late Mr. McCurry had the distinction of being considered the oldest employee in the world. For sixty years he had been a trusted employee of the Lyman Bros. Company, but fifteen years ago the firm granted him a pension, and he had since lived privately. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning at 9:30 from his late residence to St. Paul's Church, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

## Catholic Cemetery Board

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Cemeteries His Grace Archbishop O'Connor presided. The special committee appointed to superintend the improvements at Mount Hope Cemetery were re-elected as follows: Rev. Father Rohleder, Eugene O'Keefe, Ald. Wm. Burns, Matthew O'Connor and John McGlue.

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