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EPISCOPAL APPROBATION

If the English Speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the TRUE WITNESS one of the most prosperous and powerful Catholic papers in this country.

PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

SATURDAY.....NOVEMBER 4, 1899.

PARNELL MONUMENT

As we go to press, the Secretary of the Parnell Monument Committee informed a representative of the True Witness that a telegram had been received from Lord Mayor Tallon and Jno. E. Redmond, Esq., M.P., stating that they could not visit Montreal until the first week in December.

FREE SPEECH AND BIGOTRY

Times out of mind have we declared the "True Witness" to be opposed to extremists of any class, be it in the political, social, national, or even religious domain.

We find an American Catholic exchange expressing the hope that any Irishman who may follow in the footsteps of the Irish soldiers in South Africa, may meet the fate of those that were killed.

"There is one comfort to the loyal British subject, that, in spite of the gelling of this breed of curs at his heels, the old lion stalks on, unscathed.

These few lines are sufficient to demonstrate the calibre of the man who wrote them. Vituperation is not reasoning; billingsgate is not argument.

"We think it most unfair, as well as most injudicious, to talk as if the supporters of the Boers here were traitors and enemies of their country.

countrymen are in the wrong. To try to browbeat them into acquiescence by charges of want of patriotism is utterly unjust.

Had England, and England's statesmen always acted upon the broad principles laid down in the foregoing paragraph, there would never have been cause for Irishmen to sympathize with the enemies of the empire.

But, again we say: there is no good to come to any cause from the action of the extremists. Let England understand that to win the hearts and enlist the sympathies of the Irish people, she has merely to grant that country the degree of autonomy which is her just right by all the laws recognized in the world.

NEW YORK'S FRENCH VOTERS.

In an article upon this subject, which recently appeared in the Sun, we learn that the entire French vote in New York, when all the surrounding districts are taken in, amounts to about 20,000.

"The importance in the political aspect of what is sometimes called a foreign vote is due in considerable measure to the solidarity of that vote.

"The same condition of affairs applies to the French voters, especially in the two districts, the Third

and Fifth, in which they are more numerous. The present Alderman of the Third district, Joseph Welling, who is a candidate for re-election on the Tammany ticket this year, is of French descent, and the organized opposition of the French residents of the Fifth Assembly district last year against what they considered to be the distasteful nomination of a German-American candidate for Assemblyman turned over the district from the Democratic to the Republican column.

"A disadvantage under which French residents have heretofore suffered in their effort to take a more active part in political matters in New York is due to their general unfamiliarity with the English language, and to the circumstances that they are pretty evenly divided between the two parties, being Democrats and Republicans in about equal proportions.

Here is a real object lesson for our people in Montreal. By concentrated action the small French vote of New York is gradually becoming a strong factor in every political contest.

For weeks, both on the mayoralty and on the civic representation questions, we have been hammering away seeking to infuse a spirit of united and determined action into our people.

LACHINE'S PROGRESS.

Since that far away day in the early periods of our history, when the highway leading to China was believed by the pioneers of commerce to commence at what they called Lachine, down to the memorable massacre by the Iroquois—which constitutes one of the reddest pages in Canadian annals, the picturesque spot at the head of the world-famed rapids has been clothed with a certain importance in the eyes of all patriotic citizens of this country.

Possibly the most conspicuous, and certainly the most honored personage of Lachine to-day, is the energetic and beloved pastor Rev. Mr. Piche. He has just completed the census of the parish and the result is most gratifying:

The total Catholic population including the convent and the noviciate of the Oblat Fathers, is 4,485 souls, and 4,005 without the two abovementioned institutions, being an

increase of 232 over last year. The families number 817, being 50 more than the previous year.

The "True Witness" has ever desired to encourage every movement to advance the interests of the Irish-Catholic people of Canada, and when a young man of our faith and our nationality, is about to enter upon an honorable and public career we applaud with enthusiasm every act done to facilitate for him the road to success.

CATHOLIC PRIESTS HONORED.

A contemporary says that: "Two Chinese priests of the Company of Jesus have recently received the honors of the French Institute for their narratives of their missionary careers and work.

GERMANY'S CATHOLIC PRESS.

We quote a London paper: "Two hundred and eighty Catholic papers in Germany are all well supported. No wonder, says a contemporary, that there is a Catholic Centre Party, controlling the business of the Empire."

A PRACTICAL LESSON.

The following taken from an Irish organ, needs very little comment—it is a lesson that should go home to the heart of every one of our people: "The Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor, in enclosing a cheque for £10 to the collection which is being taken up by the Catholic Association of Belfast in furtherance of the work of registration, says: I am pleased to observe the marked success which is attending your efforts at the Revision Courts.

REMARKABLE VOCATIONS.

"There have been some remarkable instances of ecclesiastical vocations in France of late. A few years since a father and son celebrated Mass together, served by youthful members of their family, in the chapel of the Jesuits in the Rue de Madrid. Down near Montelmar, where President Loubet comes from, a lunded proprietor of the district having lost his wife studied for orders, and he is now parish priest of the Granges Goutardes.

There is nothing to our mind, wonderful in the above statement. Such vocations are by no means confined to France. We have several instances in our own country. The Rev. Father Phillion, long since a parish priest, in the Archdiocese of Ottawa, practiced medicine for years in Kennew, Ont., and on the death of his wife, he entered the theological seminary at Ottawa, and was ordained some twenty years ago by Mgr. Duhamel.

HEROISM REWARDED.

The other day, in an exchange, we read of an Irish nun whose heroic deeds tell the story that the spirit of the Catholic martyrs, and that of the Irish heroes have not died out. We reproduce the edifying item intact:

"The Belgian Government has conferred a very high honor on an heroic Sister of the Congregation of Apostolines—Sister Teresa Hickey—viz., a

civic medal of the first class, a decoration instituted in recognition of conspicuous civic merit.

"It appears that a violent epidemic broke out in the village of Oordgein in Flanders, and considerable difficulty was experienced in finding a capable nurse, and, at the request of the parish priest, Sister Teresa was selected and sent to minister to the poor sufferers' wants. Night and day for several weeks did she apply herself with zealous solicitude and unceasing devotion to the noble work of charity entrusted to her, receiving no assistance whatever except from two priests, as the inhabitants of the village through dread of infection would not venture to approach the houses of the stricken ones.

"Sister Teresa is a sister of the Very Rev. Father Hickey, pastor of Moyne, Templemore, Ire., and comes from a good old stock which has given many members to religion. She is a native of Longford Pass, near Thurles, and her sister is in the same order at the mother house, Ghent. The Congregation of the Apostolines is devoted to educational and hospital work in Flanders, and Sister Teresa is at present attached to the local hospital at Deenderhaute.

YOUNG MEN IN BUSINESS.

A writer in the Philadelphia Saturday Post states his view of the most general and potent causes of failure on the part of the young men of today as follows:

"Chief among the causes which bring positive failure or a disappointing portion of half success to thousands of honest strugglers is vacillation. The lack of an undeviating application to one pursuit is a cardinal weakness in the younger generation of toilers in almost every line of effort. The young men who keep their eyes fixed on a definite goal, never yielding an inch until their efforts are attended with absolute success, are not as common types as we might wish. Indomitable will is a quality of character that the young man of to-day may well afford to consider and cultivate.

"It is also my observation that uniform courtesy—kindness of disposition expressed in graciousness of conduct—contributes, to a larger degree than is generally appreciated, to the advancement of the young man who fosters this trait. On the other hand, surliness and even indifference militate against the promotion of the one who is so unfortunate as to allow these repellent forces to influence his relations with others.

"The disposition to look on work as a task to be thrown off at the earliest possible moment is a too common failing, and is the reverse of that stalwart faithfulness which attracts the attention and approval of employers and gains promotion and advancement for those who thus identify themselves with the interests of those whom they serve. It is with the young man as with the farmer; he best succeeds who plows deepest. To scratch the surface of things lightly is not enough to ensure a bountiful harvest. The crop of such a seedling is failure. He who would win must go deeper, must live more seriously and with greater determination and fixedness of purpose."

JOE MURPHY TO PLAY NEXT WEEK.

Joseph Murphy the famous Irish actor will play at the Academy of Music next week. He will be supported by a strong company and will present his two well known Irish plays: "Kerry Gow," and "Sham Rhué." It is nearly twelve years since "Joe" has played before a Montreal audience. He is at present in Toronto and the "World" of that city in referring to his engagement has this to say:

"It will not be to Irishmen and Irishwomen alone to whom Mr. Joseph Murphy, who makes the first appearance of his life at a popular theatre next week, will appeal during his engagement here. It is true that Mr. Murphy has almost absolute control over the patrons of the Irish drama during his engagements in this city, but the comedian has so wide a circle of friends, and his talents are so attractive to the average theatre-goer, no matter of what nationality he may be, that Mr. Murphy has perhaps the most diversified audiences of any star who visits the city. It is a long decade since Mr. Murphy made his first appearance in Toronto, and he has steadily grown in public favor ever since the first night that he stepped on the stage of the Grand Opera House. Instead of diminishing his company or lessening the effectiveness of his productions Mr. Murphy has two new sets of beautiful scenery painted for his two plays, "Sham Rhué" and "Kerry Gow," both of which will be presented during his engagement here. The scenery is said to be the best ever carried by Mr. Murphy, and the staging of the plays is on an elaborate scale. His com-

pany is the largest that has surrounded the star in many years, and included in the effects are two thoroughbred horses and a flock of trained carrier pigeons.

Improvidence is the besetting sin, and ever has been of the members of the dramatic profession as a class. The atmosphere of an actor's life may be responsible for this fault, but that it is a vice which may be avoided is illustrated by the records of Charlotta Crabtree, Lawrence Barrett, Joseph Jefferson and a few other notable examples, where wealth has been won and retained by actors. One of the most striking among the few exponents of monetary success is Mr. Murphy, who to-day is, and for many years has been, at the head of actors making the portrayal of Irish characters a specialty. Mr. Murphy is essentially a self-made man, and beyond all question he is a manly man.

There is no doubt whatever that the great Irish actor will receive a magnificent reception from Montreal Irishmen.

VICTIMS TO APOPLEXY.

Dr. Elmer Lee, of New York, read a very instructive paper before the American Science Association on the growing dangers of apopleptic disorders. From a report published in the "Medical Times" we take the following extracts:

"Rarely, says Dr. Lee, does an animal, which lives a natural life, die of apoplexy. At the beginning of its life a baby should be as free from the danger. But artificial conditions soon handicap the human life. Apoplexy is invited even in infancy by parents who encourage their children to drink wine and beer. It gets a firmer grip in early middle life upon the business man, with his frequent cocktails and "high-balls."

Deaths from apoplexy would be far more numerous but for the fact that it rarely comes before the fifth year, and long before that time other diseases have carried off many who would surely have died of apoplexy in time.

Apoplexy refers to an accident to an artery in the brain, resulting in hemorrhage and pressure, causing loss or diminution of sensation and power of voluntary motion. The artery ruptures through weakness of the wall from previous disease. The accident is likely to be fatal, but there may be several strokes before the patient perishes.

Apoplexy would be almost the rarest of diseases if men lived natural lives. But to alcohol which is his chief foe, an American business man adds coffee, sauces and vinegars, relishes and dressings, salads and sweets, which are innocent in use but deadly in abuse.

Business men eat too much. The hardy out-of-door laborer can digest three meals a day, but the man who uses only his brain can digest less, though he usually eats more.

Says Dr. Lee: "A morning and evening meal, with bread and fruit for the midday refreshment, with water instead of artificial drinks, would spare the waste of good friends and distinguished public men, a class generally at the mercy of fashion in eating.

Dr. Lee also says that modern dress is much too heavy for the requirements of health especially in summer. As a plant would soon die if its trunk and branches were not freely exposed to air and light, so the human body dies gradually from the lack of ventilation, though the contributing cause is often overlooked. The best light-weight underwear procurable in silk, cotton or linen mesh for the youth and the adult, in health or sickness, is indicated both in winter and summer. Flannels are no longer recommended.

THE TISSOT PICTURES.

On Friday evening the 3rd, the exhibition of the celebrated Tissot pictures will open in Windsor Hall. The event has been looked forward to with great interest, and judging by the enormous crowds which visited the exhibition in New York and Toronto, there is sure to be many thousands of Montreal people who will avail themselves of this opportunity of seeing these 500 pictures, any one of which would have brought fame to the artist, had he painted none other. Arrangements have been made for private views by small parties, and for reduced rates of admission for colleges and day and Sunday schools. The admission fee has been fixed at 25 cents, so that everyone may have an opportunity of viewing these famous pictures.

Archbishop Chapelle, Delegate Apostolic to the Philippines is reported to have said:

"I see that it is said that the object of my visit to the White House on Saturday was to protest against the looting and desecrating of the churches in the Philippines. This was not the case. As to the looting and desecrating of these churches, I am informed by a person whose word I cannot doubt that this looting was not done by our American soldiers, but by the insurgents and the Chinese."

Glasgow Irishmen are very active just now. No sooner have they got over the demonstrations in connection with Lord Dalry's visit to Scotland, than they are plunging into the thick of the United Irish League movement, and are determined to send as is usual with them, the highest subscription from Britain to help on the movement.