

THE PASSING OF THE IDLE RICH.

(By "Papyrus" in the Liverpool Catholio Times)

The words that head this larticle form the title of a most impressive book, which has just been published. Its author is Mr. Frederick Townsend Martin; a member, as be remarks, of that very Society whose sins and folly he scourges, whose ignor ance he deplores, and whose fate he foresees. Seldom bas so bitter and so true an attack been made on the blindness and selfishness of those rich

people who reap where they neuher sowed nor spun, and whose lives, for all companies. Nothing was saored; are pleasant as the lilies of the field. nothing was secure. We have here, ig this book, no Anarchist or Socialist uttering threats. Now mark his further testimday. The speaker belongs to the very caste The land is occupied. Industry which he tries to waken by warning. reigns. And profits fall in America

"born in it, and have lived in it all my Europe.'

Such a gentleman may claim our attention, then, when he tells us what he thinks is coming on in this world of modern movement for the class that are paid by his employer. Out which he calls the idle rich. And surely it is with great significance that he adopts the words of Abraham Lincola, and prints them on a page by themselves, where they stand as a solema introduction to his own. The habits of our whole species fall

into three great classes-useful labdr, useless labor and idleness Of these. the first only is meritorious and to it all the products of labor rightfully who capitalized their plants and belong; but the two latter, while they settled down to draw their sustenexist, are beavy pensioners upon the first, robbing it of a large portion of its just rights. The only remedy for mean to say that by any means all this is, so far as possible, to drive of the dividende and interest are gauseless labor and idleness out of thered by the idle rich. Such a existence.

Mr. Martin bas many things to say, oame about in Rome-and it led to and, considering his acquaintance the fall. It came about in Francewith them and their doings, he may and it led to the terror. Here, in be allowed to give his testimony. It America, it has gone far to be sure, is as testimony that I take his and the tendency is still on ward; words. But it is a testimony that but it has not yet quite reached a will convince the reader of its truth point where one may say: " Tomorand justice long before he lays down morrow the harvest is ripe.' the book and records the verdict. Mr. Martin admits the worth of But it is a matter of pressing im-American Society, in spite of all its

in the civil zed world. He is al revolution, and values deeply the compelled to look at the source, and traditions of the past.

ing up, and a new order springing self-interest advises. Not only the forth.

"It is simply true," he says, "that ther, but the leaders of the people the Bible is no longer read, that re- tell them of the comparison between ligion has lost its hold, that the say, railway dividends and railway Constitution and laws are trampled wages. Such facts cannot be hidupon by the rich and powerfal, and don, any more than a cancer can be take advantage of the thousand and are no longer held sacred by the concealed.

poor and weak. Instead of Haw- We may hate Spinlim; we education that might otherwise have thorne we read Zol, and Gorky; in- should story it out of hits by abol- been near her reach. It is possible that stead of Longfellow and Bryant, ishing the geletance it feeds on, the possession of the bandsome fabrics Ipsen and Shaw. Among how many A e we doing if Let this rich can offsett the full, interesting life she perfectly respectable, aye, even American banker give his wilness; might have, religious, people is the name of it is lengthy, but how true, how un-Unetsche not more familiar than fortunately true.

Cardical Newman ! I do not know "I de not desire to orticize whither we are going, but I do know workh, for I am not a Socialist, and that we are going. I entertain no Utopian dreams con- people try to have mahogany instead

He sees America changing in his cerning the equal distribution of of pine, and silk instead of cotton. It own lifetime from a land of many wealth among the people or the is the love for beautiful things and people with small riches to a land of public control of all sources of the desire to be surrounded by them. a few people with great riohes. And wealth, I agree thoroughly with Is it ?" he lays down the inexpagnable trath Mr. Carnegie, and with much older that "Great riches must be derived economiste, in the opinion that soy from the labor of many." And, as arbitrary distribution of wealth, or he sees the past slipping into the any arbitrary assignment of the fature and watches the growth of sources of wealth, would be but

wealth and poverty, he says : temporary, and would be followed support fine music? "Sometimes, as I sit alone in my by another period of adjus men', library reading and thinking about which would end with the reapprothese matters, and reflecting upon priation of wealth and the reassignthe years that make up my brief ment of the sources of wealth into lifetime, a sort of terror of tomorrow the bands best qualified by nature seiz :s me." to hold them.

If today riches begets madness, what will they do soon? He gives experience of the world that indivi-"I take it to be proven by the ican rich which would justify their dual exploitation of the sources of instances of idiocy among the Amer wealth remains as the established inclusion in an asylum. Here is basis of the industrial, commercial one, and not the worst, of many; it and social development of the world. is quotable however: Yet, I confese, the terrific sweep of

"The wife of a western man owns industrialism across this land a pet monkey. The little beast throughout the past century appals stantly attended by a valet. It rides me as I study it from records write ten and unwritten. I cannot go for them. abroad behind its private trotter, down through the crowded tene ing table, and a bed made of solid ment sections of our great cities without having it borne in upon me ivory, tipped with gold ornaments that we as a nation pay a fearful being a minister to the comfort of the price in human blood and tears for All told, perbaps a dozen human little simian, and the mistrees obeer "I cannot see the poverty, even

fully pays fifteen or more thousand dollars yearly on this one extrave-children of the wage-working class the degradation of the wives and gance. She became dissatisfied with the dining service in the monkey in many cities, and even in many room of her home, and her pet now ea's i's meals off solid silver plates." by the devastating thought that surely, if the principle of the thing On such a story only Heine could be necessary and right, there must comment with propriety; and he is dead. Surely wealth ill-gotten is madly gone. And in America pplication of the principle. For the grim fact stands out beyond dewealth was not slways honestly nial that the men who are the workcome by.

"To gain its ends," said Mr. Martin. ' wealth crept stealthily icto rlying Machines every seat of power. The law stood in its way; therefore, in legislative balls and in political caucuses wealth had to have its representatives. The legislatures, the court, the pressthese were made pawas in the game Scott's Emulsion of exploitation. Wherever possible the army of exploiters laid profane in summer. Now Scott's Emulsion is as much a sumhand, even upon the trust funds that guard the property of the spoil incr as a winter remedy. ed and broken, the unds of the saving, banks, and of the insurance

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The Boarder-Ob-er-is this chicken soup? We were discussing this subject The Landlady-Certainly. How

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we were charged so much a head for I don't want to get it right now. I'm sunsets, or if God sent round a drum jest after clues today. before the hawthorn came in flower

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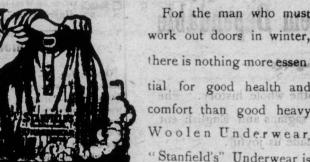
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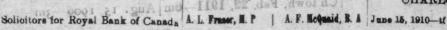
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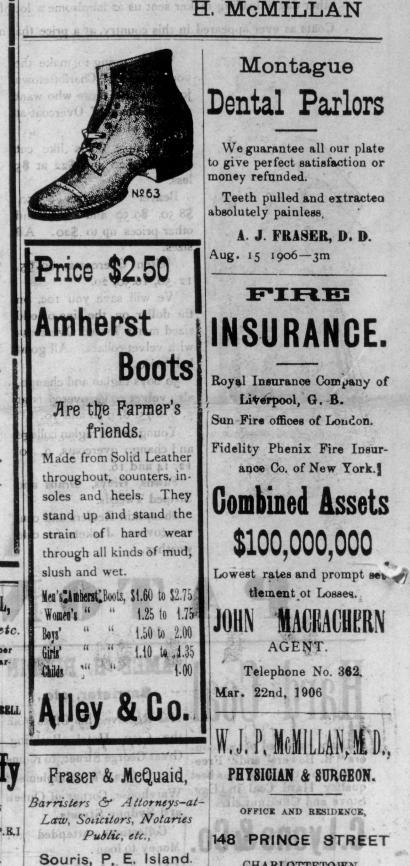
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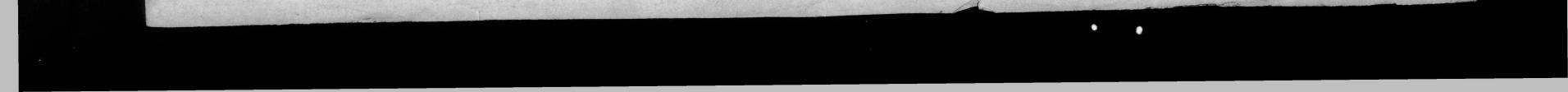
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