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—PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

KIND WORDS.

Montreal, 8th Dec., 1902.

To the Editor of the True Witness.

Dear Sir,—As a subscriber and attentive reader of your splendid paper, I wish to give expression to my personal opinion about some of its features. I do not know what your circulation is; but it certainly is not, and cannot be as large as it deserves. I wish that every Irishman in Canada, and even in America, could read some of the contributions to your paper. While all of them are of a high class and deserving of great praise, I may be allowed to point out, in particular, that series of articles now being published and written by a contributor who signs "Crux." I have no hesitation in saying that these articles are alone a liberal education. They contain more than is elevating in Irish history, than any book I have ever seen contains. In fact, they are the kind of articles that make me feel proud both of creed and race, and that tend to give the Irish people a proper estimate of their own importance and value. They also serve to open the eyes of others to the worth of Irish genius, and they bring out a great amount of rare information that is not usually given to the public. In my opinion, and I am not alone in it, these articles by "Crux" are worth, of themselves, the year's subscription, possibly a dozen subscriptions. I write this simply to encourage you in your great work, and to assure you that time will yet prove the value of your Catholic organ.

R. C. T.

DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS are reminded that the subscription clerk in our business office is eagerly scanning the letters that arrive by each mail, naturally thinking that at this season when Santa Claus is lavishing his presents right and left, a number of people whose names are on his list may recall the good old adage which exhorts us to be just before we are generous.

PARISH MIGRATION.—A subscriber writes to draw attention to the strange desire for migration which has taken possession of many parishioners in recent years. As the "True Witness" circulates in all the parishes, we do not think it advisable to publish his letter, although it contains some very good and sound advice. The good old days when parishioners, young and old, considered it a duty to stand by their parish church, in all its temporal vicissitudes, seem to have disappeared. Parishioners have now acquired the habit of travelling about from church to church without evincing any particular affection for one or another of them. What will be the result of all this? Time alone will show.

THE FUEL QUESTION.—If the City Fathers desired to keep poor people from making application to them for orders to obtain wood at cost price, they could not have adopted a more effectual plan than by indulging in the long-winded and pointless harangues which have characterized the proceedings at recent committee meetings where the fuel question was discussed. The fact that very few poor people have bought wood of the city proves that the action of the aldermen in going into the fuel business has been of no benefit to people who are in want. If the wood were distributed free, on the order of clergymen, or of officials of parochial charitable societies, much good would have been done. The whole fuel business has been muddled by the City Fathers, who have made much noise but done little good.

JOURNALISTIC GUESS-WORK.—The correspondents of some of the great dailies in America are splendid adepts in guessing. Above all the Roman correspondents have a peculiar faculty for drawing conclusions from imaginary conditions and supposed facts. He of the Boston "Herald" has been indulging in a little laryngeal speculation concerning the question of Papal succession. He has decided that Cardinal Rampola,

"Jesuit that he is," has succeeded pretty well in paying the way to his succession as Pope after the death of Leo XIII. He says that such has been the Cardinal's ambition, and that his lofty aim is about to be realized. This is delightful reading. It is, unfortunately a fact, however, that Cardinal Rampola is not a Jesuit, but a Dominican. The difference may seem but of slight significance to the "Herald" man; still the difference exists, and we cannot, with all the good will on earth, get over the stubborn fact that a Dominican is not a Jesuit, any more than a Franciscan is an Oblate, or a Christian Brother is a Redemptorist. As the writer of this bit of ecclesiastical information evidently knows as little about the Cardinal's aims and ambitions as he does about the order to which he belongs, we need not attach any importance to his guess-work on the subject. Were the Cardinal a Jesuit his chances of ever reaching the Papal throne—even supposing him to have such a desire, which we have no reason to suppose—would be very slim. The rule of the Jesuit Order debarbs its members from any ecclesiastical honors or preferments. It is true that in rare cases, so isolated that form marked exceptions, members of the Order have been obliged to accept the mitre. But this is only when the far-off lands wherein the Jesuit missionaries are the only eligible priests require most absolutely that episcopal authority exist in them, and then it is with the greatest difficulty that the appointment of a Jesuit can be obtained. In fact, it is the spirit of obedience alone that over-rides the rule of the Order—for the Jesuit, like all Catholics, lay, clerical, secular or regular—owe obedience to the sovereign will of the Vicar of Christ.

It is a pity that these correspondents cannot find subjects with which they are conversant to form the basis of their letters. The management of a great paper should be more careful, for its own credit, in accepting such guess-work contributions.

VACANT SENATORSHIP.—We observe, in connection with the vacancy caused in the Senate by the death of a representative from the sister Province of Ontario—the late Senator O'Donoghue—that the name of an esteemed Irish Catholic journalist, Mr. Thomas Coffey, of the "Catholic Record," London, Ont., is prominently mentioned in the daily press. While we do not desire to interfere in matters which immediately concern our fellow-countrymen in another province, we may be pardoned for expressing the pleasure it gives us to notice the name of our co-worker in the cause of Catholic journalism spoken of in such deservedly flattering terms in the Protestant newspapers of the city wherein he resides.

A MATTER OF JUSTICE.—Each year, as Christmas and New Year approach, the columns of the "True Witness" contain some striking and important advertisements. We owe it to the many friends who patronize our paper, in such a practical manner, that we should call the attention of our readers to their establishments and request of all, who can do so, to give them a preference when it comes to a question of holiday purchases. There are many ways of encouraging Catholic journalism. One is by subscribing for the paper and by getting others to do the same. Another is by advertising in its columns. Decidedly the one who gives the Catholic organ a share of his advertising patronage calculates on some return in the form of increased business. If the subscriber wishes to aid us in building up a strong and solid organ, he can give material help by encouraging the merchants and others who accord us their advertising patronage. This may almost be called a matter of business.

In the first place, a glance over our columns will suffice to show that almost every line of trade is therein represented. The purchaser wants to get full value for his money, and he is right. No matter what may be the nature of his intended purchases he can remain certain that a look into the stores mentioned in our columns will repay him. And the

merchant thereby learns the value of the paper and is encouraged to continue, throughout the year, in giving us the aid that he now affords us. Thus the subscriber attains a two-fold object; he gets the best and the cheapest goods for his money, and in so doing, he actually multiplies many fold the value of his subscription.

OBITUARY.

MRS. J. B. LANE.—On December 4th there passed away to her eternal reward Mrs. J. B. Lane, wife of Mr. J. B. Lane, so well known in Irish Catholic circles in Montreal. Mrs. Lane was a member of St. Patrick's parish, and belonged to the Ladies of Charity in connection with it. She was also associated with several national societies, particularly with the local branch of the Gaelic League, which, as our readers are aware, was founded for the purpose of reviving a knowledge of the national language and literature of Ireland. Hers was a devout and charitable disposition, and her many good deeds were unknown to the world. She had been ailing for several years. Mrs. Lane was an affectionate mother, and an exemplary parishioner. She leaves a husband and one daughter—Mrs. Papadopoulos—and three sons, Thomas, James and Henry. The funeral took place from St. Patrick's Church, where a solemn Mass of Requiem was chanted by the pastor, the Rev. Martin Callaghan, assisted by the Rev. Father McKenna and the Rev. Father McShane, as deacon and sub-deacon. To Mr. J. B. Lane, who has been in the past associated with this journal, and to the other members of the family, the "True Witness" offers its sincerest condolences in their sad loss.—R.I.P.

MR. JOHN LOVE.—After a brief illness Mr. John Love, a member of St. Anthony's parish, passed away to his reward on Tuesday morning. Deceased was a son of the late Matthew Love, and brother of Messrs. James, Thomas H. Robert and Matthew Love, well known in business circles, of Montreal, and of Mrs. Joseph Quinn, also of this city. Mr. Love was of a genial and kindly disposition, and made many friends who now deeply regret his death. He was a member of the C.O.F., No. 126. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss. The funeral, which was held to St. Anthony's Church, on Thursday, where a solemn Requiem Mass was chanted by the pastor, Rev. John E. Donnelly, assisted by Rev. Fathers Heffernan and Shea, as deacon and sub-deacon, was attended by a large concourse of citizens.—R.I.P.

SISTER M. CLARE.—This talented and devoted member of the community of St. Joseph, died at the St. Alban's street Convent, Toronto, of pneumonia, on the 23rd of November. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. George Spencer, Police Magistrate at Owen Sound, Ont., and was educated at St. Hyacinthe Convent. For many years prior to entering religious life, she was organist of St. Mary's Church, at Owen Sound. About four years ago she entered the novitiate of the community of St. Joseph at Toronto, and made her profession in August, 1901.

A solemn Requiem Mass was chanted in the chapel of the community, at which her bereaved father, brothers, sisters and friends were present, as well as a large number of the community and the pupils of the academy connected with it, and representatives of other religious communities. The interment took place at St. Michael's cemetery, Toronto, in the plot belonging to the community of which Sister Clare was so estimable and beloved a member.—R.I.P.

A Lesson of Public Spirit.

From the temperance view we might hold Hoopston up as a most remarkable example of what can be done by honest intentioned and determined citizens, in the line of wiping out the sources of intemperance. It also furnishes a good study for those—in village, town or city—who are engaged in municipal work. We might comment by the hour upon the strange story of Hoopston, and still find something useful left unsaid. We prefer, however, to reproduce the article as we take it from an American exchange. It runs thus:—

Great has been the growth of the Illinois town where they have no saloons and the municipal officers serve for the munificent salaries of fifty cents a year for the Mayor and twenty-five cents a year for the aldermen. The members of the Council would serve for nothing, but should they do so their acts, under the laws of Illinois, would have no legal force. They have, therefore, fixed the salaries at as low a figure as possible, and when the end of the year comes they either donate their warrants, aggregating \$2.50, to some poor widow or to the free public library, or turn them back into the City Treasury.

This state of affairs was inaugurated in the spring of 1877, when the municipality was changed from a village to a city organization, and has been religiously observed ever since. In its early days Hoopston was organized as a village, and money was needed to make public improvements, so one of the village boards concluded to license saloons. It fixed the license at \$1,000 a year. During six months of that year one man paid his license and ran a saloon and another man paid for the privilege for three months, so that for a short time the town had two saloons. These places were just like other saloons in small towns. Men who ought to have known better spent money there that ought to have been used for the support of their families. Boys took their first drink and acquired habits which wrecked their after lives. The regular habitues got drunk and fought each other and abused their wives and children. Occasionally some one would become sufficiently intoxicated to lie down on a railroad track and get killed, and one or two murders resulted from the saloons, that had paid \$750 into the village treasury for license to produce such results.

A number of public spirited citizens got together and decided to make a change in the condition of affairs, if possible. A. Honywell, Lyford Marston, R. M. Knox, H. H. Dyer, William Moore, George H. White, Dr. T. C. McCaughey and a number of others decided to change the organization into a city and see if they could elect a Mayor and Board of Aldermen who would wipe out the saloons. They asked Jacob S. McFerren, the young president of the village bank, if he would undertake the task. He replied that he would, and said he would serve without salary in order to help make up for the loss of saloon licenses.

The number of inhabitants necessary to organize as a city under the Illinois law is one thousand. Those who wanted a city government were a little doubtful of the village having that number, and it was whispered about that they waited for election day to make the count. They found the necessary number some way or other and immediately applied for and received a charter authorizing them to organize as a city, and the new Mayor and Council were elected without serious opposition. They went right to work and repealed the saloon ordinances and fixed their salaries at \$1 for the two years' term of the Mayor and fifty cents for the two years' term of the aldermen. They expended the meagre revenues of the little municipality with wisdom, and at the end of the first year they had affairs in better shape than they had expected. They had builded better than they knew. They had set a pattern which has been religiously followed by each succeeding administration, and the affairs of the municipality have been

a source of pride to the inhabitants and of wonder to their neighbors ever since.

Hoopston's roll of honor—the names of the Mayors who have served the city faithfully for fifty cents a year, and all of whom, with one exception, are now residents of Hoopston—is as follows:—J. S. McFerren, two years; A. Honywell, two years; J. S. McFerren, three years; Dr. S. P. Thompson, one year; H. L. Bushnell, three years; A. H. Treggo, one year; Dr. W. P. Peirce, two years; Dr. W. R. Wilson, two years; J. H. Dyer, two years; J. S. McFerren, two years; John L. Hamilton, four years; J. S. McFerren, to date.

During the administration of these men, all of whom are successful for themselves in a financial way, and against whose administration of the little city's affairs there has never been the slightest suspicion of wrongdoing, there have been inaugurated extensive municipal improvements much greater and more numerous than usually fall to the lot of towns of the same size and income. An excellent system of water works has been installed, representing an outlay of \$75,000; a fine city building has been erected at a cost of \$10,000; several miles of brick and asphalt pavements have been laid in the streets, and twice as many miles of permanent sidewalks have been added to the list.

BRIEF NOTES.

ROYAL VISIT TO IRELAND.—The rumor is again circulated that the King Edward will visit Ireland next spring. Speaking at Belfast recently, Earl Dudley declared that all Ireland, north, south, east, and west, would unite in offering an enthusiastic welcome to the Sovereign of these realms.

Commenting upon the remarks of Earl Dudley, the London "Universe" remarks:—"We have no doubt, for our part, that if only the King goes to Ireland as the ruler of the people and not as the puppet of one particular political party, he will receive at the hands of the people of Ireland a welcome quite in keeping with the traditions of the Celtic races for chivalry and generosity."

THE PAPAL CONSISTORY, which was announced for the month of December, will not be held until February or March.

BIBLICAL COMMISSION.—His Holiness Leo XIII. has named Cardinals Parocchi, Rampolla, Santoli, Segna, and Vives members of the Biblical Commission.

THE DIGNITY OF A VOTE.—Speaking at Manchester, Eng., Father Anselm Pook said: "It was a noble work to train the young to respect the dignity and religious character of the vote. It was an honorable and Christian ambition to aspire to civic honors. Watch committees, slum properties, and the drink trade were largely in the hands of the voter."

CARDINAL VAUGHAN.—His Eminence Cardinal Vaughan is steadily improving in health.

PROSELYTISM IN ROME.—Two years ago the Holy Father formed at Rome an association intended to prevent proselytism by Protestant associations. His Holiness has now published a Brief appointing a commission composed of Cardinals to supervise and promote the action of the association.

UNREASONING PREJUDICE.—In sending his subscription to the fund to defray the expenses of the crusade against the injustice of the Great Southern Railway of Ireland, whose policy has been to exclude Catholics from the higher offices in its service, the Bishop of Galway, Right Rev. Dr. MacCormack, refers to the company's attitude as "audacious bigotry."