and a second bride for you to settle with on

our wedding morning."
Here her lips part, and a smile comes slowly into her eyes, and two little wicked dimples betray themselves at the corners of her mouth, and finally Beauty breaks into a deliclous silvery peal of laughter.

Presently, but rather ungraciously, as though under protest; Blunden laughs too, and lays his hands lightly on her shoulders.

"There are moments," he says threateningly, " when I feel I could sacrifice a great deal co give you a good shake.
"Well,"—provokingly—"but how much?

I don't like vague speeches, If you named anything very pretty; and I thought that it might please you, perhaps I should let you." What an honest delight you take in teas-

ing me !" "And what a delightful person you are to tease! You are always so deliciously in ear-We ought to be happy, Arthur, if it nest. is true that extremes meet and-sympathize."

"Yet when you leave me,"-rather sadly, almost wistfully-" you will, perhaps, say so yourself. 'He was a dull fellow, whose only merit lay in the fact that he loved me.' You can say that, Fancy, at least."

You are not dull," retorts she, quickly. The thought is an insult to myself. What! should I-should [-love you '-with an adorable smile-" if you were? No, you are my Prince Charming, and I shall never dethrone you. And-are you listening, Arthur?-I shall not look at any one while I am away from you. There; And it any one looks at me 1 shall be downright rude to them. There! And I shall eat and sleep and think and walk and live for you alone. There!"

She has her fingara intertwined behind his neck, and as she fisic. minently satisfactory speech she pressub ... dips to his gently but warmly. It is thoughy first time she has ever kissed him of her own sweet accord and the soft caress fills him with rapture. "My angel?' he whispers (very mistaken-

ly), with all the effusiveness of a fond lover. "Are my wings growing, then?" demands she, brightly, in a pleased tone, there being no term of endearment too extravagant for woman's vanity. And then there is a pause, a happy one-during which he grows so content that presently she tells herself it is her distinct duty to turn his thoughts into other and more conflicting channels.

Letting her fingers wander, as though oppressed with shyness, over the buttons of his coat, she says, in a low hesitating voice, and with carefully hidden eyes-

- "Arthur?"
- "Darling." "I want to say something."
- "Then say it, my own."
 "But I am half afraid."
- "Afraid of what?"
- " Of you."
- "Of me? Oh, Fancy!" "Yes, just fancy it. Will you make me promise now?"
- "Anything-to the half of my kingdom."
- "Why not the whole of it?" "Well, the whole of it, then."
- "I sm very unhappy."
- " My dearest, about what?"-with unmistakable signs of distress in tone and manner. "There is one reason why I am specially sorry to part from you just now."
- "And there are a thousand reacons why am sorry to part from you."
- "But mine is such a weighty one." "Then let me share it. Tell me what trou-

bles you, and perhaps I can help you."

"Then promise you will not fiirt with Ethel Steyne while I am away, or let her teach you to forget me," entreats this wicked hypocrite, in the most miserable of tones, turning her face away so that he cannot see it. There is the faintest possible movement of her shoulders. Can she be in tears? Oh,

"Fancy, how can you be so absurd?" says Blunden, in an agony. "Do you think a man proprietor. who had once loved you could ever love another? And that Steyne girl of all others! day with you. What is the matter with you? your ma and the doctor say?" addressing Why, she is not fit to be named in the same Are you crying?

"No, I am only feeling slighly hysterical." says Fancy, in a choked voice. "Ob, you can't think what a load you have lifted from my heart. I am so jealous of Ethel Steyne." At this she turns up to his two blue eyes full

of tears from suppressed laughter.
"You look it," says Arthur, with much disgust. "What a consummate little actress you are! Fancy; look here; you owe me something for all this. Let me write to you; will vou?"

" Certainly not." " But why?"

"Because foreign postage is so heavy; and I cannot encourage reckless extravagance." "I like that," says Mr. Blunden. "Won't

you tell me why, then?" "Because I have already said you should not. And you would not have me break my word, would you? If I broke it in one instance I might break it in all, and--"

dreads the awful hint conveyed in these

"And now I'm afraid you must go," says Fancy, reluctantly. "I shall be late for my train, and Cyclamen will never forgive me." "May I not go to the train to see the last

a Ob, indeed, no. I can't bear partings at trains. They are so cold, so formal, and one | And you must keep quiet. Raging fevers I've is so afraid to look what one really feels; and I know there would be some one in the opposite seat trying not to stare, and making a foolish effort to appear quite deaf, whilst wondering all the time whether I was your 'sister, or your cousin, or your aunt.' No, let us say good-bye here, and let us think of the time when-when-

"When, my darling?" "We shall never have to part again," whispers she, with quivering lips, large tears glistening in her uplifted eyes.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

"My fair son, My life; my joy; my food; in all the world,"

"TEMPUS FUGIT." If Solomon be right, and there is indeed a time for everything, there is sprely a tim to rejoice as well as a time to mourn over this truism-to mourn when good days come to an unfruitful end, to rejoice when in the dim future happiness may loom. To Kitty alone, perhaps, the thought brings and rendered kindlier and purer in heart and neither pain nor pleasure. It is a matter of soul?" indifference to her whether the hours haste or

Sunny August and golden September have fled, and October reigns-bleak month full of | tual to them have vanished, leaving only love sad thoughts, ushered in by blinding rain and and-naturally, considering the trial she has passionate storm.

To-day the wind is dancing mad dances round the chimney-pots and gables of Laxton, drowning the song of birds dashing itself wildly against the window-panes, rushing langer, and, although unacknowledged even to through shrubberies and across lawns, to pass herself, each day inclines her heart towards trees that grow each minute more naked be-

The sky is gray and overcast. The earth is what is in reality a suppressed longing to dull green. Nature has ceased to be mirth-show the little one to his father. a dull green. Nature has ceased to be mirthful. Below in the bay, the ocean, full of furious rage, dashes itself against rock and boulder, whilst ever and anon the noise of its wrath, creeping up from the harbor bar, overwhelms and puts to silence the wild laughter of the wintry wind.

Inside the house a deep calm asserts itself. In the halls huge fires crackle and burn fiercely; but the sound of the pine logs as they flare and sparkle is almost the only thing that disturbs the strange quiet of room and corridor.

Up-stairs, too, all is still. The very servants go softly and on tip-toe- Hush! If you will enter this particular room, why, take care, then, you do it with finger on lip

and the slowest quietest footsteps.

The blinds are all lowered. The storm seems miles away. A small but brilliant fire burns calmly-politely-as though it fully understands the importance of the occasion, and how necessary is perfect tranquility, and how unpardonable a crime would be even a falling cinder.

On the hearth-rug stands a tall, plump, motherly-looking woman of about forty, who sweeps the room at intervals with her ox-like eyes, and, letting them fall upon the bea in the distance, allows them to to linger on it contentedly, as though she considers herself

"monarch of all she surveys" there. There is a screnity about this woman not to be surpasced-an extreme repose it must have taken years to perfect. She appears quite mistress of the situation; and as even gentle Gretchen enters, with soft movement, and suspended breath, she lays her finger on her lip, and shakes her head mysteriously, as though to enforce still further caution.

Gretchen nods sweetly to her, and, passing on to the side of the bed, bends over it and looks down upon Kitty. Such a fair fragile Kitty! but a Kitty lovelier than she has ever been before. Upon her arm rests a little pink flannel bundle, from which it seems a difficult matter for her to remove her eyes. Gretchen, stooping over the pink bundle, opens it carefully, and gazes lovingly at its

"He is asleep," murmurs Kitty, glancing up for a moment, with a divine smile.

"He always is, ign't he? Darling!" whispers Gretchen, in a tone of passionate admiration, intended for the pink bundle.

Kitty raising one of her hands, touches the cheek of the sleeping infant, as though to assure herself again for the hundredth time he is really flesh and blood and her very

"Isn't he pretty?" she says, flushing soft-

"Pretty! He is the most beautiful creature I ever saw in my life. Pretty! What a word!" says Gretchen, in a tone that borders on offence.

At this the first "lady of the bedchamber sees cause to interfere. She sails across the room and looks down with scrutiny upon the unconscious infant.

"Yes, he is a beauty, bless him," she saye, warmly. "But be'll catch cold if you uncovr the nose."

With this she wraps the baby up again so closely that Kitty suffers mental agonies in the fear that he will die of suffocation, and surreptitiously puts a small white finger on his mouth every now and then, to try if he still breathes.

"He mustn't be interfered with, you know he won't like it," says nurse, in an obscure tone, nodding her head in a dark fashion, as though she could say more " an she would." "Oh, no, of course not," says Gretchen, has-

tily, who is plainly very much afraid of her. "There's never any knowing what turn a baby may take," goes on nurse, who clearly wishes it to be understood that though mother and aunt may possibly feel some faint interest in the little one, and she alone, is the sole

"And I wouldn't talk, you know," she goes fever-that's what it means. And what will and joints. Lady Blunden. "There's nothing so bad as talking. It sets one's brain afire. I never talk-never! It's polson. Why, I knew two as lovely young women as ever I met in my life, and they had friends—es they called themselves—who would talk to 'em; and what came of it? Why, they went out like he souff of a candie. Save me from my triends,' says I, as King David said long be-

fore me. "Who went out, Nurse?-was it the

friends?" asks Kitty.
"No, my dear. The young women; they drooped and died, as the song says." "I should like to talk for a little while,"

says poor Kitty, who is deadly tired of the enforced silence, and is longing to hear Gretchen's flattering comments on her first-born.

"I dare say, my dear. I never yet saw a young lady who didn't. But I've told you

the consequences."
"But I'm positive, Mrs. Dugdale won't "Oh, weil, then, don't," says Arthur, who snuff me out," persists Kitty, with a faint but amused laugh. Gretchen, however, is too terrified at the awful weight of evidence brought to bear on the case to back her up in ber rebellion, and only gazes at her beseech-

ingly. "You think so, of course," says the worthy woman, with a pitying sigh. "They all think that. But I've seed what I've seed. seed, and deaths, and destructions, and moth-

erless babies-and-" "Oh, Nurse, I shan't say one word to her You may trust me," interrupts Gretchen aghast. And, true to her word she declines all Kitty's attempts at conversation, and, sinking into a chair, contents herself with holding the invalid's hand and taking an occasional peep at the little gentleman lying so sweetly in the arms of Morpheus.

The birth of this little son-this most wonderful child in all the world, as his mother firmly believes him to e-has touched a chord in Kitty's breast hitherto unsounded. His advent has changed and softened her whole nature to an unusual degree. The clutch of baby fingers, the moist pressure of two small lips, the nestling of a helpless head, the crushing of a tender face against one's bosom-what woman who has ever felt all this but has known what it is to be ennobled

Kitty's very face has altered in expression; and has gained additional beauty. From her lips the coldness and bitterness so long habiundergone-some deep regret, while her eyes, though full of uncontrollable melancholy, have lost the fire that at times burned too flercely in them. 'Grief has taken the place of

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birth in any of the papers, or to let Sir John know in any way, directly or indirectly, of his existence, to Gretchen's deep but unavailing regret. Perhaps, indeed, the latter might have transgressed the rules laid down by Kitty, had Sir J hin been within reach of news but up to this no one has neard any tidings of him or been made aware of his whereabouts.

After that first day when Kitty with vehement tears had demanded a promise from Gretchen that the child's birth should not be advertised, and Gretchen, because of her fear lest agitation in her then weak state should be prejudicial to her sister's health, had given reluctantly the desired promise, Kitty had made no mention of Sir John. But to-day, lying on a couch in the library, with King Baby sleeping in a bewildering beautiful bassinet close to her, she breaks the reserve that for so many weeks she has religiously kept. Gretchen, sitting in a low chair near the

fire, with a letter from Kenneth in her hand, is reading aloud little portions of it. "It seems so strange," she says presently, laying down the letter, "to think that in two weeks I shall again see him. To think that all the time that seemed so interminable has nearly come to an end; that soon-soon-he will be in this room with me again; that I shall hear him, speak to him, touch him!"

"How happy the thought makes you, fays Kitty, in a curious tone. "Too happy,"-dreamily; "I am afraid to think of it. There are yet two whole weeks, and—so many things can happen in fourteen

"He is better, dearest. He says so."
"Yes, he says so. I dare say better; but I fear he thought he should get well, and there is no mention here"-touching the letter-" of being able to walk or even to stand, or anything to make me think he is in any wise different from what he was when leaving. His recovery has proved a failure.

"I never quite believed in that myself. Never min'), darling."—mournfully,—" you have his love, and that is surely worth more han all the world besides. To be able to trust ully in what one loves——" She pauses abruptly, and raising her hand, with a sigh, to mitted immediately to the Governor of Jakher brow, gazes into the fire.

(To be continued.)

"Where have you been for a week back?" enquired a man of his neighbor. "I have not a weak back," retorted he. "You misunderstand me," remarked his friend; " but if you ever get a weak back try Burdock Blood Bitters. It cures all debility arising from disordered Kidneys, Liver or Blood, and is the best purifying Tonic in the world." All medicine dealers supply Sample Bottles at 10 cente, Regular Size \$1.00.

THE ST. FRANCIS RIVER. THE CHANNEL TO BE IMPROVED.

At the last session of the Federal Parliament Messrs. Vanasse and Bourbeau petitioned the Government to have the river St. Francis explored, between Drummondville and St. Francis, for the purpose of ascertaining if it would be possible to do away with the rocks which form an obstruction to the easy floating of rafts in that region. The exploration has been made, and on the favorable report of the engineer the Government has just ordered the work of making the improvements to be executed. These works have long been felt to be a necessity, and they will render an immense service to the inhabitants who trade largely of wood on the St. Francis River.

A neglected cough brings on consumption -the most fatal and prevalent of all physical ills that flesh is heir to. To check the malady in its early stage, before the deadly tubercles develop themselves in the lungs. USO DR. THOMAS' ECLECTRIC OIL, which also annihilates bronchitis, catarrb, asthma, piles,

PERSONAL.

Professor Francis William Newman, the vounger brother of the Cardinal, is seriously

Right Hon. Sir George Bramwell, a Judge of the Court of Appeal, is to be raised to the peerage.

The President has nominated Timothy O. Howe, of Wisconsin, to be Postmaster-General. A memorial to the late Vicar-General

O'Connor will be placed in St. Patrick's Church, Ottawa. Mr. Walter Shanly retires from the man-

way on the 2nd of January. The London Cuckoo announces that Oscar Wylde, the poet, has finally engaged with

D'Oyly Carte for a tour in America. Dr. Colin Sewell, of Quebec, has been ap pointed medical officer in charge of "A" Battery, with rank of Surgeon, vice Dr. Yates, retired.

Van Pestel, Minister of the Netherlands. at Washington, has been transferred to Con-stantinople, and Weckherten has been appointed Minister at Washington.

A despatch from Rome says :- "Signor Lorenzem, Ministerialist, has been elected member of Parliament by a vote of 618 against 444 for Ricciotti Garibaldi."

Lord Tenterden, who has, by Her Majesty's wish, undertaken the arrangements for the wedding of His Royal Highness Prince Lecpold, is daily engaged at the Foreign Office furthering the project. The friends of the late Dr. McHale, Roman

Catholic Archbishop of Tuam, purpose to have a biography of the prelate published, together with a large mass of valuable correspondence accumulated during his long The Countess of Crawford and Balcarres has announced that she has determined not

to offer a reward for the restoration of the body of her husband, the Earl, in order not to create a precedent and encourage repetition of such outrages. Daniel Hale Haskell died in San Francisco on Saturday, in an almhouse, having been arrested as a beggar infected with vermin. In early days he was Manager of the Banking

and took to drink.

To those at least who remember the intense excitement which Cardinal Wiseman's letter announcing the re-establishment of the Catholic Hierarchy in England created it will hardly be credible that the Standard of Saturday rather authoritatively mentions that the usage recognized at Foreign Courts, which includes a Royal invitation to all THE "JEANNETTE."

THE SURVIVORS OF THE CREW IN SIBERIA. PARIS, Dec. 20 .- A St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs this morning that Gen. Ignatiest has just received the following telegram :- Irkoutsk, Dec. 19, 6,55 p. m .- The Governor of Jakoustk writes that on the fourteenth of September three natives of Hognoulouss de Zigane at Cape Baithay, 140 versts north of Cape Bikoff, discovered a large boat with eleven survivors from the shipwrecked steamer "Jeannette." They had suffered greatly. The Adjunct of Chief in the district was immediately charged to proceed with a doctor and medicines and succour the survivors at Irkoutsk and to search for the rest of the shipwrecked crew. Five hundred roubles have been assigned to meet the most urgent expenses. The Engineer has sent three identical telegrams, one addressed to the London office of the Herald one to the Secretary of the Navy, Washington and the third to the Minister of the United States at St. Petersburg. The poor fellows have lost everything. Engineer Melville says that the "Jeannette" was caught and crushed by the ice on the 23rd of June in latitude 77 degrees north and 157 degrees east longitude. The survivors of the "Jeannette" left in three boats fifty miles from the mouth of the Lena. They lost sight of each other during a violent gale and dense fog, Boat No. 3, under command of Engineer Melville, reached the eastern mouth of the Lena on the 29th of September, and was stopped by icebergs near the hamlet of Idelactro Idelatre. On the 29th of October there also arrived at Bolonenga a boat, No. 1, with sailors Ninderman and Novas They brought the information that Lieut. De Long, Dr. Ambler and a dozen other survivors had landed at the northern mouth of the Lens, where they are at present in a most distressing state, many having their limbs frozen. An expedition was immediately sent from Bolonenga to make diligent search for the unfortunates, who are in danger of death. Melville adds that money was urgently needed, and should be sent, per telegraph, to Jakoutek and Irkoutsk. Will you urgently request that six thousand roubles be transouts a for researches, assistance and care, as well as for the return and conveyance of the ship wrecked near to the house of the Governor. There is a surgeon who will bestow upon them all possible care. Signed, President Pedichenko, and countersigned

Minister of the Interior Chreskofo. Washington, D.C., Dec. 21 .- George Kennan, an authority on Arctic matters, considers there is strong probability of the missing boat belonging to the "Jeannette" having reached the inhabited station on the Siberian coast nearer to their vessel than the mouth of the Lena. In such a case they might not be heard from for a month or more. He says the retreat of these boats across 300 miles of ice, incumbered by the Arctic sea, to the mainland, is a remarkable achievement and paralleled only by the retreat of Barents and mon from the northern extremity of Novaya Zemlya, and the crew of Tegetthof from Franz Josef Land. The fact that Delong and his men were three months at sca and on the ice in open bosts, itself tells a

mournful story of hardship and suffering. The Secretary of State received to-day the following from the charge d'affaires of the United States at St. Petersburg :-

"The "Jeannette" was crushed in the ice on June 11th in latitude 77, longitude 157. The crew embarked in three boats, but were separated by wind and fog. Number three with eleven men, Engineer Melville commanding, reached the mouth of the Lena on September 19th. Sebsequently number one, with Captain DeLong, Dr. Ambler and twelve men, reached the Lena in a pitiable condition. Prompt assistance was sent.

Number two has not been heard from. Hoffman." "(Signed), HOFFMAN."
In response the following was transmitt-

HOFFMAN, St. Petersburg: Tender the hearty thanks of the President to all authorities or persons who have in any way been instrumental in assisting the unfortunate survivors from the "Jeannette" or furnishing information to this Government.

FRELINGHUYSEN. "(Signed), The following despatch was sent to-day

from the Department of State:-"WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. HOFFMAN (Charge), St. Petersburg :

"The President desires you to make provision for the immediate relief and return of the officers and men of the "Jeannette." Cable promptly the amount of credit you require, and it will be provided by the Secretary of the Navy and myself Also cable what steps can be taken by the Government for the agement of the St. Lawrence & Ottawa Rail - recovery of the crew of the missing boat. (Signed), " FRELINGHUYSEN.

" Secretary." NEW YORK, Dec. 21 .- A despatch to the Herald from Irkutsk dated to-day gives the following as missing in the second cutter of the "Jeannette" :- Lieut. Chipp, Captain Dunbar, Alfred Sweetman, Henry Wexen, Peter Johnson, Edward Star, S. Howell and Albert Kaihne.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Secretary of the Navy has telegraphed to Engineer Melville, of the "Jeannette,,' at Irkutsk, to omit no effort and spare no expense in securing the safety of men in the second cutter. Let the sick and trozen of these already rescued have every attention, and as soon as practicable have them transported to a milder climate. The Department will supply the necessary

funds. Frelinghuysen has received a despatch from James Gordon Bennett at Paris, saying that immediately upon receipt of news about the "Jeannette" he transferred 6,000 roubles by telegraph to General Ignatieff at St. Petersburg, with a request to draw upon him for any jurther sums required for the success and comfort of De Longand party. Ignatieff informed him that everything possible was done by the Russian Government to secure the safety and speedy raturn of De Long and men. Bennett intends to send a special correspondent to meet the party. The distance to the point where the crew now are is four thousand miles from St. Petersburg, requiring. at least a month to reach them.

London, Dec. 21, 3 s.m.—The following telegram was received at the London office at

twenty minutes past two this a.m.: IRKOUTSK, Dec. 21, 2:50 p.m.
The "Jeannette" was crushed by the ice in and Express House of Adams & Co. with an income of \$20,000 a year. He gave all his latitude 77.15 north, longitude 15;7 east; the means to save the bank, retired into poverty boats and sledges made a good retreat to fifty miles northwest of the Lena River, where the three boats were separated in a gale. The whale boat, in charge of Chief Engineer Melville, entered the east mouth of the Lena River on September 17. It was stopped by ice. On the river was found a native village, and as soon as the river closed I put myself Boloenga on October 29. I heard that the first cutter, containing Lieutenaut Delong, neath its rude touch.

The leaves from the avenue are drifting helpessly hither and thither, falling thick as snowflakes, and glancing forlicrily in at the drawing-room and boulder, as though to crave drawing-room here are at months and the Sacred College by virtue of the force, will in future be extended to Cardinals Manning and Newman, on the occasion of Royal receptions in England. The follow on them, and that arise from what she land:

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outter's crew, all of whom are in a sad condition and in danger of starvation and all badly frozen. The Commandant at Boloenga has sent native scouts to look for them, and will urge a vigorous and constant search until they are found. The second cutter has not yet been heard from. Telegraph Menly for instant use to Irkutsk and Jakursk. The list of people in the boats is as follows: First cutter, Lieut Delong, Dr Ambler, Erihson, Henri Knack, Adolf Bresler, Carl Gortz, Walter Lee, Neil Ivorson, George Boyd, Alexia A H Lorno. Second cutter-Lieut Chipp, Capt Dunbar, Alired Sewetman, Henry Waxen, Peter Johnson, Edward Slar, S Lowell, Albert Kaipue. Whole boat— Engineer Melville, Lieut Dan Enhaner, Jack Ensenbauer, Jack Cole, James Bartlett Raymard Newcombe, Hubert Leach, George Landertache, Henry Wilson, Manso Amquin. (Signed), DELONG.

THE LAND LEAGUE.

To the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS and Post: Dear Sir,-My attention was yesterday called to a report contained in your valuable paper of yesterday's date, of the Land League meeting held on Sunday last, wherein your reporter states that it was resolved to make public the names of all Irishmen refusing to

contribute to the funds of the League. Will you be good enough to allow me sufficient space to correct the report in that particular, and to state that no such resolution was passed at that meeting, nor any meeting of the League.

Yours sincerely, C. J. Donerty. Montreal, 20th Dec. 1881. THE FRENCH YORKTOWN DELE-

GATES. THE PARTY TO VISIT MONTREAL -ARRANGEMENTS

FOR THEIR RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT, The following is a list of the names of some of the late French delegation to the Yorktown centennial, who intend to visit this city next week :- Brigade General Boulanger, Chef de Mission Militaire: Colonel Rossan. of the Dragoons; Captain de La Chen, military attache at Washington; Colonel Bureaux de Pusy, Commandant of the Corps de Genie, attached to the War Department; Captain Baron Henri d'Aboville, of the infantry ; Count Charles d'Aboville, M. Sigismond de l'ourcet de Sahune, M. Gaston de Sahune, Comto de

The party, which is at present in Louisiana, will arrive on Wednesday morning next at the Bonaventure depot. A meeting for the purpose of arranging for

in Mr. Perrault's office, with the following result:--A committee was appointed to look after their reception generally, composed of Lieut. Col. Ouimet, M. P., President; Mr. J. X. Perrault and Mr. Trottier, Vice Presidents; H. A. Beaugrand and A. Gelinas, Secretaries;

D. Senth, Treasurer. The Hon. Senator Thibundeau, Messrs. Gustave Drolet, Hughes, Globenski, Beaugrand and Labelle will go to New York to

meet the delegation. it is proposed to give a grand banquet at the Windsor Hotel on Thursday, the 29th inst. Messrs. G. Boivin, J. X. Perrault and L. G. Lajoie are charged with the management of the banquet. It is also proposed to give a grand ball in the first week of January. on the delegations' return from Quebec, under the patronage of the Counters de Ses Maisons, wife of the French Consul-General at Quebec, and the ladies of Montreal. The ball will probably take place at the Windsor.

PRESENTATION.

A deputation from the St. Patrick's Tom-Mr. Sharkey.

To Bernard Gunning, Esq., Secretary of St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society:

DEAR SIR,-We, the members of St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society, never felt, perhaps, more keenly the pleasure of living in fraternal love than we do on this evening on which our hearts are giving expression to the feelings of joy and pleasure our long and sincere friendship has led us to foster.

We rejoice at meeting you quite restored to your former vigor, which a tedious and dang-erous sickness had greatly impaired. We followed you, dear sir, with the utmost anxiety throughout the various stages of your disease, and earnestly invoked Divine Providence to intervene in your behalf. We are most happy to congratulate your worthy family upon your being once more as genial and as provident as ever in their midst. We also rejoice at your being again en-

abled to fill the requirements of your position as Secretary of our Society of which you have ever proved yourself a most zealous and painstaking member, and the object of which you have ever strenuously strove to promote. The interest you took in our good work has evidently not decreased. It is as entire and as uncompromising as it was previous to your late illness.

As a pledge of our sincerity we would beg you to accept of this humble testimonial. It will remind you in after years of God's generosity in restoring you to the plenitude of your health and of the sympathy and affection of your fellow-members of the St. Patrick's T. A & B. Society.

In behalf of St. Patrick's T. A. & B. So-M. SHARKEY. J. CONAUGHTON, J. WALSH, M. O'CONNELL, C. MOFFATT, JAMES MEEK, &c., &c.

REPLY: Gentlemen,—I feel deeply grateful for the sentiments of joy to which you have given expression on the restoration of my health. To your prayers, which were daily offered during my illness, I now attribute my re-

covery. The beautiful words of your address, each one of which seems to vie with its predecessor in bringing forth some happy thought, for many reasons give me pleasure. The pain which you felt when I suffered, and the pleasure which the return of my health occasions you, goes far to show the close bond of sincere union of thought and feeling that exists in our midst. This is something we cannot too highly appreciate. We have a nuble work before us, which will be accomplished only in as much as the members are united. To combat the insidious enemy intemperance, and to bring consolution to the home made desolate, is truly a meritorious work; and we in communication with the commandant at , daily see the necessity of redoubling, our efforts to further our design. The indifference to religion, the forgetfulness of God

posed in me as Secretary of the Society. If success has crowned our efforts in the past it is not attributable to any individual member but to the harmony that has existed in the whole body. The prosperity of our association is my foremost thought, and as far us my feeble efforts can contribute I will labor to make it an honor to our city and Courch

For your valuable gift, the terrinouy of your affection, be pleased to accept my most sincers thanks. I hope it will do me more than you intended; besides recalling to my mind the mercy of God in prolonging my days, it will also serve to remind me of the debt of gratitude I owe you, especially for the sympathy extended me during my late illness.

Pray that the great saint under whose patronage we are may deign to look kludly on our little society and bless its every effort. Before the proceedings closed Father Kiernan arrived and swelled the volume of sympathy and good humor by a few happy remarks.

ST. GABRIEL ACADEMY.

CHRISTMAS ENAMINATION.

The customary Christmas examinations of the pupils of St. Gabriel Academy were held in the School Hall. On both occasions it was crowded with the friends and parents of the scholars, who witnessed the efforts of their little ones in the attainment of knowledge

with great interest. Wednesday evening was set apart for the examination of the two classes for boys taught by Miss Stephens and Mr. Townley. The branches in which they were examined were arithmetic, geography, grammar, reading, spelling and mental arithmetic. To say they acquitted themselves well would not be near the truth.

It was simply wenderful to observe in them the result of unremitting care on the part of the teachers. Father Salmon may well be proud of his boys and of the teachers to whose zeal and attention this happy result must be attributed. Several gentlemen, members of the Protestant denomination who were present at the examination, and who took a practical interest in such matters, asserted that never in their experience had they found boys so nearly perfeet in their answers as those of St. Gabriel Academy. Yesterday evening it was the girls turn to stand before the audience and answer the difficult questions propounded to them by their teachers, Miss Sheehan and Beaumont, Viscomte de Noailies, M. do Miss Routledge. Among those present wit-Gouvello and the Marquis Laur de Lestrade. nessing the proceedings were Fathers Brown. nessing the proceedings were Fathers Brown, Beaubien and Ducharme, and Messrs. Jas. Shearer, Assolin, Edward McEwen, Herbert, John Lynch. Though the boys dis-tinguished themselves on Wednesday their reception was held yesterday afternoon it was for the girls, if it were possible, to eclipse them. They answered the questions of their teachers readily and quickly, not so much like automatons, but as fully understanding the subject of which they were treating. In mental arithmetic they were simply marvellous. As each class disappeared from the platform they were tendered rounds of applause by their friends. There was not one father nor mother who came to see what progress their child had made who did not go away satisfied with the result. Father Salmon presided at both examinations, and it was easy to perceive that the success of the scholars in whom he takes such a deep interest went to his heart. The Rev. Father was in his element and kept up a running fire of comments to encourage both the pupils and teachers. The result of both examinations was simply wenderful especially when it is considered that the pupils were not crammed for the occasion, but were taken from the different classes without the slightest preparation and placed on the platform to answer random questions put to them by their teachers. During the examination Mrs. M. A. Mooney, of Ottawa, put the pupils, both boys and girls, through a musical rehearsal, in perance and Benefit Society waited upon Mr. | which they acquitted themselves greatly to Gunning on Monday week and presented him | the credit of their directors. Mrs. Money is a first-class musician, and has kindly consented to see to the training of the scholars in the arts of singing and instrumental music.

> want of success. At the completion of the examination, Father Salmon addressed a few words to the audience. He said that he could not but be proud of his school, scholars and teachers. His whole aim was to secure the best teachers for the children, and it was evident to all he had succeeded. He spoke of the great attention being paid to education by Protestants, and he counseled Catholics to follow their example. "Educate, educate," he exclaimed, " for it is education which makes the man or the woman." He was not afraid to place his school in competition with any in Montreal and he knew that it would surpass all. He had boasted of his school and he asked all present if he was not right? In conclusion, Father Salmon re-

To judge from the result of her efforts yester-

day evening she has no reason to complain of

quested Mr. Shearer to speak a few words. That gentleman remarked that he took a special interest in school matters and had witnessed many examinations, but never in all his experiance had he met pupils who could compare with those of St. Gabriel Academy. He said he was astonished at what he witnessed that evening, and would

always remember it with pleasure. Mr. Asselin also spoke to the same effect, after which the examinations were declared closed and the meeting broke up.

REVIEW OF BOOKS, MAGAZINES, &o. DONAHOE'S MAGAZINE, for December, comes to us with its usual gifts of intellectual labor. The present number is one of the best we have seen. Published by Patrick Donahoe.

"THE GAEL" is the latest attempt at resuscitating the Irish language. It is a magazine published in Brooklyn by Nolan Brothers, 515 and 517 Fulford street, at the price of ten cents, and is issued monthly. We are of the opinion that its system of teaching Irish is good.

A REPLY TO FATHER GRAHAM has appeared at last from a workingman who wishes to be considered a scientist. His arguments are a condensation of the opinions of Colonel Robert Ingersoll, Rousseau, Payne and the other infidels who have done so much towards the elevation of humanity. The workingman does not stay to inform his readers of the degraded state of slavery in which his class was held before the advent of Christianity, but plunges into the sun and moon and the Garden of Eden, just as his instructors have plunged before.

It is reported from Portsmouth that in consequence of the very large military establisher. ment the Government consider necessary for the garrisoning in Ireland several English Mtlitts battalions-probably ten in all-will be embodied for special service in England

It is said that the usage recognized to Foreign Courts, which includes in Royal in-vitations all members of the Sacred College