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powerful Catholic papers in this country. I heartily bless those who encourage this excel-  
lent work."  
—**PAUL**, Archbishop of Montreal.

## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

**SUNDAY AMUSEMENTS.**— Many  
times during the past few years have  
we written about the dangers, mo-  
ral and otherwise, of the Sunday ex-  
cursions and Sunday resorts of am-  
usement. It required not the vision  
of a prophet to foresee the excesses  
that would eventually result from  
the liberty, or rather the license,  
that parents gave their young peo-  
ple. We could almost say the en-  
couragement that the youth—male  
and female—received from those who  
should be the proper and watchful  
guardians over them. It was there-  
fore, not as much with a feeling of  
surprise as with one of pain that we  
learned, both in Church and outside  
that our good Archbishop has felt  
obliged to raise an emphatic voice  
in warning, and in condemn-  
ment. The pastoral letter, on the  
subject of these abuses, which was  
read in some of the churches on last  
Sunday, and explained in others, is  
one that has been evidently wren-  
ched from His Grace by the distressing  
circumstances to which he has made  
reference. We have no intention of  
reproducing the entire letter, as we  
know that its contents are only in-  
tended for those who are positively  
at fault, and for the localities spe-  
cially designated. But, we are also  
aware that from various quarters of  
the city people flock on Sundays to  
these so-called gardens and there act  
in a manner that is contrary to the  
letter as well as to the spirit of  
God's law.

Such a letter could not have been  
written and published by His Grace  
except on the strongest provocation.  
His naturally kind, forgiving and  
tolerant dispositions causes him to  
shrink from hurting the feelings or  
shocking the sentiments of even the  
most humble; but, he also, has the  
grand courage of his Apostolic duty,  
and much as it may clash with his  
personal feelings, he never shrinks  
from that duty when the situation  
imposes it upon him.

We may here mention that the  
places specially designated are those  
in the East End of our city, and on  
its outskirts, where thousands con-  
gregate on Sunday, and far into the  
night carry on amusements that end  
usually in disaster.

Strong must be the provocation  
that would oblige His Grace to say  
that "This abuse is intolerable, and  
a scandal. There is no sin which the  
wrath of God punishes more severely.  
And often this sin receives its  
chastisement, even in this life. Do  
not, then, any longer provoke the  
justice of the Lord. Watch over the  
honor and reputation of your par-  
ishes. You are Christians, tolerate  
not in your midst, habits that  
breathe of paganism."

Then, to come down to particulars,  
the Archbishop says: "A taste for  
dancerous amusements, the abuse of  
alcoholic drinks, have already made  
too much headway in every class and  
rank of society. Do not, then, incur  
the fearful responsibility, of helping  
on those evil inclinations and of  
developing them by means of sys-  
tematic encouragement."

The dangers are pointed out and  
an appeal is made to the hearts of  
the good people of the city. But,  
there is one passage we must not  
omit; it is the one that deals with  
the primal source of these disorders.  
His Grace places a finger thus upon  
it: "Do you not see that these am-  
usements, organized by greedy specu-  
lators, lead hundreds of people to  
neglect the Mass, to abandon the sa-  
craments, to ignore the truths of  
faith, to destroy the family tie, and  
to weaken, if not extinguish com-  
pletely all good morals?"

And all these things, whereof com-  
plaint is thus made are committed  
at the very Church doors, within

view of the sanctuary, within call of  
the house of prayer. The land, in  
one locality, was willed to the pub-  
lic by a respected and generous citi-  
zen, who died, leaving to his fellow-  
citizens a heritage that might be  
theirs for enjoyment and health-  
seeking. To turn such a place into  
a place of sin, according to His  
Grace, an insult to the memory of  
such a man. Gratitude alone would  
dictate another course on the part  
of those who have benefitted by such  
generosity. In closing the Arch-  
bishop addresses himself in the  
language of appeal to the citizens of  
Maisonneuve and Vierville, and he  
begs of them "to free their con-  
sciences from the all guilty com-  
munion, by opposing to these disor-  
ders by-laws protective of public mo-  
rals and divine precepts." Then,  
"counting on the spirit of faith  
which reigns" in the parishes of the  
diocese, His Grace hopes that every  
sincere Catholic will fulfil his duties  
in this regard.

**THE HOTEL DIEU.**—"Advance"  
seems to be the motto of our great  
religious institutions—our institu-  
tions of education, of charity, of  
mercy, of benevolence—and in the  
vanguard of that movement of pro-  
gress we find one of the oldest, most  
important and most beneficent of  
them all, the Hotel Dieu of Mont-  
real.  
For some time back the medical  
world has been stirred to its depths  
by the great invention, or discovery  
of the X Rays. The treatment by  
this process of certain very serious,  
and heretofore unattainable maladies  
has created a healthy revolution in  
the science that cares for human ills  
and has produced results that have  
caused the wisest to stand in aston-  
ishment, as if a miracle had been  
worked. Since the Roentgen rays  
have been discovered their efficacy  
have been tried, and with success,  
in the hospitals of America, of Eng-  
land, of Germany, of France and of  
Italy. The results have been such  
that no great national hospital can  
afford to be without this system.

The Hotel Dieu could not be  
behind in such a movement. Full of  
zeal and devotedness for the cause  
of suffering humanity, the Sisters ac-  
cepted the wise suggestion of one of  
their leading physicians—Dr. G. L.  
Laforest—and accorded him permis-  
sion to establish in their institution,  
in a portion of the new wing, a de-  
partment "for the treatment of the  
sick by means of natural remedies."  
This establishment of the X Rays  
does credit to the progressive ideas  
of the Sisters and to the special and  
initiative qualifications of the physi-  
cian.

Electricity in various forms will be  
used in this department; X Rays,  
arc-lights, incandescent lights, Fin-  
sen lights, as well as hot air baths and  
other devices. This will be, as we  
understand, the first installation of  
such a department in a Canadian  
hospital. We have before us all the  
scientific theories concerning this sys-  
tem, as well as cuts of all the appli-  
ances, instruments and devices that  
are used in the operations. But these  
belong more to the scientific side of  
the study. That upon which we are  
most desirous of insisting, is the evi-  
dence we have here of the great spir-  
it of progress that these good Sis-  
ters have manifested. What a won-  
derful advancement since the days of  
Mlle. Mance! Who will say that our  
Catholic religious Orders are not in  
the van of progress and that they  
do not keep pace with scientific  
development?

**SUICIDAL MANIA.**—Is it a mania,  
or is it an epidemic? Call it what

you will, the number of suicides  
within the past few months—even  
the past few weeks—is becoming al-  
arming. Last Monday's despatches  
told of not less than seven that had  
taken place between the previous  
Saturday afternoon and Sunday  
night throughout Canada. Two of  
these cases are exceptionally in-  
structive. One is the case of a very  
important financier, the other that  
of a prominent and versatile jour-  
nalist. Both performed the deed in  
the same manner; neither gave any  
indication of a preconceived in-  
tention; both appeared quite rati-  
onal up to the last moment before the  
fit came on. We are inclined always  
to take a charitable view of such cases;  
it is more humane and more Chris-  
tian to accord the benefit of the  
doubt—if doubt there be—to the vic-  
tim. We naturally presuppose tem-  
porary insanity. But, after having  
made all due allowance for this cloak  
of charity, we come back to the ques-  
tion of the cause. In the first place  
we cannot lay down as a rule that  
there is an absence of belief in a  
life to come—for we have many in-  
stances of very good, very pious,  
very religious people, suddenly end-  
ing their days. Nor can we well say  
that drink is the only cause. In the  
two cases which we have particular-  
ized we find that drink had abso-  
lutely nothing to do with it.  
In presence of these facts we must  
look for some other more general  
cause at this special period in the  
world's history. Just as our pen  
had traced these lines we were in-  
formed of a wealthy citizen of this  
country, who had recently married,  
then quarrelled with his wife over  
matters of money, and finally killed  
her and committed suicide. Money,  
greed for gain, mad rushing after  
fortune, dizzy hours of brain-whirl-  
ing excitement in the vortex of fin-  
ance; there is the source of this awful  
curse, this wild mania that seems  
to have taken possession of  
men. The miser of old, who hoard-  
ed his gold, counted it over, gloated  
upon it, buried it, kept guard over  
it, and died without benefiting by it,  
was in peace and happiness compar-  
ed with the votary of wealth in our  
day. It is a constant rapid flight  
after large and sudden gains, and  
every nerve is strained, every en-  
ergy bent, until the poor human ma-  
chine, unaccustomed to such usage,  
and never built for it originally,  
gives out completely. The collapse is  
as sudden as is a financial crash. It  
is the height from which one falls  
that stuns. The giddy eminence and  
the terrific swing of the man whose  
whole being is bound up in this  
chase after wealth, this gambling  
with life, this risking on the chances  
of speculation, cannot but break the  
mind, as well as the body and the  
heart, when once the strength gives  
out and the fatal blow has fallen.  
So much energy has been squandered  
that there is no reserve power, and  
when a financial failure occurs there  
is no strength left to commence anew  
at the bottom of the ladder. The  
whole system is shattered, and the  
poor wretch flies to death as the  
sole refuge from a loss or a danger  
that he would have considered tri-  
vial before his energies had been ex-  
hausted.


To find a remedy at this hour is  
not easy. Possibly with the present  
generation—in which habits good or  
bad have been formed—it is useless  
to attempt. But there is a rising  
generation that demands our atten-  
tion. The youth should be educated  
in those solid Catholic principles  
which teach that the money and power  
of this world must be secondary  
compared to the eternal life that  
must be secured and the eternal  
treasures that must be accumulated.  
This is the only check that can be  
put on this headlong rush to ruin.

**DUTY OF PARENTS.**—When peo-  
ple propose to establish the neces-  
sary, or the advisability, of separat-  
ing religion from education, and of  
handing over children entirely to the  
care of the State we are always in-  
clined to ask what claims the secu-  
lar power can have on children, and  
what responsibilities the State can  
claim in regard to these young be-  
ings. God never constituted the  
State the guardian of youth. Nor  
did he implant in the heart of the  
State—for the good reason that the  
State has no heart nor soul—the  
love that He infused into the par-  
ent. A person recently commenting  
upon this barbaric method of having

parents delegate to others their  
rights and their duties said—  
"Some parents seem to think that  
the whole circle of their duty to  
their children embraces nothing but  
the supply of their physical needs,  
and that if they clothe them, feed  
them and house them they have per-  
formed their whole duty. They seem  
to be unaware of the fact that all  
the value and beauty of life have  
their seat and source in the soul,  
and that while the supply of the  
physical wants of children is neces-  
sary to the maintenance of their  
bodies, the nurture of true cultiva-  
tion of their spiritual life and char-  
acter is the highest duty and most  
sacred function of the parent."  
It is the forgetfulness of this  
sacred side of their obligations that  
frequently causes parents to shoulder  
others with their own duties and  
cares, being under the mistaken idea  
that they thus shunt their responsi-  
bilities. But they will find it other-  
wise when the day comes that they  
are called to account for their sins  
of omission.

**ANOTHER YARN.**—A Catholic  
contemporary publishes the follow-  
ing:—  
"This story comes from Quebec: A  
Protestant lumber merchant asked  
the local parish priest to offer up a  
High Mass in order that it might  
rain so as to float his logs down the  
river. The priest complied with the  
request, and the rain poured in such  
torrents as to carry away the booms  
that guard the timber, and thus a  
vast quantity of logs was lost. The  
Protestant thanked the priest for  
his kindness, but assured him that  
the next time he would ask for a  
Low Mass."

Our comment will be brief. The  
story is false. That is sufficiently  
plain we hope. In the next place,  
no Catholic organ should give cir-  
culation to this class of pretended hu-  
mor. Firstly, there is no real humor  
in it, secondly, it is an indirect slur  
on Catholic prayers and the efficacy  
of the Mass; and thirdly, it speaks  
ill for the good sense of the Catho-  
lic who reproduces it.

**WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS.**  
  
Mrs. E. M. Low.  
We have much pleasure in publish-  
ing the portrait of one of the most  
sincere and most devoted subscribers  
of the "True Witness." Mrs. E. M.  
Low, of Western Canada. This kind-  
ly and patriotic lady has secured  
several new subscribers for the old  
organ. She has been a subscriber  
for many decades.

### PERSONALS.

Mr. Michael Burke has gone to Old  
Orchard for a short vacation.  
Mrs. G. A. Carpenter, Misses Kath-  
leen, Susie and Cecilia Carpenter are  
at the Mansion House, Cacouna.  
Mrs. Thomas Lynch is spending a  
few weeks at Cacouna.  
The many friends of Mr. B. Con-  
naughton, of Point St. Charles, will  
be pleased to learn that he is rapidly  
recovering from the effects of his re-  
cent serious illness.  
Mrs. James T. Seanlan, whose re-  
cent illness was noted in this col-  
umn, is now convalescent.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Byrne, of Park  
Avenue, have returned from a three-  
weeks' trip down by the sea.

## DEATHS OF THE WEEK.

**MRS. CATHERINE GRENNAN.**—  
It is rarely that we are called upon  
to record the death of a nonagenar-  
ian, amongst our good Irish Catho-  
lic citizens, who, from time to  
time, pass to their rewards. This  
week we have to tell of one whose  
life-story is almost a history of  
Montreal and of most of the institu-  
tions in our city that constitute the  
pride of our people. In the person  
of the late lamented Catherine Whe-  
lan, widow of the late Mr. Edward  
Grennan, the Irish Catholic commu-  
nity has lost possibly its oldest, and  
certainly one of its most highly re-  
spected members. The deceased was  
mother of Mrs. George H. Pearson,  
and for over sixty years has been a  
resident of the Lower Lachine Road.  
Of our Irish Catholic churches she  
had seen the foundation of many and  
had been a parishioner under more  
than one regime that has passed in-  
to history. She had sat in the old  
Recollet Church, and had assisted at  
the laying of the corner-stone of St.  
Patrick's, and at the dedication of  
that sacred edifice. St. Ann's Church  
she had seen dedicated and conse-  
crated. She witnessed the building  
of St. Gabriel's Church, and within  
its walls were the solemn and last  
holy services performed over her re-  
mains by the pastor, Rev. William  
O'Meara, P.P., assisted by other  
members of the clergy, on Monday  
last. In the hours of reminiscences,  
the deceased lady would recall the  
sad scenes of the ship fever times  
and could tell stories of sufferings  
and of sacrifices that always awak-  
ened keen interest and deep sympa-  
thy in the minds and hearts of her  
hearers.  
For long years her home had been  
the shrine of genuine Irish hospita-  
lity, and many a young Irish Catho-  
lic, who afterwards rose high in the  
Church or in the liberal professions,  
made that open and truly domestic  
centre the scene of many happy mo-  
ments. Of the many who sat at her  
board may be mentioned the late  
Bishop O'Farrell, of Trenton, New  
Jersey, then known as the eloquent  
Father O'Farrell, of St. Ann's. Also  
might we recall the names of the  
late Father Hogan and James Cal-  
laghnan, as well as those of the liv-  
ing Fathers Martin and Luke Cal-  
laghnan, of St. Patrick's, Father  
Strubbe, late of St. Ann's, and  
others.

"The Irishwoman of Lachine," as  
she was lovingly and familiarly cal-  
led by all who knew and so well ap-  
preciated her, had been, years ago,  
looked upon as a kind of second mo-  
ther by many young seminarians of  
Montreal. Of them there are many  
who have gone to their reward; there  
are others who are scattered over  
Canada and the United States, ful-  
filling the duties of their sacred mis-  
sions, and, we doubt not, recalling  
at times the kindly features and the  
generous heart of the old lady, out-  
by Lachine, who had been so good  
to them in the days that are gone.  
And we are sure that any of them  
who may chance to read this little  
outline of such an exemplary life,  
will pray sincerely for the repose of  
that noble soul. Even when eighty  
winters had fallen on her, and she  
bent beneath the weight of years,  
she was ever found in attendance at  
the great missions in St. Ann's and  
St. Gabriel's parishes. And during  
those many decades that she was as-  
sociated as a parishioner with St.  
Patrick's, when the roads were heavy  
and the transit difficult, when elec-  
tric cars were undreamed of and the  
old horse car had not yet come into  
use, she would walk her miles, with  
a remarkable regularity and edifying  
fidelity to attend all the services of  
the Church.  
It was a wonderful and inspiring  
story she could tell of the rise and  
progress of Montreal; vivid her re-  
collections of the men and women of  
other days; and her own life was a  
model that had served to inspire  
hundreds and to thereby produce  
seeds of goodness, of virtue and of  
happiness in different and varied di-  
rections during the last half of the  
century that is gone. Now that her  
hour has come, and that she goes  
the long way that knows no return-  
ing, she will be missed, be lamented,  
and be blessed by all who ever knew  
her and above all, by those to whom  
she was endeared by ties that belong  
to the family. In offering our con-

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dolence to her family and friends, we  
join them, as she has so often join-  
ed others, in a fervent prayer to  
God—and the burden of that prayer  
is that "her soul may have eternal  
peace and unending happiness."

**MRS. JOHN O'NEILL.**—It is with  
deep and very sympathetic feelings  
of regret that we record this week  
the death of a noble and truly Chris-  
tian woman in the person of the late  
Mary E. Palmer, beloved wife, and  
life-long companion of our most es-  
teemed fellow-citizen, Mr. John  
O'Neill, former collector of canal  
tolls. Mrs. O'Neill, was a  
daughter of Mr. Wm. F. Pal-  
mer, formerly of the Commis-  
sariat Department. When death  
came she was exactly sixty-six  
years, six months and ten days old.  
All of our Montreal readers know  
Mr. O'Neill, and all who have ever  
met with him can testify to his  
grand Catholic disposition, his great  
charity, his lofty principles, his gen-  
erous and patriotic heart. Such a  
man is one whose loss can scarcely  
be fathomed, and no expression of  
sympathy can exaggerate the feeling  
of the entire community towards  
him, in the hour of his sad bereave-  
ment. And when we record that the  
deceased lady had been, not only his  
cherished helpmate, but also his con-  
solation in the hour of trouble, his  
partner in the hour of joy, his in-  
spiration in all his charitable and  
pious undertakings, we have given a  
faint idea of her beautiful character  
and of her exemplary life. We know  
not how to tender to Mr. O'Neill  
this expression of our condolence.  
But he, in his great Christian  
spirit of resignation to  
God's will, has the consolation of  
knowing that beyond there is the re-  
ward of "the good and faithful ser-  
vant" which certainly awaits the de-  
ceased lady whose loss so many lam-  
ent.

The funeral took place on Wednes-  
day morning to the Franciscan  
Church, on Dorchester street, where  
a solemn Requiem Mass was cele-  
brated by Rev. Father Ambroise, O.  
F.M., assisted by two of the Fran-  
ciscan Brothers, as deacon and sub-  
deacon. In the sanctuary were a  
large number of the Brothers of the  
monastery, and in the body of the  
Church were the lady members of the  
Third Order of St. Francis, of which  
the deceased was a prominent mem-  
ber. The chief mourners were: Mr.  
John O'Neill, husband; Mr. Wm. Pal-  
mer, father; F. Palmer, brother; Jos.  
Laurence Palmer, J. J. Palmer, and  
Wm. C. Palmer, sons-in-law; John  
O'Neill, Jas. Palmer, James Palmer,  
and Wm. H. Mussen, nephews; T. N.  
Doody, Ottawa; and D. Doody, re-  
latives.

**MR. JAS. GILLIGAN,** an old and  
valued supporter of the "True Wit-  
ness," passed to his reward this  
week after a long and painful illness.  
He was a native of the County Sli-  
go, Ireland, and was for many years  
a resident of Montreal. He was for-  
merly engaged in the milk trade, but  
was afterwards appointed tollgate-  
keeper at St. Henri, until last May,  
when he was changed to Maison-  
neuve. The deceased was a promi-  
nent member of the Catholic Order of  
Foresters, and the Third Order of  
St. Francis, the members of which  
attended in large numbers at the fu-  
neral, which was held on Wednesday.  
At St. Clement's Church, Vi-  
erville, the levee du corps, was per-  
formed by Rev. Father Rodrigue Syl-  
vestre, professor at l'Assomption  
College, who also sang the solemn  
Miserere. J. Picotte, Hochelaga, as de-  
acon, and Rev. Father J. V. Thierin,  
Maisonneuve, as sub-deacon.  
The chief mourners were: Messrs.  
P. Gilligan, son; Michael Gilligan,  
brother; Thomas Carroll, Joseph  
Carroll, Henry Carroll, White River  
Junction, Vt.; John Carroll, Pat-  
rick Carroll, brothers-in-law; Philip  
Hughes, Joseph Hughes, nephews;  
Thomas Gilligan, and David Ben-  
nett.—R.I.P.

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