Our Curbstone Observer On Strikes.

TRIKES are in the air; the countless nosquitoes in July; but they em to be short-lived in the majority of cases. not going to write about strikes in

general, nor to instance any special or recent cases, nor yet to semonize upon the rights and privileges of either Labor or Capital. All the grand principles that underlie this have been explained and threshed out countless times, by pens more authoritative and potent than mine, and the best and deepest minds of past decades have been engaged in study and the exposition of subject, from either standpoints, or from both. It would, then, mere presumption on my part to attempt to advance any opinions, to propound any theories, or to convey any impressions in connection with the matter. Besides, all that I might write, from this till the end of my life, would not add to the general information upon the question. sole reason why I have selected the foregoing title for this week's contribution, is because it affords me chance to tell of a few things that came under my observation stood on the curbstone and looked on at the unaccustomed proceeding in our own city.

MY OWN STRIKE.-It is now se eral years since I went on strike, 1 have not since repeated the proceed ings, and am not very likely to co so for a long time to come. I had been a while out of work, and I one day secured a very fair job, and was quite delighted with my good for-I can still recall the beams of light that seemed to flash around and over the family board, as sat to supper that evening and I told them that I had a good posi-All went very well for a time; I felt so pleased to have got the work that, contrasted with my former condition, I felt in a kind of paradise, or in a state of emancipation. I worked with spirit; and, if 1 do say it, I worked well. I was do ing half as much again as my next fellow-employee, but I was glad do it, for I badly needed the place. After a while it was represented to me by friends (?) that I was a fool, that I was doing more work, keeping longer hours, and getting less pay than other employees. I grew dis-contented, and I made representa-tions to that effect to the boss of the establishment. He pointed out to me that they simply engaged me on my persistent requests and that the others were old hands, and that the business could not af ford to pay my salary unless I made it very much worth their while. And e added that it was their intention to augment my salary as soon as th This was all would permit. true; but I did not believe it. All I could see was the seeming injustice done to me. Finally I went on a strike—I was advised to do so — I was told to "kick up a dust" and I'd soon have all I wanted. I was still young enough and inexperienced enough, and probably vain enough, think that I was indispensible Well: I kicked, and I resigned, and my resignation was accepted without word of comment. It seemed to me that there was a look of pity in the manager's eye, but his tongue gave away no secret. At last I was free; I had asserted my independence, and I was left at full liberty to enjoy it. There were no rays flashacross the family board that night. The smile had vanished from faces that were growing to forge past sorrows. Phantoms of other days and their great miseries arose to haunt me. There was illusions about it; it was cold reality; I was out of work, and through my own fault, my own deliberate act. To make a long story, it was one year and six months from that date before I got another position. If any person feels like knowing my experiduring those eighteen I advise him to try and imagine them, don't attempt to find them

MY CONSOLATIONS .- What splen did satisfaction I had! Imagine my feelings at night, when I would re-turn home, after a day of hard

out by personal experience.

meet my former fellow-employees. How happy they were; how miserable my fate. And I went for consolation to the friends who had urged me to go on my little strike; but they told me again that I was a fool, and that I had no sense, and that I did not deserve any pity, and that I had no business to resign. Yet they, it was who advised me who pushed me on, who almost ridi culed me into taking the false step they had called me a fool because I did not "kick;" they would have done so; they would not have stood such an imposition. Now they called me a fool for having done so; they they would not have sacrificed their families to simply gratify an impulse. And, I can now say that they listened to them, in the first instance, and a still bigger one to have gone to them for consolation in

RESOLUTIONS.-I got place finally. I got it through the goodness of one who was making great sacrifices of a personal character in order to afford me the chance of living. And I made up my mind that I would work double, ten times over, and consider myself well paid as long as I was safe within shelter of a real position. I need not tell how I sought to prove my appreciation and gratefulness. That is a matter that does not interest the public. But I went home again one night, and the lights played upon the fami;y board and the smile had come tack to the features of pain There was no thought in my mind of how long or how extensive work was, nor of how proportionate it was to the stipend I received There was no room in my heart for any such comparisons. I simply accepted my new opportunity, and I resolved to deal with the first friend who would undertake to advice in the "kicking" or striking line, as if he were a deadly enemy. None have since done so, and I am confident that none will so attempt-for there are those who instinctively know when their medlesomeness and injurious advice is likely to meet with resentment.

MY CONCLUSIONS .- During the recent extensive strikes that have occupied the attention of the public in our city, I frequently walked the curbstone observing closely the passing events. One hundred times and more did I recall the personal experiences that I have just attempted to relate. I saw scores of men whose hearts must have beat with pulsa tions similar to those of my own, during that weary period when lack of work reduced me to a state of chronic melacholy. I could those anxious, weary, expectant faces the traces of a bitterness that can never be appreciated by the so-called friends who had urged them on to starvation and cold hearthstones And they must have felt, as I had, that they had played the part of the fool-the one who knows his own duty, who feels his own obligations who alone is responsible for those depending on him, and yet who flings all that aside to harken to the voice that will have no consolation speak when the damage has beer donel I am not appreciating any instance, nor referring to the merits of any strike, nor condeming any individual; I am simply telling personal experience and recording

Cure for Insomnia.

Berlin, Germany, have discovered what they regard as a sure cure for insomnia. They call it ver onal.

It has been used with remarkable results, it is said, in a large Berlip hospital by Professor Lilienfeld, wh, expresses the firm conviction that no other medicine to produce sleep ap proaches veronal in certainty and in-tensity. He administered 450 doses to sixty patients of both sexes, and

In all of the cases the heart and lungs performed their functions with | erato. the utmost exactitude.

SYMINETON'S COFFEE ESSENCE

GUARATTED PURE

OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent

Ottawa, June 1.

Parliament is again in full swing but for how long there is no telling some say the last week of June som say mid-July. At all events there is much yet to be done. The railway legislation is only half through and the Redistribution Bill is still before the special committee in charge of it -and giving no sight of progress, much less of report. Then not over the one-third of the main estimates have been passed, and the supplenentary estimates, and further plementaries are not yet down. It is quite possible that when real summer weather sets in we will have rush and a good portion which is important will be lest assue it will be only half discussed. It is obvious that the business of country is yearly on the increase, and that the necessity of early sessions is becoming imperative.

There is still the great menace of fires hanging over Ottawa. There is rain and the heat is increasing. although the nights are cool, and it is clear that if there is no rain withits the next few days there will great distress. It would seem that the Western people got our share of that desirable and refreshing gift of heaven, and that they have it in more than abundance.

Sunday last was a remarkable one in Ottawa and vicinity, as far as the religious world goes. Quite a number of incidents of interest took place; and as the "True Witness" nas so many subscribers in this section, and so many people hereabouts are beginning to take a deep interest in the paper (they find it the very best organ of information on Catholic subjects) I think I will give you a few details concerning of the events of last Sunday in and around the Capital.

In St. Bridget's Church the feast of the Pentecost was celebrated with pomp. Rev. Father Six, of Company of Mary, Montreal road, officiated at High Mass, and Rev. A. Gagnon, the curate, preached on the Ghost. During the ceremony the choir, under Mr. Louis D'Auray sang the second ton Mass in plain chant, and at the Offertory, the can-ticle "Come Holy Ghost." At the evening service there was Benediction which the choir executed with good ensemble Guilmant's "O Salutaris;" Wiegand's "Regina Coeli;" Cramer's "Tantum Ergo" and Tremblay's "Laudate Dominum."

THE BASILICA.-There Pontifical High Mass at the Basilica at ten o'clock. The main and side altars had been profusely decorated with ferns and cut flowers mingled with myriads of colored lights which presented a magnificent ensemble. His Grace Archbishop Du hamel officiated, assisted by Mgr. J. Professors Emil Fischer and Von Mering, to medical practitioners of Beells, to medical practitioners of Beells. O. Routhier and Canon Plantin as a masterpiece of eloquence, his text to go on that date are expected to being "Receive the Holy Ghost." give three days notice. During the service, the full church choir. under Prof. Amedee Tremb Mass with fine precision, the solo being well take by Messrs. Moise Dupont and A. Leclerc. At the Epistle Mr. A. McNicholl sang the "Veni Sancte Spiritus" in plain chant, and at the Offertory Messrs. A. Leclero and A. McNicholl sang with good effect Klein's "Sub tuum." Mr. Tremafter the dose the patient was fresh blay, with his usual good taste, and felt as if the sleep had been played at the opening of the Mass wholly natural.

L'emmen's Pontifical March, and at the close Mendelssohn's Allegro Mod-

O. Routhier, V.G., made five mar riage publications and rec prayers of the faithful the soul of the mother superior of the Order of Jesus Mary, who died in Hull last week, and siso Mr. S. J. Major who week, and was Mr. S. J. Major who is dangerously ill. He also announced the ember days for this week in preparation of the Corpus Christicelebration, which takes place next Sunday week, and the devotions of the first Friday of the month.

ST, JOSEPH'S CHURCH. - Th children who made their First Com-nunion will make their Second Communion next Sunday at the eight o'clock Mass.

Next Sunday a collection will be

aken up, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the purchase of prizes for the pupils of St. Joseph's school. The pastor expressed the hope that all would contribute generously. The closing exercises will be held in the University Hall, and will consist of songs, recitations and the presenta-tion of an operetta by the pupils together with the distribution

A GREAT BAZAAR. - Over five hundred people attended the joint bazaar of Ste. Anne Church, and La Garde Champlain which opened last evening at Ste. Anne hall. Sunday evening at Ste. Anne hall. The hall was profusely decorated with bunting, Union Jacks and Can. adian flags, interspersed with numer electric lights and Chinese terns. On entering the hall to the right is the fishing booth, lottery table La Garde Champlain table and Joseph's table. On the left the drawing table, the children of Mary's department, Ste. Anne quarters and the wheel of fortune. stage being occupied by the fortune teller's camp. The basement is occupied by a dining room and Nantese restaurant after the style of Brittany and the left is the Champlain restaurant, all of which are abundantly provided with rich articles and tooth ome delicacies under the charge of charming ladies. At 8.30 o'clock La Champlain, headed by hand and bugle corps, marched from By Ward market hall to the bazaa when they presented arms with military precision, the roster being forty en and officers: besides band thirty-five strong and bugle corps which numbered twelve, men. Staff Officer Gravefle and Lieut. Pinard were in command, assisted by Lieut. Bedard. This being the formal opening of the bazaar the band was located in the upper gallery and under Prof. H. Brenot's direction, rendered in fine style the following programme: "Les Soirees de Venise," Valse, Bleger: "Sous la de Venise," Valse, Bleger; "Sous la Caudrette," polka, Martin; "La valse, Langlois; Fantasia, "La Croix de Malte," Bleger; quick step, "L'Ami du Peuple," Martin 'Mana the Amazones." march, Mac

A RELIGIOUS DEAD,-The community of the Servants of Jesus and Mary, who have a convent on Lau-cier Avenue, Hull, have suffered a great loss in the death of their beloved founder, Rev. Sister Mary Zita of Jesus. She passed away Saturday after a long illness, fortified in her moments by the sacraments of Holy Church. She was 38 years of age, and eight years ago Sunday last had received the holy habit and commenced the foundation of the Order in Masson. She had always expressed a desire to die on Saturday and had prayed to the Blessed Virgin, for whom she had a tender devotion, for this privilege.

PILGRIMAGE.-The annual pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupre, for the Ottawa diocese will be held on Monday, June 22nd, It will be by the Northern and Southern lines of the C. P. R., and will be under the patronage of His Grace Archbishop Duhamel. The organizers are Rev. L. N. Campeau, of the Archbishop's Palace, and Rev. J. U. Forget, parish priest of Embrun. Two trains cial train by the Northern line for the city of Ottawa, leaving Union Depot at 9 a.m. A train will leave Saturday at 10 o'clock from Union

A NEW HALL.—The handsome new hall erected on Alma street, Hull, by the Oblate Fathers, was inaugurally opened last Sunday evening in presence of His Excellency, M Sbarretti, the Apostolic Delegate His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, Si Wilfrid Laurier, and a large assem blage of the clergy of the diocese and citizens of Hull and Ottawa.

An excellent programme of vocal and instrument music was provided,

After several selections Mr. L. Le-duc, advocate, stepped forward, and in a neat little speech, in which he referred to the kindly interest which Lady Laurier had always taken in the development of art among the French-Canadians, presented her with a hoquet of American beauty roses,

expressed the pleasure that he felt in being present and congratulated Rev. Father Valiquette, the pastor of Notre Dame de Grace, and the citins of Hull on their commendable

He spoke of the high places tained by French-Canadians in the world of art, and referred to such ames as Albani, Martal and Hebert the great sculptor. Mr. Martel an old friend of his, they having been born in the same county of Assomp tion, and afterwards students at the same college.

It is wondezful the progress in and around Ottawa. But the place is growing so rapidly that they are taxed to their utmost point of energy to keep pace with it. It is a hopeful sign, however, to see religious institutions thus springing and flourishing in the capital of the

Hon. John Costigan's Testimonial Fund.

We have been requested to that the presentation of the testimo nial to the Hon. John Costigan, in of his lifelong devotion recognition to the Irish cause, and the tanquet to be tendered to him by his friends, has been postponed until Thursday the 25th June.

The following is a list of subscrip tions so far received. Further sub scriptions may be sent to John Daly, treasurer, St. Patrick's Hall, Ottawa, or to this office, and will b acknowledged in this paper.

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EMMET CENTENARY.

The reproduction by the dramatic section of the Young Irishmen's L, and B. Association in the Monument

the building fund of St. Michael's Church, reminds us that during September next, Irishmen of this city will have an opportunity of honoring the memory of Robert Emmet.

One hundred years ago next September the young here was hanged for treason in Dublin in accordance with the sentence of death pronounce.

Letters.

The letter that I had selected for resent issue, I have discovered, the transcribing of it, that it would not exactly suit to give it to the public. Of course, a line must always be drawn. Much that has een written by individuals, for per sonal or private purposes, may well, on account of the pub;ic character of the writers be made known in after years: but the public fame of a man does not justify the publication of which he probably would not that care to have pass into print. While the name of the writer of the letter before me would be a sufficient warrant that its contents would interest the public, still there are in it certain allusions to people still alive that might not be accepted by them or their friends in the same way. Consequently I am forced to leave it and as I cannot pass on to the next one in time for this issue, I will substitute therefor a few lines that I have in the handwriting of q lady (still alive) and which have

never yet been given to the public.

I may add that this is only one of hundreds of poems written by the same lady, and that she has never deemed them sufficiently good to risk their publication. Now that she is advanced in years, and has grown to care less and less for any kind of publicity or notoriety, she would feel it an unkindness on my part were I to even indicate who she is. But some day I may have the permission, or be otherwise at liberty, to give the reading public the benefit of these delightful productions. Until then I must respect the wishes and feelings of one who seems to have shaped her life of great usefulness upon the motto of England's famed classic writer, "Stat nominis umbraf"

I must explain the purpose of the following poem. In 1849, the writer, had occasion to go visit a young couple in the neighborhood of a leading city in Ireland. They lived in an humble cottage, were poor, but loving, true, young and hopeful. When she and her companion reached the cottage they found they young man dying, and the young wife on her knees beside the bed of ther expiring husband, praying and whis-pering heart-breaking farewells to him. On this scene she based her poem; and to make it more effective and solemn she purposely left the last line of each stanza in blank verse. speaking, in whispers, to her dying husband.

A SAD ADIEU.

'Good night! good night, Acushla Machree! Sad is the night that is setting for

And the tears, that are falling silently. Will gush in a torrent soon.

"There is no one beside me to cheer me to-night; No one to tell me that God's will is

right;
But I know 'tis a deadly sin to fright The soul that is going to Him.

'So I'll hold my peace, and, in accents low To Him and His angels I'll tell my

And none can dream I am grieving

Asthore Machree, you are going! "I will hold my head less lofty now,

When you are laid in the churchyard low;
Ah! too much I gloried long ago,

In the happy lot God gave me! "And when the evening shades come

on, I'll steal away from the busy throng,
And the neighbors will see me glide

along To the cold grave where they laid

'And there I will sit and weep a-

No body will bid me to cease my moan; My bitterest grief will be all my

Till they lay me down beside you."

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SATURDAY, JUNI Month Of the Sacred Ho

By a Regular Conti

June is the month ded Sacred Heart, and in thi pecially is it held in par tion. The well known pr our Archbishop for the the Sacred Heart has giv impress to that most im ture in the year's tribu Coming after the month eason of particular supp he Sacred Heart seems in an unbroken manner th chain that binds the Ble to the Divine Son, an them in the worship of th the veneration of the for souls of the faithful. Again it is fitting that

when nature has reached glory, should be dedicate one who is the plenitude and all greatness. It is course of June that we c feast of Corpus Christi, it be by outside processi the time-honored custom district, or within the w temple, it is an occasion the Catholic gives full a taken testimony of the fe within him. The month is ed by other festivals of portant character. St. Baptist, who was the pr Christ, the one called upp pare the ways of the Lor who received the exalted baptizing Our Saviour in and thus giving to all fu ations the example that special command be follo iginal sin is to be effaced work of salvation is to be in our souls.

Then we have the doubl

St. Peter and St. Paul.

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connected with Our Savior

and the Church that He to endure unto the end of Peter, the chief of the Aj first Vicar of Christ on one who established the der the shadow of the go of Nero, and who took h the heart of the Great Ro pire, there to remain for to survive that Empire by erations, and to witness t fall of countless human i that faded away while tl changed and unshaken. Paul, the Apostle of the G one converted suddenly wi way to persecute the fol Christ, the educated Phan became the writer of th that carried the light of the cities of Asia M whose expressions have be ed throughout the centuri most perfect enunciation trines of the new law. It able that the chief charac St. Paul's Christian life love for Jesus Christ, hi to the Sacred Heart, and the conversion of souls. writer, in one of our relig odicals, says:-

"St. Paul's love of Jesus displayed as much energy i for the glory of his divine he had displayed ardor in ing the disciples of Jesus. thrown on the road to while on the way to perse faithful, he was suddenly the cause of God made ma which he had until then became his own thencefort devoted himself to it with fortitude. Nothing could The Lord had said: 'I will how to suffer for my nam followed closely upon the and, in the very city of whither he had gone to Jews against the Christia came near to losing his ! count of his Christfanity. listen to his own account had to suffer for Jes Thrice was I beaten with I was stoned, thrice I suffe wreck, a night and a day the depths of the sea. In painfulness, in hunger and fastings often, in cold ness.' Was the apostle by these sufferings and lothers? Far from it; he ther suffering for the love deemer. 'I keep under my says, and bring it to su

Thus it is that in this
June we behold so many
closely associated with o
His wonderful work of I
again grouped around E