

Our Curbstone Observer On Strikes.

TRIKES are in the air; the microbes are countless as mosquitoes in July; but they seem to be short-lived in the majority of cases.

MY OWN STRIKE.—It is now several years since I went on strike, I have not since repeated the proceedings, and am not very likely to do so for a long time to come.

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;

MY RESOLUTIONS.—I got a 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.

MY CONCLUSIONS.—During the recent extensive strikes that have occupied the attention of the public in our city, I frequently walked the curbstones observing closely the passing events.

Cure for Insomnia.

Professors Emil Fischer and Von Mering, two medical practitioners of Berlin, Germany, have discovered what they regard as a sure cure for insomnia.

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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, some say mid-July.

There is still, the great menace of fires hanging over Ottawa. There is no rain and the heat is increasing, although the nights are cool, and it is clear that if there is no rain within the next few days there will be great distress.

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" has 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 all Catholic subjects) I think I will give you a few details concerning some 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 the Company of Mary, Montreal road, officiated at High Mass, and Rev. A. Gagnon, the curate, preached on the Holy Ghost. During the ceremony the choir, under Mr. Louis D'Auray, sang the second ton Mass in plain chant, and at the Offertory, the canticle "Come Holy Ghost."

THE BASILICA.—There was a Pontifical High Mass at the Basilica at ten o'clock. The main and side altars had been profusely decorated with ferns and cut flowers intermingled with myriads of colored lights which presented a magnificent ensemble.

Among his announcements Mgr. J. O. Routhier, V.G., made five marriage publications and recommended to the prayers of the faithful the soul of the mother superior of the Order of Jesus Mary, who died in Hull last week, and also Mr. S. J. Major who is dangerously ill. He also announced the ember days for this week in preparation of the Corpus Christi celebration, which takes place next Sunday week, and the devotions of the first Friday of the month.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.—The children who made their First Communion next Sunday at the eight o'clock Mass. Next Sunday a collection will be taken up, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the purchase of prizes for the pupils of St. Joseph's school.

A GREAT BAZAAR.—Over five hundred people attended the joint bazaar of St. Anne Church, and La Garde Champlain which opened last Sunday evening at St. Anne hall. The hall was profusely decorated with bunting, Union Jacks and Canadian flags, interspersed with numerous electric lights and Chinese lanterns.

A RELIGIOUS DEAD.—The community of the Servants of Jesus and Mary, who have a convent on Laurier 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 last moments by the sacraments of Holy Church.

PILGRIMAGE.—The annual pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaurpre, 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.

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

An excellent programme of vocal and instrument music was provided, those taking part being some of the best Montreal talent. After several selections Mr. L. Leclerc, 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 bouquet 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 citizens of Hull on their commendable enterprise.

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

Hon. John Costigan's Testimonial Fund.

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

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

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes M. P. Davis, Ottawa, \$100.00; Hon. Wm. Harty, M.P., Kingston, 100.00; Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick, Ottawa, 50.00; Hon. R. W. Scott, Ottawa, 50.00; Ed. Guerin, Montreal, 50.00; Jno. G. Hearn, M.P.P., Quebec, 50.00; Div. No. 1, A.O.H., per Jas. McIver, Montreal, 25.00; Div. No. 2, A.O.H., Ottawa, 26.75; Div. No. 2, A.O.H., Ottawa, 25.00; J. P. Dunne, Ottawa, 25.00; D'Arcy Scott, Ottawa, 25.00; C. McCool, M.P., Ottawa, 25.00; Wm. Power, M.P., Buebec, 25.00; Div. No. 2, A.O.H., St. John, N.B., 25.00; Roger Ryan, Ottawa, 20.00; M. F. Walsh, Ottawa, 20.00; M. A. Finn, St. John, N.B., 20.00; Dr. J. K. Barrett, Winnipeg, 15.00; J. Gorman, Ottawa, 15.00; Jeremiah Gallagher, Quebec, 10.00; Thos. Conlon, Thorold, Ont., 10.00; E. P. Stanton, Ottawa, 10.00; M. Fitzgibbon, Montreal, 10.00; Hon. Thos. Coffey, London, Ont., 10.00; D. Gallery, M.P., Montreal, 10.00; John Hatchburt, Montreal, 10.00; John Hatchett, Montreal, 10.00; W. E. Doran, Montreal, 5.00; E. Lantalum, St. John, N.B., 5.00; P. C. Kerwin, Quebec, 5.00; Thos. Dean, St. John, N.B., 5.00; T. Burke, St. John, N.B., 5.00; J. B. McColl, M.P., Cobourg, 5.00; H. Higgerty, sr., Ottawa, 5.00; W. D. O'Brien, Ottawa, 5.00; W. Armstrong, Ottawa, 5.00; E. J. O'Connor, Ottawa, 5.00; Major D. C. F. Bliss, Ottawa, 5.00; E. T. Smith, Ottawa, 5.00; A. Freeland, M.D., Ottawa, 5.00; J. J. McGiffigan, St. John, N.B., 5.00; J. D. Purcell, Montreal, 5.00; Rev. Father McGuire, Hastings, Ont., 5.00; Rev. Wm. Murphy, O.M.I., Ottawa, 5.00; Rev. Father French, Brudenell, 5.00; Rev. Father O'Brien, Peterboro, 2.00; John Waller, Peterboro, 2.00; Rev. Father Kavanagh, St. Malachi, P. Q., 5.00; T. P. Gorman, Ocello, Ont., 1.00; John O'Reilly, Almonte, 1.00.

EMMET CENTENARY.

The reproduction by the dramatic section of the Young Irishmen's L. and B. Association in the Monument National, next Tuesday night, of the drama "Robert Emmet," in aid of 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 hero was hanged for treason in Dublin in accordance with the sentence of death pronounced upon him by Lord Norbury.

Old Letters.

By a Regular Contributor.)

The letter that I had selected for the present issue, I have discovered, since 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 been written by individuals, for personal or private purposes, may well, on account of the public character of the writers be made known in after years; but the public fame of a man does not justify the publication of that which he probably would not care to have pass into print.

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 very 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 umbrat"

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 their young man dying, and the young wife on her knees beside the bed of their expiring husband, praying and whispering 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. It is the wife that is supposed to be speaking, in whispers, to her dying husband.

A SAD ADIEU.

"Good night! good night, Acushla Machree! Sad is the night that is setting for me, 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 woe; And none can dream I am grieving so— Asthore Machree, you are going!

"I will hold my head less lofty now, When you are laid in the church-yard 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 you.

"And there I will sit and weep alone; No body will bid me to cease my moan; My bitterest grief will be all my own— Till they lay me down beside you."

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Month Of the Sacred Heart

June is the month in which the Sacred Heart, and in which especially is it held in particular. The well known prayer of our Archbishop for the month of the Sacred Heart has given impulse to that most important in the year's tributes. Coming after the month of the Sacred Heart, the season of particular supplication for the Sacred Heart seems in an unbroken manner to chain that binds the Blessed to the Divine Son, and them in the worship of the veneration of the for souls of the faithful.

Again it is fitting that when nature has reached glory, should be dedicated one who is the plenitude and all greatness. It is the course of June that we feast of Corpus Christi, it is by outside procession the time-honored custom, district, or within the temple, it is an occasion the Catholic gives full a taken testimony of the faith within him. The month is ed by other festivals of a important character. St. Baptist, who was the pre-Christ, the one called upon to pare the ways of the Lord who received the exalted baptizing Our Saviour in and thus giving to all fulgurations the example that a special command be followed; original sin is to be effaced; work of salvation is to be in our souls.

Then we have the double St. Peter and St. Paul. Sonages in the sacred history world that were most connected with Our Saviour and the Church that He to endure unto the end of Peter, the chief of the Apostles first Vicar of Christ on earth who established the order the shadow of the golden Nero, and who took his heart of the Great Republic, there to remain for to survive that Empire by erations, and to witness the fall of countless human life that faded away while the and ground of "Truth" remained unchanged and unshaken. Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles converted suddenly by way to persecute the folk Christ, the educated Pharisee became the writer of the that carried the light of all the cities of Asia Minor whose expressions have been ed throughout the centuries most perfect enunciation of trines of the new law. It able that the chief character St. Paul's Christian life love for Jesus Christ, his to the Sacred Heart, and the conversion of souls. writer, in one of our religious, says:—

"St. Paul's love of Jesus displayed as much energy in 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 man which he had until then became his own thenceforth devoted himself to it with fortitude. Nothing could the Lord had said: 'I will how to suffer for my name followed closely upon the and, in the very city of whither he had gone to Jews against the Christian count near to losing his listen to his own account had to suffer for Jesus

"Thrice was I beaten with I was stoned, thrice I suffered wreck, a night and a day the depths of the sea. In painfulness, in hunger and fastings often, in cold a ness? Was the apostle d by these sufferings and b others? Far from it; he ather suffering for the love deemer. I keep under my says, and bring it to sub Thus it is that in this June we behold so many closely associated with His wonderful work of B again grouped around H