# THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

## LETTER FROM IRELAND.

## ADVENTURES OF SIR MYLES O'REGAN.

MR. EDITOR :- Tired, eleepy, cold and hungry as I was, I had enough evil in my nature to feel glad at having some member of the human race on whom I could wreak my vengeance for the injuries I had suffered. and why not Lord Smallbrains, when I could not lay hold of Mr. Parnell? I am aware that one should be contious how one touches s live lord, whose person should be sacred from any but his peers. When I was a little boy my impression of a lord was that he was the model of perfection, physically as well as mentally. I thought that every lord was six feet in height, at least, that his eyes were bright and luminous, his features cast in a Grecian mould, that he could run swifter, cide more gracefully, fight more fiercely than any common man, and that he knew everything, including all the languages. As I grew up I had reason to modify my opinion, the few lords I came across being as much like other folks as possible. I saw an earl one time who carried a hump round with him on his back, a marquis | jected them to terrible treatment. The genwho had but one eye, and I heard a duke tlemen, especially Lord Smallbrains, who is deliver an agricultural speech, with about famous for his personal courage, defended the same fluency as a respectable hog. | themselves for a long time; but what could I have also seen lords so dead they do against such desperate odds? The drunk that they knew not whether they mark of teeth were plainly discernible in his stood on their heads or feet, but nevertheless. lordship's ears, and Mr. Snookson's nose is I could never, until I came in contact with frightfully disfigured. Indeed their faces Smallbrains, entirely divest myself of the idea were cut and bruised in a most atrocious that their persons were sacred, and that they manner, and it is believed the brutal treatment possessed a few, at least, of the attributes of has affected their minds, for when questioned the Grand Llama of Thibet. Smallbrains was by the police, who found them lying exhausta short, stunted individual with bow legs, ed in a barn belonging to a farmer named small gooseberry eyes, weak looking hair, O'Rafferty, they spoke incoherently of the erratic purple-spotted nose, shambling gait, devil and gave other signs that their brains and thick utterance. Nature never cut him had been injured. This latest outrage out for a genius, and were it not that he is of the Land Leaguers is all the more extrathe proprietor of 75,000 acres of land in ordinary as Lord Smallbrains is one of the Limerick and Kerry Counties, neither he nor most generous and popular landlords in could imagine what he could do for hash. He Munster, and the tenants themselves acknow could not sell newspapers, because his voice is not clear enough; he could not run messages because his legs are not adapted for locomotion, and his face is decidedly against him in the way of marrying for money.

The three yells which issued from our throats in succession awoke three distinct echoes from the distant mountains and then | alert, and four companies of dragoons have all was profoundly silent as before, except the gibbering of Smallbrain and his apologies. Snookson said nothing; he was too terrified, but his teeth chattered like dice in a well shaken box. I felt that I was master of the situation, and as revenge was in my heart I resolved to do something terrible, if not on my Boycotters then on those who fell into my power. Assuming a deep sepulchral voice I thus addressed my lord and Snook-50n :--

"Men of the mountain mist, kneel down, clasp each other by the right hand and swear solemnly by my Dominions that you will tell the whole truth, for if you do not my invisible assistants will carry you down below like a flash of lightning. You commence, you little man with the bow legs."

"Please your Satanic Majesty I do not understand you, do you mean that I shall have to confess my sins ?"

" Exactly, make a clean breast of them."

"To commence with-I wrote lies to Dublin Castle, wherein I stated outrages were as common in Limerick as blackberries, knowing it to be a lie. I cheated my friend Lord Puffindart out of seven hundred pounds at cards last winter, I poisoned Captain Hunter's | spectacles. mare before the Curragh races so that my horse would win. I seduced ----

"Never mind your filthy nastiness. Even I-the devil-cannot stand that. Proceed."

"I doubled and then trebled the rents on my estate, and evicted the tenants who refused to pay, I maligr.ed my countrymen in Paris and other European cities, and when one of them kicked me down stairs I hired

darkness. They fought, they tore, they yelled, they swore, and when I found their ferocity, or enthusiasm, cooling I tapped three times outside, when they renewed the combat with unabated ardor, the wrongs each had endured at the hands of the other

adding to the vindictiveness of both. "And so, you thief and ruffian," Lord Smallbrains would growl, "you robbed me of £3,000, eh; take that."

"And, you idiot, you dreamt of dismissing your faithful Spookson did you; take that, and that, and that."

How the combat ended I know not, or if they carried out the agreement as regards the quarter of an hour's duration, but a horrified world read the following in the London Times of next day :----

DRIFTING INTO ANARCHY.

## TERBIBLE OUTRAGE NEAR THE CITY OF LIMERICK.

DUBLIN, Dec. 2. As the Viscount Smallbrains and his agent,

Obadiah Z. Snookson, Esq., J.P., were riding from Limerick to Killmallock last night they were surrounded by about one hundred masked men, who dismounted and then subledge that Mr. Snookson is a model agent. It was only last year that the tenants on Lord Smallbrain's estates in Kerry presented Mr. Snookson with a magnificent service of silver on the occasion of his return from the continent, where he had been travelling for the good of his health. The police are on the

been sent to the scene of the disturbance." Mr. Editor, I must leave off here, as my letter is becoming too long. I sincerely wish you and the readers of THE POST a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Very sincerely,

MYLES O'REGAN.

Limerick, Dec. 5, 1880.

### PERSONAL.

Grant's regular income is \$7,000 a year. The New York Herald is a larcroidus newspaper.

James Gordon Bannet has been appointed Master of an English pack of hounds.

Mr. Darwin has written a new book entitled, "The Movements of Plants."

Critical Boston does not gush towards Sara Bernhardt half as much as New York.

Captain Dacey, one of the rescued of Manchester, died at Worcester, Mass., last week.

Mr. Wm. Casey, of Kinmount, Ontario, is 102 years of age, and can read without

Captain Carey, of Zulu war notoriefy, has joined the Land Transport service, which is non-combatant.

A matter worth noting : - The Ladies Land League, organized in New York only a few weeks ago by Miss Fanny Parnell, has already been the means of raising over \$1,000. Good for the ladies.

Count Gleichen has almost completed the

## gentle reader, slipped outside the door in the PARNELL TO THE RESCUE.

Hail to the heroes of our land ! Hail to the brave PARNELL's brave band-Hail valiant sons of valiant sires, All hail the goal of your desires ! Stand by the standard of the free, And still PARNELL your watchword be, When soon must fail, though eres os strong, The grim Bastile of landlord wrong ! That curst Bastile of landlord wrong ! That deeds—deeds black as hell's-Whose abadow has been known to fall, For ages like a funeral pall On Ireland's peasantry and soil, Blasting the fruits of honest toil ! Myriad the homes that young hopes flushed. Its ruthless tyranny has crushed-And myriad, too, the nameless graves Its hate has filled with pauper slaves, While myriad slaves in suff'ring still Survive to curse its vengeful will ! Where can we turn the wide world o'er-To what rude wild or savage shore, That we'll not meet some sick'ning trace Of widow'd Erin's exiled race. In bleaching bones of refugees Who feared less dourger and disease Hail to the heroes of our land ! That we'll not meet some sick'ning trace Of widow'd Erin's exiled race. In bleaching bones of refugees Who feared less dauger and disease In jungle haunts with beasts of prey Than that Bastile's more dreaded sway? Then, shame on scribes who plead the cause Of "midle men" and "rack-rent" laws-Who advocate a living curse, Horrid as Egypt's plagues, and worse! Who'd keep a land that Nature blest With all the glifts that she possessed-Where peace and plenty all should know-The scene of famine, strife and woe! Shame on such advocates-aye, shame On men so soulless as to alm At seeing Erin's lovely isle A thing for strangers to révile-A leper 'mongst the nations deemed. Abhorr: d by some-by more esteemed, Her people robbed and beggared, too, To pamper and enrich the few! But spite of Borcort and such smawn, Methinks I see the welcome dawn Of Freedon's sun serencily rise In Erin's too long clouded skies-Fond pledge that landlord rule shall cease, And true prosperity and peace-Her toiling millions just reward-Supplant strife, famine and the sword! W. O, FARMER. Montreal, December, 1880.

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An Address by Dr. Hepworth of the Relief Fund Committee-The Island's Present and Prospective Condition-Some of the Lecturer's Comments Received with Disapproval-Hisses for Bright and Gladstone-Cheers for Parnell,

Before the doors of Steinway Hall were thrown open last evening there was a large throng in front of them, and as soon as they were opened there was crowding for places. The front seats were quickly filled, and before 8 o'clock all the seats, including those in the two galleries, were filled, and in the rear many persons stood. Many ladies were present. Almost all the seats on the platform were occupied. Among those there were the Rev. Dr. Ormston, the Rev. Dr. Taylor, the Rev. Dr. Davis, the Rev. Dr. Bevan. Thurlow Weed, Russell Sage, ex Gov. Hoffman, Chancellor Crosby, E. H. Perkins, Jr., President of the Importers' and Traders' Bank, and James Buell. The large audience had assembled to hear the Rev. Dr. George H. Hepworth deliver a lecture on "The present and Prospective Condition of Ireland." He was one of the committee selected to distribute the S350,000 relief fund among the poor of Ireland, and he had been invited upon his return to describe his visit there. When he entered, with ex-Mayor Wickham, he was greeted with applause. He was introduced by the ex-Mayor, and he began his lecture by describing how he was asked by Mr. Bennett, editor of the Herald, to help distribute the there a famine, a real famine, or is it only the usual cry of distress?' The crop of 1877 was a great disappointment. That of 1878 was almost a total loss, and that of 1879 had been smitten bya blight. One-half the popuknocked at the world's doors and asked for a crust. The world answered." He then described how the committees having the three funds went to work. "That the fund that you sent to Ireland," he said, "saved it, is beyond a doubt. That there was death by starvation is beyond a peradventure. I visited the western part, acre by acre, and I never saw such inexpressible suffering. I have been into hundreds of families where their little all to eat consisted of Indian meal. They had parted with their cows. They had sold their chickens. They had pawned the clothes of their bodies and the clothes of the dcad. They stood almost in utter nakedness and face to face with almost inevitable death. There were two classes for pity. Out of 4,000,000 persons a certain proportion must be sick, and under the circumstances those were almost sure to die. I was struck by the aspect of the children, and I said to the committees : If we can save no one else, let us save the children.' "Now, with these facts before you," he continued, we are quite well equipped and ready to approach the problem of Ireland's present and Ireland's future. Ireland is the sick child of the family of nations. She is afflicted not with hypochondria, but with a deep, functional derangement. Such a nation we have the right to take an interest in. I am not here to make a special plea for Ireland. I went through Ireland as an American, noting down the facts of my experience and observation, and I am now here to give some predictions of the days to come. The position of Ireland is an anomaly unparalleled in the history of the world. Her social condition is no credit to herself nor to anybody else. One of the facts in regard to her present position is that England has always labored under the ballucination that what is good for England is good for Ireland. Another fact is that Ireland has never been thoroughly conquered. (Applause.) I want you to accept these criticisms with good will, for before I am through the other side may clap too. It is an historical fact that Ireland has never been thoroughly conquered. Scotland was conquered-

a famine. He stands in constant fear, and, the 48 candidates who presented themselves therefore, there is not a moment when he is at your own High School last mid-summer, not ripe for revolution. He has everything how many passed? 13 only. Whilst 15 candi-to gain and nothing to lose. (Applause). I dates from a backwoods Roman Catholic cannot conceive of your clapping.

The Rev. Dr. Ormiston-True, but it was so quaintly put. "Ireland is doubly drained," the lecturer

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continued, "and a nation that is doubly proprietor should spend his money there. But how is it? He spends his money in London, estate. This is one of the reasons why the enemy. (Hisses.) Please don't hiss. I am here to give the facts. The landlord says : trades, 28 to farming and 14 to labor. 'I have the right to live where I want to. I have another estate in England, and I can't not favorable to living on one's Irish estate. There is more chance of dying there. The tenant says, 'Why don't you come home?' and then in an aside, 'You'll be killed if you do.' And now allow me to ma e an Irish end speeches were made by the Rev. Father bull. If I were a resident of Ireland I would certainly live somewhere else. "There is another bar to national pros-

perity. Local attachment ecems to be a part of an Irishman's heart. Domestic lifeamong the peasantry is without ambition. In America the Irishman becomes a man. At home be is a serf, downtrodden and downhearted. There has been no change in the charitable societies, being the interest on the 

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domestic life of the peasantry for the last five | Poor Fund :farmers have long leases. They have something to hope for. They are looking forward to better their condition. In the western part the most of the farmers are tenants at will. They can be turned out without any warning. If the tenant at will improves his few acres he may be compelled to pay for his own expenditure - more rent or eviction. Between him and his landlord is a bitter, intenso antagonism. The Irishman thinks that every man is against him. He is brave, rash, good natured, and to the last degree turbulent. Pugnacity is his appetite. To the last degree he is ignorant, and he falls a prey to an irresponsible adventurer. When he is told that the land is his, he believes that his landlord is a robber. (A voice : He is

leaders. They may stand beyond the reach of the law, but if he gets a hint he goes to extremes that the English Government cannot prevent. (A voice from the upper gallery: Three cheers for Parnell!)

"Is it not a strange condition of affairs," he continued sarcastically "that the leaders should not be at the head of the people? Why is it that Ireland has not that degree of sympathy in America that you would naturally expect? It is not that we do not think that she is right in her general demands : John Bright admits that (bisses); Gladstone cure of those terrible diseases known by the admits that (bisses); Froude admits that name of Nasal Catarrh, Bronchitis and Asthma, fund. "The first question was," he said, "Is (hisses); McCarthy admits that (hisses and a and it is so highly spoken of as if those incry Put him out'). Keep quiet. If you want excitement go somewhere else, but I | the cure of such complaints, and to satisfy must tell the truth. (Applause.) Ireland is our curiosity we visited Dr. M. Souvielle at right in making a resistance to the land his office, 13 Phillips' Square, Montreal, and tenure. She is right in demanding that her | gave a thorough examination of his invention, lation was without food. The banks had fair lands shall be divided, and that the so that we could speak with our own authorclosed their doors. There was almost no farmers have a financial right in the lands ity of it. We think that such a method, money in circulation. A hungry nation they use. But unless some farmers are wiser which conveys medicinal properties direct to and less impetuous, that change will be the suggestion of an Englishman, and not of an eases, cannot fail to be a benefit to humanity Irishman. We have resisted England to the death, and to-day we love her. (A voice from the front-You love her, but the love isnt yours.) After we won we rewon the respect | Dr. M. Souveille, after long and careful experiof that country. Ireland has put herself too | ments in chemical analysis, and used in hunmuch outside the sympathy of nations by un- | dreds of cases treated by him in the hospitals worthy and useless methods in accomplishing great ends. That great people is spending its energy in driving its landlords into the sea and shooting landlords from behind stone walls. I assure you it is all wrong. The means are bad. (A voice ; 'By no means. I say it is good.') Wait a minute. Eugland has the right to keep Ireland as long as she can. When Ireland has the right to be free she will find no country more proud of her than England. I am sorry for Ireland. I hope the time is not far distant when Ireland, rightly directed, will use the right means to attain ends which at this moment she is only dreaming of. God pity Ireland in her misery and God help her to reach out to larger and larger liberties. Amid the applause as he closed were cries of "Three cheers for Parnell" by a throng of men in the upper gallery, and in order to prevent a possible disturbance, ex-Gov. Hoffman stepped to the front of the platform and asked tor attention for a few minutes. He said that it was not expected what a speaker said would meet with universal approval, but the Irish invention, called the Spirometer, for the cure question was one that must be discussed, and could not be put down until it was settled. He therefore moved that the thanks of the audience be given to Dr. Hepworth for his impartial and eloquent address. The Rev. | Square as an office, where we paid him a visit | Dr. Taylor arose and seconded the motion. on Saturday last. intellectual, evidently He did not agree with all that the lecturer | well skilled in anatomy and physiology, a had said, and slyly hinted that if Dr. Hep- linguist, capable of speaking five languages, worth had a little more drilling in the history and possessing, apparently, thorough knowof Scottish independence, he would not talk | ledge of all the phases and details of the variabout Scotland being conquered. "But I knew he was a brave man," he added, " and he has shown it here to-night." Ex-Mayor Wickham put the motion, and there was a loud " Aye" in response, but an excited individual in the gallery supplemented it with a cry of "Three cheers for Mayor

Separate School presented themselves for Third Class Certificates, 9 of them passed. Commencing nearer home, out of the three

candidates from the Sister's School who presented themselves for Third Class Certificates drained, both of its brain and its money, is in | 2 of them passed. Out of the 5 pupils from my a bad condition. Where money is made in own class who presented themselves as that country it should be spent. The landed | candidates at the High School, 4 of them passed.

He showed that 125 pupils had frequented and gets all the interest he can from his his class during the term, of which 47 remained on the register, leaving 78 to be ac-Irishman regards his landlord as his natural counted for, which he was able to do, viz, 16 went to the high school, 7 to college, 5 to The matter in which the pupils were examined consisted of catechism, sacred history, readlive on both.' Therefore he mortgages the ing, writing, grammar, geography, arithmetic, one in Ireland. Existing circumstances are mensuration and Canadian history. The first class pupils were divided into

two camps-known as the country and village camps-and made to compete, the boys from the country winning by four marks. At the McDonnell and the Trustees, congratulating the teacher and pupils on the great improvement since last examination.

CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS BANK. The City and District Savings Bank has just distributed \$10,800 among the following

Montreal Dispensary. L'Asile des Avengles. L'Asile des Sourdes-Muettes. Orphelins Catholiques, Rue St. Catherine L'Asile des Sourdes-Muettes, Coteau St. Louis. Salle D'Asile Rue Visitation. Industrial Rooms. University Lying-in Hospital. Hervey Institute. Protestant Church Home. Salle d'Asile St. Joseph. Salle d'Asile St. Joseph. Salle d'Asile St. Joseph. Salle d'Asile St. Joseph. Salle d'Asile Nazareth. L'Hospice St. Vincent de Paul. Protestant Institute for Deaf Mutes. Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Society Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Society

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NASAL CATARRH ASTRMA, BRONCHITIS .- It is a positive fact that these diseases are cured by Dr. Souveille's Spirometer. Full instructions right.) Perhaps. When he is told that he for treatment sent by letter, and the instrumust not pay any rent at all, he betters the ments expressed to any address. Pyhsicians instruction and shoots the landlord. His and sufferers are cordially invited to test the weakness is that he is too loyal to ill-chosen Spirometer free of charge. Treatment simple, painless, and cure speedily effected. Instruments at reasonable price. Send for particulars to Dr. M. Souvielle, ex aide-Surgeon French Army, 13 Phillips' Square, Montreal. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING

NOTICES.

## [From the Montreal Gazette, Dec 24th, 1880.

WE ARE PLEASED to notice that a great many of our best citizens have bought Dr M. Souvielle's Spirometer, which is used for the struments and preparations were infallible in the organs affected by those distressing disinstead of pouring drugs into the stomach and deranging digestion. These wonderful instrumonts, with their contents, were invented by of Europe. We find the Doctor a welllearned gentleman, and he invites physicians and sufferers to try his instruments free of chargs.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

R. W. Phipps, the creator of the N. P. is out in favor of a dissolution of Parliament. A lunatic at Monroe, Mo .. hent down a branch of a willow tree and hanged himself

with it. About half of Queen Victoria's Ministers

are descendants or husbands of descendants of Lord Granville's grandfather.

Ottawa is again the city of the dead, despite the Christmas holidays. Culy a bakers' dozen of members, including resident members, are there.

A military commission is considering the propriety of supplying the German army with a repeating rifle instead of its present breechloader.

The Canada Gazette announces the election of L. A. McConville as member for Joliette, and James Sutherland as member for North Oxford.

"The great difficulty in Ottawa is to distinguish messengers from members of Parliament " says the Toronto Globe correspondent, at Ottawa.

Timid people will be glad to learn that Mother Shipton's prophesics are torgeries perpetrated a few years ago by one Hindley, of Brighton, England.

The regulations for the examination of candidates for the Civil Service of India, which is to be he held in July next, are on tile in the Secretary of State's Department

Large cotton factories are to be built at Charleston, Vicksburg, and Louisville. Southern capitalists are becoming convinced that they can manufacture as well as raise cotton.

There are but three or four miles more of rails to be laid on the Canada. Central Extension Railroad and Deux Rivieres will be reached. Trains expect to reach that point by New Year's Day.

Emile Zola is now a writer on the Paris Figuro. In a recent feuilleton he says : "France is now at peace, and the politicians ar, roaming about the quiet streets for spoils. 200 just as doctors without patients are seen to 200 hang around healthy and happy families."

In a prosecution for dog stealing, heard at the Middlesex Sessions, in England, the other day, a lady stated that she had had dogs stolen ten times, and for their recovery had paid upward of £100. One favorite pug had been stolen three times, and each time she had paid  $\pounds 25$  for its recovery.

The edict of Joseph Emanuel, King of Portugal, published in 1769, is not without its interest at this time. By this instrument widows of more than hifty years of age were forbidden to marry, " because," the preamble recited, "experience has shown that woman of that age commonly marry young men of no property, who dissipate the fortunes such marriages put them in possession of to the prejudice of children and other relations." Spinsters were not apparently considered so liable to be beguiled.

The only two English monastic establishments in France, the Benedictine College at Douni, in the Department du Nord, and the Passionist Fathers in the Avenue de la Reine Hortense, in Paris, have both been left unmolested by the interference of Sir Charles Dilke, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs. The monastery and church of the latter were built on a very expensive site, purchased chiefly by the contributions of the Princess Eugenie and some wealthy Americant.

An attendant at the Oregon Insane Asylum was told to climb a tree and bring down a patient who had taken a position in its top. He had reached a beight of thirty feet when a limb broke, and he fell, bouncing from branch to branch, and finally sitting on the ground like the hammer of a pile driver. For twenty years this man had

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an Italian bravo at Venice to shoot him. "And did he do it?"

"No, faith, it was he shot the bravo. ran away with Colonel Bearskin's wife." "Confound you, do you think I have no modesty because I am the d-humph. Go on, but stay, my time is too precious to waste

acts you have performed, if any?"

health on all occasions. I never get drunk." What, never?

"Well, hardly ever, except five or six nights in the week. I also drank the health of the Prince of Wales. I gave an actress a diamond necklace, and I think, but am not sure, that I gave an old woman a copper once in Pall Mall."

"What, a good copper ?"

"A brand new one, your majesty," answered Smallbrains in as triumphant a tone as his crest-fallen condition would permit, "fresh from the mint. I remember also giving instructions on a certain Christmas Eve to my agent here to distribute a stone of meal among the poor, and would have given a mangey sheep if it had not died, although ] know mutton is not good for the people. It makes them proud and fat. I intended discharging my rascally agent last year, but----

"There, that will do. I have a notion your ideas of morality are somewhat mixed, and I do not want to hear of your good intentions. My place is paved with them. Come forward, Snookson, and make confession."

"Your Satanic Majesty, I have told ten thousand lies. I have rack-rented the tenants right and left, and when a sum of money was given by the dear Duchess of Marlborough to be divided among the poor, I divided it among myself and my family instead."

"Oh, Snookson," interrupted Smallbrains, " how could you -

"Silence! not another word or off you go. Go on, admirable, excellent man."

"Ich-ch-cheated Lord Smallbrains out of three thousand pounds, which I rack-rented out of the tenants, but rendered no account of."

11 Oh, Snookson, you villain -"Silence, idiot. Go on, Snookson."

"I shot the Widow Bryan's horse, because it trespassed on my property. I got three men convicted and sentenced to a year in jail for stealing turnips, though I knew them to he innocent; but, then, they were Fenians. I have written a hundred bogus threatening letters to myself and others. I evicted three hundred and seven tenants in my time, on ethird of whom died of hunger and cold."

"Oh, come to an end, rascal; say, have you ever done anything good?"

"No, your Most Gracious Majesty, I am happy to say I never performed a good act in my life."

"Well, now listen : you two are such desperate rascals that I could, were I so minded, take one of you under each arm, and make off with you, you know where. It is Snookson who has saved you both ; Snookson who has been to me such a true and faithful votary. I will therefore spare you, but you must receive some punishment for giving away that copper to the old woman in Pall Mall. I therefore direct that you pitch into each

bust of Beaconsfield for the club named after the illustrious statesman. It is a wonderful likeness, and by the Queen's wish the bust is a replica of the one done by Count Gleichen for her Majesty.

The New York Sun suggests that the Shah on your atrocities. Now tell me of the good of Persia and General Grant have the freedom of the city of London conferred upon them, "Let me see, your majesty; I have such a and as the privilege carries with it the right treacherous memory. I drank the Queen's to go into the retail trade without being taxed it would be an excellent thing if the two Emperors availed themselves of it.

### CANADIAN NEWS.

A clock company is to be started in Hamilton, with a capital of \$50,000.

The cold weather has caused a suspension of operations on the Beauce gold mines.

Hay-pressing for export is being carried on vigorously at Stirling. Some 500 tons will be shipped this winter.

The Grand Trunk has received at Belleville a first shipment of 500 tons of Nova Scotia coal, for use on the road.

The Quebec Mercury says there are over one thousand licensed medical practitioners in the Province of Quebec, which is a fraction over one doctor to every hundred of the population.

A curling match, between the Lorne club, Welland, and the Argyle club, Thorold, was played on the Victoria Rink, Thorold, yesterday, and resulted in a victory for the Thorold men by eighteen points.

There was received at the Warkworth cheese factory for the season of 1889 2,256,-446 pounds of milk, making 217,037 pounds of cheese, which sold for \$25,226, making the average for standard cow \$33.54.

Two farmers, named respectively Berkwith and Kelly, quarrelled and fought at Belleville, on Saturday, and the latter stabbed his antagonist with a pocket knife, inflicting an ugly wound in the back. They were arrested, and liberated on bail.

Another case of brutal treatment is heard of in the vicinity of St. Catharines. This time it is one of the orphan children brought to this country by Miss Rye. She says she was treated worse than a dog, having been repeatedly beaten with an iron rod or poker, and never permitted to go out. The names of the parties are withheld for the present.

There died last week at the town of Niagara the oldest ferryman in Canada, perhaps in America. For nearly three-quarters of a century Mr. Ralph Clench, eldest son of the late Col. Clench, has been lessee of the ferry between the town of Niagara and Youngstown. At one period the deceased kept a drug store in Niagara, and was connected by blood or marriage with many of the old families of the Niagara and Gore districts.

A serious case of lead poisoning has been discovered at Fitzroy about 40 miles from Ottawa in the family of Mrs. Hodgins. In tracing up the origin of the poisoning the doctor found it in the well. The piston was raised and extracted, and on the valve was found a large piece of lead that had been other for a quarter of an hour, and if I find | nailed on by the pump-fixer to keep the lid you are acting or shamming—but I won't in its proper place. A silver spoon was also threaten—beware in And so they did pitch like two tigers, while I, thickly coated from the effects of the lead.

He was interrupted by the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, who shook his finger at him.

"Wales was conquered," he continued, smiling. "Ireland has never accepted the situation. (A voice from the gallery-And never will.) And to-day there is existing between the Englishman and the Irishman the same feeling that existed between the North and the South. I had not been in Ireland many weeks before I found that the Irish people are not, from choice, an agricultural people. In the western part, there are no opportunities for the exercise of a diversity of talent, especially at home. No matter what a man's proclivities are he must be a farmer. It is one of the greatest misfortunes of the people. Further than this they have not the slightest conception of agricultural science. An Irishman is loyal to his potatoes. He believes in the potato, good or bad. Wheat fields are few. Corn fields are seldom met. Potato fields are met everywhere. They have no agricultural implements, and, quoting the old saying, 'Ill luck follows the plough,' in accordance with that, he never follows it. He has no interest in the land he cultivates. He has no financial interest in the country nor in the Government that rules or misrules, He is thoroughly a serf. He

Grace."-N. Y. Sun.

ANNUAL EXAMINATON OF THE PUPILS OF THE R. C. S. S., ALEXANDRIA, ONT.

The above examination took place in the High School last Thursday. The Rev. Father McDonald presided. The teacher, Mr. Alexander McDonald, in introducing his pupils on the stage, made a speech which was listened to with great attention. He said he would open his note book and give them an account of his stewardship during the last four years and a half. After touching on some remarks made by malcontents, he suggested a remedy, which was to come and visit his school and enjoy the pleasure of judging for themselves. He said he was sorry to find so many Catholics possessed of the erroneous notions that Protestant teachers were better educated than Catholics, and

therefore more fit to train up pupils for candidates to the High Schools and as Teachers, but figures would show the contrary. Out of the 55 candidates for High School

entrance in a certain boasted district with a staff of learned Protestant teachers, having finds himself from year to year on the edge of | name, how many passed ? 10 only. Out of | E Laney, Jas Tobin, M Murphy.

### [From the Montreal Star, Oct. 23rd, 1880.]

By request we visited the offices of Dr. onvielle, 13 Paillips Square, and examined his invention called Spirometer, with the aid of which he treats the above diseases. The instrument is an ingenious contrivance, and enables the putient to inhale the vapors mising from the methcines used in a simple and effective manner. The merits of this mode of treatment have been recognized by some of the principal hospitals in Europe, where they are constantly in use. We have no doubt the Doctor will meet every success here, where there are a large number suffering from Asthma and Lung Diseases.

[From the Montreal Gazette, Nor. 8th, 1880]

There recently arrived in this city from Paris a Dr. Souvielle, bringing with him his of such troublesome and hitherto well-nigh incurable diseases as asthma, bronchitis, catarrh, and the like, either chronic or transient. The Doctor has fixed upon 13 Phillips ous respiratory diseases from practical observation. Dr. Souvielle proceeded to ex-plain the modus operandi of his invention-the Spirometer. It is ingenious yet simple, and after hearing the Doctor's explanations, the treatment-that of inhalation-seems very sensible. Certain medications are placed in the instrument, and are thence inhaled by the sufferer. These inhalations are naturally carried direct to the organs affected by disease, and, of course, prove in this manner by far the most effective. In Europe this mode of treatment is now thoroughly recognized and practised, and we learn that since his arrival here Dr. Souvielle has treated most successfully several of our own citizens. Persons suffering with such diseases as head this

article should not hesitate to visit the Doctor. who gladly explains his method free of any charge. He deserves success, and if able to achieve only half of what is claimed, he will, indeed, be a benefactor of mankind.

### FROM CORNWALL.

CORNWALL, Dec. 27 .- The following are the nominations for the town of Cornwall for year 1881 :-- Wm Colquhoun, Mayor, by acclamation. John Bergin and C J Mattice for Reeve. Jas Kirkpatrick and Jos Premo, Deputy Reeve. West Ward, J C Johrstone, John G Hunter, Patrick Deuneny, acclamation. Centre Ward, Robert Fairman, Hill Campbell, L A Ross, Jas Milroy. East Ward, almost the whole of the alphabet after their | John Purcell, G D Empey, Homer Stiles, John

been dumb, though able to hear, but now the spectators were actounded by such an outbreak of fluent and shocking profanity as they had never heard before. The cure was permanent, too.

The character of Lord Montfort in "Endymion" is referred to in most of the notices as being taken from Lord Melbourne, whom it very little resembles; in others as being "another sketch' of the Lord Hertford who figured as Lord Moumouth in "Coningsby." The fact is that the idea of Lord Montfort was clearly taken from the late Lord Hertford, who died in 1870, and who, although he was known to a few only in his later years, was one of the cleverest, wittiest and most brilliant men of the time.

While the unrecognized religious orders in France have been dispersed, the recognized ones are threatened with the loss of all their privileges. Bills now pending in the Chamber, propose to oust them from sites or buildings belonging to the State, and to abolish their exemption from direct taxes. A circular has also been issued by the taxing department giving instructions that convents or monasteries carrying on any kind of labor shall henceforth be subject to trade licenses no matter though the receipts be appropriated to charitable objects.

Lord Coleridge, the new Lord Chief Justice of England in succession to Lord Chief Justice Cockburn, is a son of Mr. Justice Coleridge. who was a Judge of the Queen's Bench, distinguished both as lawyer and for his classical attainments, and is grand rephew of Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Both the Coleridges, tather and son, won high distinction at Oxford. The father was a Tory, but the son, like Lord Selborn, f rsook early Conservatave associations to follow Mr. Gladstone. Lord Coleridge. when Sir. John, conducted the first case in oposition to "Sir Roger's" claim, and his favourite question, "Would you be surprised ?" became a cant word in England. Sir Henry James, the present Attorney-General, on taking office agreed to waive his right of succession in favour of Lord Coleridge

Jubesh Snow, Gunning Cove, N. S., writes :-"I was completely prostrated with the asthma, but hearing ot Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, I procured a bottle, and it done me so much good that I got another, and before it was used, I was well. My son was cured of a bad cold by the use of half a bottle. It goes like wild-fire, and makes cures wherever it is used."

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