

him with an attachment and esteem which could only be felt for a man of sterling worth. In writing this sketch of his life and labors, I must admit my desire to justify the estimate I have formed of his character. I feel, indeed, as one called upon, on account of my personal knowledge of the man, his motives and his aspirations, to act as his champion against those who, through envy of his success, and hatred of him for having broken their attempted monopoly, have traduced him and endeavored to destroy his usefulness by falsehood, calumny and abuse.

But after all, as Father Murphy himself says, the best answer to those vulgar, mercenary slanderers is to be found in what has been done and is doing at the various institutes in Canada, especially among the poor, to whom salvation from the curse of strong drink has been freely given.

Father Murphy is still a young man with a fair prospect of long life wherein to continue the grand and glorious mission he has undertaken. What he has achieved, great as it is undoubtedly, is but a prelude to what, with the blessing of God, he seems destined to attain. He looks forward with hope and confidence to the time when total abstinence from strong drink will be inculcated as a moral and sanitary duty in all educational institutions, and while his present efforts are directed to the sobering of the mature in years, he hopes to see the coming generation develop in freedom from the worst of all slaveries with the assistance of the means which science has placed at his disposal.

CARROLL RYAN,

Quebec, May 15th, 1893.



JOHN MAXIMILIAN MACKAY

Was born at St. Eustache, near Montreal, in 1852, and studied the classics at St. Therese Seminary, and medicine at Laval University, Quebec, and took the degrees of M.D. and C.M., at Bishop's College University, Lennoxville, in 1874. In 1880 he took the degrees of chemist and druggist before the Board of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec, and during four years kept one of the finest drug stores in the city of Quebec. Later, after having travelled to the United States to make a special study of alcoholism, and also to examine the methods of treatment in those establishments which make the disease a specialty, the Doctor became proprietor of Belmont Retreat, Quebec, and himself took charge of that large establishment, which he has since conducted with the greatest care. He is well known to-day through all the Dominion for having rendered immense services to society in general, and we would add that the Doctor already reaps the benefit of his work and energy and the great sacrifices which he has made to place his establishment on a footing which may rival institutions of the same kind in Europe. Lately one of the most influential journals of Quebec wrote a long editorial on the merits of this great apostle of temperance, mentioning as part of the reforms which the Doctor had introduced into Belmont Retreat, the Gold Cure of Rev. Father Murphy, and speaking at some length of the sure and permanent effects of that marvellous remedy which cures intemperance in 21 days, even the most desperate cases. Being an eye-witness of the numerous cures that the Doctor has effected with the help of Father Murphy, that journal could not sufficiently praise our energetic fellow citizen for his great work.

## FATHER MURPHY'S REPLY

To some Persons who have Undertaken to Advertise the Financial Speculation known as the Leslie E. Keeley Co., by Abusing him under Various Heads.

"I am too busy to notice the many attempts at notoriety by taking my name in vain; but in the present instance, I consider it my duty to set the public right on certain points.

Leslie E. Keeley is not the discoverer of the double-chloride of gold cure for alcoholism. German doctors were the first to apply it, with excellent results, in cases of nervous disorder; and Dr. Keeley has no more right to use it in Canada than I have. If I am rightly informed, Dr. Keeley is scarcely recognized by his professional colleagues generally; and judging by facts, both he and his Canadian friends would, if possible, mortgage the very air we breathe. It is high time this aggressive monopoly was exposed.

Dr. Keeley claims a percentage of ninety-five cures from those who pass under his care. Be that as it may, I solemnly declare that I am every week called upon to treat cases in which he has signally failed. I most explicitly assert that one of the leading members in the syndicate known as the Keeley Company did offer me the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for my co-operation therewith; which offer I declined mainly because this gentleman declared it out of the question that the poor be treated free of charge. "If we amalgamate," he said, "you may look after the poor if it suits you; we will take charge of the fellows with cash." These words were spoken in the presence of a most reputable witness, holding a high official position in Montreal. I had no hesitation in refusing, for the poor have ever been a notable portion of my inheritance, and I can never associate myself with a monopoly which ignores them.

The Canadian syndicate claims to have paid Dr. Keeley fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for remedies about which it knows nothing, a rather startling fact. As to me, I have, within the last year, spent thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000) in treating both rich and poor throughout Ontario and Quebec. These are my witnesses and my judges. I am thoroughly conversant with the Keeley formula, and I am prepared to prove, by cases in Montreal itself, that my improvements upon this method make my treatment appreciably superior. I can have no object in deceiving the public, for my work is humanitarian, wholly unconnected with American plutocracy, monopolist or otherwise.

As to my personal conduct, it is subjected to the full light of modern publicity. If to relieve suffering humanity constitutes a sin or scandal, then why have such offences been sanctioned by the most august example ever proposed to mankind. The true explanation of the attack upon me must be sought in the fact that by treating three thousand patients within the past year, one-third of whom were practically paupers, I have invaded what the Montreal syndicate considers its legitimate preserves.

As to my pathological acquirements, I may, without flattery to myself, compare them not unfavorably with those of Dr. Keeley and his politico-assistants. Because I am a priest it does not follow that I can lay no claim to some knowledge of therapeutics. But on this head I quarrel with no man. Detraction of my neighbor is no habit of mine. Certain persons have done their best to defame me with my ecclesiastical superiors and the general public; but I am thankful to be able to state that their hopes, if they had any, have hardly been fulfilled. I have been received in Canada most cordially, and the crowds who have attended my lectures evidence the fact in the large towns through which I have passed. A humble though priestly follower of the Divine One who "went about doing good," I am content with "following Him from afar." Every month, over two hundred homes are, by God's blessing, made happy by the means I have in hand; such is my answer to all my detractors.

LAWRENCE W. MURPHY,

Priest of the Diocese of Buffalo, N. Y. 26 Cathcart St., Montreal, 8th April, 1893.

Father Murphy's institutes are located as follows:

8 Palace Hill and Belmont Retreat, Quebec. J. M. McKay, C. M., M. D., specialist and general Medical Superintendent.

26 Cathcart street, 875 Dorchester street, Montreal, Dr. Gadbois, Medical Superintendent; 19 Moss Park Place, Toronto, Dr. Sloan, Med. Supt.; 219 Maria street, Ottawa, Dr. St. Jean, Med. Supt.

## A Labor Leader's Advice.

Prosperity and Happiness for Workingmen—A Manly Tribute to a Noble Institution.

The following letter addressed to the Rev. Father Murphy by Mr. William Keys, whose long and faithful service in the cause of Labor are well known throughout Canada and the United States, speaks for itself. It confirms the experience of thousands belonging to all classes who have found prosperity and happiness by the same means which he recommends. But of all the brilliant services Mr. Keys has rendered to the cause of labor, none was greater than this, for it shows workingmen and, indeed, all men who work with hands or brain, a sure way to health and success.

To the Rev. Father L. W. Murphy:

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Having experienced the benefits of your wonderful Gold Cure treatment, I esteem it a pleasure, as well as a duty, to bear my humble testimony in its favor, with the hope that whatever influence I possess among my fellow citizens may be exerted in aid of your beneficent mission. Like many others similarly situated, and who have suffered physical agony and mental anguish from the disease of which I am now happily cured through your kindly and effective ministrations, I believe that I should overcome whatever feeling of delicacy I otherwise might have in alluding to this matter, for the sake of others who may be still enduring the miseries of inebriety. Drunkenness is the great source of the miseries and sorrows of life, the greatest hindrance, I may truly say, to the advancement of the workingmen, for the amelioration of whose condition I have devoted my best years. Therefore, I feel it all the more incumbent on me to show them how it may be overcome. I am thoroughly convinced, Reverend Sir, from personal knowledge and from having tried other alleged remedies, that your Gold Cure is the only certain remedy for alcoholism. Being thus convinced, I am satisfied that I will do great good to my fellowmen if my advice and testimony should induce them to follow my example, and go through a course of treatment at your Institute. I remain, my dear Father, with gratitude and respect,

Yours faithfully,

WM. KEYS,

545, St. Urbain Street,

Montreal.

May 20th, 1893.

## A FAMOUS MEDICAL EXPERT EXTOLS THE MURPHY CURE.

Belmont Retreat, Quebec, March 25, 1893.

REV. FATHER MURPHY,

26 Cathcart Street, Montreal.

DEAR FATHER.—Allow me to inform you that your Gold Cure treatment has given entire satisfaction since you introduced it into Belmont Retreat. We are curing now over sixty patients a month and the treatment has not only proved efficacious in all cases, but has given also extraordinary and evident indications of its permanency. The wonderful efficacy of your treatment in completely repairing the injuries done to the system by alcoholic poisoning, and in restoring the patients to the free vigor of perfect health, meets with the highest commendations of our citizens generally. The highest and strongest evidence of the efficacy of your treatment lies in the fact that patients who have resided in my institution for years, and who were regarded as incurable, are to-day as free from any desire for whiskey as the child unborn. I hope these words of mine, coming as they do from one who has made a speciality of alcoholism and kindred diseases for upwards of ten years, will prove of assistance to you in securing the confidence of the public in the marvellous efficacy of your treatment in other cities not yet blessed by the beneficence of your institutions. Believe me to be, Rev. Father,

Yours very respectfully,

J. M. MACKAY, C.M., M.D.