Old Letters.

(By a Regular Contributor.)

During the past few weeks I have een devoting my column to matters that are connected somewhat closely with Irish history. I am now oblig ed to come back to Canada and to reproduce the next letter that come under my hand in this bundle. I do not claim that there is as much history connected with the next few documents as has been associated with those of the past issues; but there is a local coloring that may make them more familiar to the Canadian

It was a very damp, cold evening, in November, 1879; I was residing, as a boy, upon my father's farm. weather had been miserable for some two weeks, and the roads were almost beyond description; in fact, 1 have rarely seen the streets of Montreal in such an abominable condition. The heavy rains that had followed a brief period of early frost created a mud of the glue-quality that was at least six inches deep, on high ground, and as deep as the indentations wheresoever such were to be found in the road-and they were out of number. The night was still young, but it was terribly dark. We had no electric lights in those days, nor were there lights of any kind along that country road. The occasional ribbon of brightness that the lamp or candle, in the window of a way-side cottage, flung across the highway only served to make the surrounding blackness still more black, and to dazzle the eyes of a horse sufficiently to blind him entirely once the bright spot was passed. On that night, or evening- it was just seven o'clock, and we had com pleted our supper-a hurried knock was heard at the front door. We had no electric bells; it was an old-fashioned brass knocker, in the form of a lion's head that hung upon the door, and the sounds of which rever-

berated from cellar to garret. My father went to the door; there stood a boy, all covered with mud and soaked with rain. He had evidently been rolling on the road or in a ditch by the side of it. He handed my father a slip of paper, torn from a diary-book of that year, and containing a message of some kind. That slip is here before me; and as I look at, and perceive that in a very short while it will be a complete blank, I find that it brings back vividly the scenes of that evening. There was no date upon it; it was address to no one in particular-unless the owner of the house was the particular individual for whom it was intended. It runs thus:-

"Can you lend us a buggy, ours is smashed: do so and save the country as well as its unfortunate Premier.

JOHN A. MACDONALD."

How clearly I can now recall each incident, each detail of what followed. Lanterns were soon procured; the stableman and the farm hands, (two in number at that seaconstituted ourselves into a "torch-light procession," and wen forth to the rescue of the country and its Prime Minister. It so happened that my father had been an old and intimate friend of Sir John. The moment the latter perceived with whom he had to deal, he sang out, from the seat of the broken ve hicle, "I never expected to find you -heading a reception of this They all seemed to enjoy the situation, or to make the best of it. The Premier was conducted in trimen were procuring a substitute for it:his badly disabled conveyance, went through the mock formality of a triumphal return; speeches were made, an address (ex-tempore) pre sented, accepted and replied to; freshments followed, and the night was two hours older before the Premier was ready, or willing to de-

He had gone in the early after-



gave a suoden bolt which jerked the driver from his seat, and the next thing that happened the striking of the front wheel of the carriage against an up-turned tumbril cart that had foolishly been left on the road-side. The driver, and a boy who accompanied, performed some acrobatic feats in the mud, the darkness preventing the Premier from being able to enjoy, or appreciate the

It was then, when it became evithat, with the aid of a flickering light produced by matches, the Pre mier wrote the above-mentioned note and sent the boy to the house with

This is the whole story; not a very important, nor, may be, interesting one; but such as it is I give it.

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ONLY ONE WAY.

The Care of Ars had an interview one day with a rich Protestant. The servant of God did not know that he had the misfortune to belong to a sect, and spoke to him, as ne was accustomed to do, of our Lord and the saints with the warmest effusion ted in tri-while the hand. The other said, on receiving

"M. le Cure, you are giving a medal to a heretic-at least I am a heretic only from your point of view. Notwithstanding the difference cour belief, I hope we shall both be one day in heaven.

The good Cure took his hand, and fixing on him his eyes, which expressed his lively faith and his burning charity, he said, in a tone of

shall have eternal life ' "

"Ah! my friend, our Lord said other things. He said that whoever would not listen to the Church should be regarded as a heathen. He said there was to be but one flock and one shepherd, and He appointed St. Peter to be the head of that flock." Then, speaking in a more gentle and insinuating voice, friend, there are not two ways o serving our Lord-there is only one way; and it is to serve Him, as He wishes to be served."

Thereupon the good Cure disappeared, leaving that man penetrated with a salutary uneasiness, the forerunner of divine grace, by which he was afterwards happily overcome

Cowardly Catholics

(From Catholic Union and Times.)

Christ will deny before His Father men. There are many ways of denying Christ, short of the formal re jection of His Name and Law. lieve what you will; we ask nothing of you but one little grain of incense on the fire that burns upon the altar of the gods," said the old Roman judges to the children of the early Church. But our ancestors in the faith were lion-hearted, and scorned to save land or life even at the seemingly small sacrifice pro-

Alas, with far less urgent temptation, how many Christians of to-day burn incense to the idols of human respect, of worldly or heretical prejudice! They implicitly repugiate the faith by their cowardly concealment of it, or their misrepresentation of its precepts. They enshroud it in mystery, as if it were some shameful thing, and not their only abiding glory. They are flattered, poor fools! when some acquaintances say "I should never have taken you for a Catholic." They would not absolutely deny the faith, but they treat it as a useful and fashionable friend Note their persistent evasion of religious topics, and their apologetic tone when matters of Catholic belief and practice are so brought before them in presence of non-Catholics that they cannot be evaded. They would smoothe, extenuate, explain a way! as if there is anything in our creed or our obligations requiring apology; as if the Church's ruling

from its earliest day, will not bear the fullest light that can be turned upon it! These are the people who blush for the sign of the cross, and for whom Christ will blush in the Last Day when that dread sign shall flash triumphant from the heavens. These are the people who court alliances with non-Catholics, jeopardizing their eternal interests for a certain social eminence; by and by openly disregarding them,-for the claims of family and "society" must be considered! while they assure disedified friends or a clamorous conscience that "they

practice their religion in private." But perhaps we are severe. Some of these mysterious Catholics may be the victims of an exaggerated prudence. They may not realize that "the discipline of the secret" is for ages obsolete. Pagans there are ir plenty, but not of the sort that had to be guarded against in the days of the infant Church.

Here, especially, there is naught to be gained by mystery. What Cardinal Manning says of his compatriots, in this connection, applies with still greater reason to the Americans. He says: "There is an honesty like openness and they hate co noon to the town beyond our place to visit an old friend who was said to be dying, but (who actually survived the premier by four years. On the return trip the horses became rentive when passing our gate—probably they using the fill that the road was unsafe. At all events they who said the who believeth in Me is in him; but it despises the poltroon who is ashamed of that which he fears to openly abandon.

We would have no one obtrude his

faith on others, nor be ostentatious of his practices of devotion. But all who bear the name of Catholic should love their faith so truly and know it so well as to be always prepared to explain it, defend it. live for it, which last is in these days a far more practical proof of loyalty than the most heroic expressions of willingness to die for it.

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