

Old Letters.

(By a Regular Contributor.)

During the past few weeks I have been devoting my column to matters that are connected somewhat closely with Irish history.

It was a very damp, cold evening, in November, 1879; I was residing, as a boy, upon my father's farm.

"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 farmhands, (two in number at that season), my father, and myself in the rear constituted ourselves into a "torch-light procession," and went forth to the rescue of the country and its Prime Minister.

He had gone in the early afternoon 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.

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gave a sudden bolt which almost jerked the driver from his seat, and the next thing that happened was the striking of the front wheel of the carriage against an up-turned tumbrel cart that had foolishly been left on the road-side.

It was then, when it became evident that there was actually a wreck that, with the aid of a flickering light produced by matches, the Premier wrote the above-mentioned note and sent the boy to the house with it.

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

THE POOR DYSPEPTIC

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ONLY ONE WAY.

The Cure 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 he was accustomed to do, of our Lord and the saints with the warmest affection.

"M. le Cure, you are giving a medical to a heretic—at least I am a heretic only from your point of view. Notwithstanding the difference of our 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 deep compassion and tenderness: "Alas, my friend, we shall be united above only inasmuch as we have begun to be so upon earth; death will make no change. Where the tree falls, there it lies."

"M. le Cure, I trust in Christ, who said, 'He who believeth in Me'

shall have eternal life." "Ah! my friend, our Lord also 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, "My friend, there are not two ways of serving our Lord—there is only one way; and it is to serve Him, as He wishes to be served."

Cowardly Catholics.

(From Catholic Union and Times.)

Christ will deny before His Father those who have denied Him before men. There are many ways of denying Christ, short of the formal rejection of His Name and Law.

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 repudiate the faith by their cowardly concealment of it, or their misrepresentation of its precepts.

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.

But perhaps we are severe. Some of these mysterious Catholics may be the victims of an exaggerated prudency. They may not realize that "the discipline of the secret" is for ages obsolete.

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 in the people of this country. They like openness and they hate concealment of conviction. They trust those who will speak in the light of the noon-day."

troon 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.

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Vs. The said Louis Blanchet, Defendant.

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This is decided. Imagine the writer graph daring to refer of the late great a