

ST. LAURENT COLLEGE.

The Students of the Dramatic Section Held a Very Successful Entertainment—Very Rev. Father Dion Honored by the Presentation of an Address

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ST. LAURENT, April 24.—On the evening of the 22nd, the new Academic Hall of St. Laurent College was formally opened to the general public, the play selected for the occasion by the St. John Baptist Association being "The Greed for Gold," a drama in three acts, the principal characters of which were, by common consent, allotted to Messrs. Alex. Pinet, Eleazar Roy, J. S. Archambault and Mr. H. R. Duhamel.

It would certainly be putting it very mild to say that the entire cast was the strongest that could be found; how well each one filled his individual part is already a matter which will become history for those students who may in future years essay the same roles. Long before the curtain rose it became evident that the hall, spacious as it is, would be unable to furnish even standing room, so great was the number awaiting admittance, many of those who had early secured tickets were in some instances forced to turn back, so great was the crowd. A general invitation had been extended to the Rev. Clergy of the Island and City of Montreal, and not a few of them graced the scene by their presence, while the relatives of the students were well represented as well as a number of valued friends and benefactors of the Institution. The feast of St. George, patron of the Very Rev. Father Dion, Provincial, C.S.C., coincided with the play of the evening was dedicated to him. Addresses of felicitation both in French and English were read and presented by Mr. Wilfred Gariépy and Mr. John P. McQuillan, respectively. The Very Rev. Father replied most feelingly to the French address, and commissioned the Very Rev. President McGarry, C.S.C., to respond to the English address, which he did in his usual pleasing style.

The orchestra, under the direction of Prof. Cloeset, rendered excellent music, the violin solos and accompaniments were especially noticeable, while the songs of the entire organization were never more clearly demonstrated. The stage decorations were admirably arranged and the settings of the different scenes were gorgeous in the extreme. One of the most pleasing entr'actes, "The Dance of the Sprites," under the competent direction of Mr. Eugène Bastien, was enthusiastically received, as was the Highland Fling, interpreted by Mr. Bastien himself. The following is the programme:—

- Handicap March.....Orchestra
Nady, Valse, Moose Tobani.....
The Greed for Gold—A Drama in 3 Acts CAST OF CHARACTERS.
Don Miguel D'Alvarez, Duke of Compostrol.
Mr. Alex. Pinet.
Don Jose Maria D'Alvarez, his Brother.
Mr. Eleazar Roy.
Marquis Del Brigos.....Mr. Rodol. Fortier
Comte San Bastiano.....Edward Laurin
Don Henriquez Albucaente.....W. Gariépy
Prince D'Estrella-Mayor.....D. Sancierter
Manasses, a Bohemian Jew.....
J. S. Archambault
Bartolomeo, Major Domo.....
H. R. Duhamel
Pages, Sprites, etc., students of the Preparatory and Minim Departments.
Entr'acte:—"La Patrouille," imitative music, Orchestra.
Tableau:—"Columbus taking possession of the New World."
Entr'acte:—"The Bells of Corneville," Orchestra.
Finale:—"Vive la Canadienne."

Among the clergy present were noticed the following: V. Rev. Canon Riche, of Lachine; Rev. Fathers Codot and Fox, S.J.; Rev. Couta, St. Vincent de Paul; Rev. M. Aubin, St. Rose; the V. Rev. Superior Cousineau, St. Theres; Rev. M. Vallancourt, Rev. M. Courzol, Rev. M. Bourget and Mallette, Ile Bisard; Rev. M. Desjardins; Rev. M. Piet, C.S.V.; Rev. M. Toumazou, O.M.I.; Rev. M. Decary, Pastor St. Henry, and Rev. M. C. Decary; Rev. E. J. Donnelly, St. Anthony's; Rev. F. O'Donnell, St. Mary's; Rev. Philip Brady, Montreal; Rev. Joseph Casey, Montreal; Rev. T. Francis Heffernan, St. Gabriel's; Rev. Fathers Reaz, Guy, Geoffrien, and Blais, C.S.C.; Guertin, St. Cesaire; Rev. M. Chastillon, chaplain of Holy Cross Convent, St. Laurent; Rev. M. Brien, Rev. M. Lafond, C.S.C., Cote des Neiges; Revs. Larochelle and Groulx, C.S.C., St. Laurent; Bro. Alexis, C.S.C., St. Aimé; Bro. Antoine, Hochelaga; Henry, O.S.C., of St. Cesaire; Bro. Anthony, C.S.C., Cote St. Paul; Mr. Royal, ex Governor of Manitoba; Mayor Deguire, of the parish of St. Laurent; Mayor Gohier, of the town of St. Laurent.

OPEN THE PRISON DOORS.

AN APPEAL FOR AMNESTY TO IRISH POLITICAL PRISONERS, BY A CUMBERLAND CLERGYMAN.

The Rev. H. M. Kennedy, Vicar of Elumpton, Cumberland, has addressed the following letter to the editor of the Liverpool Courier:

Men, money and food are the threefold cord that cannot be quickly broken. The more of the first, if healthy and contented, the better for our empire's strength. But we are not all either healthy or contented, and home-grown produce and producers are not, in quantity, near what they should and could be. We have too many paupers and prisoners, and we make bad worse in respect to both. Our paupers, costing millions a year, spread disease, and have no hope in prospect. We have, without counting Dublin and London jails, over 12,000 persons every year in prisons housed, de-generated and tormented at the cost of £100 a year per person. Even our lunatics could be made producers much more than they are, and in a manner beneficial to themselves. These total up an army of over a million wasted and wasting, and costing this country about £12,000,000 a year.

It is of the prisoners, and especially political prisoners, that I now write. In

all cases reclamation should be the object in view, and speedier release offered to those who made good progress in learning, by afforded opportunities, to become useful citizens. None but wise, experienced and humane officials should ever be employed for prison rule. The present system brutalises both the prisoner and his guard. Were John Daly's story translated into the languages of the world, and newspapered at home and abroad, England would next day stand disgraced even in the streets of Constantinople. Englishmen do not know. They must be made to know.

I write to you, sir, because it was in your city that Daly, though innocent, was arrested, and because, though a Radical, I have more faith in Sir M. White-Ridley's courage to brave British prejudice than I have either in our Asquith or the Liberal press.

Open, this summer, the prison door to every Irish political prisoner. You might open for many others also, when turning the key, but I am Irish and for these Irish I now plead. We are twenty millions of people, scattered all over the world, but chiefly multiplying in America. England wishes to be friends with America. England more than wishes; she now does, and shall soon more sorely need, the right good-will of that land of plenty. Well, Irishmen have memories, and Irishmen have eyes. Many millions of Irish eyes are this year watching your English Queen. Be wise in time, you who now sway England's destiny. Treat Pat fairly, treat him kindly, and you will find him useful, and with a heart the other side of his ready arm. But treat him as of old, and continue to be rough with him, and then—what then? Eh! My answer is that for one thing England must more and more eat humble pie at international tables of discord.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

The Late Rev. C. E. Durocher, C.S.V.

At a special meeting of St. Patrick's Literary and Debating Academy of Bourget College, Rigaud, the following resolutions of condolence were drawn up and adopted:—

Whereas, "In the midst of life we are in death," the same having been exemplified in the demise of our late and very beloved Director, Rev. C. E. Durocher, C.S.V., who passed from this life on the 18th inst., we feel, as in the bonds of Christian brotherhood we share in the joys and hopes of one another, so likewise should we participate in sorrow and affection: and

Whereas, we recognize that by the death of our late Director, one revered and esteemed by all who knew him, we participate with his bereaved family in an irretrievable loss, we, the members of St. Patrick's Academy, conjointly with those of the Graduating Class of the Commercial Course, whose professor our deceased Director had been till failing health compelled him to resign his position as such, see that the Almighty, in His eternal wisdom, has seen fit to call him to Himself, to enjoy a well merited reward; and

Whereas, his sorrow-stricken relatives bemoan his loss, let it, hereby, be Resolved, that we respectfully tender them our heartfelt sympathy in this their great bereavement.

Resolved, likewise, that we extend our sincere expressions of regret to the Clerics of St. Viator, of whom our beloved Director had been a zealous member during a score of years; 'twas his zeal and industry that characterized his whole career;—no resolutions, clamorous piety, but an unassuming ever-constant fervor marked his entire life, making it a living lesson, a beautiful example of love, patience and devotion.

Resolved, that we offer in an especial manner our deepest feelings of commiseration to the members of congregation herein mentioned, here at Bourget College, where the departed one claimed a most profound love and respect, they ever looking upon him as a most faithful and earnest son of St. Viator.

Resolved, that we, in testimony of our veneration towards the deceased, offer Him who doeth all things well our prayers, Communion and good works, for the repose of the soul of His faithful servant.

Resolved, finally, that copies of the foregoing be transmitted to the relations of our late Director, to the Superior-General at Outremont, to the TRUE WITNESS and Cornwall Standard, one copy to be pre-ented to our Very Rev. Director, and another be spread upon the minutes of St. Patrick's Academy.

Signed on behalf of said Academy, C. J. MACKAY, A. F. DUROCHER, J. D. LEHRY, F. J. DEGRUE.

Signed on behalf of the Seniors of the Commercial Course, T. FARRELL, M. DICAIRE, C. THIVIERGE, A. COUSINEAU.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

At a regular meeting of Division No. 1, A. O. H., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, on the motion of Bro. Thos. Morris, seconded by Bro. L. P. O'Brien:—

Whereas,—it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our esteemed brother Thomas Davis, a true and zealous member of our Order, be it, therefore, Resolved,—that we, the officers and members of Division, No. 1, A. O. H., in regular meeting assembled, while bowing with humility to the will of Almighty God, hereby tender to the bereaved widow and family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of affliction; be it further

Resolved,—that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to his bereaved widow, his brothers, Messrs. John, Edward and Wm. Davis, and to the TRUE WITNESS for publication, and that same be spread on the minutes of this Division, and that our charter be draped in mourning as a tribute of respect to his memory for the usual period.

(Signed) THOS. MORRIS, L. P. O'BRIEN, Committee.

MRS. SADLER TESTIMONIAL.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

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Mr. Howard's Spirited Letter.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, 26th April, 1897.

M. BURKE ESQ.—My DEAR SIR,—I am immediately after receiving your valuable paper, THE TRUE WITNESS, in which you speak of a testimonial to that noble lady, Mrs. Sadler, who has ever been so self-sacrificing to the poor but genuine Irish Catholics. May God bless her and all such good and devoted Catholics.

But, dear sir, actions speak louder than words from a poor man like me, and would you, therefore, kindly accept my small contribution towards that testimonial, the little sum of four dollars. Kindly permit me to remark that I am very much astonished that the contributors are not more numerous, that the Montreal people (I mean the laity; I don't mean the Clergy, who have already contributed generously) are not, in this instance as generous as they ought to be, leaving the Clergy almost the sole contributors.

When the beautiful Ville Marie was consumed by fire the Montreal people did likewise, they slept soundly, without contributing even one cent to that noblest of Nuns, the Congregation de Notre Dame, notwithstanding the great losses sustained by them and the inconveniences they thereby suffered and still suffer, not without the knowledge of the citizens, surely, ungrateful, or unpardonably thoughtless. If not, let them now come forward like men and prove to the contrary, however late it may be, to redeem themselves.

I know many wealthy Catholic people of Montreal, many of whom, to their shame be it said, do not subscribe to even one Catholic paper. It is no wonder it is said that it is easier for a camel to crawl through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to go to heaven.

Kindly extend my compliments to that great Irish Catholic writer of Montreal, Dr. J. K. Foran, the coming man of the day.

Faithfully yours, JOHN P. HOWARD.

ST. ANN'S CHOIR

WANTED THE HOTEL DIEN AND ENTERTAIN THE PATIENTS TO A SPLENDID PROGRAMME.

For sometime past Sister McGurty, of the Hotel Dien, has been in hopes of securing the services of St. Ann's Choir, for the purpose of singing Vespers at the chapel of the institution. Her efforts were crowned with success on Sunday last, when Rev. Father Strubbe, the leader in every movement in the parish of St. Ann's where the young men are specially concerned, accompanied by Prot P. J. Shea, director and organist, and more than 100 choristers, representing not alone the splendid choral organization of St. Ann's, but also other Irish choirs of the city, rendered an excellent programme of solos and choruses. The sacred edifice was filled with the patients of the institution and the service was most imposing. The soloists were Messrs. W. Murphy, R. J. Hiller, J. McGuire and E. Finn, and they fully sustained the parts allotted to

them. Rev. Father Strubbe wielded the baton and Prof. P. J. Shea presided at the organ.

At the conclusion of the service in the chapel a concert was given in the large hall for the special benefit of the patients of the hospital, all of whom were enthusiastic in their expressions of gratitude to Rev. Father Strubbe and Prof. Shea for the splendid entertainment.

The choristers were afterwards invited by Sister McGurty to partake of refreshments, after which Rev. Father Strubbe treated the boys to a special car drive.

FATHER KAVANAGH, S. J.

Delivers an Illustrated Lecture at St. Mary's Church—Ireland and Its Historic Monuments the Subject.

The people of St. Mary's Parish and many of their friends spent last Tuesday evening in Ireland, under the guidance of Father Kavanagh, S.J., of Loyola College. This was the way of it: We assembled in the large hall under the church, and there an ocean liner appeared before us by the magic of a lime-light lantern. We embarked at once and sailed away down the St. Lawrence of course, out by the Straits Belleisle across the sea, and after a passage varied by storm and shine, reached Liverpool in safety, went down to Holyhead and crossed to Ireland. We saw Kingstown and "the Pier" and the Pillar, raised, as some dioloyal patriot once remarked, on the spot where the last King who visited Ireland left its shores. Six or seven miles brought us to Dublin, and soon we stood at the foot of the statue of O'Connell the Liberator. Next we halted in front of the present Bank of Ireland, soon to be once more, please God, the Irish House of Commons on College Green. We saw the Rotunda, the Four Courts, St. Patrick's Cathedral and most of the sights of Dublin. Father Kavanagh brought us to Glasnevin and reverently pointed out the grave of the great O'Connell. Leaving Dublin the party hurried north to Derry and Belfast, and then over to that marvellous natural structure, the Giant's Causeway. Then our way led through the country of the great O'Neills, down to Limerick and the Shannon. Many a spot about here of historic interest or of surpassing natural beauty was visited. Then, with no luggage to fret about nor anything else to bother us, we were supposed to take the train at Limerick Junction en route for Killarney. It was raining in the Gap of Dunloe, but then we were told that it is in rainy weather that this wild mountain pass is seen at its best. However, by the time the upper lake was reached the sun shone out, and as we went through the three lakes the local scenery was photographed most successfully. The cautious boatmen were made to tell the awful dangers of these beautiful little lakes and some of their fairy legends, and when the pilgrims reached Innisfallen and we came to the narrow bit of rushing water spanned by Brakeen Bridge, Father Kavanagh answered the question which so substantial a bridge in such a deserted place suggested: "What was the use of such a bridge connecting the lonely shore with an uninhabited island? Well, it had not been always so with the shore and the island. But unhappy times had come since the monks spanned the waters, and the people, who should have lived in these beautiful places to cross and recross the old Brakeen Bridge, had been driven across the bridgeless seas.

Before leaving Killarney, Father Kavanagh took us to Mucross Abbey, and, I think it was here he pointed out a spot within its walls recently railed off as the burial-place of some one of the Catholic county families, for, as he said, all the ground here is holy ground, the resting-place of the ashes of the saints, and it needs no new consecration. Then hurrying along the south-western coast for 42 miles over a road that made you wish for a bicycle, we passed Kenmare and Glenarriff and reached Bantry, with its memories of the wrecked Armada and the failure of the French invasion under Wolfe Tone. From Bandon the train was taken for Cork. Then we were shown the magnificent harbour of Queenstown, offering anchorage large enough for all the fleets of the world. Then in Cork we visited, among many other places, the handsome Protestant Cathedral, which, singularly enough, still bears the name of Saint Fin-Bar, the disciple of St. Patrick. The pathetic story of the Bells of Shandon was told, and we saw the little old tower from which they still ring out the melody "that sounds so grand on the pleasant waters of the River Lee." We only saw "the Blarney Stone," our privileges were merely ocular, not actual, but we were told something about it and how the old master of the Castle "blarneyed" Queen Elizabeth long ago, and with his sweet tongue staved off the threatened garrison and kept his castle. I think it was at this stage we saw a bit of the beautiful Blackwater, and not long after the ruins of the once magnificent Abbey of Holy Cross. We lingered awhile at Cashel and again in the Valley of the Seven Churches and the Vale of Avoca. Then we found ourselves again in Dublin, and bade good-by to Ireland, as the packet sailed out of Dublin Bay.

A very interesting programme of vocal and instrumental music was performed during the evening by the pupils of the Academy.

We had travelled all round Ireland and seen and learned much of the Old Country in two hours by the magic of Father Kavanagh's "Wonderful Lamp." All of a sudden Father O'Donnell turned on the gas, and behold we were back in the big hall under the Church of St. Mary.

Father O'Donnell thanked Rev. Father Kavanagh and the travellers went home well pleased.

Modern Greek, as now taught in the schools of Athens, is so much like the old language of 2,000 years ago that anyone who can understand the Alexandrine Greek of the Gospels can read the new Greek Gospels as they are read in the churches, and can understand a great deal of modern Greek newspapers.

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IRISH NEWS.

THE LEINSTER ESTATE TENANTS

held a meeting in the Town Hall, Athy, on Tuesday, says the Leinster Leader, for the purpose of considering their position. Their judicial agreements will expire in a short time, and this fact has compelled them to choose between seeking reductions of rent in court or outside it. The Chairman, Mr. Thomas Plewman, T.C., expressed the opinion that a "reduction of 50 per cent below what was being paid before the judicial leases were taken out would be reasonable," and he based this opinion on the fact that "the prices of produce—barley, potatoes, turnips, &c., were 50 to 100 per cent lower than when judicial leases were taken out." Though the land about Athy was poor and light, he pointed out, yet the occupiers paid higher rent than was paid for better land in other places; and if prices continued as at present, or fell lower, he believed the landlords would have a good deal of land on their own hands. Mr. Plewman has not by any means over-stated the depressing circumstances of land tenure in its neighbourhood. The outlook is indeed gloomy. In deciding upon submitting their cases to the judgment of the Land Court the tenants acted wisely. By thus exercising their rights they may save themselves possible regrets and reproaches in the future.

NEGLECT IN BALLINA WORKHOUSE.

Ballina Workhouse furnished last week another addition to the long head roll of victims to the Pauper "Nursing" Regime. We take the following extract from a report of the proceedings of Ballina Guardians, published in the Western People:—

The Clerk then read the following communication:—

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN—Permit me to bring under your notice a matter of public notoriety—I refer to a paying patient admitted to the hospital on the 31st March, who died on the 2nd inst. Mr. M. Manus, deceased, the patient in question, who was held in the very highest esteem by all who knew him, entered your infirmary and received treatment not fit for a dog. If the facts which I disclose as under are correct then I will respectfully ask for a sworn inquiry. The whole matter is serious for the officials of your house, and above all for the ratepayers.

(1)—Mr. M. Manus entered the hospital on the 31st ult., and was found dead about 9 o'clock a.m. on the 2nd inst.; in his dying hour he was heard to call for the priest, his wife and children, as can be proved by the patient in the same or next ward, but no one was there to attend to his request. (2)—Mr. M. Manus's wife was refused admittance to see him the day previous to his death. (3)—Win the night nurse was asked to disclose some facts as to his (Mr. M. Manus's death) she could not give an answer as to the hour or how he died. (4)—Mr. M. Manus was administered a draught by one of the officials from the effects of which he never awoke. I respectfully submit this is a matter of urgent investigation, and in justice to the deceased, who was chief telegraphist in the Ballina post office, not to speak of the public, I will ask you to grant my request. I am, etc.

LAWRENCE GALLAGHER.

Mr. Quigley—Who is night nurse? Clerk—There is no night nurse at present. The other nurse was not on duty at the time.

Mr. Quigley—And who is to look after the patients?

To Mr. Quigley's query no reply seems to have been vouchsafed, but it transpired in the course of the discussion that followed that there was a "man"—an inmate—"in charge." It was also stated that the deceased had not been removed from his bed since he entered the hospital, though suffering from diarrhoea, and that the bed was in a shocking state.

At yet Ballina Workhouse is represented as being a "good type" of workhouse.

THE IRISH BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

MR. GERALD BAUFOR INTRODUCES THE BILL IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

In the House of Commons Mr. Gerald Baufour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, introduced his Bill to establish a Department and a Board for the purpose of promoting Agriculture and other industries in Ireland. He explained that the Government had embodied in the Bill the ideas that underlay the recommendations of the Reces Committee.

The department would consist of the Chief Secretary as President, a vice-president, who would be entitled to sit and vote in Parliament, and a Commissioner of Agriculture, besides nine other members appointed by the Lord Lieutenant. It was not intended that the department should be confined to agriculture, but it would also collect statistics relating to industries, and it was intended to supplement this Bill by a measure for providing industrial technical education in Ireland, for which purpose the Chancellor of the Exchequer was prepared to provide a liberal sum to be administered by the new department. The board would be independent of the Treasury and of the Irish Government, and would have a free hand in dealing with the funds at its disposal, and its duties would cover the whole subject of agriculture, fisheries, and cottage industries, as well as the improvement of land by drainage. The board would be empowered to draw up regulations for a Consultative Council, consisting partly of members representing agricultural organizations. There would be placed at the disposal of the Board a sum of about £150,000 a year, being the amount paid to local taxation account in respect of estates duty. The right hon. gentleman explained further provisions of the Bill, among which were empowering of Grand Juries and Boards of Guardians to levy special rates for carrying on schemes.

Mr. J. E. Redmond, in the course of his criticism of the Bill, complained that the board would not be elective, as unanimously recommended by the Reces Committee. He also said:—"One broad fact that stands out is that we are not receiving one single 'farthing' for

COUNTY OF HOCHELAGA.

Mr. H. Laporte

—MAN OPENED—

COMMITTEE ROOMS

In the Old Church, corner of Laprairie and Centre Streets. Another committee will be opened shortly on the other side of the Crossing. Mr. H. Laporte's canvass is progressing most favorably. All friends are requested to report at the Committee.

Philip Sheridan, B.C.L.

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this Bill [hear, hear]. We have made a claim that we are overtaxed, and I think we have made that claim good already [cheers]. This Bill, however, is not giving back one farthing to Ireland, but allocating for use in Ireland our own money which belongs to us already. And on this question of money we cannot forget that while we are receiving apparently about £150,000 a year under the statute of last year, if we were treated on the same principle as England we would be in receipt of seven or eight hundred thousand a year. We are, therefore, not receiving a farthing for the purposes of this Bill. For my part I would be glad to see the money under the Act of last year devoted to useful purposes outside the relief of the rates. All I will point out is that we are receiving nothing whatever from the Imperial Treasury under this Bill. My one desire will be to consider and discuss this Bill from the point of view of pressing such amendments as will make it workable, and I sincerely trust that when it comes to pass through this House, as I suppose it will, it will be in such a shape that it will confer a real benefit on the people [cheers].

Mr. Carson protested against the finance of the Bill. The Government must treat Ireland either as a part of one country or as a separate part or a separate country. This sum of £150,000, somewhat cynically called an equivalent grant, was entirely inadequate compared with that given by the Act of last year for the relief of agriculture in England. The object of that Act was to relieve local rates to the extent of 10s in the pound. Why should Ireland not get relief to the extent of 10s in the pound? He protested against this differentiation between the two countries.

Mr. Healy ridiculed Lord Cadogan's selection of the "Twelve Apostles of Agriculture." Mr. Dillon, Mr. Dane and Mr. Knox objected to the finance of the Bill. Mr. Horace Plunkett warmly supported the Bill, which was brought in and read a first time.

Mrs. Pansack—I can't see why a great big fellow like you should beg. Hungry Hank—Well, mum, I s'pose me size helps to gimme an appetite.

"The man who brought this in," remarked the editor's assistant, as he unrolled half a yard of manuscript, "told me confidentially that he needed the money for it."

"Yes," was the melancholy answer; "it's a strange fact that the longest poems seem almost invariably to be written by the shortest poets."—Washington Star.

Faneuil Hall, one of Boston's historical structures, and the scene of some of John Boyle O'Reilly's stirring speeches, is to be completely renovated and made as nearly fireproof as possible. The interior will be entirely reconstructed and iron floors will replace the old one.

Mistress—How is it, Mary, that whenever I come into the kitchen I find you gossiping with the baker or butcher? Maid—Well, ma'am, if you really ask for the truth, I should say it was them nasty gait-soled shoes you come creeping about in.

DIED.

DUNLOP—At Montreal, April 22, 1897, Bernard Dunlop, native of Carra more Urris, County Mayo, Ireland. [Boston, New York and American papers please copy.]