

FOR THE POST AND TRUE WITNESS.]
THE PRISONER AND THE BLACKBIRD.

[David, since he has taken charge of the garden at Kilmaham, has established friendly relations with the blackbird which nestles in one of the trees. The bird calls David daily, and comes at his call, perching fearlessly on his shoulder or finger while pouring forth a flood of song. This companionship is the only solace of his imprisonment, as visits are only allowed every three months. These facts were related by the Governor to Mrs. Sullivan, and have created a considerable sensation at Portland, where David was regarded as a terrible conspirator, and the incarceration of all that was evil and dangerous.]

The nightingale's soft melody
Swell through the summer's night,
And the joyous hymn of the lark begins
With the morning's rosy light.

From castle keep, from turret steep,
Round the peasant's cabin door,
One endless roundelay of song
These feathered minstrels pour.

Not mine the task to name them,
The birds of yore green isle,
Where nature's glorious garbure
Would make the desert smile.

But one, the royal blackbird,
The subject of this tale,
Who comes with song to cheer the gloom
Round dark Kilmaham Jail.

He seeks no royal permit
To visit David's cell,
Whose only crime 'gainst England's Queen
Is loving Ireland well.

No prison laws prevent him,
No warden's flogging keys;
Fearless he flies to David's cell,
From his nest amidst the trees.

Circling around the prisoner's head,
Or perched on outstretched hand,
Brings to the mind of the captive
That's told in the dear old land.

Of how a royal blackbird
Once sang in a prisoner's cell,
Whose only crime, like David's, lay
In loving Ireland well.

For that same crime brave men have died,
And felt no coward's fear,
Leaving, for Britain's righteous cause,
All that a man has dear.

'Twas Scotland's crime in the olden time,
When the brave Wallace bled,
And the white cross of the Heather land
'Gainst English Edward led.

And David strong in patient faith,
In prison waits the day of his release,
When from the land of his holiest love,
The chains shall fall away.

AGNES BURT.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOL OF ST. ANNE'S.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

Last Wednesday was the third and concluding day of the annual examination of the pupils attending the Christian Brothers' school of St. Anne's. There was a large attendance of the parents, relatives and friends of the scholars, and as it was known that the prizes were to be distributed, more than usual interest was attached to the proceedings. The programme contained exercises in the different branches of study in common schools, such as arithmetic, history, geography, geometry, and algebra, and also in declamation and vocal music. In all of these things the boys showed remarkable proficiency, but more especially in mental arithmetic, when brains were necessary as well as training. Those present were frequently compelled to give expression to their surprise and admiration by loud applause. The most complicated problems were solved readily and in every instance correctly, and the boys when called upon explained in simple terms the method by which the solutions had been arrived at. The lads who led the singing possessed fine, clear and strong voices, while the several quartettes and choruses were distinguished by harmony and correct time. The following is the

PRIZE LIST.

FIRST CLASS.
F. Lynch, 1st algebra, mensuration, geometry, book-keeping, 3rd geography, 2nd home exercise.
Edward Finn, 3rd grammar, 2nd orthography, 3rd mensuration, 3rd geography, 2nd mental arithmetic, 2nd home exercise, 1st memory lessons.
John Fox, 3rd grammar and orthography, 2nd mensuration, 3rd geography, 3rd geometry, 3rd home exercise and attendance.
Michael Quinn, 1st reading, declamation, orthography, 2nd algebra and 3rd history, mensuration and geometry.
William McKenna, 3rd history, 1st algebra (2nd div.) and 2nd geometry, 1st general advancement.
James Wickham, 3rd algebra, 1st mensuration and mental arithmetic; Thomas Phelan 124 notes, John Penfold 123, John O'Farrell 136, Thomas Nugent 109, Edward Peguen 103, Denis P. Flannery 107, William Crowe, 105, William Tooney 98, William Cullinan 91, William Mullin 87, Patrick O'Shea 86, Michael Berrigan 80, William Melochie, 76, Frank Barrett 72.
To Francis Lynch was awarded the highest honor—a gold medal, presented by Mr. Joseph Clarke, for general excellence.
To Edward Finn, a silver medal, presented by Mrs. Kennedy, Ottawa street, for religious instruction.
To John Fox, a silver medal, presented by Mr. Hogan, No. 3 Fire station, for commercial correspondence.
Michael Quinn, a silver medal, presented by Brother Arnold, for English.
William McKenna, a magnificent silver watch, presented by Dr. Guerin, for mathematical studies.

SECOND CLASS.
Maxime Fournier, a silver medal, presented by Rev. Bro. Novatian Louis for general excellence.
Maxime Fournier, 1st algebra, mensuration, arithmetic, 2nd M. arithmetic, and 3rd grammar; Thomas Kain, 2nd religious instruction, 3rd mensuration, 3rd W. and M. arithmetic, history and memory lessons; Arthur Gingras, 2nd M. arithmetic, grammar, penmanship and home exercise, 3rd algebra; Thomas Greene, 1st home exercise and attendance; Frank Doolan, 1st reading, 2nd geography, 3rd mensuration and orthography; William Kearney, 2nd algebra, 3rd home exercise; Thomas McNally, 3rd reading and M. arithmetic; Thomas Britt, reading and orthography; James Kennedy, geography and cleanliness; William Berrigan 1st history and arithmetic, (2nd div.); John Greene, 2nd arithmetic, (2nd div.); Sarsfield Craven, 3rd arithmetic, (2nd div.); Michael Doherty, 1st history; Thomas Foley, 2nd reading; Daniel McCallum, 3rd mensuration; William Gavin, 1st religious instruction; Michael Flynn, 3rd arithmetic; John O'Donnell, 1st writing; Martin Kieley, 1st mental arithmetic.

THIRD CLASS.
Michael Murphy, 1st good conduct, history of Canada, religious instruction, grammar, geography, parsing, memory lessons, spelling, written arithmetic, attendance, home exercise; George Grace, 1st spelling, history of Canada, religious instruction, grammar, dictation, 2nd geography, memory lessons, good conduct, English reading, 3rd home exercise,

writing; Charles Dillon, 1st written and mental arithmetic, parsing, English reading, memory lessons, 2nd geography, grammar; John Coogrove, 1st, written arithmetic; 2nd, religious instruction; 3rd, history of Canada, geography, grammar, memory lessons; Frank Collins, 1st dictation, 2nd spelling, grammar, written arithmetic, history of Canada, French reading, 3rd religious instruction; William Holland, 1st mental arithmetic, 2nd parsing, 3rd French reading, memory lessons, history of Canada, geography, dictation; William Hamill, 1st French reading, 2nd attendance, dictation, 3rd grammar, written arithmetic, parsing, mental arithmetic; Michael O'Brien, 2nd history of Canada, religious instruction, spelling, grammar, geography, 3rd written arithmetic; Martin Gahan, 2nd memory lessons, parsing, 3rd religious instructions, mental arithmetic, spelling; Jas. Sullivan, 2nd attendance, good conduct, written arithmetic, writing, 3rd spelling; Alexander Murray, 1st French reading; writing, home exercise, 3rd English reading; James Burke, 2nd writing, French reading, attendance, 3rd home exercise; Patrick Whitty, 1st English reading, 2nd dictation, 3rd writing; William Cunningham, 2nd home exercise, 3rd English reading; Wm. Norris, 1st cleanliness; Daniel Melochie, 1st writing; Thos. McCaffrey, 2nd home exercise; Maurice Cushing, 3rd dictation.

FOURTH CLASS.

Patrick Kelly, 1st reading, 2nd dictation, 1st arithmetic, 2nd memory lessons, 1st deportment; Jno. Gummertell, 2nd reading, 3rd dictation, 1st arithmetic, 3rd writing, 3rd memory lessons, 1st catechism; Jno. McGleese, 1st reading, arithmetic, 3rd writing, 2nd memory lessons, 3rd home duty, 2nd cleanliness, 3rd catechism; 3rd sacred history; Jno. Murphy, 2nd dictation, 2nd arithmetic, 3rd memory lessons, 2nd cleanliness, 2nd catechism, 2nd geography, 2nd sacred history, 1st grammar; Robert Newman, 1st dictation, 3rd arithmetic, 3rd memory lessons, 2nd cleanliness, 1st sacred history and grammar; James Price, 2nd arithmetic, 3rd history, 3rd cleanliness, 1st catechism, 3rd geography; Thomas McCallum, 2nd arithmetic, 2nd writing, 3rd geography, 3rd sacred history, 3rd grammar; Patrick O'Farrell, 3rd writing, 1st memory lessons, 3rd cleanliness, 3rd catechism, Thomas Gavins, 2nd reading, 3rd arithmetic, 3rd writing, 2nd cleanliness; James Gillon, 3rd writing, 2nd memory lessons, 2nd home duty; James Birch, 3rd arithmetic, 3rd cleanliness, 1st sacred history; Edward Cottor, 3rd cleanliness and catechism, 3rd geography; Thomas White, 1st writing, home duty, 2nd cleanliness; Patrick Crowe, 3rd m. lessons, 1st cleanliness; John McEvoy, 3rd dictation, writing, 1st home duty; James Ford, 3rd arithmetic, cleanliness; James Maguire, 2nd catechism; James Cavanagher, 2nd reading; Patrick Sianott, 2nd sacred history.

After the prizes had been distributed Mr. J. J. Curran, Q. C., who had presided, delivered a brief address. He said that the kind Brothers who had control of the school had again asked him for his annual contribution to the proceedings at the examination. Having always taken great interest in St. Anne's school he was able to note the rapid upward and forward progress of the pupils, and those who were present that day at the examination could not do otherwise than acknowledge that they reflected credit upon the Irish of St. Anne's parish, and upon the good Brothers who had trained them to such a degree of excellence. He thanked the Bros. who had done him the honor to ask him to preside upon such an occasion, and he knew that he was but giving expression to the sentiments of his audience when he regretted deeply the fact that the noble priest, Father Hogan, who was now in the dear old land, and whom he hoped would return to them in good health, was not present with them. (Applause.) He could not allow the occasion to pass without remarking that the manner in which the various exercises had been gone through gave great hope of a brilliant future for the young lads who excelled in the different branches of study which go to make up a man, and enables him to fight the battle of life. The readiness with which the boys had answered questions in history and arithmetic had particularly pleased him, and he was glad to see they possessed so extensive a knowledge of the history of Ireland. With Canadian history, also, they appeared to be well acquainted. He was proud to know that the talent transplanted from the banks of the Shannon could flourish on the banks of the St. Lawrence, and he wished to tell the boys that next year the scholar who was best in the joint histories at Ireland and Canada would receive a prize worth having, if the Brothers would be kind enough to accept it from him. (Applause.) He was of the opinion that in the near future they would receive some benefit from the money contributed for school purposes, (great applause) and in conclusion hoped they would continue to be a credit to the land of their forefathers and to the land in which they had been born.

The exertions of the indefatigable Brother Novatian Louis and the Brothers who are associated with him, contributed greatly to make the children's entertainment a decided success, and he will feel himself rewarded by the fact that it was successful.

QUEBEC ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

The annual competition in instrumental and vocal music took place Wednesday in the Albert Hall, under the auspices of the Quebec Academy of Music. A large number of the most prominent among our professors of music throughout the Province assisted at the examination of the competitors. There were over forty candidates who presented themselves for honors; of that number only seven succeeded in carrying off first-class diplomas, and three obtained second-class diplomas.

The following is a list of the names to whom honors were awarded:—
Piano, 1st class, Laureate, Miss Josephine Boucher (pupil of Ville Marie Convent); Miss Esther Boivert (with distinction), Miss Christina Connolly, Miss Parmelia Cormier, Miss B. F. Shea, Miss Georgiana McGregor, Mr. A. Peplin.

2nd class—Miss Ernestine Labelle (with distinction), Miss Therese Boucher, Miss Mary Radford.
In vocal music the only lady to whom a diploma was awarded was Miss Esther Boivert, of Quebec; her singing was much admired.

Miss Therese Boucher received an honorable mention for her playing on the violin.
In the evening an impromptu concert was given in the same hall by the successful competitors, under the superintendence of Dr. MacLagan, President of the Association. The programme was interesting, and proved to be a rich treat. Dr. MacLagan, the President, read a paper, and several pieces were performed, including an organ solo by E. A. Hilton, an aria, "O mon Ferand," by Miss Boivert, and a piano solo, "Faschingschwank aus Wien," by Miss Boucher.

During the course of the evening the diplomas were formally presented to the young ladies who had distinguished themselves during the competitive examinations.

THE BISHOP'S ACADEMY.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

His Lordship Bishop Fabre distributed the prizes to the pupils of the Bishop's Academy, Thursday afternoon, at the lecture room, No. 327 Notre-Dame street. The programme was prepared with a view to enable the scholars to display their proficiency in elocution and vocal music, and the result was as highly creditable to them as it was pleasing to the large number of people who had assembled to hear them. The following is the prize list:—

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

A commercial diploma, awarded to Mr. Edouard Martineau, who completed the prescribed course of the Academy.

First Class.

Master E. J. Tucker, 1st prize good conduct, 1st English reading, 1st written arithmetic, 1st mental arithmetic, 1st geometry, 2nd geography, 2nd memory lessons, 2nd mensuration, 2nd book-keeping (2nd division). Master W. P. Sheridan, 1st prize English grammar, 1st orthography, 1st book-keeping (2nd division), 2nd geography, 2nd history, 2nd telegraphy, a prize for English reading. Mr. L. Labelle, 1st prize French grammar, 1st written arithmetic, 1st mensuration, 2nd religious instruction, 2nd mental arithmetic, 2nd geometry, Mr. Nap Duquette, 1st written arithmetic, 1st mental arithmetic, 2nd mensuration. Mr. M. F. Sheridan, 1st English reading, 1st telegraphy, 2nd book-keeping (1st division), 2nd English orthography 2nd history, 2nd English grammar. Mr. Jos. McEneaney, 1st attendance, 2nd penmanship, a prize in book-keeping (1st division), a prize in telegraphy. Mr. Jos. McGoldrick, 1st English composition, 1st geography, a prize for good conduct. Mr. A. E. Labelle, 1st prize memory lessons, 2nd book-keeping (2nd division), 2nd ornamental drawing. Mr. G. Gibben, 1st prize mensuration, 2nd linear drawing, a prize for good conduct. T. Lalonde, 1st prize in religious instruction, 1st in good conduct, 1st in home exercise, 1st in ornamental drawing, 1st in attendance. P. S. McCaffrey, 1st in penmanship, 1st in vocal music, 2nd in English grammar, 2nd in English composition, 2nd in orthography. D. McDonald, 1st in history, 1st in home exercise, 2nd in memory lessons, a prize for good conduct. James Scanlan, 1st in lin. drawing, a prize for good conduct, a prize for book-keeping (2nd division). E. Leduc, a prize for written arithmetic, a prize for mensuration, a prize for good conduct. L. Gentesse, 2nd in French grammar, a prize for penmanship, a prize for home exercise. D. Costello, prize for good conduct, prize for English parsing. John Whyte, prize for English orthography, prize for English composition. Louis Brown, prize for good conduct, prize for English reading.

SECOND CLASS.

M. McGoldrick, 1st prize English grammar, 1st memory lessons, 1st English composition, 2nd religious instruction, 2nd English reading, 2nd English translation, 2nd written arithmetic, Jos. Tucker, 1st prize good conduct, 1st English reading, 1st English composition, 1st written arithmetic (1st division), 2nd home exercise, 2nd book-keeping (1st division), 2nd English orthography. Jas. Murphy, 1st prize memory lessons, 1st French translation, 1st English reading, 2nd book-keeping, 2nd geography, 2nd English grammar, 2nd English orthography, 2nd English parsing, prize for written arithmetic (1st division). A. Mailloche, 1st prize attendance, 1st book-keeping, 1st good conduct, 2nd prize home exercise, 2nd English parsing, 2nd French grammar. A prize for written arithmetic (1st division), a prize for memory lessons. James McDonnell, 1st prize writing, 1st memory lessons, 1st home exercise, 2nd religious instruction, 2nd English reading, 2nd attendance. A. Thibault, 1st prize religious instruction, 1st book-keeping (1st div.) 2nd parsing, 2nd memory lessons. H. Labelle, 1st prize French grammar, 1st home exercise, 2nd book-keeping, 2nd English parsing, 2nd penmanship, a prize for English reading. James Rafter 2nd prize English reading, 2nd English grammar, 2nd geography, 2nd memory lessons. F. Landerman, a prize good conduct, 2nd attendance, 2nd geography, memory lessons. John Neville, 1st prize penmanship, 2nd in religious instruction, 3rd in English reading, mental arithmetic (2nd div.) F. Nolleux, 1st prize in mental arithmetic (1st div.); 1st in good conduct, writing, arithmetic, (1st div.) F. Scanlan, 2nd prize in written arithmetic (2nd div.); 2nd in English reading, orthography, mental arithmetic. John Tucker, a prize in good conduct, 2nd in English reading, 2nd in English orthography. Jos. Comte, 2nd prize religious instruction, 2nd in attendance, 2nd in book-keeping (2nd div.) F. Ferron, 2nd prize in religious instruction, 2nd in English reading, 2nd in mental arithmetic. A. Berrigan, 1st prize in geography, 2nd in writing, a prize in book-keeping. Jos. Trudel, a prize in French grammar, home exercise and penmanship. E. Garault, 1st prize good conduct, 1st home exercise, 1st written arithmetic (2nd division), 1st mental arithmetic (2nd division), 1st writing. A. E. Farrell, 1st prize English orthography, 1st arithmetic (2nd division). H. Rafter, 2nd prize written arithmetic (2nd division). A prize book-keeping (2nd division). John McKenna, 1st prize attendance, a prize for written arithmetic (1st division). J. Chaput, 2nd prize written arithmetic (1st division), 2nd French grammar. H. Wilson, 2nd prize written arithmetic (2nd division), a prize for mental arithmetic (2nd division). E. Gauthier, 1st prize for good conduct, a prize for English reading. E. Carl, a prize for French grammar.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Third Class.

Master Jos. F. Aussem, 1st prize good conduct, 1st history of Canada, 1st English grammar, 1st geography, 2nd memory lessons, 2nd English orthography, a prize in written arithmetic. Mr. Fred. Donohue, 1st prize religious instruction, 1st good conduct, 1st English grammar, 2nd written arithmetic, 2nd English reading, a prize in mental arithmetic, G. Bissonnet, 1st prize good conduct, 1st memory lessons, 2nd English grammar, 2nd English parsing. P. Sheridan, 1st prize reading, 1st English grammar, a prize in spelling, a prize in mental arithmetic. P. F. Reynolds, 1st prize written arithmetic, 1st mental arithmetic, 1st writing. W. O'Neill, 1st prize memory lessons, 2nd history of Canada, 2nd geography, a prize in writing. Thos. Millette, 1st prize writing (3rd division), 2nd mental arithmetic, a prize in history of Canada, a prize in memory lessons. Jno. Twohey, 2nd prize French reading, 2nd French translation, 2nd memory lessons, a prize in parsing. O. Soliere, 1st prize French exercise, 2nd French reading, a prize in history. L. Rodier, 1st prize religious instruction, 2nd French reading.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

Fourth Class.

H. P. Fitzgibbons, 1st prize catechism, 1st

memory lessons, 1st grammar, 2nd application, 2nd parsing, 3rd geography, 2nd attendance, 2nd writing. F. Collins, 1st prize English reading, 1st English parsing, 2nd catechism, 2nd grammar, 2nd memory lessons, 2nd attendance, 2nd French exercise. Jas. Hall, 1st prize writing, written arithmetic, 1st mental arithmetic, 1st attendance, 1st French exercise. R. McNally, 1st prize spelling, 1st memory lessons, 1st application, a prize English reading, a prize parsing, a prize catechism. H. Scanlan, 1st prize geography, 2nd prize English grammar, 2nd French reading, a prize in spelling; A. Demers, 1st prize written arithmetic, 1st mental arithmetic, 2nd French reading, 1st writing, (2nd division); F. Curran, 1st prize spelling, 2nd parsing, a prize in application, a prize in writing (2nd); W. Farrell, 2nd prize spelling, 2nd French reading, 2nd written arithmetic, (2nd division), a prize in writing (2nd division); J. E. Campbell, 2nd prize grammar, 2nd spelling, 2nd French reading (2nd division); a prize in attendance; E. Langervin, 1st prize catechism, 1st English exercise, 2nd attendance, 2nd French reading.

At the conclusion of the distribution of prizes addresses were delivered in English and French by two of the pupils, in which thanks were returned to Bishop Fabre for his kindness in presiding.

His Lordship then addressed the pupils at length, and was followed by Mr. J. J. Curran, Q. C., who, in the course of the address, referred to the fact that the Bishop's Academy was the first Catholic Commercial Academy in Montreal.

MODEL SCHOOL OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ANGELS.

CLOSING EXERCISES AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The closing exercises of the Model School of Our Lady of the Holy Angels, Point St. Charles, and the annual distribution of prizes to the pupils, took place during last week in the hall of the building. This institution is exclusively for girls, being under the able direction of the Nuns of the Congregation. At three o'clock precisely the young ladies, numbering some two hundred, filed into the hall and took their allotted places. The Rev. Father Rousseau, of the Society of Jesus; Mr. Murphy, President of the Board of School Commissioners, and Alderman Dennis Tansy, were the only invited guests. After a song of welcome, delivered with great effect by four of the pupils, the main business of the afternoon—the distribution of prizes—began. It was presided over by the Reverend Directress, Sister St. Mary, of Nazareth, and Sister St. Joseph. These ladies handed the prizes to the Rev. Father Rousseau, who in turn presented them to the happy recipients. The following is a list of the names of the pupils who carried off prizes.

Third English Class—1st prize in general proficiency in geography, history, catechism, reading, and arithmetic, Elizabeth Whitewood, Maggie Meny, Sarah O'Rourke, Maria Ostroff, Alice Larkin, Mary Jane Darrah; 2nd prize: Lizzie Gilman, Maggie Enright, Nelly O'Grady, Mary Jane McNamara, Louise McKenna, Sarah Whitewood, Mary Treacy.

Second English Class, 1st Division—1st prize, Sarah Ann McNamara, Mary Jane Larkin, Sarah Noonan; 2nd prize, Mary Jones, Julia Meehan, Anastasia Whelan; 3rd prize, Mary Ann McCormick, Mary Story, Ellen Kane; prize for punctuality and good conduct, Alexandrina Dumouchel; crown for application, Sarah Ann McNamara; 1st prize for serving, Anastasia Whelan; 2nd prize, Mary Jones. 2nd Division—1st prize, Maggie O'Brien, Bessie Cogan, Mary Ann Quinn, Mary Barry, Lizzie Ryan, Mary Molloy; 2nd prize, Ann Jane Irwin, Annie King, Eliza Wall; 3rd prize, Ellen Spellman, Minnie Farmer, Elizabeth Hughes. 3rd Division. 1st prize, Annie Doyle, Mary Creamer, Ellen Cullen; 2nd prize, Lizzie Flynn, Minnie Murphy, Kate McNamara; 3rd prize, Katie Mohan, Ellen Lahey, Ellen Hughes, Aime Arnott. Rewards for application, Victoria Loomas, Mary Ann Whalen, Mary Imkip, Alice Holland.

First English Class—First Division—1st prize, Mary Jane Fennell; 2nd prize, Johanna Metcalf, Mary Rogers; 3rd prize, Jennie King, Annie Foley. Second Division—1st prize, Katie O'Neill, Aloysia Mongeau, Angelina Mongeau, Annie Flynn, Katie Buehan; 2nd prize, Mary Ann Whitewood; 3rd prize, Annie Mohan, Ellen McCormick, Sarah Brennan, Lizzie Dunn, Mary Lahey, Kate Larkin, Maggie Foley; reward for application, Nellie Haines. Third Division—1st prize, Agnes O'Grady, Annie Behan; 2nd prize, E. Jones, C. Clarke, E. Meany, M. C. Cahill, M. Taylor, O. Byrne, E. Callaghan, M. Murphy. Crowns for good conduct during the month of May: Jessie King, Annie Foley, Aloysia Mongeau. Crown for application: Albertina Geauan.

This closed the distribution. Four of the pupils advanced before the visitors and made a complimentary address to Father Rousseau in English and French. He responded in a few words of timely advice telling them how to conduct themselves during their holidays. Mr. Murphy then spoke at some length on the progress which the pupils had shown, and the untiring pains and zeal the Nuns had given to the task of education. He said he hoped next year to be able to give better prizes when the present difficulty over the School Commission had been dissipated. Mr. Dennis Tansy would only coincide with Mr. Murphy. He said he had not prepared a speech. The children were then dismissed with the blessing given by Father Rousseau.

DEATH OF A NOBLE-HEARTED IRISH WOMAN.

Sad is our duty to-day in recording the death of a noble and distinguished Irish woman who was universally beloved by her country people—namely, Mrs. Mary Bourke, mother of General Thomas F. Bourke. On Thursday, June 23, she breathed her last, in the sixty-third year of her age, at her late residence, No. 309 East Thirty-seventh street, this city, in the presence of her afflicted family. The deceased was a lady of the true type—amiable, charitable and God-fearing, while she possessed that spirit which is most noble in woman, a strong love of country. Though leaving Ireland when quite young, she never for a moment let her feeling for her poor country grow cold. Indeed the uppermost thought in her mind was always on the cause of Irish nationality. Even when her children were being reared around her she continually kept impressing upon their young minds the duty which they owed their country, and in her conversations with familiar friends she would introduce the subject of nationality, and dwell upon the heroism and valor of her ancestors. What grander expression could emanate from human mind than that which was referred to by her son, in his speech from the dock. He said: "But I can remember the blessings I received from an aged mother's lips as I left her last time, she speaking as the Spartan mother did, said: 'Go, my boy; return either with your shield or upon it.' When the news flashed across the water of his death—sentence the good mother did not weep like one from whom a kind son was being separated forever; no, for while she felt keenly the pang of grief over what she expected would

be his fate, she bore the trials with such fortitude and strength of mind that her closest friends were astounded. The patriotic heart of the good woman overcame her grief, and she used to say, "I'll yet see the day when my son's death shall be avenged." Poor, generous soul, thou art gone to thy heavenly rest. When shall we see your like again? May He who sees and judges all mankind, be merciful to her who in life was a devout Christian, a devoted daughter, a true wife, an affectionate mother and a generous, warm-hearted woman.

All our readers will sympathize with her sons and daughters in their great bereavement and join us in a prayer for the salvation of the departed spirit.—*N. Y. Sunday Democrat.*

THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

UNFAVORABLE COMMENTS BY LONDON DAILIES.

LONDON, June 29.—The *Daily News* says: The Grand Trunk issues gave way, the meeting is said to have fallen flat. While the Grand Trunk statement may show an increase of over £9,000 in the net revenue, the Great Western shows hardly any increase. Immense speculation for a fall as well as for a rise is open in these Canadian stocks. The closest attention is paid to the growth of the working expenditure, which on one side is expected to end in eating up all the increase of revenue, and on the other is said to be likely to diminish proportionately to the receipts if the weather and the crops are favorable.

The *Times* says:—The revenue statements of the Grand Trunk and Great Western have been issued to-day for the month of May. They are of unusual interest, on account of the large amount of English capital concerned, and the throwing light on the general state of business in North America at the present time. It seems evident that during the present year the advance upon last year's prosperity in North America has not been very pronounced. The increase in the gross traffic over last year's increase is not anything like as large as last year's increase itself, while very material additions have been made to the working expenses. The Grand Trunk statement shows an increase of the gross earnings for the month of £22,000, but the increase in the working expenses is £12,000. The increase in the net earnings is only £10,000. The statement of the Western is even more disappointing. The increase of the gross earnings is wholly absorbed by an equal increase in the working expenses.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Mrs. C. E. Horton died at Canso, N. S. on the 8th inst. aged 100 years.

The population of Halifax city and county is stated to be 63,000, an increase of 11,000 over 1871.

The report of the Canadian Commission at the Paris Exhibition has been issued in pamphlet form.

Lord Chief Justice Coleridge has sentenced Herr Most to sixteen months' imprisonment with hard labor.

The result of the Bulgarian elections in 205 districts shows that the Prince's candidates have been returned.

Miss Dolly Thornton, of Hamilton, Ont., is missing and it is supposed she has been drowned in the bay.

There has been some excitement at Chatham, N. B., over the arrival of a vessel with small-pox on board.

The directors of the Niagara Falls International Bridge Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent.

The Prince of Wales acted as godfather to the infant son of Sir Julius Benedict, who was named Albert Wilbraham Scott Julius.

William and James Feehey, at present in jail in Detroit on a charge of being implicated in the murder of the Donnelly family, will be extradited.

Another comet is said to have been discovered, about 30 degrees above the horizon north-west by north.

Victoria, British Columbia, is said to contain more fine, picturesque private residences than any other city in Canada.

At Three Rivers last week the by-law imposing a tax on commercial travellers there, was thrown out by Judge Bourgeois.

After July 1st it is estimated that there will be a thorough reorganization of the clerical force of the Post Office Department.

It is rumored that Pat Gray the missing fisherman of the Island, Toronto, has been seen alive and well in Oswego, N. Y.

The Army and Navy Club has decided, by a vote of 359 to 38, to readmit Colonel Valentine Baker (Baker Pasha) to membership.

One of the counsel in the matter of the Fortune Bay award is said to have received \$7,500, ten per centum of the entire award.

A large ball of 1,500 lbs. has just been cast in Quebec for use in connection with the electric clock on the new Province buildings.

The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad are advertising in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales for 10,000 laborers to work in Colorado and Utah.

The boiler and engine running the Ottawa Free Press printing establishment will be used as power in producing the electric light exhibition on the evening of Dominion Day in that city.

Gallings, the well known correspondent of the *Times*, left England on Sunday for the purpose of penetrating Siberia and describing the condition of the exiles there.

During a thunder storm on Monday night week at Brampton, Ont., a man named David Edmondson was instantly killed by lightning, while sleeping alongside his brother, in bed.

The official return of the number of victims of the Marseilles riots shows that two Frenchmen and one Italian were killed, and five Frenchmen and thirteen Italians wounded.

The United German Telegraph Company has made arrangements with the Anglo-American Cable Company, to secure the exclusive use of the five cables of the latter company. Connection will be established with Valencia, by line from Crete, Sat. Friesland, passing through the British Channel and around the west coast of Ireland.

The Home Rulers, on Thursday night, passed a resolution declaring that, as the Government have taken away all opportunity for raising questions on the policy, the Irish members would be justified in protesting against the provocative action, by the authorities, in their constituencies, in such a way as to force the subject on the attention of the Government.

NO HOSPITAL NEEDED.

No palatial hospital needed for Hop Bitters patients, nor large assembled talented patients to tell what Hop Bitters will do or cure, as they tell their own story by their certain and absolute cures at home.—*New York Independent.*

FRAGMENTS.

Sir Alexander Galt has sailed for Canada. Platt has withdrawn from the Senatorial contest.

Vice-Admiral Sir Leopold McClintock has been made a D.C.L. of King's College, Windsor.

The insurrection at Stax is becoming formidable. There is great alarm all along the coast.

Henry Ste. Clair Deville, French chemist, and scientific writer and member of the Institute, is dead.

Two hundred and forty-one thousand immigrants landed in New York during the past six months.

The discovery of a quantity of Socialists writings has resulted in the authors being expelled from Berlin.

During the month of June there were registered in London East, Ont., 12 births, 2 marriages, and 7 deaths.

It is now stated that there is a prospect of the grievances which the Postal telegraphists labor under being redressed soon.

It is expected that 60,000 Jews in Russia will avail themselves of the invitation of the King of Spain to settle in the latter country.

Parnell and McCarthy have made an appeal to the Irish electors, urging them to organize in every constituency with a view to win the elections.

The master iron ship-builders on the Tees have decided to yield to the demands of the employees, and the strike which was imminent is averted.