

Sunday's Prayer.

BY CAROLINE S. BRADY.

There is, in Sunday's atmosphere,
A calm, a still, a holy cheer,
A sacred hush, a silence blest,
A quietude, a world of rest.

All nature, one cathedral grand.
The trees, like priests adoring stand,
The flowers, their million censers swing,
The birds, their rev'ent music sing.

The hills, like altars towering high,
The fragrant earth, the vaulted sky,
Each forms a part of one great whole,
Reflecting each, the one great Soul.

On Sunday morn I love to roam
Beneath this vast cathedral dome,
And let my soul with joy expand,
Until it rests within His hand.

I know, then, all things by their worth,
Or if of heaven, or if of earth;
There's nothing sordid, mean,
unjust.

What seems not good is only dust.
No great is there, and yet no small,
I nothing am, I'm part of all;
For I, the earth, the sky, the sod,
Are creatures all of One, of God.

All things return to their own place,
'Tis cycle keeps the world in space,
All things return whence they had
start.

And all began in one Great Heart.
To that Great Heart must all belong;
What leads not thither must lead
wrong.

It matters not, then, come what will,
The soul lacks peace and rest until,
With perfectare and cycle round
I's Lord, Creator, God is found;

And finding Him the soul finds all,
And rests at peace and knows His call.
As thus I stand, or sometimes kneel,
His love I know, His presence feel.

Small wonder if I then can say:
'Thou long the road, and rough the way,

'It matters not, nor how 'tis past,
My soul must reach its goal at last.
It matters not, whatever sent,
I know His love, I am content.'

And thus I lose myself, to find
My true self within His mind,
And this my prayer on Sunday morn:
'Let, Thou, my true self, be born,

'Let not the false outweigh the true,
But let me live and let me do
In such way my life may be
A clear reflection, Lord, of Thee.'

—S. H. Review.

Our Ottawa Letter.

WHY CENSUS COST SO MUCH.

The erstwhile Liberal economists at the head of the government by a solid party vote declared that the census of 1901, which cost \$1,198,268 to date, while the census of 1881 cost only \$511,550, and that of 1891 cost \$49,991, was conducted on a money saving basis. The public naturally felt interested in the causes which led up to an increase in expenditure in 1901 of \$648,277 as compared with 1891.

The explanation of the situation is to be found in the following tables:

COST CENSUS, SIX COUNTRIES, IN 1891.		
County.	Population.	Cost.
Halton	21,982	\$1,445
South Perth	19,400	1,332
Peel	15,466	1,102
Cardwell	15,382	1,103
Prince Edward	18,889	1,390
Bothwell	25,593	1,768
	116,712	\$8,140
COST OF SAME IN 1901.		
County.	Population.	Cost.
Halton	19,545	\$2,489
South Perth	17,861	2,469
Peel	13,687	1,967
Cardwell	13,060	1,957
Prince Edward	17,884	2,402
Bothwell	25,223	3,540
	107,240	\$14,824

COMPARISON OF SAME 1901 AND 1891.

County.	Decrease in Population.	Increased Cost.
Halton	2,437	\$1,044
South Perth	1,539	1,137
Peel	1,779	865
Cardwell	2,322	854
Prince Edward	1,025	1,012
Bothwell	370	1,772
	9,472	\$6,684

Thus Hon. Sydney Fisher bungled the census. In those same six counties 124 enumerators were employed in 1891. In 1901 200 were required to enumerate a smaller population.

GETTING INTO THE PUBLIC TREASURY.

In 1896, Sir William Mulock submitted to Parliament a resolution condemning appointments of members of Parliament to positions of emolument in the gift of the crown. He declared that the practice was "a crying disgrace," and that "the electorate, noticing these things, are coming to the conclusion that the highest aim a man can have in seeking public life, is that he may through Parliament, find his way into a comfortable position for life."

Since 1896, the cabinet of which Sir William Mulock is a leading member have placed no less than twenty-four Liberal M. P.'s in positions worth from \$1,500 to \$8,000 a year, to say nothing of defeated candidates. Just now this same administration has on hand a deal by which five out of fifteen Liberal re-

presentatives from Nova Scotia are to participate in the "paying disgrace." These persons, whom Sir William Mulock referred to as "mere parasites on the administration," are to be looked after thus:

Dr. B. Russell (Hants), Chief Justice Nova Scotia, \$5,000.

D. C. Fraser (Guysboro'), Judge N. S. Supreme Court, \$4,000.

Dr. Kendall (Cape Breton), Post-office inspector, Nova Scotia, \$2,600.

A. J. S. Copp (Digby), County Judge, \$2,400.

Hon. Wm. Ross (Victoria), Senatorship, \$1,500.

These "office seekers, and place hunters," for various political reasons, must be disposed of in the interests of the Liberal party, and it follows that another Liberal pledge has been given the most serious twist it has yet received. It looks as if the stalwarts, conscious of the result of the impending elections, are going in out of the cold.

MR. PREFONTAINE'S CHANGE OF FRONT.

Less than twelve months ago Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, was preaching the gospel of protection to the electors of Maisonneuve. He pledged himself to secure for the cotton and other industries an increase in duties, which would prevent their goods from being swamped by slaughter products from the United States. He assured his constituents that he was about to enter the cabinet to take the place of Hon. J. Israel Tarte, as the advocate of the protectionist wing of the Liberal party. A week ago Mr. Prefontaine addressed a political gathering at Longueuil, and there he endorsed the present so-called policy of protection for revenue only. By doing so Mr. Prefontaine lived up to the forecasts of those who knew him. He has been forced by his conferees to abandon every pledge he ever made in regard to our fiscal policy. Hon. J. Israel Tarte resigned his portfolio rather than turn Mr. Prefontaine's somersault. The latter, all through the last session, proved himself to be an incapable, and had it not been for the assistance lent him by fellow ministers, he could not possibly have put through the business of his department. It is Mr. Prefontaine who is leading the attack on Mr. Tarte. The people, knowing the source of the mud-slinging, will take it at its full value.

LAURIER ALONE TO BLAME.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers are playing a small part in trying to fix responsibility for the Alaska boundary decision on Mr. Chamberlain. As far back as May 29th, 1899, Sir Wilfrid refused to consent to the appointment of a commission such as he accepted on January 21st, 1903. Moreover, on February 22nd, 1901, Lord Lansdowne, who was responsible for the Alaska boundary treaty from first to last, in negotiating with the United States for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, declared that until the Alaska boundary and other matters in dispute between Canada and the United States were settled, Great Britain would concede nothing.

But how did Sir Wilfrid view this strong stand in Canada's behalf? In Parliament, on March 5th, 1902, he said: "Canada had no direct interest in the Clayton-Bulwer treaty; Canada had no direct interest in the Nicaragua Canal." By such treatment was Lord Lansdowne rewarded for his interest in our affairs.

Had Sir Wilfrid been an astute

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