

## A Legend

By ADELIA A. PROCTOR.

The monk was preaching; strong his earnest word,  
From the abundance of his heart he spoke,  
And the flame spread in every soul that heard  
Sorrow and love and good resolve awoke.  
The poor lay Brother, ignorant and old,  
Thanked God that he had heard such words of gold.

"Still let the glory, Lord, be thine alone,"  
So prayed the monk, his heart absorbed in praise;  
"Thine be the glory: if my hands have sown  
The harvest ripened in Thy merry rays,  
It was Thy blessing, Lord, that made my word  
Bring light and love to every soul that heard.

"O Lord, I thank Thee that my feeble strength  
Has been so blest; that sinful hearts and cold  
Were melted at my pleading—knew at length  
How sweet Thy service and how safe Thy fold:  
While souls that loved Thee saw before them rise  
Still bolder heights of loving sacrifice."

So prayed the monk, when suddenly he heard  
An angel speaking thus: "Know, O my son,  
Thy words had all been vain, but hearts were stirred,  
And souls were edified, and sinners won,  
By his, the poor lay Brother's humble aid,  
Who sat upon the pulpit stair and prayed."

## Obituary.

CHEVALIER MACDONELL.

On Saturday morning last, March 4th, there passed away one who, though not very well known to the young generations of Toronto Catholics, was for years a prominent character in the earlier history of our religion in this city, and who was, through his whole life, remarkable for unobtrusive piety and unostentatious charity. William John Macdonell, being in his 70th year, partly on account of his advanced age, partly on account of his failing health, had withdrawn for some time from taking any public share in work of any kind, and had made his home at the House of Providence, where the good Sisters of St. Joseph cared for him in his declining health and watched by his dying bed with all their tender charity. Last summer he received a slight sunstroke, and was scarcely able to go out afterwards. But the immediate cause of death was an attack of bronchitis, which his feeble strength could not resist.

He came of a Scotch family, and was born at Boston, Mass., on Nov. 14, 1814. He received his preliminary education in Boston High School and completed it in Montreal College with the Sulpicians. In his early life he was first in business at Brockville from 1831 to 1838, during which time he put a new floor in the church there at his own expense. He spent the next ten years at Kingston, where he was engaged as forwarding agent. When, afterwards, he came to Toronto, he was Manager of several banking and loan institutions, being for ten years President of the Toronto Savings Bank, and ten more its Manager. For thirty nine years he was on the Managing Board of the House of Industry, during eleven of which he acted as Secretary, and was latterly First Vice-President. He held the distinguished position of French Vice-Consul for twenty-six years, and resigned through ill health. In recognition of his long services the French Government conferred upon him the Cross of the Legion of Honor. Some few years ago he was also honored by the Holy Father, who, through the intervention of the Patriarch of Jerusalem, created him a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre.

But it was with the St. Vincent de Paul Society that he was especially connected for the last forty years, of which charitable association he was the foster-father and devoted friend. The first Conference in Toronto was formed in Nov., 1850, and Mr. Macdonell was named Secretary. He took the Presidency when, in 1851, the late Mr. Muir removed to Quebec. The Particular Council of Toronto was established Feb. 26, 1854, with Chevalier Macdonell as President. From this position he never retired until death called him to his reward. And although the duties of

his office have for some time devolved upon the Vice-President, Mr. J. J. Murphy, still the venerable subject of this sketch never lost his interest and always kept himself posted upon the state of the Society, at whose cradle he had watched, and in the formation of whose growth, activity and spirit of charity he had a great share. A man of wonderful memory, deep faith and piety, he was in the world but not of the world. His taste for literature caused him to gather, in the course of his long career, a very fine library. Amongst these valuable books he used to spend his leisure hours, and cultivate a refined mind with a learning which was both varied in its subjects and deep in its research. A few years ago he donated his library to St. Michael's College, where it is preserved and known as "The Macdonell Library."

"Take him for all in all,  
We never shall look upon his like again."  
May his soul rest in peace!

MRS. M'INTOSH.

We wish to extend our special sympathy to Mr. H. F. McIntosh on the death of his wife last week. It is all the sadder as two very young children are left to mourn a mother's loss, without being old enough to feel that loss or know hereafter a mother's love, sympathy and guidance. Mr. McIntosh was associated with the earlier years of the *Catholic Weekly Review*, and for this reason also, as well as for the appreciation we have of our friend, we sympathize with him in his hour of trial. The funeral Mass was sung last Thursday in St. Basil's Church by Father Brennan, C.S.B., with Father Goudreau as Deacon, and Mr. Carberry as Sub-deacon. The burial took place at Guelph, the former home of Mrs. McIntosh, when she was Miss Marie Josephine Hazelton. R. I. P.

MISS LAMPHIERE.

Death has been busy this last week amongst our friends; for it is our painful duty to chronicle a third. Miss Frances Lamphiere of Grahamsville, died on March 1st. Although never strong she gave no sign of serious illness until the morning of her death, when those near her became alarmed. But it was too late, the heart failed, and her life suddenly closed. Two of her sisters are in the Precious Blood Convent in this city. Her cousin, Father O'Donohoe, O.S.B., sang the funeral Mass on Friday last, while Father Murray, C.S.B., and Father Trayling, the pastor, formed the choir. She was buried at the Fifth Line Church in Toronto Township. A large number of friends showed their respect for the dead and their sympathy for the relatives by assisting at the obsequies. R. I. P.

## The Excelsior.

We publish in today's edition of the REGISTER the second annual report of "The Excelsior Life Insurance Company." Being as yet in its infancy, the "Excelsior," of course, cannot boast of the phœnix profits earned and saved by its older and bigger brothers; but for a youngster in its second year, it must be said that the progress made by the "Excelsior" is most gratifying, and promising of still more profitable results. President Clarke, in his address to the shareholders remarked: The large sum of \$16,902.00 had been added to the reserve during the year, which now amounts to \$31,781.00. The total available assets for the protection of policy-holders amounted to \$382,710.52. The rate of interest earned by the Company on its invested assets was considerably higher than that of any other company doing business in Canada, and the security of the investments was unsurpassed. The REGISTER wishes the "Excelsior" a prosperous run, not only for the current year, but in the years succeeding; and if things go on as they have been for the few months it has been in existence, the time is not far distant when the "Excelsior" will be one of the insurance companies at the "top of the heap."

The consecration of the Conductor Bishop of St. Hyacinth, Mgr. Decelles, will take place in the St. Hyacinth Cathedral on March 9th.



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Toronto, March 17th, 1893.  
J. D. MACDONELL,  
Secretary, pro tem.

Denis R. O'Callaghan, Esq., Brackens-town House, Swords, has been sworn in as High Sheriff of the County of Dublin, and John A. C. Ormsby, Esq., of 2 Morgan place, Dublin, as Under Sheriff.

A preliminary meeting has been held at Newcastle West, Mr. George L. Sheehy, Moviddy House, presiding, for the purpose of initiating a movement to get up a memorial to the late Dean O'Brien, founder of the Catholic Young Men's Societies in Ireland.