

An Irishman In Toronto.

The following letter appears in the Dublin Freeman's Journal from a writer whose letters have been also appearing in our contemporary the Globe. This letter was evidently written in the month of the late Hugh Ryan. I have visited this beautiful Canadian city without recalling Mr. William O'Brien's famous onslaught on Lord Lansdowne during the time that the latter was Viceroy of Canada. It was a memorable event in Toronto history. It was a bold and daring venture, and it roused passions as violent as those of a Paris mob. All the passion of it has vanished long ago, but the humour of it survives, and occasionally in the clubs men that were then arrayed on different sides recall some of the incidents, and wonder how such things could be. Toronto has been long the headquarters of Orangemen in America, and in past decades there were performances here that paralysed the throats of the 12th of July Society, but happily those times are past and gone, and all inhabitants of the city tell me that the disappearance of the religious bigotry in Toronto is one of the most remarkable events of this generation. There are Orangemen here still, but there are Orangemen who belong to the same clubs, dine at the same tables, dance in the same sets, and play in the same games with just as true and patriotic Irishmen as William O'Brien himself. The children of both are companions and associates, and a man's religion, or a woman's, is no bar to success in any profession, in any trade, or in any society. Surely in any pleasant visit, and one entitled to a little of the old bawls left, but if it be, it exists only among the aged and stereotyped, and you never see it, and, if you do, you heed it not, for "It hangs out of fashion. Like a rusty nail in monumental mockery."

to uplift humanity. Father Tracy, who attended the solemn Requiem in his last moments, told me a few days after his death that till his noble spirit soared away he was praying for Ireland and unity and peace for her people. He saw what Irishmen had done in the New World. They reared magnificent churches, and built convents, schools, and hospitals. In every walk of life he saw them forging to the front, and though starting heavily handicapped they reached the goal more swiftly than any others. He never despaired of Ireland, for he knew the innate power and capacity of the race, and even when the miserable factions of a thousand sullen Irish and almost those of a hundred others to despair, and Archbishop's good advice was heard commending patience, any saying, "all would yet be well."

They do not believe in Mr Chamberlain's Anglo-American alliance. They know the United States too well. Yesterday I was talking to the editor of the greatest newspaper in Canada, and a supporter of the present Dominion Government. "I cannot concur," he said to me, "my admiration for America for the American Government, but I believe in the English Government and people to the belief of a possible alliance, or at least of a devoted friendship. The English Government is willing to do anything to gain that friendship or alliance. She is actually anxious to sacrifice Canadian interests to secure Uncle Sam's friendship and alliance, and the result is America is getting concessions and favours which three years ago England would not yield without a war, and when America had all she wants out of Canada and Ireland she will simply laugh at John Bull, and Canada will have had the worst of it."

This is the prevalent sentiment here, and it is not difficult to see the reason for it. It is the impossibility of such an alliance, but it is important to know that leading Canadian politicians (whatever they are) are not in favour of such. P. A. O'FARRELL.

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