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—PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

"FREE EDUCATION" FAD.—While President Elliot, of Harvard University, is denouncing the public school system of the United States because of the increase in crime and criminals which its purely secular character has produced. The Montreal "Star" following the lead set by the Montreal "Herald," half a dozen years ago, is clamoring for "free education." There is no such thing as "free" education. Somebody has to pay for it; and that somebody is the taxpayer primarily, and, indirectly, every citizen of the land. The "Star," as was only to be expected, makes itself ridiculous by the wild and absurdly exaggerated statements by which it supports its advocacy of "free education." The "Star" says in an article on Monday on this subject:

"In Montreal we still think that we can afford to charge for elementary education. That is, children here are not given an education unless their parents are wise enough and rich enough to buy it for them. The initiative is left with them. A house may shelter ignorance if it wants to, and can send the results out into the community to war against or prey upon society; and the community does nothing to protect itself. If it were a case of contagious disease, we would placard the house, free of charge, and try to keep it from harming the rest of us. Being only a case of ignorance, we do nothing but provide schools where it can buy a cure—if it has the inclination and money. The community is compelled to provide handsomely for the ripe fruits of ignorance. We keep up a police force and a system of gaols and penitentiaries and a costly machine of justice and houses of correction and detention, largely for the graduates of schools that are free enough in all conscience where the untaught learn the foolish, hopeless lessons of the petty criminal. But a penny of prevention would save a pound of cure. If we spent a trifling part of this in free schools, we should save it many times over in reduced criminal expenses—to say nothing of the private losses which stupid crime entails. And this is the lowest ground of appeal. We should all be the richer for living in an educated and prosperous community. When ignorance and poverty interbreed, the outcome is a mass of humanity which clogs enterprise, constitutes a political and municipal peril, poisons business with bad debts and shoddy devices, sickens many an enjoyment with pity and self-reproach, and generally makes life harder and less happy for the better off. Raise the average of education in a community, and that people forges ahead. Germany, the United States, Canada itself are examples of this."

The writer in the "Star" is evidently not well posted on the criminal statistics of Canada, Germany or the United States, or on the effect of secular education, else he would not imagine that an increase of secular knowledge would cause a decrease of crime. Facts prove that the contrary is the case. Canada's criminal statistics, when compared with those of Germany and the United States, show that it leads both of these countries in the general morality of its people. No nation spends so much money, in proportion to its population, upon popular education as does the United States with the result that so eminent an educationist as President Elliot of Harvard is forced to confess that it has utterly failed to improve the morals of the nation. Commenting on the admitted failure of the school system of the United States as a

moral factor, the New Orleans "Picayune" observes:—"The shock does not come a moment too soon. It is time that the philanthropists and statesmen of this great Republic should arouse themselves to the realization of the fact that man has a spiritual nature as well as an intellectual, and that education must be addressed to the former as well as to the latter."

The difference between the writer of the wise remarks just quoted and the writer in the Montreal "Star" is that the former is acquainted with the subject on which he writes and the latter is not.

Elsewhere in this issue other phases of this subject and dealt with in an able manner by one of regular contributors.

MIRACLES.—The liquefaction of the blood of St. Januarius at Naples every year when brought near the head of the martyr bishop and placed upon the altar is a miracle which even free-thinkers are forced to recognize as authentic. This year the liquefaction of the hard and solid blood in the little glass phials took place as usual on the feast of the saint. Another miracle in connection with the same saint is not so generally known. At Puzzuoli, seven miles from Naples, is kept the stone on which the saint was beheaded during the persecution of Diocletian. The drops of the blood which stained the stone and which are ordinarily of a dark color, become red and moist when the liquefaction of the blood in the phials takes place. Hundreds recently attested the authenticity of this miracle also.

DILLON AND BLAKE.—We would remind our readers that on the 2nd December next the friends of Irish Home Rule in Montreal will be afforded an opportunity of hearing both Mr. Dillon and Mr. Blake. As stated in our last issue, the most practical and acceptable evidence of patriotic fervor and sympathy with cause should take the form of subscriptions to the fund for the carrying on of the Parliamentary struggle. It is not necessary that we should attempt any introduction of either of the eminent Irish Parliamentarians whose presence here will be a fresh inspiration for all lovers of justice. It will be Mr. Dillon's first visit to Montreal. Long since has he won a high place for himself in the ranks of Ireland's representative men. Not only has his own career been one of the greatest interest, and the work he has done, as well as the sacrifices he has endured been the sources of the great affection in which he is held by the Irish race all over the world, but his name is historic and his patriotism and talents are hereditary.

Mr. Dillon is the son of the grand old patriot, John Blake Dillon, who was one of the gifted trio that established the "Nation" in Dublin in 1842. Sixty years ago Dillon, Duffy and Davis imparted a new life to Irish national patriotism, and the effects of their labors are still felt to-day. The poems, essays, and journalistic productions of Davis are still an inspiration in the land; the calm and noble spirit of Duffy is still present, for the aged patriot has survived the struggles of half a century, and are ever at the service of his country when required. While the grand work commenced by Dillon, in the hour of Ireland's hopelessness, is being carried on by his gifted son, who is likely to behold soon the consummation of the desires and aspirations of his father,

in the realization of Ireland's dream of autonomy and liberty. As to Mr. Blake, we in Canada can scarcely be taught anything new regarding him. He is one of our own; the best part of his life was spent in the public arena of our own Dominion; and the fame and success which he has won in British politics are merely what we anticipated for him from the moment that he entered the Imperial lists as a champion of Ireland's cause. In our last issue we published the text of his masterly speech, recently delivered in the House of Commons, upon the present condition of Ireland. Any person who has read that speech must admit that it is irrefutable. To hear him deliver it must have been the treat of a life time. And next to that privilege, is the one our citizens will enjoy on the second of December, when, in this city, our gifted Irish-Canadian will unfold the story of Ireland's progress towards the attainment of her legitimate, but long delayed, aspirations.

We, therefore, repeat that we need not occupy space with any elaborate account of what is to be expected, but confine ourselves to a general call upon our fellow-citizens to make the gathering of that night a memorable one in the annals of this city.

MACHINERY OF INJUSTICE.—Statistics are always arguments; they are more, for they are the basis of other arguments. Facts cannot be denied. All the rhetoric of the schools and all the sophistry of parliamentarians cannot efface facts—they cause or result. It has often been a matter of wonder how the Irish people, who are now universally acknowledged to be most law-abiding, could possibly be inflicted with a judicial system that is sapping the life of the country and that seems to be purposely continued for the impoverishment and degradation of the Irish nation. We also cannot understand how it comes to pass the vast majority of a country's population should have been for generation, and should still be ruled by an insignificant minority. The secret is to be found in the composition of the magistracy of the country. The following facts and figures speak volumes on the subject:—

"There are 1,122 magistrates in Ireland—Removables included, we suppose. The Episcopalians or members of the Disestablished Church in this country number about ten per cent. of the population; yet 722 magistrates, or more than 64 per cent. of the total number, belong to the favored creed. Of the others, 127 are Presbyterians, and 43 of different religious beliefs. There are just 28 Catholic magistrates—barely 2 1/2 per cent. in a population of which the Catholics number 75 per cent. And in taking these figures into account, it must not be forgotten that the Catholic chairmen of County and District Councils, who may number 75 per cent. of the total Catholic magistracy, owe their appointments to the people and not to the "impartial" Government."

MGR. FALCONIO'S DEPARTURE.—Few eminent men have left Canada more regretted, and regretting more to leave us, than Mgr. Falconio, the late Apostolic Delegate. In another place we publish an account of the farewell reception extended to that high prelate, by the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, at Ottawa, and the magnificent reply made to their address. Equally enthusiastic and memorable was the parting presentation by the Knights of Columbus, on the very eve of his departure. In closing his remarks in reply to the address presented the retiring Delegate said:—"To the address you have been pleased to add a souvenir. It is the sign of our redemption. I cannot refuse it. It shall remain on my breast as a remembrance of your attachment to our holy religion and of my everlasting gratitude towards you."

The souvenir to which the delegate referred is a pectoral cross of solid gold, beautifully chased in shamrocks and mounted in Oriental topazes and diamonds. Of the former stone there are five exquisite specimens, one each at the top and bottom, of the tree of the cross and one in each arm besides a larger one in the centre, surrounded by twenty cut diamonds in close setting. The cross and chain are of bright gold, the latter being a magnificent specimen of the goldsmith's

art, of link pattern and weighing over six ounces. Both are enclosed in a box covered with cardinal plush and lined with purple satin, the cross resting on an oval-shaped raised centre of plush. The cross and chain cost \$500.

His Excellency left Ottawa on Tuesday by the noon train for Toronto, accompanied by Hon. Frank E. Latchford and Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick. Also, on the same train were his secretary, Rev. Solanus Schiefer, and Archbishop Duhamel, the former of whom will accompany the Apostolic Delegate to Washington. Father Schiefer will return to Canada shortly, and resume the work at Chatham, from which he was called to his recent secretarial relation and duties.

Toronto has had the privilege of tendering His Excellency the very last words of adieu, before his departure from this Dominion—possibly forever.

In Toronto, on Tuesday night, a most successful dinner was given in his honor by the Canadian Catholic union. A brief report of the event has been given to the press, in which it is said that over two hundred persons were present, among others being Hon. G. W. Ross, Mayor Howland, Father Solanus, secretary of the Papal Delegate; Archbishop O'Connor, of Toronto; Bishop McEvay, of London; Vicar-General McCann and Father Conway, of Peterborough. His Honor Judge McMahon presided.

After the toasts of "The Holy Pontiff" and "The King" had been duly honored, the chairman presented the toast of "Our Guest" in a pithy speech.

Mgr. Falconio, on rising, was received with prolonged applause. He expressed himself as sorry to leave Canada. In his residence of three years, he said, he had learned to love Canada better than any other country in the world. He added that he would always pray for the Canadians, wherever he might be, and he hoped that the richest blessing of God would always abide with them.

Bishop McEvay, of London, responded to "The Hierarchy," Premier Ross to the toast "Canada," and Mayor Howland and Archbishop O'Connor to the toast of "The City of Toronto."

THE STAGE IRISHMAN.—The American members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are keeping up their campaign against the vulgar caricature known as the stage Irishman, which praiseworthy vigor and determination. At New Haven last week two "artists" who were engaged in this insulting buffoonery were hissed off the stage. Theatrical managers will soon see that it is against their interests to hire those who try to make a living out of travesty of the Irish character on the stage; and once they recognize this the "Stage Irishman" will disappear. We hope that this movement will be continued with energy until this disappearance has been a matter of fact on this continent.

The Nazareth Institute

The annual banquet for the benefit of the Nazareth Institute for the Blind will be held on Tuesday evening next, November the 25th. This is one of the most popular annual events in Catholic circles in Montreal; and we hope that this year more tickets will be sold than on any previous occasion. A notable incident occurred recently at this institute. It was a visit paid to it by the Mayoress, Mrs. Cochrane, accompanied by Mrs. Dugald Macdonald, who has always taken a kindly and practical interest in its welfare. An impromptu programme was gone through for the entertainment of the visitors, illustrative of the excellent training given in the institute. Mrs. Cochrane was deeply impressed with the proceedings, in which she manifested sympathetic interest. Our readers should remember that the afflicted little inmates of the Nazareth Institute comprise children belonging to our own nationality; and for this reason, as well as through considerations of general sympathy for those engaged in so noble and meritorious a task, our people ought to accord it generous support. The institution depends almost entirely upon voluntary subscriptions. The Provincial Government gives it \$34 per pupil per annum, a very small grant compared with that which the Provincial Government of Ontario gives the Institute of the Blind at Brantford, \$274 per pupil per year, in addition to defraying the cost of the building of the institution. We hope that next Tuesday's banquet may be the great success that it ought to be.

PRESENTATION TO MR. ANDREW DUNN

Though occupying an onerous position the important duties of which leave him little leisure, yet Mr. Andrew Dunn, superintendent of the Consumers' Cordage Company, Point St. Charles, contrives to find time to devote his energies to the promotion of the cause of his religion and his nationality. He has for years been active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, of No. 2 Division, of which he is president. The esteem in which he is held by his fellow-members was exemplified a few evenings ago when they presented him with a handsome gift on the occasion of the celebration of his silver wedding. We heartily join with them in their wishes that Mr. and Mrs. Dunn may long be spared to celebrate many an anniversary of the happy event.

IRISH OPERA AT ACADEMY.

At the Academy next week will be presented Sir Arthur Sullivan's last opera, "The Emerald Isle," with libretto by Captain Basil Hood and associate musical numbers by Edward German. The opera comes here practically direct from the New York "Herald" Square Theatre, where it has had a long and brilliant engagement. Before its premiere in New York city, it enjoyed a year's solid favor in London. Jefferson De Angelis is the star of its American tour. The organization, in its entirety, is said to be one of the best singing companies ever formed for the presentation of legitimate opera in this country.

We are assured by the management that the opera is free from those caricatures which characterize so many of the so-called modern Irish plays and operas.

THE MANCHESTER MARTYRS.—Next Sunday the annual church parade of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in commemoration of the anniversary of the Manchester Martyrs, will be held in this city. The various divisions of the Order will assemble at Hibernia Hall, from which headed by the Hibernian Knights and their band, they will march to St. Mary's Church, where High Mass will be celebrated at eleven o'clock. The recurrence of this touching anniversary always evokes enthusiasm, and Sunday's celebration promises to surpass those that have preceded it in this respect.

THE CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

A most successful concert was that given in the Sailors' Club on Wednesday evening, under the auspices of Emerald Court, Catholic Order of Foresters. Many were unable to secure admittance, owing to the hall being crowded. The Rev. Father Gagnier, S.J., and the Rev. Father Plante, S.J., were amongst those present.

Chief Ranger Brady presided, and delivered a speech which was frequently applauded. He expressed his thanks to the large audience for their presence that evening. The members of Emerald Court, he said, felt it a high honor to be invited to take charge of a concert in aid of the Club. He had one fault to find, and that was that the hall was too small. He hoped that when the Emerald Court paid a visit to the Club next year they would have a hall twice or three times as large. He warmly praised the management of the institution for their good work in behalf of the sailors.

CHIEF RANGER BRADY.

The programme was given by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Miss Peach, Miss Vera Gallagner, W. Detimers, W. Foley, Mr. Beach, J. P. Kelly, W. Phelan, F. Hogan, M. J. Coleman, Mr. A. Shilton and R. A. Blake, cornet and piano duett.

Seamen: A. Illingworth, Richard; Wm. Aldridge, Manchester Shipper; Geo. Cooke, Manchester Commerce; S. Fahy, Birmingham; R. Mullins, Geo. Guy, Nicholas Duffy, Lake Ontario; Geo. O'Connell, Montfort; Miss Orton acted as accompanist.

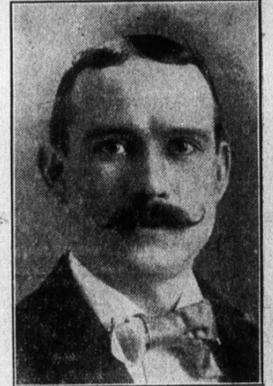
Mr. W. Keys, who takes a most enthusiastic interest in the Club, briefly addressed the sailors on the benefit to be derived from being organized. His remarks were practical and evoked great applause.

The final concert of the season will take place on next Monday evening. And will be given by the employees of the James McCready Co., Ltd., President Charles F. Smith, occupying the chair.

RECENT DEATHS.

THE LATE ABBE PALATIN.—At the advanced age of eighty years, the Rev. Abbe Jacques Palatin, passed away at the Hotel Dieu, after an illness lasting only a few days. He was a native of Sanoy, France, and studied under the great Mgr. Dupanloup at Paris. He was ordained in 1851, and came to Canada a few months afterwards. After filling a professorial chair in the Montreal College, he was appointed to St. James' parish, where he ministered until his death. He was beloved by all who knew him. He took a special interest in the children of the parish, thousands of whom he prepared for their First Communion. The funeral took place from the Church of Notre Dame on Thursday morning.—R.I.P.

MR. PETER QUINN.—Intelligence has been received in this city of the death of Mr. Peter Quinn, at Denver, Colorado. Deceased was from St. Anicet, Quebec, and was a son of Peter Quinn, and brother of the late Terence Quinn. He was Mayor of Ceastone, Colorado, quite recently, a fact which testified to his worth and to the esteem in which he was held. He is mourned by a large number of friends.—R.I.P.



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