

"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest"—BALMEZ

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TOPICS OF AN OLD-TIMER

Some Reference to Certain Passengers of the "Thistle," an Irish Immigrant Vessel that Sailed from the Port of Waterford, April 20th, 1842, and Arrived in Quebec June 6th, of the Same Year—What They Did and What Became of Them—Thomas D'Arcy McGee Among the Number, and "Old-Timer." Too.

I have already written for "Donahoe's Magazine" the story of the voyage of the "Thistle," an Irish immigrant vessel that sailed with 75 passengers from the historic harbor of Waterford, April 20, 1842, and arrived at the cove of picturesque Quebec, June 6, of the same eventful year. But few such experiences have been published and I believe this has a novelty and an interest of its own that Irish and Canadian Americans are likely to have some heart for.

I promised that I would follow the Donahoe article up with some description of the fate or the fortune of those favored immigrants from the Emerald Isle so far as my observation of and interest in them enable me. The successes of Irish immigrants in America have not been carefully recorded nor even casually described, because Irish immigration has not been organized nor colonized. It has been a precipitate rush, a movement without order or system, in fact a flight, as if urged by a panic, like that of 1847. America has received Irish immigrants in many peculiar ways; first, some as slaves in older colonial days, when the victims were taken in rebellion; again as "redemptionists," like Mathew Lyon and George Taylor, both prominent men of independence days, who were without the wherewith to pay their passage money and bound themselves to ship-owners who "farmed them out" until such time as they earned enough to redeem themselves; also, as paupers sent out by poor-law guardians to get rid of them. The Irish have immigrated as individuals and families mostly, and seldom as groups or colonies.

The immigrants of the "Thistle" class were self-reliant, intelligent people and made their way in Canada and the United States individually, and generally successfully. Some of them have even marvellous histories, women as well as men. The story of the Irish from Ulster in America is a wonderful narrative. My people were all from the soft, sunny, soulful south—from Waterford, Wexford and Kilkenny—and some of them have made big marks on the page of time. I have in my previous article described one of these; a man with a wonderful voice, a facile pen and a brilliant imagination, who charmed two continents and served three countries—Thomas D'Arcy McGee by name. Not only to his own country and his own race was he endeared, but Frenchmen, Scotchmen and Englishmen as well as Americans and Canadians vied with each other in doing him honor. Since the days of Edmund Burke no statesman's utterances were considered more truly oracular. To Americans he would talk of their great destiny; to Canadians of the prospective grandeur of their country; to the English of Shakespeare, Milton and Bacon; to the Scotch of Scott and Burns; and to the Welsh of their bards and heroes. But Ireland was his epic; the lute of his voice was most passionately attuned for her, "her peace, her liberty, her glory."

The passengers of the "Thistle" scattered broadly. Some remained in Canada, some crossed the border to the United States, some found their way to the Pacific coast and some even to South America. They filled many of life's vocations as lawyers, teachers, clergymen, editors, publishers and administrators of justice. Also as merchants, manufacturers, farmers and stock raisers, land-owners and adventurers and are long under the sod, while others are alive and prosperous, yet awaiting the expectant call of "the man with the scythe." One of them dropped off a few months ago at the ripe old age of eighty-nine, one who had been "a father in Israel." He had been a city builder for he was the second settler in the "zenith city of the unsalted seas"—Duluth—where he had administered estates as probate judge for many years, with an even, unbiased and critical judgment. He left a large and well-to-do progeny that bless his memory, and brothers and sisters, some of whom with careers more remarkable than his own. One was John Dunphy.

Another died last October, within a few days of the ninety-year mark, in Carlton, Minnesota, having performed his share of the world's work and endured his quota of the world's suffering, and was a benefactor to his church. That was Stephen Dunphy.

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The fleeting joy of candy and flowers for Christmas cannot take the place of the permanent pleasure of the gift of books for the holidays. Christmas books need not be stories; there is an infinite variety of Catholic Literature published suited to the tastes and minds of all classes of the community. This variety may be found at the store of W. E. Blake, 123 Church street, Toronto.

HATRED OF RELIGION

Cardinal Gibbons Says this is the Motive Underlying Acts Against Catholic Church.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 14.—That hatred of Christianity underlies the action in France, and that Americans do not understand the crisis, is the statement of Cardinal Gibbons here. "Most people over here have little conception of the French anti-clericals. They look on the leaders of this party as enlightened statesmen seeking to preserve the Republic from the attacks of an aggressive clergy. There have been honest and sincere lovers of Republican government among the anti-clericals, but the majority of them have far less love of the Republic than they have hatred of religion.

"I am weighing my words, and I

to resist. For the past twenty years and more the policy of the Holy See and the French hierarchy has been one of patience and conciliation. It was with the deepest regret and only after all his conciliatory measures had failed that the Pontiff at length found himself driven to a course of passive resistance. In choosing this course the Holy Father did not run counter to the opinions and wishes of the French episcopate. A canvass of the situation has shown that the vast majority of the bishops were with him, and all, without a single exception, have respected and obeyed his decision."

Why not Catholic books for Christmas? When the Catholic Public, who ought to be the greatest readers in the world, get to ask one another this question, the result will be beneficial. Mr. W. E. Blake, 123 Church street, Toronto, has on his shelves some 3,000 different titles, and a visit to his book shelves ought to assist in answering the question asked.

Priest's Scientific Discovery

Father Odenbach, head of St. Ignatius College, Cleveland, has accidentally discovered a method whereby he can intercept wireless telegraph messages by means of the copper roof on the college, some steel pins and the lead from an ordinary pencil. While listening to the sounder connected with the cerograph on the top of the college by which lightning is recorded, Father Odenbach, who had substituted the lead pencil and pins for the usual expensive coherer in the instrument, heard the sounder tick off some Morse code. Investigation showed he had intercepted messages received at the wireless telegraph company's station there from the Detroit office.

Teacher Wanted

For School Section No. 1, Nichol. Apply, stating salary and qualifications, to Michael Duggan, Marder P.O., Ont.

Across the Water

Across the water there is a little mission, the wants of which have been before the readers of the Catholic Register for some months. Rev. Father Gray of St. Anthony's Mission, England, whose advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue, has so much to contend with in his work of establishing a new home for Catholicity that his efforts and trials cannot but appeal to all who hear of his work. At this time it may not be out of place to remind the generously disposed that while charity begins at home, it is sometimes possible for it to travel farther and for those to whom Providence has given much, this may serve as a suggestion to remember the little struggling Mission across the water.

Branch 77, C.M.B.A., Lindsay, were favored with a visit from his Lordship, Bishop McEvay of London, during a late visit to Archdeacon Casey.

ARCHBISHOP BRUCHESI ISSUES APPEAL

Montreal Sympathizes with France; Special Services are Held; His Holiness Grateful.

The following appeal of His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi was issued to every part of the Diocese of Montreal.

"To-morrow, Dec. 11, will be a very solemn date for the Holy See, and for France. Catholics the world over cannot remain indifferent to the serious events that are approaching and the issue of which is known by God alone. The Church of France is going through a terrible crisis. All believers are full of anxiety and anguish, for the future is threatening. Meanwhile, the Sovereign Pontiff, although plunged in grief, shows admirable firmness and courage. His confidence rests in God alone; from Him alone he expects help. He prays and requests us to pray with him. Let us readily comply with his appeal.

"To that end, we wish that to-morrow, Dec. 11, the Blessed Sacrament be exposed during the whole day in the churches and in the chapels of the religious communities throughout the diocese. The exposition will close with solemn benediction, during which the 'Miserere' will be chanted. We trust that the faithful will attend these religious services in large numbers, and will make the day one of fervent prayer to implore divine protection for their Pope, the Church, and France, our dear Mother country."

On the following Tuesday evening His Grace addressed the large congregation at the Cathedral, explaining briefly the present condition in France and then read the cablegram which, after issuing his appeal for Tuesday's observance as a day of prayer in behalf of France, he had sent to the Holy Father:

Montreal, Dec. 10, 1906.

Most Holy Father:
Admiring your apostolic firmness, sympathizing with your grief, the Diocese of Montreal will pray in union with you to-morrow before the Blessed Sacrament, which will be exposed in all the churches.

PAUL BRUCHESI,
Archbishop,
The Sovereign Pontiff immediately replied through the Cardinal Secretary of State:

Rome, Dec. 11, 1906.

Mgr. Bruchesi,
Archbishop of Montreal:
The Holy Father thanks you for your renewed testimony of devotedness. CARD. MERRY DEL VAL.
Benediction was then given by His Grace, during which the orphans chanted the "Miserere."

Police in All Churches

Paris, Dec. 13.—There was an impressive response this morning to the clergy's appeal to their parishioners to attend the first masses celebrated outside of the pale of the law. A correspondent of the Associated Press visited a dozen churches, including Notre Dame des Victoires, St. Germain d'Auxerrois, St. Roch, the Madeleine and St. Augustin. Everywhere the front gates were closed, but the worshippers entered through the side portals. The buildings were well filled, in several places there was music, but nowhere was there any attempt to interfere with the services or create disturbances. There were three policemen stationed outside the portico of the churches to prevent disorders, while policemen in plain clothes on duty inside simply noted the infractions of the law, with the object of making reports to the justices of the police.

Formal charges were entered wherever Mass was celebrated, except the churches of St. Jean L'Evangile and St. Etienne du Mont, at Pere La Chaise, where parishioners made application last evening to hold services under the law of 1881.

Early despatches from the departments say that wherever Mass was celebrated, charges were drawn up and summonses issued.
Rome, Dec. 13.—Immediately after his arrival here to-day Mgr. Montagnini, the expelled secretary of the Papal Nunciature at Paris, went to the Vatican and conferred with Papal Secretary of State, Merry Del Val, to whom he made a long report on the situation in France. The report of Mgr. Montagnini will be used for a protest to the foreign powers against the action of the French Government. Mgr. Montagnini then went to the Pope, who was much delighted and asked for minute details of the secretary's expulsion and of the documents seized. Mgr. Montagnini presented dark pictures of the situation.

Alderman Harrison
Ald. Dr. Harrison has now represented Ward 4 for four years in the City Council, with a clean and independent record, and is considered an able alderman. This journal understands he may be a candidate for the Board of Control, and if so, would say he is one of the number running who should be elected.

Controller J. J. Ward
The work of Controller J. J. Ward has always been in a forward direction and in the cause of the city's progress. His civic career has been long and successful. That he will be amongst those who head the polls at the coming elections is something to be desired in the city's interests.



The Christmas Story

"Watchman, how's the night?
What see'st thou afar?"
"I see a wondrous sight,
A new, a beautiful star.
It casts its rays around,
Its light effulgent streams,
The heavens near and far
Are lighted by its gleams."

"Watchman, how's the night?
What more is in the sky?"
"Angelic white-winged hosts
Sing of the Lord Most High;
They sing that He is come;
That He on earth is born;
They sing the Saviour's birth,
Redemption's glorious dawn."

"Watchman, how's the night?
What more is in the air?"
The cohorts of the Lord,
I see them everywhere.
All ills they put to flight,
Before them foul things fly;
All sin and shame and strife,
Crushed by their pinions, die."

"Now, watchman, is there more,
More of this good, sweet story?"
"Yes, Heaven and earth are joined
In one great glow of glory;
Throughout Creation's depths,
A 'Gloria' grand is swelling,
Within Creation's heart
A peace supreme is dwelling."
—Margaret Lillis Hart.

"Now, watchman, look to earth
And tell me what is there."
"A Child and maid most sweet,
A sight most winsome fair.
Mary is the maid,
Jesus is the Child;
Heaven to earth has come,
Now they're reconciled."

"Watchman, tell, I pray
More of this Babe so tender."
"His mother is sweet Mary,
Saint Joseph their defender.
Of David's royal line,
By Jesse's star foretold,
In poverty He comes,
Yet bringeth wealth untold."

"Watchman, look again,
Tell what more you see."
"Kings and Shepherds come,
Their Homage is their fee;
They kneel before the crib,
They call this Child the Lord;
Their frankincense ascends,
They greet Him, man yet God."

Mr. J. J. Scully Honored

We have to hand the Brandon Daily Sun of the 7th inst, which devotes several columns to an account of the banquet and presentation given Mr. J. J. Scully, C.P.R. Superintendent, on the occasion of his removal from Brandon to Kenora.

The following is a list of the gifts and by whom presented:
The Order of Railway Conductors, 464, presented a beautiful leather upholstered arm-chair.
The Order of Locomotive Engineers, 667, a handsome diamond ring.
The Bridge and Building Department, a beautiful oak china cabinet.
The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, a beautiful gold chain and locket and to Mrs. Scully a handsome diamond ring.
The offices and depot staff, a handsome collection of cut glass, consisting of a large berry bowl, wine decanter and half a dozen wine glasses, water pitcher and half a dozen tumblers, a spoon tray and a ceiling fan.
The Citizens of Brandon, represented by Mr. A. Kelly, a purse of gold containing \$250.
From the Brandon Cricket Club, a case pipe.
Master Edward Scully, the baby son of the popular superintendent, was presented with a beautiful miniature engine and a train of cars two yards in length.

Mr. and Mrs. Scully are well known in Toronto. Mr. Scully having been Assistant Master Mechanic at Toronto Junction before going to Brandon, and his wife being a young lady of Toronto, daughter of Mr. John Mallon of Dundas street. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Scully will be glad to hear of their popularity and success in the West and will wish for them ever increasing and continued prosperity.