

words of command. And here Mrs. Margaret Brown's evidence, as we have already shown, comes to our assistance, enabling us to explain how the mischief originated. To all this it must be added that, not only is there no evidence to show that the troops fired in consequence of the cry from the Mayor "Fire Fire"—even if he ever did utter such a cry which is by no means certain—but all the evidence goes to establish the contrary. Besides, the idea that a body of disciplined troops would fire upon such an order from a civilian is so absurd that it could never have entered into the heads of any but the wise-acs who usually compose an intelligent British Jury.

In thus starting an hypothesis exculpatory of both officers, and men, we know that we are likely to give great offence. Sad loss of life has occurred; innocent men have been stricken down; brides have lost their husbands; and parents have had to mourn over the untimely deaths of their best and dearest. Must there not then be crime some where? Must there not be a victim? Such feelings are not unnatural; and if not carried too far, are scarcely blameable. If there be crime it should be punished; if there be a criminal, he should not be allowed to go unscathed; but first let us make sure whether there has been a crime, and a criminal, or merely an accident—a terrible one indeed—but still only an accident. That there has been malice, or perjury, on the part of Mayor, officers, or troops we cannot bring ourselves to believe; and until something more plausible shall turn up, we must needs be contented with the hypothesis which we have started, based upon the evidence of that very remarkable woman, Mrs. Margaret Brown, as the least improbable of any that has as yet been offered, to explain the known facts of the case.

The result of the Coroner's Inquest upon the body of Michael Donnelly has not been more satisfactory than that of the first investigation; in neither one nor the other, could the Jury agree upon a verdict, but in both, contented themselves with handing in special returns; the proceedings at the last enquiry will be found on our seventh page. There is however, this remarkable difference to be found betwixt the two Inquests. That, though Walsh and Donnelly were both shot at the same time, and by the same *sortie* from Zion Church, and though the circumstances that led to their deaths were precisely the same, the charges of the Coroner were very different. In the first, the Coroner directly asserted an attack upon the church, by a mob, of which it was insinuated that the murdered man, Walsh, formed a part; in the second, not only no mention is made of an attack, but, in accordance with the evidence—evidence precisely similar to that adduced on the other investigation be it remembered—the party who rushed out of the church are, by implication taxed with murder, in that they fired upon the crowd "when retreating." No one will deny that the persons inside Zion church had a perfect right to carry arms with them for defensive purposes; no one will contest their right, if attacked, and when attacked, to use those arms in self defence; but no one surely will have the hardihood to contend that they had any right to shoot down persons who not only were not attacking them; but, who, no matter what may have been their previous conduct, were actually running away. To have shot a person trying to break into the church would have been a justifiable homicide; but the firing upon a mob "when retreating," overpowered by the police—and with a strong body of military within a hundred yards, or so, called out on purpose to protect the church—was an act of wanton and cowardly murder. In this light it was viewed by the majority of the Jury, who, in accordance with the evidence, and the Coroner's charge, recorded their opinion—"That, at the time the deceased Michael Donnelly was shot by some person unknown from Zion church, there was nothing to justify such firing."

The Hon. Charles Wilson, and Mr. Charles Schiller are, we understand, about to institute legal proceedings against the individuals who, in their report to the Coroner upon the first Inquest, accused them of perjury. In anticipation of these proceedings, we refrain from publishing some intended remarks upon those passages of the evidence of the above named gentlemen, which procured for them the invidious, and perfectly unauthorised imputations cast upon them. We doubt not that they will obtain redress from the proper tribunals, to which they have appealed, and be able to inflict a well merited chastisement upon their detractors.

The partiality of the nine jurors who concurred in stigmatising better men than themselves as perjurers, is the more striking, in that—whilst their noses were so keen to smell out perjury in the discrepancies betwixt Catholic, and Protestant, depositions, and their religious prejudices, led them at once to condemn the former as false—they passed over in silence the far more striking discrepancies betwixt the depositions of Protestant, and Protestant. Of this we shall give one instance for the present. Capt. Ermatinger, a gentleman in whose bare word we would place implicit confidence, swore most positively, that he, never called on the people inside the church to come out and defend themselves. John Broomer, a man brought up from Quebec, and who, though he came up in the same boat with Gavazzi's body-guard did not know one man of them—did not know whether any of them were in the church, or spoke on the platform—did not know who had fire-arms—did not know in fact any body or any thing, that it might be inconvenient for him to know—swore that Capt. Ermatinger did call upon the people in the Church to come out and defend themselves. But although here is a discrepancy, than which none can be more glaring, our honest Protestant Jurors took no notice of it whatever; so easy, and accommodating are cer-

tain consciences. The reason is plain. They did not dare tax a gentleman like Capt. Ermatinger with perjury, for they knew that nobody would believe them; and it did not suit their prejudices to tax John Broomer with perjury, because he was one of the witnesses who deposed to an attack on Zion church, and it would not do to throw discredit on the testimony of so useful a witness. We leave our readers to draw their own conclusions.

The Gavazzi tragedy has had another victim this week. Young James Clendinning, a lad only 13 years of age, wounded on the 9th ult., after intense suffering, died on the evening of Wednesday last, at the General Hospital. The fate of this poor boy, thus untimely cut off, has excited a general feeling of commiseration.

CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY, MONTREAL.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., we were present at the Annual distribution of prizes in the above institution, and have to thank the Ladies of the Congregation for a treat of no ordinary kind. It has often been our privilege to assist on such occasions, but we must say that never, even in the same excellent institution, have we witnessed such a display, whether as regards the number of the pupils, or their proficiency in the various branches of education.

The music was well chosen, comprising some of the most charming compositions of the best masters, Mozart, &c., and was executed in a manner that reflected the highest honor on the teachers, Messrs. Brauneis and Seybold, with some of the Sisters of the Congregation, whose names we would not think of giving, knowing that these admirable ladies seek not, in their actions, but rather shun, the applause of men. Some of the pieces were performed in a concert of nine pianos, and others on all the instruments, consisting of pianos, harps, guitars, &c. The effect was exceedingly fine, especially in the national anthem of the Empire, *God Save the Queen*, and the lively air so dear to our Canadian Brethren: *Vive la Canadienne*.

The Vocal music was also very good, some of the young performers evincing a high degree of musical talent, together with extraordinary vocal power. Amongst the most distinguished, was Miss Crowley of Boston, Miss Watson of New York, Miss Hennessey, Miss Mondelet, &c. One of the most interesting features of the exhibition was a historical and geographical drama, composed and represented by the pupils of the Convent, each young lady personating some particular country. Miss Crowley, already mentioned, took the part of "England"—Miss E. Watson, of New York, that of "Ireland"—Miss McCulla, of Montreal, represented "Auld Scotia," and Miss E. Mondelet, also of Montreal, ably sustained the part of *notre beau Canada*. Miss Coffin of this city personated Italy, and Miss Sexton, fair, afflicted Poland. Austria and Spain were fitly represented and, so, in short, was every country both of the Old and New World. The conception was a very good one, and was really well carried out.

The golden medal was awarded to Miss Glen, of Chambly.

The Superior of the Seminary was present with a large number of clergymen, and a numerous assemblage of ladies and gentlemen, consisting principally of the parents and friends of the pupils. Every one seemed delighted with the exhibition, and we will venture to say that many, many hearts were animated with gratitude towards the accomplished sisterhood whose lives are devoted to the education of youth—who move silently "along the even tenor of their way," undisturbed by calumny—unmoved by praise—doing all for God's sake and the welfare of society, in the true spirit of their vocation. Ah! Gavazzi! Gavazzi!—poor Gavazzi! what a comment on your vile words was that scene—what an answer was there—silent but overwhelming—to your ruffianly strictures on convent education. One of our judges who was there present, delivered a short address, in which he stated that several of his daughters had been educated in that admirable Convent of the Congregation, and that he was now taking another from the hands of the good sisters with her education complete. Many of our first and most worthy citizens were present, who could have said the same, and many more from the various cities of the neighboring republic, and each would vie with the other in extolling the benefits everywhere derived from conventual education. Alas! for the mountebank Italian, and alas! for those who could listen to his filthy rimbaldry!—Catholics have only pity to bestow on either.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., took place, at St. Mary's College, under the charge of the Reverend Father Jesuits, the annual distribution of prizes.—We subjoin a list of the victors in the various intellectual combats.

The College band was in attendance, and discoursed most eloquent music; whilst the exercises gone through by the young students, reflected the highest credit both upon pupils and instructors:—

I.—*Christian Doctrine*—1st course—1st premium, Edmond Hudon; 2nd, George Desbarrats. 2nd course—1st pr., Aug. Levert; 2nd, Jos. Brousseau. 3rd course—1st pr., George Rivet; 2nd, Ch. Lacoste. 4th course—1st pr., Wilfred Grenier; 2nd, Gust. Dorsenens.

II.—*Rhetoric*—*Excellence*—Premium, Peter Ryan; *Application*—pr., Peter Ryan; *Latin Discourse*—pr., Peter Ryan; *Latin Translation*—pr., Peter Ryan; *Greek*—pr., Peter Ryan; *French Discourse*—pr., Peter Ryan; *Latin Poetry*—pr., Peter Ryan; *History*—pr., Peter Ryan.

III.—*Belles Lettres*. *Excellence*—Premium, A. McMillan; *Application*—pr., A. Pariseau; *Latin Narration*—pr., G. Desbarrats; *French Narration*—pr., O. Garceau; *Latin Poetry*—pr., D. Curtin; *Latin Translation*—pr., A. McMillan; *Greek*—pr., D. Curtin; *History*—pr., G. Desbarrats.

CLASSICS.

Excellence—pr., Edmond Hudon; *Application*—pr., Ephrem Hudon; *Latin Composition*—pr., Aug. de Nouvion; *Latin Translation*—pr., Aug. de Nouvion; *Latin Poetry*—pr., Edmond Hudon; *Greek*—pr., Edmond Hudon; *Epistolary Composition*—pr., Edmond Hudon; *History*—pr., Aug. de Rochebiane; *Geography*—pr., Edmond Hudon.

FIRST GRAMMAR CLASS.

Excellence—Premium, Jos. Brousseau; *Application*—pr., Jos. Brousseau; *Latin Composition*—pr., Jos. Brousseau; *Latin Translation*—pr., Jos. de Bellefeuille; *Greek*—pr., Jos. Sorg; *French*—pr., Jos. Brousseau; *History*—pr., Jos. de Bellefeuille; *Geography*—pr., A. Mullins.

SECOND GRAMMAR CLASS.

Excellence—pr., Hyacinthe Hudon; *Application*—pr., M. Clark; *Latin Composition*—pr., H. Hudon; *Latin Translation*—pr., M. Stenson; *French*—pr., Ls. Beaucare; *History*—pr., W. Kelly; *Geography*—pr., A. Leamy; *Writing*—pr., P. Grothe.

THIRD GRAMMAR CLASS.

Excellence—pr., John McTavish; *Application*—pr., G. Rivet; *Latin Composition*—pr., J. McTavish; *Latin Translation*—pr., J. McTavish; *French*—pr., C. Lacoste; *History*—pr., C. Lacoste; *Geography*—pr., J. McTavish; *Writing*—pr., H. Phillips.

IV.—PRIMARY INSTRUCTION.

Commercial Course—*Excellence*—pr., A. Mongenois; *Application*—pr., S. Nagle; *French*—pr., A. Levert; *History*—pr., S. Nagle; *Geography*—pr., S. Nagle.

ENGLISH AND FRENCH CLASS.

Excellence—1st pr., W. Grenier; 2nd, Alph. Pinseault; *Application*—pr., W. Grenier; 2nd, N. Vadeboncoeur; *French*—1st pr., Ch. deLorimier; 2nd, W. Grenier; *History*—1st pr., C. deLorimier; 2nd, A. Hudon; *Geography*—1st pr., A. St. Germain; 2nd, C. deLorimier; *Arithmetic*—1st pr., A. Pariseau; 2nd, A. St. Germain; *Writing*—1st pr., H. Faucher; 2nd, F. Guilbault.

RUDIMENTS.

Excellence—pr., Alph. Leclair; *App.*—pr., U. Beaudry; *French Reading*—pr., U. Beaudry; *English do.*, pr., R. Flanigan; *Writing*—pr., G. Grenier.

IV.—SPECIAL COURSES.

English Course—1st division—*English Narration*—pr., G. Desbarrats. 2nd division—*Exercise and Translation*—pr., A. de Rochebiane. 3rd division—*Exercise and Trans.*—pr., J. Sorg. 4th division—*Ex. and Trans.*—pr., M. Clark. 5th division—*Reading and Trans.*—pr., W. Desbarrats. 6th division—*Do.*, pr., F. Guilbault.

MATHEMATICAL COURSE.

1st division—*Geometry*—pr., G. Desbarrats. 2nd division—*Arithmetic*—pr., A. de Nouvion. 3rd division—*Do.*, pr., C. de Chantal. 4th division—*Do.*, pr., B. Dupre. 5th division—*Do.*, pr., A. Barbeau.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

1st division—pr., A. Mullins. 2nd division—pr., A. Delisle. *Premium*—L. Labelle.

DRAWING.

The written and oral examinations took place on the 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, and 12th instant, upon all the branches of the various courses. A premium, which is esteemed by the professors as one of the most honorable, was allotted to those who obtained the greatest number of good notes.

V.—EXAMINATION.

Rhetoric—Premium—P. Ryan. *Belles Lettres*—pr., G. Desbarrats. *Classics*—pr., Jules Valois. 1st Grammar Class—pr., J. Brousseau. 2nd Grammar Class—pr., W. Kelly. 3rd Grammar Class—pr., John McTavish. *Commercial Course*—pr., Aug. Levert. *French and English Elementary Course*—1st pr., A. McCallum; 2nd, A. Pariseau. *Rudiments*—pr., U. Beaudry.

PREMIUMS OF FOUR ACCESSITS.

Rhetoric—A. Robichaud, Ed. Frechette, A. Meilleur, X. Barrette, and H. Bourgeois. 1st Grammar Class—Th. David, L. Brouillette, and A. Jones. 2nd Grammar Class—C. Dorion, G. Grant, and A. Boyer. 3rd Grammar Class—B. Berthelet and A. Pare. *Rudiments*—Ed. Morley.

A course of philosophy will be opened next year in this College. The re-opening of the classes will take place on the first Thursday in September, at eight o'clock in the morning.

We regret to see by the *Transcript* of yesterday that a most beastly outrage has been perpetrated on the chapel in the Military Burial Ground, Victoria Road; and an infamous insult offered to the Rev. Mr. Robertson, the Garrison Chaplain, a gentleman deservedly, and universally, respected, by men of all religious denominations. A report of the circumstances has been made to the Commander-in-Chief, and we shall rejoice to hear that the filthy scoundrels have been detected, and soundly flogged.

We regret also to add that the *Transcript* tries to give a religious coloring to this disgraceful affair, and to make it appear that the dirty blackguards engaged in it were Catholics. We have heard another version; we have heard it stated on good authority—that the non-commissioned officers on guard when the outrage must have occurred, were *Protestants and Presbyterians*—and that if it originated from any religious animosity, it must have been from the antipathy of Presbyterian, to Episcopalian.—However, we shall know the truth in a few days.

We understand that B. Devlin, Esq., of this city, while on a professional visit to Quebec, within the last few days received a very flattering entertainment from his countrymen, as a mark of their esteem for his character as an Irishman, and his talents as an advocate. Mr. Devlin is, we understand, engaged with other counsel to defend the parties accused of having taken part in the Gavazzi riots at Quebec, but whose trial has been postponed on account of the exposure of Mr. Sewell's "mistake." The trick of Jury-packing fails sometimes.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

S. Mountain, J. Gavin, 6s 3d; Bedford, J. Kehoe, 6s 3d; Brock, J. McEnry, £1; Pakenham, M. Herrick, 6s 3d; Londonderry, Ireland, J. Cunningham, 10s; Mossa, T. Fitzpatrick, £1 10s; Clarke-Durham, D. Roche, 6s 3d; Wellington, J. Scully, Esq., 12s 6d; Port Daniel, W. Whelan, 12s 6d; Trent Port, Rev. J. P. Madden, D.D., £1 5s; Cornwall, J. Flanagan, £1 5s; Beauharnois, M. Martin, 6s 3d; St. Cesaire, P. Maguire, £1 5s; St. Anne's, Rev. L. A. Bourret, 12s 6d; Quebec, M. Enright, £5; N. Lancaster, J. A. McGillis, 12s 6d; St. Raphael's, D. McPherson, 12s 6d; Williamstown, Mrs. Fraser, £1 5s; Brantford, J. Comerford, £1 5s; Kemptville, Rev. D. Farrelly, £1 5s; Danville, J. Honeyman, 6s. 3d; A. B. Fraser, 6s 3d.

THE REV. FATHER BUTLER OF PETERBORO.

To the Editor of the True Witness.

Sir,—Having witnessed the performance of the last sad rites over the mortal remains of the lately deceased Pastor of Peterboro—the Rev. John Butler—I would desire to bring under the notice of your readers, the name of this worthy servant of Christ, who has lately passed away from the scene of his labors to the enjoyment of that reward which is laid up for all who on earth shall leave father or mother, home or country, for Christ's sake.

The Rev. James Butler was a native of Tipperary. Soon after receiving the Holy Order of Priesthood, Peterboro, together with about 30 other townships, were entrusted to his care, in which situation, though ever courting retirement, his zeal, and ardent devotion, soon became conspicuous, and won for him the esteem and affection of all his flock. The name of James Butler will long be held in remembrance by the Catholics of this portion of Canada, in which the numerous churches erected under his auspices—especially the handsome church at Peterboro where his body now lies, waiting for the resurrection of the just—will hand down to future generations, the name of this zealous and indefatigable laborer in the Lord's vineyard.—R. I. P.

A CATHOLIC.

Peterboro, July 13, 1853.

On Sunday last Messrs. Joseph Lagueux and Philippe Brunet, received the Holy Order of Priesthood from the hands of his Grace, the Archbishop of Quebec.

The Quebec papers contain a report of the conviction, before a bench of magistrates, of a certain Narcisse Filiau of Beauport, on the complaint of a constable, that he, the said Narcisse Filiau did, during the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, on the 29th of May last, behave himself in a disorderly manner at the door of the Beauport church, by refusing to take off his hat, when told so to do by said constable.—The accused was sentenced to a fine of five shillings, and twenty one shillings and three pence costs. But he has since appealed to the Superior Court.

This proceeding on the part of the court and constable, seems, at first blush, strange and arbitrary.—If Narcisse Filiau was on the Queen's highway, we do not see in virtue of what law, he could have been expected to take off his hat, or to offer any signs of respect to the passing Procession. We should like to know, however, if the accused was not actually within the precincts of the church, and on the property of the Fabrique, for that would alter the nature of the case entirely. It is said that he was "at the door of the church;" and certainly, if within its precincts, he was bound, to obey all the requirements of the Church. Catholics have no right to expect more from their Protestant fellow citizens, no matter of what origin, than that they shall abstain from all acts of insult to, or aggression upon, their Processions; and we are happy to say that, with a few and unimportant exceptions, the conduct of the latter has always been courteous and conciliatory. But if Protestants come, voluntarily, into our churches, or sacred inclosures, they are bound to behave themselves properly, and to pay all the usual outward marks of respect. If their consciences are too tender for this, they should keep away altogether. In the case of Narcisse Filiau, the point to be decided is, where, and upon whose property, was he, when he committed the act complained of by the constable; and upon this point we are not able, from the accounts that have appeared in the Quebec Journals, to form any opinion. It is merely said "he was at the door of the church," a very vague expression.

Mr. Cameron has announced his intention to come forward at the next election, in opposition to Mr. Brown, as candidate for the county of Lambton. Mr. Brown is to be treated to a great Protestant feed at Toronto on the same day that the Corporation entertains Mr. Hincks.

The New York Crystal Palace was opened on the 14th inst. The President assisted, and the whole affair went off with eclat; the military bands playing "Yankee Doodle, and the choir singing the "Old Hundredth," set to "semi-secular words."

The *Mirror* has an account of the proceedings of the 12th inst. at Toronto. There was the usual amount of cursing, swearing, drunkenness, brutality, and ribald blasphemy; but the evening organs concluded, thank God, without any bloodshed.

Mr. Solicitor General Morrison was unanimously re-elected for Niagara, on the 13th inst.

A young girl 18 years of age, was drowned in the Lachine canal, on Saturday last.

A Mr. John Wise, the famous aeronaut proposes to cross the Atlantic in a balloon, capable of carrying eight men and three hundred pounds of provisions. By ascending to the proper elevation, the hardy adventurer expects to meet a strong and steady current from the Westward, which will carry him over in about 48 hours.

THE MAPLE LEAF; Montreal: Mr. Lay. 5s. per Annum.

We have received the July number of this Juvenile Magazine. We cannot too highly recommend this neat and instructive periodical. Ladies will find it a useful companion and instructor in that most tasteful of female exercise—Crotchet Work. The position of the publisher—her zeal and perseverance in continuing her popular Magazine, under peculiarly distressing circumstances, should secure her a more than ordinary encouragement.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN; Toronto: T. McClair, Esq. From the high celebrity which this lending Monthly has already attained, its mere name should suffice to commend it to every admirer of refined literature.—The July number, which we have carefully perused, is equal to any of its predecessors.

Birth.

In this city, on the 16th inst., the wife of Mr. P. Ryan, of a daughter.

Died.

In this city, on the 9th inst., Ursule Marguerite Emma, youngest daughter of Henry Starnes, Esq., aged four years and nine months.

In this city, on the 18th inst., Mr. Peter Reynolds, late Quarter-master Sergeant in her Majesty's 8th Regiment, aged 67 years, a native of Dublin, Ireland.