

ANTIGONE OF SOPHOCLLES

The second representation of the 'Antigone' took place last Wednesday evening at Montreal college in the presence of a large and cultivated audience.

The chorus music was that of Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdi, the instrumental being rendered by a band under the able conductorship of Father Schickling.

The Antigone is the third part of a trilogy based on the Theban legend of the plague and its oracularly disclosed cause—the crime of Oedipus.

Evidently, the performance of such a tragedy, in the great tragedian's own words, is no slight task, and too much credit cannot well be given, both to the student actors and to those who trained them for their parts.

At a regular meeting of Division No. 1, A. O. H., held in their hall, Tuesday, May 7th, 1895, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved,—That we tender to the family of the deceased our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement;

Resolved,—That, as a tribute of respect to his memory, the charter of our Division be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, and these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the Division, and a copy be presented to the family of the deceased and be published in THE TRUE WITNESS.

At the regular monthly meeting of the above society, held in their hall, on May 5, 1895, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved,—That we, the members of St. Ann's Young Men's Society, in session, do tender Mr. Mahoney our individual sympathy in this his trying and sorrowful affliction, and trust that our Divine Master will enable him to bear his cross with fortitude.

Messrs. Casavant, of St. Hyacinthe, the builders of the Notre-Dame organ, are engaged at present in placing the new instrument for St. Patrick's Church in position. The new organ will be formally opened during the first week of June.

Abbe Colin, superior of the Seminary, spoke of the value, intellectual and moral, of a thorough study of the great chefs d'oeuvre of antiquity, and, on behalf of the student actors, he thanked the audience in French and English for their appreciation.—Gazette report.

ST. LAMBERT.

A SPLENDID BOULEVARD COMMENCED.

Montreal is growing apace; so rapidly does the population increase that the neighboring towns and villages are becoming, as it were, part of the city.

It is a town of the future; the best evidence of which is in the action of foreseeing speculators who are buying up the land available. At present the land is very cheap, but in a few years, when the above mentioned ameliorations have taken place, and when the superb Boulevard will be constructed, the one whose money has been invested will find it returning a hundred-fold.

ST. ANN'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the St. Ann's T. A. & B. Society was held in St. Ann's hall, on Sunday last, 12th inst., the president, Mr. J. D. Quinn, in the chair.

The president reported the death of one member and one member's wife since the last meeting. It was then moved by Mr. T. Quinn, seconded by Mr. P. Flannery, that a vote of condolence be passed to the relatives of our late member, Mr. Ed. McMahon, and to Mr. Gorman on the loss of his wife, which was carried.

A. O. H.

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AN IMPORTANT CIVIL BENEFIT

The following extract issued by H. Begin, to the clergy diocese, with reference to benefactions:

In his recent encyclical to the Bishops of the United States, Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII., speaking of benevolent associations that spring from all quarters and which merit more or less the confidence of the faithful, gives the following teaching:

Following this conclusion, avoid not only associations that have been openly condemned by the judgment of the Church, but also those that, according to the advice of intelligent men, and especially bishops, are considered as doubtful and dangerous.

According to this wise direction of the supreme Pontiff, Mgr. Begin's circular goes on: "You should prudently dissuade your flock from joining these societies, that are not already known as openly Catholic. The aim that they claim to pursue outside the Catholic Church; their rituals and constitutions; their relation that their chiefs have sometimes with societies already forbidden, are of proper nature to inspire serious and perfectly legitimate fears. However, we have in this archdiocese, benefit societies that have already given proof and satisfaction in every respect. It is sufficient for me to mention the St. Joseph's and St. Peter's Union, already existing in many parishes, the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association (Grand Council of Canada), the Artisans Canadiens Francais de Montreal and the Catholic Order of Foresters. These societies and others of this kind, far from fearing the direction, and influence of the Church, draw therefrom an element of strength, stability and wisdom; and I desire that they implant themselves as much as possible throughout this archdiocese."

GRAND BOARD OF OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following grand officers were last week elected to office in the Grand Council of Canada, C. M. B. A.: Spiritual Adviser, His Grace Archbishop Walsh; Chancellor, Dr. John A. McCabe; President, O. K. Fraser; First Vice-President, H. F. Hackett, M. P.; Second Vice-President, Louis H. Bourque; Secretary, Samuel R. Brown; Treasurer, W. J. McKee; Marshal, P. J. Monreuil; Guard, Jacob J. Weinert; Trustees, the Rev. M. J. Tiernan, P. J. O'Keefe, J. J. Behan, W. P. Killackey and P. J. Rooney; Committee on Laws, T. P. Coffey, Charles P. Rouleau, J. S. C. Calgary and J. L. Carleton; Committee on Finance and Mileage, John Ronan, George W. Cooke and Charles Hebert; Supervising Medical Examiner, Dr. Edward Ryan; Solicitor, F. R. Latchford; Assistant Secretary, J. E. H. Howison.

FATHER McCALLEN'S LECTURE.

A very large audience gathered in the Windsor Hall last Thursday evening to hear the Rev. Father McCallen's lecture on his trip abroad. The lecture was a splendid one and commanded the deep attention of the audience throughout.

INTERMITTENT DRINKING.

There would be little use in my describing what I believe to be the cause and the course of intermittent drinking, unless I set forth my experience as to the various methods in use to check or cure the disease. It may be asked: "Has not a man will power, and can he not of his own volition abstain from what he knows to be simple self-destruction?" My answer, unhappily, must be that a man who has fairly fallen into the drink habit, whether constant or intermittent, has scarcely any will power while the fit is on him, and as I have said, each fit leaves him will feebler and less able to withstand the temptation of a sedative of which he has proved the power, and of which he is too prone to forget the danger.

The intermittent drinker, as soon as he has abstained for a few weeks, forgets the disastrous effects of his attack. He believes himself as temperate and disbelieves himself as any of his friends who create a man as any of his friends who take his pint bottle of claret at dinner, and seldom takes more. "He does not see why he should not do likewise. It is the hardest thing to convince an intermittent drinker, who is able to abstain for a period, that he can never, by any chance, become a moderate drinker. Nevertheless, the principle of his drinking is distinct from that of a moderate

man. If he tries to return to his two or three glasses of claret he is absolutely certain to go on to his secret 'nip' of brandy or whisky, and his 'nips' will increase and he will find himself back again on the old road to ruin. The patient, if he really wants to be cured, must clearly, make up his mind that it must be total abstinence or self-destruction, gradual, perhaps, but none the less sure.

POEMS AND LYRICS.

OPINIONS AND CRITICISMS FROM ALL SIDES.

THE QUEBEC MORNING CHRONICLE.

Readers of magazines and newspapers are familiar with the name and writing of Dr. J. K. Foran, editor of the Montreal True Witness. He has just published, with Messrs. D. & J. Sadlier & Co., a volume of his collected Poems and Lyrics. Many of the pieces have stood the test of publication before, and the reader will be glad to have them in this convenient and attractive form. Dr. Foran is a singer of melodious verse. He is happiest in descriptive and narrative poetry, and his lyrics are remarkably tuneful and graceful. He has a keen sense of humor, which is well employed in his lighter poems. He can be pathetic also, and his tributes to Sir John Macleod, Thos. White, Longfellow, and gentle John Lesperance, are touching, tender and true. Dr. Foran's range is wide and far-reaching, and he gives in this book a taste of his quality, in nearly every department of verse. Thus we have Memorial and Patriotic Poems, Domestic Poems, Religious Poems, Jesuit Poems, Humorous and Juvenile Poems, Patriotic Poems, Historical and Descriptive Poems, Indian Translations and early Poems at College. All tastes, certainly, out of such a choice, will find no difficulty in being gratified. Dr. Foran is a loyal and patriotic Canadian, and much of his best work deals with Canada, her aspirations, hopes and triumphs. One of his finest poems is entitled "The Siege of Quebec," and another, in quite a different mood, but equally successful and beautiful, is "Sunset at Quebec." "Christmas in a Shanty" also pleases us very much, it is so true, natural and human. A few slips of the proof reader, which in a volume of such excellent poetry is unpardonable, mars one of the author's most striking and pleasing compositions. These must be rectified in a second edition, which will, probably, be called for.

THE AVE MARIA.

"Dr. J. K. Foran, the versatile editor of the Montreal True Witness, is certainly his own hardest critic when he characterizes his new book of 'Poems and Lyrics' as 'rude verses, written at hap-hazard.' We prefer to believe that no matter what his tastes or dispositions may be, the reader will find in this book some string vibrating in accord with his own feeling. Unquestionably, Dr. Foran's greatest fault is his facility, but in his case the facility is happily not fatal. His lines have the music which seems to be in a special manner the heritage of Irish singers, and not unfrequently the thought is aglow with the pink lights of fancy. It may be added that his muse is most engaging in her domestic and elegiac moods. D. & J. Sadlier & Co., publishers, Montreal."

THE CATHOLIC UNION AND TIMES, OF BUFFALO, N. Y.

"Poems and Lyrics," by Dr. J. K. Foran, LL.B., Montreal: D. & J. Sadlier; price \$1. Dr. Foran is well known and admired this side the line, although his work has principally appeared in Canadian publications. But in poetry there is no 'dividing line,' and this gifted singer's effusions are as welcome to American readers as they are to his own countrymen, to whom he is better known. Dr. Foran in a short preface refers to his work as "rude verses written at hap-hazard and in all manner of places, from the forests of the Black River to the halls of Laval, from the Indian wigwag to the House of Commons; in newspaper offices, law offices and government offices; in court rooms and lumber camps; in monastic retreats and election campaigns." This, to our thinking, constitutes the greatest charm of the work, as it gives us the true soul of the singer under all conditions and tempers. The volume covers a wide range of subjects and has something of special interest to all readers. It is handsomely printed and bound in cloth with gold stamp.

THE CATHOLIC TIMES, OF PHILADELPHIA.

"Poems and Lyrics," by Dr. J. K. Foran, LL.B., of Montreal, is a handsome volume of some 250 pages, and we may say of it, what may be truthfully said of but few collections of poetry, that there is not a dull page between its covers. It is a genuine treat to lovers of literature of this character. An idea of the vein of the author's work may be gathered from the following: &c., &c.

DEATH OF KATHLEEN DAVITT.

[Irish World, April 27.]

It is with a feeling of sincere sorrow that we note the death of Kathleen Davitt, eldest child of Michael Davitt, who is now in Australia. The little one, who had not reached 8 years of age, was born in Land League Cottage, near Dublin, the only place which the great leader could call his home from the time he entered and since he emerged from the portals of his English dungeons. With her American-born mother, Mr. Davitt took her with him to this country on the occasion of his last visit to the United States. She was a sweet child, and her artless singing of "The Wearing of the Green," with a mellifluous Irish accent, touched the depths of the Irish heart with a power that even Ludwig could not command, for that song, coming from the lips of a child of an Irish felon, conveyed more to an Irishman than the most consummate artist could express. Kathleen seems to have been in good health the day Mr. Davitt left Ireland, which was the 6th of April, and the news of her death reached him the hour of his arrival in Australia. The tenderest sympathy of the Irish race the world over will go out to the afflicted father and the desolate mother. Michael Davitt, however, is a true Christian, and he will mourn not as do those who are without hope.

(THE TRUE WITNESS desires to unite the expression of its sorrow and sympathy with that of the Irish World.)

THE NEW LAW IN FRANCE

AS TO TAXING RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES.

The result of the long and animated debate in the French Chamber of Deputies on the taxation of religious communities is as follows: Authorized communities devoted to the assistance of the sick and the infirm, of orphans and abandoned children, and the poor generally, as well as those connected with foreign missions, will be exempted from the tax (droit d'abonnement) imposed by law several years ago, but in the case of the unauthorized Orders the tax will not only continue to apply to them, but will be increased from thirty to fifty centimes per hundred. The Council of State is to decide what Orders are to benefit by the immunity, and there can be no appeal to the courts against its decisions. The exemption is therefore to be regarded as an act of favor which may be withdrawn at any time. Moreover, the measure is to have a retrospective action. Consequently, the Orders, however charitable or beneficent their works may be, will have to pay the tax from the year 1884 until the present time. In vain Monsignor d'Hulst made an eloquent appeal to the Chamber not to commit this iniquity. He declared that the sum which the Sisters of Charity alone would be required to pay was 60,000 francs. He moved an amendment, but it was rejected by a large majority.

It is to be noted that the proposal of the Commission to raise the tax from thirty to fifty centimes in respect of the non-authorized Orders were opposed by M. Ribot, the chief of the Cabinet. He urged the Chamber not to make any such distinction. He went so far as to say that there was a suggestion in this proposal that it was a reply to M. Clausel de Coussergues' amendment, which asked for a difference in the treatment of the two classes of religious by a reduction in favor of the authorized Orders. The Commission granted a distinction of treatment, not by alleviation, but by aggravation. In musical language, a flat was asked for and a sharp was given. This appeal even by the Prime Minister availed nothing, for the Chamber adopted the recommendations of the Commission in their entirety by 385 to 81. It remains to be seen whether the Senate will adopt the Bill as it stands. Should it do so it will become almost impossible for the unauthorized Orders to maintain their property in France, except, perhaps, the Carthusians and Trappists, who are largely engaged in agricultural and commercial pursuits, and who were not molested when the notorious Decrees were carried into effect, because their departure would have entailed a distinct material loss to France. But they may quit the country rather than pay a tax that will diminish their power of usefulness enormously, and which is intended to compel the Jesuits and all other unauthorized Orders to break up their establishments in France. The Bill as it stands is strongly disapproved of by the Catholic party generally, and the religious press is urging the Orders to resist to the last by refusing to pay the tax. The measure offers no security in future, even to those communities from which the tax may now be received, for what favor one Government may grant another may refuse, and having once accepted the situation these Orders can obtain no redress from the Courts.—Catholic Review.

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