# THE WOMEN'S FORUM.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL HOLDS ITS FIRST PUBLIC CONFERENCE.

ELOQUENT ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT LADY ABERDEEN, ON THE SCOPE AND WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION.

The public meetings of the National Souncil of Women, held at the High School in this city, during the course of the week, were marked by a measure of success such as was not anticipated by the promoters of the undertaking.

At the opening meeting, Mrs. Cummings, corresponding secretary of the organization, read a very lengthy report of the workings of the Council during the past year, after which Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, in delivering her annual address as president of the Council, said in part:

Our Council is being tested. Doubt assailed it at its birth and its early infancy was passed in an atmosphere of questioning uncertainty, of open sneers or of kindly jests-only a few believed that it could do any good during the rrief and evanescent existence that was to be its lot; and there were but a handful who believed that a force had been set in motion which was to become a great power in the land-a power none the less potent because of its intangibility and vagueness of its aims and methods, of which so many complain. But the optimists were in the right this

"I do not know how you feel about it. fellow members of the Council, but I confess that a great awe possesses me when I sit down and contemplate the meaning of the Council, what it already stands for in so many cities and districts of Canada, and its vast pot ntislity for the future. I do not speak so much of the direct work it has been able to accomplish and of which we have heard a brief report this evening, and of which fuller accounts were rendered this morning. We might ask you to dwell a little on the consequences of that work, introducing manual education into the schools, of securing the presence of women on school boards, of obtaining the appointment of women inspectors for factories and mills where women are employed, of the introduction of a system of cooperation in the relief of distress, bringing about very desir able changes in the arrangements for women prisoners, both when they were first arrested and in some places during their confinement; in supporting hospitals and caring for the sick; in spreading sanitary knowledge and information concerning the laws of health and the care of children, of which too many mothers are entirely ignorant; in spreading a knowledge of the laws of our land as they affect our children and ourselves, as they touch the working women, as they deal with the poor and erring: in furthering the circulation of cheap healthy literature and in devising means whereby to awaken an appreciation of such literature that will more surely aid us in our crusade against bad and harmful publications than any suppression of the same; in efforts to understand the circumstances and the conditions which surround the working women in many different phases, and to lot; we might enlarge on the various methods adopted by different local councils to attain these and other ends, and we ask you to ponder on the effects of this being done in concert by the most carnest women of each district gathered together irrespective of race or creed or class to confer with one another as to the mission they have in common, and now they can best carry it into practice for the common good.

Her Excellency then entered into many other phases of the work which the council intended to perform, and concluded by making a strong appeal to the women of Canada to assist in the undertaking.

## BISHOP RYAN'S WILL.

A PLAIN AND SIMPLE DOCUMENT. HIS ESTATE, ESTIMATED TO BE WORTH

OVER \$500,000, LEFT TO THE CHURCH.

Bishop Ryan left everything to the church of which he was a member. He left no property to any individuals, but gave everything to the church.

The will, which is a very short and simple one, is as follows:

In the name of God, amen.

I, Stephen Vincent Ryan, Bishop of Buffalo, in the State of New York, do make, publish, and declare this my last will and testament, that is to say :

First.-I direct my executors berein after named to pay my just debts and funeral expenses as soon as possible after

my decense. Second .- I devise and bequeath all my estate, both real and personal, of whatever kind, name, and nature, and whereever simute, whether in possession, reversion, remainder, or otherwise, of which I am now seized and possessed, or to which I may be in anywise entitled, or which I may hereinafter acquire, unto Most Rev. Michael A. Corrigan, Archbishop of the City of New York; Rt. Rev. Charles E. McDomell, Bishop of the City of Brooklyn, New York State, and Rt. Rev. Patrick A. Ludden, Bishop his genius. He has been perfecting it of the City of Syricuse, New York State, for a number of years. He has other into have and to hold the same, and every part thereof, with the appurtenances to them, their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns as joint tenants, and not

as tenants in common. Third.-I hereby nominate and appoint Most Rev. Michael A. Corrigan, Archbishop of the City of New York; Rt. Rev. Charles E. McDonnell, Bishop of the City of Brooklyn, New York State, 1896 is not likely to be followed up by and Rt. Rev. Patrick A. Ludden, Bishop

of the City of Syracuse, New York State, the executors of this, my will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of danuary, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety four. "I cann a state what the value of the

Lewis, who has the will in his possession. "Any estimate that I might make would be merely a guess, with nothing to support it."

"It is a true Bishop's will and a very plain and simple instrument, leaving no room for doubt as to his intentions. I do not know who drew it."

The Bishop was a member of the C. M. B. A., and was insured for \$2,000 in that order. The Working Boys' the reason that it was entirely unnecess ry, as the law provides that the beneficiary named is entitled to the money no matter what claims of any kind there may be on an estate and without regard to a will.

The will was proven by Father Sheahan of this city and Father Cannon of Lockport. Father Gleason, who was also a witness to the will, died before the Bishop.

In his petition Bishop Ludden states that Most Rev. Michael Corrigan, Archbishop of New York, Right Rev. Charles E. McDonnell, Bishop of Brooklyn, and he himself, had been named as executors. The petition was made by Bishop Ludden, the other executors having re-

Bishop Ludden states that the estate is valued at \$507,500, of which \$500,000 is real and \$7,500 personal property.

### THE POPE'S CONDITION.

MOR, MAGENNIS SAYS HIS HOLINESS IS EN-JOYING VERY GOOD HEALTH.

Mgr. Magennis has just returned from Europe, and in the course of an interview with an American correspondent, referred to the state of the Pope's health as follows: "Although the Pope has but recently celebrated his 86th birthday. and is somewhat feeble physically," said Mgr. Magennis, "his eye brightens when he speaks and he is as vigorous intellectually as ever. His countenance brightens when in the presence of officials of the church, and he is all animation when he addresses them with his remarkable powers of elecution, and with an emphasis that leaves a lasting impression on his auditors.

The reports of the ill health of the holy father are unfounded, and to-day he shows an intellectual vigor fully as great as five or even ten years ago. He interests himself in all matters of religion and state affairs in connection with the church all over the world. In spite of his advanced age he devotes many hours every day to receiving reports from the various heads of departments. He seems to be always glad to receive visitors from all parts of the world. He converses with them in the French or Italian language. He seems to have a particular fondness for Americans, not only Catholies, but those who do not belong to the church.

"During Lent, just before Holy Week, when it was currently reported that fully 50,000 foreign visitors were in Rome. many of whom were Americans, it was reported to the Pope that many of them were very auxious to see him. In spite of the fatigue following the ceremony of his coronation, which anniversary occur red on the 3rd of March, rather than let these people return to their homes without having seen him be gave orders that they should all be admitted to one grand reception.

"It is the universal verdict of the thousands of visitors to Rome, especially those who go there for the first time, join hands with them, in any efforts for the amelioration or uplifting of their most interesting city in Forces contains most interesting city in Europe, certainly the one which has the greatest charm for the visitor. The Vatican galleries, the churches, with their beautiful decorations, the mosaics and paintings, the palaces of the Roman nobility, the publie buildings of the Government, the in-Roman Forum, the fountains and beautiful parks, all these things combine to make Rome a beautiful city and an interesting one to the visitor Rome has a charm all its own, which no other city possesses.

### IRELAND LEADS

IN THE VAN OF CATHOLICTY IN THE BRITISH ISLES.

Cardinal Vaughan has published the Catholic Year Book for England for the year 1896. From this source we learn that there are four Englishmen in the Cardinal's College; that England and Wales have seventeen Bishops, inclusive of the Apostolic Vicar in Wales; that Scotland has seven Bishops. The British Isles report 3.014 priests, serving in 2.789 congregations. Of these 2.090 are secular clergy. England has one Arch bishop and two Bishops in partibus intidelium. The total Catholic population of Great Britain is estimated at 5,500,000; namely, 1,500,000 in England, 365,000 in Scotland and 3,500,600 in fre land. The British colonies are credited with 10,250 000 Catholic subjects.

## FATHER LECHNER

SECURES LETTERS PATENT FOR A VALUABLE INVESTION.

The Rev. Joseph Lechner, paster of St. Peter's church in Oswego, has received his patent letters from Washington on an invention that promises to be one of great value to carriage builders, and the public at large. It consists of a combination trace releaser, holdback and brake.

The invention is considered a valuable one and Father Lechner will undoubtedly realize much from this product of ventions under way.

### IRELAND'S CURRENT EXODUS.

Though 1895 showed a pretty high record of the departure of the very backbone of Ireland's peasantry for America, owing to cut fares and keen compe ition, anything approaching the figures of last year. In 1895 there were 48 703 souls left their native land for foreign coun-

NOT WHAT WE SAY, but what Hood's Sarsaparilla Does, that tells the story of its merit and sucproperty is," said Judge George A. cess. Remember HOOD'S Cures. 

trice, of which Munster alone contribut ed 22,176, Connaught 13,495, Ulster 8,109 and Leinster 4923. The total number who left Irish ports from May, 1851, to December, 1895, was 3,651.128. Of all the southern Irish counties, Kerry and Clare contributed most to the exodus, the figures being for Kerry 96 per cent of the population, and Clare 906. This year. however, all the Atlantic componies have raised their rates to £5 10s, and £6, that Home is named as the beneficiary. No is, from \$27.50 to \$30. It this rate is kept mention of this is made in the will for up throughout the Summer very few can avail themseives of a passage, and they will, therefore, be compelled either to settle down at home, or else (which is more likely) go over to England, and still be subjects to Her Britannic Majesty. Even now half of those who pass out from Queenstown are going on prepaid tickets sent by their friends in America. At any rate, all causes operating, labor troubles, low wages and high fares, etc., Ireland will not witness this year, and perhaps not for many years to come, such an exodus as she has seen in the past, and, indeed, many here at home devoutly wish it to be so.

### CANADIAN LITERATURE.

HOW THE WOMEN OF CANADA CAN PROMOTE IT.

A SPLENDID PAPER; ITS KEYNOTE, TO SOW THE SEEDS OF PATRIOTISM IN THE RISING GENERATION BY A RECITAL OF THE DEEDS OF PROWESS OF CANADA'S GREAT PIONEEES.

Among the many valuable papers read during the recent public conference of the National Council of Women, held in this city last week, was one contributed by Miss M. L. Hart, a member of the Catholic Ladies' Literary Society of Toronto, as follows:

In this paper 4 do not intend to speak of literature as it now exists in Canada, or to make mention of any of the many names whose possessors are rising or have risen to prominence and perhans fame; I intend merely to point out one or two respects in which Canada is tayored as a field for literature, and to touch on a few ways that suggest themselves, whereby we, as women of Canada, may help on the work in our everyday

Hite.
"How Canadian Women Can Promote Canadian Literature?" is a question that can be answered only by the application of general principles to a particular case. There is no "royal road" for the special development of Canadian letters; the only exclusive part in the process being that which local characteristics and environment supply.

This being the case, it were well to take a glance at the course of literature amongst other peoples, and then by com parison we may see of what essentials we are already possessed either in part or in full, and also those, if any, in which we are entirely deficient, the seed of which it is necessary to sow.

We need not go back to the nations of the East, whose literature in many cases bloomed, reached its zenith and died. while Europe was still in the cradle of barbarism, and the American Continent unknown, but let us begin with Greece the culture of which eventually overspread all Western civilization, and whose far-reaching influence is telt by Nothing is so powerful in broadening

The sea of letters which deluged the land during the epoch of Greek culture was due to the emotion called forth by the gigantic struggle of the Greeks for | beautiful in music, painting and architheir independence; in this struggle tecture be cultivated and part of our against the Persians, the Greeks were at | dail | life - for as we live so we write. last successini, and the peace which fold Let religion be the key-stone of our acteresting historical associations, the last successful and the peace which follows the ruins of the palaces of the Casars, the lowed was the opportunity for the long tions; let our religion not be that of pent up fountain to overflow. Had

ourselves, do we give to this language the study it deserves? Do we observe the subtile but beautiful shades of differences in the meaning of words which to a casual observer seem the same?

Some may be able to answer yes, but it is to be feared that the majority could answer, truthfully, in the negative. Not long since a professor of English in one of our schools, while addressing his class-all adults and many of whom had been teachers-made this statement: We Canadians think ourselves good speakers of the English language, but in doing so we flatter ourselves, and it is time to awaken to a realization of the

the language of our French contreres; possessor with all the care that pride 140 000,000 lire. and love can give it.

This, then, is a great work for Canadian women; to make themselves and their children correct speakers of the

mother tongue. Then, following the example of Varro, let us be collectors of baks valuable books-and remember that it is not alone works on religion, titry or science that have a value, but also works of fiction-and, in the limited sense of the word literature, the latter are principally meant-works which. from their beauty of style, sublimity of language, or vivid portrayal of life in its varying phases, are in themselves an education, a solace and a joy.

Now, activity of thought is the first essential in a brilliant literature, and for this, food on which thought may feed is a necessity. It is necessary that the imagination be aroused. A striking ilinstration of this is seen at the Renais-ance in England. To quote the histerian Green: "The wenders of the New World kindled a burst of extravagant fancy in the Obl. The strange medley of past and present which distinguished its masques and feastings only reflected the medicy of men's thoughts. Pedantry, novelty, the allegory of Italy, the chivalry of the Middle Ages the mythology of Rome, the English bear fights. pastorals, superstition; all took their turn in the entertainment of the Oncenat Kenilworth, and to this turnoil of men's minds, this wayward luxuriance and prodigality of fancy, we owe the revival of letters under Elizabeth.

Though all these are not desirable as aids to the imagination, many of them are, and to these might be added the art of "story tedling;" an art seemingly almest unknown in Canada. Revive the old nursery rhymes; tell steries to the children; stir up their patriotism by tales of the prowess and hardinoed of their foretathers; tell them of those grand pioner men and women who braved the hostile elements and the terrors of an known seas and lands preparing the way for them to a peacetul and civilized home. Tell them of Champlain, of De-Brehout and his companiers, of the noble women of old France who left ent tured homes to labor amidst the Red men in the cause of the salvation of souls. Teach them that the past his tory of New France is replace with wonders; morvels such as could not be equalled by those of Ancient Rome itself.

And if we have not the mythology of the Greeks or the fairy-lore of our Celtic ancestors, we have, in common with the rest of the Continent, the traditions of the Indian, some of which are so beauti fully embodied in his Hiawatha by Longfellow Torold women's tales, Barns attributed his Tam O'Snamer, and to the fore of the peasants about his home were many of Scott's most vivid pictures due

Other practical means of encourage ing literature are by the offer-ing of prizes both at home and in the school as reward for original essays, and by exerting our left once wherever it exists to have the number of Canadian selections in our school text books increased. One of the most potent means for the promotion of literature is travel; where possible 20 abroad, your children with you, travel with your eyes open; see life in numerous phases. all cividzed peoples, even at the present | the mind and consequently in producing inerature, as the opportunities present

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Value of prizes ranging from \$4 to \$5,000. Tickets 25cts. Value of prizes ranging from \$2 to \$2,000. Tickets 10cis.

### BANKRUPT ITALY.

The Minister of the Italian Treasury made his tinancial statement in the Chamber last week, setting forth the financial situation as modified by the new Cabinet in consequence of recent events in Africa. The actual receipts for 1895 96 had fallen below the estimates, and act.

I have hitherto spoken of the Eng ish deficit of 2.828 (00 lire. The greater tongue only, but what has been said portion of this, however, would probably

with regard to the attention due to it be covered by the increased revenue may be said with equal force regarding | The original estinate of expenditure to 18 %-7 had bad to eincreased by 52 000. the language of a Lacordaire and a 000 lire. The Government had obtained Bossuet deserves to be cherished by its a cream tor me operations in Alica of

#### TUPPER, THE VIGOROUS AND COURAGEOUS.

With "Remedial Legislation for the Manitoba Minor ty" inscribed on his banner Sir Charles Tupper has gone straight to the storm con re of evercion. and is now in Winnipeg proclaiming his policy. This action upon his part speaks volumes for his courage, doubt as we may the wisdom of the course he is taking in attaching himself to the Bowel. school poricy as it he loved it with the love of a parent. The vigorous oal man is conrageous to a point that compeladmiration. According to a hest of people in Canada, he is engaged in a con spiracy against, the autonomy of Manitoba, vet the first thing to does atte isming his appeal to the country is t instity his course on the ground that is held by his political enemies. He doesn't sneak away to Nova Scotia or New Brunswick where friends abound and supporting constituents are conserous On the contrary, he tacks the people whom he is credited with correing. It's a sight of which Canada reed not be ashamed, snowing as it does a political battle in the open and a meeting of opposing forces that admits of no guerilla work on either side.

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J. H. BAADERSON, Secretary.

Department of Railways and Carals.

Ottawa, 7th May, 1895.

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