

sprang up, when their need was the sorest, to steer safely the good old ship clear of the rocks of discontent that threatened to disrupt even the empire itself. On page 169 of our British American history we find the names of those who proceeded to London to participate in the drawing up of the British North America Act. Of the "Nova Scotia delegates" there mentioned, none remain save Sir Charles Tupper. Of the "peoples delegates" the last passed away in this town, where he resided, on Tuesday 28th ult. Through industry and strict application to details Hugh Macdonald rose from the ordinary walks of life and became the peer and associate of Howe, Archibald, Tupper and all that glorious band whose names memory inscribes in golden letters on the heart of a nation that has reaped the fruit of their toils. They leave us one by one. Sometimes we stop and ask, with dubious expectation, will any age of our history ever see such another phalanx of heroes, patriots, and statesmen.

THOUGHTS FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

"God," says the Psalmist, "directs the nations upon the earth." As to each individual so also to every people He has appointed a mission to fulfil. In the vicissitudes that mark the lives of nations, faith sees the workings of an eternal mind.

Men point to Ireland's history during seven centuries of sorrow and misfortunes, and tell us that some evil destiny hangs over the land. They who argue thus speak in a human fashion, ignoring a great and fundamental truth. They exclude from their reckoning a mysterious Providence which "chooses the weak things of the world to confound the strong." That which lacks material grandeur they look upon as unlovely, as if the spiritual were not the only substantial, the most truly excellent. Judged by the world's standard of worth, Ireland is indeed weak and insignificant. But if true greatness consists not in earthly empire, but in loyalty to God and to truth, hers is a glory unsurpassed.

God chooses earth's weaklings to accomplish His designs, and He makes their very weakness a mighty power which the merely human cannot successfully withstand. An example of strength in weakness we have in the apostolic twelve, and in those evangelists who in later days brought to the nations the light of Christian truth. What in the eyes of the world was Patrick, the exiled