

OUR PARAGRAPHER'S

POINTED REMARKS ON QUESTIONS OF THE HOUR

THE JESUITS AND THEIR ENEMIES—THE ELECTIONS IN QUEBEC—GODLESS SCHOOLS AND THEIR EFFECTS—THE GROWING TENDENCY OF DISRESPECT FOR SACRED THINGS—AND OTHER SUBJECTS.

Where are Dalton, Essery, Margeret L. Wallace, and the rest of the combination? Have they been so busy that they have even for one moment allowed their eagle glances to wander from the irrepressible Jesuit? Some yellow-bagged sentiment must be neglecting his duty some part of the machinery is evidently "out of gear." At the reception given by the Ladies' Committee of the Catholic Sailors' Club, a Jesuit, a real live Jesuit, wore the badge of the Committee, a miniature Union Jack. What's the world coming to? In the great Republic to the south of us a grateful nation honors the memory of the heroic Marquette, the Jesuit Missionary and explorer, and here in Montreal, on the same street on which the only religious daily grinds out its diurnal portions of spleen and bigotry, a well-known Jesuit shocks the "Ultra Loyals" by wearing on his heart the flag that for a thousand years has braved the battle and the breeze. Ah me, that such things should "come upon us like a summer cloud and cease to excite our wonder." "No surrender" and "Lining the ditches" would be good scare-words if all the world did not know that the only time the members of the saffron-hued society would do any "lining" would be when they wanted to hide, but now, when the enemy seizes the very flag of the country, it's about time to wake up, make a new war cry, and kick a certain piece of head-gear into that historic Irish river. No time to be lost, or first thing we know "them 'ere Jesuits" may prevent that royal game of foot-ball!

The noise and excitement of the elections are over and quietness again reigns supreme. Much surprise is expressed in certain quarters at the Liberal majority in Quebec. Looking at it from an impartial point of view, it could not be otherwise. The date of the elections was fixed for June the 23rd. The eve of the great feast of St. John the Baptist, the national holiday of French Canada, a clever French Canadian was pitted against an equally clever man of another nation and language. Had the result been different, French Canadians might be accused of lack of patriotism. As it is, one cannot but admire their spirit in the matter. Think for a moment! If Quebec was an Irish province and a clever Irishman asked the political support of his countrymen on St. Patrick's Day, how many votes would the "other man" get? They could be easily counted.

When the French Government caused the name of the Creator to be expunged from the books in the schools of France, evil was prophesied for that country and the prophecy came true, when France's brilliant ruler was, in the zenith of his fame, struck down by the hand of an assassin who boldly proclaimed that he derived his theories of murder and treason in his country's Godless schools. With this evil staring them in the face, is it any wonder that Manitoba parents insist on their right to give their children a religious education, in order that they might become loyal and true citizens. But here in Montreal a worse evil threatens the children, viz., a growing indifference to holy emblems. In this Rome of America a child cannot purchase a pennyworth of candy, but it receives it wrapped up in a miniature copy of one of the old masters. Walk along the streets and here and there you will find, scattered at your feet by childish fingers, pictures of Madonnas, Saints, Le Bon Pasteur, Ecce Homo, etc. Is not this teaching the children indifference to sacred things? Once holy pictures were given as rewards of merit to deserving children, and were cherished as such with the beautiful love of childhood. Now this is all changed, the picture is still bestowed, but is it appreciated as of yore? I think not. It would be inconsistent to think otherwise, when a boy can secure a St. Alphonse with a package of cigarettes, or a little girl a St. Theresa wrapped round a stick of chewing gum. Not long ago the writer was on a street car, a number of First Communicants were seated at one end laughing and talking and demolishing several packages of candy, evidently given them by their chaperon who sat near them. The paper that held the candy was scattered on the floor, the car stopped and a pedlar, an Assyrian woman, entered and took her seat near the white robed children. Suddenly her swarthy face grew crimson with mingled sorrow and indignation; stooping, she picked up the discarded pictures from the floor, carefully wiping the dust from each madonna and saint. She reverently pressed them to her lips and placed them in her bosom. The children laughed at her "uncouth" actions, not understanding her devotion nor her beautiful act of reparation, and yet that very morning they had partaken of the Bread of Angels. Montreal is called "The City of Churches," and it would be scarcely believed that "the blessed image of Mary" would be treated indifferently by her little ones. Is there no remedy for this evil, this carelessness? How true it is. Evil is often wrought by want of thought as well as want of heart.

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view, and accuses him of egotism. Now, this is too bad, and the Review is henceforth an object of pity. Alas! That one can so easily get out of the way of an elephant and not be able to dodge a mosquito.

BADETT.

IRISH NEWS ITEMS.

Cardinal Logue will lay the foundation stone of St. Bridgid's Church, Faughart, the birthplace of the Saint, on Sunday, Oct. 18. Very Rev. Dr. Keane, O.P., D.D., of Dublin, will preach the sermon.

Some of the influential residents in Mohill have started a movement to present Daniel Curley, station master at Dromol, with an address and testimonial, previous to his departure to Ballinrobe.

While two farmers at Mullafernaghan, were shooting rats on the 25th ult., the gun accidentally went off, and one of them was killed, the pellets penetrating the brain. Deceased's name was Clughan.

Many years ago William Murphy left Ireland and went to Spain to grow up with the country. He is now Conde di Morphi, private secretary to the Queen Regent of Spain, Chamberlain of Alphonso XIII, and a grandee of the first class.

An agricultural tenant named John Crotty was evicted on the 25th ult., from his holding at Ballyannon. The holding contains twenty acres, and the amount of rent due was £50. The landlord is Lord Middleton. David Crotty, who occupied a house on the lands, was also evicted.

John Alexander Burns, of Newry, died on June 23, in his twenty-eighth year. He was the son of the proprietor of the Newry Reporter. He had passed all his examinations in medicine save the final, when, nine months ago, he went to Cork with the view of enlarging his knowledge of the practical side of his profession, preparatory to presenting himself for the license of the Scotch College of Surgeons.

Among those lost in the wreck of the Drummond Castle was Surgeon C. J. Fallon, of Dublin, who formerly resided at Mountbellew Bridge, Ballinasloe. About Christmas Surgeon Fallon was in Dublin, and left shortly afterwards, having obtained an appointment as medical officer on board one of the Donald Currie Company's steamers for a journey to South Africa. He was returning on the homeward journey in his official capacity on the ill-fated Drummond Castle.

James Leahy, ex-M.P., of Dublin, died on the 25th ult. He was a follower of Isaac Butt in the early days of the Home Rule agitation, and afterwards of Charles Stewart Parnell. Always ready to aid the tenant farmers in their struggle against rackrenting landlords, he was prominently identified with the Land League from its inception. In 1885 the Nationalists of South Kildare elected him to Parliament. Since 1890 he had been a Parnellite. He was rejected at the general elections of 1892. Mr. Leahy was a native of Athy, and made a large fortune there. He died after a short illness at the age of seventy six, fortified by the rites of the Church.

Henry Lambert, the once great magnate of Carnagh House, Carnagh, died on June 22, at the age of sixty years. His mother was a daughter of the late John Talbot, a member of one of the leading Catholic families in Ireland, and his father was Henry Lambert, one time M.P. for the county. The deceased succeeded to the property, which included the townlands of Carnagh, Cushinstown, Teremah, and Aclamon, and married a Miss Williams, of the Island of Anglesey, whose property he acquired. By this lady he was predeceased by about four years, and of their union were two children, a boy and a girl. The former, Mr. George Henry Lambert, succeeds to the property. Deceased was high sheriff of Wexford in '64, and in '65 held a similar office in the Island of Anglesey.

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against him effectively. We are sometimes told that religious prejudices play no part in the political life of the United States, but there are quite a number of recent incidents that make it difficult to hold to that view.—Toronto Globe.

SHAMROCK LACROSSE CLUB.

Mr. W. J. McKenna Retires and Mr. M. J. Polan Takes His Place as Captain of the Team.

Mr. W. J. McKenna, for the past two months Captain of the Shamrock Seniors, was forced very reluctantly to tender his resignation, as he found the exercise on the field during the progress of a match a little too violent for his present state of health. Mr. McKenna has a unique record as a player and



MR. W. J. MCKENNA.

executive officer of the Shamrock Club and the greater organization, the S.A.A.A., which embraces a period of more than a decade. He has occupied every known office in these institutions from the humble rank of a junior committee man to that of the president of the Association. When the time arrives for the work of writing the history of the Shamrocks in the great cause of athletics in this city, the name of Mr. McKenna will occupy a place of distinction, as he has been one of the most unselfish, the most devoted and manly of those whose enthusiasm has urged them to interest themselves, without any hope for personal gain, to promote a true spirit of interest in physical culture. Mr. McKenna will be succeeded by another veteran of long and successful service, Michael J. Polan, for many years Captain of the team.



MR. M. J. POLAN.

MR. POLAN has a splendid record in lacrosse circles to which he can point with a just degree of pride.

In 1889 he was the chief factor in promoting an interest among the members of the Junior Shamrock Club, who were then composed of the present Seniors. The Juniors of about that period won many noble victories.

In 1892 Mr. Polan was Captain of the Seniors, and every lacrosse enthusiast will remember the great final saw-off, on the M. A. A. Grounds, when the Shamrocks played the Capitals to a stand-still and won the championship.

Again, in 1894, Mr. Polan came to the front and achieved the signal victory of leading the Shamrocks to a triumph, through one of the hardest and most hotly-contested games ever played on a lacrosse field, which resulted in the first defeat of the Capitals on their own territory. Of course Mr. Polan was supported in 1892 by such a well-known clever executive officer as Mr. J. P. Clarke, who then gained the sobriquet of the "Little Napoleon of Lacrosse."

There is no doubt that Mr. Polan has few superiors in the lacrosse field as a general. Few captains of our lacrosse organizations manifest such deep enthusiasm in their work, or devote such earnest thought and care to the men who surround him on the field as does Mr. Polan.

He entered upon his duties last week, and if the Shamrocks do not defeat their opponents in all future league matches, it certainly will not be the fault of Mr. Polan, as he will do his duty in a way which will leave no room for doubt in that respect.

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THE PHILOSOPHY OF SELFISHNESS.

"It is a common belief," writes the editor of the New York Tribune's "Home and Society," "that unselfishness is promoted and cultivated by the daily demands of a large family upon the patience and consideration of the various members, one with another, and doubtless it is true that selfishness is equally developed, for there are always the givers and the takers in every household, and the latter become more and more exacting in proportion to the self-obliteration of the former. That an unselfish mother produces a selfish child has often been commented upon; but selfish mothers and devoted, self-denying daughters are quite as frequently met with, although seldom recognized as the outcome of an affectionate parent's exaction. Nevertheless it may be truly said that perhaps there is no more intensely selfish individual in the world than the soft voiced, gentle, loving, hypochondriac who rules the family with a rod of iron cased in the softest of velvet, and whose devoted unmarried daughter and admiring husband believe her to be a saint in patience and long-suffering. Such a woman frequently spoils the life of her daughter all unwittingly, taking it for granted that the latter should give herself up to be her own constant companion and attendant. The mother's very belief in her own ailments, as well as her undoubted love for her slaves, causes her to be blind to her own egotism and injustice. Sometimes, on the other hand, a whole family is so unselfish that with the best intention they succeed in making each other thoroughly uncomfortable.

"An amusing story is told of the C's, who were so eager each to please the other and deny themselves that they very nearly succeeded in doing what was absolutely repugnant to each member of the household. The project discussed was a trip through Wales on bicycles, and the idea was first mooted by the paterfamilias in a moment of enthusiasm (temporary aberration, he called it afterward) which was accepted with apparent delight by his sympathetic wife and daughters, each suppressing her individual objection because she thought the others seemed so pleased. So it was decided that this should be their summer's outing. By the time the preparations were fully made the father of the family regretted beyond measure his rash proposition; but being unwilling to disappoint his wife and daughters, who talked continually of their anticipated pleasure, he made up his mind to bear the consequences of his rashness in silence rather than mar the general anticipation. The girls meanwhile confessed to each other that they knew it would be dull to a degree, but 'poor papa' seemed so pleased that it would never do to let him know how very much they would rather go to Narragansett as usual. As for the poor little mother, who secretly hated her bicycle, which she positively feared as if it were a living, vicious brute, and who had compelled herself to learn to ride to please her family, she actually lay awake at nights dreading the dreadful excursion. 'To think,' she wrote plaintively to a friend, 'that I should have to spend dear William's vacation, which I have always so enjoyed, pedalling up and back-peddalling down those dreadful Welsh hills, seated on a brass nail! It is too dreadful!'

"As the time drew near for sailing she grew more and more nervous and unhappy, until at last the family doctor, seeing that something was amiss, contrived to win her confidence and then basely violated it, telling Mr. C. that his wife might really be ill if the plan were persisted in. The surprise and relief of the good gentleman upon hearing of the unexpected reprieve may be imagined, and when very unwillingly the affectionate parents mustered sufficient courage to tell their daughters that the trip must be abandoned, the whole truth came out. Every one of them simply hated the idea, and had concealed her feelings for the sake of the others, not wishing to spoil their pleasure.

"But the most complete case of self-obliteration, which lasted for twenty-five years, was that of Mr. and Mrs. Z. The latter had a pronounced taste for the white meat of a fowl, and this taste she had suppressed during all that time, thinking her husband would also prefer it. He, kind man, only cared for the dark meat, but noticing his wife's apparent predilection for the latter, he patiently and invariably took the white, which according to his ideas was altogether inferior. How the dejection came after twenty-five years of conjugal self-sacrifice dependent sayeth not—whether the truth was elicited in a burst of confidence; or whether during a love tiff it came out through mutual re-creation, no one knows; but it is certain that now Mrs. Z. always takes the breast of a chicken, while her husband regales himself upon the second joints."

MEN'S HEARTS ARE TOUGH.

Kate Douglas Wiggin, in one of her recent magazine stories, put the following in the mouth of a pretty woman: "I've lived thirty-six years, and I have never seen a man's unhappiness last more than six months, and I have never

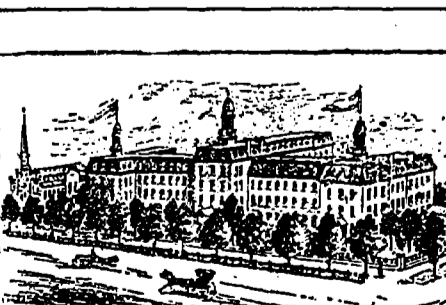
seen a woman make a wound in a man's heart that another woman couldn't heal. The modern young man is as tough as well. I can't think of anything tougher enough to compare him to. I've always thought it a pity that the material with which men's hearts is made couldn't be utilized for manufacturing purposes; think of the value for hinges or for the toes of little boys' boots or the heels of their stockings!"

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A gentleman having prematurely gray hair remarked that he would give \$1000 to have it restored to its original black. "I'll buy you a champagne dinner," said a friend. "Lady's Parisian Hair Restorer will accomplish the desired result in a month." The other accepted the bet, in credulously, but nevertheless lost it, to his intense delight. Sold by all chemists.

CONDUCT AT THE HOLY TABLE.

[Michigan Catholic.] Priests who have spent years of service in the care of souls can relate many objectionable singularities and reprehensible practices on the part of people when receiving Holy Communion. Such singularity is, to say the least, not edifying; sometimes they are decidedly unbecoming and disrespectful to the Blessed Eucharist.

Some communicants, for instance, incline the head, instead of holding it erect or throwing it slightly backward, in consequence of which the officiating priest finds it difficult to place the Sacred Host upon the tongue.

Others scarcely open their mouth and do not place the tongue upon the lower lip—how can the sacred minister, under the circumstances, administer Holy Communion in safety and without perturbation?

Others, instead of having the eyes cast down, stare at the priest in a most repulsive manner.

Others, instead of decorously waiting in a reverent attitude, till the Sacred Host is placed upon the tongue, snap the concentrated species from the bands of the priest.

Others seem to make a frantic effort to thrust the tongue out as far as possible, as if for a doctor's inspection. It is not an agreeable spectacle.

Others again keep the mouth closed to the last moment, and then suddenly pinch the Sacred Host from the hands of the surprised priest, so that there is danger of its either breaking or of its falling to the ground.

Sometimes it also happens that devout, but eccentric souls, at the very moment before reception make what they desire to be, a reverent inclination of the head and thereby knock the sacred Host from the fingers of the priest.

Such eccentricities or peculiarities make the administration of Holy Communion rather difficult, especially when there is a large number of communicants, and sometimes grave irreverences are the result. Why cannot every communicant act according to the plain regulations of the catechism?

Hold the communion cloth under the chin and, while the eyes are cast down, throw back the head, put out the tongue and extend it a little upon the lower lip and then most reverently receive the Sacred Host. Reflect, dear reader, whether you have not been guilty of one of these or of similar singularities, when receiving Holy Communion, and resolve to improve your conduct in the future.

HEARTLESS GIRL.

"Proud beauty" said he, striking an attitude he had learned by constant attendance at the 10, 20, 30 drama: "proud beauty, I go from here to the river, where I shall end my sorrows by jumping in."

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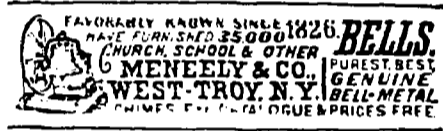
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