

TRIBUTES TO SAMUEL BOWLES.

NOTABLE FEATURES OF THE MEMORIAL SERVICES
IN HIS NATIVE CITY.

The funeral or memorial services at Springfield, on Wednesday, of Samuel Bowles, the well-known editor of the *Springfield Republican*, were somewhat novel in their nature. Addresses were made by prominent people, politicians and literateurs, from all sections of the country, including such personages as Gen. Hawley, Murat Halstead, and Dr. Holland, and letters were read from Charles Francis Adams, Carl Schurz, Horace White and others. One of the features of the service was the reading of the following poem by Charles W. Warner:

"NOT DEAD, BUT RISEN" (From the Arabic.)

He who died at Azim sends
This to comfort all his friends.

Faithful friends! 'Tis I, I know,
Pale and white and cold as snow;
And ye say, "Abdullah's dead!"
Weeping at the feet and head,
I can see your falling tears,
I can hear your sighs and prayers;
Yet I smile and whisper this:
I am not the thing you kiss;
Cease your tears and let it lie:
It was mine, it is not I.

Sweet friends! what the women have,
For the last sleep of the grave,
Is a hut which I am quitting—
Is a garment no more fitting—
Is a cage from which, at last,
Like a bird my soul has passed.
Love the inmate, not the room—
The wearer, not the garb—the plume
Of the eagle, not the bars
That kept him from those splendid stars!

Loving friends! Be wise and dry
Straightway every weeping eye:
What ye lift upon the bier
Is not worth a single tear.
'Tis an empty sea-shell—one
Out of which the pearl has gone;
The shell is broken—it lies there;
The pearl, the all, the soul is here.
'Tis an earthen jar whose lid
Allah sealed, the while it hid
That treasure of his treasury,
A mind that loved him; let it lie!
Let the shard be earth's once more.
Since the gold is in his store!

Allah glorious! Allah good!
Now thy world is understood;
Now the long, long wonder ends!
Yet ye weep, my erring friends,
While the man whom you call dead,
In unspoken bliss, instead,
Lives and loves you; lost to true,
For the light that shines for you;
But, in the light ye cannot see,
Of undisturbed felicity—
In a perfect paradise,
And a life that never dies.

Farewell, friends! but not fare-well
Where I am, ye too shall dwell—
I am gone before your face,
A moment's worth, a little space,
When ye come where I have slept,
Ye will wonder why ye wept;
Ye will know, by true love taught,
That here is all, and there is naught.

Weep awhile, if ye are fain—
Sunshine still must follow rain;
Only not at death. For death,
Now we know, is that first breath
Which our souls draw when we enter
Life, which is of all life centre.

Be ye certain, all ye love
Viewed from Allah's throne above!
Be ye stout of heart, and come
Bravely onward to your home!
Lo! Allah! Allah! Lo!
O love divine! O love away!

He who died at Azim gave
This to those who made his grave.

THE ANCIENT CAPITAL.

MILITARY MASS—THE SCOLLOPED SEAL—CHARITIES—PHOSPHATES—CARTERS' "BONS"—MONTREAL'S MILLION—THE SPEAKER—MR. TARTE—LIBEL SUIT.

I had the pleasure of attending the midnight military mass in the Seminary chapel. This edifice contains some of the most valuable pictures and relics in the Province, and has always been used as the military chapel. On Christmas Eve the priest who officiated was assisted by two privates of B Battery in uniform, with their swords hooked up at their sides, and the well-known band of the Battery occupied the gallery where, alternately with a choir, a number of choice selections of sacred music were given during the service. Lieutenant-Governor Letellier de St. Just and his daughter and aide-de-camp; Col. Strange and the officers of B Battery, and a large number of leading citizens with their families were present.

The Independent Lacrosse Club, composed principally of Irish youths, advertised a ball to take place near Montmorency Falls, on Monday the 21st inst. The Secretary of the Club happens also to be Secretary of a number of Societies connected with St. Patrick's Church, and as such had access to and the use of the St. Patrick's Church seal, which is a plain circle with square scollops in the centre, without any lettering whatever. This seal he used to stamp the ball tickets with, and on Sunday night the Rev. Father Henning referred to the matter from the pulpit. He said he would not have believed that such an enormity could have been committed, had he not bought a ticket and seen the seal thereon. He then held the ticket up before the congregation and added he hoped every member who had purchased one would do

the same with it as he did. He then slowly tore it to pieces and threw the fragments on the floor of the pulpit. Of course this caused no little stir among the congregation, and surmises were rife as to whether the ball would be a failure or not. The Lacrosse Club persisted in going and the start was made from opposite the Albion Hotel, which is close to the church, in the presence of a large crowd. The ball was a great success, nearly all the ticket-holders being present, the Club claiming no one would ever have known anything about the seal, (which was certainly used without any malicious intention), had not public reference been made to it in church. What the result will be has yet to be seen.

As is customary at the commencement of every session, the number of petitions is very large, more especially those from religious and charitable institutions asking for their annual grants. A large number of these petitions referring to the great increase of destitution throughout the Province, but more so in the larger cities, request that their grants be increased. This, I am afraid, the Government will find it impossible to accede to. They have entered on a course of strict economy; therefore the petitioners will have to do the best they can with their usual amounts. If it be in the power of the Government to stretch a point and increase a few, I am sure the whole Province would be favourable to their so doing; especially as the poor and destitute must be relieved somehow or other, and the money would, coming from the Government, be drawn from the pockets of the many instead of the few who are already large contributors to this end.

The number of Bills introduced is so far not very great, but many of them are of such importance that a brief description of their provisions will be valuable to many. Mr. Warteles is again indefatigable in this line, the Parliamentary records already containing a dozen or so bearing his name, and I doubt not but that he will have as many more before the session is ended. He has proved himself a valuable member not only in the routine of the House, but to the whole Province. One of his Bills is to prohibit the erection of wooden buildings in cities and towns, and refers especially to that part within the limits of the old parish of Montreal and of the Banlieue of Quebec. It not only prohibits wooden buildings, but those covered wholly or in part with shingles or wooden material of any kind whatsoever; but buildings encased with brick-work may be erected, and this last provision I think is the only fault in the bill. It will not become law this session, owing to the fact that members are unwilling to vote for what they state will turn their constituents against them.

Mr. Turcotte, member for Three Rivers, has a Bill to exempt from seizure one-half of labourers' wages, the term "labourers" to mean those engaged by the day and paid by the day, week or month. I wonder if this Bill will meet with the same fate as that of Mr. David, ex-member for Montreal East, to exempt from seizure only one-half of the salaries of Civil Service employees (before the passing of which the whole was exempt), which was rejected three or four sessions before it became law.

Mr. Bachand has introduced one to prevent Judges of the Superior Court from declaring unconstitutional any Provincial Act not disallowed by the Federal Parliament. This will doubtless lead to considerable discussion, as the Government measure to tax insurance policies is one of that description. Another of Mr. Bachand's Bills, to amend the Joint Stock Companies' Act, brought up Mr. Ogilvie, who stated in the House that many of the Companies formed under that Act and which had lately failed had been, to use the mildest terms and yet keep within Parliamentary bounds, most grossly mismanaged.

It is sought to amend the Medical Act by introducing a clause providing that all medical men holding foreign diplomas and now practicing in this Province without a license shall be entitled to the same after passing an examination in medicine. The Secretary of the Provincial College of Physicians and Surgeons has been "interviewed" on the subject and has promised to obtain the opinion of the College on the subject.

An amusing incident occurred while Mr. Warteles was introducing some three or four of his Bills. Mr. Laframboise sits alongside him, and, as is customary, his name was used as second. After the third Bill had been introduced, Mr. Laframboise rose and stated that although his name was used as second, he reserved to himself the right of voting against them. And now Mr. Warteles says "seconded" by Mr. Laframboise under reservation," which always raises a laugh.

I have heard a good story of the oblen times. It seems the Hon. Mr. Cauchon and Mr. Bellingham are bitter foes, and when the former was in the House, the two used to attack one another with the utmost bitterness. Now both are deaf, and when one was attacking, the other always turned to his neighbour and said, "What is the fellow saying?" and then came the battle, and as often they were misinformed as to what was said, the result can be imagined.

On Tuesday, the 22nd inst., Mr. Angers suddenly discovered it was the last day for presenting petitions for Private Bills, so the House was suspended for a quarter of an hour to allow the Committee to meet and extend the time. They met on the floor of the House amidst cries from all parts of "lost," "carried," "adjourn," &c., &c.; and then gravely reported the extension to

the 29th inst., amidst more cries, after which Mr. Joly suggested the House had better adjourn for a fortnight to enable the Government to settle their difficulties and arrange their policy. Mr. Angers declared no difficulty existed in the Conservative party. They were united in their desire to benefit the Province, and that the other side of the House would find that the extension just adopted would be long enough without adjournment, as on that day it was likely the Conservatives would gain another victory, referring to the polling day for the Halifax election being the 29th.

There are two circumstances in connection with the Legislative Council. Messrs. Starnes and Archambault comprise the Opposition in that House, and till this session have enjoyed the position of Chairmen of two Committees. At the opening they proved more antagonistic than usual, and in consequence have been deposed, other members being elected in their stead. The other item consists in the reply of the Premier to a question put by Mr. Laviolette, when he stated the Government intended dispensing with the services of the Railway Commissioners and transferring their responsibilities to one of the Departments—that of the Public Works I suppose.

What a pity Montreal does not follow the example of Quebec in some instances! One of the Private Bills is for the incorporation of "Le Cercle Catholique de Quebec," its purpose being the founding of one or more libraries, reading-rooms, museums, &c., and organizing a system of mutual instruction by means of lectures, publications and public and private libraries. Surely there is room for such an association in your city.

The Loan Art Exhibition I mentioned in my last has proved such a success that it is being kept open for a week or so longer, and the attendance is still as large as ever. Every day it is being increased, the latest addition being a number of statues copied from some of those of the great masters, and a mummy said to have been Pharaoh's cook. The benefit of the Exhibition is incalculable, and I should not be surprised if it led to a permanent art gallery here.

I have heard to-day it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present session to authorize the Mayor of Montreal to sign the bonds for the balance of the million dollars voted to the North Shore Railway; and to impose a heavy penalty on him in case he refuses. Mr. Beaudry, the Mayor, is also a member of the Legislative Council, now absent through ill-health, so the will find a pleasant surprise awaiting his arrival.

Among the changes created by the Speaker of the Lower House is one for which he cannot be too highly commended. So soon as the hands of the clock point to 3 p.m., he takes his seat whether the members of the Cabinet are present or not. This is the first time since Confederation the House opens punctually daily, and long may the habit continue is the hearty wish of those in the press gallery, especially at the present time when the mail closing at 4 o'clock gives a correspondent but little chance of furnishing any of the business transacted the day he closes his letter.

A remarkable notice of motion is intended to be given shortly by Mr. Tarte, member for Bonaventure and editor of *Le Canadien*. It is as follows:—"That the members of this House recognize the necessity of harmony among the different races that inhabit this Province. That they have full confidence that, in order to maintain this harmony, the Government is resolved to render equal justice to all nationalities and creeds. That they are satisfied that in the future as in the past the rights of the minority will be watchfully and efficiently protected." This motion, coming from a man who has proved himself to be so ultramontane that he has been styled "Mangeur de Protestants" has a certain significance. Since its appearance in the Montreal *Gazette* it has caused considerable comment. For the most part it has been ridiculed, but there are some that reason there is more behind it than appears on the surface. Time however will show. He will not make the motion till after the railway resolutions are adopted.

On the afternoon of the 24th inst., Mr. Chapleau spoke to a question of privilege. He complained of an article in *Le National*, of Montreal, charging him with conspiring to defraud the contractor of the Laurentides Railway, of which Company he is a director. He denied the accusation and stated he had commenced an action against the proprietor for \$25,000 damages. I suppose the most surprised man in the House was the Hon. Mr. Laframboise, proprietor of the paper, who knew nothing whatever about the matter till he saw it in the paper. So soon as Mr. Chapleau had finished speaking, I noted Mr. Laframboise take a sheet from his desk and write a letter which I strongly suspect must have been anything but welcome to a certain editor in St. James street.

Among the strangers now in Quebec is a M. Bazzerque, who was Secretary to the French Commission at Philadelphia during the Centennial Exhibition. He was an officer and fought during the Crimean War and has been twice around the world. This is his first visit to Quebec, and the manner in which he describes his experiences of our weather, manners and customs is very original. I suspect we shall see an account of his travels in print some day, when perhaps our eyes may be once more opened as to the great question "How others see us."

KRISTEN KRINGLE.

GLENER.

GREAT BRITAIN has 60,000 bicyclists.

THERE is once more talk of Crete being purchased by England.

THE vacant Garter, it is thought, will be given to the Earl of Bradford.

A rupture has taken place in the Executive of the Irish Home Rule party.

SIR HENRY THOMPSON, a leading English surgeon, makes \$150,000 a year in fees.

THE Taurian Palace at St. Petersburg was prepared as a residence for Osman Pasha.

THE loftiest obelisk known is that which adorns the court of the Church of St. John Lateran, at Rome.

OSMAN PASHA has been married fourteen years, and in all that time has lived at home only three months.

IN the answer in a libel suit against the proprietor of the New York *Herald*, it is denied that James Gordon Bennett is that proprietor.

IN the French and German armies, the soldiers are encouraged to play cards on the ground that it trains their minds to act quickly.

GUSTAVE DORE gave a reception in Paris recently which was attended by the Prince of Wales, who is at home among the artists.

KING HUMBERT, Victor Emmanuel's successor, is said to be an atheist and a firm disbeliever in the temporal sovereignty of the Pope.

KING ALFONSO no longer lends his countenance to bull-fights.

PARIS may now be said to have in round numbers 2,000,000 inhabitants.

DARWIN's father and grandfather were atheists. The grandfather had a seal engraven with the legend, "Omnia ex coctis"—everything comes from shell-fish.

IN Breslau a successful attempt has been made to erect a paper chimney about fifty feet high. By a chemical preparation the paper was rendered impervious to the action of fire or water.

PRESIDENT HAYES still keeps up one of his home customs at the White House. Every Saturday night his family and a few friends meet and sing some of the old Methodist tunes.

THE Scottish hierarchy scheme is supposed to have been abandoned, in consequence, it is believed, of steps having been taken to enforce the Scotch laws against papal jurisdiction.

THE ribbon of the Order of the Thistle, at the disposal of the Premier by the death of Lord Kinnaird, is to be conferred on Sir Thomas Gladstone, of Fasque, eldest brother of the ex-Premier.

MR. COLE, member of Parliament for Falmouth, has contributed an addition to political epigrams which is considered quite noticeable and truthful in London. He describes Lord Beaconsfield as "a first rate courtier, a second rate novelist and a third rate statesman."

THE *Nemo* cannot bear to heat himself by the aid of stoves, hearths, or *boussiers*—that is to say, heated pipes—such as are used in the Vatican. He will not have a fire in his sick-room, but promotes the circulation, when he is too cold, by rolling a silver ball full of boiling water between his hands.

LITERARY.

SOTHEB'S, the actor, is writing a book.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON is lecturing upon "The future of the Republic."

IT is said that Earl Russell, whose health has been fairly restored, still spends a large amount of his time in writing, and is preparing his manuscripts for the press.

MR. THOMAS HUGHES is now engaged in expanding into a volume the series of papers entitled "The Manliness of Christ," which he recently contributed to *Good Words*.

M. DENTY, of Paris, has just published, in one volume octavo, a history of French opera, by M. Jacques Hermann, under the title, "Le Drame Lyrique en France, depuis Gluck jusqu'à nos jours."

A COMPLETE collection of the works of Frederick the Great, forming thirty-four large folio volumes, illustrated with portraits, vignettes, plans, &c., has just been completed for the German Emperor.

CAPTAIN PARKER GILMORE ("Chiquito") has in the press a new work, entitled "The Great Third Land," containing an account of a ride through Natal, Orange Free State, Transvaal, and Kalahari.

CONSIDERABLE misapprehension having arisen with reference to certain sermons lately preached by Canon Farrar in Westminster Abbey, the author has printed them in a volume, under the title of "Eternal Hope."

WHEN Longfellow was presented to Longworth, the famous wine merchant, the latter remarked: "There is no great difference in our names." "Yes," replied the poet, "but worth makes the man, the want of it the fellow."

DR. C. M. ISLEHBY has now ready a collection of occasional papers on "Shakespeare: the Man and the Book." It includes essays on the spelling and meaning of the surname; the traditional birthday; the authorship of the works attributed to Shakespeare, &c.

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