

absolutely spontaneous and natural that only the manifestly prejudiced could accuse him of pedantry.

Canon Sheehan's love for Mary Immaculate, is irresistible. She is the alpha, and omega, of his priestly duties. Little surprising is it then that with such a vision in his mind, he should have drawn such exquisite pictures of idealized womanhood as he gives us in saintly, self-sacrificing, Barbara Wilson, and the spiritualized, heroic Alice Moylan.—both without a doubt, types of suffering Ireland.

Like "Luke Delmege" who tells us to look for him "in the nurseries of Heaven," Father Sheehan's simple, kindly nature was an easy victim to the charms of guileless childhood. A few months ago, a little girl of my acquaintance wrote to the now famous priest of Doueraile asking for his autograph. I reproduce his answer which speaks for itself.

"Your letter came in by this mail; and as you are good enough to say that an autograph of mine would give you pleasure, I send it herewith. May God bless you; and may our Lady's Rosary be always in your hands.

Yours sincerely,

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A Visit to the House of Commons.

IS there anything more interesting, throughout the length and breadth of our fair Dominion, than spending a few hours withing the walls of the legislature buildings. It is the case in all self-governing countries, and especially in our own, that the people take an extensive interest in the proceedings of their Parliament, and thus we always find a good attendance in the public galleries when the governing body is in session.

The Parliament buildings, situated at Ottawa, are the seat of the legislative body which enacts Canada's federal laws, and, for this reason, they attract more general interest than do any of the Provincial Houses. Visitors and even the residents of