

"The Martyr of the Mohawk Valley" and Other Poems

By P. J. Coleman.

The above named little volume of verse has recently been issued by The Messenger Press, New York. The chief poem of the book, which gives its name to the volume, is in commemoration of the martyrdom of Father Isaac Jogues, S. J., missionary to the Mohawk Indians, who was slain on October 18, 1646. This poem maintains a high altitude of poetic thought and religious zeal, and bears the mark of genius. The greater number of the poems are religious and national-Catholic and Irish. There are a few that deal with the war in South Africa that might, perhaps, be called Irish also, for they are strongly pro-Boer. One entitled "The Dream of Colossus" reviews the project of Cecil Rhodes for managing the world according to Anglo-Saxon standards, and criticizes the following sentiments, attributed to him, in a magnificent outburst of scorn and derision: "The highest practical ideal was to work for the unity of the English-speaking race, in order that, being united, it might extend over all the world the beneficent influence which this best of races... exercised for Justice, Liberty, and Peace among the inhabitants of this planet." — William T. Stead, on Cecil Rhodes. "The sacred duty of taking the responsibility of the still uncivilized parts of the world... Portugal, Persia, even Spain... and, of course, the whole of the South American Republics." — Cecil John Rhodes.

What prize we to-day of passionate Greece? A marble torso, a temple's frieze. She sleeps with the dead but her lightning soul outleaps on the lips of Demethenes. Who careth now for the kings she quelled? From the mind of man they are passed and gone, But the world's true heart is captive yet to the classic grace of her Parthenon. Rome's spectre fits with the past's pale ghosts, but her sun-like splendors ever shine And we catch the tramp of her haughty hosts in the golden thunder of Virgil's line. Her sceptre proud of the seas shall pass, her empire fade like a blown-out flame. And England's glory shrink at last to the single star of Shakespeare's name. And her kings shall fall and the towers they pile to shrine their fame, and their name be hid With the nameless monarch who raised by pile the empty pride of the pyramid. For the dead are dead and are soon forgot, but the great deed lives, and the hero's name. And the poet's dream are the lamps of earth and star, the dust of the years with flame."

The poem entitled "The Sister of Charity" is one of the most beautiful in the volume: "Ribbons and honors of senates and kings, medal and bar and cross, What are they all but worthless things? What are they all but dross? Time shall dim them and rust shall wear; she like an angel-stands, The proudest badge that man could bear, the crucifix in her hands." There are several poems exemplifying the belief which the Irish hold in common with many other nationalities, regarding fairies and leprechauns. One of the best is "May Eve": "After sunset linger Not in Lishen's fort; There the fairy finger Decks the fairies court. Shemus Rua slept there Neath the fairy thorn, Hale he was at 'Angelus' Hunchback in the morn. Buttercups and daisies Scatter on the floor, Evil cannot pass them At the cottage door. May the Virgin Mary And her little Son From the spell of fairy Shield us everyone!" "The Dead Mother," a Connaught tradition, portrays a beautiful sentiment, and the language is simple and grand:

"She took the wee babe from its nest, She soothed it with a lullaby, And at the fountain of her breast She eased its bitter hunger cry. O baby, baby! do not weep, Your crying reached me in the clay, Alanna! how can another sleep, With baby wailing far away!" The songs which are dedicated alone to Ireland and patriotic sentiment do not reach such a high order of merit as some others, though they are very good. "The Soldiers of the Celt" is a tribute to the bravery of the Irish and their undeniable fighting qualities: "Oh bitter, bitter is thy loss Gray mourner by the golden sea They fell in field and fort and pass For others; they might not free God rest them, where 'neath stone or cross, Their lonely burial places be." Mr. Coleman is a distinct acquisition to the list of Catholic poets in America, and it is to be hoped that he will receive sufficient encouragement to enable him to pursue his vocation. No Catholic who writes on Catholic subjects will ever be burdened with great wealth, but we ought at least to give encouragement to those of our number, who having ability, have the courage to try this mode of gaining a livelihood.

W. O. C. IN HER HUNDRETH YEAR Death of Mrs. Margaret Harrington, of Charlottetown, P. E. I. A long life, filled with good deeds, ended on January 23, when Mrs. Margaret Harrington passed to her reward, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John A. King, with whom she had lived for the past twelve years. She was in her hundredth year. Her mother died in her hundred and first. She was the daughter of Patrick Leonard, of Castlebar, Dublin, with whom she emigrated to Prince Edward Island when she was eight years old. Her husband, Mr. Timothy Harrington, died 55 years ago. He was a native of Cork. Deceased left five daughters and three sons, fifty grandchildren and thirty-two great-grandchildren. She moved into Charlottetown to be near the church, twelve years ago. Previous to that, even when she was eighty-five years old, she was accustomed to walk twenty miles to attend Mass. In her well preserved vigor she declined to ride as the rest of the family did. Two of Mrs. Harrington's grand-daughters live in the vicinity of Boston, Mrs. J. L. Whelan, of West Newton, and Miss Mary King, of Frie's Crossing. Mrs. Harrington's family were pioneers in the settlement of Prince Edward Island, bringing to their new home the strong hands, kindly hearts and right living which was their Irish inheritance. May she rest in peace!

FAREWELL TO DEAR PARENTS. Written in memory of Edward J. Mitchell, who died Feb. 1, 1903. From bitter pain to lasting bliss Death's welcome call I hear; Farewell! Weep not! One parting kiss Your Darling Boy to cheer. I gladly quit this life of pain, This vale of grief and woe, To dwell where Saints and Angels reign, And joys eternal flow. Adieu, Dear Parents; be consoled; Your faith shall be your stay, Until in Heav'n with love untold, We meet for endless day. My grateful mem'ry e'er shall cling Round those whom I revere, My ceaseless prayer shall blessings bring To all I love so dear. My Saviour's face I soon shall see, For now we needs must part; I go to dwell eternally Within the Sacred Heart.

IT HAS MANY OFFICES.—Before the German soldier starts on a long march he rubs his feet with tallow, for his first care is to keep his feet in good condition. If he knew that Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil would be of much better service he would throw away his tallow and pack a few bottles of the Oil in his knapsack. There is nothing like it.

The chief cause of our misery is less the violence of our passions than the feebleness of our virtues. God knows everything. There are volumes of comfort in that. God means everything. There is light for every darkness in that simple truth. Good manners is the art of making those people easy with whom we converse. Whoever makes the fewest persons uneasy is the best bred in the company. Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report... think on these things. Once give your mind to suspicion and there is sure to be food enough for it. In the stillest night the air is filled with sounds for the wakened ear that is resolved to listen. To-day is a king in disguise. To-day always looks mean to the thoughtless, in the face of a uniform experience that all good and great and happy actions are made up precisely of these blank to-days.

THE ST. PATRICK'S CADET CORPS OF MONTREAL (Written for The Register) The latest addition to our Cadet Corps of this city is the St. Patrick's Cadets. For some time past the boys have been getting themselves into shape for military tactics under the able direction of Sergeant-Major Phillips. Neither energy, time, money or anything else, that would go to make everything in connection with the corps a model one in every respect was saved. As the old saying says: "Nothing succeeds like success," was fully verified on Monday evening, Feb. 9th, when the young soldiers made their first appearance in public in the Monument National, which was filled with a large and appreciative audience, that were surprised as well as delighted with the magnificent showing of the youngest organization of its kind in our midst. In the large audience were noticed Rev. Fathers M. Callaghan, Casey, McPhail, C.S.S.R.; Holland, C.S.S.R.; Saucier, C.S.S.R.; many members of the Jesuit Order, and of the Christian Brotherhood. Among those occupying boxes were: His Worship, Mayor Jas. Cochrane, Lieut.-Col. D. W. Gordon, D.O.C., Sir William Hingston, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Judge Purcell, Hon. Dr. Guerin, ex-Aid. H. R. Gray, Mr. Michael Delahanty, F. B. McNamee, Hon. Senator Forget, Lady Hingston, Lady Shaughnessy. Father Martin Callaghan, the originator of the cadet corps, made a speech, which was one of the features of the evening. He said: "If I were a youth once more I would be in the ranks of the cadets now upon the stage. What a magnificent spectacle it presents and what a potent factor it may become in the preservation of our rights and liberties. The soldier is all that is most sublime in the line of sacrifice. "If I were a Carnegie, I would be strongly inclined to spend a large proportion of my income in establishing a similar corps, wherever I might be privileged to do so. "I claim for myself the honor of having, by a suggestion, started the St. Patrick's Cadet Corps. It is a Christian Brother who has carried this idea into execution, Brother James has personally seen to and carried out all the details in the formation of the St. Patrick's Cadets, and has stopped at nothing to place it in first class condition, and on a good footing. He is a credit to the Emerald Isle, and to Canada, the land of his adoption; he is entitled to the esteem of the community and to the gratitude of the public at large, more especially the Irish population. "Praise is due to Sergeant-Major Phillips, that the members of St. Patrick's Cadet Corps are so thoroughly drilled. The corps has been sanctioned by the Government, and the rifles have been supplied direct from Ottawa. "The uniform is second to no other in the city, and is as good as what is best in the United States. The object and cause of the corps you all appreciate, and that you take the liveliest interest in it is manifested by your presence here this evening. His Worship Mayor Cochrane, is lending it all the influence of his position, as chief magistrate in this city. "It appeals to your patriotism, nationality and creed, to encourage it by all practical expressions of your co-operation, by urging whom you can reach to join the St. Patrick's Cadets, and by giving the almighty Dollar a chance to see what it can do." A feature of the evening was the marching of the cadets. They performed a fancy drill, each movement being better, the whole spelling Father Martin, who has done so much for the corps. The small boys went through the firing exercise under the new drill, the first time this has been given in public in Montreal. "The St. Louis Dramatic Company, under the Rev. Bro. Thomas, of Mt. St. Louis College, gave a military drama in three acts, entitled "The Dumb Spy." The following were the cast of characters: PROLOGUE: General De Meric, Mr. Ed. Cummins; Harold and Alfred (General's Children), Mr. J. Mulcair and Mr. D. Jackson; Mohammed, (an Arab), Mr. Thos. Kearney; Belfac and Roustin (Assassins), Mr. D. Duffy and Mr. Jas. Kennedy; Cyrus, (and old servant), Mr. Wm. Kearney. DRAMA: General Darnemont, in the French service, Mr. J. Wallace; Colonel De Meric, Mr. R. Quigley; Capt. Didier, Mr. D. Duffy; Harold (Paul), the Dumb Spy, Mr. Wm. Kearney; Alfred, Harold's brother, Mr. J. Mulcair; Capt. Dubourg, Mr. Ed. Cummings; Louis, Dubourg's son, Mr. D. Jackson; Tony Bavard, a brave soldier, Mr. Wm. Kinsella; Achmet Bey, Mr. Jas. Kennedy; Murad, Bey's first counsellor, Mr. D. Duffy; Osmine, interpreter for the Bey, Mr. H. Mason; Mohammed, Arab spy, Mr. T. Kearney; Ibrahim, a guard, Mr. J. Brown; Belfac and Roustin, Mohammed's aids, Mr. D. Duffy and Mr. Jas. Kennedy; French soldiers, sentinels, Arabian soldiers, spies, officers, etc. The different parts were well sustained, and the stage settings adequate. The second act was a very spirited affair and in it Mr. W. Kearney proved himself one of the best amateur swordsmen in Montreal. Rev. Father Callaghan granted the cadet boys and boys of the school to

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fore superior powers of brilliancy and cleverness. Oh, no, no! There is hardly a belle who succeeds nowadays who has done so without counting as her most dangerous rivals the very ones who ought to help her—the married women." Add the married woman in her heart of hearts was forced to agree with her. The Nation's Prosperity Sound Condition of Leading Financial Institution. The prosperous condition of the industrial, commercial, and agricultural interests of the Dominion is reflected in the financial statement submitted to the shareholders of the Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation at the third annual meeting, held Tuesday afternoon, at the corporation's head office. After providing for all charges, expenses, and losses, together with interest on borrowed capital, the net earnings for the year amounted to \$494,348.35. This sum, together with the amount at the credit of profit and loss at the beginning of the year, left \$624,746.24 at the disposal of the directors. After appropriating \$13,098 to extinguishing the office furniture accounts at the Head Office, as well as at the several branch offices, writing \$17,940 off office premises, and paying the stockholders two half-yearly dividends of three per cent, each, amounting to \$357,081, the directors were able to add \$100,000 to the Reserve Fund, as well as to carry to profit and loss a balance of \$8,228. During the year there was a substantial increase, amounting to \$572,430, in the aggregate of Canadian money lodged with the company for investment. Owing to the comparatively high rates of interest which prevailed in Great Britain, the company did not augment the amount of sterling debentures, which, with accrued interest, stands at \$9,370,416. The assets total \$23,642,497.99. This is certainly a record of which any financial concern might well be proud, and it cannot fail to prove gratifying to the numerous body of shareholders scattered over the Dominion and other parts of the world. The shareholders showed their confidence in the management by re-electing the old Board of Directors. With such capable financiers at its head there is no reason why the corporation should not look forward to years of even more pronounced prosperity.

How a Girl Should Choose Her Friends "I wonder if all girls realize how important it is for them to make the right kind of friends," remarked the married woman as she poured out a cup of tea for her girl visitor. "Male friends for me!" interposed the latter as she helped herself to a toasted muffin. "And that's a great mistake, too," went on the married woman. "Male friends, if you wish, but they never can take the place of the friends of your own sex. Then there's this disadvantage, too—one never knows how long they are going to last—as friends." "That's true," admitted the girl, reaching over for a stuffed olive, "but if you knew what heartrending experiences I have had with friends of my own sex perhaps you wouldn't be so surprised at my attitude." "But, my dear child, perhaps you were unfortunate. Perhaps they didn't happen to be whole-hearted people." "Ah, well," drawled the girl, "that you can judge for yourself. I chose them naturally from the ranks of society, the people we go with. Perhaps that's why. However, here are a few of the different kinds I have had to contend with: "First—There's the friend who is always trying to make you feel her superiority. If you give a luncheon party, she will let you know just how much more gorgeous hers of the next week is to be, or if she has not the money to give one she will tell you how much more gorgeous hers could be. "Second—Then there's the friend who manages you, who tells you how to do your hair, how to walk, how to think and how to breathe, and she and you get along all right as long as you do exactly as she says. "Third—Then there's the opposite of No. 1—namely, the friend who makes herself as piteous as possible and whines into your patient ears continually. That's so you will do things for her, and when you do, if you're foolish, she up and denounces you as a stingy thing because you didn't do better. To this class belong Mrs. and the Misses Toady, who throw ashes on their own heads and lick your exalted feet while they make capital of you every minute of the twenty-four hours. "Fourth—Then there's the well meaning but critical one. She is never contented with the general appearance of things, but she must forever spoil her pleasure and yours by dissecting and analyzing. Just wear a new dress when she calls and see how well dissatisfied you will be with it before she leaves. "Fifth—Then there's the friend who is jealous of you (and you get plenty of those if you're at all attractive). She only invites you to meet her friend and least worth while friends, and, as for men—oh, sorrow, never! But she loves you very dearly, and these little hairbreadth, so you have to remain on outwardly friendly terms with her. "Sixth—Perhaps worst of all is the friend who openly and shamelessly 'pulls your leg,' as the vulgar saying is, who says when she hears you know the rich Mrs. So-and-so, 'I wish you would introduce me to her,' or 'but why discuss the disgusting type? You know her as well as I do.' "But, my dear," ejaculated the married woman, a trifle shocked, "the unmarried girls may be like this. I suppose they're on the make, so to speak, but the married women, those who have experience of life, they can be true friends to you, they can give you a practical chance of bettering yourself, they can teach you to know your own self, best of all, to believe in your own self, and to succeed." The girl looked full at her friend with a glance somewhat tinged with sarcasm. "The married women?" she repeated. Then she laughed. "The married women?" They invite the girls, lure them on with false hopes and then make backgrounds of them for their own more mature and there-

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