OUR **TORONTO** LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)



MR. FRANK SLATTERY. Barrister.

It is told of Pitt, the Younger, when he first entered public life he was twitted with his youth, and that he retorted by saying, that if youth were a crime it was one which time would soon cure. The feeling of the people in his regard has come down to us in the couplet,

"A sight to make surrounding nations stare"

"A country trusted to a school boy's care."

All this, however, was in days remote and in the land across the sea and looking at the youthful countenance of Mr. Frank Slattery and connected it with the active public career which he has even now had, one could not for a moment imagine that youth in this new country is considered a barrier to prominence or success in public life.

Mr. Frank Slattery, barrister, of the firm of Hearn and Slattery, was born and educated in Toronto. His parents were Irish, and he is one of family of two sons and three daughters. As happened in the days when the transplanted English of the Pale became "more Irish than the Irish themselves," so it sometimes happens now, and in the case of Ireland and her cause, no native born child of Erin could play the champion more loyally than does this son of Canada who never saw the Green

Mr. Slattery received his primary education at the Catholic and Model schools of the city, and after matriculating began his legal studies in which he graduated some three years ago. In conjunction with the senior partner of the firm he enjoys a fair amount of the city's patronage and the circle of clients is by no means In this connection it may be stated that he is Grand Solicitor of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union.

Politically, Mr. Slattery is a pronounced Liberal, and he has done good service for his party on the platform. His prominence in the arena of politics is vouched for by the fact that he is secretary of the Toronto Reform Association, of which Sir William Mulock, Postmaster-General, is president.

In educational affairs Mr. Slattery is actively interested, and he has the honor of representing his co-religionists on the High School Board as the er of that body; he is also honorary secretary of the Board.

It has already been stated that Mr Slattery's sympathies are strongly drawn to the land of his ancestors and as a result it is not surprising learn that the story of Ireland and the history of her sons in other lands form a study in which be is well versed. The truth of this statewould be voiced by all - who listened to the eloquent address de by Mr. Slattery on March 17th last, at Massey Hall. On that occasion the great hall was filled with an overflowing audience of four thousand people, and the story of Green Isle and of St. Patrick was told in eloquent words that will ers. The lecture was widely commented upon by the Press of and though some few ought Mr. Slattery too strong in his advocacy, yet the general concensus of opinion was of a highly favor-

Slattery is well to the fore when occasion demands it and amongst the young men of Toronto he is active in promoting Catholic interests.

Mr. Slattery up to the present is tended.

unknown to the ranks of the Benedicts, and is apparently happy in the company of the fair sex as represented by his mother and sister whom he resides.

ENCYCLICAL LETTER. - The first part of the first Encyclical Letter of Pope Pius X. was read in the churches on Sunday last. It seemed as though it were—as indeed it was special personal letter to each one who had the privilege of hearing it, and the individuality of the mem bers of the Church as well as the unity seemed strongly exemplified.

PRECIOUS BLOOD CONVENT. -The second of the series of entertainments in aid of the Convent of the Precious Blood comes on Thursday of this week. It is under the direction of Mrs. Rose and Mrs. J. D. Karn, and takes place in the Assembly Hall of the Temple Building. Something unique and altogether new to Toronto is to be the result, name ly, a military euchre party, in which each table represents a well known fort and the players the soldiers; the play, of course, is the contest for possession. Sixty tables are to be on the ground and a pleasant and exciting time is expected.

SACRED HEART ORPHANAGE .-On Sunday next the annual collection in aid of the Sunnyside Orphanage takes place in St. Helen's Church. In announcing this item Rev. J. J. McGrand spoke of the good work done by the Sisters of St. Joseph, who took upon themselves the burden of educating and supporting so many hundreds of orphan children, and all they asked by way of assistance was little mite from each individual. He encouraged all to give what they could to do their utmost to assist the good work carried on so well and so ably in their midst.

FATHER COYLE APPOINTED . Rev. Father Coyle, late parish priest of Dixie, is named for the charge of the Holy Family parish. This selection cannot but be welcome by the parishioners as Father Covle is well known in the diocese as one of its best loved priests. Before going to Dixie he was for some years assistant at St. Mary's, and while there endeared himself so much to the people, that on leaving to take charge of Dixie, his loss to St. Mary's seemed irretrievable. While any appointment of this nature is always acceptable as coming from one who has the general good at heart and knows best. Yet there are some more gladly received than others, this is one of them. Father Coyle will receive from his new people a "caed mille failthe."

OBITUARY.

MRS. D. CASEY .- Mr. Michael Casey, of St. Ann's Young Men's Society, will have the sympathy of his large circle of friends in the great loss he has suffered by the death of his esteemed mother, Mrs. Denis Casey, who has long been a resident of Montreal, and a well known parishioner of St. Ann's parish.

The funeral service, which was held at St. Ann's Church, was largely attended.-R.I.P.

MR. JAMES BENNETT, a member of St. Ann's T. A. and B. Society, died this week, and the funeral sertook place at St. Ann's Church. Mr. Bennett was a native of the County Armagh, and had been a citizen of Montreal for nearly two generations. The members of the St Ann's T. A. and B. Society assisted at the funeral.-R.I.P.

SUDDEN DEATHS .- In our ranks two cases occurred this week. first being Mr. Michael Murphy. employee of the Court House, and the second, a well known res dent of St. Ann's Ward, Mrs. M Michael McCarthy. The latter had been in poor health for sometime, and her death occurred while on a visit to her sister in Point St. Charles

The funeral service of Mr. Murphy took place at St. Patrick's Church, and of Mrs. McCarthy at St. Ann's Church. May their souls rest in

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for the late Rev. Thomas E. McDermott, at the request of the Knights of Colum bus, was held in St. Anthony's Church yesterday. It was largely at-

The Lessons Of One Vocation.

Archbishop Keane's tribute to his dear friend and comrade, the late Archbishop Kain, of St. Louis, Mo., says the report of the " Western Watchman," was a word picture of a heroic Christian soul, first as a student, then as priest, bishop and archbishop, doing his whole duty, under all circumstances, in the work of God in whom he had such unswerving and child-like faith. His peroration was solemnly impressive and will linger long in the minds of those who heard it. There was a striking parallel in the lives of the Archbishops of Dubuque and St. Louis which the most reverend panegyrist showed with distinctive force in his sermon. . . .

From the report of our contemporary we take the following extracts they contain lessons which will touch very Catholic heart:

One October morning, 42 years ago, said the eloquent prelate of Dubuque, a student of St. Charles, College in Maryland knelt all alone before the altar of the college chapel. He had evidently chosen an hour when none of the other students would be there. In his face there was a look which told that he was there to settle with our Lord a question of vital importance. As he knelt close to our Lord's feet, gazing so earnestly at the tabernacle, it would seem as if he expected to hear a voice from the Holy of Holies giving him the yes or the no on which so much for him depended.

There was a feverish hectic flush in his cheek, and every now and then a hollow cough sounded from chest. This told the story of the problem which he was then fighting out at the feet of our Lord. He had been in the college five years, honored and loved by all as one of its He had, as usual, spent the preceding vacation with his enerable mother at his home in Martinsburg. But he had found the dear old home fearfully changed. The horrors of our Civil War had burst upon it. In the excitement of hurried flight, his youngest sister, the best loved because the nearest to himself in age, had fallen dead. The shock to his sensitive nature brought on hemorrhages, and it seemed as if and stubble," the purgatorial fire of he would soon follow his sister to heaven. But his will was as indomas his nature was sensitive and delicate, and there he was back, at his desk as soon as the college reopened.

Every one welcomed him, but every one said: "Kain, you cannot stay; it will kill you." Dear old Father Griffin, whom we all venerated, begged of him to give up, to relinquish his hope of becoming a priest, to drop his books and go at work that might build up his strength and prolong his life.

The advice almost broke his heart. And that is why he was there before the altar that October morning. That is the problem which he was fighting out there at Our Lord's That is the question which with an agonizing heart he was asking Our Lord to answer for him, "Lord, shall I stay? or shall I give up and go out into the world?"

Long he knelt there, thinking and Our Lord would do the thinking for him of which he felt incapable. 'Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" his soul kept on crying. And at last it seemed to him that a voice from the tabernacle whispered in the depths of his soul: "Come on!" Rapturously he kissed the steps of the altar, saying over and over: "Yes, Lord, I will come on!" And then he went to face his comrades and ther Griffin with a resolute heart.

"When will you go, Kain?" asked. "I am not going," was his sturdy reply. "My boy, what does this mean?" asks Father Griffin.

am going to stay and push on.' "But it will cost you your life." "With God's heip, I shall die a

"But you can never reach priesthood; you will break down long before that."
"Then I will die with my face to

the priesthood." That ended the matter. All knew Kain well enough to feel sure that his mind, once made up, was not going to change.

racking cough, and often spitting blood. But it seemed as if the pow-er of his will mastered the ailments of his body; and, instead of breaking vanced unfalteringly during five years more toward the holy priesthood. Once on that blessed 2nd day of July, 1866, when we knelt together and lay prostrate side by side in the dear o.d chapel of St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, I do believe that his was the bravest and the most generous soul of all that little band on whom the holy priesthood was that day conferred. And, oh, his thankfulness, that he had not given up, that in spite of all things he had persevered, and that the goodness of God had brought him to his goal at last!

Never did a brave young priestly soul more fervently re-echo that words of St. Paul: "For me, to live is Christ." All through his years of preparation, that ideal had been neld before him by our good Sulpitian teachers. "Sacerdos alter Sulpitus." And now, that his life should belong absolutely to Christ; nay, that, as far as poor humanity can, his life should reprodoce the Christ; that he should, with St. be able to say to the little Paul, flock that would be entrusted to his priestly care: "Be ye imitators as I am of Christ;" that, like the Good Shepherd, he should ever ready to give them not only his devoted labor but even his life;-this was now the one thought in mind, the one resolve in his will. Hitherto he had pressed forward, obedient to that voice from the Ta bernacle: "Come on!" And now still more loudly did that voice say to him: "Come on!" And to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd was thenceforth his only pre-occupation.

After reviewing the career of the distinguished dead during his years as priest, bishop and archbishop, the eloquent preacher closed his masterly tribute in the following words:-

Beloved friend and brother, we loved you well during your life. For vou were every inch a man and every inch a priest, and your life did us good in every way. You were the kindest and loyalest of friends, and such a friend can be badly spared. It is hard for us to say to you, Goodbye! But we will not say it. Our hearts have gone with you before the judgment seat, and have pleaded for you with our Divine Lord. We have begged of Him that if, among "the gold and the silver and the pr stones" of holy works well and nobly done, there should have been mixed, through the inevitable frailty of human nature, aught of "wood and hay His consuming love might quickly burn it out, that so His good and faithful servant might the sooner come to his blissful reward. And we promise you that in our Masses and prayers for many a day that same intention shall ever be included, as we know that you would wish.

And we beg of you, who now se all things in the light of eternity, to pray for us that the rest of our pilgrimage may be safely made and the rest of our work well done. And I beg of you, beloved old comrade, to obtain for me that, as we made our studies side by side, and were ordained side by side, and have spent our lives as priests and bishops close together, so we may not be far a part in God's eternal Home.

BOY AND SODA WATER

A little boy was looking at a drop of water under a microscope and seemed much impressed by the presence of microbes. "Now I know what bites you wl water," he remarked.

Catholic Sailors' Club,

The concert of this week was under the direction of Mrs. J. McIntyre, and was attended by a large number of citizens, and by seamen now

port. Mr. Patrick Wright, a past president of the Club, and one most enthusiastic supporters, occu pied the chair. In an admirable speech he outlined the efforts of the organization during the years of its existence. He complimented the varisocieties and individuals who contributed to the entertainments of the season now drawing to a close

The programme, which was most enjoyable, was contributed by the following ladies and gentlemen: Miss Peacock, Miss Ethel Whytock. Miss M. Kitts, Miss Mabel and Wm. Kitts, Miss Annie Doyle; Messrs. Thos. Mur-phy, Chateau, McNab, W. B. Laud, On then he pushed in his studies, still with the hectic flush and the Kerr, Chas. Woods, of R.M.S. Bava-f

rian, were the features of the evening, and had to appear several times. Michael Collins, Lake Michigan; Edward Quigg, steamship Can-ada; aiso sang. Rev. Mr. McGilligan delivered a short address, and Mrs. Jennie McIntyre presided at the piano, and during the evening rendered several choice selections.

Pen Pictures of Parishioners.

By Our Rambler.)



MR. ROBERT WARREN

Mr. Robert Warren, whose likeness we print above, is one of the oldest and most zealous parishioners of St. Patrick's Church. His association with the parent parish, dates back to the erection of the Church. Ever since he has been a pewholder and at the same time a member of the choir. Few members of the parish have dis played a greater interest in its progress than Mr. Warren. Always ready to discharge the duties devolving up on him as parishioner and loyally supporting his pastor in every undertaking. His services to St. Patrick's choir during nearly 60 years, without interruption, are a shining example to the young men of the parish to-day, and well worthy of emujation.

Mr. Warren's ideas of parish administration so far as worldly concerns go, are based upon the spiritual as well as temporal ideals-and it would be well for the premier Irish parish of Montreal in these days of transition if it had hundreds of men possessing the twin characteristics of our veteran parishioner- humility and loyalty-in its ranks, because then the traditions of the past would be held sacred and the future would be one of progress worthy of the glorious days that are gone.

HINTS TO THE LAITY

LATE COMERS TO MASS .- The story is told of the way in which an minent Jesuit Father, now dead, corrected this 'late' habit in a certain lady of the congregation. She was accustomed to stroll in leisurely Mass, usually during the sermon, and go to her pew near the altar. Having endured it patiently a long time, the Father one Sunday, seeing her enter late as usual, stop ped short in his sermon and did not resume until she was seated, wher he greeted her with a 'Good morning, medam.' The eyes of all were upon her and she realized her indiscretion. She did not risk getting a second rebuke, but made a point of eing on time.-St. Francis Xavier Monthly Bulletin.

ABOUT ENTERPRISE .- The \$50,-000 fund to free from debt and imsociation building in Columbus has sociation building in this city been raised. When will the A.O.H., Knights of Columbus, the Knights of St. John and the other Catholic organizations get together and put up here a Catholic societies building, with a large hall, meeting rooms, library and other equipment? -Catholic Columbian.

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FACTS AND RUMORS

(Gleaned by Our Rambler.)

CIVIC ELECTIONS.—There are a number of surprises awaiting some of the present alderman in several of the wards of this city, if the rumors which reached your Rambler this week are to be relied upon.

For the mayoralty there will be several candidates. Certain it is that the present occupant, Mr. James Cochrane, and Ald. Laporte, the nominee of the aldermen, will be confronted by another gentleman of well known reputation in civic affairs who will make the contest most interest-

AT ST. ANTHONY'S .- Your Rambler assisted at the children's Mass at St. Anthony's on Sunday last and was surprised at the large attendance of boys and girls, and adults.

This service for children is quite a success in the west end Irish parish. Father Thomas Heffernan delivered the instruction, which was most appropriate to the occasion. It is always a difficult task to speak to children, but Father Heffernan succeeded admirably, in the opinion your Rambler.

Children's Masses will certainly bear good fruit in the future.

AN OYSTER SUPPER.-The tickets are now in circulation for the approaching oyster supper, to be held by the ladies of St. Patrick's parish arly next month.

One of the ladies in charge of the atering department is very active in visiting the domiciles of parishioners and is ready to accept small donations of boneless turkeys, fancy cakes or "hard cash."

Two thousand tickets it is expected will be sold. The pastor and his assistants, and the ladies of the committee, are most enthusiastic in expressing the opinion that the initial parish social will be a great success.

SIGN OF PREJUDICE.- At its neeting this week the Catholic Board of School Commissioners very wisely decided to politely decline the invitation of the Protestant Board of School Commissioners to join them in an appeal to the Provincial Government and Montreal's City Council for more funds in order to meet the increased expenditure consequent upon the increase in the number of new pupils in the various schools.

The "Moatreal Daily Star," an organ which claims so much credit for ts independence and spirit of fairness in religious matters, thought the decision of the Catholic section afforded an opportunity for one of the Protestant , ministers to air his views, interviewed the first victim which happened to be Rev. Dr. Barclay. Among other things which that well known sturdy repreentative of Presbyterianism is ported to have said in the course of the interview, we cull the following:

"The conditions which the two Boards operate are entirely dissimilar.

"The Catholic Board for example, has a force of teachthat can be procured with very little examina-

"Our standard is much more drastic. "Salaries consequently are subject to greater fluctua-

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ment. The sting is there. Every reader of the "True Witness" will understand for whom it was intended.

MR. DEVLIN'S LECTURE. - On Sunday, 15th November, Mr. C. R. Devlin, M.P., for Gaiway, in the Imperial House, will deliver a lecture in the Monument National, on the present state of affairs in Ireland, and the hopes of the Irish Paria-mentary Party. The lecture will be in French, and is purposely intended to give our French-Canadian fellowcitizens a just idea of the situation in Ireland, and all that concerns the aspirations of the Irish Nationalists. As Mr. Devlin is equally as fluent in French as in English, we have no loubt that he will make a good imOUR

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Martineau, M.P. for M genial and kindly gentle and was taken to the hospital, Ottawa, where later, after undergoing But the most tragic was that of Mr. Henry P. for East Bruce. At afternoon he arose in th

speak on the Redistribut spoke with vigor until Then, feeling fatigued, h for some air. He had door way when he fell caught up by the Postm House, and medical ai moned. Finally he was the dressing room of the House, and there expired ten. This was the first of cur inside the Bui Senator Ogilvie, six years died in his own room in In 1887 Mr. Samuel Bure fell dead in the smoking i House of Commons. The Mr. Cargill took place se, and his was the se to be carried out through entrance; the first was th John A. Macdonald, who public furneral in the 6th Never before, in anyonave legislators so often l sadly eloquent wreath upon Vacant seats, so lately were never before so nume it is firmly believed that omer been a yery hot c might have been others ad already too long list. As cient signs have been given vanity of all human affairs

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