

A Scholarly Address Delivered by Professor R. M. Johnstone of Baltimore.

A Spirited Criticism of the School of Idealism.

The Free Library Lectures, inaugurat. ed in the early part of the winter, seem to lose nothing of their interest, but betermed a "grand old man"; he is vener able both in years and appearance, and his mind is evidently as active as ever. The lecture he delivered, before a highly intellectual audience, gave evidence of s well stored mined replete with the lore of the ancient as well as the modern writers, and grasping a salient point in the works of both. Dr. Johnstone has schieved an enviable position amongst Catholic writers, and during his brief visit to Montreal made many friends who will be pleased to welcome him at any future time.

The proceedings of the evening were opened with a beautifully executed pianoforte solo, by Miss Clare Wheeler, one of the ladies of the Montreal Free Library.

Sir William Hingston presided, and in a few words introduced the lecturer of the evening, who said :---

THE ROMANTIC IN ART,

in comparison with the Ulassical, is older than has generally been allowed. In life it is older than its rival. It is co-eval with humanity. The extravagance of valuation which an extravagance of valuation which an individual among mankind puts upon one dear companion, the fervor of hope, and the eagencess of pursuit for its possession, began with the beginning of human life. After the lapse of time, when imagination was curbed by the growth of knowledge and the coming of what was called refinement, rules were set for art which sought to represent nature, and artistic genius, striving to okey, wrought those magnificent things which made up the depository of what we now know as the Classical. Yet in the greatest of Grecian masterpieces the irregularities inherent to the being of mankind and inseparable from it, its dreamings and careering for higher and unattainable perfections, could not but appear from time to time in spite of mandates which sought to repress. The | valued at \$4,881,321. opinions of scholars were divided be-twixt Euripides, who painted men as to charitable objects. they are, and Sophokles, who painted then as they ought to be, and ever afterwards conflicts have been between restraints which man has attempted to set and the freedom which Heaven has imparted. The Professor then referred to the great master, "Milton." He said : In the romance of Eden it seemed as if he would make amends for the mistake of his younger time. Versed theretofore in all other literature, he now learned Hebrew lore, and misfortune had served to kindle his fear and veneration for the stern, changeless ordinances of the Almighty God of Israel. Then he told his lovers' tale, its sweet beginning, its disappointment, its woundings from enemics un'orseen, its disputings in the presence of threatening despair. He told of the horror of separation, great as the horror of what momentarily had seemed to make separation possible. THE PERIOD OF REALISM. A'ter dealing fully with the great con ception of that author, "Paradise Lost," the lecturer said that for a long time after, in all the fiction, the loves of men and women were told in conformity with this great exemplar. Afterwards came a change, and the change has been applauded by a public who, wearied with the continual sight of old landmarks, have willingly followed those who have undertaken to strike out new ways and dangerous ways along forbidden planes. It was a time of what was styled realism. Men endowed with great genius, many of them, have to a degree perverted tastes and morals. Loves romantic and honorable, and loyal and enduring for them, have lost their piquancy, which lias gone to loves wherein there are suspicions and dangers and ricks and barriers for the daring to break down or overleap. The steady, peaceful flow of loves that are pure they have turned away from, preferring those made tumul-tuous by things forbidden. Goethe, the most gifted among all men of leiters since Shakespeare, instead of being an Parnest, devout leader of his generation, encouraged its irregularities and added 10 its corruption especially in its highest society. The speaker then graphically sketched "Faust." In "Faust," he said, we are made to see how far may fall the loveliest innocence, how pitilessly its ruin may be regarded by the bad man who caused it, and how, afterwards, that bad man goes unpunished because he was of the upper classes.

to be persuasable to consent, demanding risk, high pay, so that the pursuit, of which, if easy, a bold lover would weary, acquired the eageness which must not be allowed to abate.

It is a sad commentary on the powerlessness and hopelessness of a poor young woman, without other gilt than nere virtue, to obtain success which aj pars to attend upon insidiousness and fraud. It would have been a good sight to see the lifting of such a one, even though slowly and through difficulties, where so many thousands of poor girls do rise through toil and patient waiting. In default of this, the next best thing would have been to contemplate her driven to the frustration of every dishonorable purpose that had tempted her from the path of rectitude. Better than both of these, for the highest purpose of instruction, would have been pictures of young women who endured temptation without expecting and without receiving reward, except such as came from the testimony of a good conscience and of suffering for the sake of Him who ennobled suffering and put it above successes, victories and triumphs.

Continuing, the learned speaker said : -Among modern novelists who have trod to lose nothing of their interest, out be come more popular with each sufcoeeding lecture. On Wednesday evening last, Professor R. M. Johnstone gave the third lecture of the course, on "Romantic Literature." The professor may be with a womathise womathise with a womathise womathise with a womathise womathise with a womathise womathise womathis womathise womathis womathis womathise womathis wo cannot but sympathise with a woman who. during all of her career, would have shuddered at the thought of inflicting harm or injury upon any being capable of suffering.

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Dr. Johnstone closed an admirable address with a pathe ic description of the results of true Christian marriage, eloquently portraying the nobleness of the celebration of the golden jubilees which, he said, were celebrated in many peaceful and happy homes.

Sir William Hingston thanked Dr. Johnstone for his interesting lecture, and pointed out that the conditions of married lite, which he so much admired, existed in this Province of Quebec on a very large scale indeed. We had hun-dreds of "John Andersons and Joss" in this province. Sir William thoroughly agreed with Dr. Johnstone's condemnation of the popular literature of the day, and expressed his wonder how the youth of to-day could escape contamination. It required all the efforts of diligent parents and pastors to save them from the taint of contagion.

Dr. Johnstone then d slighted his audience by reading one of his own sketches of Georgia life, in which a bachelor figured prominently and unsuccestuily in regard to the great ambition of his life. It was, in turn, humorous and pathetic, and during the first portions of the reading provoked the greatest laughter, in which a coterie of well known and overgrown bachelors present took part with much glee.



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amongst all Catholics.

are expended in founding new bishoprics is ungovernable, and the consequence Sec. Like his friend and ministerial is that he rushes headlong into colleague, the late Cardinal Antonelli. schemes, large and small, enthusi- he ranks in the Sacred College as Car astically believing that his efforts dinal Deacon, and has never received will be the means of uplifting the or the consecration of priesthood. ganization with which he is associated to a position of greatness, utterly regard less of the fact, that there is only one way to success for individuals or societies, and that is by adhering unflinch ingly to business methods and the dis creet exercise of a calm spirit of deliberation; or, in other words, making haste

A well-known New York lawyer, in The proposition to organize a Catholic bis address to a jury during a trial. sp ke social club in Montreal, as suggested by the TRUE WITNESS sometime ago, is being and poisonous with the time it issues from the coiled seriously taken into consideration by a number of leading C:tholics of means. Already three of the latter class have signified their intention of helping such a project financially. That there is a nea project mancially. That there is a new anybody can contemplate the subject negle's interest has pr cared from him cessity for such an organization where our anybody can contemplate the subject cessity for such an organization where our indicate the subject the subject the subject that here and perform that the subject of the subject the subject to be derived round without being projected against liquor. This fine gift to Father Boyle's Church. Think of the wrecks on either hank of the stream of death ; of the subject to be derived the new R man the advantages to be derived from such the insaminy ; of the subject to be derived Model. Ala, is a use The advantages to be derived from such the entrant of treath of the suchaes, of the non-construction of a serie, Ana, is a part an institution are manifold. It would the instanty; of the poverty, of the tive of Towksbury, Mass, and is now be the means especially of quickening the original of the destitution; of the about 38 years old. In boyhood he the areas of a sentiment of unity little children tugging at the tabed and work d in the Middlessex noills, and weary breasts of weeping and despuiring get his education by determined wirs at wives asking for cread; of the tabinted his studies, while laboring through the men of genius that it has wrecked, the iday, at a commercial college and trad-Sime interesting figures concerning | men struggling with imaginary serpents | leal priests. He was a craduate of the quantity of liquor consumed in Lon- produced by this thing' And when you' M anat St. Mary's College and Sondoary, don are given in Cassell's Magazine. It taink of the juils, of the almshouses, o which he was at a later period Presi appears that about 177,000,000 gallons asylums, prisons, scaffolds, upon either dent. Determination and persever mee of (British) beer are drunk in London, side, I do not wonder that every thought, will over one all obstacles, and Bishop yearly, and 485 000 gallons daily. Taking ful man is prejudiced against this stuff. Allen's case is a splendid example for 485 000 gallons as 78 000 cubic reet, a called alcohol."

female member of the Salvation Army

count was made out she was surprised to see an extra entry of "frimmings, six-

madam." was the answer. " But I haven't

spirits, yet they would be angry to see

them entered in their accounts as such ;

every way-we always do it."

and fortunate incumbents receive extrav- and straightforward, and means well reign of Pius IX., he became after 1870 agant incomes, and vast sums of money but his burning spirit of enthusiasm the principal legal adviser of the Holy

> The second session of the Catholic wint r school of America will extend from February 28th to March 21st inclusive. The exercises will be opened by a Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, at which Archbishop Martinelli, the Papal Delegate will pontificate, and Bishop Dunn of Dallas, Texas,

> The Standard and Times says: Mr. Andrew Carnegie has presented St. John's Catholic Church, Johnstown, with a beautiful new organ. This the church

A Living Doll.

The following true story is told in the Journal" of Emily Shore:

A little girl near us was one day playing before the house, when a woman appeared and begged a few pence. She had a baby in her arms, and the child was so delighted with the little thing that she asked the woman if she would sell it to her.

"What will you give for it, miss?" was the counter question.

"Half a crown?

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"Very well," said the woman, "let's see the money."

It was produced and the sale made. The little girl took the baby, carried it upstairs, and laid it on her bed, and after she had fondled it "enough for once," scampered downstairs calling to her mother: "Mamma. mamma! I've got a live

doll! I always wanted one, and now

I've got it." "The baby was found and the story frankly told, but though the beggar: woman was sought all over the town, no-trace of her could be discovered. Meanwhile the baby's little "owner" beggedso hard that it should be kept that the parents yielded and the living doll became a household blessing.

A Livin² Record.

A white man sued a black man in: Natal the other day, and while the trial was proceeding the litigants came to an unicable settlement.

The counsel for the plaintiff announced this circumstance to the Court. "The agreement must be in writing,"

said the judge. "We have it here in black and white," replied the counsel, pointing to the parties, ' what more is necessary.'

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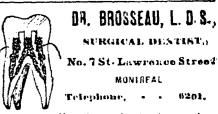
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Krupp, the German gunmaker, it is said, is the largest employer of labor in the world. On the payrolls of the establishment at Essen. Germany, are more than 25,000 men. They are employed in making cannon and other munitions of war.

In his latest novel, "The Christian," the well-known writer, Hall Caine, criticizes the whole community of the Church of England rather severely. In fact, the purpose of this book appears to be an attack on the clergymen of the "Estab-lished Church." The ministry is ridi-culed and laughed at and its members' vanities and worldliness shown up in the light of day.

A recent report made to Congress states that the number of men in the United States physically able to perform military duty is 10,024,854. The United States now leads the world. The first place was held previously by Russia. Recent estimates put the present population of the United States at 72,000,000. The population of Russia by the last estimate was \$0,000,000.

Miss Clara Brett Martin, of Toronto, enjoys the distinction of being the first lady admitted to the Canadian bar. It was only last session that the Ontario Legislature passed an act enabling women to qualify as barristers. This was subject to the approval of the Law Society of the Province. This association at first refused its consent to the proposal, but finally yielded, and admitted women.

Some 6,000 clergymen of the Church of England are engaged in the delightful Pickwickian occupation of waiting for something to turn up. Speaking of this an English paper complains that :--" It certainly seems harsh that with the great revenues of the English Church, which are administered by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, there should be so much poverty and distress in the lower ranks of the clergy, while dignitaries



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The crusade of Dalton McCarthy and his followers against the French language has created a very peculiar impression has created a very peculiar impression had any the cloak I bought was conterned theart of on the minds of Ontario citizens. The elevation of Mr. Alfred Evanturel, one that "Trimmings" was merely an alle-of the few French Canadian members of the Levislative Assembly in that Pro-the Levislative Assembly in that Prothe Legislative Assembly in that Province, to the high office of Speaker, is one of the significant results. Mr. Evanturel is the first Catholic to occupy that so we find this method is satisfactory in position. The time will yet come in Canada when the religious convictions of a citizen, and especially a Catholic citizen, will not be an obstacle to success, in any of the Provinces where Protestant ism holds sway, but there will be a good deal of practical and well directed agitation required, as well as a manly and sincere expression of conviction for Catholic principles.

Dr. Grenier, the Mussulman deputy, who is the latest addition to that museum of curiosities, the French Assembly, is becoming one of the most distinguished citizens of Paris. His celebrity is due, not to his statesmanship or oratorical gifts, but to his devout and original habits. A few days ago he was proceed. ing to wash his feet in the members' lavatory before entering the Chamber, and, being remonstrated with, went down to at Greenbush, N. Y., for three years. the Seine, and performed his ablutions there. Finding the limpid stream so refreshing, he has used it as his basin ever since and, in spite of the snow, he has washed his head and face in it before resuming his Parliamentary duties. A crowd of small boys look on in grinning wonder at the novel spectacle, and escort him to the doors of the Palace Bourbon. He was last seen praying on the top of an omnibus, with his face turned towards Mecca.

the enthusiast. He is always honest and of the Interior during the temporal | remedy.

"Trimmings" is a word familiar to

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Each month of the year has a special signification for Catholics, and a special d votion, as follows :---

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August, the Month of the Immaculate had any; the cloak I bought was com- Heart of Mary.

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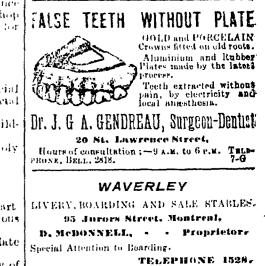
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Religious News Items.

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Arrangements are being made for the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the consecration as Bishop of the Most Reverend P. J. Ryan, D. D., of Philadelphis. The event will take place during the week following Easter Sunday.

Rev. Father Michael J. Dineen died at his home, Little Falls. N Y., last week, from consumption. He was 33 years of age and was educated at the Ottawa University, Ottawa, Canada. He was ordained at the Troy Seminary, and was assistant pastor of the Catholic Church

The Pope's golden rose is destined this year for the Duchers Maria Thereas, wife of the crown prince of Wurtemberg. The rose is an artistic creation in goad and precious stones, executed by the Vat ican jeweller, and is bestowed in mid-Lent on some Catholic princess who has been conspicuous for her services to the church.

Cardinal Mertel, who, in point of age, is the dean of the Sacred College, is now dying at Rome of extreme old age, being The most difficult problem with which | in his ninety-third year. He was a lawyer some of our local Irish Catholic organi- by profession and a lay member of the lously. Sold by all draggists, price 50 zations have to cope is how to control Synod of Cardinals. Minister of Finance cts. the bottle. Try this unfailing