

The Passion Play.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Mr. Editor—While fully appreciating the article in the "Newfoundland Quarterly" on the subject of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, I beg leave to enter a protest against one statement contained in it.

The writer says:—

"The Cross has been laid on the ground and the Christ laid thereon. With brutal indifference the executioners, the four Roman Soldiers, fasten the hands and feet with nails; the strokes of the hammer are heard as they drive the nails through the quivering flesh; the blood pouring from the wounds, and the face from the pressure of the thorns, etc."

Now, not one vestige of this gruesome spectacle is either seen or heard in the performance; in fact everything of a crude, blood curdling, or repulsive character has been carefully eliminated, so that the play may be looked at by persons of the most refined and delicate psychical sense.

The scene of the scourging and crowning with thorns is more like a tableau than an acted scene. There is no blood; there are no wounds; no bruises; nothing to excite any other feeling than sympathy and compassion. At the crucifixion the curtain rises and discloses the two thieves already tied to their crosses and elevated on either side. The cross of the Saviour is lying in the centre of the stage. The body has already been fastened to it. The fastening is all done behind the curtain and invisibly to the audience. But it is not done by nailing nor by any pretence at nailing. The wrists and body are sustained by bands of brass encircling them. These are secured to the cross by screw-bolts which pass through the wood, and are secured by nuts at the back of the cross. The cross is raised in view of the audience, but it is done with a marvellous ease and grace. There is not a sign of straining or dragging; no confusion; no hitch. Indeed this is one of the most wonderful and astonishing feats of the whole play. The only sign of blood is at the piercing of the side with the lance and it is very mild and moderate indeed. It is done in the following manner: The body of the Christ is not naked, as many might think it was. It is covered with a tight-fitting flesh coloured garment, it bears, of course, the stenciled robe, as used in all our representations of the Crucifixion. There is nothing whatever to shock the modesty even of the most fastidious under the tight garment on the left breast is placed a small cerecloth, water tight sack, containing a small quantity of a dark reddish liquor, to represent blood, and water, in accordance with the strict wording of the Scripture narrative. The lance held by the soldier (Longinus), has a very sharp point like a needle or a lancet. The soldier very carefully selects the exact spot where he knows the sack is situated and gently pricks it; a very small portion of the liquor spurts out and dyes the cloth of a reddish color. (Subrina), all in strict accordance with Scripture. This is not the heart's blood (as Christ was already dead), but a gathering of fluid mixed with serum. The Scripture does not say the heart was pierced, but only the side (lancea latus ejus aperuit).

I think it well to insist on these points as the principal objection offered by many who have not seen the play, is the thought that it would be loathsome on account of the effusion of blood; and the disgusting appearance of wounds and bruises.

I remain,

SPECTATOR.

Pleasant Sunday.

Mr. R. F. Horwood was the speaker at the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon meeting held yesterday. He delivered an excellent address on personal character. He divided the individuals that dominate men's characters into three classes: (1) Those that are independent of the individual will; (2) Those that are under the control of the will; (3) Those that come from God direct character was no doubt influenced by environment and climate, geographical situation, social and political conditions all contributed to influence the character. By knowledge the influences of those on the character can, to a certain extent, be controlled. The spirit of God dwelling in the man was the greatest factor in building up character.

At the conclusion of the address Mr. George Langmead rendered a solo which was well done. As next Sunday is Christmas Day there will be no service.

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It is quite a daily occurrence to hear persons say: "Oh, what a feeling of distress I have after meals, fullness of the stomach, heaviness and headache, I feel too tired to do anything, I have no heart to exert myself and at times I care for nothing. I often have a pain in the pit of my stomach, no appetite, my heart beats rapidly on the slightest exertion. I feel just as tired when rising in the morning as when retiring to bed. My sleep is often disturbed, and I often awake with a sense of suffocation and a difficulty of again going to sleep. I have to be careful of what I eat, and my life seems a veritable burden."

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FIVE STRIKERS LEFT.—There are still five men of the Tinmiths' Union yet on strike and these are doing fairly well, as they engage at Eboring and other work. They are fully determined to hold out for the wages demanded by the Union. One of the strikers who had gone to Sydney and was at work there returned by the Bonavia and went back to work in a shop here.

Tim Shannahan On the Small Man in the Big Job.

"Did you ever notice," says Delaney to Tucker, "how awkwardly a small man fills a big job? It seems to take all the pleasure out of the small man's life when he strikes a big job."

"What do you mean by a small man and a big job?" asked Tucker.

"Well said Delaney; 'by a small man, I don't mean a man that weighs a light weight on a scales. He can be as heavy as a rhinoceros in weight and still be a small man.'"

"Why," says Tucker, "you'd require to be able to add up four lines of addition to understand you. How do you make out that a small man can be big, or a big man small?"

"By a small man," says Delaney, "I mean a man who is small in his ideas, small-minded, selfish, and yet cuts with all. This kind of a man is never intended by nature to fill any job outside of selling balm or two-cent balls of worsted; but yet we often find him occupying positions of importance. He is such a miserable ninny-hammer that he makes the lives of those who work under him miserable existences. You will see small men in big Government jobs, and 'twould freeze every drop of blood in your body to have any business to transact with them."

"The small man generally is a very 'pious' individual, and he uses his religion on all occasions to put himself ahead. He is usually a 'nice man,' very polite, and never loses an opportunity to doff his hat to the upper ten ladies of the town; enquire about the health of the clergyman, and is foremost at picnics, but never parts with a cent without making sure he'll get two cents in return. In politics he works the two sides, but he never loses any sleep scouring the district for votes; he leaves that to the other fellow. How many small men can you count in this town who are holding big Government jobs who never worked on a committee or canvassed for a vote? When others are out in the wet trying to induce others to vote for their man, the 'little man' is sitting in a comfortable parlor, accompanied by the strains of a sickly organ and his daughter. 'Tis simply astonishing how they bring themselves before the footlights, and 'tis generally accomplished by forcing themselves ahead in getting the heavy man in church to use his influence."

"The small man lives in a big house; he is a believer in big houses

but that is the only thing big that appears to him, except, of course, a big salary.

"He is no good in the community and makes an overcoat do him eight years. He is always a sober man; that is, he is never seen entering a saloon or carrying any parcel resembling a bottle. Some people are of the opinion that the 'small man' can drink all he'll get for nothing, and go as far as to say he can bear a hit without your being able to notice him. The very thought of getting something for nothing braces him up and helps the 'small man' to get outside his drinks without being so extravagant as to stagger from side to side.

"The 'small man' is always sure to have a nice cute wife. He looked out for that when he was young. She is generally a fine, big rosy-cheeked woman, but is not extravagant like most big women. She serves as a great help to the 'small man,' as she comes in handy to tow him home in a snow squall from a charitable concert or some other cheap place of amusement.

"The big rosy-cheeked woman hates the 'small man,' but as divorce is not popular in this country, she hangs on to him. She'd give all the world for him to live up to his job, but he handles the cash and places her on an allowance.

"The 'small man' has a big opinion of himself and always owns a voice that is too big for him, which he uses to advantage when he sees a paying opportunity. He is always on the strong side, and makes up for any lost time by being on hand when there's anything to be gained.

"On a day when the Premier is arriving he is always sure to be on the wharf, and he is also present when clergymen are going away by train or steamer.

"The 'small man' cries over people who get arrested, gives them an odd lecture free; but that is about the only thing he gives for nothing. All this time, mind you, the 'small man' holds his nice big job, in fact he gets promoted into a bigger job. No amount of hints will make the 'small man' feel that he is a jader, and the big burly politician gives him all he looks for, simply because he makes people believe he is in touch with the important men of the country and can also sway the political feelings of all his friends who belong to the same religious denomination.

"Oh," says Delaney, "the 'small man' in a big job is an interesting piece of human mechanism and 'tis 'worth the money' to watch his antics going through life. I know one keen politician," says Delaney, "and he told me he gets just as much fun, as I do out of watching the cute 'small man' dodging his way in a 'nice slippery manner down through the 'meat of life.'"

"Watch him yourself from this time out and see if you don't smile, even when trade is dull and money scarce. You'll have to smile—you can help it—if you'll watch this man."

TIM SHANNAHAN

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Man Found in Woods.

Saturday at 4:30 a man passing out Waterford Bridge Road, just inside of Vivian's cottage, found a horse attached to a dray standing near the road, but could not see any sign of the driver, nor after he searched the place could he find the driver. He telephoned the police and Sergeant Mackey and Const. O'Flaherty drove to the place, and after going through the thicket discovered a well-known teamster of the West End lying on the ground in a stupor from liquor. The man was in a bad state, almost frozen, and it was some time before he could be aroused. It was a most fortunate circumstance that the horse stood where the man left it as it was terribly cold. The horse was returned to its master, and the man who was benumbed from cold and exposure was taken to the lockup.

RECORD SKATING.—Yesterday forenoon a number of boys skated over Bartle's Hill, starting from Cabot Street and going to Water Street. The boys in going over such a steep thoroughfare performed a feat few would dare to try and went with lightning speed. Several of their friends would not attempt it, but the lads who did so once evidently enjoyed the sensation of going so swiftly and went over the thoroughfare several times. Such a feat is attended with great danger, as in crossing New Gower Street there is always the possibility of colliding with horses or citizens, when these lads would meet with serious if not fatal injury.

Boys Intoxicated.

Saturday night's of late it has been noticed in the extreme West End that boys of tender years are in the habit of drinking liquor, and either being conveyed to their homes intoxicated, or coming of their own accord under the influence. These lads are given drinks from bottles which their sealers purchase, and towards the buying of which they themselves contribute. Their parents feel keenly on the matter, and the parties who furnish the liquor are running a great risk as if prosecuted they will receive the severest penalty for such scandalous conduct. They had better beware for they are closely watched.

SOLICITING ALMS YESTERDAY.—Yesterday forenoon and afternoon an old man could be seen on the higher levels soliciting alms from house to house. He had a book with him in which were written the names of several subscribers who had given small amounts. The man is a cripple and appears to deserve help, but none of those to whom he appealed thought it strange that he should solicit Sunday for such a mission.

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T. A. GUARDIANS.—At the special meeting of the T. A. & B. Society held yesterday Guardians for the Juvenile Branch of the Society were elected as follows:—J. J. Norris, Chairman; M. J. Tobin, T. Walsh, J. Murphy, W. Galivan, M. J. Taylor, P. Breen, T. Dunn, J. O'Toole and J. Clancey. The Society will parade on New Year's Day.

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USED A SNOW PLOW.—The Bruce express which arrived here at 6 p.m. Saturday brought in a large number of passengers, most of them men from Sydney who detrained at Briggs Junction to go to their homes for Christmas. Owing to recent snow storms there is snow to the depth of three feet on the West Coast, and a plow had to be used from that place to Bay of Islands.

MARCONI MEN ARRIVE.—The Marconi men, who had been operating until a week ago in one of the stations on the Labrador coast, arrived by the Bruce express Saturday and detrained at Briggs Junction for Bay Roberts, where they live. They say that the weather on Labrador is similar to what we have been experiencing here. There is more snow on the ground, however, and recently several fierce storms were experienced, though the frost is not as intense as might be expected.

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