

BABBETTE'S SCINTILLATIONS.

THE COUNCIL OF WOMEN AND ITS PECULIARITIES.

The Minister of Public Works at the Recent Fire—Some Remarks Regarding Stories.

Montreal is blessed with a branch of the Loyal Council of Women, the members of which are supposed to be active in all good works pertaining to the elevation of their less fortunate sisters, but, in spite of their "upward and onward" motto, their good works are often like the child's toy Jack-in-a-box—"now you see 'em and now you don't." They are very much in evidence if a poor working man smokes his pipe on the street car; their voices ascend to high heaven if any one expectorates in the highways or byways of our city; but where were they when the country rang with the scandal of poor old Mrs. Murphy being let in the Barron Block fire and no effort made to recover her remains. Was she not one of the "less fortunate sisters?" It would seem not, as this Loyal Council of "Elevators" did not move in the matter. A learned Jesuit once gave an illustration how some good people worked very hard and yet accomplished nothing, by relating how a young lady graduate of one of our first educational institutions devoted a whole year of her life to making a crazy quilt. Had not our modern order of Mrs. Jellyb's better "let up" on their crazy patch-work.

An exchange takes the Ave Maria to task for publishing Lady Gilbert's "John Hallem's Wife," a story reading like a chapter from Rider Haggard's "She," only more weird and uncanny. The Ave Maria gives a very lame explanation when it tells its readers that the story in question should not be taken seriously, as it is fiction. Now, as there is fiction and fiction, stories like "John Hallem's Wife," are certainly out of place in our Catholic publications. Readers of our Lady's Magazine expect only the best and have a right to complain if they do not get it. To say the least it was rather startling to read in one of our best Catholic magazines the story of an evil spirit haunting a woman and how the evil spirit was exorcised not by the Ambassador of Him "who cast out devils," but by charms and incantations, something which the catechism forbids. When we want fiction of this kind we can have recourse to the penny dreadful, but we would rather not cultivate a taste for such fiction in the pages of the Ave Maria.

Musical charms to soothe the savage breast. Milk renders harmless the most deadly serpent of India, and recent events point out the soothing qualities of tea—common, ordinary, every-day tea. In the report of the burning of the Parliament House we are gravely informed that the Hon. Mr. Tarte, after herculean but futile attempts to subdue the fire, was persuaded to take some tea and go to bed. What a picture! What a tableau for history! While the people enjoyed the spectacle of the Dominion Parliament going to blazes (the building I mean) the sedate and dignified members of the Council of Canada surrounded the "Irrepressible" and actually persuaded him to take some tea and go to bed. Apart from the serious aspect of the incident this will be good news for the Canadian clergy. Hereafter, when the only Israel assumes his favorite role of Ajax defying the lightning and huris defiance at the hierarchy, hoping thereby to extinguish the fire of Divine authority, all danger may be averted and cause and country saved by advising him "to take some tea and go to bed."

BABBETTE.

A MEMORIAL TABLET

In Honor of John Boyle O'Reilly Presented to the Catholic University of Washington.

The presentation of a memorial tablet to the Catholic University of America in behalf of Mr. A. Shuman, commemorative of the John Boyle O'Reilly statue recently erected in Boston, was made by Dr. C. T. Deikelow, of Boston, last week. Dr. Conaty introduced Mr. Deikelow to the company, who spoke for several minutes in a pleasing manner of the life of John Boyle O'Reilly, and of Mr. Shuman's friendship for him, as also of Mr. Shuman's deep interest in the welfare of the Catholic University, and closed by reading the following letter from Mr. Shuman:

"Boston, Feb. 16, 1897.

"The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Conaty, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.:

"My Dear Sir—It affords me infinite pleasure to present to you to-day a tablet to be hung in the library of the Catholic University of America, in commemoration of the dedication of the John Boyle O'Reilly memorial in Boston, June 20, 1895.

"I have arranged this tablet in order to preserve in the university the credentials of that eventful occasion, namely, the engraved invitation; one of each of the tickets which admitted to different sections of the pavilion; the medals made from the bronze from which the bust and allegorical group were cast; the programme of exercises; a facsimile of the ribbon with a quotation thereon from O'Reilly's 'The Pilgrim Fathers,' which adorned the wreath with which Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton decorated the bust of the dead poet; the souvenir of the memorial dinner; the Old Glory badges which were presented to the audience by the committee and worn during the ceremonies, and the memorial picture presented by the committee to subscribers to the fund on Christmas Day, 1896.

"On the 4th of February, 1892, a magnificent bronze bust of our dear, lament-

ed friend was presented to the institution by a committee of gentlemen, including the Very Rev. William Byrne, D.D., Mr. James Jeffrey Roche and myself, representing the people of the city Boston and of the Commonwealth of its adoption, through your illustrious predecessor, the Right Rev. John J. Keane, on which occasion it was my honor and privilege to add my verbal testimonial to the glowing and affectionate tributes which were rendered by other lovers of O'Reilly.

"O'Reilly represented in the University will occupy a place among the rest of your great men. O'Reilly's personality is past, but his genius will always live, and this tablet will most fittingly evidence the love and the honor conferred upon his memory by the citizens of Boston.

"Therefore, I experience great satisfaction to-day in begging your acceptance of this additional record to the memory of our dear friend, who lives in all our hearts and whose face has been enshrined forever within the inner temple of our affections.

"With sentiments of the highest personal regard and esteem for yourself and your coadjutors, I remain,

"Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) "A. SHUMAN."

Several other gentlemen made speeches. The tablet, which is to be hung in the hall of the McMahon building, will be an addition or an accompaniment to the magnificent bronze bust which was presented five years ago by various Boston gentlemen.

The Victorian Order of Home Helpers.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, February 15th, 1897.

To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS:

SIR,—At a public meeting held in Ottawa on Wednesday, February 10th, at the instance of the National Council of Women of Canada, under the presidency of His Excellency the Governor General, the following resolution was unanimously passed, having been moved by the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of the Dominion, and seconded by the Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior:

"That this meeting heartily approves of the general character of the scheme described as the 'Victorian Order of Home Helpers,' as a mode of commemoration by the Dominion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and that a fund be opened for the carrying out thereof."

The need that exists in country and remote districts throughout the Dominion for the services of trained practical women as district nurses seems to be universally admitted, and there appears to be a very general consensus of opinion that no better national scheme could be devised for commemorating Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee than the establishment on a permanent footing of a Victorian Order of public servants whose patriotic mission it would be to meet this want.

All candidates for this Order will have to undergo an examination and be practically tested as to their fitness for the work which they are to undertake. The standard for this examination and the tests to be undergone will be prescribed by medical men and others who understand the need which has to be met. It is proposed that the co-operation of various hospitals and medical men in different parts of Canada be invited in carrying out this examination so that there may be convenient centres for all candidates.

Already such co-operation has been heartily promised in several centres. The examination will especially bear on the three following points:

1. A practical knowledge of midwifery, sufficient to attain a prescribed certificate.

2. A practical knowledge of First Aid to the Injured and of simple Nursing.

3. A general knowledge of home-keeping, simple home sanitation, with the ability of preparing suitable food for invalids.

It is proposed that no person under twenty-eight or thirty years of age should be admitted into the Order, and when admitted, an undertaking should be given to continue the work, provided health does not prevent it, for a period of at least three years. A uniform will be provided, and a badge which may take the form of St. Andrew's cross with the letters V.R. Trained nurses who may desire to enter the Order will be made very welcome. They will have to pass the examination and be personally approved by the Committee.

Women who have already lived in these country districts, and who are respected, and have the confidence of their neighbours, would be preferable to any others, in many instances, and it would be well to encourage parishes and townships to choose some one whom they know, and send her down to one of the centres where the necessary training could be given. Arrangements will be made whereby candidates can be enabled to obtain the necessary training.

Districts wanting to secure the services of a Home Helper will be required to raise a certain sum towards her maintenance, which they would undertake to give yearly to the Central Committee during her residence, or to provide suitable board and lodging for her and means of conveyance. On application to the Central Committee a suitable Helper will be selected for the district applying, and a grant would be given towards her expenses to meet the sum raised by the district, and her salary would be paid by the Central Committee.

It may be mentioned that the scheme has been most favorably received by the medical men to whom it has been mentioned, and their valuable co-operation in carrying out this work will be anxiously sought for in all districts affected by the plan.

All arrangements should be made so that it should be considered an honour to belong to this Order and that the members of it should be regarded as public servants.

Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen having thought it but right to acquaint her Majesty's Secretary with

the project, that was being planned by the National Council, has received the following telegram from Sir Arthur Bagge:

"OSBORNE.

"In reply to your telegram, the Queen has retained from expressing approval of any particular scheme for commemorating the Diamond Jubilee, though of course any project for the relief of the sufferings of the sick in Canada will be assured of Her Majesty's sincere sympathy."

(Signed) "Bigge."

It is proposed, therefore, to open a Fund for establishing such an Order of Home Helpers in Canada. Not less than a million dollars should be raised to make the scheme effective. This would mean but a contribution of one dollar from every family in the Dominion.

The Bank of Montreal has kindly undertaken to receive subscriptions for the Victorian Order of Home Helpers in Canada, at any of their branches.

The Local Councils of Women will undertake the collection wherever they are formed with the co-operation of others, and it is hoped that committees for the purpose will be organized in all districts, and Mrs. Edward Griffin, Russell House, Ottawa, has kindly consented to act as secretary-treasurer.

Allow me to express the hope that you will bring before your readers the institution of this Fund as a means whereby a suitable national commemoration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee may be carried out by the people of the whole Dominion unitedly and in a manner which will both be in accordance with the known wishes of the Queen and be of permanent benefit to all parts of the country.

It will of course be observed that the carrying out of this scheme need in no way interfere with any local forms of commemoration which may be contemplated.

I remain yours faithfully,
JESSEL ABERDEEN.

RECIPROCITY SENTIMENT

Between the United States and Canada—An American View of the Question.

Under the caption of "Canada Still at the Door," the Boston Globe in a leading article says:

That the eastern states want Canada's bituminous coal free of duty we all know. That the Canadians want anthracite coal free of duty is equally plain.

Both nations, confronting each other in this way, have tried various policies by which they might secure the big end of the stick, but even a protracted trial of reciprocity was not entirely satisfactory.

Our Canadian neighbors are very persistent. Trials of reciprocity, retaliation and bluff have not stilled their yearning for an arrangement with us, and they are now entrenched in Washington determined to secure terms from the incoming administration.

The trouble with the Canadians is that they talk sentiment but mean the best end of the bargain. They will buy of England every time that England offers the best terms, and will buy our goods only when we can do better by them than England.

Canada has played the role of the dog in the manger rather too heavily. She has been unreasonable in the fisheries matter. She has tried to stir up troubles between England and the United States with a view to retaliation. She still threatens us with penalties while trying to cajole us into reciprocity.

Perhaps there is no hurry about fixing up another truce with Canada. We are practically independent of her. At any rate the next trade treaty with her should secure for our fishermen good treatment and be really fraternal rather than a one-sided game for "points."

FIRE IN A BOSTON SCHOOL.

In a Rush to Escape Danger Ten or Twelve Children were Injured.

A fire in the Everett School, at the corner of Northampton and Tremont Streets, on Friday last, caused a stampede among the pupils, and in the rush to leave the building ten or twelve children were crushed and bruised, but it is thought none are fatally injured.

The fire, which was of a trivial nature in itself, started in a waste basket at 11 o'clock, and was discovered by a scholar. Principal Pritchard ordered the dismissal bell to be rung, and as the children were leaving the building, some of them saw the smoke, and, becoming alarmed started to run toward a small porch door on the Northampton Street side. They were quickly followed by others, and in the stampede some were hurt. The injured were taken home or to hospitals.

At the City Hospital there are nine cases, but only three of the children are badly injured. They are unconscious, and it is impossible to get their names. Maggie Roach, nine years old, of 2 Thorn Street, is on the dangerous list at the City Hospital, suffering from inhaling smoke. At the City Hospital are Mamie Jones, eleven years old, of 38 Hammond Street, with a broken arm;

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MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

Annie Fisher, eleven years old, of 78 East Canton Street, suffering from exhaustion from smoke. Agnes McCarty, ten years old, of 210 West Springfield Street, exhaustion from smoke; Madeleine Gibbons, of 35 East Concord Street, exhaustion from smoke. Three girls jumped from a window and were caught by spectators, escaping with slight injury.

It is believed the fire was caused by one of the girls throwing a lighted match in the waste basket in one of the dressing rooms, and on that theory the police and the Fire Marshal are at work. They will give no names, but they express confidence of making out a case.

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OUR REVIEWER.

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND HOME MAGAZINE, for February, contains a brief article, "Lenten Thoughts," by its editor, Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, D.D. In the Education department, the "Installation of the New Rector" briefly sketches the ceremonial and festivities attending Dr. Conaty's installation as Rector of the Catholic University of Washington. "Three May Days," a story of Lourdes, is concluded, and the New Testament Studies and Bible Stories supply though a for the Sunday School pupil. This month's issue completes the fifth volume and year of the Magazine.

SURSUM CORDA is an annual publication containing the records of the Confraternity of S. Gabriel, supplemented with choice reading matter contributed by various well-known authors. In the present number Marion J. Brunowe, Sarah Trainer Smith, Rev. Wm. Livingstone, Mrs. Mary T. Vaggaman, May F. Nixon, Jane M. Cave, Rev. H. J. Henry, Mary Angela Spellisy and Rev. Thomas F. Clancy are the contributors.

THE CATHOLIC READING CIRCLE REVIEW, always bright and interesting, especially to the ambitious and thoughtful student, comes to us with a choice assortment of literary and historical matter. The frontispiece is a portrait of the newly-elected President of the Catholic Summer School of America, Rev. Michael J. Lavelle, Rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. The opening article, "Introduction to the Study of Tennyson," is from the pen of Maurice Francis Egan, and in it he criticises the "In Memoriam," granting it the fullest merit of artistic beauty, and considering it a sympathetic reflection of human feelings, but a barren production to the spiritual view of Catholic faith. Eliza Allen Starr in her "Christian Interpretation of Christian Art" suggests that the Pagan examples of Art be omitted from the text-books, and beginning with the Art of the Catacombs, the Christian forms be followed down to our own century, for the preparation of youth. Jean Mack's translation from the French of Paul Allard of "History of the Persecutions" is continued. Helena T. Goemann, M. Ph., in the fourth of her series of "Summer Screens," analyzes and describes the Catholic Summer School of America in a clever, chatty style that reminds one of the writer's own bright personality. The only poem of the number, "The Post is a Teacher" is contributed by Henry Coyle. Rev. John G. Beane's study, "The Pope as a Sovereign," is concluded in this issue. In "Current Notes and Opinions"—the gatherings of a Philistine—we learn that "the two brightest and most promising lights to-day in the firmament of Catholic poetry are, without doubt, F.ether Tabb and Louise Imogen Guiney." The Teacher's Council contains a learned study of "Science and the Sciences," by Rev. Gregory Bechtold, O.S.B. "Studies in American History," by Marc F. Valette, LL.D., treats of the early discoverers and navigators. Thomas O'Hagan, M.A., Ph. D., the Canadian *ville-dieu*, continues his analysis of American Literature, and "Social Discontent and its Remedy" is briefly handled by Morgan M. Sheedy.

A Funny World.

A Chinese boy got into the United States and set about earning his living by work. The Christian people, acting according to law, seized, imprisoned and shipped him back to China at a cost of over \$1,000. Then they take up another subscription to aid in converting the heathen—out in China.—Hamilton Times.

Bank of England notes are made from new white linen cuttings—never from anything that has been worn. So care fully is the paper prepared that even the number of dips into the pulp made by each workman is registered on a dial by machinery.

There are three habitual criminals in London to every two policemen.

Truth crushed to earth may rise again, but by the time she is ready to move, the lie that knocked her down has gained several miles in the race.

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The Most Rev. John Walsh, Archbishop of Toronto, writes:

Toronto, February 4th, 1897.

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Live Stock Markets.

LONDON, February 22.—There was a weaker feeling in the market for cattle, and prices show a decline of 1c to 1c 3/4 as compared with this day week, choice States being quoted at 11 1/2c and Argentine at 10c. On account of a short supply of sheep and a good demand, the market was strong and prices show an advance of 1c to 1 1/2c, choice being quoted at 12c to 12 1/2c.

A private cable received from Liverpool noted an advance in the price of Canadian cattle of 1/2c, quoting choice at 11c, while States cattle were unchanged at 11 1/2c, sheep at 11c, and lambs at 14 1/2c.

MONTREAL, February 22.—English advices to-day were somewhat conflicting, cables from London being weaker for cattle, and noted a slight decline, while for sheep they were strong and higher, and advices from Liverpool were firmer for Canadian cattle, and unchanged for American. Recent actual sales of Canadian sheep showed a loss of three shillings per head, but at to-day's prices in London they probably let out with a small profit. Locally the market was somewhat disappointing to holders of butchers' stock in view of the recent advance at Toronto, and the active trade reported there last Friday. On the other hand there was a good demand for export cattle which was held principally at the Stock Yards, and about 200 head changed hands at 3 1/2c to 4c per lb., to fill up this week's space.

At the East End Abattoir market the receipts of live stock were 600 cattle, 100 sheep, 100 lambs and 50 calves. Notwithstanding the active demand from American and export buyers and the advance in prices noted in the Toronto market on Friday last, there was little, if any, response to the same here, principally due no doubt to the fact that the supply was in excess of the requirements of the trade, and as holders in most cases were asking an advance of 1c per lb., buyers in consequence showed a disposition to hold off, and trade on the whole was slow. The top prices paid for the best cattle offered were 3 1/2c to 3 3/4c, while fair to good sold at 2 1/2c to 3c, and common to inferior at 1 1/2c to 2 1/2c per lb. live weight. In sheep the feeling was firmer owing to small supply, for which the demand was better, and sales were made at 3c to 3 1/2c per lb. The demand for lambs was good and prices were maintained at the recent advance, with sales of straight lots at 4 1/2c to 4 3/4c, and mixed lots at 4 1/2c per lb. live weight. Calves met with a fair sale at prices ranging from \$2 to \$10 each as to size and quality.

The feature of the Point St. Charles market was the stronger feeling for live hogs, and prices advanced 15c per 100 lbs., which is due to the small receipts. The demand was good, and sales of straight light weights were made at \$4.60 to \$4.75, and mixed lots at \$4.25 per 100 lbs. Trade in cattle was slow, owing to the fact that local dealers generally filled their wants in the Toronto market, consequently no sales were made and the stock was forwarded to the above market.

She—How do you account for the fact that a woman learns typewriting so much easier than a man?

He—Oh, she has so much more in prospect.—Indianapolis Journal.

Father—Wait a year, my son, and you may feel very different.

Son (confidently)—I've tested my love for Miss Higgins and I know it cannot change. I've played golf with her and still I want her for my wife.—Household Words.



A SESSION OF THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH (Crown side), holding criminal jurisdiction in and for the district of Montreal, will be held in the Court House, in the City of Montreal, On Monday, the 1st Day of March Next, at TEN o'clock in the Forenoon.

In consequence, I give public notice to all who intend to proceed against any prisoners now in the Common Jail of the said District, and all others, that they must be present then and there; and I also give notice to all Justices of the Peace, Coroners and Peace Officers, in and for the said district, that they must be present, then and there, with their Records, Rolls, Indictments and other Documents, in order to do those things which belong to them in their respective capacities.

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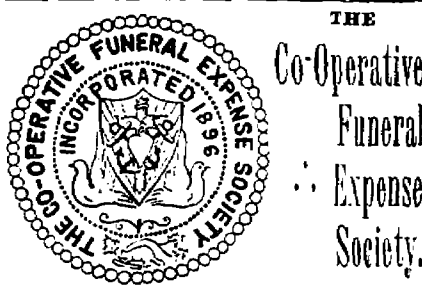
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