

For Our Boys and Girls.

In order to provide wholesome and interesting literary entertainment for the boys and girls in the schools in the parishes in which THE TRUE WITNESS circulates, we have decided to establish a special juvenile department, which will be known as "Aunt Nora's Corner," and to which contributions from our boys and girls will be welcomed.

In addition to the original communications which she will receive, Aunt Nora will publish choice literary selections of a kind likely to interest her youthful readers.

Contributions intended for insertion in "Aunt Nora's Corner" should be written on one side of the paper only; should not be more than two hundred words in length, and should reach THE TRUE WITNESS office not later than Thursday evening in the week preceding the day of publication.

This week, however, communications may be sent in up till Saturday.

The letters may be on any subject which the writers think may be of interest to other boys and girls.

At an early date we purpose offering prizes for the best essays on subjects which we shall duly announce.

Aunt Nora hopes that every school boy and girl who reads this will spread the news amongst his and her companions.

REV. DR. CONATY

UNABLE TO REACH MONTREAL IN TIME TO PREACH ON SUNDAY AT ST. PATRICK'S.

AN EFFORT BEING MADE TO ARRANGE FOR AN ADDRESS BY THE DISTINGUISHED LECTURER.

Rev. Dr. Conaty, who has been recently appointed to the Rectorship of the Catholic University at Washington, has sent a dispatch to the effect that his engagements will not permit him to reach this city at an hour on Sunday to avail himself of the invitation of the Rev. Father Quinlan to preach at St. Patrick's.

An effort is now being made, however, by the TRUE WITNESS, to arrange that the Rev. Dr. Conaty should deliver an address on Monday evening, in this city, prior to his departure for Washington.

OBITUARY.

THE LATE MR. JAMES CANNON.

The funeral of the late Mr. James Cannon took place from his late residence, 43 McCord street, at 7.30 this morning, to St. Ann's Church, thence to Cote des Neiges Cemetery. The deceased, who was only 32 years of age, was a native of county Armagh, Ireland, and a member of St. Patrick's Court, No. 95, C.O.F., and of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, both of which associations, as well as many of our prominent citizens, were largely represented in the funeral cortege.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. H. SULLIVAN.

The funeral of the late Mr. John H. Sullivan, brother of Lieut. Sullivan of the Central police station, took place on Sunday afternoon from his late residence, 245 Bleury street, to Cote des Neiges cemetery.

The deceased was a well-known Irishman who always took an earnest interest in all matters affecting his race and creed. Mr. Sullivan was in the prime of life at the time of his death. For many years he held a responsible position in one of the leading manufacturing establishments of this city, where he was much esteemed both by his employers and those under his charge. He was a worthy member of St. Patrick's parish and in the ranks of his fellow-countrymen in local, national and charitable organizations his unostentatious manner and kindly disposition won for him many friends.

The funeral was largely attended, and a large number of members of the C. M. B. A. were also present.

MANITOBA SCHOOLS.

THE END NOT YET, SAYS THE "SEMAINE RELIGIEUSE."

The Semaine Religieuse of this city, in the course of a thoughtful, yet vigorous article, deals with the recent so-called settlement of the Manitoba school question. It concludes as follows:—

"Let them be given full justice and all rights of which they were unjustly deprived. The school they desired is a Catholic school, and to this they have a right according to the constitution. If peace is what is wanted, there is a very easy way of obtaining it. Give to our brothers in Manitoba the control of their schools, Catholic school districts, Catholic books, Catholic inspectors, Catholic school teachers and the exemption from taxation for the support of schools which their conscience will

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SINGULAR, BUT TRUE,

That people seem to like to be dependent and ask favors in matters that should arouse every honorable and fine feeling in our nature. Could the dead speak, what would they say to fine funeral displays done on credit by those who can ill afford it, and a large amount expended by those who can afford it and the smallest possible sum allowed for Church Services. Does not this seem unreasonable and a wrong sense of love and duty?

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John Wanamaker employs 60 cash boys from the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, on Lafayette place and Great Jones street. Every morning the boys may be seen going from the mission house to work, and returning in the evening. Father Dougherty says Mr. Wanamaker told him he was attracted to the mission when the Earl of Rosebery visited it many years ago. He was with the Earl, and became impressed, as did also the Earl, that no charitable institution in the world did so much good with so little fuss. Father Drumgoole, who started the mission, he said, was a man of genius, and the institution he founded would grow and prosper and do a world of good.

If Mr. Wanamaker had declared that Father Drumgoole was a saint he would find no one in New York who would dispute the statement.—N.Y. Daily News.

"As an evidence of the growing popularity of our artistic products we take pleasure in recording the sales, in the same week, of three PRATTE PIANOS, the best in every respect that the Pratte Piano Co. can turn out. One was shipped to VANCOUVER, B.C., to adorn one of the finest houses on the Pacific Coast; another to LONDON, England, to be placed in one of the most fashionable mansions, and the third to PARIS, France, ordered by a musician."

DIED

SHERIDAN—At Findlay, Ohio, December 6th, 1896, James Sheridan, aged 77 years. Deceased was a resident of Montreal about 50 years ago. He leaves a son, John Sheridan, of Findlay, Ohio, to mourn his loss.

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—IN—
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Send in your Christmas Lists now without delay to ensure careful attention and prompt shipment, before the great rush sets in next week with our city trade. Careful and experienced packers. Everything of the very choicest and best in Fancy and Staple Groceries. Provisions of all kinds. Pure and Genuine Wines and Liquors, for which the old reliable Italian Warehouse has a Continental reputation.

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Plums Imperiales Fleur, in 7-lb. glass jars, \$2.50 each.
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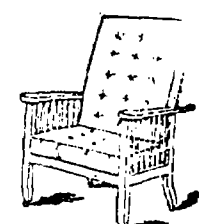
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DIED WHILE SINGING IN A CONCERT.

Miss Mae Kelly, of Duluth, Minn., died suddenly last week of heart failure. She had volunteered her assistance at a concert given at a church fair, and she had sung the opening bar of "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep," when she fell backward dead.

"Poor fellow," said the philanthropic passer-by, sympathetically, as he looked over the fence at the wild-haired man, who was galloping around the yard astride of a broomstick, which he caused to prance and pitch till it finally bucked him off on his head. "So you lost your wagger?"

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New York Journal.



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Chairs.....	1.25	1.65	Pewter Tea Sets.....	60c	4.50
Doll's High Chair.....	85c		Toilet Sets.....	50c	2.50
Doll's Rocker.....	65c		Whips.....	20c	75c
Sets of Furniture.....	25c	3.50	Furnished Tables.....	1.25	2.50
Building Blocks.....	25c	3.25	Grocery Stores.....	25c	3.00
Soldier Suits.....	60c	3.50	Pianos.....	25c	3.00
Boys' Brigade Sets.....	2.25	3.50	Boys' Sleighs.....	20c	3.00
Boys' Gunner Sets.....	1.25		Girls' Cutters.....	45c	4.75
Guns.....	25c	1.00	Baby Sleighs in Rattan.....		
Swords.....	15c	1.00	Baby Sleighs in Oak.....		
Horses.....	15c	7.00	Runners for Carriages.....		1.25
Rocking Horses.....	5.50	7.50	Bent Rail Sleighs.....	1.25	2.00
Gas Balls.....	15c	1.10			
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