



REMARKABLE CURES AT STE. ANNE DE BEAUPRE.

FROM A REGULAR STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Ste Anne de Beaupre, Aug. 1st., 1899.

During the month that has just closed good Ste. Anne has pleased to exercise her power in a very striking manner at the miraculous shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre. There were no less than eight remarkable cures here during the month, of persons who were declared by the doctors to be incurable. Your correspondent had the pleasure of an interview with some of those who were cured and I subjoin their personal testimony of glorious Ste. Anne's goodness. Besides those given below, and the two others published in a recent issue of the "True Witness," there were some others, the particulars of which I have been unable to obtain as yet, but which I hope to have for a future issue. One was a lady that was cured of white swelling, another a man that was cured of spine disease and still another of consumption of the bones.

CURE OF MRS. HARTLEY.—The following is the personal account of Mrs. Hartley, No. 1 Warwick street, New Bedford, Mass., U.S.:

"On Thursday, July 21st, I went as usual to Benediction at the shrine. Father Holland preached the sermon on God's goodness and mercy towards us. When the sermon was over I went on my knees and seemed to feel as though for the first time, how good God had really been to me, and I prayed fervently to Ste. Anne that if it was the will of God that she would cure me of the disease which was surely bringing me to the grave, and which had kept me in torture for the past nine years. Suddenly a beautiful light emanated from the shrine, and all around, far, far behind, I could see nothing but the beautiful light. In the midst of this the eyes of good Ste. Anne beamed on me. I could see nothing but her beautiful face surrounded by the light; and she said to me slowly "you are cured! You are cured!"

I was fascinated by her gaze and

could do nothing but sob. I did not see the people in the church, altho' I knew they were there. It was as though I had been transported above this world, and I know I shall never see the same thing again until I am about to die, when I expect the same vision. I had the hardest work to keep from standing up in church and screaming that I was cured. I ran down to the statue and kissed the relic from Ste. Anne's house and laid my cheek against it. Then I ran into the sacristy, knelt down and asked Father Holland's blessing. The strain on my feelings was so strong that I broke down and cried, forgetting the surroundings, so that I remember very little of what happened afterwards. But I know that I am completely and perfectly cured. My disease was ulceration of the womb, which was not in the least helped by a painful operation performed a few years ago. I was sick most of the time and could scarcely walk. Now I am in perfect health. Thanks be to God and good Ste. Anne."

A SISTER OF MERCY CURED.—Another remarkable cure which was witnessed by the thousands who were here for the feast of Ste. Anne, was that of Sister Mary Gertrude, a Sister of Mercy from Newfoundland. The following account of her sickness and cure was handed to us by her traveling companion, the Mother Superior of the Convent:

"Our good Sister Mary Gertrude, Kenedy, had an attack of St. Vitus' Dance, in September, 1895, accompanied by epileptic fits. The following spring and autumn it returned with renewed violence which caused curvature of the spine and contraction of the muscles. In the spring of 1897 the old trouble came on with partial paralysis, which deprived her of the use of her right leg for months. The same thing happened again in the beginning of November, showing itself in its worst form. After this her condition of the race of which the A. O. H. is composed, Mr. E. B. Devlin for his manly defence of our nationality. The A. O. H. recognizes merit in any Irishman who has the courage to defend a people which has done as much as any other nationality to build up the industries of this country. I am pleased to see so many of our representative men here to-day. Men who on many an occasion stood in the breach in defence of our creed and race; men whose parents were the pioneers of this great province; men holding the highest offices within the gift of its people; men, the sons and grandsons of those pioneers who are now enrolled as members of the A. O. H., and whose battle-cry is

"Consequently our only hope was in a pilgrimage to the dear Shrine of good Ste. Anne de Beaupre, suggested by our Most Rev. Bishop, Dr. Macdonald, of Harbor Grace, Newfoundland. On the morning of the 27th, the day after the feast, the powerful intercession of the great Saint was shown by the sensation that our afflicted Sister felt of something giving way in her back, after which she raised her head for the first time in three years to receive Holy Communion and walked down the aisle without assistance. She is perfectly cured through the intercession of the wonder-working Ste. Anne. May God be praised."

Good Ste. Anne's power is not exhausted and never will be. I hope to send an account of other miracles for next week's issue.

A MONTREAL PILGRIMAGE.—The seventeenth Irish Catholic pilgrimage from Montreal, under the direction of Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., which reached here on Sunday last, was equally as successful as any that has taken place under his able direction. The weather was all that could be desired, and about three hundred men availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the Canadian Thaumaturga, St. Gabriel's excellent Brass Band accompanied the pilgrims as did also the fife and drum band and a contingent of the St. Ann's Cadets.

Headed by the bands and banners, the pilgrims proceeded to the church where Rev. Father Heffernan preached a very eloquent sermon at ten o'clock after which the articles of devotion were blessed and solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was celebrated. At noon the departure for Quebec was made.—Thomas Whelan.

A PUBLIC PROTEST AGAINST CARICATURE.

WITH BAND AND BANNERS, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, to the number of about a thousand, started from McGill Street on Sunday afternoon for St. Gabriel's Hall on Centre Street. They marched by way of St. Alexander street, Dorchester street, Cathedral street, Notre Dame street, Murray street, and over the Wellington Bridge to Centre street. They were sternly determined to raise their voices in protest against the too long tolerated and most offensive custom of caricaturing the Irish race, that has for years prevailed in Montreal, and in other parts of Canada.

THERE COULD BE NO MISTAKING the character of the airs which the band played on its way. They included "The Wearing of the Green," "St. Patrick's Day," "Garryowen," "The Boys of Wexford," "The Dear Little Shamrock," and other familiar national songs. The Hibernians were led by their fine body of Hibernian Knights, whose splendid marching and fine soldierly bearing evoked considerable applause along the route. On and near Wellington Bridge there were assembled not less than a thousand persons to greet the Hibernians as they passed over to the "Greater Griffintown," in which the Rev. Father O'Meara's parish is situated. At the Hall door and in the vicinity of St. Gabriel's handsome church building still larger crowds gathered; and it was with great difficulty that the Hibernians and their admiring compatriots gained access to the Hall.

THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION at all about it; it was as Father O'Meara said at the meeting afterwards: "It was a great day for Montreal Irishmen." The proceedings were characterized by the greatest dignity and decorum. All the speeches were enthusiastically cheered. Mr. E. B. Devlin, B.C.L., the guest of the day, received an ovation of which any proud Irishman might well be proud. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Mr. William Rawley, the intrepid and patriotic County President, for his zeal and enthusiasm in so ably seconding the efforts of the "True Witness" in bringing about a public protest against the practice of caricaturing our race. His opening remarks were given in a tone that had the genuine national ring about it, and were pronounced with all the fervor of an Irishman who is heart and soul in the movement. A word should also be said here of the able and talented secretary of the meeting, Mr. Michael Bermingham, who worked most energetically for the success of the gathering. He wore the uniform of the Hibernian Knights and looked every inch a soldier.

THE MATTERS OF REGRET FOR

inability to attend, from clergymen and laymen, which we publish below are well worthy of perusal, as they go to show the strength of the feeling which has been engendered by the pernicious attempts that have been made to cast ridicule and contempt upon the Irish race through the medium of cartoons and caricatures. Such spirited expressions of opinion, from all classes, augur well for the success of the movement set on foot by the "True Witness" and the Hibernians.

THE MEETING was the most enthusiastically Irish one that has been held in Montreal for many years. While the object was unique, if it has not already sounded the death-knell of the practice referred to, it has certainly given a grand object lesson that will have an effect all over this continent, and has served notice on all other nationalities that Irishmen and the sons of Irishmen will no longer tolerate this form of insult. It has proved, too, that Irishmen can meet and discuss in a calm and dignified manner a grave injustice that insults their manhood.

THE WARM SYMPATHY of the clergy is manifested in the allusion to Father Quinlivan in Father McCullen's letter, and in the presence of Father O'Meara, Father Shea, and Father McDonald on the platform.

AMONGST THOSE PRESENT and who occupied seats on the platform were:

- Mr. Wm. Rawley, County President, A.O.H., chairman of the meeting; Mr. M. Bermingham, secretary; Rev. Wm. O'Meara, P.P., St. Gabriel's parish; Rev. Father McDonald, St. Gabriel's parish; Rev. L. Shea, St. Anthony's parish; Mr. Patrick Wright, 1st Vice-president St. Patrick's Society; Mr. Edward Halley, president Young Irishmen's L. and B. Association; John Lavelle, president, Div. No. 8, A.O.H.; M. Lynch, president, Div. No. 2, A.O.H.; M. Phelan, president, Div. No. 5, A.O.H.; J. B. Lane, president, Div. No. 6, A.O.H.; H. J. Hummel, president, Div. No. 9, A.O.H.; Capt. Kane, and Lieut. Devle of the Hibernian Knights; H. T. Kearns, Provincial Treasurer, A.O.H.; Mr. Holland, Mr. Devlin, sr., T. J. Halpin, A. Dunn, E. J. Colfer, J. Heany, M. Kearns, F. Geehan, F. J. Curran, B. C. L., J. Kennedy, J. Tiernan, J. Halpin, George Clarke, past County President; P. Scullion, J. Tobin, J. Treacy, J. Hughes, Wm. Kearney, M. Hickey, P. J. Droyer, H. McCamley, ex-Ald. Connaughton and ex-Ald. Lewis Tansley and many others.

THE CHAIRMAN in opening the proceedings said in part: We are assembled here to-day to do honor to a son of Canada, and a des-

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"Irish youth close up Hibernian ranks And let us all as brothers stand, In line with Erin's flag unfurled, And when our chief shall take command, Our might will then surprise the world!"

I hope this reunion will be the means of keeping our people in close touch so that we may present a solid front in stamping out this evil practice of caricaturing and cartooning a race that wishes to live in peace and harmony in this fair Canada of ours.

All, all are not gone, but still lives on, The men whom we have tried, And true men, like you Hibernian men Honor them with pride.

The Secretary read the following letters of regret:

FROM FATHER McCALLEN.—Dear Sir,—In deferring my reply to your kind letter of invitation to take part in the public protest, which under the auspices of the A. O. H., the Irish Catholics of Montreal are going to make, against any future caricaturing of our race, I simply waited to see if it were possible, at the last moment, to announce I would be on hand.

The absence of our Pastor, Father Quinlivan, who is sick at the Hotel Dieu; the departure of Father Fallon to-day (July 30th), for his old field of labor in the United States; the sickness of another of our priests at home; and the hour of the meeting, which interferes with the baptizing of children and the singing of Vespers, leaves us so few in number, for necessary parochial work, that most unwillingly, I am obliged to ask you to accept these excuses for my absence. I want to say however, that the suppression of the caricaturing of our race, referred to above, by every lawful means in our power, meets with my most sincere, and hearty endorsement, and I may add, that I have often heard our worthy pastor, express his indignation that not only were these vile caricatures allowed to cover the boards of theatres, the win-

dows of stores, etc., but that large audiences were found to assemble in theatres to applaud, to the echo, these insults offered to the race. The abstinence of every self-respecting Irish Catholic adult; and the severe flogging by parents of every Catholic boy, who dares to attend and encourage such entertainments, will prove the most successful obstacle to a repetition of these insults.

May your meeting be crowned with the success, which so worthy an object deserves.

Believe me, dear sir, Yours very sincerely, J. A. McCallen, S.S.

FROM FATHER McDERMOTT.—Dear Sir,—Your invitation to attend demonstration called for Sunday afternoon, next to hand,—I regret very much that owing to pressing occupations at the same hour, it is utterly impossible for me to be present. Hoping your meeting will be most representative and successful in denouncing all caricaturing of our race and nationality I have the honor to remain, Yours very sincerely, THOS. ED. McDERMOTT, Priest.

IRISH PROTESTANT SOCIETY.—Dear Sir,—Yours of the 18th just to hand. The Society which I represent is entirely a benevolent one, abstaining from any public functions, yet in my personal capacity, I can assure you that the object for which the meeting of the 30th July is called has my warmest sympathy and approval. While cartoons and caricatures often serve a very useful purpose, when employed in their legitimate sphere; yet the manner in which the Irish race has been caricatured in the so-called humorous magazines and theatrical shows and bill-posters during the past twenty-five years, has not only not served any useful purpose, but has been a disgrace to the boasted intelligence of the closing years of the nineteenth century, and a reflection upon the Irish people who tolerate it. Trusting that the meeting to be held may have the desired effect of suppressing an abuse so prevalent on this continent, and causing many of our Irish brethren to awake to the fact that they are in a great measure to blame for the present state of affairs. I remain, Yours fraternally, J. HAMILTON FERNS.

FROM MR. JUSTICE CURRAN.—Dear Sir,—In reply to your kind invitation, to be present at the presentation of an address to my young friend, Mr. E. B. Devlin, on Sunday next, I regret very much that a prior engagement will prevent me from being with you. I trust the meeting may be a success, as I have no doubt it will be.

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FROM JUDGE PURCELL.—Dear Sir,—I regret that I will be unable to attend the meeting on Sunday next, on the occasion of the presentation to Mr. E. B. Devlin, as I am just leaving town. The caricaturing of the Irish character on the stage, has only been too often overlooked and Mr. Devlin is entitled to every credit for his spirited protest. With many thanks for your kind invitation.

FROM SIR WILLIAM HINGSTON.—Dear Sir,—Hingston much regrets that absence from the city on the 30th inst., will deprive him of the pleasure of accepting your kind invitation to assist at the presentation to Mr. E. B. Devlin, on that day. Sir William wishes for your demonstration all possible success.

FROM PHILADELPHIA.—Dear Sir and Brother,—Replying to your kind invitation to be present at the presentation of a testimonial to Mr. E. B. Devlin, B. C. L., in St. Gabriel's Hall, July 20th, I beg to state that while I regret that circumstances will not permit me to be present at the meeting, I cannot refrain from expressing my most unqualified approval of the action of my Dominion brethren and deep admiration for the motive that prompts it.

It is time that we should serve notice that the day is long since passed when caricatures of our race will be permitted to go before the public. Some years ago a spectacle of this character was presented before the people of this city, and

I am sure the alleged actors will never forget the odors of the decayed groceries with which our people profusely and emphatically decorated them. We have had no exhibition of the kind since, and it is safe to say that we never shall again.

I congratulate the Order and its friends in Montreal on the many stand they have taken, and beg to transmit to you and those assembled my warmest expressions of gratitude for your zeal and earnestness in thus giving public acknowledgment of the manly and patriotic services rendered by Mr. Devlin.

I have the honor to remain, Very truly and fraternally yours, JAS. D. SULLIVAN, National Secretary.

FROM KANSAS CITY.—Dear Sir and Brother,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 18th inst., inviting me to attend on July 30th, your Mass Meeting, protesting against owners of theatres and lecture halls caricaturing the Irish race. Nothing would please me better than to be there and assist with my presence, the movement, but unfortunately my business is such, being an impossibility to get away. I beg on this occasion, to enter my humble, but emphatic protest against the custom or the methods of any organization or Company in creating, or in giving a false impression about the Irish race. History will prove beyond a doubt, that the Irish race, are deserving of gratitude from the whole world, as the promoter and as an educator of Europe in the dark ages.

With best wishes for the success of the movement, I have the honor to sign myself, Your obedient servant, WM. J. GILTHORPE, County President.

FROM NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Dear Sir and Brother,—The invitation of a committee of the A. O. H., to attend the demonstration in honor of Mr. E. B. Devlin, on the 30th inst., came duly to hand, and is very much appreciated. To my regret, in view of your invitation, I now find that an important professional engagement will require my presence here about that time, so that I will be unable to be with you on the date named. However, I desire to return my thanks for the courtesy of your committee's invitation, and to state that I am very heartily in favor of recognizing the good sense and manliness of those men who are denouncing and striving to break up the infamous practice which some theatrical managers have of presenting offensive and untrue caricatures of our race. As a member of the best Irish blood, and of Irish spirit, Hibernians should everywhere be united to suppress and remove from the theatrical stage that class of performers who, by misapprehension and misrepresentation of our countrymen, although sometimes away from the scene of the demonstration to be held on the 30th, I will be with my Hibernian friends in spirit; and I trust that the occasion will be made a worthy tribute to the patriotism shown by Mr. Devlin, and others such as he, in vigorously denouncing that brand of so-called players whose stock in trade is confined to slandering and ridiculing the men and women of the Irish race.

Again renewing my wishes for the success of the coming demonstration, I remain, Fraternally yours, JAMES P. BRICE.

FROM TORONTO, ONT.—Dear Sir and Brother,—Your kind invitation to be in Montreal on the 30th inst. received. In reply I desire to say that it will be impossible for me to be with you, I will be with you in spirit, I am anxious to stamp out this Cockney endeavor to caricature our race, but let us stop and think for a moment, and we will readily see the cause. A good few of our people are ashamed of the poor land that gave them life. I know I am speaking to a son of Ireland that never knows defeat. Keep it up in the meantime, stop these caricatures if you use a black thorn to do so. Wishing you every success, I am, Yours sincerely, H. McAFFREY, Prov. Secretary.

TELEGRAM FROM QUEBEC.—Regret that I cannot be with you at meeting to-morrow. E. REYNOLDS.

FROM DR. KENNEDY.—Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge your invitation to be present at the testimonial and address to Mr. E. B. Devlin. I am exceedingly sorry to tell you I shall not be able to assist at the presentation as I am leaving for New York on Saturday and shall be absent some days.

I am heartily in sympathy with the movement and hope that it will produce the good work its promoters are endeavoring to carry out.

Believe me Mr. Secretary, Yours very sincerely, E. J. C. KENNEDY.

MR. D. J. TANSEY, JR.—Dear Sir and Brother,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your very kind invitation of the 25th inst. to attend the presentation of a testimonial and address to Mr. E. B. Devlin, on Sunday, 30th inst., but I am sorry to say that I will be unable to attend same owing to my absence from the city on that date.

I take this opportunity, however, of

proclaiming my admiration for the man, who in my presence, stated publicly that the day had gone by when the Irish people would permit themselves to be a caricatured and cartooned race. I am also proud of the opportunity afforded me on this occasion to congratulate the members of our noble Order, more particularly our worthy County President, and yourself, for the active and energetic part you have taken in making, I hope, this presentation, a pronounced success, and I can assure you that whilst I am not there in person, you may rely on it that I am there in spirit.

Yours fraternally, DENNIS TANSEY, Pres. Div. No. 7, A.O.H.

FROM W. P. STANTON.—Dear Sir and Brother,—I am in receipt of your kind invitation to attend demonstration under the auspices of the A.O.H., to protest against the caricatures of our nationality. I regret that a previous engagement compels me to leave the city, on Saturday, only returning Monday. But rest assured I am earnestly with my brothers of Ancient Order of Hibernians in this movement. I sincerely hope that the voice of Irish Canada, will ring the death knell of the caricatures and slanders of the Sons and Daughters of Erin.

Yours fraternally, WM. P. STANTON

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION.—The chairman then read the following address which was beautifully illuminated, at the close of which he presented Mr. Devlin with a gold-headed cane bearing a suitable inscription:

"Sir and Brother,—The Ancient Order of Hibernians deem it a fit and opportune time to recognize the merits of one whose sterling qualities as a member of that noble organization reflects the highest credit on our race at home and abroad, and whose conduct on a recent occasion of slander and caricature by one who, unfortunately, caters to the low instinct of human nature, and who had the audacity of challenging anyone in the audience to say whether his interpretation of the Irish character was objectionable or not. Whereupon you, sir, rose from your seat, accepted the challenge in language of the most patriotic kind, hurling back with a brilliant eloquence, the insinuations. Such action, sir, on your part was worthy of the blood of the Devlins. Therefore, in approval of your course on the occasion, and in admiration of your early action, I prompted no doubt on the moment, by your own flashing eye for Ireland, and sincerely hoping that you will continue in the same mood of thought, as your illustrious ancestors have done before you, we, the undersigned, on behalf of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, of Montreal, beg leave to present you with this testimonial, trusting that your years amongst us will be many and prosperous, and that, as you advance through life, this address from the A. O. H. will be remembered with feelings of pride, and that Erin, poor, down-trodden Erin, the land of love and affection, will never want a son to defend her from the calumnious caricaturing specimens of mankind, while we have men like you, who have inhaled the spirit of patriotism and love for liberty at the knees of an Irish mother."

William Rawley, County President. James McIvor, County Secretary. H. T. Kearns, Chairman of Committee. Michael Bermingham, Sec. of Committee.

MR. DEVLIN'S REPLY.—In rising to reply, Mr. Devlin was greeted with the greatest enthusiasm. He spoke as follows: "It has often been said of us that we cling too much to memories of the past. This is the key-note of our love for Ireland. Nothing is dearer to the heart of a true Irishman than his love of country. Your presence here, to-day, in such numbers indicates, in a striking manner, the patriotic aims which are the very life of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Apart from any personal interest in this celebration, I feel that its meaning cannot be doubted, and that its object will be effected. As you express in the flattering address, which you have read, the idea of the Hibernian Order, is to obtain the same measure of fairness and justice which is meted out to other nationalities. You have referred to a manet for which I sought neither praise nor recognition but which at the same time I considered to be a duty to perform, both as a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and as an Irishman.

FOR A LONG TIME past in the Irish Press as far away as Australia, and here in Montreal articles have appeared in nearly every issue of the "True Witness," deploring the latitude allowed in the caricaturing of different nationalities, resolutions have been passed in the national societies denouncing the practice, and I feel that we are justified in resenting any insult offered to our people. Those who have it in their power to end such representations will not turn a deaf ear to requests made, not by an individual, but by the strongest organization in the world. Our fellow-citizens of other nationalities will think all the better of this organization for the part it has taken in this matter. Our fellow-citizens are

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