

## OBITUARY.

## THE LATE EDWARD TOBIN.

It is our melancholy duty to record the death of Mr. Edward Tobin, one of the most prominent of our young Irish fellow-citizens, and most active in the cause of propagating the principles of national literary societies in this city. Deceased was one of the most energetic and most able of the founders of the Young Irishmen's L. & B. Association, which was formed nearly a quarter of a century ago. While many of his associates, who assisted in the work of its organization, have, through various causes, dropped out of the ranks of its active workers, he remained steadfastly at his post, participating in the debates at all its meetings, and entering with zeal and enthusiasm into all its undertakings up to the hour of the brief illness which terminated in his death. Mr. Tobin, like many others of his young Irish companions at the time, only received an ordinary education, but it served the purpose, it opened up the resources and possibilities of what study and patient toil could achieve, as well as inspired him with the noble ideal that the school-room, however complete its curriculum may be, is only the probationary arena where the first training is received that will strengthen the mind and arouse greater enthusiasm for future achievements. Acting under that impulse, as was evident by many references which Mr. Tobin made in heated debates and addresses, during his lifetime, in the rooms of the Association, he started out in the work with a few companions to launch the new project of forming an organization which is now known as the Young Irishmen's Literary and Benefit Association. Mr. Tobin was president of that Association for two terms, as well as having, more or less, been in active harness in various offices during the whole period of his membership. He was also a member of the A.O.U.W., and took an active interest in its welfare, because with him it was not enough to cherish a principle—it must be put into active practice. During his lifetime he was a temperate, yet outspoken, supporter of the claims of his fellow-workman, not in a vain and pugnacious manner, but with all the decorum and sincerity that carries conviction, and impressed the listener that he was standing in the presence of one whose faith and devotion was of no mean order. Mr. Tobin, at the time of his death, was engaged in the hardware business, and, had he been spared, he was destined to achieve the same measure of success that marked his career in other spheres. He was a splendid type of a self-made man, honest and true as steel, his word was his bond. He was highly respected amongst the rising generation, as was evidenced by the magnificent attendance of young Irishmen who followed the funeral cortege on Sunday last.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. D. O'Shaughnessy, Hugh Brady, D. Gallery, James Downs, M. Foran, John Hughes, Jos. O'Brien and James McCarrey, all members of the Y. I. L. & B. A., and comrades of the deceased almost since the foundation of that organization. The chief mourners were his nephew, Mr. J. Penfold, and Messrs. Thomas Mulcair, John Mulcair and John Drew.

The deceased leaves a widow and four children to mourn his loss, to whom we offer our heartfelt sympathy in this the hour of their bereavement.—R.I.P.

## THE LATE MR. PATRICK BRENNAN.

On the morning of the 25th February instant, in his sixty-fourth year, one of Montreal's most highly respected and universally popular citizens, in the person of Mr. Patrick Brennan, of St. Etienne street, Point St. Charles, departed this life. For years Mr. Brennan was engaged on the Lachine Canal, until overcome by physical ailment he was compelled to retire from active work. During his long and useful career the deceased was a most faithful adherent to duty, a generous friend, a fond husband and an indulgent parent. He was of that category of men to whom Davis refers, when he wrote that "they quietly and unostentatiously moved like a soul in the bosom of society." He had gained for himself a most honorable reputation, which heritage he transmitted unaltered to those whom he leaves behind him. Of the relatives left to mourn his loss, and comparatively early demise, are his bereaved widow, his sister, Mrs. M. P. Ryan; his step-sister, Mrs. J. J. Curran, and four

sons and three daughters. Of his children, Mr. P. J. Brennan is at present connected with a banking institution in Texas; Mr. Wm. Brennan is one of Montreal's popular citizens; Mrs. P. Shea is the wife of one of our most widely and favorably known fellow-townsmen. There are also two boys at college and two girls at home. The funeral takes place this morning at 9 o'clock, to St. Ann's Church, and thence to the Cote des Neiges Cemetery. The TRUE WITNESS extends its deep sympathy to all the sorrowing relatives and numerous friends of the deceased, and joins in the prayers of the Church he loved so well in begging of the Almighty to grant him eternal rest and the reward due the faithful child of that Church.

## THE LATE MR. J. M'CARTHY.

Again it is our painful duty to announce the death of one of the promising young men of St. Gabriel's, in the person of Mr. Jeremiah McCarthy, which sad event took place at his father's residence, Chateaugay street, on Tuesday, the 11th instant. During the course of the winter deceased contracted a severe cold, and although he battled manfully against the enemy, still he was eventually conquered, and, amidst the general grief of his numerous friends and the tears of his relatives, sank to rest in the sleep that must eventually come to all. He was an exemplary young man, much beloved and esteemed by all with whom he came in contact. His funeral was very largely attended, and the floral offerings were varied and beautiful. The best tribute to his memory is a prayer that his young soul may enjoy eternal happiness.

## THE HON. EDWARD BLAKE'S LETTER

TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF KINGSTON.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,  
February 12th, 1895.

DEAR ARCHBISHOP CLEARY,—I have to thank you most sincerely, on behalf of my colleagues as well as on my own account, for the very handsome draft I have received, representing the balance of the collection in Your Grace's diocese in aid of the Irish Parliamentary Fund, and I hope you will convey our best thanks to those who have, by their efforts and sacrifices, aided you in accomplishing this result.

I have transmitted your draft, with the covering letter, to the proper quarter, with the request that they should be published and acknowledged.

It is my most earnest desire that we should, each and all of us, take to heart Your Grace's weighty counsel and wise advice; and you may rest assured that, to the utmost extent of my feeble powers, I will continue to strive for this result.

I am glad to know that our friends in Your Grace's diocese have seen this truth, not fully apprehended everywhere, that the existence of the unhappy difficulties to which you allude furnishes no ground for refusing to assist the party, and that any such refusals are, in truth, encouragements to the pursuit of the course you deplore.

I was obliged by public business to leave for this country in October last, and I know not when I can return. Thus I have been prevented from making any personal effort to renew the interest of our Canadian friends in the cause.

Will Your Grace permit me to avail myself of this auspicious occasion to say for their information that our needs are urgent, that the election cannot possibly be long delayed, and I hope (notwithstanding the difficulties, financial and other, which I regretfully acknowledge) that the Irish-Canadians who did so much in '93 and '94, may act in a spirit worthy of themselves in '95.

With my grateful acknowledgments of Your Grace's too kind allusion to myself, believe me, dear Archbishop Cleary, faithfully yours,

EDWARD BLAKE.

His Grace the Archbishop of Kingston,  
The Palace, Kingston,  
Ontario, Canada.

## TENNESSEE MINSTRELS.

One of the jolliest, funniest shows of the season was the exhibition of the Tennessee minstrels, in St. Ann's Hall, last night and Monday night. The "niggers" scored a great triumph, and St. Ann's Young Men put another feather in their caps as amateur actors.

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