

A CAPE BRETON MIRACLE.

A Case that Fairly Outrivals the Wonderful Hamilton Cure.

Homeless, Helpless, and Given Up as One Who Must Soon Go—An Interesting Story as Investigated by a Reporter.

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A few months ago all Canada was astounded by a remarkable cure reported from the city of Hamilton, Ont., and vouched for by the press and many of the leading residents of that city. In the Hamilton case the man (a Mr. Marshall) had been pronounced incurable, and after rigid examination by half a score of physicians, the Royal Templars of Temperance paid him the \$1,000 members of that order are entitled to when pronounced totally incapacitated from labor. The remarkable narrative of Mr. Marshall's cure and the remedy to which he owed his recovery were given wide publicity by the press throughout the Dominion, and naturally it brought a ray of hope to others who were similarly suffering. Among the ones to which it thus brought hope was that of Mr. Joseph Jerritt, of North West Arm, C.B., and Mr. Jerritt's recovery may be regarded as even more marvellous than that of Mr. Marshall, and many others whose cures have recently been recorded. One thing, however, is certain, and that is that never before in the history of Cape Breton has medicine wrought such an almost miraculous cure. In the year 1879 Mr. Jerritt received a fall from a truck, the wheel of which passed over the small of his back. Those with us succeeded in restoring him to consciousness and took him to his home, which was near by. For six months he was unable to perform any work and after a lapse of a year was troubled with severe pains and weakness of the ribs. He was able, however, to do light work about the farm, and about a year later shipped on a vessel bound for Charleston, S. C. While on this trip Mr. Jerritt was engaged in furling a sail, when he overreached himself, and felt something start, as though something had burst in his left side. He became almost helpless, and on the arrival of the vessel at Charleston, he was taken to the hospital for medical treatment. Here he remained for over two months under the most skillful physicians. His side came strong again, but his limbs grew weak and frequently the pains were intense. Mr. Jerritt then returned home, and continued to grow worse and the pains were left him. After his return home he made an attempt to work but had to stop it, and gradually became worse and worse until at last he was entirely helpless and was looked upon by his friends as one who not only could not recover, but whose time on earth was short. In this condition, depressed, in fact, helpless, and continually suffering from severe pain, that at last a ray of hope came to him. One day he read in the Halifax Herald of Mr. Marshall's remarkable cure. Symptoms in this case were those of his own, and despite the fact that he had already expended hundreds of dollars in patent medicines and medical treatment, without receiving any benefit, he determined to try the remedy that had restored Mr. Marshall to health. The result is that he is again cured to health and strength. Hearing from various sources of Mr. Jerritt's remarkable recovery the local reporter determined to investigate the matter, and gives his story as told to him. "I was very badly," said Mr. Jerritt. "I was one of the strongest young men in our town. Until I received the fall in my back, I did not know anything about illness, and after that time I did not live a perfectly well day. I tried to get the trouble off and to work, and finally succeeded up to the time I received the strain on board the ship bound for Charleston. Since then my limbs have continued to grow weaker and I have been compelled to give up work altogether, and send for a doctor. I tried that all kinds of medicine was used, but none did me any permanent good. The physicians of our place said my disease was locomotor ataxy, and though several of them treated me, they gave much hope of recovery; in fact the impression became general that I was soon to get well. After the lapse of doctor's treatment I again resorted to patent medicines, of which I have taken \$500 worth, but my disease grew worse and finally was unable to even move from my bed. I was advised to go to the hospital in Halifax, and after spending two months there I returned home only to find myself even worse than before. My legs came so weak that I could not stand on my feet, and I was unable to steady myself with my arms. For five weeks I was bed-ridden, and I could not stand on my feet. Mustard drafts were applied, but no sooner would they be taken off than the pain would return. About one year ago I lost all feeling from my legs; they would feel like ice and to move them was the greatest agony. I prayed that I would take me from this world, and I found relief from the torment which I suffered hourly. Thus I lived; not lived, I existed, a suffering being without one ray of relief from the most excruciating pains from the disease. How the face of the hitherto sufferer brightened as he began to tell of the release, as it were, in death, and continuing he said: "Out from the blackest day of my sickness a glimmer of hope shone when my wife brought home my paper and the advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I got her to read to me a cure effected in the case of John Marshall, of Hamilton. As soon as she read the statements contained therein, I was at once that this case was similar to mine, and I told my wife that I believed I would be well again if I only succeeded in obtaining some of this

medicine. I sent to our drug store but found none there. I then decided to send to Brockville, Ont., for the Pills, but my neighbors only laughed at me, saying that they were just like all other patent medicines, no good. This was in August, I forwarded the money and in a few days received two boxes of Pills, deciding to give them a fair trial. After taking them a short time the pains left me, and to-day I am not troubled with an ache or pain. True, my limbs have not yet entirely recovered their former strength, but it makes me happy to know that if five boxes will enable me to stand with just a little assistance more will continue and complete the cure. Dead legs for a year are not easily made perfectly strong again, but," here Mr. Jerritt threw both legs high into the air, "this is something myself or my friends never hoped to see. All my neighbors gave me up for dead, but thank God my strength is returning, and after three months I feel like a new man. You need not fear to state my case plainly, as I am well known in Cape Breton, and all the people hereabouts know how far gone I was. Scores of the neighbors call to see me and are surprised to find that I am improving daily. My appetite has returned; my strength is renewed and when my limbs become a little stronger I shall be a healthier man than ever. No doubt exists in my mind of complete cure, as the worst symptoms have entirely disappeared and I seem invigorated by the medicine. "You see," he said to the reporter, "I am to work mending nets, as I feel too well to remain idle. Every person who saw me last July, and sees me now, can bear testimony to the truth of the story I am telling you. My weight since I began taking the Pills has increased from 125 pounds to 146 pounds and I am heavier now than I have been for five years. I hope what I have told you will induce other sufferers to try this wonderful medicine, and I am sure they will have as good reason to feel grateful for it as I do."

After the interview with Mr. Jerritt, the reporter called on a number of his neighbors, all of whom endorsed his statements, and said they considered his cure one of the most wonderful things that had come within their observation. They one and all gave the credit to the treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and are naturally enthusiastic in speaking of them. The proprietors of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills state that they are not a patent medicine, but a scientific preparation the result of years of careful study on the part of an eminent graduate of McGill and Edinburgh universities, and they had for many years been used in his private practice before being offered for sale throughout the country. They are offered to the public as a never-failing blood builder and nerve restorer, curing all diseases such as paralysis, rheumatism, sciatica, palpitation of the heart, headache, pale and sallow complexion, muscular weakness, etc. These Pills are also a specific for the troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, bearing down pains, chronic constipation and all forms of weakness. Building up the blood and restoring the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In the case of men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork, or excesses of any nature. The proprietors deem it their duty to caution the public against imitations. These Pills are never sold in any form except in boxes, the wrapper around which bears the trade mark "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." They are sold by all druggists or will be sent post paid upon receipt of price, 50 cents a box—by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., or Morristown, N. Y.

Drunkennes. Here is the doctrine of the Catholic Church on the subject of drunkenness. It is so clear, in such accord with common sense, that it requires no explanation. A simple statement will suffice. 1. "Whoever drinks deliberately to such an extent as to lose his reason commits a mortal sin." 2. "Whoever knows, by past experience, that when drunk he is accustomed to blaspheme or utter other improper language, or to injure others about him, besides the sin of drunkenness, is guilty of those other crimes committed during the state of intoxication." 3. "Whoever does not adopt the proper means for the correction of this vicious habit of drunkenness remains in a continual state of sin." 4. "Whoever entices or urges another to excess in drinking, whom he foresees will be intoxicated, commits a mortal sin." 5. "Any seller of liquor who continues to supply to any individual that he knows will become intoxicated thereby, commits a mortal sin, because he deliberately co-operates in the grievous sin of another." 6. "Whoever is guilty of excess in drinking, though not to intoxication, in such a way as to cause distress to his family by squandering that which is needed for their support, commits a mortal sin against charity and justice. In like manner, whoever thus renders himself unable to pay his lawful debts, although he may not drink to intoxication, commits a mortal sin."

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A History Wanted. Some months ago, says the Universe, a correspondent in the Isle of Man asked us to recommend him a good history of Ireland. Alas! We felt that the consummated volume did not exist, and we promised that we should have a look out for the best substitute in the circumstances. The other day reading a lecture on the study of Irish literature delivered in Scotland by the Rev. Michael P. Hickey, we came across some comments and observations which agree so exactly with our own feelings on the subject that we take the liberty of copying them: "In a certain sense the history of Ireland has not yet been written. The

materials for it are rapidly accumulating. Many local histories, some of them general and some of them ecclesiastical, have been published in recent years; and these, along with the State papers, the annals, and the abundant manuscript materials, sacred and profane, must necessarily be made the basis of a really satisfactory history of Ireland. I have no doubt that as soon as all the materials are ready the future historian of Ireland will appear on the scene and give us a history of Ireland which, in point of style, completeness, and reliability, will leave nothing to be desired—a history, in a word, which will deservedly take its place in our libraries beside Lingard's "History of England" and Green's "History of the English People."

It is to be hoped the need will engender the genius, but we must not be too sanguine. The crisis does not always produce the man. In the Franco-German war, for example, France looked in vain for a Bonaparte. But Home Rule may fertilize the Irish fields of literature, and give us not only a historian but a poet. Father Hickey continues: "There are several works on Irish history; and, although no one of them can be said to be in any way satisfactory, it is possible by studying and comparing a few of them to get at all, or nearly all, the average reader would require. Haverty's "History of Ireland" is certainly the fullest popular history of Ireland that has yet been published; but it has scarcely anything except its fulness and its general accuracy to recommend it. D'Arcy McGee's "History of Ireland," though briefer than Haverty's, is in every other way much superior. It is more scientific and symmetrical. He develops very fairly the philosophy of Irish history, and his style is on the whole well suited to the dignity and stateliness of historical narrative. He is impartial, to a great extent, and reliable as far as he goes. His great sin as a historian is that his work is not full enough. In point of style, Mitchell's "History of Ireland" is the best of all; otherwise, however, it is not up to the mark. In the first place, it does not go further back than the Treaty of Limerick. It is full certainly, but not, I think, comprehensive. It is a splendid piece of writing, although not equal in point of literary excellence to the same author's "Jail Journal;" and to my mind the author, although he holds and expresses strong opinions, presents his facts fairly, and is just in his deductions from them. For those beginning the study of Irish history there could be no better book than Sullivan's "Story of Ireland." There are two books, however, which those who desire to make a careful study of Irish literature ought to know of, and to make themselves familiar with—O'Curry's "Lectures on the Manuscript Materials of Ancient Irish History" and the same author's "Lectures on the Manners and Customs of the Ancient Irish." Amongst other writers on Irish history are Keating, McGeoghagan, Moore, Walpole, Lecky, Froude, Prendergast, Gilbert, Richey, and Lady Ferguson.

Incense. The incense ordered for the service of the Tabernacle, to be burned in a censer and on the altar, consisted of stacte, onycha, galbanum and frankincense in equal parts. Stacte, which is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word nataph, signifies a liquid exudation, or something fluid.

Whoever knows, by past experience, that when drunk he is accustomed to blaspheme or utter other improper language, or to injure others about him, besides the sin of drunkenness, is guilty of those other crimes committed during the state of intoxication. According to some authorities, it is a fine sort of galbanum found on Mt. Amanus in Syria, differing entirely from the ordinary galbanum now used in medicine, of which the odor is anything but sweet. But the fashions of this world change, and if we, in our day, find no sweetness in galbanum, saffron and spikenard, it is no reason why the ancients did not, and no reason why Orientals should not, even now. At the present day the Persians call asafetida "the foot of the gods," the Russians delight in enflure, and the Esquimaux in train oil.—Knowledge.

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A Paris despatch says that Jesuits, formerly resident there, have of late been quietly returning to Paris and trying to regain the position they held before expulsion. These movements have attracted the attention of the Government. The Minister of Education has ordered that a report on the subject be compiled, intending to submit it to the Cabinet.

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