Men I Have Seen and Heard.

. . . . By a Beteran Scribbler . .

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Not only have I seen and heard the subject of this brief sketch, but Not only have I seen and heard the subject of this brief sketch, but I had the inestimable advantage of knowing very intimately, and during over twenty years, that perfect example of true citizenship, honest patriotism, fervent Catholicity, and sterling commercial worth. But how to deal with such a subject is the great difficulty. The biography of Edward Murphy would necessitate the history of Montreal for three-quarters of a century, and the story of every movement, Irish, Canadian, and Catholic, that comes within the limits of that period. To omit any of his wonderful achievements would be an injustice; to combine them all in one article would be an impossibility, to speak of him in any one capacity would necessitate touching upon every other one; and to deal with his life, his influence, his aims, and his projects would require more than one volume. All I can do is to consider him in connection with matters and events that have come specially under my personal observation.

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and what Mr. Murphy was, I think
I would have to say: "He was an
Irish Canadian Catholic gentleman,
noted for his public spirit, personalculture, and private enterprise."
Having thus, to my own satisfaction at least, defined the subject of
any short essay, I cannot do better
than take each term of my definition
and treat it separate.y. In so doing
I omit the honors politically conferryd upan him by the Government
of Canada in raising him to the dignity of senatorship, because, while
the honorable gentleman had his
deep-rooted political convictions, he
was never a political in, in the usually accepted sense of the term; he was
not a place-seeker, for he was independent of all party or political
patronage; he was not a wire-pulling
individual, for his code of honor was
so exact and exacting that he could
not, under any circumstance, stoop
to scheming, or ordinary political
ways, in order to secure personal advantage, or even favors for friends.

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Taking, then, my definition, he was "Trish." By this I do not along mean that he was born of Irish parents. He was patriotic to the extreme as far as Ireland's interests were concerned, and genuine in his devotedness to the welfare of children of the Irish race in Canada. Since the inauguration of the Land League movement, on down through all the succeding years, he was a most ardent lover of the old land, and wonderful contributor to the success of her cause. No meeting of any importance connected with Irish affairs took place without the presence on the platform of Hon. Edward Murphy. On almost every such occasion he delivered an address—were it only to move a vote of thanks. No fund was started, no contribution was ever asked for, that the list was not headed by his name and a goodly sum after it. He was a practical patriot in that sense. Not alone was he conspicuous in every Irish movement, but he acted frequently as treasurer of the funds to which he was always one of the largest subscribers. It is probable that no work of modern times has done more to enlighten the Irish people upon their own history and status than "O'Hart's Irish Pedigrees." When Mr. O'Hart's Irish Pedigrees. When Mr. O'Hart's Irish Pedigrees." When Mr. O'Hart were concerned, and genuine in his devotedness to the welfare of children of the Irish race in Canada. Since the inauguration of the Land League movement, on down through all the succeding years, he was a most ardent lover of the old land, and wonderful contributor to the success of her cause. No meeting of any importance connected with Irish affairs took place without the presence on the platform of Hon. Edward Murphy, On almost every such occasion he delivered an address—were it only to move a vote of thanks. No fund was started, no contribution was ever asked for, that the list was not headed by his name and a goodly sum after it. He was a practical patriot in that sense. Not alone was he conspicuous in every Irish movement, but he acted frequently as treasurer of the funds to which he was always one of the largest subscribers. It is probable that no work of modern times has done more to enlighten the Irish people upon their own history and status than "O'Hart's Irish Pedigrees." When Mr. O'Hart was about to give up his splendid work for lack of funds and encouragement, it was Edward Murphy, of Montreal, who saved the ship, and out of his own pocket made it possible for that learned author to persever and complete his task, Countless incidents of a like nature could be cited, but this one will suffice to show how he gave and refused to allow his left hand to know what his right hand did.

As a "Canadian" few men in this young country ever displayed such genuiue patriotism—which translated itself in the form of specches and writings, antiquarian researches and modern studies. He had an abiding faith in the future of this country. There was no undertaking, commercial, financial, literary, or otherwise, that tended to the development of Canada or the making of her better known abscoad that he did not encourage in one way or another. While he never sought any post of im-

Lord Chesterfield defined a gentleman as one who never by word or deed hurts the feelings of those with whom he comes in contact. Such truly was Edward Murphy. His very appearance bespoke the kindness of his heart and the gentleness of his nature. How often have I not stood aside, on Victoria Square, or on St. James street, to watch him go past on his way to his office? I would say to myself, "there goes the personification of an Irish gentleman." None too lowly for him to recognize none so exalted that he did not see his way to their company—and every association, body, or individual that had the advantage of his co-operation, or his friendship was improved and honored in consequence. n consequence.

As a public spirited citizen we need not refer to his words—spoken or written—but to his actions. He took part in every movement calculated to improve the social order and to raise the standards of morality and enterprise. He was the leading member of one of Montreal's most important business houses; president of the City and District Savings Bank; leading spirit of the Antiquarian and Numismatic Association; president—for years—of St. Patrick's Temperance Society, and guide or director in a score of kindred associations. Nor was he an inactive member of the community. In the forenoon he would be found as regular as clock-work at the desk in his business office attending to the details of management in the great commercial house under his direction; on board day he was to be found in the directors' office of the Bank; his afternoons were generally taken up with public functions, meetings of different organizations, receptions of strangers to the city, public demonstrations, and like affairs. His evenings generally found him presiding at a lecture, a concert, a temperance meeting, a municipal assembly, or some such function. How on earth he managed to crowd so much and so many important affairs into twelve hours is and has ever been a mystery to me Yet he was never in a hurry and never unready.

To say that I knew such a man, and had the privilege of his friendship is something to look back upon with pride and gratitude. Of him might we say with Lady Montague: "To know him was a liberal education." It now seems to me impossible that such a man should be no more, that his familiar face will never again be seen in this city, that his well-known figure will no more pass along our streets, that his well-known his home on bor-chester street intending to go as susual to his office. At the head of Bank his change proper of Rome.

But the instant it is touched by the spiritual power of Rome. Now magic the change! Pope Gregory I, bustly called the Great, sends 3 the change! Pope Gregory I, bustly called the Great, sends 3 the change! Now him the change of the change! Pope Gregory I, bustly called the Great, sends 3 the

the Church, his spirit winged its flight to God, Sudden it was: but not unprepared. It was given him to die wijkin the shaduw of the very Church he had loved so well and sarved so faithfully throughout his long life. The news spread with electric rapidity, and it was heard with tears of sincere sorrow on every side. A good man, a grand citizen, a patriotic Irishman, a true Caunadian, a great and good Catholic was no more. The most glowing tribute that could be paid his memory is that he died, as he had lived, without an enemy.

THE CHURCH

A Civilizing Power.

Church, no matter how important the persons delivering them, are, after all, merely a child's praise of his mother. Dictated by affection, gratitude, faith, and every other sentiment that accompanies filial devono matter how true, how deserved, how perfect such tributes, they cannot bear the same weight as if they had come from those who are not of the family, who belong to some other communion. The Catholic Church, despite the harshness of her enemies, and the misrepresentations of her doctrines and practices, has not been lacking in powerful advocates amongst those who do not participate in her religion. The most note-worthy tribute ever paid to that venerable institution by a Protestant, was the oration delivered on Pius IX., June 3rd, 1877, by Ge eral Alpheus Baker, in the city of Montgomery, Ala. The address as-sumed the proportions of a regular synopsis of the Church's history from St. Peter to Pius IX. Possibly nothing grander ever fell from un consecrated lips. It would be im possible to reproduce the whole of that lengthy oration; but some the leading parts, now that it has been brought again to our are too grand and too noble to let pass into oblivion.

The General, after an introduction in which he explained how be came to be present to participate in that celebration and to deliver an

celebration and to deliver an address, said :—

"And yet in that day, as in this, it was through calumnation and suffering and often martyrdom that the church was forced to pass. For it St. Peter himself had to die upon the cross. And he, who had trembled before a servant maid in the porch of Pilate's palace when charged with even the companionship of the meck Nazarene, craving but the privilege of being nailed to his cross with hishead down in token of humiliation below his Master, met its tortures for His sake with that death-defying spirit of the martyr, which has been demanded of many since in the long line of his successors, and which fires the unconquerable soul of the illustrious one who keeps watch for the church at his true, is sometimes traced with difficulty in the darkness and confusion of those early days of illiteracy and violence through which it had to pass. But, as the direction of an army, now and then obscured by smoke and dust, or lost to view from intervening obstacles, is best observed by watching the standard that is carried at its head, so the course of Christianity, the advance of its steady columns of eternal truth, confronting everywhere the enemies of civilization, innocence and society, is most surely indicated by that cheering ensign, flashing perpetually through history's thickest gloom, which has been steadily borne aloft through all the ages, at the head of the church, by the Holy Father of the faithful. Of that ensign, thus upheld, history has never for a moment lost the sight. For eighteen hundred years it has been conspicuously visible in every crisis of civilization.

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Then taking up the power and influence of the Church in checking the barbarian Alaric, and the "scourge of God" Attila, he quotes Macaulay's opinion concerning the wisdom and greatness of the Papacy. Havbur pictured the savage condition of England from the days of Caesar to those of Gregory I. he turns, thus, to the other side of that picture —

tribute to the Church, St. Patrick and the Irish race, when he thus

and the Irish race, when he thus spoke —

"And what does history tell us was the influence of this so-called ignorance and superstition upon another historic land? Once it was the ultima thule of the world—the barbarous island home of a race untamable, of pagan warriors, pirates and marauders. But, about 400 years ago. Pope Sylvester sends there a Catholic missionary.

"I believe those of our Protestant friends who are skeptical about St. Peter's faith make no question at all upon St. Patrick's. Yes, a Catholic missionary, who had acquired the language of that country while he was a slave upon its coast, to which he had been carried in his youth by a band of pirates from his mative Brittany.

"And again, as if miraculously, those bloody savages and pirates all but simultaneously kneet before the cross of Jesus, and accept the faith which He established upon earth. And a hallowing grace depends from heaven upon that land, to expel forever from it every poisonous influence, and to inspire those virtues which have made its manhood the synonym of valor, generosity and genius, as is its womanhood of truth, tenderness are purity.

"That martyr people whom suffering for their faith has consecrated In their native Emerald isle of the sea, despoiled by confiscations, entiralled by injustice and tormented by temptation, they have, nevertheless, in cheerful poverty, 'showed the world how to live with honor and to die with faith.' And, when driven by oppression from the green fields of their fathers, they have also taught mankind the pricelessness of their fieldity to the land of their adoption.

"For who does not know that when you the fathers and the avile may have also taught mankind the pricelessness of their fieldity to the land of their adopting."

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"If any human power could have overthrown the Papacy, and with it, of course, the Church that Christ had built upon it, it would have been that power which assailed it in the beginning of the present century, commencing with the murder of the priests and ending with the imprisonment of the Pope.

"A power wielded in the end by the supreme hand of him who was a combination of the most gigantic faculties that were associated in one human character; him that incarnation of both the ancient divinities of war, who possessed the brain of Pallas and the heart of Mars; whose genius, spurning every distable, led the way to glory and dominion across the earth's wildest wastes, and over nature's dizziest, battlements; whose adoring legions, following him to victory, startled with their trumpets the Alpine avalanche, upon its invaded throne, and rocked with their trumpets the Alpine avalanche, upon its invaded throne, and rocked with their thunder tramp the storm's high cradle in its mountain solitudes—what the Eagle of Corsica could not accomplish, seventy years ago, the Sardinian frow need hardly now attempt No. my friends, the powers that oppress the church, in the words of the Prophet Daniel, Will become like the chaff of the summer threshing floors, and the winds shall carry them away. And the atone that smiles the image shall become a great mountain and

From an Occasional Contributor.

Iff a very extensive article on the isson for Catholics to be drawn from the Y.M.C.A., a writer, in one of our American exchanges, has closed with a remark that might well be placed at the head of a magazine contribution, of an essay, of a lecture, or of a sermon. He said :-

"Our indifference to the struggiers in our own-ranks is too often the opportunity of sect and secret so-ciety."

The great truth contained in this remark has found its way into the minds and methods of the anti-Catholic element in many countries. Those proselytizing institutions in Rome and in other Satholic centres constantly prey (in a spiritual sense) upon the indigance of the Catholic people. Poor, helpless, sometimes starving, for the sake of food, of schooling for children, many a be lieving Catholic allows himself to

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WORK OF FRATERNAL ASSOCIATIONS

THE A.O.H.—The National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was in session in Buffalo recently and decided on a policy of the greatest import to the order which will make the Hibernians a universal instead of an American fraternity. It is proposed to affiliate with the orders of Hibernians in Australia Great Britain, and several of the colonial portions of the British Empire. The A.O.H. with a membership of 150,000, is represented in 44 states of the Union, three provinces of Canada and Mexico. National Vice-President James E. Dolan speaking of the proposed affiliation with the other orders of Hibernians throughout the globe, seid that THE A.O.H .- The National Boar

THE FORESTERS.—T. J. Callen high chief treasurer of the Catholic Order of Foresters, is at work on his biennial report to be read at the National Convention, to be held at Detroit, beginning Aug. 13. Mr. Callen's report will show that the Gatholic Order of Foresters is in a prosperous financial condition. During the last two and one half years, 1899, 1900 and up to July 1st, 1901, the Order has paid out in death claims to beneficiaries of deceased members the sum of \$1,584 - 200. The receipts of the endowment fund for 1899 were \$586,933.03; 1900, \$738,880.58; six months of 1901, \$399,539.29, making a total of \$1,725,352.90. Added to the balance on hand at the beginning of this period this makes the total receipted from this fund \$1,830,751,48. The total receipts of the general fund for two and one-half years were \$194,485.60. This makes the total receipts for all funds during that time reach the sum of \$2,025,237.08.

The total membership in the Order on July 1, according to official reports in the office of the high secretary, aggregates 92,324. The tabulated reports in the office of the high secretary, aggregates 92,324. The tabulated report rhows a loss of 948 for Minnesota. This is due to the fact that the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, which have hitherto' been annexed to Illinois, have been set apart in three distinct jurisdictions. Idaho being annexed to Montana, while Washington and Oregon are set apart in two separate jurisdictions. North Dakota and Manitoba, which formed a part of the Minnesota, pirisdiction, are now in a jurisdiction by themselves with a total membership of 966.

Illinois has the largest state membership, 27,312, followed by Quebec, with 14,473, Wisconsin, 10,-696, Minnesota, 9,919.

THE C. B. L.—On July 9, the mineteenth annual convention of the New York State Council of the Catholic Benevolent Legion was begun in Brooklyn.

The programme for the first day consisted mainly of preliminary work in preparation for the more serious work to be done at the sessions of the following days. The delegates, about 250 in number, attended Mass at the Church of St. Charles Borromeo. Mass was celebrated by the Right Rev. Monsignor P. J. McNamara, and the Rev. W. M. McCarthy preached a short sermon.

Thomas J. O'Sullivan, of the representatives of the Suppeme Council, read a lengthy report on the condition of the Order, in which he stated that there were 551 councils, with a membership of 41,984. During the year 1900 there had been received from members \$1,300,385, and paid \$1,300,259. There have been 735 deaths during the year and seven of these had been members of the Or'er less than a year.

C.M.B.A.—Last Tuesday marked the close of the 25th year of the C.M.B.A. The Supreme and State Councils' officers celebrated the event in a fitting manner at Buffalo.

The C.M.B.A. was organized at Niagara Falls in July 1876, by the late Bishop Ryan, and has gradually developed until to-day it numbers seventy thousand members. Nearly \$11,000,000 has been paid to heirs of deceased members, and a magnificent reserve fund amounting to \$1,000,000 has been accumulated.

FEDERATION MOVEMENT.— The New York "Sun" published the following despatch, dated Chicago, July 20, in its issue of Sunday last. The Catholic societies of the United States may be organized into a National Federation. Plans to this end are being made by two bishops and many well known laymen in various parts of the country. A conference will be held at Cinnited States may be organized in-be a National Federation. Plans to its end are being made by two shops and many well known lay-an in various parts of the coun-y. A conference will be held at Cin-mati some time during the fall, at lich the work of organizing will be reed upon

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