

Out Of Death's Shadow

THE EXPERIENCE OF A LADY WHO HAD GIVEN UP HOPE.

Tortured with Pains in the Stomach for Four Years—Doctors and Hospital Treatment Failed to Help Her—In Her Extremity Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Restored Her to Health.

From the Pembroke Observer.

Wherever man is to be found there also, side by side with him, is disease and suffering. Those who have devoted their lives to the alleviation of the suffering and bodily weakness of human beings are surely benefactors of their kind, and deserve the praise of all mankind. For special honor in this line may be pointed out the discoverer of that wonderful remedy, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Recently the case of Mrs. Maggie Brunette, of Chelmsford, Ont., came prominently under the notice of the Observer reporter. He felt it to be his duty on hearing of Mrs. Brunette's restoration from prostrate illness to health, to interview the lady and record her experience for the benefit of others who may need the healing influences of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mrs. Brunette's farm home was found to be very comfortable and even elegant, located near the base of an immense hill, an outgrowth of the Laurentian Mountains. The reporter was warmly welcomed and Mrs. Brunette said she was very glad to have an opportunity to testify to the great benefits Dr. Williams' Pink Pills had conferred upon her. She is 42 years of age now. Her husband, the late Mr. Brunette, died 14 years ago, and after his death she worked very hard for some years, with the result that she became completely run down, so much so that, although quite tall, she weighed only about 90 pounds. After taking the slightest food she felt such distress that she was compelled to lie down for hours, being so weak that she was unable to sit up. At last she thought she must have been attacked by cancer of the stomach, so violent were the pains that constantly harassed her. She consulted the best physicians and spent more than a hundred dollars in treatment and medicine, in addition to which she spent nine weeks in the hospital at Pembroke. But without any benefit. Her health began to improve only after she had taken six boxes, and then she felt that she was completely cured, the pills accomplishing in three months what four years of medical treatment had failed to do. From that time, nearly three years ago, Mrs. Brunette has been in good health, needing no medicine. "You can see," said Mrs. Brunette, "as the reporter was departing, "that I am in perfect health, I intend to do all my household work and my sewing and poultry, and have a very good word for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills when I have an opportunity, for they did wonderful things for me. Mrs. Brunette is a well educated lady, speaking French and English fluently."

CATHOLIC LITERARY AND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

St. Mary's Catholic Literary and Athletic Association held its regular meeting in the old school-room on Bathurst street on Sunday afternoon, Mr. D. A. Carey in the chair. Under the heading of "Reports of Committees," the Literary Committee reported that they would have at each meeting a programme of songs, readings, debates, etc., for the benefit of the members, the first of which will be a debate on Sunday, Jan. 16, on the question "whether it would be better for Canada to be annexed to the States, remain a British colony, or as an independent nation." Those who will take part in the debate will be Messrs. Jas. McLaughlin and P. J. Lowe, for "annexation to the States"; "as a colony," Messrs. H. S. Stuart and James Dea; "as an independent nation," Dr. A. J. McDonagh and J. J. Power. The Committee on Nominations recommended the following gentlemen as candidates for the different offices:—President, D. A. Carey; A. J. McDonagh (retired); Vice-President, Wm. Henry, P. J. Lowe; Recording Secretary, John Murray, J. P. McCarthy; Finance Secretary, Edward Walsh, James Dea, Treasurer, M. J. McDonagh, B. J. Croda; Librarian, Bro. James; Sergeant-at-Arms, James Kelly, J. O'Brien; House Committee, D. Murray, Wm. Kelly, H. Walsh, J. E. Wallace, J. J. Power, John Carolan, Trustees, E. W. Daler, A. Curran, M. F. Stafford, A. Madden, J. McLaughlin, J. Dreen. The election took place next Sunday afternoon, so that a lively time is expected. After speeches by Rev. Fathers Dollard and Sheridan, and candidates for office, the meeting adjourned. H. J. LOWE, Sec.

PARIISH PRIEST OF BROOKVILLE.

A special despatch from Kingston to the Brookville Times says:—His Grace Archbishop Gosselin, of the Diocese of Kingston, has made his usual visit to the diocese of Brookville. Rev. Father Stanton, of Smith's Falls, Rev. Father Kelly, V.G., L.L. McMillan, Rev. Father Fleming, S.J.; Tupper, Rev. Father Toomey, S.I.; Chesterville, Rev. Father Quinn, S.I.; Marysville, Rev. Father O'Connor. The appointment of Father Stanton to Brookville will give general satisfaction to the people of St. Francis Xavier's Church. It is not out of place to say that Rev. Father Stanton is a worthy successor of the former pastor, Archbishop Gosselin. He is one of the most popular and best known clergymen in the arch-diocese of Kingston, and his appointment to a larger and more important parish is a tribute to his ability and a recognition

of his untiring zeal and energy. From the very first his name was mentioned in connection with the vacancy, and it is therefore no surprise that the Archbishop has made the choice. Father Stanton is an Irishman by birth. He was born about 57 years ago in the County of Galway, receiving his education in All-Hallows College in the city of Dublin, Ireland. Some thirty-six years since he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Horan in the city of Kingston. His first appointment was as assistant in the Wolfe Island Parish, and he afterwards filled the position of rector of Regiopolis College, Kingston, to the satisfaction of all concerned. Leaving the Regiopolis he accepted the position of pastor of the parish of Erinville, where he built a beautiful church and presbytery. His next charge was at Chelmsford, where he did excellent work, and by the united efforts of his parishioners he built a convent and school. From Westport he was transferred to Smith's Falls thirteen years ago. His work there as in the other parishes where he was permitted to labour, has been duly appreciated, and he will leave with the sincere regret and at the same time the best wishes of every member of the congregation. He was successful in completing and renovating the presbytery during his stay in Smith's Falls.

Rev. Father Stanton is a man of scholarly attainments, of fine presence, and an impressive speaker. He has proved himself a good financier, and his ministry has always proved a success. He will be installed on Sunday next by the Archbishop, but will not enter upon the active discharge of his duties for at least a couple of weeks.

CHRISTMAS TREE IN AID OF ST. BASIL'S CHURCH, BRANTFORD.

During the week beginning December 28th, the ladies of St. Basil's parish, Brantford held a Christmas Tree and Fancy Fair in aid of the church. During the past few years, owing to the ill-health of the pastor, Rev. Father Lennon, no undertakings of this kind have been gotten up, and the exceptional success which attended this fair was a pleasant surprise to the pastor and to the ladies who had the undertaking in charge. Not for many days have the parishioners of St. Basil's taken so deep an interest in parochial affairs as was the case in the recent bazaar, and the success which attended it will, it is hoped, only redouble their efforts in the future.

The fair, which was held in the Tisdale block, was well attended every evening. It lasted ten days, opening December 28th and closing January 4th. During its progress the evening gatherings were well attended, and amongst the number of those present were many of the leading citizens of the town. Evening after evening an attractive programme was rendered—not the least important of which was a speech by the Mayor and other distinguished citizens, of whom Brantford claims many. All referred in the warmest terms to the honoree position which the reverend pastor, Father Lennon, holds in the city, and to the esteem in which he is held by all, and they paid a tribute to that friendly spirit which exists among all creeds in Brantford.

The Hon. A. S. Hardy, Premier of the Province, notwithstanding his numerous engagements found it convenient to be present. In his daily report of the bazaar the "Expositor" in its issue of Saturday, referred to the Premier's visit as follows:—

"The Hon. A. S. Hardy was present for a time last night, and being called upon he made a short, happy speech. He said he had learned of the entertainment when he reached Harrisburg, and knew he would be sure to meet many old friends if he attended. He complimented the ladies on the completeness and beauty of the surroundings, and wished them success. Referring to Rev. Father Lennon, the Premier spoke of his well-known record as a successful financier, and said if he could be got for Finance Minister of Ontario, there would be no more assessments in the Province, and that the Government did not possess a surplus."

Like all the undertakings of Father Lennon, it is needless to say that the Xmas Tree was a success, and a handsome sum was realized, for, as the Hon. Mr. Hardy humorously remarked in his speech:—"When Father Lennon puts his shoulder to the wheel things move!"

DEATH OF MR. MICHAEL STRITCH, OF BARRIE.

Mr. Michael Stritch, of Barrie, died on Thursday, 8th of December. His death was the result of an accident which he had met on Christmas eve as he went down town to transact some business. He was one of the best-known and most highly-esteemed citizens of Barrie, where he was regarded as a man of high principles and sterling worth. His familiar figure will be long missed by the congregation of St. Mary's Church, where, as the dead report, he was regarded as one of the great old landmarks who see and pass away. He has left, however, a family who are imbued with the same principles of honesty, integrity, attachment, and loyalty to the Church, which he inculcated, and of which he gave a bright example. Michael Stritch came of a

prominent family in County Clare, Ireland, and was born in November, 1817. Shortly after his marriage to Margaret Croft, of Limrick, he came to Canada, settled near Thornion, on an extensive farm, where he brought up his family until eighteen years ago, when they removed to Barrie. Mr. Stritch had been a Separate School trustee for some years and was always foremost in co-operating with his pastor in every work undertaken for the good of religion.

His wife survives him; also his sons William, Michael, and Thomas, his daughters, Sister Dymphna of St. Michael's Hospital, Sister Teresa Aquinas, of Thorold, and Margaret Mary and Elizabeth.

His funeral, the largest seen for many years in Barrie, took place on Saturday morning, to St. Mary's church, where a Requiem High Mass was sung, and an appropriate sermon was preached by the pastor, who appeared deeply affected by the loss of an old and trusted friend.—Communicated.

SCHOOL BOARD INAUGURAL MEETING.

The inaugural meeting of the Separate School Board for 1899 was held last night in the De La Salle Institute. There were present—Vice-General McCann, the Rev. Fathers Cruise, Hand, Tracey, McEntee, Rohleder, Baldwin, Lamarche, and Messrs. Walsh, J. L. Woods, Ray, Carey, and Cadaret. The following elections and appointments were made:—

Chairman, Vice-General McCann; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Father Rohleder; Assistant Secretary, J. G. Hall; Local Inspector, Rev. Chas. Baldwin; Solicitor, J. J. Fay; Auditor, J. P. Mallon; representatives on Collegiate Board, J. W. Mallon; representative on Public Library Board, W. T. J. Lee. Committees:—Finance—D. A. Carey (chairman), Rev. Father Hand and Mr. Walsh; Management and Supplies—Father Hand (chairman), Rev. Father McEntee, Rev. Dr. Tracey, and Messrs. Carey and Ray; Sites and Buildings—Messrs. Walsh, Lamarche, Cruise, and Messrs. Cadaret and S'cood. A communication was read from the Secretary of the Separate School Board, Kingston, asking for the co-operation of Catholics for the support of Separate Schools, there being required too much delay in many cases in getting names on the lists of Separate School supporters. It was suggested that a deputation made up from the Separate School Boards should wait upon the Government soon after the Legislature meets. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter was read from Brother Urbanus, stating that the number of boys in St. John's Industrial School was too large to be taught by one teacher. Referred to the Management and Supplies Committee.

Bro. Odo Baldwin, the local inspector, reported that the register number of the attendance in the schools for December was 4,532, the highest attendance 4,625, and the average attendance 3,292.

On the application of the Secretary-Treasurer a by-law was passed authorizing the borrowing of \$5,000 in advance of the taxes for school purposes.

A report of the Finance Committee was carried, recommending the payment of accounts to the amount of \$17,24, and the transference of insurance policies existing to the Alliance Insurance Co., as follows:—St. Helen's school, \$500; St. Peter's, \$300; St. Basil's, \$1,000; La Salle, \$200.

The meeting then adjourned.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM DORAN.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Doran, stipendiary registrar and registrar of Nipissing district. Deceased was a practical and uncompromising Catholic, a most affable and entertaining companion, and a true, genuine, and whole-souled friend.

The North Bay Despatch, of January 8th, recording the loss the northern community has sustained, says:—"Mingled with the New Year's greetings by our townspeople to each other last Monday, was the deep regret expressed from all sides of the approaching death of our most popular resident in the person of the above-named gentleman."

"The subject of this sketch was born in Perth, Lanark county, 67 years ago. As he grew to manhood he chose the lumber business, which he made a success. In 1866 he wedded his now sorrowing help-mate, Isabella, daughter of Mr. Jas. H. McRae, of Wolfe Island. Mr. Doran some years since contacted Lanark in the Reform interest, but suffered defeat. About 14 years ago he received the appointment to this then sparsely settled district, and upon his arrival at once became both a prominent and an energetic citizen, and it is to some extent due to his ability, kindness, and charity, that this district has become more prosperous. Born with a strong constitution he enjoyed the best of health up to within a year, when declining age began to manifest itself, but it was not till Friday last that any serious ailment set in, and notwithstanding everything being done that kind friends were able to do, he continued sinking until midnight of Monday, when his spirit took its flight, deeply regretted by every friend and acquaintance."

"Mr. Doran's family arrived in town to join the husband and father on the first through C.P.R. train to the coast, and by their sociability at once won a warm place in the hearts of our citizens, a steadfastness which continues to this day as a legacy. Beside a

very young wife the family comprises seven daughters and one son, namely, Sister, Magilla, of St. Joseph's convent, Toronto; Madeline (Baird), of the town; and Misses Margie, Julia and Kathleen, and John, who reside at the homestead."

The funeral took place this morning to "St. Mary's of the Lake," where a funeral mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Kelly, of Trout Creek. Rev. Father Scollard delivered an appropriate sermon, and Father O'Leary, of Sturgeon Falls, was present in the sanctuary. The funeral cortege to the burying ground was headed by the band, the women, and was one of the largest gatherings that has ever been witnessed in the section. The pallbearers were:—Messrs. Purvis, Bunyan, Brennan, Cormack, Reynolds, and John Bourke.

Several handsome floral tributes were presented—one from the townspeople, and another from the C.M.B.A. Order, being specially appropriate.

A WELCOME FROM IRISHMEN.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—The Irishmen of the city to-day tendered a welcome to Lord Minto, Governor-General of Canada. A large number of the prominent Irish residents of the city assembled at Rieu hall at noon, and there presented his Excellency with an address. The members of St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Association were foremost among the gathering.

Among those who were present were:—Messrs P. Clarke, J. W. Hughes, Wm. Finley, G. H. Workman, E. O'Leary, P. O'Reilly, P. O'Reilly, J. Foley, R. Tobin, Ex-Mayor Bingham, Dr. J. A. Scott, John Heney, F. B. Hayes, Dr. J. A. McCabe, Mayor Payment, E. Devlin, M. Starrs, J. P. Smith, G. Leyden.

CONCERT AT ST. VINCENT'S HALL.

Mrs. Bonner is always famous for the concerts she superintends, and last Tuesday evening she presented a splendid combination of talent to the crowded audience which packed the hall to its utmost limits. Space will not admit of a detailed description, but the mention of such names as those of Miss Owen, Miss Carr, Miss Ida Wallace, Messrs. Costello and Brimstin, will give an idea of the quality of the entertainment which I will speak at more length next week. Dr. Ryan spoke a few words, and Mr. McKittrick acted as chairman. Rev. Fr. Macarone occupied a chair on the platform, and many members of his congregation contributed to the success of the evening. TERESA.

C. M. B. A.

Br. 55, C. M. B. A., held their inaugural meeting for 1899 on Wednesday, January 4th, in St. Vincent Hall, when the following officers were installed:—President, Rev. Frank Ryan; Vice-President, Wm. Finley; Sec. and V. President, Philip Smith; Sec.-Sec., H. J. Winterberry; Fin.-Sec., B. J. Doyle; Treasurer, Thomas Ryan; Marshall, J. Piggott; Guard, P. Kinella; Trustees, R. Dissette, T. B. Winterberry and Wm. Ryan.

After the regular business, the incoming President, Rev. Father Ryan, delivered an address on C. M. B. A. matters generally. He congratulated the C. M. B. A. in Toronto, and Br. 55 in particular, on the splendid work they were doing in the cause of our Catholic people, and pointed out that the C. M. B. A. combining, as it does, a high standard of security, at the lowest possible cost of its members, was a great boon indeed to our people.

A.O.H.

Div. No. 4 held their regular meeting on Sunday, January 8th, in St. Ann's hall, Power street. There was a large attendance of members, and several matters of importance were discussed. It was unanimously decided to tender a hearty vote of thanks to the editor of The Catholic Register for his kindness in placing the columns of that journal at the disposal of the Div., to place therein news of interest to the order. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year.—R. J. Taulty, 40 Leonard Avenue.

FUNERAL OF FATHER REMSBACH.

The funeral of the late Rev. Jean Remsbach, professor of sciences at the Novitiate of the Immaculate Conception of the Society of Jesus, Montreal, was held on Monday, and was attended by all the members of the Society of Jesus who could be present, led by Rev. Father Turgeon, rector of St. Mary's College.

IS IT DONE DEIGNEDLY?

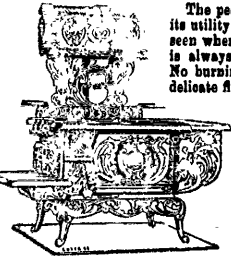
Forty years ago Catholic sentiment was outraged by the sentence to hanging, and the hanging of the unfortunate man Aylward and his wife on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, in this Province of Ontario. Now again, to all appearances, Catholic, and more especially Irish Catholic feeling, is to be outraged by the hanging of a convicted murderer on St. Patrick's Day! Surely something can be done to obviate this wanton outrage.—Catholic Record.

ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES AS TRADE RIVALS.

The London, England, Globe says:—"Wherever she can America builds a tariff wall, which is designed to exclude all foreigners and ourselves in particular. In the new colonies, as in the old States, the door will be shut fast in our faces, and we see no reason whatever for supposing that the policy is at all likely to be reversed. We do not say that in this the United States

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