

UNLIMITED MEMORIES.

Men Who could repeat things poems and sermons.

There was a Corsican who could rehearse forty thousand works, whether sense or nonsense, as they were dictated and then repeat them in the reversed order without making a single mistake. A physician, about sixty years ago, could repeat the whole of "Paradise Lost" without a mistake, although he had not read it for twenty years. Euler, the great mathematician, when he became blind could repeat the whole of "Virgil's Aeneid," and could remember the first and last line in every page of the particular edition which he had been accustomed to read before he became blind. One kind of retentive memory may be considered as the result of sheer work, a determination before one particular cultivation or memory on other subjects. This is frequently shown by persons in humble life in regard to the Bible. An old beggarman at sterling known fifty years ago as "Black Heke," afforded an instance of this. He knew the whole of the Bible by heart, inasmuch that if a sentence was read to him he could name the book, chapter and verse; or if the book, chapter and verse were named, he could give the exact words. Dr. Moffat relates that after preaching a sermon on "eternity" to some Africans he heard a simple-looking young man repeat it all over to a group of natives with uncommon precision, the very gestures being reproduced. On telling him that he had done more than the original preacher could do, repeat the sermon verbatim the savage touched his forehead and said: "When I hear anything it remains there."

ENGLAND AND THE VATICAN.

The 'Moniteur de Rome,' commenting on Lord Denbigh, says that the English Government feels more and more every day the advantage of a representative at the Vatican and it is more than probable that next year will see a British Minister accredited to the Vatican. If it were necessary to justify the eulogium that the Sovereign Pontiff has made of England, we might quote the choice that the Queen's Government has just made of Sir William White to represent her Majesty at Constantinople. Sir William is a fervent Catholic, a circumstance which does not prevent him from being an excellent diplomat and an excellent linguist. Let us add that it is the first time since the Reformation that the title of Ambassador has been conferred on an English Catholic undoubtedly to soothe the susceptibilities of Russia, the title ad interim has been added; but in England as elsewhere, the provisional lasts longer than any other. In the same order of ideas, let us quote again what has passed at Malta, where an ecclesiastic elected by the Chapter sits in the Supreme Council of the Government the Garibaidians and Liberals celebrated the 19th anniversary.

PRAY FOR THE SUFFERING SOULS.

By the Rev. Dr. O'Connell.
"There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Purgatory is a place of imprisonment where the soul undergoes its penance for sins committed in this world. Purgatory is a place full of torments, and St. James said that the smallest pain endured in purgatory is greater than all the pain suffered here. God hates sin but loves those to refrain from it. The parent sends his child to school, but makes a little prison for him. The child does not like going to school, but the parent sends him through his love for it. It is God's love for His people that causes him to send them to purgatory. Nothing defiled can enter heaven, and it is a "holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead." Prayers for purgation. As the dead departed can enter heaven, the souls of the departed are having their souls cleansed of their imperfections. Pray for the dead. There are many reasons why we should do so. It is charitable to pray for the departed ones who stand in need of prayers.

THE GOVERNMENT IRISH POLICY.

A Severe Criticism From Mr. Timothy Harrington, M. P., on Tory Rule.

Dublin, November 27.—Mr Timothy Harrington, M. P., says: "The prosecution of Mr John Dillon is the first step of the Tory Government toward ruin. They have been endeavoring to show the people of England that they could rule us without coercion, but they confess by their prosecution of Mr Dillon and their proclamation of the Sligo meeting that they completely failed. They cannot afford to stop with this stroke, and we shall draw out to the full their brutal policy. The Irish people are now organized and they never were before, and their use more forces fighting on their side. I have no doubt there will be many prosecutions. Probably that of Mr O'Brien will come next, and I should not be surprised if I myself came in pretty early for a portion of the Government's attention. But the Government will have to go much further than their proceeding against Mr Dillon indicates before they can oppose any effectual check to our movement."

HIS FORGOTTEN.

A recent visitor to Ferny, the home of Voltaire, notes with surprise that no memorial to the great man is to be found there. His very name is all but forgotten in the home where he dwelt. There is nothing surprising about it. Humanity remembers its benefactors. It was nothing to the man who would have robbed it of that which is dearer

than life, the belief in a better life. The man who lessons faith lessons happiness. A people may accept the cold doctrine of negation, but the never thank its Apostle. To obtain gratitude one must give, not take away must construct not destroy.

SCOTCH AND IRISH.

Since the days of the Bruce the people of Scotland were never so well disposed towards the kindred people of Ireland as they are to day. Scotland's representatives in the British Parliament, although fewer in number, have been allowed almost invariably to determine what the legislation for Scotland should be, while almost as invariably the laws relating to Ireland have been passed despite the opposition of the majority of the Irish members. Yet the Scotch people also begin to think that Home Rule is necessary and to sympathize with the objects of the Land League. In Canada nearly all the Scotch Presbyterians are ardent Home Rulers, and the prejudices and misunderstandings which led them to regard Irish Catholics as a people to be put down and kept down because it was dangerous to permit them to participate in the government of the country, have to a great extent disappeared. The Mail, the Presbyterian Review established in all the Tory interest, and all the Tory papers have for months endeavored to excite a secession war. The Canada Presbyterian the organ of the great mass of the Scotch Presbyterians, says of these infernal efforts.

"We dwell in harmony. There are few Protestants in Ontario who cannot number among their best neighbors at least one Roman Catholic; and there are few Roman Catholics who would not number among their best friends several Protestants. Are neighbors living side by side in harmony peace—doing business with each other every day—to take each other by the throat at the bidding of every political ruffian, disguised or undisguised, who simply wants us to make votes for party? We are, perhaps, on the eve of a General Election, and we say 'No, most emphatically, No.' And we believe the people of Ontario will say 'No,' and strap out all such rufianism."

BAD BOOKS AND BAD PAPERS.

These are written with the intention of deceiving. They tell lies against God and man. Pagan hearts conceive, bring them forth and launch them on the world. These writers profess to be scientific and tell their readers that science is supposed to the revelations of God. They say that the times are progressive—that revelation blocks the road to progress, that science clears the obstruction. Some men affirm that God does not concern Himself nor the world in which man lives. Every vain man that desires the notice of the people and records the whims of his mind will find readers. The phantasmagoria of these feather brains are called the dawn of new theories on the world. They talk about the long ago, that the world has existed with its peoples and would attempt to show that religion is a conception of the human mind.

They aim to destroy the idea of man being dependent on God. To the effect their purpose recourse is had to ridicule. Rude jokes are invented and blasphemous assertions made, the first to court the attention of the unsteady and unlearned, the second to challenge the anger of God in the bravado of a fool saying there is no God! They speak of God's power over this earth and all in it as an idea invented to subdue and control the poor, weak and vulgar. They say that the progress of science has banished these old fogy notions and made people free to think, to judge and elect a worship which will agree with the enlightenment of the age. These doctrines have been and are yet being disseminated over the whole world, and the revolutions of these times warn us that the seed has fructified and the fruit is being gathered. These evils are the fruit of the day.

The logical consequences of them form the catalogues of crime which fill the columns of the morning papers and give dainty morsels to the curious taste. We have heard it said, how truly we know not, that the proprietor of a prominent daily paper was run to make money for himself and it did it because he gave the people what they wanted.

We know that by feeling the public pulse its weakness may be discovered, and that those who pander to its passions gather the most of gold for the time. If gold, no matter how gotten, satisfies, content is the result, for a time. Ill gotten gains never remain long with their possessor.

Men talk about their friends and boast of being true to them. What man can be a true friend to his fellow or society if he delights in proving himself an enemy to God,

Men say: I will not read what is abusive to my friends, and then spend hours over the works of those thriving from the gains begotten of their abuse against the majesty of an infinite God.

Men say: I love purity and will encourage no evil against it, and then take publication that banish modesty from

their family circle. Men deplore evil and then place destruction to society, and then place within the reach of their children books and papers whose pages and columns are made up from criminal trials of indelicate scandals which rotten the world.

You deprecate these evils, contribute your influence for their destruction. Do not help in the publication nor distribution of such books or papers. Do not buy them. Do not read them. Good books and good papers are good companions. Bad books and bad papers are bad companions. Bad companions corrupt faith and god morals.

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T M QUIGLEY

Ward Two

To the Electors of Ward 2:

GENTLEMEN,—At the request of a number of ratepayers we have consented to become Candidates to represent Ward Two in the Council for 1887, and solicit your support.

A MACDONALD.
R. T. RILEY

Ward Two

To the Electors of Ward 2:

GENTLEMEN.—On the solicitation of a large number of ratepayers and residents of the Ward, I have consented to become a Candidate to represent you as Alderman in the City Council for the ensuing year. Having had a large experience in civic affairs in the east, I believe that I am in a position to give you a faithful and intelligent representation as Alderman, and if elected I will endeavor to advance the best interests of the city.

Yours Faithfully—
A. P. CAMERON

Ward Four

To the Electors of Ward 4

GENTLEMEN—I again offer myself as a Candidate to represent you in the Council for 1887, and now respectfully solicit your hearty support. If elected I shall do my best to contribute to the great work in which we are all interested, namely building up a large and prosperous city.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully—
THOMAS RYAN.

Ward Four

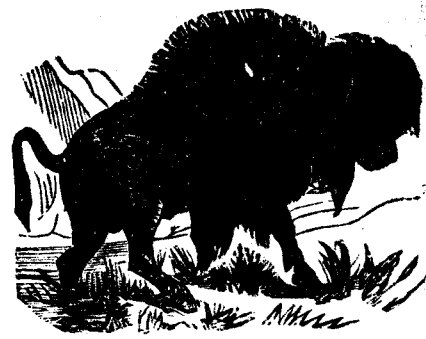
To Mr E. V. Hutchings:

DEAR SIR.—We, the undersigned electors of Ward 4 of the city of Winnipeg, do request that you will allow yourself to be nominated as one of the representatives of the Ward at the forthcoming Municipal Election for 1887.
Mayor H. S. Westbrook, Duncan McArthur (banker), C. S. Hoar (banker), x Mayor Loan, Alderman Pearson, Ex-Alderman Carruthers, Brydon, Crotty, McNab and Palsion, Geo. D. Wood, D. D. Aitkens, A. McIntyre, and over 200 others.

To the Electors of Ward 4

Compliance with the above requisition I consent to place myself into the hands of the Electors of Ward Four, and respectfully solicit their votes and influence. If elected I pledge myself to do everything in my power for the best interest of the City of Winnipeg, and Ward Four in particular.

E. F. HUTCHINGS.



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To The Electors.

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THOS GELLY.

WARD 5.

To the Electors Ward Five

GENTLEMEN.—After being requested by a number of ratepayers, and having received many promises of support, I offer myself as a candidate to represent you in the Council of 1887, and respectfully solicit your votes, and request you to exert your influence in my favor. If elected I will endeavor to advance the interests of the city.

I am yours, etc.
JAMES STUART.

WARD 5.

To the Electors of Ward Five

GENTLEMEN.—I again offer myself as a candidate to represent you in your interests in the Council for 1887, and respectfully ask your support. I will not be able to see you all personally, and trust you will cast your votes in my favor on election day. If elected, I promise to serve the city faithfully to the best of my ability.

Yours truly,
W. GRUNDY.

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To the Electors of the City of Winnipeg

GENTLEMEN.—At the request of a large number of Electors I have consented to become a Candidate for the Mayorality for 1887, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

If elected I shall use my best endeavors to carry out the most economical policy consistent with the progress of the city

LYMAN M. JONES.

Ward Two

To The Electors of Ward 2.

GENTLEMEN.—Having been requested by a large number of the electors of this ward to allow my name to be placed in nomination, I have consented to become a candidate at the ensuing election.

I have been a resident for the city for the past 12 years, and have during that time served the electors 4 years in the City Council. This together with the fact that I have a large and extensive business in the Ward, is surely a guarantee that your interest will be fully protected in the next Council Board.

Hoping to have your vote and influence in the approaching contest I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant.

C. C. MONTGOMERY.