

## ENCOURAGEMENT.

Up to the strife with care,  
Be thine an oaken heart,  
Life's daily contest nobly share,  
Nor act a craven part:  
Give murmurs to the coward throng,  
Be thine the joyous notes of song.

If thrown upon the field,  
Up to the task once more,  
'Tis worse than infancy to yield,  
'Tis childish to deplore:  
Look stern misfortune in the eye,  
And breast the billow manfully.

Close in with every foe,  
As thickly on they come,  
They can but lay the body low,  
And send thy spirit home:  
Yet may'st thou stand it out and view,  
What giant energy could do.

Soon shall the combat cease,  
The struggle fierce and long  
And thine be true, unbroken peace,  
And thine the victors' song:  
Beyond the clouds will wait thee,  
The wreath of immortality.

Rev. E. C. Jones.

## Father Murphy at Lachute.

It is seldom that the busy life of America's Great Temperance Apostle is brightened by the unanimous and spontaneous endorsement of all classes and creeds. For be the cause what it may, it is an undoubted fact that the grand work of reform to which Father Murphy has devoted his time and talents, does not receive the aid it deserves from those to whom one would most naturally look for help and encouragement. On Tuesday, November 21st however the people of Lachute, rising above all prejudice of race and creed, assembled in hundreds to welcome to their pretty little town, one, who alone and almost unaided, has done such gigantic work in reclaiming the inebriate and assuaging the miseries of the fallen. A very large and cultured audience crowded the hall. On the platform besides the speaker of the evening were—Rev. Mr. Higgins, Baptist Church, Rev. Mr. Waddell, Presbyterian, Rev. Father Derome, R. Catholic Church; Rev. Mr. Robertson and others. The Chairman, Dr. Christie, the popular and learned member for the county presided, and in a few happy words, amidst tumultuous applause introduced the Reverend gentleman, Father Murphy, after a short prologue, proceeded to deliver one of those earnest, soul-stirring addresses, whose echoes will ring through ages yet to come; and whose results will be felt in future years—when the gifted young priest will have long since passed away from the scene of his heroic labors.

The great evils of intemperance—the harrowing tale of a wife's sorrow, a mother's tears and the unfortunate victim's own remorse—was depicted in the pitiful strains of one to whom such scenes have become all too familiar. With a fearless tongue, Father Murphy charged those in high places with indifference towards the temperance cause; and earnestly pleaded for total abstinence among the ordained of all churches. "We cannot hope for a sober people, if their is not a sober clergy, nor can we expect a sober clergy, if we have not a sober hierarchy." After a thing rebute to luke-warm Christians Father Murphy explained the method of his Gold Cure—this wonderful discovery which has brought happiness to so many homes, and whose institutes are already flourishing in the principal cities of Canada.

Were Father Murphy's visit to Lachute productive of no other good: it will long be remembered as the dawn of a new era in the social life of local religious history, if the expression be permitted. For the first time clergymen of all denominations buried, for the nonce, all sectarian differences, and found in the question of temperance reform, as expounded by the silver-voiced orator, a ground for united and energetic actions.

One of the ministers present, with honest enthusiasm, acknowledged that from that hour, his hatred of the Roman Catholic Church vanished and he would hold in reverence any church which could produce such fearless and noble hearted champions of total abstinence.

After the lecture, the chairman moved a vote of thanks to the reverend gentleman, which was rapturously carried by the audience. During his stay in Lachute, Rev. Father Murphy was the guest of Mr. Robertson one of the deacons of the Presbyterian Church—The trip to Lachute was a most successful one, and can not fail to be productive of good.

## Mr. MICHAEL McCREADY.

It affords us great pleasure to be able to present this month to our readers an excellent photo-engraving of one of Montreals most successful business men, Mr. Michael McCready, J.P.

Upwards of thirty years ago, Mr. McCready came from Ireland to Montreal and like most of Montreal's successful business men he began at the foot of the ladder of his commercial career.

With no other implement of commendation but a good mind, a plucky spirit and a character noted for its integrity and industry, Mr. McCready gradually pressed his way to the front until to-day he retires from the well-known firm of James O'Brien & Co., with an estimated wealth of \$500,000. Mr. McCready has been connected with some of the largest manufacturing firms in Montreal, and all his business relations have been ever pleasant and successful.

Descended from an ancient and honorable Irish family in the county of Antrim, Ireland, where Mr. McCready was born about sixty years ago, he is a patriotic Irishman of the true type. His money was ever given as free as his great love

this the logic of Mr. McCready's charity. Thus the practical business man becomes also the practical benefactor. In this latter capacity, as a total abstinence advocate and a supporter of the practical methods introduced by Father Murphy for the total extirpation of the liquor traffic, Mr. McCready adds the brightest jewel to his diadem of benefactions.

That this noble philanthropist and true Christian may live for many years to come, and that these years may be as peaceful and radiant as is the useful life of this superb man is the cordial wish of his large circle of friends.

## Temperance Lectures.

As the close of his lecture in the Windsor Hall on November 20 Father Murphy made the following offer. That he would be one of fifty gentlemen to bear the expense of a course of say fifteen lectures on temperance, and probably agree to lecture if the W. C. T. W. would take the matter up, and find the other gentlemen to subscribe. Will the matter be brought to fruition.



MR. MICHAEL McCREADY.

## SOME PLAIN TALK.

The following letter was addressed to the Montreal Witness.

SIR,—I am an old commercial man, having been on the road when whiskey sold at one dollar per gallon, and have seen many a sad sight through the demon intemperance. If you will kindly grant me a little space in your columns, I would feel deeply obliged. The question of temperance has been so often discussed and written on in almost all its bearings, that one would imagine that little remains to be said. For a long time I have given it very serious thought, and am of the opinion that more can be done and said to aid the cause. Looking down on our city with all its magnificent churches and Christian institutions, one must conclude that the combined influence of all those professing Christianity must be enormous, and if exercised in any one direction, would assuredly be successful. This being admitted, we must either be remiss in our duties towards our brothers who are weak, or we do not understand what we profess. I would ask our professing Christians, laymen and clergymen who drink beer and wine, to explain the meaning of the passages in the Bible:—Romans xiv., 13, 15, 21; Romans xv., 1; I Corinthians, viii., 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

With all honor to all the church organizations, which they richly deserve, and to their work which might continue, I would suggest a secular platform for this momentous question, where we all could meet irrespective of creeds or nationalities. This would bring together a most influential, powerful and intellectual body of men, against which this iniquitous liquor business could not stand.

It has also occurred to me that a well equipped and carried on temperance hotel would be a most powerful factor in the cause, and surely we can find capital enough among the temperance people to build one. For my part I would willingly donate an amount towards such a fund, or take shares in a company organized for the purpose. I have no doubt of its success.—OBSERVER.

## Father Murphy in Montreal.

On Monday November 20, Father Murphy, lectured at the Windsor Hall, Montreal.

Mr. M. McCready, J. P., provided and in a few well chosen words introduced the Reverend lecturer, speaking strongly in favor of the Gold Cure, and the great work it had done for many some of whom were then present in the Hall.

Father Murphy in strong terms denounced the liquor traffic. He pointed out that a good deal lay with the women, who were forcing their way to the front in most of the important undertakings of the present day. Nine-tenths of the present poverty, sorrow and desolation arose from the liquor traffic. What were they doing to check it? He then proceeded to show that the Methodist church stood out pre-eminently ahead of all others—and was the vanguard in the question of total abstinence. The Roman Catholic church was following the Methodist in elevating men of total abstinence principles to high positions in the church. If they were going to have a total abstaining people they must have a total abstaining clergy. He desired to see more men like Manning, Ireland, and others of the same principles at the head of the church. If they had such men then there would not be any need of prohibition, as they would all be temperance men and women. Withal, prohibition was bound to come. Ontario was awake to the evils of the day, but Quebec was asleep and so were the churches, but they would wake them up. He denied the statement that prohibition had been a failure. After pointing out all the evils arising from liquor, he turned to the practical side of the question, and said it was for them to go to the polls and send men who would give them legislation in the line desired.

## Is Drunkenness decreasing?

Father Murphy, the great temperance reformer, says it is. And the reason he gives may be interesting to men—particularly young men who are also ambitious men and clever men—who stay out late nights once in a while.

Father Murphy says that the cause of what he claims is the decrease of drunkenness is the direct result of the demands of business upon men; that competition is so fierce in these times and so much is expected of a man that it is impossible to be intemperate and keep in the race for success. It is an undeniable and well-known fact that an employe, whether at a trade or profession, must be a temperate man if he would feel reasonably sure of holding his position. The employer himself must "keep a clear head," or in the close competition in business and the hustle for a competency he will be distanced. This holds good also in the professions and in politics. In short one cannot drink and be successful, or at the least can not be as successful as his brains and energy entitle.

It has been said thousands of times that intemperance must hurt a man's chances in the world. But this is the first time it has been stated vigorously by a competent authority that the realization by men of this fact is actually lessening the evil. It is one thing for a preacher or reformer to warn people that they are foolish; it is another thing to find that the people have concluded to make fools of themselves no longer.—OTTAWA JOURNAL.

That the Ontario Prohibition plebiscite which is to be voted upon throughout the Province at the Municipal elections on the first Monday in January next, is regarded as an important step towards long sought legislation, is proven by the earnestness with which the leading temperance men and women are preparing for the vote. Many whose interests lie in the opposite direction have been hugging the delusion that the plebiscite was only a device for getting rid of long petitions for Prohibition. Of late, however, the liquor interests seem to be realizing the danger, and there is said to be some anxiety in the Licensed Victuallers' Association. So far no suspicion of politics seems to have entered into the contest. The disputed point as to whether the Dominion or Provincial Governments have the power to prohibit the sale of intoxicants strips the fight of all party politics, and Liberal and Conservative for once, at least as far as Toronto is concerned, are united in a common cause.—THE WINE TRADE.