

Men I Have Seen and Heard.

By Estlin Scribner.

If any of the readers of this column can remember the old Royal Theatre, at the end of the Champ-de-Mars...

In 1870 Joe Lee was a splendid looking man; age had turned his long locks to white, but had not bent his frame...

In those days there was no railway connecting the Springs with either Montreal or Ottawa.

"Twice in the prime of summer time. An evening calm and cool. And four-and-twenty happy boys, came bounding out of school."

I think I can see him, before me now as he was that night. His heavy grey moustache and small white goatee reminded me of Marshal McMahon...

At that time I was quite young, and easily impressed, but not more so than was every person present that night.

For half an hour the old actor spoke. There was no gesture, no de-

monstrative action, no attempt at producing effect, nothing theatrical about the tone or manner of the old man. He simply told, in conversational style, with the least possible actions, the pathetic story of Hood's life, miseries and death.

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across the lawn, and in passing the old actor, remarked, "You feel very like the genus of misery this morning, Mr. Lee." "Ah! yes," answered Lee, in one of his most tragic tones, "I feel like Marius seated amidst the ruins of Carthage and weeping over his own downfall." These were the last words I ever heard from the lips of Joe Lee.

CATHOLIC EDITORS On Many Themes.

FOR RICH MEN.—The Milwaukee "Citizen" would like to see a change in the methods used by millionaires in disposing of their surplus millions. It says:—

We are more than ever in need of books in every city and village of this free land, and the richly endowed rival universities established by the Stanfords and the Hearsts in every state, will offer bounties to get enough students to fill their spacious classic halls.

All this will come to pass because millionaires, with generous impulses, are restricted by the higher fashions of benevolence to the two ways of spending their money—founding libraries or endowing colleges.

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DONT'S ABOUT MARRIAGE. — Under this heading the "Catholic Columbian" says:—

No one should say to young women, "Don't marry," for marriage was designed by God. But, while willing to marry, they should take some precautions justified by experience.

Don't marry a man just for his good looks in his fine clothes. If he hasn't a manly character, his exterior graces will not keep him from being a brute to his wife.

The best things of life are the commonest. Light, air, water, sleep—the real essentials of existence,—are at the command of all; and, like most commonplace things, are rarely appreciated at their genuine value until we have the misfortune to be deprived of them for a considerable time.

Don't marry too far out of your own station in life. The eagle and the owl were never intended for mates. The buzzard and the oriole cannot live happily together.

Don't marry, as a rule, against the advice of your parents, especially when that advice is based on reasonable objections.

THE OLD SPIRIT of controversy between Catholics and non-Catholics, which has died out, had advantages, says the "New Century."

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he said. He was not far wrong. The ignorance of many American Catholics on the philosophy of the Eucharist and Sacrament, even of the essentials that underlie certain phases of moral conduct, is astonishing. It is easily explicable. The Little Catechism was once part of their daily lives, as the teacher of phrases is part of the daily life of a parrot destined for good society.

THE IRISH LANGUAGE IN AUSTRALIA.

I have more than once mentioned the movement that is on foot for the revival of the Irish language among us. It seems to have really "taken on," as people say—men, women and children, and especially children, of every class, and even of alien creeds, are proudly airing the knowledge being rapidly acquired, and in more than one Dublin church the Rosary is now regularly recited in Irish on certain evenings of each week.

GOD SAVE ALL HERE! This is a prayer that's breathed alone. In dear old Erin's land; 'Tis uttered on the threshold-stone, With smiles and clasping hand; And oft, perchance, 'tis murmured With sigh and falling tear.

PRIEST SUBS PUBLISHERS. Rev. William J. Donovan, of the Church of the Guardian Angel in West Twenty-third street, New York, has brought an action in the Supreme Court to recover \$50,000 from Michael H. Witzium and John La Boute, members of the firm of M. H. Witzium & Co., of Milwaukee, publishers of the Catholic Directory.

EDUCATION OF WOMEN. "Some people imagine that learned women were the product of the nineteenth and twentieth century. St. Theresa was a learned woman; St. Catherine of Siena was one of the most learned women of her time; Sir Thomas More wrote beautiful Latin verses to his daughter; and the unhappy Mary Queen of Scots had left them her lovely and touching verses.

CAPTURE OF AN IMPOSTER. An imposter in Brooklyn who has been masquerading as a priest and a nun and imposing on the servant girls, was arrested last Saturday and held for examination.

CHARITY OF A SPANISH PRIEST. A correspondent of the "New Orleans Picayune," writing from Puerto Rico, speaks of the charity of a Spanish priest on the island as follows:—

A RECORD FOR JOHN FLANAGAN. World figures for throwing the 16-pound hammer from a 9-foot circle were made by John Flanagan, of the New York Athletic Club, at the Sixty-ninth Regiment games, held on July 4, at Celtic Park, L.I. Flanagan's throw was 175 feet 4 inches, or 3 feet 21 inches better than the best previous record.

PRIDE FOR CATHOLICISM. The Indiana Music Teachers' Association adopted a resolution at its recent convention demanding the elevation of the standard of music in Protestant churches after a discussion in which one teacher declared that "all must now bow in humility before the music of the Church of Rome," and expressed the hope that "all the rot of the Moody and Sankey style of music could be utterly destroyed."

MONUMENT TO A PRIEST. — It has been decided to erect a monument to the memory of the late venerable Father Sylvester Malone, of Brooklyn.

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Another notable profit incident to our hearing Mass is the practical certainty of having our prayers heard and granted. St. Francis of Sales assures us that prayers offered in union with the divine victim have an inexpressible power; that favors can be secured at the time of Mass which can be obtained at no other. Our feeble, nervous petitions are, during the august sacrifice, strengthened by the merits of his own prayers, and his are never offered in vain; for, as St. John assures us, "the Father heareth Him always."

Apart from the eternal recompense gained through hearing Mass by persons in a state of grace, untold temporal blessings are lavished upon all—just and unjust, saints and sinners—who attend and offer the adorable sacrifice in union with the priest. They enjoy the special protection of God, they are aided in their daily work, and favored with an increase of temporal prosperity.

The advantages of attending at Mass are, in a word, so immense in worth and countless in number that it must ever remain a matter of astonishment to the angels and beatified saints that so few Catholics, comparatively, make it their constant duty to visit the altar while the redeeming sacrifice of Calvary is being renewed. From no other source does grace flow so copiously.—Ave Maria.

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