

ders of her mysterious existence, past and present. This Mr. Haskins has done; diving down, down below the surface of present appearances, into the far depths of the national heart, and judging effects by their causes. We should like to give some extracts from this portion of the work, did space permit; but we must make room for one, as a favorable specimen of the author's style. He is describing his emotions on approaching the Irish shore after a pleasant voyage from Liverpool:—

"As I stood on the deck of the 'Iron Duke,' inhaling the fragrant land breeze that rippled the glassy surface of the bay, thoughts kept crowding and crowding upon me—thoughts which I could not banish if I would, and would not if I could. Not so much the surpassing beauties of Dublin Bay; nor the lordly hill of Howth, and the glens and mountains of Wicklow, and the distant hills and verdant vales of Meath; not the islands, and bluffs, and friendly light-houses along the coast; not the villas and gardens, that grew every instant more distinct and beautiful as we bowled along; not the sandy beach, hard and clean as tidy as a housewife's floor, nor steep banks, and stately promontories; not these, I say, so much engrossed my mind, as the single, solitary fact, that I was now, at last, in good, glorious Ireland. Ireland, all hail! Thou art to me no stranger. Full well I know thee. I have known and honored thee from my earliest childhood.—Well do I remember the delight with which I read, and the ardor with which I learned, the speeches of thy orators, statesmen, and patriots—of Burke, and Grattan, and Curran, and Sheridan, and Emmet, and Russell, and Phillips; and how afterwards, a student in a Protestant College, I glowed over the works of Dean Swift, and Sterne, and Tom Moore; and sympathized with thy bravest sons, in their repeated struggles for freedom; and admired the exploits of thy warriors and men-at-arms—thy Brian Boromha, and Malachy, and O'Briens, and O'Neills, and Sarstfields, and McCarthy, and Fitzgeralds, and O'Reillys. Never can I forget the little Irish boy, my own pupil, who in exchange for the letters I taught him, first taught me Christianity; nor the Irish servant in my paternal mansion who first made me acquainted with a Catholic priest—the Rev. Mr. Taylor—whose memory is venerated in Boston; nor the Irishman in my father's employ, who lent me Catholic books, and a Catholic paper printed in Hartford; and in whose house I made the acquaintance of the late William Wiley, who afterwards became my spiritual counsellor and father, and received me into the bosom of the Catholic Church—saying to me, as the Son of God said to the paralytic, 'My child, be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven thee.' Solomon says, 'One may be rich, though he have nothing.' This is true of thee land of Erin! Outwardly thou art in rags, poverty-stricken, famine-stricken, and bleeding under blows inflicted by legal persecutors and unfeeling butchers; but within, all bright and glorious, true as the needle to the pole, faithful even unto death awaiting the crown of life. Truly thou art a land of saints; for I do believe that no nation on the earth hath sent, and doth yearly send, so many saints to heaven. Thou art a vast seminary for the education of bishops, priests, and apostolic men, who go forth into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Thou art a golden, immortal flower, blooming amid thorns, and sending forth thy winged seeds, on every breeze, to gladden other nations, and to plant the faith in other lands."

Speak now, ye American Catholics, who grudge to Catholic Ireland her rightful meed of praise—who adroitly administer to her a small dose of praise embittered by a large infusion of contempt—speak now and say if this be true;—are these words of your gifted countryman either false or misapplied?—They are neither, and ye know it; though ye will not admit the known truth, because ye are jealous of the share which that missionary nation has had in the formation of your own Church. The old Catholic nations of Europe are ever ready to acknowledge Ireland's claims to a pre-eminent rank amongst them; but you, wrapped up in a narrow swathe of prejudice cannot afford to acknowledge your indebtedness to one of the oldest and most purely Christian nations that Christendom numbers to-day. Shame on such paltry jealousy! Go and take a lesson from the wise and true-hearted of your own nation, and learn to respect a people whom God himself respects; for in that He has for centuries chastised them with an unsparing hand—"they are sons and not bastards."

We earnestly hope that every Catholic who can read English, and, above all, every Irish Catholic will make it a point to have a copy of this most useful work.

BROWNSON'S REVIEW for January—New Series—has been received; but we regret that want of space compels us to postpone until next week a notice of its contents. It is impossible not to admire, and to feel grateful to the talented editor of this Review for the noble stand he makes as a Catholic writer, against the enemies of the faith; though Non-Americans may feel inclined to differ with him in his estimate of the excellence of "Young-Americanism." However, we must remember that Dr. Brownson is an American; and that it is as reasonable for an American to love America, as for an Irishman to love Ireland; provided always that the *amor patrie* be kept subordinate to the love of the Church. Differing then on several important points not connected with religion, with the Reviewer, we heartily wish him a happy new year; and abundance of subscribers to the New Series of his Review. We should be glad to hear that a copy of it was to be found in the house of every Catholic in Canada, despite of its "Natyre" proclivities which we regret; but which cannot prevent us from hailing it as the leading Catholic periodical on the American Continent. For sale at Messrs. Sadliers.

LIVES OF THE EARLY MARTYRS. By Mrs. Hope—written for the Oratorian Schools. D. & J. Sadlier, New York and Montreal.

There is no reading at once so interesting and, to the Catholic especially, so useful, as the records of the patience, and constancy of the Christian Martyrs. From them we learn how to comport ourselves like brave soldiers of the cross, and by them are we stimulated to imitate the heroism and ardent charity of those whose sufferings are therein recorded. We therefore hope that these *Lives of the Early Martyrs* may meet with many readers in Canada. In many respects the position of Catholics of the XIX

century amongst a Protestant population, resembles that of the early Christians during the reign of the Heathen Emperors; and though, thank God, the malice of our enemies is much circumscribed by the changes that since then have occurred in the State, and in Society, it is still as rancorous as ever; and waits but the opportunity to show itself as cruel and unscrupulous as in the days of a Diocletian.

We have received from Mr. Armour of Notre Dame Street, a very handsomely executed Counting House Almanac.

We must take the liberty of telling the *Commercial Advertiser* that he is guilty of a gross and wilful violation of truth, in asserting that the TRUE WITNESS says, that, at the late fire in the property of the Nuns, "the engines were designedly unfit to work, that several of the Fire Companies composed of Orangemen would not assist to save Roman Catholic property; that the hose were deliberately cut to prevent the engines from working."—*Commercial Advertiser*, 7th inst.

We said—and we are in a position to prove what we said—that at the fire in question, the engines were of little or no assistance, and that several of the Fire Companies did not assist to save the property of the Nuns. We said that the hose were, either cut, or in a scandalous state of repair; disgraceful to the men in charge of them, disgraceful in the highest degree to the lubbards through whose negligence or ignorance, the gear of the Fire Department was permitted to be in such a shameful state of inefficiency.

We therefore asked for an investigation—whereupon the *Commercial Advertiser* exclaims:—"An investigation of what? Let us have the accusation first." We reply that we have already answered these questions.

The accusation is this—That, on the night of the 27th ult., when called to extinguish a fire, the Fire Companies did not do their duty; either from ill will, or because of the defective condition of their gear.

We call for an investigation, in order that the public may know to what causes to attribute this inefficiency of the Fire Department on the evening in question; whether to the malice, or the lubbardly mismanagement and neglect, of those to whom the custody of the material of the Fire Companies is entrusted; and that thus, the grave suspicions which now exist may be allayed if unfounded, and that proper measures be taken to prevent the recurrence of such a scene of confusion, bungling, and general incompetence, as was displayed by the Fire Department on the night of the 27th of December.

The *Commercial Advertiser* asks, if it is "an unusual thing at the commencement of winter for engines and hose to get out of order under the best of management?" We reply—yes; and that under good and efficient management, neither hose nor engines would ever be permitted to get out of order, either at the commencement of winter, or in the middle of summer. If our present Fire Companies cannot keep all their material in perfect order, ready for service at a moment's notice, in all seasons of the year, they are a lot of bungling old women, to whom it is absurd to entrust the safety of our City; and the sooner they are sent packing about their business, as a set of "incapables," the better for themselves, and the citizens generally. There is, there can be, no excuse for hose or engines getting out of order; for it is the duty of the persons in charge of them to keep them always in order. What should we think of a captain of artillery in the Crimea, pleading before a Court Martial as an excuse for the non-effective state of his battery in position before the enemy, that "his guns were out of order!"

We regret to see that there is a disposition to hush up this very disgraceful piece of business; that, with the exception of the *Patrie*, not one of our City cotemporaries dares to allude to it; whilst the *Commercial Advertiser* openly scouts the proposition for a public investigation. It will become then the duty, as it is the interest, of the Insurance Companies, who have taken risks on Montreal City property, to see that this business is not allowed to rest here; for, it is no use mincing matters, or, in defiance of facts, pretending that our Fire Department is in an efficient state, so long as the events of the 27th December remain unenquired into, and unrebuked.

* The French Fire Companies worked like men.

We would remind our readers that, on Sunday next, a meeting of the Irish Catholics of Montreal will be held, immediately after High Mass, in the St. Patrick's House, for the purpose of appointing two delegates to attend the Convention of Irish Catholics to be holden at Buffalo in the month of February next. The object of this Convention being to direct the Irish emigrant in the choice of a home, and to aid him in his struggle for independence, it is to be hoped that the meeting will be largely attended by the Sons of St. Patrick in Montreal; who we are sure will upon this occasion emulate the zeal of their countrymen in other parts of this Province. Both as Irishmen and as Catholics they are interested in carrying out the views so ably advocated by the Very Rev. Dean Kirwan of London.

Our columns are this week, for the most part, occupied with the details of the prosecution of Father Petherine by the Protestant Government of Great Britain. But as this trial is, on more accounts than one, deeply interesting to Catholics, we trust that our readers will excuse the absence of other, but less important matter.

PETERBORO' ELECTION.—The writ has been issued, and the 14th inst. fixed for the day of nomination. The knowing ones back Mr. Conger against the field.

LECTURES.—We beg to call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. Murphy's Lectures on Astronomy, the first of which will take place on Monday evening next, in St. Patrick's Hall.—These Lectures will be illustrated with astronomical diagrams by the aid of a Phantasmagoria Lantern. We may add that some of these diagrams are worked by rack and pinion, and represent the natural movements of the Solar system, and other objects of celestial phenomena. We may here remark that, as his lecture last year was well attended and very interesting, we trust that there will be a good attendance on the evenings of his lecture this season.

We would again remind our readers of the Young Men's St. Patrick's Association's Soirée on Tuesday next. "Good wine"—so the proverb says—"needs no bush"—and an Irish Soirée needs no recommendation from any body. It is one of those good things that recommend themselves.

YOUNG MEN'S ST. PATRICK'S ASSOCIATION.—At the monthly meeting of this body, held on the 3rd inst., the following gentlemen were elected to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of the late President, and the changes made in consequence:— President—Charles W. Sharpley. First Vice—Frederick Dalton. Second Vice—Joseph Curran. Member of Committee—John Houlihan.

It is said that the French Emperor has conferred the Cross of the Legion of Honor upon M. Taché and T. S. Hunt, Esq., of the Provincial Geological Survey Department.

The *Avenir* is the organ of the *Rouges*, or Yankeeified French Canadians; a miserable set of creatures who because they are out of office, call themselves "patriots," and who would barter away their nationality and Canadian independence for a mess of beans and pork. What our Irish friends might expect if this party were in power, they may judge by the manner in which it treats them whilst in opposition, with eyes wistfully cast upon the good things of the Ministry. Thus the *Avenir* speaks of the Irish Catholics as the "vilest—plus infimes—population of the British Isles—who have brought with them to Canada, only pestilence, cholera, and a deluge of evils." No wonder the *Avenir* hates the Irish. They are Catholics, and are therefore not likely to make pious tools in the hands of demagogues; or willingly to place their necks beneath the yoke of Yankee democracy, under the weight of which their brethren in the United States are now groaning.

THE ST. SYLVESTER AFFAIR.—The three men charged with the attempt to upset the train with the soldiers on the St. Sylvester expedition, have, after a careful examination, been discharged from custody; there not being the slightest grounds for supposing that the occurrence was not the result of mere accident.

Mathew Hopkins, a lad about 19 years of age, one of the persons accused in the Corrigan case, has surrendered himself to take his trial at the approaching Criminal Term, which commences on the 20th inst. It is thought that his example will be followed by the other accused.

Parliament, it is rumored, will meet at Toronto for the despatch of business on the 15th of next month.

PERTH CATHOLIC INSTITUTE.

A special meeting of the Perth Catholic Institute was held on the 23rd inst.

The meeting was called by the President, the Very Rev. J. H. McDonagh, who presided on the occasion. His reverence, after having called the meeting to order, stated the objects for which he had called them together, viz., to consider the project of the Very Rev. Dean Kirwan of London, C.W., of holding an Irish Convention at Buffalo on some early day, to adopt measures to aid and direct the Irish immigrant in making a permanent home in America. This, said his reverence, should be a subject of deep interest to every true Irish Catholic; and it is one which has been too long neglected. But he trusted that the proposed Convention would be held, and that it would not separate until it had decided upon some practical system for the accomplishment of so good and holy an object.

This advice was well received by all present; and after much and careful consideration, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"Whereas the Members of this Institute have learned that a Convention of Irish Catholics is to be held at Buffalo on some day hereafter to be named, for the purpose of aiding their co-religionists in making a permanent settlement in America; Resolved—That we will, at our next Regular Meeting, appoint two delegates to attend said Convention."

It was also Resolved—"That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the TRUE WITNESS, AMERICAN CELL, Toronto Mirror, and Ottawa Tribune."

(Signed) JAMES LENTHAN, Secretary. Perth, C.W., 27th Dec., 1855.

COLONIZATION MEETING.

(From the Ottawa Tribune.)

Pursuant to notice a Meeting of the Irish inhabitants of this city was held on Friday evening, the 24th ult., for the purpose of electing delegates to represent this city at the Convention to be held in the city of Buffalo. The attendance was numerous and respectable. On motion of J. H. Burke, Esq., seconded by James Leamy, Esq., H. J. Friel, Esq., was called to the Chair, and Mr. J. D. McDonnell requested to act as Secretary.

Mr. Friel explained the object of the Meeting in his usual eloquent and lucid style. The following resolutions were then carried unanimously:—

Moved by J. H. Burke, Esq., seconded by Mr. R. C. Bennett.

Resolved—That whereas it has been publicly proposed through the medium of the press, that a convention of delegates from the Irish inhabitants of Canada and the United States, should be holden at some central place, the object of which convention is declared to be, to promote the set-

tlement on land of such of the Irish people as may desire to become agriculturists, and to determine on a suitable location for a colony to be formed of the Irish people scattered over the States of the neighboring Union and this Province, it is hereby resolved that this meeting cordially approves of the propriety of such a convention, and is prepared to co-operate with all laborers in such a praiseworthy cause for securing the attainment of the proposed ends,—Carried unanimously.

Moved by James Leamy, Esq., seconded by Mr. R. Doherly.

Resolved—That in view of the many advantages which the Valley of the Ottawa offers as a field for colonization, it is expedient and proper that this section of Canada be represented by two delegates at the proposed convention,—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ronayne, seconded by Mr. R. C. Bennett.

Resolved—That H. J. Friel and J. H. Burke, Esq's, be the accredited representatives of the sentiments of the Irish inhabitants of Ottawa; and they are hereby delegated to act on their behalf, to using their own judgement and discretion in all matters submitted for the consideration of the assembled delegates,—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cunningham, and seconded by Mr. J. Heneey.

Resolved—That in view of the necessity which exists for a local organization, to advise, counsel and inform all persons who seek to become settlers in the valley of the Ottawa, this Meeting hereby constitutes itself a Colonization Society, to be called the Ottawa Colonization Association, and that a Committee be named to draft a constitution and Bye-Laws for the guidance of said Association; said Committee to be composed of James H. Burke, R. W. Scott, H. J. Friel, J. L. P. O'Hanley, and Edward Smith, Esquires, with power to add to their numbers.

Moved by Mr. W. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. W. Keogh.—Resolved—That this Association meet on the first Friday in January, to adopt the constitution and Bye-Laws, and to elect officers of the said Association.

Moved by J. H. Burke, Esq., and seconded by Mr. Michael Bamrick.

Resolved, That Delegates from Pembroke, Renfrew, Aylmer, Onslow, Buckingham, Portage du Fort, Pakenham, Fitzroy Harbor, and such other towns or villages as desire to be represented, be invited to this City, on Friday, the 18th day of January next, for the purpose of organizing an active co-operation between the people in the Valley of the Ottawa, and to have their views fully represented in the Convention.

It was then moved by Mr. William Reynolds, seconded by Mr. M. Ronayne, that H. J. Friel, Esq., do leave the Chair, and that J. Leamy, Esq. be called thereto, which was carried. A vote of thanks was then passed to Mr. Friel for his able conduct in the Chair. The Meeting then adjourned.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

S. Mountain, J. Gavin, 10s.; D. Farmer, 10s.; Portland, C.W., W. Moran, 2s. 6d.; Baltimore, C.W., H. Cahilly, 6s. 3d.; St. Polycaire, Rev. J. Chabot, 15s.; St. Vincent, J. Cleary, 6s. 3d.; Hucly, D. Hogan, 10s.; Belleville, J. A. McGillis, 6s. 3d.; Bath, F. McManis, 22 10s.; Kingston, J. Lowry, 5s.; Howick, J. Devine, 21 8s. 1d.; St. Catharines, C. E. Rev. W. Dunn, 12s. 6d.; Rawdon, R. E. Concanan, 12s. 6d.; Burdick Rapids, M. Donohy, 5s.; Langdon, L. O'Reilly, 12s. 6d.; Brockville, R. M'Sween, 12s. 6d.; St. Hyacinthe, Rt. Rev. Dr. Prince, 12s. 6d.; Eastport, U. S., J. C. Moore, 21 5s.; Hull, P. Davey, 21; N. Plantagenet, Rev. T. O'Boyle, 15s.; St. Thomas, P. Gobier, 15s.; St. Raphael, Rev. J. McDonnell, 15s.; St. Martin, M. A. Primeau, 12s. 6d.; Toronto, Very Rev. J. B. Bruyere, 12s. 6d.; do., J. Emsley, 15s.; Sarrington, J. M'Vey, 10s.; Ottawa City, C. & R. M'Donnell, 21 5s.; St. Nicholas, J. B. Rousseau, 10s.; Brantford, Rev. J. Ryan, 10s.; Onabrook, P. Lynch, 6s. 3d.

Per T. McCabe, Peterboro—W. Morgan, 10s.; J. Maguire, 5s.; A. P. Thompson, 10s.; T. Martin, 5s.; R. Maloney, 5s.; J. Murphy, 5s.; T. Buck, 5s.; J. Hafty, 5s.; J. Shaw, 5s.; M. Halahan, 5s.; J. Crowley, 5s.; J. Chaney, 5s.; T. Magarity, 10s.; J. Slattery, 5s.; P. Moran, 10s.; J. Quinlan, 5s.; J. Henry, 10s.; J. Crowley, 5s.; M. O'Brien, 5s.; P. Burns, 5s.; B. Magarity, 5s.; J. Macey, 5s.; J. O'Neill, 5s.

Per Rev. L. A. Bourret, St. Anne de la Pocatiere—Self, 12s. 6d.; Collego, 12s. 6d.; Rev. C. Gauvreau, 12s. 6d.; Rev. Mr. Hebert, 12s. 6d.; Rev. R. Patry, 12s. 6d.; Rev. Mr. Teto, 12s. 6d.

Per Rev. H. Girou, Arichat, N.S.—Self, 12s. 6d.; R. Rev. C. M'Kinnon, 12s. 6d.; Rev. J. V. M'Donnell, 12s. 6d.; L. M'Leau, 12s. 6d.

Per Rev. J. Chisholm, Lindsay—Self, 12s. 6d.; P. Fitzsimons, 12s. 6d.; M. Heslin, 6s. 3d.; J. Payne, 10s.; M. McCabe, 6s. 3d.; M. Linehan, 6s. 3d.; Rev. J. Burke, 6s. 3d.

Per Rev. Mr. Michel, Cumberland—John Madden, 21 5s.

Per Rev. M. Lalor, Pictou—Self, 10s.; W. Dwyre, 10s.

Per J. O'Sullivan, Prescott—S. Kavanagh, 9s. 4d.; H. Murphy 6s. 3d.; E. M'Gannon, 6s. 3d.; J. Byrne, 6s. 3d.; P. Colhane, 6s. 3d.; E. M'Keon, 6s. 3d.; M. Walsh, 6s. 3d.

Per Rev. J. Rossiter, Gananoque—James Murphy, 5s.

Per M. Heaphy, Kemptville—P. Whalen, 10s.

Per D. G. M'Donald, Somersstown—Self, 13s. 9d.; K. M'Donald, 6s. 3d.

Per P. Kelly, Buckingham—Self, 6s. 3d.; D. Dunigan, Sen., 6s. 3d.

Per John Roberts, Amherstburgh—Self, 12s. 6d.; Tarence M'Guire, 12s. 6d.

Per A. M'Donnell, Cornwall—Self 12s. 6d.; Rev. T. Walsh, 12s. 6d.

Died.

In this city, on the 28th ult., Mr. Henry Luffin, 26 years, a native of Kilkenny, Ireland.

Married.

In this city, on the 7th inst., by the Rev. P. O'Dowd, Mr. Michael McShane, son of Mr. James McShane, to Miss Margaret Loftus, only daughter of the late Mr. Anthony Loftus, both of this city.

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