

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Shamrock Fancy Fair will open in the Windsor Hall on Saturday, the 18th of April.

St. PAUL'S Catholic Orphan Asylum, Pittsburgh, received a Christmas gift by which it is enriched to the extent of \$100,000. The donor is a Mr. Jas. Dolan. More than one orphan will bless his memory.

At Kandy the golden jubilee of the arrival of the Sylvesterian Fathers in Ceylon was celebrated on the feast of St. Sylvester. The occasion was one of great rejoicing and was participated in by distinguished guests from far and near.

The Government of Obwald, Switzerland, has decided to rebuild the famous Capuchin Convent of Sarnen, which was burned down. The fire destroyed a most precious library of over four thousand volumes. This loss, however, cannot be repaired.

LIEUT. ASTRUP, who accompanied the two Peary expeditions to Greenland, lost his life in exploring Norway. He was a brave fellow, but too fond of courting danger. We know the warning to all who "love danger" they are likely "to perish therein."

REV. BERNARD VAUGHAN'S lectures in reply to Bishop Moorehouse of Salford, England, have borne good fruit. Recently the Catholic Bishop of Salford confirmed a dozen converts. Wonderful is the work being done by this eminent priest and by his brother the Cardinal.

The Jesuit is first every place and in everything. A Jesuit invented the first balloon in the year 1620. The idea was revived in France by M. Montgolfier in 1783, and introduced into England the following year. Still the Jesuit got ahead of everyone else—even in ballooning.

It speaks well for the Michigan railways that the State Railroad Commissioner has been able to report that out of one million passengers, carried over even thousand five hundred and sixty-five miles of road, during last year, not one death by railway accident took place.

The inventor of matches, in their present form, died, at the age of seventy-nine years, in Hungary. His name was Johann Irinyi. He brought out his invention in Vienna in 1836 and started a factory there. He died a very poor man, the fate of nearly all the benefactors of our race.

MGR. BOYER, of France, lately raised to the dignity of Cardinal, is the son of a carpenter. In his episcopal arms may be seen the carpenter's plane. Greater than he was the son of a carpenter. Such the democracy of the Church, despite the accusations of her enemies to the contrary.

This year the second centenary of the birth of St. Liguori will be celebrated. A committee has been established in Rome to organize for the commemoration. The occasion will furnish an opportunity to a few systematic calumniators to continue their misquotations from the works of the Saint.

ASH WEDNESDAY, this year, falls on the 19th of February. Consequently this day two weeks the Lenten season commences. All Catholics know what that means. There are certain prohibitions that take force with the opening of Lent; arrange your engagements and undertakings in accordance.

AMONGST the many queer questions that persons, who have nothing else to do, send to editors, we find one in which the writer wishes to know who Sir Roger de Coverley's father was. One would feel inclined to reply that "old man de Coverley" was his father; but seriously we must give the credit to Addison.

DR. DUBOIS claims to have found the fossil bones of the missing link, in Java. He calls it the "pithecanthropus erectus." A very good name, perhaps; but Professor Virchow knocks the theory into a cocked hat by proving that the bones do not belong to the same body and are not identical with those found in man.

A REV. MR. HITCHENS, of London, preached a sermon on the question, "Why I am a Protestant." He answered the question by claiming to be a Catholic, and gave as a reason—whether for his Catholicism or Protestantism he did not say—that "Protestantism was now ridiculed, hated." A peculiar way of explaining his religious status.

The famous "Canada-Revue" case, against Archbishop Fabre, has gone under. The enthusiastic advocates for the defunct paper were unable to raise the necessary amount for a deposit, in order to carry the appeal to the Privy Council. If they only knew it, they should be very thankful. Such appeal

would have simply resulted in failure for them, and the loss of deposit, costs and everything. There is an old saying, "let well enough alone." In this case it might be reversed as an advice to the friends of the "Canada-Revue,"—they should let had enough alone, in case it might be worse.

The "Literary Digest" has a lengthy article, which the Daily Witness reproduced on its editorial page, last Saturday, concerning the book, said to be written by Leo XIII. and placed on the "Index." It is a tissue of falsehoods from first to last. No book ever written by the present Pope is or was on the "Index." Last week we explained the error.

SIR JOHN HERSCHEL proved that an icicle forty-five miles in diameter and 200,000 miles long would melt in one minute if it should fall into the sun. "Where did he get the icicle and how did he try the experiment?" asks a disbeliever in science. The question is just as absurd as are those suggested by modern atheism in regard to the great truths of religion.

ROCKLAND, Maine, has the new woman in full force. In that town they have a woman justice of the peace, a woman court stenographer, three women who wear bloomers, and a woman who successfully opposed woman suffrage in a public debate a few days ago. Her argument is, that if a woman is not smart enough to control a man's vote she is not fit to have a vote herself.

CARDINAL GIBBONS' book, "The Faith of Our Fathers," has been translated into the point alphabet for the blind. This is the highest compliment that could be paid the author and the work; it speaks more for the value and importance of the book than had it been translated into a dozen living languages. This simple announcement gives but a faint idea of the labor and expenses such a translation entails.

The German Emperor denies that he apologized to England on account of his telegram to the President of the Transvaal. The London papers made the assertion and the Emperor was very indignant, and the reports put him in bad humor. It doesn't matter much whether he apologized or not; and for his indignation and bad humor, that state of mind is now chronic with him. No one cares a snap.

The Daily Witness characterizes Lord Salisbury's speech on the Armenian question as "the cold-blooded speech of the Yiddiz Kiosk, and not the warm flow from a British heart." Our contemporary points out that the speech "will give the best handle to Britain's enemies to mock at her." The great mistake that Lord Salisbury made was to declare that England had no moral obligation to protect Armenians.

The ups and downs of life are well illustrated in the fact that not long ago a man, thirty-six years old, arrested in Paris for stealing fruit, turned out to have been formerly a banker. He had an accomplice who was an ex-notary, and the stolen property was peddled from door to door in the basket of the ex-banker's mistress. She had once been a great society lady. Moral:—"The wages of sin" &c., &c.

SISTER EMILIA, known as "the model Sister," died at the age of eighty years, in the Ospedale Maggiore at Milan. In the world she was known as Aleardi Francesca, and was a native of Bergamo. She became a Sister of St. Vincent de Paul, and spent forty-three years of her life taking care of the insane. The Cardinal Archbishop of Milan visited her deathbed, also came several royal personages to bid her adieu.

The late Very Rev. Augustine Le Paillur, who died at Rome in his eighty-third year, was a man of exceptional merit and piety. He was the founder and the Father-General of the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor. This Congregation is now spread over the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Spain, the United States, Africa, Asia and Australia, as well as Canada. There are over 260 houses supporting fully 33,000 old people.

The Pope is reported to have addressed a letter to the Czar, complaining that the Polish deputation which intended to visit Rome, to congratulate the Pontiff on New Year's Day, was forbidden to leave Russia, and that the Catholic clergy have much to suffer from vexatious treatment by Russian officials in government circles. Whether Leo XIII. wrote this complaint or not we cannot say; but every person knows that there exists good reason for it.

One of our American exchanges says: "Keep out those predatory Canadians that are usurping the employment that belongs to American citizens. Canada has been snarling too much of late to expect any favors from the American people." And still those same neighbors imagine that Canadians should

go into fits of delight every time their predatory American cousins talk of invading, annexing or usurping Canada. Who wants favors, anyway?

JUDGE BRAUSEWITZER, the most severe of all the Berlin judges, who aroused much adverse criticism by his terrible sentences upon political prisoners, has become insane and is confined in an asylum. Efforts are being made to have some of his worst sentences set aside. The plea of insanity for prisoners, accused of grave crimes, is now becoming very frequent; but it rarely strikes the public that there is a possibility of judges and juries being affected with the same malady.

The municipal elections are over. Quiet will now reign for a time. During the present week and, perhaps, for a few days longer the results will be discussed; the victors will rejoice and the vanquished seek excuses for the unfavorable results. Then the public attention will turn towards the future and the great event of 1896, the Dominion general elections, will occupy every person. Speculation will be rife; but even that event will come and pass, and the country will go on as ever; citizens will be born and citizens will die, but Canada will continue along the highway of progress.

The Arena, for February, has some very able written articles, amongst others "The land of the Noonday Sun—Anahuac," from the pen of Justice Walter Clark. This writer gives a very beautiful account of the early civilization in the land of the Montezumas. What is most striking in his article is the comparison drawn between European and Mexican civilization. This one contribution, alone, would suffice to make the current number of that magazine of great value. We, however, cannot admire the "Scientific Theosophy" of Professor Buchanan; his theories do not harmonize with reason, or even elementary science.

MR. F. E. GRAFTON, one of Montreal's most energetic and well-known citizens, pays us quite a compliment in his contribution to the Daily Witness jubilee symposium. Recalling the years and events long gone, Mr. Grafton says:—"Then early in the fifties, I think, appeared THE TRUE WITNESS, edited by a Mr. Clerk. Of its tone and spirit I need not write. I will only say that THE TRUE WITNESS of to-day is in advance of its ancestor, both in intellectual ability, moral tone and Christian spirit. I wish that it may continue to grow in all these qualities." While humbly disclaiming any such superiority, we must admit that—

"Old times are changed, old manners gone," and a feeling of greater conciliation and a lesser one of rude antagonism exist today between the two organs. We trust, likewise, that nothing may ever arise to disturb that peaceful state of things.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## OUR CATHOLIC SAILORS.

To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS:

DEAR SIR,—Knowing the lively interest you take in the efforts being made to maintain a suitable place of reception for the Catholic sailors coming into the port of Montreal during the Summer and Autumn months, I have the pleasure of informing you that a meeting of ladies was held in Hall & Scott's rooms, St. Catherine street, on Thursday, the 30th ult., to inaugurate the work for the coming season. Lady Hingston, President of the Association, presided, and the meeting was altogether encouraging, as well from the number of ladies present as the warm and generous interest evinced by all in the progress of the work.

Communications were read from the enlightened and fair-minded manager of the Sailors' Institute and from Mr. Walsh, a zealous Catholic, who, during the maritime season of the past year, devoted much of his spare time to the spiritual interests and even amusement of our dear Catholic seamen, spending his Sunday evenings amongst them in their Club Room to their great instruction and edification.

The former gentleman, although a Protestant, bore testimony to the great good done by our association for the Catholic sailors coming to this port—fully three-fourths, he said, of the whole number, and earnestly entreating the ladies who have done so much for the work, not to relax in their efforts, but rather to increase them, in the coming time. Mr. Walsh, on the other hand, from an intimate and practical knowledge of the immense spiritual good done by the work, by having a large and sufficiently commodious hall adjacent to the wharves, where the Catholic seamen come together as in a common home for six months of the year while visiting Montreal, where all around them is Catholic and a warm welcome awaiting them, with good Catholic reading as well as amusing as instructive and edifying, is amply supplied, together with stationery, games of various kinds and music in abundance. Then the Rosary is said on Sunday evenings, directions are given for finding priests for confession, the hours for Mass in the different churches, and not least in importance, we may add, where Catholic affairs, Catholic interests, are discussed and talked of so as to keep the men in touch with their co-religionists throughout the world. To all this Mr. Walsh merely referred in general terms but tersely and effectively, but I think it not amiss to enumerate

in detail a few of the principal advantages derived by our Catholic sailors from these efforts in their behalf, efforts which they so thoroughly appreciate and so gratefully acknowledge.

Now is it not a great privilege—as it also is a sacred duty—for the Catholic ladies of Montreal—the City of Mary, as we love to call it—to have a share in this grand work of Christian charity? And, indeed, judging by what we saw and heard at the meeting on Thursday last, there is no lack of enthusiasm on the subject. But such a work necessitates considerable outlay, not only during the time when the seamen are in port, but during the whole year, as the hall is rented by the year and has to be paid for, not alone to secure it for the coming season, but also for the storing of the small library, pictures, etc., etc., provided by the Association. It cannot, therefore, be expected that the ladies can carry it on without the aid of the gentlemen who, hitherto, have sufficiently testified their willingness to assist. To them we still look for that pecuniary aid that will enable us to effect all the good possible during the summer and autumn of 1896 for the many thousands of Catholic seamen whose duties still bring them to our city. The special blessing of our dear and venerable Archbishop has been on the work and the workers from the beginning and the clergy of the several parishes, as well as the Jesuit Fathers, to one of whom is Rev. E. J. Devine, the work is now specially entrusted,—have all along manifested their deep interest in its progress. The gentlemen of the Catholic Truth Society have done loyal and effective service, too, in this great work, and we are all well assured that they will continue to do so in the future. The harvest is great and the laborers ought to be many.

Believe me, Dear Sir,  
Very truly yours,  
MARY A. SADLER.  
February 1st, 1896.

## POLITICAL DUBCITY.

To the Editor TRUE WITNESS.

SIR.—Political duplicity was never so rampant as it is today, in Canadian Politics. As the best issues are attained only when each qualified voter deposits his ballot conscientiously, the greater is the necessity that the electors should receive all the enlightenment possible on the subject, when superimposed questions are at stake. It is to be regretted, indeed, that the channels through which such information could reach Catholic readers, and particularly those speaking the English language, are not more numerous and better circulated. There are so many ways in which to hoodwink the electorate, that an elector should weigh well the consequences of an ill cast vote. There are politicians who are ever ready to make some sacrifice of principle in order not to alienate their supporters. In the majority of cases the newspapers of either political party are treacherous and misleading, working only in the interests of some private or local and sometimes infamous design. The newspapers are against what they are pleased to call the "nothing of the day," in politics. Now, I pretend that the Roman Catholic Clergy are very conservative on that point and refrain from "muddling" with the most Christian heroism. Is the hierarchy a nonentity in the community? Has it no right to exist? no cause to defend? no object to work for? If a clergyman's property is stolen, or his person attacked, has he no protection in the courts? If his charter is infringed, or his provinces invaded, is he to have no redress? When a private bill is introduced into our legislatures, the clauses of which seem to infringe upon the acquired rights of a third party, Parliament always considers it a duty to notify such party that he or she may be present and protect said rights. Let it be well understood that the Clergy are practising considerable forbearance, when we consider the numerous invasions to which they are repeatedly subjected in the two divisions of their civilizing and harmonizing sphere, education and morality.

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## PERSONAL.

CAPTAIN FRANK LOYE.

We were pleased to see, in the last issue of the *Utica Globe*, a very fine portrait of Captain Frank Loye, the popular and universally esteemed chief of No. 5 police and patrol station. Montreal possesses no more competent officer, honest citizen, or patriotic and faithful man than Capt. Loye. The captain is a native of Armagh, Ireland. At the age of 19 he joined the Royal Irish Constabulary, resigning in 1874, to come to Canada. He settled in Montreal and immediately joined the police force. During the greater part of his 20 years' service he held the honorable position of sergeant. He was first put in charge of No. 6 police district, and eleven years ago was transferred to the most important district in the city, No. 5. This includes the business centre and leading residential portion of Montreal. In a recent voting contest for the most popular captain, the subject of this sketch was awarded the first prize, which was a beautiful gold medal. Of the large number of ballots cast Capt. Loye received 11,337. He takes a great interest in athletic sports and was the promoter of the annual police games here. He is the captain of the police tug-of-war team, champions of Canada until quite recently. With the newspaper men, as with thousands of our leading citizens, Capt. Loye is a general favorite.

## A GRAND DAY

FOR ST. MARY'S SCHOOL BOYS.

Yesterday afternoon about two hundred and fifty of the boys of St. Mary's school had a grand drive around the mountain. They were accompanied by the Rev. Pastor of the parish, Father O'Donnell, and left the presbytery door at two o'clock, singing songs and making the air ring with indications of joyousness and happy youth. It was a gala day for the young lads, and they owe the pleasure to the devotedness and good-heartedness of their beloved pastor, who spurs no pains to make the days of youth happy in every sense for the children under his spiritual care.

## REQUIEM SERVICES

FOR THE LATE HON. SENATOR MURPHY.

On Tuesday morning a Requiem Service, for the repose of the soul of the late Hon. Senator Murphy, took place at the Presbytery.

On Thursday, to-morrow, at 8 a.m., a similar service, for the same hon. gentleman, will be sung.—R.I.P.

## THE LENTEN PREACHER.

Rev. Father Trepier will preach the Lenten sermons, at Notre-Dame Church, this year. Father Trepier belongs to the Dominican Order and is Prior at Nancy, France. He has preached, with great success, Lenten sermons at Nancy, Dijon, Langres, Nevers, Chalons and Paris. His oratorical powers are brilliant and he ranks amongst the best religious orators in France. The celebrated preacher left Havre, last Saturday, on La Gascogne, and is expected here Monday or Tuesday next.

There will be no change this year in the Lenten observances. Lent begins on the 19th inst.

## PRESENTATION.

Last week the members of the St. Ann's Junior Young Men's Society, under the direction of the Rev. Parish priest of St. Ann's and the Rev. Director of the school, presented Mr. F. J. Gallagher with a nicely worded address and a beautiful gold-headed cane, in recognition of the many and signal services he had done the society. It was a well-merited tribute and was deeply appreciated by the gentleman so honored. Mr. Gallagher has always been ready to lend his talents and assistance, no matter when called upon, to the advancement of the young men, and on more than one occasion gave evidence of an exceptional devotion to their prosperity and success.

## A LARGE ICE CONTRACT.

Messrs. J. Quinn & Co., the widely-known ice dealers, have secured the contracts for supplying ice to the Windsor Hotel, the St. Lawrence Hall and a number of the Cold Storage companies. All the ice handled by the Quinn firm is cut above the Victoria bridge and is most clear, clean and reliable. We trust, for the sake of our citizens' health, that they will have as much supplying of ice as they can attend to this year.

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## A NEW IRISH REGIMENT.

A CORPS ORGANIZED IN NEW YORK BY THE CLANNA-GAEL.

The first Regiment, Irish Volunteers, was formally turned over to a band from the Clann-na-Gael Society Thursday night at the Grand Central Palace, Lexington avenue and Forty-third street, in New York.

After the formal transfer the officers of the regiment unanimously elected Jas. A. Morgan, formerly Lieutenant-colonel of the old Sixty-ninth Regiment, to be colonel. There are 11 companies, and 600 men nearly equipped and armed in the new military organization. They have been organized for the last five months. The men formed in companies early in the evening, and there was company and battalion drills. The evolutions were performed with considerable military skill, and showed that the men had been carefully trained. The uniforms are nearly the same as those of the National Guard. On top of the cap is a field of yellow, with a green shamrock above it. On the commander's cap, however, the orange was placed designedly above the shamrock. Col. Morgan explained that this meant that the military movement wished to embrace every son of Erin, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic. After the military maneuvers, the formal transfer took place. Colonel Morgan made a short speech, in which he said the regiment had been formed according to the instructions of the Clann-na-Gael, and was now nearly perfected. He said it was ready to fight for the Stars and Stripes against any foe. It was not true that it was to fight against any one enemy, though it would be much pleased could it select the enemy against which to turn its arms. He said it was to be known as the First Regiment, Irish Infantry, and would probably be properly called the First Regiment of the Monroe Doctrine. The regiment carried a large American flag with the Irish flag.

## ECCLESIASTICAL APPOINTMENTS.

Mgr. Fabre has made the following appointments: Rev. J. A. Bertrand, Chaplain at St. Jean de Dieu Asylum; Rev. A. Corbell, Cure of St. Basile le Grand; Rev. A. Chausse, Vicar of St. Vincent de Paul; Rev. D. Meloche, Vicar at St. Louis de France.

## DIED.

CREIGHTON.—In Chicago, Ill., on January 23rd, at his late residence, 553 West 14th Place, Francis Creighton, aged 69 years, formerly of Montreal, and for many years in the employ of H. & A. Allan and Co. Funeral took place Sunday, 24th, at Church of the Holy Family, and thence to Mount Olivet Cemetery for interment. Requiescat in pace.