

OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

Reminiscences of the Civil War.

Life and Letters of General Smith
--The Results of the Story of
Early Christian Martyrs--Mus-
ings on the Work of Novel Writ-
ers of the Present.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

PHILADELPHIA, February 7, 1898.—Among the books that are of interest to the Catholic reading public as well as others, is a late publication of G. P. Putnam's Sons—the "Life and Letters of Thomas Kilby Smith, Brevet Major-General United States Volunteers." As I have said before, we are now in the last days when it will be possible to gather up the war of 1861-1865 from those who took part in the anxieties, at least, of that eventful period, and this "Life and Letters" has been issued by the son of General Smith while it is not too late for those who shared its perils with the General to read, enjoy and bear testimony to the truth of its record. It is a fine memorial of a fearless, earnest and courageous soldier. In those days men who were born to peaceful pursuits found themselves suddenly plunged into a strife as terrible as it seemed unequal and as disappointing as it was unexpected. The one satisfying and ennobling feature of it at that time—for, since then, we have come to see with clear eyes that it was "all for good"—was the courage, the calm good sense, and the heroic endurance of our countrymen. They became soldiers and heroes such as we had only read of in the golden pages of history, and that before we knew it. Into almost every home throughout the length and breadth of the land the daily mails bore the record of the innermost heart of

PATIENT, UNSELFISH, PATRIOTIC MEN, and whether it was the shapeless scrawl of the village boy, or the rounded periods and flowing chirography of the scholar and thinker, it told the same story. Such letters as General Smith's belong unmis- takeably to the last, and it is a privilege that they have been laid before the public. Their unadorned ease and free- dom of expression, their clearness and vividness of description, their testimony to the worth of men whose names are an inheritance of honor, and their equally unconscious evidence of the strength and power of the writer, render their perusal valuable and entertaining. The General started at the opening of the war with the Ohio men, from that Camp Dennison which stood for so much to so many. His career was with Sherman and Grant, and was a continuous one. He asked no favors, had no fur- loughs, but steadily and unflinchingly followed the line of duty. Anyone can imagine with what interest he could invest the story of those years in which he was a daily actor. The horrors of war were never better portrayed, the wonders and charms of the land laid desolate were never more vividly set forth, while the frank

EXPRESSIONS OF HIS OWN FEELINGS and impressions are a constant witness to the truth of what he writes. The fact that these letters are addressed to the gifted and accomplished wife, whom all Catholic readers know as the poet and writer, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Smith, that he was the father of the holy Father Maurice, of the Passionists, of Helen Grace Smith, whose work comes before us in our reviews and magazines and re- views, of Adrian Smith, also poet, whose untimely death was indeed a loss to Catholic literature, and of Mrs. Elizabeth Barnett Esler, a writer of prose and poetry of no common merit, and of Walter George Smith, the son who com- piled this volume and who has made a name for himself through his devotion to the cause of the suffering and help- less, affords unequivocal proof that the "Life and Letters" have a claim on Catholic interest. General Smith died a Catholic, and from first to last his career was marked by manliness, dig- nity, and that fearless faith in himself as a man in the sphere where the God he trusted had placed him, which is so dear to every American, and which really seems to be the only true attitude of man towards his Maker. To sum it all up, in a sentence, the book is inter- esting, instructive, well compiled and beautiful in its outward seeming.

Mistaken Impressions.

How often it is our lot to find ourselves mistaken in the impressions of a life- time! This has been borne upon me recently with regard to certain books that I have always found extremely unpleas- ant and revolting, and of which I have asked myself frequently if there could be any use for such writings. I mean those stories of which we have so many in the hands of our young people, the stories of the far past that deal, very immaturity, with martyrdoms and persecutions. Masterpieces of this kind, I knew, had power, and justly, but the ordinary 'run' I held in light esteem. But of late, I have seen a non-Catholic, intelligent, wide-awake, worldly in a degree, and al- together ignorant of Catholicity in its true meaning, perfectly fascinated by a series which had come under his notice. He says, until he picked up one of the volumes and looked into it, he never realized in the least what the sufferings of the early Christians meant, and the beauty and purity and sincerity of the martyrs seem to grow upon him day by day. My questioning is forever set at rest. I have seen the effect in one such case, I am sure there are many more of the same kind unknown to me. Surely, 'by ways I have not known, God leads us home.'

The Age of the Novel Writer.

I happened on a few lines in a short article the other day that have caused me much pleasant thought, because it

set forth so clearly the 'facts of the case' in a matter that has frequently puzzled me. This is the age of reading, and, preeminently, the age of the novel, yet why is it that we who read are so dissatisfied with what we read? The last new book gives us a moment's ex- citement, but we drop it with a vague unrest, and exclamation, and, apostro- phizing soon ended, we care no more for it. Because, says this paragraph, there is nothing that lifts us up out of our- selves in the novels of the day. The perpetual unveiling of the sins, the sor- row, the narrowness, and miseries of our fellowmen, awakens no high thoughts, no eager ambi- tions, no unselfish longings and enthu- siastic—if evanescent—resolves. Pity and sympathy call upon us after a time, and the feeling which a clever woman thinks they encourage, that 'the one next to you' may be narrower in mind and outlook than you are, and should be helped by you to rise beyond these limits, is what I call an altogether base- less self-conceit. I have no reason what- ever to think that anyone I know lives on a lower plane than the heights to which I may imagine I have been lifted up. I am far more inclined to look for some lesson in climbing to each one with whom I come in contact, and I think this attitude of every human being towards every other human being of

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is intolerable. Miss Wilkins, for in- stance, has written a great deal, and it has been assumed that she has written well, but a more depressing, idly amusing series of writings there is not in ex- istence. Their horrible poverty, and the endless grovelling among women whose aims are pitifully low, their sorrows—real, of course, but utterly ignoble—grotesque, and their joys ludicrous, are of no benefit to anyone. That there are people such as those of whom she writes, there can be no doubt. If they read, what must be their petty misery over Miss Wilkins' 'clever' sketchiness? With what lurking contempt does their neighbor look down upon them in their portraits, and with what calm self-com- placency goes forth the reader who is 'moved to pity such inferior natures' to labor for their elevation to her superior 'light and sweetness.' Real- ism, even innocent realism, degrades. Romance, adventure, even a bold and fearless impossibility, may awaken a sluggish nature or shame a selfish coward. But even realism, if it were truth- ful, would find that in our next neighbor of limited vision which should put us to the blush, for, in something, everyone we meet excels our inner selves. Relative virtue very much scattered is all any of us dare claim, and the more we claim the less we have of it.

SARA TRAINER SMITH.

OBITUARY.

MR. PATRICK COOKE.

In the death of Mr. Patrick Cooke, Montreal is called on to mourn the loss of one of its old and respected citizens, and the parish of St. Patrick loses an ex- emplary and virtuous member. His familiar form was recognized at all its services, and during the recent renewal of the mission, under the direction of the Redemptorist Fathers, he was a con- spicuous attendant at all its exercises. Mr. Cooke died after a short illness, fol- lowed by the rights of the Church, and all the consolation of religion.

Deceased leaves four daughters and three sons; and of the former, one is a member of the Congregation de Notre Dame, Sister St. Catherine of the Rosary; of his sons, Mr. Robert J. Cooke holds a prominent place in the commercial world, occupying the position of confidential man for a leading importing house, as well as being known in the circle of Irish Catho- lics through his long association with the S.A.A.A. and Shamrock Lacrosse Club, in both of which organizations he has held the highest offices. The other two sons, Thomas J. and Francis, are also engaged in business on their own account.

Mr. Cooke was born in Dublin 68 years ago, and came to Montreal when he was 28 years old. The funeral, which was held on Monday morning, was attended by a large concourse of citizens of all classes. A solemn Requiem Mass, at which Rev. Martin Callaghan, S.S., officiated, was chanted at St. Patrick's Church, where deceased worshipped so long and so devoutly, after which the re- mains were transferred to Cote des Neiges Cemetery for interment.

The TRUE WITNESS tenders to Sister St. Catherine of the Rosary, and mem- bers of the family its respectful and sin- cere condolence in the loss they have suffered.

MR. WILLIAM KENNEDY.

A very sad and painfully sudden death was that of the genial and kind hearted master carter, Mr. William Kennedy, brother of the late Ald. P. Kennedy, M.L.A., which sad event occurred on Thursday last. Deceased was suddenly stricken while in the pursuit of his reg- ular vocation, and immediately removed to his residence on William street. Three medical practitioners were sum- moned to his bedside, and despite all that their skill could devise, he passed away.

Deceased was popular not alone amongst those engaged in the same business as himself, but was also ap- preciated in the circle of a large number of business men, who looked upon him as a man of sterling worth. In St. Ann's Ward, where he had resided for more than a quarter of a century, he was highly esteemed.

Mr. Kennedy was a devoted husband and a kind and indulgent father. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his sad and untimely death, to whom the TRUE WITNESS tenders its sympathy in their affliction.

MISS KATIE EGAN.

Death has again laid its heavy hand on a circle it has visited with sad fre- quency in the past few years—and the house of Mrs. Christopher Egan is once

more thrown into deepest grief, by the death of her devoted daughter, Miss Katie Egan, which occurred on Thurs- day, at her late residence, 101 Mance street. There is a feeling of deep and earnest sympathy for the bereaved mother, brothers and sisters in the affliction to which they have been subjected, and their loss is shared by the very many friends of the deceased who re- cognized in her a valuable member of society, an exemplary and zealous Catho- lic, and one who in all the relations of life was a model Christian woman. Her brilliant accomplishments were freely and generously devoted to the promotion of charitable objects, and the bazaar tables of St. Patrick's and other parishes for years have borne evi- dence of her artistic taste and skill. She was an enthusiastic member of several ladies' charitable societies, and a valued worker in all organizations and undertakings designed for the good of the Church. The funeral, which was held this morning to St. Patrick's Church, where a solemn Requiem Mass was chanted, was largely attended.—R.I.P.

WILLIAM S. ROBERT.

It is our sad duty to chronicle the death of William S. Roberts, which event took place at his residence, in the parish of St. Philippe d'Argenteuil, on the night of the 31st January last. For many months previous to his death he had patiently borne up under a most distressing malady; always resigning himself to whatever the will of God should appoint for him; but at length the end came, and with calm submission he surrendered his soul to his Maker. The Rev. Father Bazinet remained with him to the last, and to the many sorrow- ing friends who knelt with him to im- plore the Divine assistance in his behalf, it seemed more like a gentle sleep than the hand of death that was upon him. It was a truly Christian death, and a fitting close to a noble, well-earned life.

On Monday, the 24th January, at 10 a.m., the remains were conveyed to the parish church, where a solemn Requiem Mass was offered up for the repose of his soul, and then the body was consigned to the vault.

Deceased was 39 years of age, and was a son of the late John Robert and Ann Bryerton. Like his father and grand- father, he was a farmer, and lived in the home inherited from them. He was also a cousin to the late Miss Mary McGowan, for many years associated with good works in St. Patrick's Parish, Montreal, and who will also be remem- bered by many Catholic frequenters of Caledonia Springs. It was at his home she died on September 19th, 1896.

He leaves four sisters and one brother, also his wife (formerly Miss A. Whelehan) and four small children to deeply mourn his loss. To them we offer our heartfelt sympathy, and with them let us take a loving farewell of him in the words of Canada's poet:—

Friend of my soul! farewell to thee;
Thy truth, thy trust, thy chivalry,
As thine: so may my last end be.

MR. WILLIAM BYRNE.

The sad news has reached us of the sudden death on Sunday, Jan. 30, of one of the staunch friends of the TRUE WIT- NESS, at Prince Edward Island, in the person of Mr. William Byrne, the mes- senger of the Dominion Savings Bank, of Charlottetown. The Daily Patriot of that city speaks of the deceased in the following terms:—

Mr. Byrne was in the 45th year of his age, and was attending to his duties as usual on Saturday last. Just before leaving the office Saturday afternoon he complained to Mr. Pope, Receiver Gen- eral of the Bank, of feeling unwell, but nothing serious was apprehended. That night, however, Mr. Byrne became seri- ously ill, and towards morning two doc- tors were in attendance. Notwithstanding their skill, and the best care and attention that loving hands could be- stow, Mr. Byrne gradually became weaker, and about 9 o'clock his spirit passed away. Heart trouble is said to have been the cause of his demise.

Mr. Byrne was appointed messenger of the Bank in the fall of 1893, having previous to his appointment been a law clerk in a legal firm here. He was an efficient official, and discharged his duty with most commendable fidelity and never failing courtesy.

Among his acquaintances Mr. Byrne was most genial in manner and bright in conversation, his mind being well stored with general reading. The flag on the Dominion Building is flying at half mast out of respect to his memory. A widow and a family of four girls and one boy are left to mourn for a loving husband and father. Messrs. James, John and Edward Byrne, of this city, are brothers of the deceased. All relatives have our sincere sympathy in this their dark hour of bereavement. We earnestly join in this expression of sympathy to the family.

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Twelve thousand persons in St. Peters- burg are to be thrown out of employ- ment by the introduction of the State monopoly of the sale of spirituous liquors, and mindful of the helpless con- dition in which this will leave many of them the Government has made it known that such as are by the change deprived of their means of livelihood shall be sent back to their native places free of cost. It is not expected that many will elect to go, as they have become accustomed to city life and habits, and the prospect is that most of them will remain to swell the ranks of the unemployed and discontented in that capital, a prospect which is met by the installation of a lot of additional policemen to keep them in order.

MGR. BURCHESI

Accorded a Grand Reception at Mount St. Louis College.

Another Fond Tribute to Our New Archbishop--An Excellent Pro- gramme--Presentation and Banquet.

Mount St. Louis Institute, Sherbrooke street, conducted by the Rev. Brothers of the Christian Schools, presented a joyous appearance on Tuesday evening, the occasion being a grand reception tendered His Grace Archbishop Burchesi by the professors, pupils and friends of the College. The hall had been taste- fully decorated with flags and bunting, while numerous colored incandescents lights together with the large and brilliant audience lent an air of beauty to the scene.

Seated beside the guest of the evening were their Graces, Mgr. Langevin, Archbishop of Manitoba, Mgr. Gravel, Bishop of Nicolet and Mgr. Decelles, Coadjutor Bishop of St. Hyacinthe, together with many priests of the Archdiocese. An excellent programme had been prepared, and each and every item was most cred- itably rendered by the pupils. Special mention must be made of a Cantata especially composed and adapted to music for the occasion by the Rev. Bro. Director. In it the reverend composer paid a high tribute to Maisonneuve, Laval, and the other early founders of Canada. Its closing stanzas were very complimentary to Archbishop Burchesi and his illustrious predecessors in the Episcopal See of Montreal. It is needless to say that the choir in its rendition of the Cantata did full justice to it.

A fancy march by the cadets of No. 1 Company received much well merited applause. This item consisted in form- ing, by various evolutions of the sec- tions of the company, the words "Vive Monsignor." The effect was consider- able heightened by the action of the colored lights.

An essay on Mount Royal, entitled "Montreal's Sentinel," was ably delivered by C. Conrad. Then followed a recita- tion, "Le Monument de Maisonneuve," by A. Robitaille, and an overture by Mount St. Louis band. These were suc- ceeded by the recitation of a poem, en- titled "The Celt in Canada," which was composed by Thomas Whelan, a pupil of the College, and creditably declaimed by J. Connolly. The gymnastic exercises by the Cadets of No. 3 Company were also much applauded, and the proficiency of the youngsters comprising this company is quite wonderful.

Addressees to His Grace were then read in English by Alfred Cardell, and in French by Adolphe Mailhot, and were presented to him, together with a well filled purse from the pupils.

In reply, Mgr. Burchesi thanked them for their reception as well as their pre- sentation, and complimented them upon the excellence of their entertainment, but reminded them that application to study in class would be the most useful to them in after life when they would be the future business men of our city. He also referred to the advantages of a religious education and praised the efforts of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in their zeal for the education of youth. He closed by granting all the pupils a grand holiday.

Wednesday His Grace was also tendered a banquet at the College, which passed off equally as successful as the reception of the previous evening.

The complete programme of the recep- tion was as follows:—

1. Les Enfants de Troupe, Marche.....Steenebruggen Mount St. Louis Band.
2. Ballet Militaire.....Cadets No. 1 Company.
3. Cantata—First part.....C. Conrad.
4. Montreal's Sentinel.....C. Conrad.
5. Cantata—Second part.....Antonio Robitaille.
6. Le Monument de Maisonneuve.....Mont St. Louis Band.
7. Les Mousquetaires, Overture.....Morand Mount St. Louis Band.
8. The Celt in Canada.....Thos. Whelan J. Connolly.
9. Cantata—Third part.....O. Cremazie Albert Therberge.
10. Mgr. de Laval.....Cadets No. 3 Company.
11. Gymnastic Exercises.....Adolphe Mailhot, Alfred Cardell.
12. Addressees.....Missud Mount St. Louis Band.
13. Cantata—Fourth part.....
14. London March.....

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DIED.

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