

OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

Reminiscences of the Civil War.

Life and Letters of General Smith --The Results of the Story of Early Christian Martyrs--Musings on the Work of Novel Writers 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 1861-1895 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.

Patience, 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 unmistakably to the past, and it is a privilege that they have been laid before the public.

It 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.

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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 exemplary and virtuous member.

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.

MR. WILLIAM KENNEDY. Deceased was popular not alone amongst those engaged in the same business as himself, but was also appreciated in the circle of a large number of business men, who looked upon him as a man of sterling worth.

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

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Deceased was 39 years of age, and was a son of the late John Robert and Ann Bryerton. Like his father and grandfather, he was a farmer, and lived in the home inherited from them.

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 Witness, at Prince Edward Island, in the person of Mr. William Byrne, the messenger of the Dominion Savings Bank, of Charlottetown.

Among his acquaintances Mr. Byrne was most genial in manner and bright in conversation, his mind being well stored with general reading.

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MGR. BURCHESI

Accorded a Grand Reception at Mount St. Louis College.

Another Fond Tribute to Our New Archbishop--An Excellent Programme--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.

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 essay on Mount Royal, entitled "Montreal's Sentinel," was ably delivered by C. Conrad. Then followed a recitation, "Le Monument de Maisonneuve," by A. Robitaille, and an overture by Mount St. Louis band.

Addresses 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.

- 1. Les Enfants de Troupe, Marche..... Steensbruggen 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..... Adolphe Mailhot, Alfred Cardell.
6. Le Monument de Maisonneuve..... Antonio Robitaille.
7. Les Mouquetaires, 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..... O. Cremazie Cadets No. 3 Company.
11. Gymnastic Exercises..... Adolphe Mailhot, Alfred Cardell.
12. Address..... M. Misud Mount St. Louis Band.
13. Cantata—Fourth part..... M. Misud Mount St. Louis Band.

A Camden paper announces: 'We have just read a readable book, which ought to be pretty popular. It is well written, and is called 'Trilby.'

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