

OUR PHILOSOPHER

PAYS A TRIBUTE TO AN IRISH AUTHORESS.

MARCELLA GRACE, A CHARMING STUDY OF IRISH JOYS AND SORROWS—A REFERENCE TO A RECENT ADDRESS DELIVERED BY MRS. G. A. DRUMMOND.

A delightful tale, equally interesting to mature and youthful minds, is "Marcella Grace," the latest production from the gifted pen of the clever Irish authoress, Rosa Mulholland, whose books have long been favorites as true pictures of Irish life and character.

"Marcella Grace" has a charm all its own, and a power of attraction that fixes the reader's attention to every page and every line from the opening chapter to the end.

It is a story of a woman's strong, enduring love, under many difficulties and trials furnished by the political discord of the times.

Marcella Grace, the heroine of the story, lives with her aged father, who is a weaver, in a quarter of Dublin called the Liberties. Her quiet uneventful life is interrupted by an incident slight in itself, but which proves the turning point of her later career.

After carefully reviewing the position of women and further dissecting the faults laid up against them, Mrs. Drummond refers to their aim as embodied in the National Council of Canadian Women, as follows:—

"No do we ask for a vain and spurious liberty, a liberty that would violate the most tender and beautiful traditions of our womanhood, and set us free to yield all that make us most distinctively women."

"No, the freedom that we ask and the dignity that we seek are quite other than these, the dignity of service, God's service and the world's, and the freedom to use and to develop for that service in all their plenitude those varied gifts of mind and character which God has given us."

A FLOOD OF SILVER.

Portland Concern Gives Its Employees a Lesson.

[FROM THE PRESS, OF PORTLAND, MAINE.]

On Saturday evening a well-known business concern in this city gave its employees a lesson in finance, in view of the approaching conflict over the silver question. They had sent for a large supply of Mexican silver dollars, which have in them several more grains of silver than there are in the American dollar.

"TO OUR EMPLOYEES.

"The company pays your wages this week in Mexican silver dollars. We bought them in the open market at a cost of 55 cents each. We pay them to you at the rate of two for one of the United States money. When you come to pay your bills with these dollars, you will have a good illustration of the real value and actual purchasing power of the 420 grains of silver contained therein."

"The United States dollar contains 412 2/3 grains of silver, which is worth, when melted into bullion, a fraction less than 50 cents. Our silver friends propose to allow the whole world to bring its silver to the United States mint, have it coined free of charge into pieces of 412 2/3 grains each stamped "One Dollar," "In God We Trust," and make them a legal tender for all debts public and private.

They claim that what this country needs is a rise in prices. If this plan prevails, there is likely to be one. How long do you think the purchasing power of such a dollar would be greater than its actual value? How long before it would drive all other money out of circulation? Will wages and salaries rise as fast and as much in proportion as the things that have to be purchased with them?

"Have you any money on deposit in a savings bank? If so, you will be paid in silver, if that becomes the standard of value. If you hold a life insurance policy or a membership in some benefit association, do you wish your family to receive the amount thereof in 50-cent dollars."

"It rests with you and the other people of the United States to determine at the coming national election whether the present gold standard of value shall be maintained, and the dollar which you receive be worth 100 cents all over the world, or whether we shall enter upon a career of folly, repudiation and dishonesty, the disastrous and ruinous consequences of which cannot now be foretold."

The men found the silver very bulky and had to carry it to the banks and sell it. There the dollars did not bring quite 50 cents each, so that the company will probably make the difference up. They did not wish their employes to lose, but only wished to give them an object lesson.

It is understood that Mexican dollars are being used for this purpose in many portions of the country, particularly the South.

Of course the only reason why the American dollar, which has several grains less silver than the Mexican, buys 100 cents worth where the Mexican buys only 50 cents worth, is because the United States government has made it a policy practically to redeem the silver dollar in gold, when required.

Bryan and Sewall want to do away with this policy.

THE LONGEST RIDE FOR A FIVE-CENT FARE.

Some time ago the editor of the Street Railway Journal, of New York, began to gather information as to the longest rides

given for a five-cent fare in the cities of this country containing over 50,000 inhabitants. The result of his labor appears in the July number of the Journal. The list contains twenty-two cities, beginning with New York, with nearly 2,000,000 inhabitants, and ending with Indianapolis, with over 100,000 inhabitants. The longest ride for a five-cent cash fare in miles is as follows: New York, 12 1/2; Chicago, 15; Philadelphia, 11 1/2; Brooklyn, 18; St. Louis, 15; Boston, 10; Jersey City, 8 1/2; San Francisco, 12; Minneapolis, 13; Cincinnati, 13 1/2; Cleveland, 10; Buffalo, 13 1/2; Lynn, 6; New Orleans, 7; Washington, 9 1/2; Detroit, 10; Milwaukee, 9; Kansas City, 11; Louisville, 9; Rochester, 9; Denver, 11 1/2; Indianapolis, 11.—New York Sun.

ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL.

THE FOUNDERS PERMANENTLY SECURE THE FUTURE OF THE INSTITUTION BY FURTHER DONATIONS.

The governors of the Royal Victoria Hospital announce that they have received another and munificent donation from the founders, Lord Mount Stephen and Sir Donald A. Smith, G.C.M.G., these gentlemen having placed in the hands of E. S. Clouston, John Turnbull, J. W. Stirling and R. B. Angus, as trustees, securities of the value of \$800,000, that may be expected to yield at least forty thousand dollars per annum, for the permanent endowment of the hospital.

Beside purchasing the land on which the buildings stand, the founders originally contributed \$500,000 each for the purpose of establishing a hospital at Montreal for the reception and treatment of sick and injured persons of all races and creeds without distinction. After defraying the cost of the various buildings and their equipment there will remain of the original donation with accrued interest, about \$250,000, which will also be applicable to the special endowment fund.

The governors are consequently, as regards revenue, in a position to carry on the work for the present on a moderate scale, and, as originally intended, without much assistance from the public, and it is to be hoped that such moderate pecuniary help as may be required will be freely rendered by the people of Montreal as an indication that they appreciate the very generous scale on which the hospital has been founded and endowed.

The accommodation provided to the buildings is not yet used to its full capacity, and its extension in some direction will doubtless be found desirable in the near future; and, therefore, the citizens of Montreal who are so disposed will have ample opportunity to participate in the work of this noble charity.

ARCHBISHOP FABRE.

AN OPINION EXPRESSED THAT HE WILL BE THE NEXT CARDINAL.

The Progres du Valleyfield says that people are already asking who will get the cardinal's hat which the venerable metropolitan of Quebec cannot hold very much longer, and it adds that many are of opinion that the next Canadian cardinal will be the Archbishop of Montreal. In support of this claim the Valleyfield journal says:—"For a number of years past the centre of gravitation of the French-Canadian Catholic nationality has been to the city of Maisonneuve. Montreal has furnished all the political leaders of that nationality. From the diocese of Ville-Marie have come Viger, Lafontaine, Morin, Cartier, Dorion, Mercier, Chapeau and finally Laurier, the most famous among them. The city of Montreal has also been for a long time the religious metropolis of Canada. In it are centred the great ecclesiastical bodies of the Sulpicians, the Jesuits, the Oblats the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament. Montreal has the work, it should also have the honor. It is then more than probable that the future primate of the Canadian Church will have a seat in Montreal. No doubt this was taken into consideration when the Bishop of Montreal was elevated to the dignity of an archbishop. So long as the head pastor of the metropolis was simply a bishop, it was impossible to contest the pretensions of Quebec. Now Montreal has its archbishop like Quebec, and there is no obstacle to stop the course of its legitimate ambition."

ABENAKIS SPRINGS.

List of guests registered at the Abenakis House, Abenakis Springs, Que., August 5th:

- A. J. Lealie, Miss Alice Munro, G. Luckhurst, Mrs. Luckhurst, E. E. Sheppard, P. D. Dode, H. Simpson, J. G. Goldthorpe, Ch. Sheppard, Mrs. Sheppard, C. W. Shearer, E. Luckhurst, jr., Mrs. C. Sheppard, Jr., Miss Gertie Sheppard, Mrs. J. T. Shearer, Miss J. Shearer, Geo. W. Shearer, W. J. Benalack, Mrs. Benalack, William Robert, T. W. Spalding, John Pevy, L. W. Watt, M. L. Kelsey, Mrs. Kelsey, Milton, Mass. Rev. F. A. Ball, Waterville. Rev. C. Vizeet, Holyoke. Gasper Harris, J. A. Wright, Sorel. Rev. Loiselle, Turenne Galie, A. A. Mondou, Ed. Oullette, Geo. D. Ponthiau, Pierreville. C. McCaffery, Nicolet. V. Normandin, Boucherville. Rosanne Tessier, Dina Tessier, St. Bonaventure. Leopold Verville, V. Robillard, Evangeline Salvis, Blanche Salvis, Joseph Salvis, St. Francois du Lac. Marie Louise, Geo. McDougall, Mrs. McDougall, Drummondville. Miss E. H. Simpson, Miss E. Simpson, Richmond.

DRINK! DRINK!

THE BANEFUL RESULTS OF INTemperance AMONG YOUNG MEN.

SAD SCENES IN OUR POLICE COURTS—THE EVIL CONSEQUENCES OF THE TREATING HABIT—THE PREVALENCE OF SELLING LIQUOR ON SUNDAY IN SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

A young man stood in the Police Court dock. He had just entered the year which marks the entrance into manhood's estate. But already he had fallen from that straight and narrow path which leads to eternal happiness. His face was heartless, but it bore the imprint of the wine god, Bacchus. He was a drunkard. He came of good family. There, to one side, was his father, a grey-haired, honorable man, who sobbed occasionally, as though his heart would break. His son, while under the influence of liquor had brok into a store and stolen a quantity of goods. He had no need of them. They were mere trifles; he could easily have purchased them with his pocket money. But the drunkard knows not what he does.

In reply to the Judge's usual query, as to what he had to say for himself, he said:

"I was drunk when I stole them. I didn't want them. I am sorry."

"Drink! Drink! always drink," interrupted the judge. "It's always the same excuse, 'I was drunk.' Well, go to jail for a year to sober up."

This was an actual scene in the Montreal Police Court not long ago. He was a young man whose life was wrecked just at the beginning, through drink.

To even a casual observer in this great city of ours, the hold the curse of intemperance has over the young men must be very apparent. The growth of this sin has been covered by the indifference and carelessness of parents and the example of elders. In very few families is the same care extended to the boys as to the girls, and the fault is that the boys, when mere striplings, are permitted to run about the streets at an hour when they ought to be in bed. On the streets at night they are subject to temptation unthought of by their parents. I have seen a group of boys standing on a corner making up a subscription among themselves to buy a bottle of wine. When the necessary amount was made up the eldest would be sent to the nearest grocery, and here a bottle of cheap port wine would be purchased. The port wine would be but the beginning. The end would in many cases be a drunkard's grave.

There is a law, to be sure, forbidding the sale of liquor to minors. But in this nineteenth century rush for gain laws play but a small part.

Go into all the mercantile offices of the city. A traveller, looking for an order, will come in. Even if he is a temperance man, nine times out of ten he will invite the proprietor out for a drink. The office boy, sitting unnoticed by his ears this. What's good for his superiors must be good for him, thinks he, and so he begins to drink; and then commences his downfall.

These may seem the ramblings of a temperance crank, but they are too real. For a long time I covered the police courts for a metropolitan newspaper, and I saw there sights and scenes which would appeal more to the human heart than a lifetime of sermons. I have seen a wretched creature, the remnant of what had once been a beautiful, happy woman, clothed in rags, squirm and crawl in the cells of a police station and beg for a drink of liquor, and when it was refused her she screamed vile imprecations at the guard and cursed the Creator that gave her life. Her downfall was due to drink.

In the Recorder's Court every day almost 90 per cent of the cases are for drunkenness. There they are in all grades, from the youth who gets intoxicated and refuses to pay a carter or else creates a disturbance, to human wrecks whose food is the poisonous alcohol.

In the Coroner's Court, about half the deaths on which inquests are held are due, directly and indirectly, to drink.

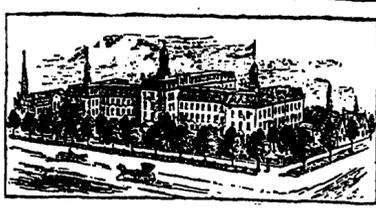
It is an easy matter for young fellows to obtain drink in any saloon. I have seen boys of 17, 18, 19 and 20, go into bars in every part of the city and order intoxicating beverages and receive them unquestioned. In a few of the well establishments they obey the law, but only in a very few.

Last Christmas Eve, I saw a party of young men attend Midnight Mass. They were all between 18 and 19 years old. With unsteady steps they climbed to the gallery, and there they occupied a few laughing and talking, unmindful of the sacred surroundings, unmindful of the Divine Presence. These young men, after imbibing numerous potations of the "cup that cheers," had visited several houses where virtue is unknown and shame reigns rampant, and then they visited the House of God. The occurrence is, alas, true.

O, mothers, why do you not watch over your sons more carefully? The road to hell is broad and easy travelling; youth is heedless. The bright saloon looks pleasant. The future has no place then. The present appears cheerful and happy.

Something ought to be done, and at once, to stop the growing evil. An indifferent public has permitted saloon keepers to grow rich by breaking the law. Habits obtained in youth are hard to break off, and the lad who commences to drink generally keeps the practice up, to the gain of the liquor dealer and the detriment of his own soul.

There is a Dominion Alliance, which we hear of occasionally prosecuting some saloon keeper for selling without a license, but we never hear of any saloon keeper being prosecuted for selling liquor to a minor. Another source of evil which our complacent authorities overlook is the roadhouses. On any drive on the Island of Montreal anybody can obtain drink on Sunday. In fact a good many roadhouses derive the major part of their revenue from the Sunday sale of liquor. It is sold openly, there is no back door, the front one is open, and wide too. It is a common sight to see drunken men in the cars coming from Back River and from Maisonneuve, on a



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Sunday, and in the majority of rigs that pass on the Back River and Lachine Roads on Sunday you will see men, and, oftentimes, women, in a state of beastly intoxication.

This is not a new state of affairs; it has been going on for years, and apparently our Provincial authorities are powerless to stop it; at least they have never taken any steps in the matter.

Parents should endeavor to make home attractive and pleasant for the boys. The youth who stays at home, if he is not being continually requested to "stay quiet" or to "keep out of the way," has nothing to do and becomes attacked with ennui, and restless boyhood finds in the street and saloons more congenial companions, and so to the street and saloon he goes. Resorts for Catholic youths are, in the majority of instances, but poor, unattractive institutions, and do more to repel him than otherwise. There was spoken of some years ago an institution for Montreal to be run on lines similar to the Y. M. C. A., but nothing has ever come of the matter. Surely, Catholics can afford to build an institution which will provide both recreation and instruction for our growing lads. Smaller cities than Montreal have done so. Are we to remain behind? Wake up, dormant Catholics, and save our youth. C. J. H.

A SHOCKING FATALITY.

A LITTLE BOY VENTURED TOO NEAR A CHAIN LINK WITH AWFUL CONSEQUENCES.

Chilliotte, Q., Aug. 7.—Eddie Hurd, the two-year old son of Manager Hurd, was killed by a lion on Wednesday afternoon. Hurd and his wife are in charge of a part of Hagenbeck's trained menagerie which is exhibiting at the fair grounds, near town during the week at the Ross City fair. As a drawing, and they had a two-year-old lion that to stake near the entrance to the tent. The lion belongs to Jim Corbett, the prize-fighter, and was not regarded as ferocious. At two o'clock this afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Hurd were at the tent taking tickets, with a big crowd on the outside. Little Eddie Hurd had been playing about the tent, and finally ventured too near the lion, which had been watching him closely. Suddenly the lion switched his tail, sprang violently forward, and the next instant the child's entire head was in the animal's mouth.

The ferocious animal shook the infant as a terrier dog would shake a rat. The mother, reckless of danger, rushed to the rescue of her babe and might have been torn to pieces but for the quick presence of mind of the father. People screamed and fled, while Hurd rushed to the lion, seized him by the jaws, pulled them apart, and the headless body of his boy fell to the ground. It required a long time to club the lion into submission and get him into his cage. The audience was dismissed and no performance given to-day.

NEW OCEAN RECORD.

The American liner, St. Louis, Captain Randle, which arrived in New York from Southampton, has made a new record over the Southampton course. She sailed from Southampton on Aug. 3, passing Hurst Castle at 1 50 p.m., and equal to the record which is held by her sister ship St. Paul, of six days, five hours and thirty-two minutes.

AN ITALIAN LADY DOCTOR.

A Roman correspondent says that a lady taking the degree to practice medicine in Rome is so uncommon that it should be recorded. Signorina Maria Montessori was named Doctor of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery of Rome a few days ago, having passed her examinations with flying colours. She has acted as assistant-doctor in St. John's Hospital for the past two years, and has studied her profession with the greatest zeal for fifteen years.

ANOTHER STRANGE LAPSE OF MEMORY.

"Those lapses of memory of which we read are hard to believe," said the woman, unless one has known something of them from personal contact. I knew a very nice girl who lost her memory altogether. She occupied a room with her sister. One night as they were about to retire she complained of a severe headache—so severe she could hardly bear the pain. It seemed to wear off, however, and she went to sleep. The next morning she awoke dead to the past. She was an entire stranger, knowing no one and recognizing nothing familiar in her surroundings. A strange feature of her case was in regard to her fiancé. She was engaged to be married to a very excellent young man. In the

general obliteration of the past, her recollection of him had gone, and not only that, but she did not recognize in him as he came to her a stranger a desirable man to become engaged to, and utterly refused to have anything to do with him.—New York Times.

A RETORT DISCOURTEOUS.

"I remember these lines coming back to me years ago in the Nilgiris, when a clever young aide-de-camp told me a story of an officer, long since dead, who had risen from the ranks, but who could employ his tongue as effectively as his sword. Meeting a lady who much disliked him, he said: 'Good evening Miss —, you are looking very handsome to-night.' 'I wish I could say the same, Major.' 'Oh! but you could, if you were to tell a lie, as I did.'—Sir M. E. Grant Duff, 'Menagiana,' in Cornhill.

LOOKS THAT WAY.

Cora—"Isn't the vacation the largest residence in the world?" Merritt—"I once thought so, but judging from all the personal relics now on sale, the largest must have been the place where Napoleon lived."

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