

Two Christmas Eves.

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lodge that I am once more on terra firma, instead of a wretched ship that don't seem to know her own mind for two minutes together, and ends by dumping me on the rocks, never had such a narrow escape before.

"Indeed, sir, your experience was nothing like our Lily came through alive by the grace of God," said Joe.

"What was that?" asked the old gentleman.

"She was the only one saved, out of a hundred and fifty souls, then was in a ship as went to pieces on them very rocks."

"What! the old man a cup almost full from his trembling fingers, 'isn't she your daughter?"

"No, sir, only by adoption, I saved her myself, ten years ago, when she was only a little mite about five years old."

"The old man rose trembling to his feet, and gazed at Lily, a gaze so searching that she almost shrank back. 'It cannot be! he muttered, 'and yet the child is ten years ago, and the likeness, 'he dropped the cup and grasped the back of a chair."

"Have you any thing by which she could be identified?" he asked at last. "Is she who has anticipated his question, quietly produced the locket, he glanced at the beautiful features, and then again at the girl."

"Come to me, my love," he said hoarsely. "You are my daughter a child."

"There was no doubt about it. Mr. Willoughby identified every thing, even to the tiny shoes, which he had purchased himself, and related how Lily and her father and mother had sailed on the ill-fated ship that had been reported lost with all hands; how he had waited in loneliness for ten long years, and at last, for a change, had determined to sail for the spot where his only child had perished."

"That Christmas was the merriest one the Willoughbys had ever known. There was not even the fear of passing with Lily to mar their joy, for Mr. Willoughby announced his intention of building a house at Muskoka, and making his grand-daughter the lady-bountiful of the whole district. He even remarked jocularly that Henry Sewall came on a burgling expedition after certain property, pinching Lily, who blushed furiously; he did not think he should do anything very dreadful to him!"

TERESA.

Senator Power on the School Question.

To the Editor of The Catholic Register.

Sir—I am much obliged for your having given up so much of your valuable space to my letter of the 30th ultimo, and also for your flattering remarks with respect to myself. I do not propose to abuse your kindness by writing another long letter; but I must ask space to call attention to one error into which you have fallen for the second time.

You stated in your article of the 30th November, and you repeat in that of the 10th inst., that a memorandum of agreement provides that "any Christian clergyman may be authorized by a majority of school trustees, on the petition of the parents or guardians of ten children in rural districts, or twenty in children in any city, town or village, to give religious teaching for half an hour in the afternoon, either on specified days or every teaching day."

The Late Mr. Michael Gorman, Pembroke.

The death of Mr. Michael Gorman occurred at his home in Pembroke at 11 o'clock on the night of Friday the 11th inst. Mr. Gorman had been ailing for several months, but with care, added to a robust constitution, his friends cherished the hope that many years of usefulness yet remained for a life so far spent in good deeds; but Providence ruled it otherwise, and as the midnight hour of Friday approached the melancholy news was spread through Pembroke that the good neighbour, the good citizen, the exemplary Catholic, the loving husband and indulgent father was no more.

Michael Gorman first saw the light in the Summer of 1824 amidst the bleak shores of the Atlantic in the historic County of Clare. The name he bore is a numerous, as it is an honored one along these regions. Whole Catholic congregations, it is not exaggerating to say, are largely made up of Gorman or, more properly speaking, O'Gorman. Many of the kindred of our lamented friend have risen to positions of eminence; and not a few of them have by deeds of daring signaled their devotion to the cause of Irish Nationality. Of these mention may be made of the late O'Gorman Mahon, who successively represented Clare, the Borough of Ebnis and the County of Carlow in the British Parliament. The history of this intrepid soldier and chivalrous Irishman is largely the history of O'Connell's struggle for Catholic Emancipation. He it was who shivered the citadel of intolerance when in proposing the "Liberator" at the memorable Clare election in 1828 he challenged any member of the Cromwellian squirearchy in that county who felt aggrieved at the presumption of a Catholic to offer himself for Parliamentary honors to choose his ground and his weapons. Of the same kindred also was Richard O'Gorman who recently died an honored citizen of New York. It was to this brave young patriot, then in his twenty fifth year, that William Smith O'Brien entrusted the dangerous task of securing the abortive insurrectionary attempt of 1848. His escape from the notorious Vandeleur and a troupe of his retainers and neighboring "squireens," who pursued him down the Shannon and into the broad Atlantic was one of the most sensational events of those stormy times.

Michael Gorman, with his parents and a number of brothers and sisters left home in 1855, coming direct to the County of Renfrew, where they have since resided. Mr. Gorman filled many positions of trust during his lifetime, and at the time of his death was Inspector of Weights and Measures, the duties of which for many years he discharged in a most acceptable manner. But it was as a member in the Catholic community of Pembroke and amongst the charities of that town that his grand characteristics were most in evidence. Perhaps the best way of saying that he never missed a meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society whenever it was at all possible to attend. By his death Pembroke loses a most estimable citizen, the Catholic Church a most docile and faithful follower, and his family a wise and loving head. May he rest in peace.

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Third Form.—J. Kerr, O. McMillan, J. Dowling, Wm. Whytlye, J. Murphy.

Second Form.—T. Wheeler, T. Lynch, N. O'Leary, Wm. O'Keilly, O. B. Bassman, E. Foley, P. Moughler, G. Murphy, S. McConnell, R. Clancy, R. Johnson, G. Kelly.

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At this season, when the year is about closing, Oak Hall takes stock and arranges for a special sale of goods still on hand. It is usual in such cases to sell these well-known houses to spare down prices, and on this occasion the figures are very much in favor of the buyer. This out-ripplies to statements of all descriptions, and is considerable merit in making up of serviceable material.

Well Patronized.

The public seem to know a good thing. This is exemplified by the attendance at the Central Business College of Toronto, which during the term just closed has taxed to the utmost the seating capacity of this large and prosperous school. Further accommodations is being provided for the winter session, which begins on Monday, January 13th. Those who propose to attend should notify the Principal, Mr. W. H. Shaw, at once.

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills

My six-year-old daughter, Bella, was afflicted with eczema for 24 months, the principal seat of eruption being on her face. I tried almost every remedy I saw advertised, bought innumerable medicines and soaps, and took the child to medical colleges in skin diseases, without result. Finally, a week ago, I purchased a box of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and I have used only one-sixth of the box, but the change is very marked. The eruption has all disappeared, and I can confidently say, my child is cured. (Signed) DR. W. H. SHAW, 112 ANNE ST., TORONTO.

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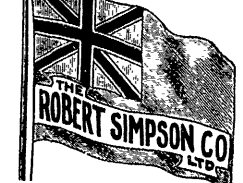
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