

OBITUARY.

MRS. JOHN F. O'CONNOR, OTTAWA.

The following beautiful tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. John F. O'Connor appeared in the London Record. The deceased has many friends in the Northwest who remember her for her many virtues, and who will deeply regret her demise. We offer our most heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives:

With the decline of the old year and its last sunset, there went out from the house of Mr. J. F. O'Connor, of Ottawa, all the sunshine and happiness that rendered his heart cheerful, and his house happy, and the darkness of desolation and sorrow settled in the place. The partner of his joys and sorrows had passed away. Those who knew his young wife can realize his loss. Mrs. O'Connor was the fourth daughter of John Bowes, Esq., architect, of the Public Works Department, Ottawa, and sister-in-law of Martin O'Gara, Esq., Q. C. Dr. Rourke, of London, and J. J. McHugh, Esq., Carleton, N. W. T. She had been ailing for some time but her physicians were hopeful that she would soon recover. However, a sudden attack of inflammation of the lungs drew her span of life to a close. During her illness she was constantly visited by the Rev. Father Pallier, who attended to her spiritual wants. And on New Year's eve, while he was pronouncing the last benediction her spirit calmly glided into eternity.

Mrs. Julia O'Connor, ever cheerful and happy, her society was sought after and courted by her numerous friends. Of a naturally buoyant and lively disposition, the sunshine of a good heart and kindly nature shed its warm influence on all with whom she came in contact. As a visitor to the sick, she brought a cheerfulness, which exerted its exhilarating influence, and her visits were looked for with pleasant anticipations. In the social circle, she moved as an accomplished lady, affable and amiable. She was possessed with more than ordinary talents, and as a musician excelled without exciting envy. With those qualities, and ever anxious to contribute to the well-being of others, she rendered the home circle a happy one.

The funeral, which was largely attended, took place on Saturday morning at ten o'clock, from her late residence, Daly street, to St. Joseph's Church, where a solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father O'Connor, of Perth, with deacon and sub-deacon. The Church was draped in mourning, and a full choir was in attendance as a mark of appreciation of her services in connection with that same choir. Her old friend, Mrs. Kearns, presided at the organ. As the funeral entered the Church the organ pealed forth in grand and solemn tones the "Dead March in Saul." The body was laid on a large catafalque, surrounded by innumerable candles. The whole of the service was very impressive but the "Dies Irae," as rendered by her old friends and companions, was doubly affecting. After the service for the dead, the funeral procession again formed, amid the tears of sorrowing relatives and friends and proceeded to the cemetery, where the body was placed in a vault to await interment. We tender our sincere sympathy to the afflicted husband, father, brothers and sisters. A dutiful child, a kind sister, and a loving wife—in your charity pray for her soul. "Requiescat in pace."

The following letter appeared in the Toronto Globe of the 9th, instant—

The Alleged Cardinal Manning's Letter.

Sir—Would you permit me a few lines in your journal, not intended to continue a controversy, but to give an emphatic denial as to the genuineness of the letter purported to be from His Eminence Cardinal Manning, dated 1882, published from The Dominion Churchmen Feb. 4 1886? There is ample evidence of forgery on the face of the letter. Besides other signs, the letter does not bear the signature of the Cardinal. The style is not his, neither are the sentiments. I have the honour of knowing the Cardinal very intimately, having had many long conversations with him, particularly during Council of the Vatican and frequently since. The letter, like an overdose of poison, carries with it its own antidote. I will send to His Eminence this letter alleged to be his, but he will, I suppose, be not much surprised at it in these days of forgery and false quotations, and though the Cardinal may pronounce it a forgery yet it will be quoted again and again. Truth, according to the old saying, seldom overtakes a lie with its seven league boots, and a lie will do a certain amount of harm, hence it is sent on its errand, Cardinal Newman time and again repudiated an alleged saying of his "that

the English Church was the bulwark of Christianity," and yet it is quoted as his even at public meetings. The Archbishop of Philadelphia denied that he ever said or wrote "that the Catholics when they would be strong enough in the United States, would not tolerate the Protestants." This was said to have been published in a newspaper called The Shepherd of the Valley, some thirty years ago, when the present Archbishop of Philadelphia was Father Ryan of St. Louis. Now this alleged assertion of Father Ryan's carries its own refutation with it, for it would be most unlikely that a Prelate of the Catholic Church would be so simple as to give utterance to a sentiment which was calculated to do so much harm to his Church, especially in the United States. Yet this alleged article of the St. Louis Journal, quoted as true, was often repudiated, and as often repeated. The letters addressed to me lately show the need that our Protestant friends had of being put on their guard against false representations. All Protestants, however, are not alike.

JOHN JOSEPH LYNCH,
Archbishop of Toronto.

P. S.—I shall publish Cardinal Manning's reply to my letter.

The Future of Ireland.

The following prophetic words, spoken in 1872, in New York, by Father Tom Burke in an address to the Irish of America.

"My friends, remember that when the right wing of an army is beaten and put to flight the left wing follows very soon. There were two wings to the English army in Ireland for the last three hundred years. The right wing assailed her religion; the left wing assailed her liberty. The right wing has been beaten and has confessed itself defeated. Ireland has gained the religious triumph of her faith in the destruction or disestablishment of the Protestant church; and you and I may live to see the day when England's left wing will be put to flight, and Ireland will regain her liberty. The people that can fight until they are victorious in the cause of religion and God, will not be always beaten and trampled upon when the fight for their national liberty, for the right to make their own laws and govern themselves."

R. C. MISSION OF THE SACRED HEART ASSINIBOIA.

We were pleased to see in the city this week, looking hale and hearty, our former well-known Pastor, Father Lebrét. He is stationed at the Mission of the Sacred Heart, four and a half miles east of Fort Qu'Appelle, in the beautiful and picturesque Valley of the Qu'Appelle, where there is a commodious church, and a government Industrial Indian School in two departments, one for boys and the other for girls, the latter under the care of four Sisters of Charity. He speaks highly of the proficiency of the pupils, some of whom can write well and compose a good letter in English, although the school has not been much more than a year in operation, while others have acquired a good knowledge of farm work. In the summer season the natives drive from twenty to thirty miles to Mass on Sundays which they can easily do over their fine prairie roads. The area of the mission is very large, the two missionaries have to attend various places within a radius of fifty miles, such as Touchwood Hills, Regina, Troy &c. The erection of a church at Qu'Appelle (Troy) is at present under consideration. Lieut. Governor Dewdney visited the Mission recently, and found matters progressing very satisfactorily; he had no doubt about the complete success of the Industrial School, and seemed well disposed towards the Halfbreeds. He gave them the contract at a good price, for transporting from Qu'Appelle station to Prince Albert and other points a large quantity of flour and other provisions which the Government are sending to those in distress in the Northwest. He also gave assistance to some widows and orphans of the mission whom he visited personally at their houses and promised the people work as soon as possible on a bridge which he purposes to build for their accommodation over the Qu'Appelle river, and which will shorten the distance to Qu'Appelle station about five miles. They receive a mail semi weekly from Fort Qu'Appelle, but they hope soon to have a daily mail service, which seems to be much needed on account of the large amount of Government and other correspondence received and despatched at the Lebrét Post Office.

A scientific journal gives an account of a pianoforte made in Paris in which paper was made to take the place of wood, the whole case being made from paper so compressed that it was enabled to receive a hard surface, which took a perfect polish. The color was cream white. The tone of the instrument is

reported to be not loud but very sweet. The short broken character of the sound emitted by ordinary pianoforte is replaced by a soft full, quasi-continuous sound, resembling somewhat that of the organ. It has been suggested that the evenness of texture of the compressed paper may have some influence in effecting this modification of sound.

EPITOME OF LATEST NEWS.

The Legislature of Manitoba will meet on 4th March.

The C P R telegraph line will be in operation between Winnipeg and Montreal in about a month from this.

The Papal consistory has been postponed to the month of June next.

The nomination for Mayor and Aldermen took place Tuesday in Montreal.

For the chief Magistracy Beaugrand and Decarry were nominated. Some wards will not be contested.

Hon. Senator Girard, Mr Joseph Royal M. P. are leaving on Sunday for Ottawa to be present for the opening of the Session.

A telegram from Ottawa says, that in the general amnesty, will be included Poundmaker, Big Bear and other Indian Chiefs.

Count DeLesseps arrived at Colon this morning. The entire official staff of the Panama Canal Company was present to welcome him as he came ashore from the steamer,

Archbishop Taschereau has authorized a denial that there is any truth in the statement of the Toronto "Mail" Montreal "Star" and other papers, to the effect that His Grace had accepted \$400,900 from the Quebec Government, as compensation for the Jesuit's Estate.

The Council and Board of Agriculture had their annual meeting this week in the Executive Council Chambers of the Parliament Buildings. Mr C. J. Brydges President of the Board, delivered the annual address. Mr. Acton Burrows presented a very exhaustive report of the business transacted by the Society during the previous year.

MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Post Master General will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday the 19th of February, 1886, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, twenty four times per week each way, between Rat Portage Post Office and Railway Station from the 1st April next.

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W. W. McLeod,
Post Office Inspector.
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