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PRICE FIVE CENTS

## Seventieth Birthday of the Father of the House of Commons.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—Visitors to the House of Commons to-day noticed on one of the desks in the front row of the Government side of the House a small vase holding a sprig of shamrock.

That desk was Hon. John Costigan's, and this was the seventieth anniversary of his birth. The little sprig of shamrock was sent the "father of the House" by a remembering friend. Before the House resumed its session after adjournment for dinner the members assembled in room 26 and presented Mr. Costigan with a beautiful cabinet of silverware. The presentation, which was made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was also witnessed by a number of Ottawa's well known citizens, old friends of Mr. Costigan. Sir Wilfrid, in making the presentation, said he had known Mr. Costigan for some thirty years, had known him both as an opponent and as a friend. He had always known him, however, as a fair opponent and a true friend. He hoped Mr. Costigan would live many years longer to enjoy the esteem of his many friends.

Replying, Mr. Costigan said that he appreciated the gift very highly, and while he did not undervalue it, he would say he enjoyed the value of a warm shake of the hand from a friend equally as much. During his public career, Mr. Costigan said, he had supported both political parties. One time he was the supporter and admirer of Sir John A. Macdonald, but now he was an equally strong supporter and admirer of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. His change of politics was due entirely to conviction and solely on principle. He said he believed that he had very few if any enemies and was proud of his many friends. After again extending his thanks for the gift, Sir Wilfrid Laurier called for three cheers for Mr. Costigan, which were very heartily given, followed by the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Sir Wilfrid was then given three rousing cheers. The members then returned to the Commons to resume their duties.

As each general election passes one by one the old parliamentarians pass from the scene until at last they can be counted on the fingers of one hand. Hon. John Costigan has had a unique experience. For forty-four years he has continuously represented the one constituency, that of Victoria, N.S. During that time he has never suffered defeat; never had a bye-election or a protest. Furthermore he is an Irishman representing what is generally regarded as a French constituency.

### A LESSON BY CONTRAST.

To the very last day of his life in Washington the late Senator Hoar was known in the capital as a courteous, patient and considerate gentleman, says the Washington Star. His gentle breeding was a delight to all who came in contact with him, and a lesson to many who had found less than the necessary time for acquiring a habit of kindly action.

One afternoon in his last year he sent his card to a bureau chief who was noted for self-importance and bad manners. The messenger conducted Senator Hoar into the chief's sumptuously appointed room. The chief sat at his desk facing the door; but he neither raised his head when the Senator entered, nor replied to his "Good morning!"

The Senator halted half-way from the door to the desk, and an expression of surprise came over his face. He waited patiently three or four minutes, but the bureau chief, taking no notice of him, scratched busily away at some papers. At last the Senator passed around to the opposite side of the big square desk at which the chief was writing, pulled up a chair, sat down, drew to him a block of writing paper and also began to write.

Then the bureau chief looked up with an expression of well-simulated surprise.

"Oh, h'w are you, Senator?" he

said, as if he had just discovered him "Anything I can do for you?" Senator Hoar looked up pleasantly from his writing. "No, str," he said, complaisantly. "I dropped in only to write a few letters. Don't put yourself out. Proceed with your work," and he went on with his own.

The bureau chief looked somewhat crestfallen. He wheeled round sideways in his chair and drummed on the desk.

"By the way, Senator," he said, "about that little matter you submitted to the department a while ago, we—"

"Oh, never mind," said the Senator, calmly. "It's a rather irksome case. I'm going to see the Secretary about it as soon as I finish these letters. Pray, don't let it bother you at all."

The chief flushed and bent over his desk again. Senator Hoar went calmly ahead with his correspondence for a quarter of an hour, then summoned the messenger and sent his card to the Secretary.

The Secretary's office was two doors down the hall. In less than a minute the chief's door was thrown open, and the Secretary himself plunged in, both hands extended toward the Senator.

"The top of the morning to you, Senator!" he cried. "You're just the man I have been waiting to see. I want to have a long talk with you. Messenger, tell the rest of the people waiting that I shall be busy with Senator Hoar for at least an hour," and he conducted the Senator into his inner office.

A little more than an hour later, after the Senator's departure, the Secretary summoned the bureau chief to his office. When the chief came back to his own desk the old colored messenger, himself a "graduate" of more courteous times, grunted with silent approval.

"Yessah," he said, when asked about the incident, "he done got two lessons. Fust Senatah Hoar show him how a gemman gwine ac', and den de Sec'at'y done tode him how he got to ac' whether he gemman o' not."

### Father Gapon, the Strike Leader.

Father Gapon, the Russian Orthodox priest, who has inspired the great St. Petersburg strike, is, according to a writer in the London Daily News, the son of a moujik of one of the provinces of Little Russia. He wanted to become a mechanic, but his father, wishing him to be a priest, sent him to the Ecclesiastical Seminary at Moscow. He studied hard, and instead of entering on the obscure career of a country clergyman, in some far-off village, became a politician and a fierce Liberal—"perhaps," says the writer, "the first the Russian Church has possessed."

Among the workmen he is known as "Batsmshka Rhonhol," "Little Father, the Little Russian," and "he owes his unbounded influence," we are told, "to the fact that, though a sincere adherent of orthodox, he never interferes with the religious opinions of his followers. Among the latter are thousands of Lutherans and Roman Catholics. Moreover, he takes no money for his services, lives frugally, and works from morning to night. Four years ago he was solemnly cursed by the priest of his native village for protesting boldly against the excommunication of Count Tolstoy." He resolutely excludes from his clubs and associations any man who has been convicted of crime until the crime has been followed by proved repentance.

Family ties are not severed in heaven, and Jesus, in raising His Blessed Mother above the saints and angels, teaches us that filial piety is a virtue of eternity.—Lacordaire.

When you are forgotten, or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you smile, with your heart at rest, that is victory. When your good is evil spoken of, your wishes are crossed, your taste is offended, your advice ridiculed, and you take it all in patient, loving silence, that is victory. When you are content with simple raiment, plain food, any climate, any solitude, any interruption—that is victory.

## TO CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

A meeting has been held in London to make arrangements in connection with the forthcoming St. Patrick's Day banquet there. It was agreed that those present form the Banquet Committee for the present year, with power to add to their numbers. It was unanimously decided to again engage the Hotel Cecil, and that the banquet be held there on Thursday, March 16th. It was also unanimously agreed that Mr. John Redmond, M.P., be asked to preside. The Secretaries announced that the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, had kindly accepted the invitation already sent to him to attend the gathering. This announcement gave the greatest satisfaction, and it was decided that the following be also invited: Archbishop Bourne, Mgr. M'Fadden, Messrs. T. P. O'Connor, M.P.; Edward Blake, M.P.; John Dillon, M.P.; Justin McCarthy, William O'Brien, M.P.; M. Davitt, J. F. X. O'Brien, M.P.; J. Devlin, M.P.; Dr. Douglas Hyde, and Mr. F. A. Fahy, President of the Gaelic League of London.

### PERSONAL.

Prof. Francis D. Daly, late professor of the Catholic Commissioners' Board, who has been in poor health for the past few years, lies dangerously ill at the Hotel Dieu.

Ex-detective Cullinan, of Colborne street, is very ill at his home.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

(From our Special Correspondent, Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 28, 1905.)

At the meeting of the National Council of the Knights of Columbus here next June, a civic welcome will be given to the Supreme Knight and delegates by the Governor of the State of California, George C. Pardee, who will be assisted in the reception by the Mayor of Los Angeles, and the occasion will be graced by the presence of Archbishop Riordan, Archbishop Montgomery, Bishop Conaty and other Western ecclesiastics of distinction.

This reception will take place in the Chamber of Commerce, an institution that is known throughout the length and breadth of the country for its reception to famous men. United States Senator Frank P. Flint, recently elected by the present Legislature, has also signified his intention to be present at the opening of the National Convention.

The Executive Committee of Arrangements has its work pretty well in hand, and has responded to the various inquiries with the utmost despatch. Letters have been received from many of the State officials of the Order throughout the country, expressive of their determination to co-operate with the work of the committee and to bring a big delegation.

The Knights of Columbus of San Francisco and the north are vying with their fellow members in Los Angeles and will be present in large numbers at the national gathering.

An event of notable importance will be the solemn Pontifical High Mass sung in the old Cathedral of St. Vibiana here, by Archbishop Montgomery, formerly Bishop of this diocese; and there will be present in the Sanctuary Archbishop Riordan, Bishop Conaty, Bishop Grace of Sacramento and a vast gathering of clergy. A powerful sermon by a distinguished member of the hierarchy will be preached to the assembled Knights upon this occasion.

Other portions of the programme, which will occupy a period of seven days, are rapidly assuming definite outlines and every detail will be perfected long before the convention assembles.

### Marconi to Marry an Irish Girl.

It seems to be settled that Mr. Marconi is to be married, but the newspapers do not agree as to the identity of the bride. According to the announcement published early in the week, he has fixed his affections

on Princess Giacinta Ruspoli, aged 22, "one of the prettiest girls in Rome." The Ruspoli are one of the oldest Italian families. In the Sunday Times, of London, however, it is announced that Mr. Marconi's fiancée is the Hon. Beatrice O'Brien, a sister of the present Lord Inchiquin. The wedding, it is further stated, will take place in the second week in March from the town residence of the bride's mother, Ellen Lady Inchiquin.

### A CURIOUS FACT.

There seems ground for believing that the late Queen Victoria of England was never baptized. A Liverpool paper, the Daily Post and Mercury, remarks that no baptismal record relating to her Majesty exists. It says, moreover, that "State papers and archives have been examined for documents of this character without success," and that "there is no reference to the celebration of any religious ceremony of the kind in the Court intelligence of the newspapers of the period covered by the Queen's infancy and youth," adding that "it is the only instance in English history since the Norman conquest of such omission."

If this "only instance" be indeed an authentic instance, if it be true that Queen Victoria was not baptized, then we have the curious fact that the supreme head of the Church of England for over sixty years was not a member of that church, or even a Christian.—N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not ask for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle; but you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come in you by the grace of God.

### OBITUARY.

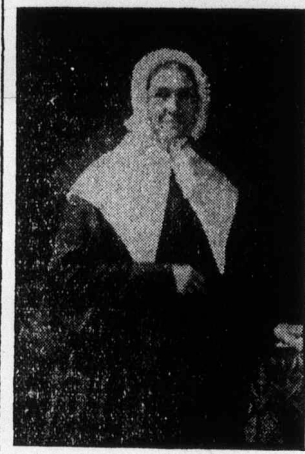
On the 30th January there passed to her reward Mrs. Fitzpatrick, widow of Mr. John Fitzpatrick, in his lifetime of the firm of Moore, Fitzpatrick & Semple, wholesale grocers. Mrs. Fitzpatrick was always delicate and through this coupled with an extremely retiring disposition, did not come much before the public. Her good works were not done noisily, but in the quietness of her heart she thought for others and was always ready to extend a helping hand. "Tis well we have the assurance that there is a record kept of goodness such as hers, and that the reward will be given by One Who knows how to value the deed because He sees the motive of the heart. Mrs. Fitzpatrick and her husband were the chief benefactors of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum. The True Witness tenders its sympathy to the bereaved friends.

On Friday, January 27th, there passed to his reward the soul of John Steele, a life-long resident of Highgate, Vt., U.S.A., being born there Oct. 21st, 1839. His father settled in that place in 1807 as one of the early settlers, and continued farming until his death in 1882. In 1860 the deceased married Mary Hanna, of Brackney, County Down, Ireland, who with four children, Daniel and Charles, of Highgate, James of Marlboro, Mass., and Mrs. M. A. Stockwell, of St. Albans, survive him. All through life he was engaged as farmer until ill health prevented about two years ago. Since that time he has been gradually failing. Many reports were circulated that he was gaining in strength rapidly, but when he entered his new house, which was completed early in September, his feet had touched the cold waters over which the boatman pale will one day ferry us all. He was a kind and loving husband and father, a true, tried and trusted friend, and highly respected citizen, who won the respect of all who knew him, and his wide circle of friends in Montreal and elsewhere will sincerely mourn his loss. The funeral services were held in the St. Louis Roman Catholic Church, Monday morning, interment being in the new cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

## In Memoriam.

The parish of St. Columban, Co. Two Mountains, has lately suffered a keen sorrow in the death of Rev. Sister Mary St. Patrick, which occurred on the morning of Friday, Jan. 27th.

A niece of the late Rt. Rev. Bishop Phelan of Kingston, the rev. lady comes of a family which has helped in no small degree to mould the future of our country into paths of easy progress; a family which has helped to make the religious history of Canada a lettered monument of unswerving loyalty to the principles of Catholicism.



REV. SISTER MARY ST. PATRICK

Rev. Sister Mary St. Patrick was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, on Aug. 5th, 1828, and was the daughter of John and Mary Phelan, who emigrated to Canada in 1830 and settled in the parish of St. Columban, just then inaugurated; and there still, within a hundred paces of the quaint old village church, stands the time-honored homestead of the Phelan family.

When a girl of twelve years of age, Sister Mary journeyed to Montreal, and entered as a novice into the Congregation of Notre Dame.

It was some years after, when looking forward with pleasure to the time when she would be permitted to pronounce her holy vows, that she met with a painful accident within the convent, which resulted in the dislocation of her ankle, an injury which the ablest physicians pronounced absolutely incurable.

Suffering keenly from the physical pain of the injured member, and the moral pain of disappointment still more keen, she returned home to her heart-broken parents, resigned and willing to bear her sorrow bravely.

Her illustrious uncle, Bishop Phelan, hearing of the accident and touched with compassion for his afflicted brother and his family, was moved to pay a visit to St. Columban, and during his stay, he it noted in gratitude to his memory, the dislocated ankle of Sister Mary was restored to its former strength and vigor.

By special privilege granted by her right rev. uncle, Sister Mary was permitted to pronounce her vows under her father's roof, and to live a religious life in her aged parent's household.

For sixty years her life had been an edification to the parish of St. Columban. Apart from the hours of solitude, meditation and prayer in her humble little oratory, she had three special cares. The first was the altar and sanctuary of the church, which gave daily evidence of her presence, her hours of willing labor, her artistic skill, and her ever growing desire to beautify the house of God. The second was the sick and perhaps it was her tender care of these which has made her name so hallowed to the grateful people of the parish, for whithersoever sickness or calamity cast a gloom of sorrow, thither came upon its trail, like the first golden beam of the morning sunshine, bursting through the darkness, the stately figure of Sister Mary. Her gentle methods of encouragement and her wise and holy counsel of fortitude and Christian resignation never failed to lighten the hearts of the suffering ones.

Her third and dearest care was the religious training of the youth. Her catechism classes were given in the parish church, where every year for sixty years she explained away the childish difficulties of the little minds that were preparing for the reception for the first time of their divine Master, and many there are who have gone out from her classes upon the world of progress, and material advancement, sturdy disciples of Christian morality and integrity. And when years bowed her aged head and silvered the silken threads of hair which fell over her forehead, they failed to impair her intellect or to dampen her enthusiasm for the performance of her daily toils.

Little wonder, then, that many a tear should moisten the cold earth upon her grave; little wonder that many a suppressed sob should escape from sorrowing hearts, bearing testimony to the desolation made by the death of her for whom we mourn.

The funeral Mass was sung by Rev. Father Forget, pastor of the parish of St. Columban, assisted by Rev. Father Hetu, P.P. of St. Scholastique, and his cure, Rev. Father Constant, as deacon and sub-deacon. The combined choirs of St. Scholastique and St. Columban sang the Mass of the dead, and the parish-folk came in great numbers to pay a last tribute to the dear departed.

The funeral procession was perhaps the largest within the memory of the oldest parishioner. In the ranks were many from St. Scholastique, St. Canute, St. Jerome, and not a few from Montreal.

The chief mourners were: Mr. M. J. Phelan, postmaster of St. Columban, and Dr. C. Phelan, of Waterloo, Que., brothers of deceased; Mrs. S. O'Rourke, sister; Miss Julia A. Phelan, niece, Messrs. John Patrick A., Joseph and Cornelius J. Phelan, nephews, and J. Burt's, grand-nephew; Mary J. Phelan and Annie Elizabeth, Jessie Phelan, grand-nieces, and Mrs. P. A. Phelan, Mrs. John Phelan, and Mrs. C. J. Phelan.

Interment took place on Monday, Jan. 30th, in the parochial cemetery.

The True Witness begs to tender the bereft family the very deep sympathy of many friends and acquaintances of the deceased in Montreal. Requiescat in Pace.

### AN AMAZING DECISION.

A press despatch from Phoenix, Ariz., says that the New York Foundling Hospital has lost its case against eighteen citizens of Clifton, Ariz. These people hold founding children brought to their town on October 1, 1904, by three Sisters of Charity, to be distributed by the parish priest. The priest placed them in Mexican families, from whom they were taken by a popular aggregation, resembling a mob, before the Sisters could rescue them. The Supreme Court unanimously decided that as the children are now provided with comfortable homes, their paramount interests have been subserved, and that public policy best would be benefited by refusal to return them to the care of the founding hospital.

That is an amazing decision, and we feel sure that an appeal to the United States Supreme Court will result in a reversal. These children were really kidnapped by a mob. And yet the Sisters of the Foundling Hospital, their lawful guardians, may not get them back. There is a strong reason for suspicion that the court may have been influenced by religious prejudice.

### SCOTLAND'S LEAD IN CRIME.

Comparisons of the criminal statistics of Scotland and Ireland point out that although the population of Ireland is almost equal to that of Scotland, the imprisonment in the latter country, 59,962, were nearly double. No fewer than 7698 boys and 650 girls under the age of 16 were convicted in Scotland during 1903.

I believe in remembering and respecting men for the good they did, and charitably forgetting the rest, so long as that rest is not too bad. —C. W.