

youngful moulders of the molten mass. The recollection of those days are never forgotten and the reminiscences of them will to-night coajure up many a pious memory of the dear old homes so many Canadians have left behind them.

THE FANATICS OF MONTREAL.

Montreal is preeminently the city of fanatics. It is an atmosphere in which the madmen of religion sprout and flourish with tropical rapidity. They come, they see and they resolve to conjure. Each in his turn thinks that he is to be the favoured one, that he is destined to proclaim the death of the "Scarlet W" and the advent of evangelism. His is the day, and his is the hour to proclaim the Truth. He comes charging to the music of "Jesus and no quarter" as the covenanters charged at the battle of Drumclog. Whether he was "a priest of Rome" like Chiniquy, a "witness" and a "publisher" like "Major Malan of the British Army" directed by the "Spirit of the Lord" like the Rev. Mr. Beau-dry, or an out and out "Papist" like the McVicars, yet it is all the same—Montreal attracts him to her fanatical embrace and he is happy. The fanatic is generally of sour expression and of hard visage. He is at war with his neighbours, and his countenance bears the impress of his fury. He is a cross between a zealot and a fool. He pretends to worship God while he hates his fellow-man. The sight of a priest's garb sets him crazy. He moves aside when a "man of Rome" approaches. He believes that he has a mission, and that mission is to insult his Catholic neighbours. His way is the only way to salvation, he says. He knows all about it. Has he not the "open bible" to guide him? What matter if a dozen new religions could be formed out of its contents, yet he is happy, so long as there is no "going back to Romanism." But he means business for all that. He carries a high head—when there is no danger. He creates the spirit from which antagonisms spring, but he takes no part in the actual turbulence. Clerical fanatics are generally out of the way when there is any fighting to be done. They are men of peace, "witnesses" or "publishers" with the "Spirit of the Lord," and the "open bible" before them. You can generally tell a fanatic by his appearance. You never saw an open faced, broad shouldered, erect man a fanatic in your life. It is not in such a frame that fanaticism can live. They have generally an unsound mind in an unsound body. It is in snivelling, weak and decrepit forms that fanaticism finds a home. A fanatic looks bilious, his eyes are often sunken, his frame is shrivelled, and he is never even good looking. The fanatic is often a man who thirsts for notoriety. He must be heard of if he cannot be seen. He wants to make a noise in the world, and fanaticism is the only means left open to him. He is never a Christian; he cannot be one. He may despise "brass money and wooden shoes" and yet not be a Christian for the possession of these virtues. But he has a strong belief in fanaticism and in himself. Look at him as he sneaks through the streets? He knows that he is doing wrong. He knows that honest citizens shun him. He knows that he is the laughing stock of some, and the despised of others. But he has his following and he believes in his mission. He will tell you that our Lord himself was treated badly. He will admonish you not to be led from the path of duty by the sneers of the world. He will pray for you to be steadfast and work on. His mission is not peace but it is war, insulting and obnoxious war upon all who do not agree with him. Of moderation he knows nothing. He believes that all the world outside his circle is going to hell. The priests have, in the opinion of the fanatic, a particularly hot corner reserved for them. The Bishops are to be in the lowest depths, and as for the Pope, even, in Dante's pandemonium there is no place warm enough for him. The fanatic will give religious liberty to a Chinaman, but not to a Catholic. He will not offend Sing Sing of the Chinese laundry, but he will grossly insult the majority of his fellow-citizens. But surely these creatures should be execrated by every honest man, let his religion be what it may. They are a social curse and a public nuisance. We should rejoice to see public opinion frown down these miserable beings. We care not from whence they come, or what they call themselves, yet they deserve the contempt of all peaceable men. Ah, but the men who encourage them are as bad as themselves. They are like the receivers of stolen goods, and the public peace will never be secure until an impartial and honest expression of public opinion puts them both down. If heaven is made up of such men, then the good are sent to the wrong place. But we hope yet to see the day when the fanatics of Montreal will witness before the impartial opinion of honest men, when bigotry shall be denounced upon all sides, and when men of every creed will be allowed to worship God

according to the dictates of their consciences, without being subjected to insult from men who are a curse to the community in which they live.

THE YOUNG BRITONS.

Those hopeful gallants, the Young Britons, have been bestirring themselves of late, in this locality. They had a "mass meeting" last week, and they are to have a "no surrender" concert this evening in the Mechanic's Hall. The "True Blues" the "Prentice Boys" and the "Young Britons" composed the last gathering of the clans, while the fraternity at large, will, it is expected, patronise the concert. Orangemen will be rampant, as it always is. Of late it has gone mad over the "No Bill" business. The members of the order think it too bad that no one is to be hanged for the death of Hackett. If a "Papist" dangled from a gallows because Hackett was killed, all Orangeism would rejoice. They think it too bad that that kind of thing cannot be done here as it used to be done in Ireland. If they could only revive the Penal code they would be happy. But there is not much chance of that in the Province of Quebec, so they grin and bear the consequences. If only one "Croppie lay under"—the sod—for the "murder of Hackett" all would have been well and the "mass-meeting" would not have been obliged to pass heroic resolutions. People say that the Orangemen did their best to bring about this consummation. It is said, that it was they, or their kith and kin, who were the "others" to whom Bradley, &c., &c., referred, as having "urged her on" to commit perjury, and then to have "left her in the lurch" when they discovered that the game was up. That they are capable of such an act we have no doubt; that they did it, however, we have no direct evidence. If they are innocent we may be sure that it was from no want of inclination to swear a "Papist" life away. If they dared they would kick us out of the country, not daring, however, they think it is better to "smile and smile, and be all the while a villain." This they did to perfection at their "mass meeting" in the Orange Hall last week. The first resolution was to the effect that, in the Sheehan case, the Grand Jury gave a verdict in "open violation of the positive evidence of two eye witnesses of the dastardly murder of the late Brother Thomas Lett Hackett." The phraseology of this is not choice but it is Orange. The resolution is full of adjectives. There are "open violations," "positive evidence," "dastardly murder," "fully committed," "imperative duty" and "due and careful deliberation" all in one resolution. A "vulgar" and "ignorant Papist" could we believe, frame as good a resolution as that. Nay we might find "a friend of popular ignorance" as the Catholics have been called to even frame a better one. With the "open bible" before them, the Young Britons, should do better. They should in fact, resolve sublimely. But if the first resolution was silly, the second was absurd. Just fancy the Young Britons calling upon the Protestants of Canada to "rise as one man" and put an end to a Grand Jury system which encourages "blood-thirsty and fanatical ruffians, ever ready to take human life on the smallest pretext." "Protestants of Canada rise as one man," say those doughty champions of Orangedom.—Protestants of Canada do nothing of the kind, "as one man" say we. If the Protestants of Canada "as one man" are wise they will have nothing to do with Orangemen. It always defileth everything it touches. But this is not all. After the "rise as one man" appeal, the resolution demands "such a change in the law as will place all classes and all creeds on an equally safe footing." We think the "open bible" says that "thou shalt not lie," and the part of the resolution we have quoted looks suspiciously like something that is not true. "All classes and all creeds on an equal footing." And has it come to this at last! Is it thus the mighty are fallen! "All classes and all creeds on an equal footing." We confess that we are surprised at these words, but they do not deceive us as they are intended to do. It is too thin. Since when have Orangemen wished for "all creeds" to be placed on "equally safe footing"? Since when has the order changed its base of operation? Why Orangeism originated and was perpetuated to prevent all "classes and all creeds" from being "placed on an equally safe footing." Like grim death the Orangemen of Ireland hung on to the last remnant of the Penal laws and threatened rebellion if they were repealed. Who opposed Catholic Emancipation, who but the Orangemen of Ulster? Who opposed the abolition of the Tithes, who but the Orangemen of Ulster too? Who opposed the disestablishment and disendowment of the so-called "Irish Church" who but the orangemen of Ulster again? "All classes and all creeds on equally safe footing" indeed! That phrase is both a lie and a cheat. There never yet has been a measure which was calculated to give "all classes and all creeds an equally safe footing" that Orangemen did not

oppose. We challenge the champions of Orangeism to point to a single instance in the history of their order, where they have striven for, or obtained "an equal footing for all classes and all creeds." Nay not only is it a lie but the Orangemen must know it to be such. If they do not then they know nothing of the history of the organization to which they belong. It is an imposition to allow such a phrase to go before the public unchallenged, and we shall cheerfully open our columns to anyone who is able to illustrate where, when, or how, the Orangemen ever labored for "an equal footing for all classes and all creeds." Their own oath belies them. They take a solemn vow to do all in their power to destroy our faith, and knowing them as we do, we say again that they would, we believe, scour us out of the country, if they dared. But it is not old times with them now and they know it. They have no venial government to wink at their conduct in this free land. There are here loyal Catholics who will not allow the Crown to be "kicked into the sea" (Boyne) for the glory of Orangeism. They hate us, and we—well we—pity and despise them. We want to have nothing to do with them. We want to shun them as we would shun a viper. If there was a similar organization in the Catholic Church then we would shun it too. But there is none, never has been, and never can be such an order. Orangeism teaches men to hate each other and it has no more idea of giving "an equally safe footing for all classes and all creeds" than it has of teaching forbearance. Orangeism is made up of the irreligious element of Protestantism. We venture to say that they attend Church less than any respectable Protestant in the Community. But there is still another phrase in the second resolution which demands attention. It says that there were thirteen Grand Jury men who could not write their names, and the resolution points out this fact, if fact it be, to urge the necessity of altering the law. Whether this is true or not we do not know but we do know this—that if it is so then the majority of those thirteen voted for Sheehan's conviction. Of this we are certain. We know more than one-half of the gentlemen, who are supposed to have been for the acquittal, and we know that they can read and write well. Thus then the most of the non-readers were for conviction, while of the number who were for acquittal, the majority of them to our certain knowledge can both read and write. Here, then, are the tables turned upon the Young Britons, who tried to make it appear that, of the thirteen who are supposed to have been for acquittal, none of them could read or write. That the Grand Jury system is perfect, we do not say. That no man should be allowed to serve upon it who cannot read and write, we admit; but that the majority of the illiterates were for the acquittal of Sheehan, we deny. The Young Britons must console themselves as best they can under what they call "Papish" rule in this Province. They have no business here at all. Their fanatical fathers should have left the curse of Orangeism where they planted it, in unhappy Ulster. It should have no abiding place in this free land. It is insulting and unnecessary. The orangemen may froth and fume as much as they please, but they will discover this—that the Catholics of Canada will no longer tamely submit to their insults. The time is, we believe, come when we shall insist upon Religious Liberty—that Religious Liberty which guarantees to us the right of worshiping God as we like. The British Constitution gives us that right, and it will require something more than Orangeism to take it from us. In this country we can hold up our heads like men, and say that freedom from insult is our right, and freedom from insult we must have. There can be no substantial peace in Canada until Jew and Gentile is secured the amplest latitude in his religious observances. We are sure our Catholic friends never insult anyone; but as they give no insult, we advise them to take none, and if an honourable peace can only be purchased by a warfare of opinions, then a warfare of opinions let it be.

AGENTS.

Mr. P. F. Walsh has been appointed SOLE AGENT for the TRUE WITNESS in this city. He is authorized to collect subscriptions, and to canvass for advertisements. Instead of having several agents as hitherto we shall in future confine ourselves to one. Mr. E. Pollan is our authorized agent for Huntingdon and surrounding district, and as such entitled to receive subscriptions. Mr. Alexander McDonald, Teacher, is our duly authorized Agent for Alexandria and vicinity. Mr. John Gough is our Travelling Agent, and is fully authorized to receive monies and grant receipts as such. Mr. Patrick J. Shea, is our agent for St. Thomas and the district surrounding, to whom subscriptions may be paid.

LETTER FROM DUBLIN.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

DUBLIN, Oct. 19th.

Home Rule is the question of the hour again. Within the past few weeks it has come to the front with cheering rapidity. The papers are all full of it—it is Butt and Parnell, Parnell and Butt, everywhere. The masses of the people, and many of the priests, are in favour of the Parnell policy, while the wisecracks, are in favour of Butt. There is a distinct dividing line. Parnell wants to inaugurate a policy of work. He wants to see men go to the House of Commons who mean business, and who will not abandon the principles they were elected for when they find themselves housed at St. Stephen's. You know as well as any man, that the so called Home Rule party is a delusion and a snare. You know that more than one half of that party took up the Home Rule cry as a parrot does its lesson. You know that they did not mean Home Rule at all. Once in the House of Commons, they become weak in their resolutions and they quietly settled down into the hum-drum of parliamentary life. There was neither earnestness nor energy in the most of the members, and the party as a Home Rule party was a sham, of the highest kind. As an Irish Parliamentary Party, I grant that it was the best party we ever had, but they were sent to the House of Commons as a Home Rule Party, and as such the majority of the members were frauds. Why many of this so called Home Rule Party are not even members of the Home Rule League at all. But these gentlemen mistake the temper of the times. We mean business now in Ireland and if the present so called Home Rule M.P.'s, do not respond to the demand of the people, then I believe at the next election you will see a wholesale clearing out. The efforts being made to preserve the Irish language are encouraging. The other day a priest gave a sermon in Irish at Jarraw-on-Tyne, near Newcastle, England. The sermon was given by the Rev. Father Conway, of Clifden. Many English people must have been curious to hear the mellodious accents of the preacher, as he eloquently discoursed on "Faith" in the sweet vernacular of ancient Ireland. According to the *Jarrow Express*, the Catholic Church was crowded to the doors by a congregation who listened attentively to the Gaelic periods of the rev. gentleman. It was a happy hit, and Father Conway made good use of his opportunity to impress upon his exiled countrymen the great necessity of leading irreproachable lives in land of the stranger. He advised Irishmen to be true to God and country, and to be steady and resolute in the practice of temperance. The women of Limerick have presented an address to the Pope. The presentation took place last week. The address was enclosed in an album made of Irish bog oak, with silver clasps and silver ornamentation. The address was as follows:— "Most Holy Father,—While the respectful and devoted sons of your Holiness, in the diocese of Limerick, have resolved to perpetuate the memory of that glorious anniversary which fills the whole world with joy and gratitude, by erecting in memory thereof the tower of their Cathedral of St. John, we, your Holiness's obedient daughters, ask permission to lay at your feet the tribute of our profound respect and of our unalterable attachment. Deign most Holy Father, to bless with a special blessing this diocese, our families, our children, that they may be worthy of their country, and keep always with the same fidelity and the same love as their fathers did, the faith of St. Patrick and St. Bridget." The foregoing address bore the signatures of the Countess of Kenmare, the Countess Dowager of Dunraven, Viscountess Southwell, Lady Louisa Fitzgibbon, Lady Emily, Mary Monell, Lady De Vere, Lady Annaly, &c. Then followed on separate pages the signatures of the Ladies of the Presentation Convent, the Convents of Our Lady of Mercy, the Good Shepherd Convent, the Convents of the Faithful Companions of Jesus, the Convents of the Nuns of the Blessed Sacrament, and lastly were the signatures of many thousands of Limerick women. The certificate of the Bishop of Limerick, Dr. Rutler, attested the genuineness of the several signatures. The Earl of Meath sent a special railway carriage to meet Mr. Gladstone at Kingstown. The right hon. gentleman has notified that he will not take part in any public proceedings on account of the divided state of politics in Ireland. Mr. Gladstone will visit Earl Fitzwilliam, whence he will proceed to the Lakes of Killarney. His stay in Ireland will extend over three weeks. The *Cork Examiner* of Tuesday reports an extraordinary rumour from Limerick to the effect that Viscount Fitzgibbon, a cavalry officer who was supposed to have perished in the charge of the Six Hundred at Balaklava, is now on his way home from Siberia to claim his ancestral estates. The report is that the officer was taken prisoner and sent into exile to Siberia, from which he is now returning. As I believe you have a number of Scotch Catholics in Canada perhaps they may be interested in hearing that Father Conway, the respected priest at Springborn, was presented with a purse of sovereigns for his valuable services in the district. Two Protestant clergymen and several Protestants were present at the ceremony. Archbishop Eyre, in laying the foundation-stone of new Catholic schools at Greenock on Saturday said the Catholic Church had been the great educator of the people. One of the most terrifying scenes reported in connection with the terrible gale of wind and rain which has been passing over Scotland comes from Uig, one of the north-western islands. At that place a mansion house was blown down, and one of the inmates killed; but, worst of all, a stream of water made its way into the graveyard, unearthing the coffins and sweeping several of them into the sea. One corpse was driven ashore on another island. Great damage has been done to property in the north. And now good-bye again. You see I only attempted to collect a few items on interest by the way.

PERSONALS.

GLADSTONE—Mr Gladstone is in Ireland. There was no demonstration when he arrived. DRAPER—Chief Justice Draper is not expected to live past this morning. BRAY—The Rev. Mr. Bray is announced to give a course of lectures during the winter. BAYLAY—There was an insurance of \$20,000 on the life of Archbishop Bayley in favor of St. Michael's Hospital, Newark, N.J. BLAKE—It is denied that Mr. Blake is preparing a Bill for the organization of a Dominion Police Force. WURTELE—The Hon. Mr. Chapleau, in a recent speech, told the electors that it would not surprise him to see Mr. Wurtele in his cabinet. SOUTHGATE—The manager of the Windsor Hotel is to be Mr. Henry Southgate, late of the United States Hotel, Saratoga. HENRICK—Mr. Hugh Henrick, a well-known and much respected Home Ruler, died recently in Birmingham. CONROY—His Excellency the Most Rev. Dr. Conroy visited the convent of Mount St. Marie yesterday. TUPPER—Dr. Tupper, the member for Cumberland, is going to Europe for the benefit of his health. CONROY—His Excellency the Most Rev. Bishop Conroy will shortly deliver a lecture in Ottawa for the benefit of the Good Shepherd's Convent. INCKS—Sir Francis Incks is to publish his recent lecture on Canada in pamphlet form. He is to enlarge it as well. RINE—Mr. Rine has been invited to lecture at Quebec. A guarantee fund has been secured to defray expenses. DE BOUCHERVILLE—It is expected that the Quebec Legislature will assemble on the 3rd of December. BULL—Sitting Bull expresses the intention of living quietly on Canadian soil, but before settling down he proposes "to make the Americans cry," which is rather an ominous saying. DAVIS—The statue of Tom Davis, in the Protestant cemetery of Dublin is going to decay. We expect, however, that a movement will be made to save it. O'LEARY—Daniel O'Leary the Irish long distance champion walker of the world, and J. Egan, have agreed to walk one hundred miles for \$500 a side. WALSH—The new Roman Catholic Church at Brussels was dedicated on Sunday, 28th inst., by Rev. Dr. Walsh, Bishop of London, assisted by other clergymen. TROLLOPE—T. Adolphus Trollope is bringing out a book called "The story of the life of Pope Pio Nono. It is to be published by Belford Brothers, Toronto. LYNCH—By special request the grand oratorio given in St. Michael's Cathedral Toronto, on the 14th inst. was repeated Sunday evening. His Grace Archbishop Lynch conducted vespers, and the Cathedral was crowded in every part. LAURIER—The Reformers and Conservatives are alike surprised at the defeat of Mr. Laurier in the election for Drummond and Arthabaska. He paid the penalty of his vote against Professor O'Donoghue on the Amesty question. O'BRIEN—Mr. Francis O'Brien, District Magistrate at Chicoutimi, has been kidnapped by some Indians in Labrador and carried off into the woods in consequence of his having convicted and sentenced one of their tribe. PLESSIS—A splendid mural tablet in black and white marble has been erected in St. Roch's church to the memory of its founder, Mgr. Jos. Ouve Plessis, a former distinguished Bishop of Quebec. LANGELEIER—It is denied that Professor Langeleier was obliged to communicate to their Lordships the Bishops of Quebec, a retraction of the position taken by him in the Charlevoix contested election case. MURPHY—Francis Murphy is lecturing to large audiences in the West. His price is \$200 a night, and managers find a profit in him at that rate. He seems likely to make a fortune out of temperance. CRUCI—A report from Rome says that:—"Father Cruci, editor of the *Civetta Cattolica*, a prominent Jesuit, has been expelled from the order for maintaining the temporal power is not necessary to the well-being of the Church." BROWN—It is understood that the Hon. George and Mr. Gordon Brown have secured the entire control of the *Globe*, and that they intend to form a joint stock company with a capital of \$500,000. HAGARTY—Chief Justice Hagarty opened the Autumn Criminal sittings, at Toronto last week. In his charge, His Lordship spoke strongly in favor of the preservation of the Grand Jury, until some better machinery could be substituted. BUTT—At the conference of Home Rule M.P.'s, in Dublin, Mr. Butt said to the Obstructionists: "I value political power, and the position in which I stand to-day, but rather than sanction you in letting the national cause go to ruin, I would fling them to the winds and give up my seat." MALOULIN—The *Gazette* says that it is in possession of "private information" from Quebec to the effect, that Mr. Malouin will not withdraw in order to make way for Mr. Laurier. On the other hand it is said that Mr. Laurier refused to come forward against Mr. Malouin. CHINIQUY—At a social meeting of the employees of the *Witness* Chiniquy said that he gave \$300 to assist in starting the *True Witness*. Alderman Clendinning said that he wished Chiniquy had his money back. So do we. If it was in our possession we should give it back. GRANT—Several representatives of the Paris newspapers interviewed ex-President Grant on Saturday but found him very reticent. He declined to express an opinion on the political situation there. He said his first impression of France was that it wore a prosperous, well ordered, and happy aspect. WALSH—Major J. M. Walsh, of the Northwestern Mounted Police, is described as "a dashing young officer who is likely to prove another Custer." He is handsome, has the eye of a hawk, and an iron frame, is intrepid, a born leader of men, and thirsts for adventure. He is acquiring a singular influence over the Indians. HANLAN—It is said that Hanlan and his backers have definitely decided not to make any more matches this year. Early in the spring it is very probable that Hanlan will go to England. His net receipts out of the race did not exceed \$1,000. He has presented Mr. Peter Collins of the *Canadian Sporting Times* with a handsome time keeper. O'BRIEN—The Brockville *Recorder* of Saturday says: "His Lordship Bishop O'Brien, arrived here on the four o'clock train from the West. The object of his visit is to secure from this parish a sum of money to be used towards the completion of the Kingston Cathedral, and a collection for that purpose will be taken up at the morning service."