THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES.

WHAT WAS DONE AT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES IN NEW YORK CITY.

The trustees of the Catholic Summer School of America held their semiannual meeting at the Catholic Club. New York city, Thursday, January 30. The president, Rev. Dr. Conaty, presided. He expresses himself as much pleased with the work done and at the prospect for the future of the school. The day pr. vious, January 29, the executive committee met and discussed the plans, exammedall reports and made estimates for the next session. The report of this c mmittee was the basis for the action

of the trustees at their regular meeting. According to the plan suggested by the president, Rev. Dr. Conaty, and approved by the board, at the August meeting, the bonds of the association were called in and redeemed by the aid or a mortgage loan of \$30,000, obtained from the Continental Trust Company of New York. The Improvement Company which had issued the bonds by means of which the beautiful administration building of the school was creeted, was dissolved, and the property transferred ngain to the association. All outstanding debts were paid, and a cash balance o nearly \$3,000 placed to the credit of the summer school. On the strength of this balance, three cottages were ordered to be built, and now add beauty to the seene. These cottages combined have 26 rooms, and are commodious and elegant, one having ten rooms and the other two eight rooms each. As the next session will be held at Cliff Haven, as the sum mer school property is called, it is absolutely necessary that the association erect four or five more cottages, which, with those already built, and the reading circle cottages of Boston, Philadelphia, Buffalo, New York and Ottawa, as well as private cottages, will accommodate at least three hundred students. Resides that, an auditorium, or lecture hall, and a dining hall, or restaurant must be creeted, sewers must be extended to the cottages and roads and sidewalks established, as well as the docks extended in order to meet the passing A careful estimate placed the neces-

surv appropriation to be called for at and the board voted that amount if the treasury would warrant the outlay. The association has two m in sources of revenue for that purpise, the cottage sites already purchused and unpaid for and the honorary life and associate membership. All cottage sites sold henceforth must go to form a sinking fund for the redemption of the mortgage. According to the reports made, 210 names are on the membership rolls, with an unpaid talance of about \$8000. It is preposed to reach about 200 more of our Catholic men and women interested in the cause of general higher education among the p ople, and thus add \$20,000 to our working fund for improvements. The need o) a hotel on or near our grounds, supplying the wants of many at medium prices, seems to be met by a proposition of one of our trustees, to organize a company outside the board and build such a hatel. This matter is under careful consideration at the present time. If negotrustees. The town of Plattsburgh, last week, granted a tranchise for an electric r ilway, and our board granted their request for land within our lines on which to extend the line to the Hotel Champlain, just beyond our property. The town also voted to extend its water mains and electric light plant to all the buildings creeted by the school. This will show how the material work of the school is progressing. The board of studies reported for the intellectual part of the session, and a very excellent programme of studies we soutlined and approved. The session of 1896 will begin Sunday, July 12, and continue until Sunday, August 16, thus lasting five weeks, one week less than last year, and embracing 75 lectures, 5 dogmatic sermons, 5 moral instructions and conferences on Sunday school and r ading circle work. The lectures will be given every morning except Saturday and Sunday, and every evening except Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

the following is the course of forenoon lectures: "Crises in American History," five lectures, by Rev. C. C. Currier, of Baltimore, Md.; "Sacred Scripture," five lectures, by Rev. H J. II nser, of Overbrook Seminary, Philadelphia; "Ecclesiastical History," 5 lectures, by Rev. James F. Loughlin, D.D., Philadelphia; five lectures, on "Philosophy," by Rev. James A. Doonan, S.J., Riston College; five lectures on "Impirical Psychology," by Rev. Dr. Pace, dean of the Cath. lie University of Washinton. "The Philosophy of Literature" will be treated in five lectures by Conde Pollen, LL. D., of St. Louis. Prof. Chas. G. Hebermann, of the College of the Uuiversity of New York city, will give five leasures on "The Beginnings of German Literature." Rev. H. J. Henry of Overbrook Sminary will continue in five lectures his "History of English Literature." Hev. Francis Howard of Jackson, O., will give five lectures on "Political bosoning." The evening lectures, many of which will be illustrated, will be as follows: Four lectures on "Christian Ar haeology," by Rev. Dr. Driscoll, P. S. S. Grand Seminary, Montreal; five lectures on "Physical Science," by Rev. T. J. A. Freeman, S. J., Woodstock College, Mr.; four lectures on the "Evolution of the Essay," by Col. Richard Malcolm Johnston of Baltimore, Md.; four lectures by Sydney Wollett, Esq., of New Jort, R. J., on "Shakesperian Interpretation;" two lectures by Rev. P. O'Callabeth and C. S. P. New York site on the Catholic Church. that of the Catholic Church. laghan, C. S. P., New York city, on Cortain Phases of New England Lie," one by Hon. Judge Cur-was a dead language, but because it was the living language best u derstood by Thompson." Other single lectures on the largest number of persons who could bi-graphical subjects, art and music, are read and write, and that at a time when d grantic sermons on "The First Truths received any literary form whatever and of Keligion" will be given Sunday mornrings, and also a course of instructions | permit them to be expressed in writing. for Sanday evenings. It will be seen at was simply impossible at that time to ir no this outline that the work; of the lind any other language than Latin, even coming session is but a continuation or had it been desired, in which the wor-

courses. Encouraging reports come from all sides, attesting greater interest than

before in the summer school work. The honorary life membership list is most gratifying, as it contains the names of our most distinguished ecclesinstics and laymen: Cardinal Satolli, Archbishols Corrigan, Williams and Ryan, Bishop Burke of Albany, Beaven, Gabriels, Harkins, Healy, Byrne, of Nashville, and Farley, Vicars General Mooney of New York and Byrne of Boston, a large number of distinguished priests; while among the Catholic laymen are found United States Senators Smith of New Jersey, Carter of Montana, Chief Justice Daly of New York, and Hon, Judge O'Brien of New York, Hon, M. W. O'Brien of Detroit, Dominion Senator O'Brien of Montreal, Hon. Hugh Ryan of Toronto, and many others. Our reading circles throughout the country are the great sources of our student members, and our untlagging supporters, Boston, Philadelphia. New York, Rochester and Buffalo, are the centres of our strength, and when their reading circles! cottages group around our summer school community buildings, we may well be proud of the ambition of our Catholic people and their devotion to the cause of higher education. A united school opens at New Orleans, Feb. 13, and a second summer school continues at Madison the coming summer, so that al. through the country the movement advances. The question is often asked if the school attendance is restricted to Catholies. The school is for all who seek for truth and are anxious to know what the leaders of Catholic thought have to say upon the questions of the hour. Everyone is welcome, and nothing will please more than to have non-Catholies attend any or all the lectures, and present such questions as may be suggested by the studies. Our sessions have always been attended by many non-Catholics, some Jewish rabbis being among the most interested students .-Worcester Daily Spy.

A PERTINENT ARTICLE.

The Latin Language in the Catholic Liturgy.

Almost all Protestants who give any thought to the Catholic Church agree in one objection to it, and that is the use of the Latin language in the liturgy. Most of us have had non-Catholic riends tell us of a chance visit made to a Catholic church and of the favorable impression received from the devoutness of the worshipers, but of being, after all, repelled by the inability to understand 'what it was all about," because of its being in a language that they could not understand. That is the non-Catholic difficulty. It certainly must be a serious one. As every Catholic knows, there is nothing so beautiful, so appealing to the highest sentiments of the soul, and at the same time so consonant with human reason, as the Catholic service of worchip and praise of Almighty God.

Even viewed merely as literature, and m its purely asthetic side, there is nothing that has flowed from the pen, next after the Bible, the inspired Word of God, that is so supremely beautiful, sublime, and in all respects so completely satisfactory to the soul desirous of rising from earth to heaven, as this Catholic liturgy. There is no non-Catholic, could he but understand it, but would sincerely of childhood which interests his brothers ti tions succeed, matters will be much admire it, and many thousands of them, would by means of this admir ation be led further on to reconciliation with the visible Church of Christ, from which they have been separated through no fault of thei**r o**wn.

On the other hand, Catholics to the manner born have what might almost be called a sort of selfish enjoyment of the situation. They have always been accustomed to the use in the sanctuary of this language, now dead, but once the living tongue of the Eternal City of Rome and of her legions and colonists throughout the Roman Empire, that once embraced all the civilized world.

But now, in view of the Holy Father's invitation to Christian reunion, it is worth while and very interesting to consider this use of Latin in its advantages. It must be acknowledged that one great advantage is its convenience for the clergy. A priest is always at home and prepared to exercise his ministry wherever the Latin rite is in force.

It is well understood, of course, that there are many Catholic communities fully in communion with the Holy See. where the Latin rite does not and never did prevail; where the language of the liturgy is Greek, or Slavonian, or Arabic. or Coptic, and so on. And then it is con venient for the laity. The emigrant, or the tourist, who is a Catholic of the Latin rite is at home in church in almost any city of the world where he may findhimself. Still it remains true that when the Catholic emigrant or tourist wishes to go to confession he must find a priest who understands his vernacular. Then it has been often said that the widespread use of the Latin helps to impress the sense of the universality or Catholicity of the Church.

One of the greatest of the advantages of the use of Latin Ims often been declared to rest in the fact that as Latin is a dead language, with immutably fixed meanings to all its terms, there is less danger of the perversion of the truths that are contained in the liturgy; and some writers have gone so far as to assert that Latin was expressly chosen because it was a dead language and therefore fixed

in the meanings of its words. Every well-informed Catholic knows that the use of Latin is an accident and not an essential of the Catholic liturgy Italy, Spain and Northern and Western Europe, it was adopted not because it been reduced to a condition that would

further development of last session's ship of the true God could be carried on is found to attain one of four terminaso as to be in harmony with the teaching of the Catholic Church. Latin was the language of the law of the Roman empire in those countries, and Greek of the countries farther East, and the liturgy, according to locality, took the one language or the other. That, of course, is the historical explanation of the use

Of course arguments founded on the convenience of the clergy, or the senti ments of emigrants or tourists can count for fittle when seriously considered. The liturgy as the form of the public worship of God is for the people at large, the people of any given place; and the salvation of their souls: and not the comfort of mere strangers, is chiefly to be had in view. The whole subject is in these days full of real interest when one regards the hope of winning the American people to a reconciliation with the Cathorie Church.—Catholic Standard.

ARE GENIUSES SANE?

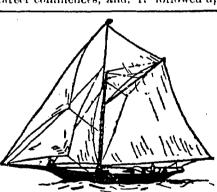
SOME ARE AND SOME ARE NOT -THE DIVID-ING LINE IS SOMETIMES NOT DISCERNIBLE.

The term genius has long enjoyed a wide latitude of application, and it becomes necessary, before the men of great gitts can be properly studied or their characteristics rightly defined, to divide them into primary classes; first the in his celestial home to watch affectionnormal or regenerate, and, second, the abnormal or degenerate, men of genius, writes Dr. Warren L. Babcock in the Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases.

leader of his profession, and the director [mountain youth. of all movements of progress. By force of industry and tact he has acquired those resources of mind which characterize, in large measure, the greater genius: the boy had merely a slight indisposi-A superficial comparison would reflect tion which would yield readily to a few him as a copy in miniature of his de- days care; but, as his suffering increasgenerate cousin, but a deeper study would establish a wide divergence, both ed, and on the 20th of October took Channental and physical. Well developed dius to see a physician in Villefranche. ity; his heritage bespeaks a normal ancestry, and his symmetry of contour a healthy organism. The work of the mediocre or even the talented man fades away in the march of ages and sinks into obscurity. A generation or two suffices to obliterate his labors from the history . of mankind, and though not having ever, was brief. On the afternoon lived in vain, he lived for his time and of the 25th, while the boy was generation only. But the discoveries of accompanying a number of his comreally great men never leave us; their works live on, and their fame proves immertal.

Passing on presently to the degenerate or abnormal genius, Dr. Babcock pro-ceeds to characterize him as follows:

You have all noticed the odd boy of the family; the doubtful character; the precocious prodigy; the black sheep of the flock. For example, let us take a respectable farmer's family of four or ober, poor but respectable people. The children, with one exception, resemble one or the other parent. Their mental endowments do not exceed mediocrity. But this odd boy—this variation from the family likeness—is the one who interests us. He differs from the others greatly, and is wilful, perverse, moody, impulsive and perhaps frail and sickly. Marked precocity is his only redeeming characteristic. The ordinary pleasures and sisters have no charm for him. He plays alone or wanders off in the fields, seeking solitude in the pasivity of na-ture. He is such a strange boy. His parents do not understand him, and his associates look upon him with awe. As he reaches the adolescent period, he becomes dissatisfied and restless, reluctantly gaining his parents' consent to leave home, or, failing in that, runs away and turns his face toward some near-by large city. Here his interesting career commences, and, if followed up,



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DYSPEPSIA, CHRONIC DIARRHEA.



MISS SARAH GIBSON, of Saco, Bradford
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highly of your Family Medicines. For years I suffered with stomach trouble; it be-came so very bad I could not eat the slightest food without terrible distress.

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want. I have taken about one dozen bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I also suffered for three years with thronic diarrhea; could get no help till I began the use of Dr. Pierce's Compound Extract of Smart-Weed; one-half dozen bottles cured me. I have also taken Dr. Pierce's Reverit Prescription for female Pierce's Favorite Prescription for femals weakness with good results."

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tions. First and most prominent in the order of frequency, is an early death. Second, he may help swell the criminal ranks. Third, he may become mentally deranged and ultimately find his way into an hospital for insane. Fourth, and least frequently, he startles the world by an invention or discovery in science, or by an original composition of

great merit in art, music or literature.

A WONDERFUL CURE.

He is then styled a genius.

Effects of the Intercession of the Cure of

The Brothers of the Holy Family have been teaching in Ars since 1849. Brought thither by M. Vianuey himself to look after the elementary education of the children of the parish, they yielded to the cornest solicitation of the people and established a boarding school. Of late years this school has developed to an extent that would warrant its being called, on this side of the Atlantic, a college. The wondrous favor which we propose recounting-a favor granted to a student of this establishment through the intercession of the Venerable Cure of Ars-furnishes an undeniable proof that its saintly founder still continues ately over the interests of the school.

Claudius Odeon is a boy of thirteen, son of a stone cutter of St. Maurico-de-Rotherens, Savoy. Having already spent The normal man of genius can be dismissed in few words. He is now the entered, after the summer holidays, on highest type of our present state of evolu- the 2nd of last October. At that period tion and cilvilization; he is the talented | he had every appearance of enjoying the man of our colleges and universities, the robust health and vigor of the typical

Toward the end of October, however, he began to suffer from pains in the stomach. At first it was thought that ed, the Brother Director became alarmqualities of originality, attention and Decided by the insidious progress of the abstraction are strangers to his mental disease, the doctor pronounced it a case of constipation, and prescribed sulphate of magnesia. From the readiness with which the physician diagnosed the case, and the relief afforded by his remedy, it was natural to conclude that the diagnosis was correct, and that Claudius was practically cured. The illusion, howpanions on a short promenade, his sufferings recommenced, and, on returning to

the school with much difficulty, he went to bed. During the whole night (the last he spent in the common dormitory) and all the next morning his pains grew hourly more violent, nor could they be assuaged by any treatment which the Brothers could propose. Pity, as well as prudence, impelled the Director to pay another visit to Villefranche, and active children. The parents are healthy, cordingly he again took his pupil to the

Instead of returning to the doctor first consulted, he went this time to Dr. H., formerly internal physician of the Lyons hospitals. The sick boy underwent a thorough examination, and the result was that the doctor recognized the presence of appendicitis. The case appeared so clear that he did not he sitate to consign his diagnosis to writing while making out his prescription.

The preoccupied air of the physician and the critical care with which be prolonged his investigations, Brother's hopes of learning that the case was not really serious. Had he entertained such hopes, they would at any rate have been dispelled a few moments later, when Dr. H., taking him aside, said: "Watch this boy with the greatest attention. I hope to be able to arrest the disease; but if the suffering has not ceased in eight days, it will be necessary to perform an operation. Notify his parents at once."

On their return to Ars, the patient was put to bed in the infirmary, and the physician's prescriptions were carried out. They produced little effect, the pains continuing all that (Saturday) night and all the next day. Sunday night, about eleven o'clock, there suddenly began terrible spasms, which were to continue until Wednesday. The poor boy, his face all contracted with the intensity of the pain, put his hand to his side to ward off all contact, and exclaimed: "O my God how I suffer!" These spasms lasted two or three minutes, and liter an intermission of five minutes, began again with the same acuteness.

The night of Monday and Tuesday had been a very anxious one for the sick boy; the spasms were continuous, and so violent that it was feared that he would hardly survive until morning. A few moments of comparative calm were taken advantage of on Tuesday morning to hear his confession.

Dr H., in company with another physician, Dr. B., arrived at four on Tuesday afternoon The condition of the patient was notably worse; the tumor had developed and the temperature had increased considerably. The medicine men saw at once how matters were, and as they had been prepared by an urgent appeal of the Brother Director, they had brought with them the instruments necessary for the operation, which it was olain should not be longer deferred. However, as the parents had not arrived, and the Brother shrank from the responsibility of having the eperation performed, it was decided to defer it till the following day, particularly as the dusk was now gathering. The Brother had already written twice to the parents, and now sent them an urgent telegram The cure wished to administer the last Sacraments, but it was out of the question to give Holy Viaticum. The boy's stomach would retain nothing.

Providence had permitted that the first letter which left Ars on Sunday should be mis-sent, and in consequence it reached Claudius' home at Saint Maurice only on Tuesday—at the same time the se-cond one sent on Monday. Had the letter

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reached Mr. Odeon on Monday, he would by the roots, if he violated his oath. He delay added to the danger.

Notwithstanding the various remedies prescribed by the doctors the violent quired by his oath to protect his brother pains continued unremittingly all Tuesday night. Wednesday morning the treason. In view of this fact, he claimed, Brother Director set out for Villetranche to meet the parents, intending, if they consented, to bring oack with him Drs. H. and B. and have the operation performed at once. Mr. Odeon arrived at half past nine, and while he agreed to the operation, requested that it be postponed until the arrival of his wife, for whom he at once telegraphed.

About eleven o'clock Canon Ball, posulator of the Cause of M. Vianney, met the Brother Director.

"How is your patient?" he inquired.
"Very poorly. I wish to apply a relic" of the Venerable Cure. I was going to ask you for one.'

Canon Ball immediately gave him a mall bit of M. Vianney's cassock. The Brother returned to the infirmary and prepared, with all possible precautions

"No, no!" said the boy; "you will hurt me. Give it to me and I will put it on myself." And, taking the relic, he did so.
The Brother then knelt down, and

with the boy's father and the patient himself, recited an "Our Father," a "Hail Mary" and the thrice repeated invocation, "Venerable Cure of Ars, pray for us!" The effect was instantaneous, although incomplete. The violent spasms ceased and returned no more. The boy no longer cried out and his tears no longer fell, but he still experienced a deadened pain, and occasionally his features were seen to contract.

Madame Odeon arrived about half-past twelve, and, although the case was far less dangerous then than a few hours before she at once consented to the operation. Nothing remained but to send for the physicians, Before they could reach the infirmary, however, a change occurred. About one o'clock Mr. Odeon, who was sitting near the sick bed, heard a rumbling or gurging noise proceeding from the side of the bed.
"What is that?" he asked anxiously,

approaching his son.

I don't know," replied the boy; "but I feel water running in my stomach just where the pain is."

Could it be that the much-dreaded rupture had taken place at the very time when the operation was to be under-taken? The father's doubt did not last long, for he soon saw the boy's countenance resume its natural expression, and his lips smile for the first time in

"I don't feel anything at all now!" said Claudius.

And he has felt nothing at all in the way of pain or suffering eversince. The cure was complete and radical. It astounded the physicians, who would not believe it until they had revisited and examined the boy; but it merely confirmed the good Brothers of the Holy Family in their opinion that among the miracle workers of heaven, not the least potent is John Baptist Vianney, the Venerable Cure of Ars.—Ave Maria.

scrofula

Any doctor will tell you that Professor Hare, of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, is one of the highest authorities in the world on the action of drugs. In his last work, speaking of the treatment of scrofula, he says:

"It is hardly necessary to state that cod-liver oil is the best remedy of all. The oil should be given in emulsion, so prepared as to be palatable."

He also says that the hypophosphites should be combined with the oil.

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ARRAIGNMENT OF FREE MASONRY BY PROTESTANTS.

The Christian Reform Convention whose special object seems to be opposi tion to secret societies, held sessions in the Y.M.C.A. building at Columbus last week. The opening address was delivered by Bishop Halleck Floyd of Dublin. Ind., "Secret Societies Opposed to God's Moral Government," showing the inconsistency of Christians in joining secret societies

On Tuesday evening Edmond Ronayne, past master of Krystone Lodge No. 639, Chicago, spoke on Free Ma onry as opposed to the Proper Enforcement of Law. The speaker, from what he claimed to be knowledge gained by his membership in the order, gave verbatim the obligation and oath which every one who becomes a Mason is required to take. He claims the applicant was required to take the oath of secrecy before the secrets which he was supposed to hold inviolate were exposed to him. In taking the oath, he declared the applicant is required to say that he deserved to have I think he must be a very kind man, his throat cut, or his tongue pulled out don't you?"

have been present on Tuesday at the con- then referred at length to the alleged sultation of the physicians, and at their | secrets of the order, and said that anyrequest would have authorized the operation which the Venerable Cure of Ars work in cipher by writing to a certain had reserved for himself. Still no one publishing house in New York. He said suspected the designs of God. The doc- Freemasons could not be good American tors had said that without an operation citizens, for the reason that their oath death was inevitable; with an operation in the lodge must not be violated, even there was a chance of saving the boy's though the person perjures himself on life; and both were of the opinion that the witness stand in a court of the country. He said there were only two crimes in which a Mason was not re-Mason, and those were murder and

> no mason could be a good citizen. The speaker claimed the first trouble he had with his lodge was because he refused to shield Daniel A. Cronin, a fellow-member, and a man charged with murder. For his stand in that case he was expelled from the lodge.

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At a meeti g of the board of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, held last week, the following statement of the business of the past year was submit-

Gross earnings, \$18,941,036; working expenses, \$11,460,086; net earnings, \$7,-

Add interest on deposits and loans, \$112.246. Add interest due from Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway Co., on consolidated bonds held by the company against debenture stock issued, \$589,383; less advanced by the company \$148,716; making a total of \$8,033,863. Deduct fixed charges, including interest on land bonds and debenture stock issued against Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic consolidated bonds held by the company, \$6,659,478.

Surplus, \$1,374,385. From this there has been charged off the half yearly dividend on preference stock, 2 per cent., paid October 1, 1895, \$128,480; leaving a surplus for year's operations, \$1,245,905, after paying October dividend on preference stock.

From this surplus the board declared a dividend of 2 per cent on the preference stock for the half year, ended December 31, and of 1 1-2 per. cent. on the common stock for the year 1895, both payable April 1.

TO RE-ENTER PARLIAMENT.

AN UNCONFIRMED STORY CONCERNING MR. GLADSTONE'S INTENTIONS.

New York, February 13.—The resident correspondent of the Sun, in London, sends the following special cablegram to his paper :- If there is any truth in the report which comes to me from a source which is entitled to respect and confidence, the world is about to witness a spectacle as dramatic, as sublime, as any event in political history. A close personal friend of Mr. Gladstone is reponsible for the statement that the soul of the Grand Old Man has been so aroused by Lord Salisbury's final abandonment of the Armenians, that he has determined to embrace the first opportunity to reenter Parliament, in order to raise his voice for the awakening of the national conscience.

DIED AGED A HUNDRED AND NINE

CORNWALL, February 12.-Mr. Etienne Chatchine, a pensioner of the war of 1812-13, died the other day at his home, near Curran, at the ripe old age of a hundred and nine years. The deceased gentleman was born near Cornwall, but lived most of his life on the farm, where he died. He was a remarkably healthy man, and, until seven years ago, when he cut himself badly with an axe, was never known to be confined to the house with sickness. This accident impaired his activity considerably. It is said that fully two hundred and seventy-live descendants survive him; one of them is igrand daughter twenty-six years of age, belonging to the Grey Nuns, Ottawa. His wife is over ninety years of age, but is still quite active, and enjoys excellent health. They have lived together as man and wife for a longer period than the allotted span of human life.

Friend: Hallo! So you are in trade now—ch? Why did you retire from literature? De Writer: Got hungry.

Small Boy, witnessing an operetta in which the hero embraces a very plain heroine: "I wonder why he did that?