

LETTERS FROM ALASKA.

ANOTHER INTERESTING CONTRIBUTION.

News from the Far-off North, and the Missionary News of that Region.

We have pleasure in giving our readers another of those most interesting letters from Rev. Sister M. Winifred:—

HOLY CROSS MISSION
ALASKA, July 9, 1898.

DEAR BELOVED PARENTS.—The new Sisters early in the evening of the 8th inst., bring the mournful news of my dear brother's death. What a trial for my dear aged parents! was my first thought, then turning to my dear brother in Heaven, I said, how happy! to be called to a better land. How sudden, and so soon after my departure for Alaska. I know your greatest grief was not to have me near you then, and the thought that I would be a whole year without sharing your sorrow must have doubled the weight of the burden; but be consoled, loved ones, our dear Lord, who separates hearts for a time, brings them together again, even on this earth, although in an invisible manner, as the following will show: Our dear Peter died at the moment I was praying most for him and his. After telling me the sad news, Sr. Superior handed me two letters addressed to Sr. M. Francis, Sept. 10; one was from Rev. Sister Assistant, and the other from Sr. M. Good Shepherd, each of which contained detailed news of the sickness, manner, time and place of his death. The date struck me immediately. I glanced backward to find what my feelings were at that period, and I found myself in earnest and ardent supplication before the Throne of Mercy begging for help and courage, strength and generosity for each of you in the hour of trial. For different reasons permitted by God I did not pronounce my perpetual vows until Sept. 18. My preparatory retreat began Sept. 7. I am sure I never prayed so fervently for you as I did then. My fervor could not have increased had I known the news, and what is very strange and consoling I had a remarkable devotion to the souls in purgatory. I made the way of the cross for them two or three times a day, and my dearest petition to God was to deliver them all the day of my profession. My heart was with them in a special manner, and my joy was great indeed when I thought my request could not be refused in that day of days. Does this not prove in a special manner the providence of God for His children. My devotion for the dear souls in purgatory has increased every day since. I often wondered at this, but now I clearly see it was a permission of God, for which I will always feel grateful. I am sure these strange occurrences will console you as much as they did me. Sr. M. Francis spoke to me of your resignation to God's holy will, and that pleased me more than anything else. I trust you will ever cherish a deep love for this only true Friend and Father, who permits and ordains everything for the greater good of His children. My act of resignation was made long before the news reached me, so the hour of trial found me strong and ready. My numerous friends in San Francisco received the news through the Sr. M. Joseph Cal., and they had several masses said for him, and for me I have daily communion for the repose of her soul. Does not all this console your still bleeding hearts. I have so much more to say, but this is our busiest season. There is no vacation here, we keep the children here until they are able to do for themselves. We exchange this transient vacation for an eternal repose in heaven. I have not said my favorite word to each in particular. How is Mr. and Mrs. Kirnan. Willie and Grand Papa Kirnam. Sr. M. Francis says they are well and happy, but I am not satisfied with that, I want to hear it from you myself. Patrick is home from Chicago, but forgot his pen and ink. Ed. is very silent too, I sincerely hope and pray that he is getting serious by this time. Peter's sudden departure from our midst ought to be a warning for us all, to live as we would wish to die; and which of us can flatter ourselves with the privilege of being as well prepared as he was. We must not mourn but rejoice that our dear Peter has been called to the de-

lights of heaven and beg the same bliss for those near and dear to us. Please give my most heartfelt sympathy to dear Mary Ann and tell her that I hug the dear little ones from afar. I will ask Patrick to write the journal at home and Lizzie at her own home, and I will see who will write the longest. Be faithful to the date especially, when you receive my letters, tell me if you received my two journals together; what your impressions were confide to your journal immediately; what you do not understand of my journal. Perhaps I am forgetting my English and do not make things clear. Then will be the time to write the question you would like to ask me for next year. They will be new for me when they reach me. I would send some ink to Patrick, but I know it would freeze on the way. If anybody is uneasy to know what to send me, I would be overjoyed to receive a box of tools. Alaska never saw a letter and more useful thing than that would be. We see our own carpenters without any tools. I think I gave the inventory list somewhere. If any one takes the hint to send any of these indispensable implements address them to carpenter Winifred, for fear Brother John would get his hands on them. This will only prove to you how strong and well able to work I am. We have sunshine for the last three days, our gardens will improve now. I believe the cabbages are growing a half an inch a day, they have five leaves at present, July 17; when will they get them the rest? I forgot to tell you we had some white frost some day last week, but wonderful things of that description are not unfrequent in Alaska. I am sure I am tiring you out with all these novelties, but I encourage myself with the thought that you will have a year to rest. It's too bad I did not leave any room to preach. I mean it all in these words. Be fervent, serve God faithfully. He is a good Master and rewards without measure. Kissing you all very fervently, I am your loving
Sr. M. WINIFRED.

THE SEMINARY'S WEALTH.

Friendly Suggestions and the Superior's Declaration.

The Presse publishes another four-column article in refutation of the attacks of the Patrie against the Sulpicians.

Referring to the charge made that the Sulpicians accumulate, render no account, and that if they fulfilled their obligation the heavy burden laid upon the people for education and the care of the sick and poor would be much less heavy, the writer says that, outside of the group represented by the Patrie, there are several other hidden enemies of the Sulpicians who continually make the same charges before the people, and the people who pay heavy taxes and have no means of knowing if the charges made are right, accuse the Seminary of accumulating millions. He adds that it is his duty to state that all the religious orders are under the same accusation. Is the charge true or false? The writer does not know, but his ignorance on this point would not justify silence. He then considers it his duty to warn religious corporations of the charges made that they may be in a position to refute them. Influential bodies such as the 'Chambre de Commerce' have taken a step in the matter. The 'Chambre' proposes to ask, in view of those alleged accumulations, for the abolition of all tax exemptions and of all grants to educational and benevolent institutions. Persons whose convictions and sympathies are well known, have been asked what should be done to avert the danger, and their reply was that two things were necessary. The first is to do what the Seminary, who respect the law, never refused to do, as proven by the declarations of their superior; render accounts and show to the people who are deceived by agitators, and who cannot have an exact idea of the charges imposed upon the benevolent institutions of a large city, that those charges increase more rapidly than the fortune of those institutions. The second thing to do is to anticipate the demand for the suppression of tax exemptions, and to contribute, as much as possible, to the expenses of the province. Having thus become rate-payers, these institutions would then have the right, more than ever, to meddle with state business, which business would be better of having the enormous influence of such a powerful and enlightened element for

the cause of order, of authority and of the good administration of public business.

In another column the Presse also publishes the following declaration, made to one of its reporters by the Rev. Abbe Colin, Superior of the Seminary:— 'The Seminary is not so rich as people say, anyway, it has no objection to render an account to the proper authority, only it is its right and even its duty to oppose the charges of those who denounce it before the tribunal of public opinion as a band of traitors and brigands.'

A Bazaar at St. Ann's.

A grand bazaar, in aid of the poor and orphans, is being held in St. Ann's hall, corner of Ottawa and Young streets, and will continue until the 18th instant, inclusive. The lady managers are making greater efforts than ever to entertain the patrons of the bazaar, and tableaux, comedies, etc., are being presented nightly to appreciative audiences. One of the features of the fair is a competition between the C. M. B. A., the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the trophy being a handsome banner presented by the ladies of St. Ann's parish, which will become the property of the society gaining the greatest number of votes. The admirers of the respective orders are working hard for their favorite society, and the contest promises to be keen. Extra preparations are being made for the night of Thursday, the 16th inst., when the Ancient Order of Hibernians, headed by their band, will march to the hall, and their visit will doubtless make the evening a memorable one.

The Ladies of St. Patrick's.

The Windsor hall was full of life and bustle last evening. There were ladies and gentlemen eating and drinking—cup that cheer but not inebriate. That is, they were drinking these cups or the contents of them. Pretty maidens solicited one to purchase beautiful flowers, and cigars that were not beautiful. Crowds were being inveigled by charming ladies to take chances on national races—these were horse races, and the horses bore such names as O'Connell or Maisonneuve. Toys, tea sets, ten o'clock teas, confectionery and their vendors tempted one on every hand. Animated groups were seen in every direction. One was laughing at a burlesque entertainment on the stage, and this proved so attractive that the booths suffered. Then there was the electric elevator. It elevated one four feet higher than the ceiling, and those who went behind the screen for the operation did not divulge the secret. Father McCallen was everywhere at once and never was busier. This was the annual bazaar of St. Patrick's parish for the benefit of the poor, and last night's part of it was a success.

The A. O. H. Concert.

The concert of the Ancient Order of Hibernians on the 23rd instant, in Windsor hall, promises to be the best of the season. Some of the best talent that could be got in their respective roles have been secured for the occasion. The Irish National minstrels which have received the highest praise from the press, in general, have been engaged for this occasion. Mr. P. Shea will be the musical director.

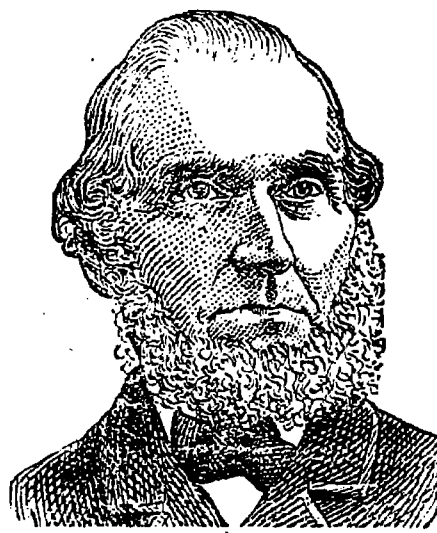
Patronage Refused.

An Ottawa despatch of the 18th November states that social circles are somewhat agitated over the refusal of the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen to give their patronage to an amateur performance of the Mascotte to be given in aid of the charity fund of Grace church. This performance has caused some difference of opinion amongst the church members, some of them objecting to the opera on account of its questionable morality and to meet this objection the third act is said to have been considerably toned down. The Journal to-night published the following as the Government House view of the matter: "Enquiries having been made as to the views held by the Governor-General with reference to the question of theatrical entertainments on behalf of church purposes, it is understood from a reliable source that his Excellency considers that in each case where such a question comes up for consideration special stress ought to be laid upon the point as to whether there is practical unanimity on the part

of the congregation interested. Any proceeding, however unobjectionable in itself, might lead to division in the congregation, would obviously involve a serious drawback which might justly be regarded as sufficient to make any such method of raising money in that particular case undesirable. Of course, it is assumed that care would be taken to secure that the piece suggested for performance would be absolutely unobjectionable from the point of view of good taste and high tone. And, indeed, without reference to the particular purpose for which any theatrical representation may be given, Lord and Lady Aberdeen's own opinion is that the drama is so important an institution and affords so wide a scope for interesting and suitable recreation, that it is most desirable that it should be as much as possible kept free from the undesirable elements which have so often been imported into it, and which have caused many thoughtful people to regard the theatre with misgiving and even disapproval."

The American Tariff.

WASHINGTON, November 14.—A revenue of \$50,000,000 is expected by the Democrats of the Ways and Means committee from the moderate income tax which they propose to incorporate in the new Revenue bill. The rate of the tax will probably be 2 per cent, and the exemption will be high enough to exclude the great mass of laboring men and people on small salaries. The limit now under discussion is from \$3,500 to \$4,000. If the income tax is adopted in the form now under consideration other changes in the international revenue laws will not be necessary. There will be no increase in the beer tax, the whisky tax, the tax on manufactured tobacco or cigars. The question of duty on sugar is still an open one, but it is not unlikely that a duty will be imposed of about one cent per pound on both raw and refined sugars. The treatment of bituminous coal is an open question with the Democrats of the committee. Coal was on the free list in the original draft of the Tariff bill in accordance with the pledge of the Democratic national platform to modify the McKinley law in the direction of free raw materials. The protest from the coal districts of West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Alabama has been so strong, however, that some of the members are weakening and may vote to retain a small duty.



Mr. David M. Jordan
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