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## TOPICS OF AN OLD-TIMER

"Zack" Montgomery of Oakland, Cal., the Champion of Catholic Schools—His Son, Archbishop of Los Angeles—His Nephew the Inventor of a Successful Flying Machine at Santa Clara College—San Jose, Close by, a Remarkable City—The Murphys of California Prominent People—Death of Father Mulcahy—His Brother of Orillia Once Visited Me in California—Some of Mr. Teefy's Reminiscences.

I have some news from California that pleases me because it is of good fortune to people that I know. One of my neighbors in Oakland, Cal., thirty years ago, was "Zack" Montgomery. He was a native American, a man of character and ideas, a lawyer by profession and a Catholic in religion. He was not only a Catholic, but a very rigid one. He was the champion in California of Catholic schools. In politics he was a Democrat, and afterwards, when Grover Cleveland was president, he held the position in Washington of Assistant Attorney-General. His daughters were educated in the Oakland Convent and a son was being educated in a Catholic Seminary for a priest. "Zack," as he was familiarly called, was a rugged, matter-of-fact sort of man, and stern in his views and principles. His son, who was then studying for the priesthood, is now Archbishop of Los Angeles and a prominent member of the American hierarchy. This item, however, has no reference to religion. It is more of a scientific character. A nephew of Mr. Montgomery, it seems, has solved the problem of aerial navigation. I am led to think he is one of the professors in Santa Clara College, which is located not far from the Stanford University, at the head of the Bay of San Francisco, and I surmise that it was in this college the problem of aerial navigation has been worked out.

The achievement alluded to, as it comes from the wings of the press, is this: "Professor Montgomery, of Santa Clara Jesuit College, a nephew of the late 'Zack' Montgomery of Oakland, and a cousin of the Archbishop of Los Angeles, has invented an aeroplane or flying machine, of which he gave an exhibition to his relatives and friends, including the Archbishop and the professors of the college, lately, and it proved a complete success. It is described as 'a bird-like creation' and did everything its inventor said it would do. The manoeuvres were conducted at a height of 2,000 to 3,000 feet. Then the machine was steered toward the ground and alighted without a scratch. Like a great colored fly, it disported itself in the air, shooting in all directions, turning in a radius of 100 feet, and diving and darting upwards in response to the will of the aeronaut, and worked out a complete success." "Zack" Montgomery, I believe, lived to see his son an archbishop, but I doubt if he is now alive to witness this scientific triumph of his nephew.

Santa Clara, where the college is located, is three miles west of the City of San Jose (pronounced San Hoxay). It is a beautiful locality at the head of the bay of San Francisco, and has in view the Stanford University to the west of it, and Mount Hamilton, the seat of the Lick Observatory to the north-east of it. San Jose is remarkable among the cities of California, for a number of matters of interest. It is located in a lovely valley; it was the first incorporated town of California and is older than San Francisco; in it was held the first American legislature in the state, which for some grotesque reason was christened "the legislature of a thousand drinks," in it lived the first American Governor of California, who afterwards converted to the Catholic Church and publishing a large volume, giving his reasons therefor; it is also noted for being the home

of a number of prominent converts, several of whom I have had the pleasure of knowing, and included most of the first families, mostly southerners. They had been Presbyterians. I once met their minister and asked him how it was that so many of his people had changed their faith. His answer was that the southern people loved authority and that the Catholic Church put forward claims in this regard that no other possessed. He, too, abandoned Presbyterianism and set up a church of his own. I believe the controversial work of the governor had a good deal to do with the conversions referred to. The governor's name was Peter H. Burnett, and the title of his work, which is to be found in many Catholic libraries, is "An American Lawyer's Reasons for Becoming a Member of the Catholic Church." The Presbyterian minister's name was Rev. Mr. Hamilton, and I knew him in Oakland, where he was afterwards prominent among the ministers of that city.

San Jose was remarkable too, for being the home of many pioneer settlers of Irish nationality, the Reids, Murphys, and others that made it their early California home before the American conquest. There are many Murphys in California, and I have known five of them to be in the legislature at one time. Indeed I have known some of the newspapers to speak of that legislature as "the Murphy legislature." That was in Sacramento in 1877. But not one of those Murphys was born in Ireland. One was born in Quebec, one in Maine, one in Missouri, one in Virginia, and one in California. One was a banker, two were lawyers, one was a doctor, and one had "cattle on a thousand hills." A brother of those San Jose Murphys owned more than five million acres of land at the time of his death, situated in Mexico, Nevada and California, and his name was "Barney." The father of those San Jose Murphys was named Martin, and hailed from the County of Wexford, in Ireland. He came to America in the early forties by way of Quebec, and found his way to California in 1846, by way of Missouri and the plains. He had another son who was at the time of the gold discovery the richest man in California. His name was John. He gathered gold with the aid of the Indians, bought gold at a reduced price, kept store and received pay for his goods in the precious metal. He became very rich as riches were counted in those days, but he was too generous to retain his wealth, and afterwards became a poor man.

Another man that resided in San Jose who became to some extent a benefactor, was James Lick, founder of the Lick Observatory. During his business career as miller and merchant he was noted for his financial closeness, but before his death he contributed to many benefactions and his name is now associated with some notable public enterprises. And not far from San Jose is situated Palo Alto, the seat of the Stanford University, which is the leading educational institution of the Pacific Coast, and on which millions of money have been spent.

When I read of the sudden death of Father Mulcahy the other day at the Lakeview Hotel, it did not at first occur to me that I had known him in his student days, as one of St. Michael's graduates. But I had also the pleasure of knowing his brother, Thomas, the Orillia merchant, who himself and his amiable wife paid me a visit at my California home about thirty years ago. Desiring to visit San Quentin, the seat of the California State Prison, I remember accompanying them to that point of interest. The deputy warden was an Irish friend of mine from the same locality in the old land, named Towle. He gave us a very cordial reception, spread a fine luncheon for us, and made us feel at home. While I am sorry for the good priest's demise, I

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am happy to learn that his good-natured brother is yet in the land of the living.

Discussing recently with Mr. Matthew Teefy, some of my old-time Toronto reminiscences, he informed me that I was mistaken when I remarked in The Register that he did not remember when Bishop Macdonnell, the first Catholic Bishop of Upper Canada, lived here. He says he lived at the south-east corner of Duchess and Nelson streets (the latter now Jarvis), in 1834, and later, and that he was confirmed by him. He was there at the time of the trouble with Father Grady. The latter held possession of St. Paul's church and Bishop Strachan, the Protestant Bishop, gave Bishop Macdonnell the use of a building on the opposite side of Jarvis street, in which to celebrate mass, and Bishop Macdonnell used it for a chapel for some time. It was alongside of what was known as the "Soup Kitchen," and some of the unruly Irish lads would sometimes call out "soup, soup," in derision.

I am pleased to learn that Father Teefy, Mr. Teefy's talented clerical son, who has been in Rome and other parts of Europe, for several months, is now home, to the delight of his family and many friends lay and clerical.

Mr. Teefy has a son in Chicago, who is prosperous as an attorney in that city; also another son, who is a banker in Stockton, California, and doing well. I was pleased to learn of the latter being intimate with a friend of mine in that city, a Mr. D. J. Oolahan, formerly a state officer, and brother of Mother Purification; now in Hamilton, a well-known Loretto nun, formerly of Guelph.

### WILLIAM HALLEY.

### May Wedding

HINCHY—CHRISTOPHER.  
 A quiet but very pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Mary's church, Port Hope, Ont., on May 2nd, at 6 a.m., by Rev. Father Lynch, when Miss Mary Christopher, Lakeview Hotel, was united in marriage to Mr. Charles W. Hinchy, formerly night operator at the G.T.R. station, and son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hinchy of Farnham, Quebec.

The bride was unattended and was attired in a neat navy blue ladies cloth suit and hat to match.

A wedding dinner was served at the Lakeview Hotel, after which the young couple left on the 7.15 a.m. train for a tour through Western Ontario. They were made the recipients of a large and costly array of presents, including a handsome set of silver cutlery, from the groom's father and mother, a superb dinner and tea set from one of the bride's aunts, and a handsome cheque from the bride's other aunt, showing the high esteem in which they are held by all their friends. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome diamond ring.

On their return Mr. Hinchy takes charge of the Lakeview House.

### Mgr. Count Vay de Vaya

Monsignor Count Peter Vay de Vaya who has been lecturing in Winnipeg and Montreal, is a traveller of note. He went out to the Canadian Northwest to hear confessions of his Hungarian countrymen. He has been through Siberia, Manchuria, Korea and China. He has visited the Czar and dined with the Dowager Empress of China. His special work in the Far East is the promotion of orphanages for the care of the poor waifs of the Chinese population.

### Archbishop Gauthier will Visit Rome

Kingston, May 16.—Archbishop Gauthier intends making a trip to Rome next November to pay his respects to the Holy Father. His Grace has not visited the Vatican since his appointment in 1898 to the Archbishopric of Kingston.

### The Toronto Mirror

We are asked whether a file of The Toronto Mirror between 1857 and 1870 can be had. Some of our readers may know.

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## THE POPE AND THE IRISH PARTY

Reception to Mr. John Redmond, M.P.—Complete Sympathy with the National Movement.

Mr. John Redmond, M.P., who spent the Easter Recess of Parliament in Italy, for the benefit of his health, which had suffered from the strain of his political duties, by special arrangement was received in private audience at the Vatican by His Holiness Pius X. Mr. Redmond was accompanied by Mrs. Redmond and Miss Delaney. The members of Mr. Redmond's party were introduced to His Holiness by the Marquis MacSwiney, who, it will be remembered, accompanied His Eminence Cardinal Vanutelli on his recent visit to Ireland. The Marquis MacSwiney is the Pope's Private Chamberlain. This was Mr. Redmond's first interview with Pius X.

The audience between the Pope and the Chairman of the Irish Party was one of considerable duration, and was marked by the greatest cordiality on the part of His Holiness. In the course of the conversation his Holiness manifested the keenest interest in the state of Ireland. He inquired from Mr. Redmond regarding the religious, the political, and the industrial conditions existing in the country, and was particularly solicitous concerning the development of the various movements towards the improvement of these conditions.

His Holiness spoke in the kindest terms of the work of the Irish Parliamentary Party. He expressed his complete sympathy with the objects and the labors of the Party. "I recognize the Irish Parliamentary Party," he said, "as the defender of the Catholic religion, because that is the National religion, and it is the National Party." The struggles of the Party by lawful and peaceful means to win political liberty for Ireland, and to obtain the full civic rights for the Irish people, denied to them at present, had, continued his Holiness, his deep sympathy, and his blessing.

Following up this whole-hearted commendation, his Holiness imparted the Pontifical benediction to all the members of the Irish Party and their families, and to Mr. Redmond, his wife, and children.

Before parting, the Pope made a special gift to Mr. Redmond. It consisted of a striking portrait of His Holiness, to which was attached the following inscription: "To my Beloved Son, John Redmond, Leader of the Irish Party in the House of Commons, with a wish that he, together with his equally beloved colleagues, using all legal and peaceful means, may win that liberty which makes for the welfare of the Catholic Church and of the whole country, we impart our Apostolic Benediction, with particular affection." "From the Vatican, 27th April, 1905."

Mr. Redmond has also had two most cordial and satisfactory interviews with His Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val, Papal Secretary of State.

### St. Michael's College Alumni

On Friday last the executive committee of St. Michael's College Alumni met at St. Michael's College, Rev. D. Cushing presiding. The others present were Mr. Hugh T. Kelly, Secretary, Mr. J. P. Murray, Mr. E. V. O'Sullivan and Mr. D'Arcy Hinds. It was decided to hold the Alumni dinner on St. Michael's feast day, September 29th. The dinner will be held in the college refectory. All ex-pupils are cordially invited to join the association, the annual fee being \$1.00, which may be sent to the secretary, Mr. Hugh T. Kelly, barrister, Toronto. The last annual dinner was a very successful one and many of the old boys of St. Michael's have already signified their intention of being present in September next.

Cast your cares entirely upon God—it is His business to govern the world, not yours.

## REV. FR. BRETHERTON

Downeyville's Parish Priest, Transferred to Hastings—The Leave-Taking an Impressive One.

Rev. Father Bretherton has been parish priest of St. Luke's, Downeyville, for eleven years. The magnificent church property, its comfort and elegance, the beautiful grounds surrounding it, and the unity and co-operation which enabled him to accomplish so much are the best evidence of his administrative ability and success. During the last week of his officiate he was the recipient of several farewell addresses, and gifts appreciative of his sterling worth, and of the esteem and love of his people, a large number of whom accompanied him to the station on his departure, and welcomed to the parish his successor, the Rev. Father McGuire of Hastings.

On Friday evening, the 5th instant, a little concert was given by the separate school children. Father Fitzpatrick of Ennismore was present and kindly consented to preside. Before the opening numbers, the Rev. Father in a few well chosen and eloquent words impressed upon his hearers the advisability and desirability of establishing separate schools where practicable. At the close of the entertainment two little tots, Miss Clara N. Mathews and Master Walter Scully, stepped forward, and on behalf of the separate school children, took advantage of the occasion to honor their loved pastor by presenting the following address:

To Rev. Father Bretherton: Dear Father Bretherton,—When we learned of your approaching departure from amongst us, we were all filled with regret, and take this opportunity of expressing our great sorrow at losing so dear a pastor, father and friend.

We wish you to feel that your efforts in our behalf are valued by us, and we shall never forget the deep interest you have always shown in us and in our studies. We shall miss your pleasant visits to our school-room, and assure you, you will not be forgotten in our prayers. We, therefore, ask you to accept this travelling bag and pipe as a token of our love for you, our dear pastor.

And now, although we part, we claim a place in your memory. Yes, dear Father, when waiting your morning and evening prayers like incense to the throne on high, then breathe one for us, your children of the

### SEPARATE SCHOOL.

Downeyville

May 5, 1905.  
 This touching tribute of affection on the part of the little ones so overcome the kind-hearted priest that for some moments he was unable to voice the feelings of gratitude and appreciation he so deeply felt. He thanked them very sincerely and assured them that their esteemed gifts would ever remind him of the happy days spent in their midst.

The following Monday evening a number of parishioners gathered together in the parish hall over the vestry, where on the dispatch of a warm invitation, they were soon joined by their reverend pastor. Mr. John C. O'Leary occupied the chair and in a few very appropriate and feeling words referred to the noble work done by Father Bretherton since he came to the parish. On his resuming his seat Mr. Peter Murtha accompanied by Mr. Henry Mathews, approached the platform and while Mr. Mathews read the following address on behalf of the congregation, Mr. Murtha, at the proper moment, presented the good priest with a roll of crisp bank notes, as an earnest of the good will and esteem of his parishioners:

To the Rev. C. S. Bretherton, Parish Priest of Downeyville:  
 Dear Father,—Our inclinations, our feelings, our desires, on this last occasion on which we presume it will be our proud privilege to address you as our parish priest, fill us with thoughts of mingled disappointment and joy. We rejoice that his lordship, our devoted and beloved bishop, so appreciates the services you have rendered in the holy priesthood, and so esteems that integrity and zeal in your character so inseparably present in the servant of God that he is now honoring you with the pastorate of one of the most important parishes in this diocese. We are disappointed and regret to part with a priest whom we anticipated

remaining with us many years yet, who managed the affairs of our parish so satisfactorily, who took such a deep and abiding interest in our welfare both spiritual and temporal and who achieved so much during the eleven years of your labors and trials amongst us.

Your untiring energy and administrative ability leaves our parish practically free from debt, notwithstanding the many desirable improvements you have so successfully accomplished. Our church has been completely renovated, remodelled and improved, the ground around it beautified, the old sheds re-arranged and additional new ones erected. Everything that could add to the comfort and convenience of your parishioners has been effected. Nor has our spiritual interests been any the less carefully attended to. The practices and ceremonies of our holy religion have been thoroughly explained and carried out, Catholic societies have been established and encouraged and despite adverse circumstances, misrepresentation, and perverse criticism, your indomitable courage and perseverance has inaugurated and laid the foundation of a separate school education for our children, thus securing to them that moral and religious training so dear to every practical Catholic heart. Yes, dear Father, you have labored unceasingly amid trials untold, but your efforts have been crowned with success on every occasion. The visible results of those efforts are ours, and will remain with us, a living memorial of your devotedness and solicitude. We ask you, therefore, to accept this purse as a token of our love and gratitude.

In conclusion then permit us, dear Father, to congratulate you on your appointment to the important parish of Hastings and to beg your blessing ere we say good-bye.

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### Separate School Board

The monthly meeting of the Board of Separate Schools was held at the De La Salle Institute last week, the vicar-general of the diocese, Rev. Father McCann, presiding. The finance committee presented its report, which was adopted. The standing committee on sites and building reported that it had made application to the Sisters of St. Joseph for extra ground in connection with St. Basil's School, and the community had agreed partially to their request by granting the board 25 feet of land fronting on Breadalbane street, and running north as far as the present school grounds, 110 feet, but the grant would be made only on condition that the board should have a two-roomed addition to the school actually under construction. The terms were accepted.

The committee of management and supplies recommended that 40 desks be purchased for St. Peter's School, and that one of the teachers be transferred from St. Paul's School to St. Peter's School, to take charge of a new class to be formed there, and that there be only six classes of girls at St. Paul's, instead of seven, as heretofore.

The attendance showed an average of 3872; number on register, 4328. It was agreed to install a hot-air system of heating in St. Helen's School, and certain repairs were ordered to be completed at St. Cecilia's and St. John's School.

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