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"OLD JOHN" MAHER DEAD STORY OF A WASTED LIFE

Brilliant Scholar and Educated for Priesthood—Drink Early in Life. Wrecked His Career.

"Old John Maher" is dead. Once a theological student, then a journalist, he years ago became, through the influence of drink, a dervish on the sea of life. He died in St. Michael's Hospital yesterday afternoon, aged 64, as a result of a general breaking up of the system. He will be buried by the city.

The story of the old man's life is a pathetic one. For the last twenty-five years he has been looked upon as the character of Toronto's Police Court, having in that time been before the magistrate more times than any other individual for drunkenness, his life before then was one of effort and great promise. He was born in Ireland, at an early age entered Maynooth University. He took up theology intending to enter the priesthood. It was shortly after this that he developed his uncontrollable desire for liquor. Giving up hope after nearly completing his studies qualifying him to enter the ministry, he came to Canada, locating in Toronto thirty years ago. He was then one of the finest types of the genial Irishman and his pleasant and well bred manner soon won him scores of friends. He decided to enter journalism.

One of his first positions as an active journalist as far as he can be learned was on The Leader, long since out of existence, but at that time situated at the corner of King and Leadenhall, where now stands Sullivan's cafe. From there he went to The Globe. Meeting with convivial spirits in the same profession and with a similar liking for the bowl that cheers, he took to a life of Bohemianism, that only hastened the inevitable. His long nights of dissipation and irregular living rendered him, after a few years, unfit for the strenuous life of a journalist, and he was subsequently compelled to accept one inferior position after another until latterly he was not able to secure work at all owing to physical infirmity.

Police Liked Him.

He was known to every policeman on the force and many a man about town. The arrested hundreds of times it was a common assertion of the old man to this day that he and the police were the best of friends. Many a story with both its laughable and pathetic side could be told of his run-in with the law. He was a thorough Latin scholar. His Irish wit was ready and brilliant. Perhaps one of the most noteworthy characteristics of the now decrepit old man, during his long life of dissipation, was his unflinching politeness. In the memory of the oldest members

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of the police force John Maher was never anything but a gentleman in his department other than his inability at times to keep on his feet thru intoxication. So kindly did the magistrate feel towards him that whenever he was brought before him for the last ten years he would allow John to exercise his own discretion to a considerable degree as to whether or not he should spend a term over the Don or make another effort to fight the demon that has been dragging him to the grave. Many times, however, in asking to be sent back across the Don he put in the proviso that he should have the privilege "of having a day off to see the sunshine," as he himself termed it, but in reality to get a few drinks. Never once it is said did he abuse his privilege. Back he would go at the appointed time and remain all his sentence expired. It is even told of him that the jail authorities trusted him so

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ELOPED WITH ENGLISHMAN.

Port Arthur Woman Leaves Husband, Home and Children.

Port Arthur, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Mrs. Kohr, accompanied by a young Englishman named Daniel Filmer, who has been employed at Canadian Northern sheds, has eloped. It is supposed they have gone east. Mrs. Kohr has been employed in Big Master mines and during the summer has spent but little time at home.

Mrs. Kohr and her paramour had become intimate during the absence of her husband, and a letter from Kohr enclosing a cheque for \$75 and stating that he would be home to spend Christmas resulted in the flight. Two small children, one six months old, were left for neighbors to care for. The last heard of them was at Copper Cliff, Ont.

Bank Embezzler Sentenced.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 21.—James H. Edge, the bank teller who embezzled about \$100,000 of the funds of the First National Bank of Paterson, N. J., was today sentenced to imprisonment of seven years in the penitentiary.

George Wrigley Seriously Ill.

George Wrigley, editor of Social Justice, the Ontario Socialist party organ, has dangerously ill at his home, 233 West King-street. Yesterday, however, a slight improvement was noted, and hopes are now held of his recovery. Complete rest has been advised, and no issue of the paper will be undertaken for a month at least.

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