

THE SHAME OF SOREL.

Sir,

As field Secretary of the A.B.H.M.S. of New York City, after a survey of our French Missions in New England, I visited the Province of Quebec, and on Monday the 5th September arrived in Sorel to inquire about the arrest of Mr. Gendreau of which I learned through the Witness. Judge of my amazement when on my arrival on Monday Evening, I was told he was in prison, put there by the authorities of Sorel on some technical point in connection with this case, falsely imprisoned as a leading lawyer of the place believed. Tuesday morning, with Rev Mr. Cote, I called on Mr. Gendreau in jail, in the ordinary felon's cell, his hard bed, straw pillow, and scanty covering presenting a most dismal picture. Leaving the prison I decided that a photograph should be procured of him in prison. In this I succeeded. It is an impressive object lesson. My blood boiled with indignation of such treatment of a servant of Jesus Christ. My thoughts fell into rhythmical form as follows :—

"THE SHAME OF SOREL."

A horrible thing 'neath the sun has been done—
English justice perverted ; a victory won
By the cohorts of wrong ! the forces of hell
Have covered with shame the name of Sorel.

I have seen it—the shame ! I have seen in his cell,
In the gloomy, cold jail of the city Sorel,
A servant of Christ snatched away from his home
Thro' the power, indirectly of the prelates of Rome.

And here on the square, I have stood on the spot
Where the crime was committed, the crime, sir, was what ?
For telling God's truth in a mild peaceful way,
To some men of Sorel who were passing that day.

Most falsely accused ! Most shamefully tried
Convicted, imprisoned with the right on his side
O Canada free ! There's a stain on the sod
An egregious wrong that cries out unto God.

True men of Sorel ! Arise in your might
Blot out the disgrace, this outrage on right,
For wrong, now exultant, ring out the death knell,
Or the Lord will proclaim the shame of Sorel.

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