

WHAT OUR CURBSTONE OBSERVER HAS TO SAY ON EXACTING FRIENDS.

About a week ago, a certain reader of the 'True Witness' gave expression to dissatisfaction with the terms used by one of the correspondents of the paper. After a few moments conversation the critical reader was convinced that what had appeared, at first sight, unsatisfactory, was actually correct. It is very wonderful how people seem to enjoy finding fault with their very best friend.

At once censured in unmerciful terms. All the good it has done, all the labor, study, research that its columns represent, all the hours of turmoil and toil, all the sacrifices personal and otherwise that it has entailed, are at once forgotten, and only the one mistake which may not be a real mistake at all—is remembered.

THE OTHER PRESS.—But what amuses, and at the same time saddens me to think of, is the peculiar fact that people who are so unmercifully exacting and so prone to harsh criticism in the case of their own organ, will feel highly delighted if an ultra-Protestant publication accidentally says a good, or a fair word about them, their Church, or their nationality.

Amongst relatives.—Let any reader of this column look into his own household, and I hold a penny he will find the same spirit invading his domestic hearth.

THE CASE OF NEWSPAPERS.—Following up this same idea I find in it an explanation—unsatisfactory, but plausible—of the attitude of many of our people towards their very truest friend, the Irish Catholic organ, and towards the general press.

NOTES ON IRISH LITERATURE.

It had been my good fortune, at one time, to have access to a fund of information concerning the leading writers who made the English language the medium of their expression, but whose works, in verse and prose, served to awaken a new spirit—a spirit of great hope—amongst the Irish race.

The rich ones and honored by the poor. The Irish schools were attended by thousands of the home population. The star of Irish education shed its light upon other lands, and to our shores came many to obtain that knowledge of things essential to civilization and progress.

What matter that at different times Our fathers won the soil? What matter that at different shrines We pray unto one God?

ARCHBISHOP DUHAMEL'S JUBILEE. The clergy of the diocese of Ottawa are making preparations for an elaborate celebration of the silver jubilee of the consecration of Archbishop Duhamel, as already announced in these columns.

END OF AMBITION. Our ex-Governor W. Y. Atkinson, still a young man and intensely ambitious, died the other day. He was a Presbyterian, but was buried in a Methodist Church, because it was the most capacious, and had, by request, the Episcopal service read over his remains, along with the Masonic ritual.

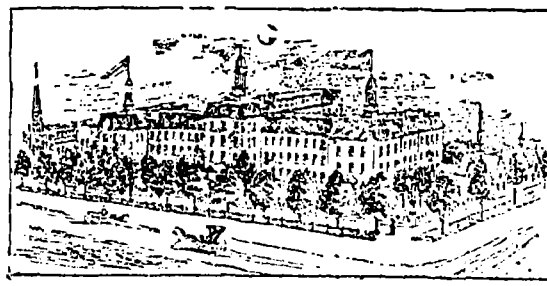
Slowly Irishmen began to recover from the sleep of despair and death. They grew stronger and stronger. Grattan and Curran, the broad-minded Protestant gentlemen, pushed forward Catholic claims, with some good results. The creed of toleration was proclaimed, and practiced with such perseverance that today the name of Grattan is honored by Catholic Irishmen for his well-sustained efforts on behalf of religious liberty.

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