

MEN OF THE DAY.

As has ever been our inclination and practice we rejoice and seek to make others feel a pride when any one of our race has done something to merit reward or praise. Often enough have we pointed out the obstacles with which the young Irish Catholic has to contend and when one of them overcomes, by energy and talent, every difficulty, we feel as if his success reflected upon all of us. It was, therefore, with no small degree of pleasure that we read, in a recent number of the "Weekly Bouquet" the following tribute to one of our many struggling fellow-countrymen:

"Born in the Golden Vale of Tipperary, so-called because of the beauty of its scenery, and the fertility of its soil, Denis A. McCarthy attended the Christian Brothers' school in his native town, and subsequently for a short time, went to a private school kept by Mr. O'Shea, a noted educator.

"He was still a mere boy when he came to Boston, in 1886, where he encountered the peculiar difficulties and discouragements which ever beset the young stranger in a large city—particularly emigrant boys of shy, poetic natures.

"The young Irishman remained in Boston till 1890, suffering much, but learning many a bitter lesson. All the shadows, outer and inner, however, did not prevent him from keeping his mind and heart open to impressions and influences. He haunted the Public Library, turning his eager mind to the books stored in this treasure-house of literature.

"A direction was no doubt given to his thoughts at this time by the influence of those hours of study when tastes were formed, ambitions fostered and associations with books established, which left an indelible impression on the boy's mind and heart.

"The privations of this time was the discipline necessary for his training as a journalist in later years. The streets, the parks, the historical by-ways, and the library of Boston, were all familiar to him. No phase of the many-colored life of the city escaped his ken. What he did not learn of the city at this period was scarcely worth the knowing, unless, indeed, we except the sweet and gracious sanctity of a home. It is to his credit that he came out from such an ordeal comparatively unscathed, where so many are shipwrecked.

"Some men rail at Fate, and declare that they have gifts and talents which have been crushed and smothered by the force of adverse circumstances. They claim that they have never had a chance or an opportunity to prove themselves at their best.

"But life is full of examples of successful men who have triumphed over all obstacles, and who were strong and brave enough to master Fate. If there is any push at all in a man, he will understand that difficulties and struggles only serve to test his strength, and energy, and when success comes, as come it surely will if he perseveres, he will be a shining example to other strugglers of the survival of the fittest."

pils of St. Mary's Boys' School, celebrate the joyous festival of the Redeemer of mankind, by testifying our respect, love and worship of Him through His priest and beloved friend and pastor.

We wish to testify by the humble means in our power that loyalty and respect which we owe to Holy Mother Church in the person of Christ's representative, our spiritual ruler, our friend and our priest the Rev. Father O'Donnell.

In our humble display of the sincerest love and duty which it is in our power to offer you on this eventful occasion, we refer with pride to the long and happy years which you have labored in this parish. Yes, reverend Sir, before many of us were born, you were His faithful servant and celebrated the Divine Mysteries at the Altar of Our Lady of Good Counsel. From most of us you have lifted the curse of Adam in the holy Sacrament of Baptism, and how many poor souls have been ushered into the presence of God in the holiest manner by your priestly hands during your long and faithful service. The teachers and these dear boys—dear to you and they know it, gather around you to-day with glad and happy faces, thanking God in their hearts that you are preserved to them. The arduous duties of your ministry, the many cares which strew the pathway, even of the saints here below have not entirely left your path. But thanks to Him your efforts have prospered. Your firm will has its reward. The night was dark and dreary, but the dawn is glorious. God bless dear Father Shea, who aided you so well, and Heaven bless the efforts of Father McDermott.

Our hearts are too full to express all we should wish to say, and this crude attempt at an address can hardly give a fair idea of the devotion of your boys and their teachers to one who has been always the true friend of all. We offer you this slight token of friendship, happy in being thought of by friends. In conclusion reverend Father, we extend to your reverend assistants, the heartiest of greetings. Long may you be spared to St. Mary's, and may you have many merry Christmases and Happy New Years.

Rev. Father O'Donnell on rising to reply was greeted with loud applause. He thanked the boys for their beautiful address and presentation. He said that as long as the boys were carefully looked after in school there was no fear for the future, for the young man who was to be the hope of the parish was trained in all the essentials necessary to make him a joy and a consolation to his pastor. He reviewed the work of his labors in St. Mary's during his long career, and then gave some necessary advice to the pupils on how to spend the holidays in a worthy manner. The Rev. Father McGarry, C.S.C., Superior of St. Laurent College, also gave a brief address, as well as the Rev. Father McDermott. It was to be regretted very much that the able, energetic and devoted principal of the school Mr. W. J. Brennan was unavoidably absent, owing to a severe attack of sickness, but his place was ably filled by his assistant, Mr. J. J. Fahy, seconded by Mr. F. D. Daly, and under whose able guidance the affair was such a great success.

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ABOUT CENTENARIANS.
More people over 100 years old are found in mild climates than in the higher latitudes, says the Italian Medical Record. According to the last census of the German empire, of a population of 55,000,000 only 8 have passed the 100th year. France with a population of 40,000,000 has 213 centenarians. In England there are 146 in Ireland 578, and in Norway 48. Sweden has 10, and Switzerland none. Spain with a population of 18,000,000 has 401 persons over 100 years of age. Of the 2,250,000 inhabitants of Serbia, 575 have passed the century mark. It is said that the oldest person living is Bruno Cotrim, born in Africa, and now living in Rio Janeiro. He is 150 years old. A coachman in Moscow has lived for 140 years.

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WOMEN AND THEIR MONEY.

NOT A LEGAL WILL.—By a decision handed down last night by Surrogate Varnum, refusing to admit to probate carbon copies of what was represented to be the last will of Miss Rachel Lenox, the original of which was lost or destroyed, charitable institutions and churches of New York and vicinity were out of legacies amounting to \$250,000. The entire fortune of Miss Lenox amounting to almost \$1,000,000 will go to her sister, Mary Lenox and her nephew, H. Van Rensselaer.

The bequests to charity and churches knocked out by Surrogate Varnum's decision were:

- The Presbyterian Rest for Convalescents at White Plains, N. Y., \$40,000.
- The Presbyterian Home for Aged Women, \$20,000.
- The New York House and School of Industry, \$15,000.
- The Presbyterian Hospital, this city, \$110,000.
- The New York Female Auxiliary Bible Society, \$10,000.
- The First Presbyterian Church, this city, \$80,000 (trust fund).

Bequests of \$10,000 each to the Rev. Howard Duffield and the Rev. Francis L. Patton, of Princeton University, as well as a bequest of \$20,000 to Miss Platt, a friend and companion, share the same fate.

A notable legal fight was made to establish the will by the beneficiary institutions, a strong intimation that a nephew or his secretary had destroyed the original will was a sensational feature of the suit. Elihu Root, Secretary of War, represented the legal heirs of Miss Lenox, and he came here to argue the case before Surrogate Varnum in November. Mystery still surrounds the disappearance of the will. Miss Lenox who lived at No. 41 Fifth Avenue, died at York Cliffs, Me., on July 1, 1898. She was seventy-two years old and her natural heirs were her sister, Mary Lenox, with whom it is said she had not been on the best of terms, and her nephew, H. Van Rensselaer. After her death the will, which it was known that she had executed, could not be found. The institutions favored sought to have it admitted to probate, offering carbon copies. The last will, it was claimed, bore the dates March 19th, 1895, and November 7th, 1897.

In refusing to admit the will to probate Surrogate Varnum, in his decision, takes the view that in her last hours Miss Lenox's heart turned toward her family instead of the institutions to which she had been so generous.

AGAINST SECOND MARRIAGE.—Yellott, Dashiell Dechert, to whom his wife left a large fortune on condition that he did not marry again,

and who was conspicuous in Commercial politics, died in the Presbyterian hospital on Thursday. He died exactly one year after his wife's death.

The wife bequeathed to him and their young son, James Flanagan Dechert, property valued at \$3,000,000, which was to be held by the husband as sole executor and trustee so long as he remained unmarried. In the event of his second marriage the United States Trust Company, of this city, was named as co-executor. The property was to have been equally divided between husband and son when the boy reached the age of twenty-five years. Mr. Dechert married Miss Lillian F. Flanagan, daughter of James Flanagan, of the brewing firm of Flanagan and Wallace, eleven years ago. He bought a summer home in Middlebury, near Waterbury, Conn., obtained a legal residence in that State and took a prominent part in politics.

A year ago his name was thrust into the contest for the nomination for Congressman at the Democratic convention. Not a delegate in the hall knew Mr. Dechert, but he became known as the "man with the bar" and almost captured the convention. He came within a few votes of being nominated.

FAMILY TREE FAD.—From Norwalk, Conn., comes the intelligence that after a hard and bitter fight in court, the two brothers of Miss Sarah F. Adams, succeeded in placing her fortune where she can no longer squander it in hunting up family trees, her hobby. Judge William Seymour granted the application of John and Francis Adams that a conservator be appointed to take charge of Miss Adams' estate to prevent it being spent on genealogies. Frank H. Merrill, a rich young bachelor, will probably be appointed.

The trial lasted five weeks. Miss Adams, who is fifty-eight, was the foremost member of the local daughters of the American Revolution. She herself came of one of the most famous families of New England. So great was her interest that she frequently travelled over the country investigating family trees. In her searches she wrote to nearly every country in the world and spent half her fortune it is said.

Her brothers, who were more matter of fact, finally decided to make an effort to stop her squandering money in this way. After vainly appealing to her they applied to the courts. They testified at the trial that they feared if Miss Adams were allowed to go on spending her money she would become a charge on the community.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S BOYS' SCHOOL.

The Xmas exercises in connection with the above named school were of unusual interest this year. The exercises partook of a double event. The first consists of an Xmas treat which the beautiful hand of Santa Claus was shown, and the second of a presentation and an address to the beloved pastor Rev. P. F. O'Donnell. The class-rooms were tastefully decorated with flags, lanterns, evergreens, flowers, mottoes, and specimens of the pupils' work in the different branches taught. The decorations were a credit to the pupils who showed wonderful ability and neatness in such work. The programme was a long and varied one. It consisted of choruses, solos, recitations, readings and an examination of mental arithmetic, penmanship and reading. It would be useless to particularize as one and all acquitted themselves in a manner worthy of the highest praise; but in justice to those concerned, we think that the chorus singing deserves more than a "passing" word. The hymns and songs were well selected and were given with a vim and enthusiasm

that brought out the beautiful and rich voices of the choristers. The principal event consisted of a well-worded address, and a presentation of a beautiful gold-headed umbrella, to the worthy pastor of St. Mary's. The address was read by Master Percy Reynolds, and the presentation made by Master A. Lavzon. The address was as follows:—

To Rev. P. F. O'Donnell, P.P., St. Mary's Church,
Rev. and Dear Father.—The second thousand years, the end of the nineteenth century, and the anniversary of Our Blessed Saviour's birth are near at hand, a few hours hence and they are here, yet while the hours are passing, how momentous are the events taking place throughout the world. At this time two thousand years ago, when all the world was at peace, the Saviour of the world was born. We are assembled here to-day to commemorate the memory of that glorious birth not by anger, hatred, or ill-will, but rather by Christian brotherhood which is the common platform of Our Holy Catholic Faith. We the teachers and pu-