

## THE WORKING CLASSES.

We read a great deal about saving the working classes from the evils of drink, reforming the laborers, saving the men who "earn their bread by the sweat of their brows." We think that a considerable amount of injustice is done to what is called the working-classes, by thus holding them up as victims of the dread vice of drunkenness. Experience teaches and statistics preach, and with no uncertain sound, that there are more victims of alcoholism in the ranks of the professional and business men than amongst the working men.

If we ask the question, who compose the working classes? we are answered, "the laborers." It is true that the man with his pick and shovel on the wharf or street, is a laboring man, but very often it is drink that has reduced him to that position. Were it not for liquor he might occupy a higher place in the ranks of citizenship. But he is no sample of the working classes. Take the mechanic, the tradesman, the business man, these are the people who really compose what is meant by the working classes; and these are, almost universally, more moral, more sober, more exemplary than the men who belong to the wealthier class. It is in the two extremes of society that the worst effects of drink are to be found—in the lower strata of all and then in the "upper ten." We protest against this constant cry about the drunkenness of the working men. In very few countries of the world can you find a better phalanx of citizens than amongst the workmen of Canada. It would be no harm if those gentlemen who give such off-hand and conflicting testimonies before the Prohibition Commission were to reflect a little more upon the ravages that drink is making in the parlors of the wealthy and in the hovels of the indigent. The one class cannot be expected to assist in crushing out that which has become a portion of their lives; the other cannot be expected to refrain from what they consider their only consolation. But the working classes can do much, and they are daily doing wonders, in the way of reformation. The subject recalls to our mind a few lines of Denis Florence McCarthy, and we would advise those who should begin by reforming the upper and lower classes, to read them:

"Ah! little they know of true happiness,  
They whom satiate ill,  
Who flung on the rich breast of luxury,  
Eat of the rankness that kills;  
Ah! little they know of the blessedness,  
Toll purchased slumber enjoys,  
Who, stretched on the hard rack of indolence,  
Taste of the sleep that destroys.

"But blessed the child of humanity,  
Happiest man amongst men,  
Who with hummer, or chisel, or pencil,  
With rudder, or ploughshare, or pen,  
L aboureth ever and ever, with hope  
Through the morning of life,  
Winning home and its darling divinities,  
Love-worshipped children and wife,  
Round swings the hammer of industry,  
Quickly the sharp chisel rings,  
And the heart of the toiler has throbbings  
That stir not the bosom of Kings;  
He the true ruler and conqueror,  
He the true lord of his race,  
Who nerves his arm for life's combat,  
And looks a strong world in the face."

## J. W. BENGOUGH.

We learn that the ex-editor of Grip, the famous caricaturist, J. W. Bengough, has been engaged permanently by the Montreal Star. We trust that he will remain more permanently than his predecessor in that important position. This Province will be certainly more congenial than Ontario—in one way—to the talented cartoonist. Not that he will feel more at home here than in Toronto; but as Protestant and even Infidel artists go to Rome, not to pay homage to the Sovereign Pontiff, but to study art at its most glorious focus, so Mr. Bengough will find himself more in contact with and surrounded by the special characters and figures he loves to draw in caricature.

At every corner, and at every hour of the day, he can study the priests and brothers, the fat and the lean, the jolly and the severe, the long and the short. It is a grand studio for such work, this Montreal of ours. We may expect to see some well drawn representatives of the Catholic clergy, and the Irish nationality, upon the pages of the next Christmas number. What Grip has lost, its more twinkling Montreal contemporary has gained.

## MARAGARET L. SHEPHERD.

The feeling runs very high, in Brockville, between the Orange faction and the Roman Catholic element. It is all due to the highly commendable action of the Town Council, in refusing the use of the Town Hall for the purpose of a lecture to be delivered by the now notorious "Ex Romanist—Mrs. Maragaret L. Shepherd." The following telegraphic account of the state of things, in Brockville, was received on Thursday last.

The disturbance created last night among the Orange element of Brockville by the refusal on the part of the town authorities to allow Maragaret L. Shepherd, ex-Romanist, the use of the Town Hall, has caused much anxiety. Mrs. Shepherd represented herself to the town clerk as a patriotic and political lecturer and previously secured the use of the hall, but when the property committee of the town council discovered that she would lecture on the subject "The Mysteries of the Confessional exposed" and "Is a priest loyal or a traitor to the Government?" They returned her money with a note that the use of the hall would not be allowed. Through a communication in the local press she announced that she would be at the hall at the advertised hour and demand her admittance. Her agent was there and a crowd of seven or eight hundred who strongly condemned the action of the town authorities, when the hall was not opened the Young Britons' life and drum band was brought out and a procession formed which marched to the hotel where Mrs. Shepherd was staying. She appeared at a window and was given an ovation and delivered a short address in which she strongly condemned the so-called encroachment on civil and religious liberty. The band and mob paraded the street till after eleven o'clock and the air was filled with such cries as "Down with the Pope." Several heated addresses were made during the evening. The feeling between the Roman Catholics and Orangemen is at a very high pitch, and trouble between the two factions is yet feared."

Some few weeks ago we referred to this specimen of a so called convert, when she proclaimed that she was the only living person who lectured on "the Pope's intentions for next year." It does not speak very highly for the intelligence of the masses in those cities where she is said to have "drawn thousands to hear her revelations about the Pope." They certainly are most gullible people.

We have only words of high commendation for the Brockville authorities who refused to allow this firebrand to stir up the conflagration of religious animosities in their Town Hall. She came to speak of priests, confessionals and church scandals. Was she attracted to Canada by the news of the unfortunate events that have so recently darkened our atmosphere? Birds of carrion sent from afar the corruption and they fly, with eager wings, to the scene of unwholesome carnival. It is not enough that we should have the *Canada Revue* and its abominable articles, especially of number sixteen, unfolding the vilest of things, and in language, that no Christian would tolerate, giving expression to the most baneful sentiments and propagating the most dangerous ideas. No; this is not enough; we must have a Mrs. Shepherd, a poor imitation of Miss Cusack, who in turn is a feeble copy of Miss Monk, pouring forth all the most monstrous of falsehoods about our clergy, our nuns and our institutions. It would be a good idea if the *Canada Revue* would hire her as a contributor; she could replace a few of those that, through honest shame, have abandoned its pages. She could not, even were she endowed with literary gifts beyond all women, surpass the foul and low contributions of the one who describes the farmers returning from the city. She would require to have a fertile imagination and a facile pen were she to write anything worse—yes, more venomous, more nauseous, more

downrightly bad—than the verses of Remi Tremblay. She could not out-do them. We recommend that the managers of that paper engage Mrs. Shepherd. Their own articles will serve as translations of her lectures.

## LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR.

## BAZAAR AND TOMBOLA

The following are additional prizes to those that will be found on page 17 of this issue:—

226. Crazy work cushion, by Miss A. Taillon.
227. A refrigerator, by Mr. G. W. Reed.
228. Case of irons, by Messrs. H. Ives & Co.
229. Case of irons, by Mr. G. Prowse.
230. Chandelier, by The Keegan's Milne & Co.
231. Japanese tete-a-tete set, by Miss Murphy.
232. Crayon-Portrait of R. I. Hogan, by Dominion Portrait Co.
233. Vase of flowers, by Miss Brady.
234. Fancy table, Miss A. McArthur.
235. Silver individual, by a friend.
236. Suit of clothes to order, by Mr. L. Workman.
237. Tea Set, by a friend.
238. Half a dozen of silver table-spoons, by Mr. E. Cavanagh.
239. Half a dozen of silver tea-spoons, by Mr. E. Cavanagh.
240. Chair, by Mr. H. Wilder.
241. Banjo, by Mr. Mullins.
242. Crazy cushion, by Miss Gahsan.



PETER BOYNE.

The indifatigable Secretary of the Shamrocks, Mr. P. Boyne, is a Dublin boy, and one of those worthy representatives of the Old Land who, by his energy, honesty, genial disposition and general amiable characteristics, has won his way to the admiration, respect and friendship of his numberless acquaintances in Canada. In 1887 he joined the Shamrocks, but took no very prominent part in their work until within the last few months. In May, 1892, Mr. Tansey was appointed secretary of the club, but owing to his extensive business occupations it became almost impossible for him to fulfil all the numerous duties of the office in a manner that would accord with his own wishes, and he resigned after three weeks. It was with great regret that the Club accepted the resignation. Mr. Boyne was then unanimously chosen to replace him. As events have proven, no better choice could have been made. The secretary went with the team on all their expeditions this year, and by his constant attention and unflinching exertions, he contributed greatly to the advancement of the Club's interests in every sphere. Mr. Boyne deserves every possible credit for the admirable manner in which he conducted the arrangements for the last great match. He is still a young man, and a bright future is evidently before him in this land of his adoption.

## Ecclesiastical Appointment.

His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal has made the following appointments. Rev. Florent Bourgeault, vicar-general, and Rev. W. C. Martin, Chaplain of the Cathedral of Montreal, were named titular canons of the Chapter; Rev. N. Piche, of Lachine, and Rev. J. A. Savariat, chaplain of St. Benoit-Joseph, were named honorary canons; and Rev. A. Manneville, was appointed curate of Lachine, and Rev. H. Marsolais, chaplain of the Providence Asylum.

## The Catholic Association of Canada.

With pleasure we reproduce the following letter; it speaks volumes:

To the Editor of the Star.—SIR,—The Montreal branch of "The Catholic Association" numbers at present over one hundred members, who are all working with great zeal and energy, for the greater honor and glory of God, and the salvation of souls, as well as for the welfare of that holy Church, which was founded more than 1800 years ago by Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. This noble Association was established in Montreal about a year ago by a small number of English converts, and since then, under the direction of its spiritual director, a Rev. Jesuit Father, has made wonderful progress, and to-day gives hopes of becoming a flourishing society. The members of this Association (which is composed chiefly of English converts) are strictly honest and temperate men, most of them (if not all) belonging to one of our many temperance societies of the city. I had the happiness of attending their last meeting, which took place on Friday, the seventh of October, and I can say, without the least misgiving, that their Society will surely prove itself a great boon to the Roman Catholic Church of Canada. I plainly saw by the manner in which they carried on their business, that each and every member was heart and soul in the good work which the Society demands of its members. The Catholic Association is a society of men, young and old, married and single, poor and rich, who assemble together once a month to find out and put in execution the best means of making known to the country the "True Church of God." Therefore they may be justly styled so many Apostles, going forth seeking whom they may convert to the true fold of Christ. All of us, no matter what state of life we may be in, are obliged to do our utmost to lead souls to God, by prayer and good example. The members of the society knowing this full well, have formed a resolution to do all in their power for that end. It now remains for us to follow their good example and strive to become as zealous as they. Let each one who made this article ask himself the simple question: "What have I done for God during my life?" Should the answer to this question inform you that you have done nothing or very little so far, form there and then a firm resolution to do all in your power for the honor of your Creator, in future and in order to keep your resolution, make it a point of duty to come to the next meeting on Friday, the 21st inst., at 8 p.m., in the basement of the Jesuits' Church on Bleury street, and sign your name as a member of the Catholic Association, and may God bless you and yours.

P. J. D. CLERIC.

## Roman Catholic School Commissioners.

The Rev. Abbe Sentenne presided at the meeting of the Board of the Roman Catholic School Commissioners Friday afternoon. There were present Rev. Abbe Aubin, F. X. Beique, F. D. Monck, ex-Ald. Hamelin and Principal Archambault. Considerable business was transacted. The new St. Agnes school in the parish of St. Antoine was placed among the Commissioners' schools. The application for an increased grant on behalf of the Nuns of the Holy Cross was refused because of want of funds. The title of local superintendent was changed to that of director general. The report of the superintendent of St. Agnes school was received. The application from the parish of St. Bridget for a building to replace that now occupied by the Boys' School was received. The matter had been referred to the Works Committee and they reported that the state of the finances would not permit so large an expenditure at present. The Ontario street school is to be repaired. The loan of \$40,060 falling due on October 21 and bearing interest at the rate of 5½ per cent. is to be renewed at a rate of 5 per cent. A number of bills were received and ordered to be paid.

## The Forty Hours.

To-day the officers of the Forty Hours' devotions will commence at Ste. Beatrix; on Friday those exercises will take place at St. Roch; and on next Sunday, at St. Joseph du Lac.

Have your Job Printing done at "The True Witness" Office.