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# The True Witness



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## ARCHBISHOP ISSUES SECOND PASTORAL.

### Expresses Sorrow that His Warning in Many Cases Was Not Heeded.

The following episcopal letter regarding the Archbishop's attitude a week ago, regarding the theatres was read on Sunday from all the Catholic pulpits in the city.

"In raising our voice last Sunday against bad theatres and in asking you not to attend the reprehensible plays which were presented during the week we were only acting in the discharge of a conscientious duty which our position as first pastor imposed upon us.

"In spite of all that has been said to the contrary we know that our words fell upon attentive ears. Many, in fact, of the most distinguished citizens, in order to meet our wishes, sacrificed the tickets which they had already purchased, and such an act being a noble example to others, we are happy to offer them our congratulations.

"A great many others unfortunately took no notice of our letter and went to hear plays in which the Church is insulted and Christian morals are trampled underfoot; and we have to confess to-day that such conduct on their part fills us with grief and surprise.

"The plea has been given that the pastoral warning came too late, but this is a sad excuse, indeed, for when the warning was given the plays had been announced, and, perhaps, the tickets were purchased, but the theatre was not open. If you were to learn, very dear brethren, that a medicine which had been sold to you as an excellent remedy was nothing more than a fatal poison, would you take the same even if it had been paid for?"

"It has also been said that these plays were interpreted by an artist of incomparable merit, but does this fact render them less immoral or less dangerous?"

"Oh, how little logic there is in some minds, and are not religious convictions very far from being deeply rooted in certain souls?"

"We defy the most brilliant orators and the most celebrated actresses to come here to our city and ridicule our history or insult the honor of the Canadian name, for we know that they would receive hisses rather than applause.

"In a word, the patriotic sentiment of the country would rise in protest.

"Remember also, very dear brethren, the excitement caused recently in society circles by the appearance of a novel quite insignificant in itself but in which some not very flattering things for our people were said as well as for certain persons evidently aimed at in the writings.

"No one appeared to notice the plot, which was immoral, but how many protesting articles were written, and how much displeasure was manifested because of the wounding of our national pride?"

"Likewise at the theatre no one should be permitted to attack our country, or the memory of our departed statesmen. But in the present case it is the Church which is insulted. Her history is falsified and her blessed influence down through the ages, is strangely ignored.

"The scenes offered to the spectators in the theatre are, after all, but scenes of criminal passion, or vengeance, of jealousy, of adultery, of murder and of suicide. One must be indeed scrupulous to be afraid or to flee from these scenes? The evil is exhibited with the seduction of genius and is this not a sufficient reason for contemplating it and applauding the actor or actress who flaunts it before our eyes.

"Alas! we have seen a condition of the soul, painful in the extreme to realize.

"Believe us, very dear brethren, we would never have dreamed of warning you against these things if we had not been of a nature to perceive the serious nature of a danger which is so elevated. To-day, however, we write all sincerely, and we trust that you will all sincerely read and act upon it to which we appeal.

## THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION AT ST. LAURENT COLLEGE.

November 29, 1905, is a day that will long be remembered by the American students of St. Laurent College.

On the evening of the above date, the annual entertainment in honor of Thanksgiving Day was held by St. Patrick's Literary and Dramatic Association, in the form of a comedy of two acts.

The event had been anxiously awaited by the students for the past few weeks, and they hurried to the theatre at the appointed time with all the ardor of a youngster going to his first circus. The seating capacity of the theatre was taxed to its utmost; the reverend faculty were all present, and also a large number of invited guests, who, delighted with the elegantly decorated programmes, which were distributed to them, impatiently waited for the curtain to rise.

Promptly at eight o'clock Mr. Herbert Meglaughlin, recording secretary of the Society, stepped out on the stage and delivered the speech of the occasion, taking for his subject, "Thanksgiving Day." Though there were many surprises during the evening, this was undoubtedly the greatest. Mr. Meglaughlin, appearing in public for the first time, had perfect command of his delivery, and spoke with such ease and self-possession as to hold constantly the attention of his audience.

The following programme was then given:

The Living Statue, or The Old Captain's Idea. A Comedy in 2 Acts.

Act I.—An Artist's Studio.

Waltz—"Violet".....Orchestra.

Terpsichorean Selections—F. McKee.

Act II—The Manor Garden.

American Airs.....Orchestra.

Cast of Characters.

Frank Larkin, a Sculptor, T. Lamar.

Toby Trotter, his man, J. D. Regan.

Sam Piper, his servant.....

S. H. Gallagher.

Capt. Gay, a jolly old tar.....

C. A. Maher.

Adolphus.....W. E. McGarry.

Augustus.....F. Baker.

Two Young Dudes.....

Mr. Stonecraft, an art critic.....

P. Dwyer.

Charlie Norton, a precocious boy.....

A. McGarry.

Tommy Jenkins, his chum, V. Donovan.

Lieut. Catchcannon, Geo. Hafford.

Dr. Harris.....J. Dolan.

Mr. Muckebinner, a caterer, O. Linke.

Servants, etc.

In the past, St. Patrick's Society has gained much notoriety by its success on the stage, but if last evening's production is to be the criterion of the future success of the Society in the histrionic art, it will rank among the best of amateur theatrical troupes in Canada.

Mr. Francis Lamar, acting the leading role of the play, initiated a young sculptor to perfection, displaying not the least embarrassment and performing his part in a manner befitting a more experienced actor.

Mr. Stephen H. Gallagher was a typical "coon," and the entrancing manner in which he rendered "Stay in Your Own Back Yard" and "Old Black Joe," charmed the audience beyond measure. The house was convulsed with laughter whenever he made his appearance, and it is unanimously agreed among the students that no better choice could have been made for the "coon" than Stephen H. Gallagher. Though Mr. Gallagher was surprisingly natural, Mr. D. Regan can assuredly compete with him for the honor of leading the comedians of the evening's performance.

Personating "Toby Trotter," Mr. Larkin's valet, Mr. Regan took the house by storm, and in the second act, when attired as Alexander the Great, the enthusiasm of the audience knew no bounds.

But the other characters of the play deserve a share of the spoils. Cornelius A. Maher, one of the most experienced and trained actors in the college, easily sustained his old reputation, appearing as Captain Gay, a jolly old Jack Tar, who by his smuggering gait, and words about the holy deep, held the audience in

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.**  
To-morrow being the feast of the Immaculate Conception, will be a holiday of obligation. Masses at the usual Sunday hours will be celebrated.

**ST. CECILIA'S UNION CONCERT.**  
The Union St. Cecile entertained their patrons to a musical in the Monument National on Sunday evening. The programme consisted of a number of selections from Meyerbeer, Haydn, Massenet, Pique and Boieldieu. An intermezzo from Macbeth was skilfully rendered and received well earned applause.

**REMOVAL OF REV. FATHER BRIEN.**  
Rev. Father Brien, formerly curate at the Sacred Heart parish, has been appointed pastor of the new parish of St. Philomena. He was the recipient of an address accompanied by a well-filled purse by the parishioners of the Sacred Heart.

**ERECTION OF ITALIAN PARISH.**  
His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi has issued formal notice of the erection of the Catholic parish of Notre Dame du Mont Carmel, in accordance with the request of a large number of Catholic freehold inhabitants speaking the Italian language, who appealed to His Grace for a separate parish for their spiritual ministrations.

**ANNUAL DANCE OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.**  
On Friday night the Knights of Columbus gave their annual dance, which was held in the ladies' ordinary of the Windsor Hotel. Music was furnished by an orchestra stationed at one end of the room on a platform, banked with palms. The decorations were very attractively carried out. Supper was served in the large dining-room, the menu cards being got up admirably. About two hundred and fifty guests were present.

**ANNUAL TEMPERANCE MEETING AT ST. PATRICK'S.**  
The temperance societies of the Irish Catholic parishes of the city attended in a body at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday evening. Rev. P. McDonald, of St. Mary's, who was the preacher, gave a telling discourse on the evil of intemperance, the terrible consequences and the means to be employed to combat it. At the close of the sermon the pledge was renewed by all present. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was afterwards imparted.

**PAROCHIAL SCHOOL SECURED FOR ST. PATRICK'S PARISH.**  
The purchase of the Catholic High School building on LaGauchetiere street west, from the St. Bridget's Refuge authorities, was completed on Tuesday, when Rev. M. Callaghan, pastor of St. Patrick's, secured a school of his own for the parish children. The purchase price is \$48,000. The children showed their appreciation by going in a body to St. Patrick's Presbytery, where they serenaded the genial pastor, who was much touched by this display of affection on their part.

**DEATH OF MRS. P. MATTHEWS.**  
The death occurred at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. E. J. Hewitt, at Longueuil, on Wednesday, Nov. 29, of Mrs. Matthews, wife of Mr. Patrick Matthews, of the Western Insurance Co. Deceased was born in Ireland, coming to Montreal the memorable year of the ship fever. For many years Mrs. Matthews has been in declining health, but her suffering, which was intense, was borne with martyr-like resignation. She was a model Christian, a devoted wife and affectionate mother, and after spending a most exemplary life her children had the consolation of witnessing her singularly edifying death. Father Blais, P.P. of Longueuil, attended deceased through her long illness, and officiated at the requiem service held in the Longueuil parish church, and at the Libers, at Cote des Neiges, where her remains were laid to rest. Her husband, three daughters, Mrs. J. Carson, Westmount; Mrs. Butler, of Grand

## APPOINTED BISHOP OF ST. HYACINTHE.

The Very Rev. A.-X. Bernard was on Monday appointed Bishop of St. Hyacinthe.

Mgr. Bernard, up to the time of the death of the late Bishop Doolles, was vicar-general of the diocese of St. Hyacinthe. For some time previous and since that time he has acted as administrator. He was born at Beloeil, on December 29, 1847, and studied for the priesthood at the Montreal College and the Grand Seminary at Sorel. He was ordained in 1871, and in 1872 was made Superior of Sorel College. In 1876 he went to St. Hyacinthe, first as a pastor of the Cathedral and later as a canon. He became Archdeacon in 1877, and rose to be Chancellor of the Archdiocese. He was made Vicar-General in 1893.

## TOUCHING TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF LATE FATHER DOWD.

The Rev. W. S. Barries, on Sunday last, in preaching a farewell sermon in the Church of the Messiah, gave a resume of the years' work since the congregation took occupation of that Church. One very pleasing reminiscence we noticed was in reference to the late Father Dowd, regrettably pastor of St. Patrick's. The Unitarian church had suffered destruction by fire, and it was Father Dowd who placed St. Patrick's Hall at the disposal of the Unitarian congregation until such time as they could procure a suitable building. It is such small acts as this that leave a refreshing memory and help so much more than argument, very often bitter and almost always so fruitless, to break down the barriers of prejudice and ill-feeling which unfortunately too often exist.

## IRISHMEN, ASSERT YOURSELVES.

To the Editor True Witness:  
Dear Sir,—Now is the time for the Irish Catholic population of Montreal to wake up and put a man in the field for the honor of chief magistrate of our city. It is our turn, this no man can deny, and if we are done out of it this year then it is ourselves that will be to blame. Senator Cloran is the man to carry our flag and cause to victory. I say this, not because I wish to play "party," for personally I do not know the Senator, but I know of him, and our French-Canadian citizens seem to like him as well as the Irish people do. See to it, Mr. Editor, that our cause is no longer neglected.

AN IRISH CATHOLIC.  
Nov. 30, 1905.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Mother has gone to be rewarded  
For her sufferings here on earth,  
She will meet her sweet Redeemer  
In the land of joy and mirth.  
She has gone to her eternal rest  
Which is far beyond all seas,  
And she bore her cross right with her  
Till our Saviour gave her ease.  
She has gone from us, her mournful  
flock,  
By whom she was surrounded;  
And tried to leave each one in peace,  
Until the going was sounded.  
She has gone from all her earthly  
cares,  
To meet her God and Maker,  
Who shall extend His blessed hands  
And up to Heaven take her.  
She has gone from us in purity  
To her home of peace in Heaven;  
After suffering for her sins on earth,  
She reached at the hour of seven.  
She has gone and left us in great  
pain,  
But as her hour has come,  
We will raise our voice and sing to  
her,  
Dominus Vobiscum.  
T. J. M.

## OBSTINATE COUGHS AND COLDS.

The Kind That Stick.  
The Kind That Turn To BRONCHITIS.  
The Kind That End In CONSUMPTION.

Do not give a cold the chance to settle on your lungs, but on the first sign of it go to your drugist and get a bottle of

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It cures Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Sore Throat, Pain in the Chest, Hoarseness, or any affection of the Throat or Lungs. Mrs. Gonslow, 23 Chestnut Street, Toronto, writes: "I wish to thank you for the wonderful good Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup has done for my husband and two children. It is a wonderful medicine, it is so healing and soothing to a distressing cough. We can never without a bottle of it in the house."

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