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OUR NEW STORY.

The Register is pleased to inform its readers that it has purchased the sole rights of publication in Canada of Katharine Tynan's new novel, "The Love Story of Alison Bernard."

The present story contains all the elements of a popular serial—sympathetic character drawing, an element of mystery cleverly concealed to the end; two charming love stories that promise to interfere with one another at times; varied scenes and characters, and the successful development of the noble purpose formed by the hero.

"This is an Irish tale, the hero being modelled on Sir Horace Plunkett. No party politics is involved (not at any rate unless you read into the story something that is not there), but there is an element that should appeal to every Irishman and to everyone who is interested in Ireland—an ardent desire for the development of that country's national life."

The story itself—its plot and characters—would interest readers of every nationality.

NO CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY FOR IRELAND.

Ireland is to have her full share of the time of Parliament during the present session. Mr. John Redmond's speech on the opening day made this privilege a doubly assured certainty, the Irish leader's attitude being confident and his language plain.

Beyond Mr. Wyndham's promise of some amendment to the Land Act of last year, however, it is extremely doubtful that much practical headway in the matter of Irish reform can be hoped for in 1904. But Ireland's progress in late years has been sufficiently satisfactory to justify the confidence her parliamentary representatives feel in the ultimate and not distant triumph of her reasonable claims.

ment was surely an unkind touch which we might have spared. And even he might have contrived to have shut the door against a people's hope without slamming with such noisy violence."

The tolerant Tory Government of England has money for the establishment of a Mahomedan College at Khartoum, but is too hard up to find the means of treating the Catholic people of Ireland similarly. Meanwhile the Irish members will make the best use of their time in Westminster.

THE CIVIC CAULDRON.

The police magistrate, after a patient and thorough investigation of all the circumstances upon which it was sought to base a charge of repeating his votes against ex-Alderman William Burns, has fully and honorably acquitted the defendant, Col. Denison, at the conclusion of the case remarked that the same accusation made against Mr. Burns might have been preferred against a large number of equally respectable citizens whose denial upon oath had been accepted.

It will be remembered that when a scrutiny of the ballots in certain polling divisions was asked by Mr. Burns after the municipal elections, his solicitor, Mr. Frank Slattery, received a warning to drop the matter or trouble would be made for his client. The hint being treated with the contempt it deserved, the "evidence" of the poll-books was paraded in the newspapers against Mr. Burns.

The public investigation has taken off the lid and the smell of the broth is quite as bad as was expected. The question now is, will the investigators clap the cover on the pot again without pulling into view the carcass producing the aroma?

PRECAUTION THE BEST SAFEGUARD AGAINST FIRE.

After raging thirty-eight hours, a conflagration that burned the heart out of the business area in the city of Baltimore, was decisively checked late on Monday afternoon. This was probably the most disastrous fire in the history of America, if property losses only be taken account of. Two thousand five hundred buildings were wiped out, some of them the finest blocks in the city. There was practically no loss of life, but acute suffering caused by the cessation of the labor of a multitude of wage earners may be anticipated. The loss a property is far beyond \$100,000,000, which sum, and it may be two or three times as much, will presently have to be provided by the money market to the additional embarrassment of financial conditions that have been none too clear during the past two years.

The Chicago fire, the great fire in London and other calamities are recalled by the extent of the destruction wrought in Baltimore. But with regard to fire protection little seems to be learned from past experience and not a great deal by inventive skill. The character and material of the buildings in large cities are undergoing constant change. Old and highly inflammable buildings stand side by side with supposed fire-proof skyscrapers. Firemen cannot equip both with the same appliances. The skyscraper may be the most dangerous of all structures in a hot fire. Indeed nothing can be taken for granted in cases of fire. It is the unexpected that happens. The theatre horror a few weeks ago occurred in a building boasted to represent the best experience of architects and builders in the way of safeguards from fire. Everything is in the domain of chance. A bombardment of several days' duration might have fallen short of the damage to Baltimore more from an accidental spark against which the exertions of all the fire forces available proved feeble. The best protection against fire in every city and home must always be

precaution. In extremely cold weather tremendous risks are taken. The degree of heat and comfort to be attained in a house does not necessarily depend upon the quantity of coal burned. If furnaces, stoves, lamps and grates be kept clean and trim efficiency and economy will be best secured. One careless person looking after these matters in house or lodging is capable of accomplishing ruin enough to satisfy a Nero.

JAPAN GRAPPLES WITH RUSSIA

Anticipation has not erred in regard to the rupture between Japan and Russia. The eager and alert yellow challenger has already struck the first blow and has drawn blood. The diplomacy of Britain and the United States appears to approve Japan's forwardness; but these diplomats may find themselves furnishing a modern illustration of the old oriental fable of the geni of the sea released from the bottle and found to be a troublesome customer very difficult to place in confinement again. The Japanese is a veritable geni of the sea. It has greatly interested our western civilization to observe the ferocity with which he has waded betimes in the blood of his yellow brothers, Korean and Chinese. It may also interest, and perhaps temporarily profit, British and American trade to see Russia surprised by the present dashing attack; but if we can imagine such a thing as an ultimate Japanese victory in this trial of strength, neither England nor the United States dare say in the future to the conqueror that he shall obey their behests. Let us imagine a yellow empire supreme in the East, feverishly striving for maritime power and disputing the manufacturing monopoly of the white man. Japan to-day, in spite of her signs of progress, is as much a cheap labor nation as China. With military and naval strength to back Japanese ambition for empire, the Mikado may yet close the markets of the East to English, American and German goods, and become greater than any western competitor. And should that ever happen the people of England especially will have cause to regret the diplomacy that liberated the geni of the sea. Of course it is premature to draw conclusions from the initial victory of the Japanese fleet. Even though the entire Russian fleet were wiped out Russia could still avenge her wounded prestige. No one can say to what this war may lead.

His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin has publicly censured an organization in Ireland called "The Catholic Association," the professed objects of which include a crusade against unjust treatment accorded to Catholics in the matter of employment by railway and other large corporations. The Archbishop says that as a result of what is being done, Catholic traders, Catholic employes and some of the most worthy Catholic charities and benevolent institutions in his diocese have suffered substantial loss. It appears to be a case of unwise methods and perhaps more unwise leaders in the Association.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In the list padding inquiry at the city hall some of the evidence is quite entertaining. Mr. H. Page, the assessment clerk who swore he put nineteen names on the assessment roll upon instructions from the assessment commissioner for the benefit of Ald. Woods, told Mr. Johnston that Cecil Elliott, one of the names put on, was Woods' brother-in-law and Alexander Elliott was his nephew. Cecil Elliott had belonged to the same Orange lodge as Page did. Mr. Riddell—Is this directed to give a political answer? Mr. Johnston—No; I wanted to see why the two Elliotts' names were accepted so provisionally. Page told Mr. Johnston that Ald. Frank Woods also belonged to the Orange Society.

Anglo-American Prospering

The reports at the fifth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Anglo-American Fire Insurance Co., held at the McKinnon Building yesterday, exhibited a most encouraging condition of affairs. The net premiums for the year amounted to \$37,945.58, while the total income reached \$355,666, an increase of \$46,920.46 over the previous year. After adjusting all claims for losses, expenses, etc., a net income of \$34,115.16 remained, which, with a reserve fund of \$114,654.33, and \$18,328.27 on the credit side of profit and loss account, shows a decidedly comfortable business position. The usual annual dividend of 7 per cent. was declared. The fire losses paid during the year amounted to \$157,075.75. President S. F. McKinnon congratulated the company on the successful year's business, and a vote of thanks was passed to General Manager Dean and his staff for the capable way in which their work had been performed. The officers and directors were all re-elected. A full report of the meeting will be found in another column of this issue.

No one can use an income with true economy who does not exert his best judgment and put forth all the wisdom he possesses to make it fulfill the highest ends of which it is capable. If it does not make lives better, fuller, and happier, if it does not develop the body and educate the mind, if it does not promote industry, honesty and good will—if, in fact, it does nothing to elevate and improve mankind, then waste, and not economy, is shown in its management.

Our Montreal Budget

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The solemnity of the Feast of the Purification, or Candlemas Day, was celebrated with the usual ceremonies in all the Catholic churches of the city on Sunday last. The long lines of assistant priests, altar boys, the members of the beautiful choir of the "Nunc Dimittis Servum Tuum" and "Lumen ad Revelationem Gentium," as the processions passed around the church, made the scene one that bespoke faith and devotion to the Catholic heart, and brought forth the grandeur of the solemn ceremonies used in the Catholic Church.

Mr. John Powers, a professor of St. Laurent College, died suddenly at the institution on Thursday last. The deceased, who was a young man of ability and great promise, was only ill three days with pneumonia. He was a native of North Walpole, New Hampshire, and had just completed his studies at the Montreal Grand Seminary. He was to have been ordained in a year's time. The remains were shipped to his home, where sorrowful parents received the casket containing the remains, the one that they had given to God for the service of the altar. One how uncertain is life. A fine promising young Levite cut short by the grim and awful reaper—death. But our ways and wishes are not God's, and we have to bow to the decree of the Almighty, and give thanks to His Holy Name.

Give thanks to God for what He sends. For health and parents, home and friends. For every aid in time of need. For every pleasant word and deed; For bright, sweet thoughts and holy life. For guidance in our daily strife,— For everything give thanks.

A solemn requiem High Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul in the parish church, which was largely attended. His place is vacant at dear old St. Laurent. His scholars and professors miss him, but his memory will remain.

"He has gone away. Until Judgment Day. When we'll meet him in God's sight! With deeds that were sure. With thoughts that were pure. God grant him Eternal Light."

The epidemic of "La Grippe" is broadcast throughout the length and breadth of the city. The physicians have their hands full. Scarcely had typhoid fever been stamped out when another malady appears.

The excitement after the municipal elections has died away, and things have assumed their normal conditions. No persons will have a better recollection of the late contest than the five candidates for aldermanic honors and the two for the mayor's chair who lost their deposits—\$1,400 go to the city treasury. Ald. D. Gallery's corrected majority is 915. It's a hard task to beat the "Brave Boy from Galway."

Another old timer has passed over to the majority in the person of Mr. Bernard Connaughton of 68 Richmond street, Point St. Charles. The late Mr. Connaughton, who was an ex-alderman of St. Ann's Ward, was well known and highly respected in the city and had a very large circle of friends, who will regret to hear of his sudden demise at the age of 64.

Mr. Connaughton was a retired grocer and lived at his residence on Richmond street with his sister and niece. A life-long Conservative, he took an active part in political matters and was well posted as to the civic needs of the city. He was also a school commissioner and worked well for the interest of the schools and teachers. He was always present at the closing exercises of Sarsfield School.

The late Mr. Connaughton was born in the town of Boyle, in the County of Roscommon, and came to this country about forty years ago. He started his Canadian life at the St. James Hotel. Afterwards he established a restaurant on Victoria Square. Giving this up after some ten years, he founded a grocery business at the corner of Richmond and Grand Trunk streets. Here the deceased gentleman was very successful, accumulating a good deal of property in that locality. After many years in business he retired about ten years ago. The deceased remained unmarried. The late Mr. Connaughton served two terms in council, where he established an excellent record for honest and straightforward voting. He was also at one time a candidate for Parliamentary honors. Up to last year he was president of the Junior Conservative Club, in which his efforts were much appreciated. The late Mr. Connaughton has suffered much from stomach troubles of late and his death was not unexpected. He was a first cousin of ex-Ald. Denis Tansey, sr., Bernard and Owen Tansey, of this city.

About two months ago your correspondent visited him in connection with the Register, and found him suffering greatly from cancer of the stomach. At that time he had abandoned all hope of recovery, and was calmly awaiting the Angel of Death which visited him on Wednesday morning at St. Gabriel's Church, where a Solemn Requiem Mass was sung by Father Shea, of St. Anthony's Church, assisted by Fathers O'Meara and McDonald, both of St. Gabriel's Church.

Among the many friends and relatives of the deceased, the following list contains the names of a few of those present: Bernard Tansey, sr., Bernard Tansey, jr., Owen Tansey, sr., Owen Tansey, jr., Dr. T. Darcy Tansey, Denis Tansey, Jas. Tansey, jr., P. Tansey, sr., Jas. Foley, Jas. Taylor, sr., Jas. Taylor, jr., ex-Ald. D. Tansey, jr., ex-Ald. D. Tansey, sr., Ald. H. B. Ames, ex-Ald. Peter Lyall, Ald. Turner, Ald. Gallery, ex-Ald. Thos. Conroy, Hon. James McShane, S. Carmichael, Frank Corrigan, Wm. Rafferty, Thos. Moore, Michael Sharkey, Mr. Marteau, S. Gorman, P. Wright, John Hoolihan, Wm. Burns, Mr. Cain, Mr. Finn, D. Murray, and a great many others. Fathers O'Meara and Shea, accompanied the funeral to the cemetery, where last prayers were read. At a meeting of the Junior Conser-

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Lost Opportunities (For The Register.)

The bustle and the bustle of Montreal's municipal elections are over, and the Irish electors have again thrown away their opportunity of electing two more aldermen of their nationality. It remains a mystery why the Irish Catholics of this city don't study their best interests. The English Protestants present a fine object lesson of unity, perseverance and success. In the city council they have nine representatives, seven of whom were returned by acclamation. The Irish Catholics have two representatives, one of whom was returned by acclamation, and the other one snatched his opponent under so badly that he lost his deposit of \$200. The only thing they had against him (Ald. D. Gallery) was that he was not in favor of dividing the ward he represented. Alderman Gallery had his own views on the matter, and he thought that it would not be in the interests of his nationality or race to have it divided, and so he won the day.

The defeat of ex-Ald. Kinsella was to say the least an unexpected one, and at the same time, a mean one, especially coming from the Irish electors. It's not the man they should have studied, but their own interests. But no, carried away by prejudice and jealousy, they fought against the man they should have supported, and gave their candidate a majority of nearly 400. When we consider that there was a difference of only 96 votes in the ward between the Irish and the French, the work of the Irish electors is all the more humiliating.

At Point St. Charles the defeat of Mr. P. O'Brien happened in the same way, and so passed away the grand chances which the Irish Catholics had, to increase their influence and number at the city hall. All went for naught. It would look very much as if the Irish are satisfied with their lot in this city—to remain in statu quo, or to move backwards, but not to move forward. The power of the Irish is commencing to sink into oblivion, other nationalities cling together, work in unity, and make their power felt, but the disunited and jealous Irish fall out from the onward march of progress to be trodden down and walked upon by those who wish and must have their rights respected.

When the Irish Catholics turn will come for the mayor's chair next civic election, it would not be surprising that there will be no candidate for the position, and like their last turn, when it presented itself, it passed over to another nationality. At the present rate of going it will soon be a disgrace to be known as Irish at all in Montreal, as the nationality is fading away. Poor object lessons indeed, for the rising generation. No public spirit in some of those who should be leaders for our nationality. Selfishness and jealousy seem to be their guiding stars, and the mighty dollar carries them away with their own laudations. The history of Montreal would be worth reading about twenty years from now to see the part the Irish Catholics played in the city council, and the parliaments at Ottawa and Quebec. I am afraid it would not show such a good record as some of those that Old Timer has given such a fine and interesting account of in his chronicles. Unity and unity alone can save the situation.

The number of deaths last week was 106, being divided as follows: Catholics, 94; Protestants, 9; Jews, 3. The chief causes of death were pneumonia and consumption.

Mgr. Bruneault was installed as second Bishop of Nicolet immediately after the funeral of Mgr. Gravel. His Excellency Mgr. Sbarretti, the Apostolic Delegate, presided, assisted by a large number of prelates and priests. After the ceremony a banquet was held at the convent.

Ward	Lap. Dauid. Coch.
East Ward	284 43 10
Centre	293 56 19
West	424 34 49
St. Ann's	1,287 387 462
Lafontaine	1,130 293 59
St. George's	809 39 84
St. Louis	1,271 263 181
St. Andrew's	775 37 70
St. Denis	1,129 510 152
St. James	1,023 233 72
St. Gabriel	1,180 413 258
St. Jean Baptiste	1,465 424 140
St. Mary's	883 265 80
St. Joseph's	1,143 340 207
Papineau	1,776 475 185
Lawrence	1,167 134 394
Hochelaga	580 409 23
Duvernay	490 196 34

Already about \$79,000 has been spent upon snow removal. The entire cost last year was only \$34,300. For the week ending December 18, 1904, the sum of \$10,537 was spent. This was the first storm. For the next two weeks there were several small storms, costing at the end of January 8th, the sum of \$8,757; and at the end of January 15, the sum of \$5,492. Then came the big storm of the season, which was an expensive matter for the city. The amount expended for the week ending January 23, was \$29,377; and for the week ending January 29, it was \$22,591. Of these amounts the city pays one-half, and the Montreal Street Railway the other half.

This has been the worst winter as regards the amount of snow and the intensity of the cold for the past thirty years. Many of the best of us leave many things untouched which we ought to have finished. Most men die with many tasks uncompleted. Life is too large for us; we cannot do all that is our duty to do. After we have done our best we have not attained ever our own standard of what we ought to have done. Indeed, there is a duty of omitting. We cannot do any day the one-hundredth part of the things we might do. We must show our wisdom in the selection we make of the things which we should do. Some people, however, omit the most important duties and do the trivial things.

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