

Written for the True Witness.

SMILES AND TEARS.

When troubles surround, and sorrow is near, When the trials of life, for the first time appear; Or, when Death's white flag, o'er young hopes is unfurled, We murmur and sigh—" 'tis a weary world! "

All the Joys we have known, all the Past is forgot— We grumble and mourn at our present sad lot; The flowers we had plucked, of their beauty seem short, Because we have felt the sharp touch of a thorn—

In vain a kind memory recalls brighter hours, The sunshine of yore, the many fair flowers, Which had sprung on our way, through Life's wide, wide plain— The birds are felt—Memory whispers in vain.

We fret and repine, till the sun shines once more— Then forgot are the wounds, which once were sore— Unheard are the wailings of the once heart-felt pain— Until troubles and briars, are met with again.

WHAT IS THE REASON?

To the Editor of the True Witness. Sir,—In your issue of the 13th inst., you ask the question, "What is the reason that in the Catholic Province of Quebec, there is not a single representative Irishman in the Legislative Council?"

I for one am proud that we have at last one sufficiently honest and independent to ask such a question.

It is high time that such a question should be asked, and it reflects great credit on your spirit of independence; nevertheless it appears strange that you who are a comparative stranger here should be the first to broach the subject, and that it should have been passed over by others who well knew of the spirit of exclusiveness which prevails in the Province of Quebec.

As I understand it, the system of exclusiveness prevails from the highest to the lowest Departments. You refer to the exclusion of Irish Catholics from the Council of the Province, but if you take the trouble to enquire, you will find that the spirit of exclusiveness prevails in more places than one.

If you consult the Public Accounts, I think you will find the proofs of what I say. Take for example the Public Accounts for the year 1872 (the only account I have at hand), and we find the number of Irish employed in the Public Departments to be only thirty-three, while the others employed, being principally of French origin, amounted to the number of one thousand five hundred and ninety-six (1,596). The total amount of salaries paid to the thirty-three Irishmen amounted to twenty thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars and eighteen cents (\$20,750.18). The total amount of salaries paid to the other employees, being principally French, amounted to the sum of one million, seven hundred and eight thousand, four hundred and sixty-six dollars and twenty cents (1,708,466.20).

It is a saying among the few Irish here, that they would rather take their chance of fair play under an Orange Government than under the system that prevails in the Province of Quebec.

If I mistake not the signs of the times, the Province of Quebec will soon have need of all her friends in her coming political struggles. Will the present policy of exclusiveness have made friends of the Irish Catholics? Time will tell.

DORCHESTER.

Dorchester County, 16th April, 1877.

THE IMMIGRATION QUESTION.

To the Editor of the True Witness.

Sir,—Once more I am obliged to enter the lists against that very peculiar newspaper, the Tribune of Toronto, in connection with the now prominent question of Irish immigration. That journal, in its issue of the 13th inst., for the want of something better to advance in its endeavor to carry out the objects of its "mission," casts a very cowardly insinuation against my character, in answer to which I hereby challenge him to the proofs. I will have no side issues in this question, much less unmanly insinuations. Facts are the things I wish to see adhered to throughout, and now that I have taken a part in the discussion, I will fight it out if it took all summer, everything the Tribune may say notwithstanding.

The Tribune would like to see Mr. Shell in the "witness box," well, there is not the slightest objection on my part. I fancy some of the Tribune's friends would not care to be in Court during the examination. I might with equal authority request the editor of the Tribune to take the stand! To quote the Tribune—as a matter of fact—I did not cease my connection with Irish immigration in 1874, but, supposing I did, that is no argument against the "perpetuation of the evil" up to 1877. If the Canadian Government cannot do better for the South of Ireland, as regards its system of promoting (?) emigration than it has done hitherto it should recall the "agents" (?) there, and continue the same no longer. The Irish Catholics of this Dominion contribute their share of the funds employed for the purpose of encouraging immigration to the country, and no matter what you may say to the contrary, Tribune, our people do not get their share of it, by no means. The Tribune imagines it has done something handsome when it plays on my statement that I sent out more emigrants in a given time than Mr. Foy. I beg to remind the Tribune that I had three fourths of Mr. Foy's share in the operation, while Mr. Foy had the rest, and if, seeing the difference in population, I think it will be admitted that if I sent out a few more emigrants than Mr. Foy, it was but natural under the circumstances. Had I been accorded equal facilities with Mr. Foy, instead of sending 600 people it would have been 2,000. While I was labouring under the disadvantage of succumbing to the whims of a crowd of officials in the London office—begging them to do our people justice, how was an agent of the Ontario Government in Scotland—one whose rank was no higher than my own—faring. He had the tickets placed at his disposal, to be used at convenience, and it is any wonder that in view of this latitude the emigration from Scotland to Canada during that year was up to the thousands. Does the Tribune wish some more "facts," if so they are at his disposal.

Your obt. servant,

CHRIS. J. SEKIL.

Montreal, 11th April, 1877.

FATHER MATHEW TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION, HAMILTON.

CONCERT AND LECTURE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF BRANCH NO. 2.

On Friday evening the Hall of St. Patrick's Society, notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather, was well filled on the occasion of a concert and lecture by Mr. James Fahay, under the auspices of Father Mathew Society, Branch No. 2. The chair was occupied by the President of the Society, Mr. Thomas Lawlor, and on the platform were Rev. Fathers Madigan, Lennox (Chaplain), O'Connor (Mount Forrest), and Cleary, Mr. McKinty, President No. 1 Branch Father Mathew; Mr. Stephen Cleary, President of St. Patrick's; and Mr. Donovan. Dr. Filigiano, as usual, made a most efficient Master of Ceremonies, and Mr. Turney presided at the piano.

The programme opened with a song by Mr.

Basquill—"Happy Moment." Mr. Basquill has a good voice, and was encored, in fact, encored were the order of the evening. He responded with the last verse of the song. Miss Barrett gave in a very charming manner, "Eileen Allanna," and, in response to an encore, a very pretty ballad. Mr. F. A. Filigiano, whose appearance is always welcome at musical entertainments, was the next on the programme. Mr. Filigiano sang in his best style "Tis when to Sleep," and, on being encored enthusiastically, gave a song the name of which we did not catch. "Rosalia," sung by Miss Sullivan, a young lady with a very sweet voice and charming appearance, concluded the first part of the programme.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cleary, Mr. Donovan was called on to occupy the Chair, during the delivery of the lecture "Rhyme and Reason." Mr. Donovan briefly introduced the lecturer, Mr. James Fahay.

Mr. Fahay, who was loudly applauded on coming forward, said that he was at last convinced of the truth of the saying that it was possible to have too much of a good thing, and he had no doubt but that, after experiencing the dampening influence of the day's rain, his teetotal friends must have come to the same conclusion upon the water question. (Laughter.) He was there to convey to them a few thoughts in such language as he could command, and, although the English language contained thousands of words, it lacked just one word to complete it. We required a word to describe that sort of public utterance which is not sufficiently serious to be considered a sermon, and sufficiently spontaneous to be deemed a speech, and too spontaneous and informal to be denominated a lecture. He quite sympathized with the lady who, the other evening, objected to being introduced to a Hamilton audience as a lecturer, and his sympathy was none the less hearty because her discourse was a plea for total abstinence, while his was not. It might not be proper to regard Balaam's ass as the first old original lecturer, although he spoke well and to the point, but certainly that gifted quadruped could not have been more astonished at being called upon to speak by an angel than was he (Mr. F.) at being requested to speak by a deputation of total abstiners. (Great laughter.) He had the most profound respect for the sincere total abstinence, but the loftiest contempt for the hypocrite—in that or any other respect. He had told the Committee who had honored him with the invitation that he respected their Association and appreciated the good which they were doing in the name of God, and of God's faithful servant, Father Mathew, but he could not pretend to be a total abstinence, and he would not stoop to sail under false colors, honorable and unsullied though the flag might be. (Applause.) All these objections were met in such a generous spirit that he had no alternative but to consent. Balaam's ass had been met by an angel, but he (the speaker) had been met by a whole deputation of angels. (Laughter.) Such was the "rhyme and reason" of his presence at that gathering, and he was glad he had come, because of the pleasure which he had derived from the rhymes rendered by that marvellous instrument of the human throat, which triumphed over all the combinations of the orchestra, and gave to words and music a cadence compared with which the most polished periods of the orator must seem harsh and discordant. The speaker then proceeded to discuss the power to rhyme and reason, which distinguished man from his fellow animals, and in an ingenious manner criticised and expounded such rhymes as "the song of sixpence," the old woman who lived in a shoe, &c., to the apparent great amusement of his hearers. He declared that these rhymes of childhood possessed a magical power. The first learned and the last forgotten, they constituted the only true literature of life—the quicksteps to the measures of which we march from the cradle to the grave. Liberty of space prevents us from reproducing the speaker's review of ballad poetry as contrasted with blank verse, illustrated by allusions to Moore, Milton, Burns and Pope, and showing that the rhyme was the natural language of the heart, which alone possessed the power to move masses of men. Mr. Fahay concluded with an earnest denunciation of the silly and stupid literature of the New York story papers, urging the study of a higher and more natural order of productions. Some poetry was a capital corrector of false rhyming. Some poetry sang the glory and beauty of God's attributes. The Bible was a great poem, and it was the poetry and ideal of true religion that awoke pure and lofty emotions akin to those aroused by the contemplation of mountain, lake and vale—scenes where the spirit of the unknown broods and operates—where the soul bows down at shrines not built by hands, and learns to appreciate the maxim of that great master of rhyme and reason, Pope—

Know, then, thyself; presume not God to scan; The proper study of mankind is man.

The lecturer was loudly applauded at the conclusion.

The Rev. Father Madigan moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Fahay, which was seconded by Mr. McKinty, and carried.

The second part of the programme was then proceeded with. Mr. Audette commenced with "The Village Blacksmith." He was encored, and repeated part of the same song. Miss Graham sang very touchingly "The Irish Emigrant's Lament," and on being encored gave "The Lover and the Bird." The ever-green favorite, Dr. Filigiano, who was received with applause, was immense in "The Switzer Song of Home." The Doctor was enthusiastically encored, but with his accustomed modesty declined the compliment. He introduced instead Mr. McNichol, who sang very acceptably. Miss Sullivan, Messrs. Audette and F. A. Filigiano rendered in an admirable manner a trio entitled "The Watchman."

A vote of thanks was moved to the Chairman by the Rev. Father Lennox, seconded by Mr. Stephen Cleary.—Carried.

The National Anthem brought a most enjoyable entertainment to a close.

CITY ITEMS.

NEW CAVALRY CORPS.—A French Canadian Cavalry Club is being formed in the city for the purpose of military equitation, sword exercise, &c., under the superintendence of a duly qualified instructor.

THE JESUITS.—The full choir of the Gesu, Montreal, with their excellent orchestra, and the assistance of our best musical talent, are actively preparing Felicien David's grand four-act symphonic ode, entitled "Christopher Columbus." This highly interesting artistic entertainment will come off about 15th June next.

THE EMERALD LACROSSE CLUB have made arrangements for the use of the Montreal Lacrosse Grounds to practice every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings during the Lacrosse season, commenced last Tuesday evening. During the three years that this Club has been in existence they have increased in membership, now numbering eighty, and are making great progress in our national game.

LACROSSE IN GREAT BRITAIN.—A result of the visit of the Montreal Lacrosse team with the Ironquois to England last year is that several flourishing lacrosse clubs exist in England and Scotland. An exciting match between North and South was played at the Kensington Oval on Easter Monday, while in Yorkshire, at Sheffield, a well contested match took place on Saturday between the Sheffield and Glasgow Lacrosse Clubs.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

FATHER STAFFORD asks all those to whom he has sent books of tickets to make returns by the 30th April. Father Stafford thanks all those who have befriended him in his present appeal, and with special particularity, the noble people of the parish of Peterboro.

MANITOBA.—The Province of Manitoba has been awarded a medal by the Centennial Commissioners for its display of wheat, seeds, and esculents.

STRIKE AT ST. JOHN.—The sailors in port at St. John, N.B., are on strike for higher wages, and a strike of ship labourers is imminent, owing to the continuance of the practice of allowing sailors to work at unloading vessels.

ST. PATRICK'S LITERARY INSTITUTE, QUEBEC.—The usual weekly readings and recitations took place on Saturday evening. Music and song also formed a part of the programme and the audience enjoyed a pleasant performance of over an hour's duration.

CANADA GOLD.—A bag of gold dust, weighing forty-one ounces, product of the work of seven men during fifteen days, at the mines of St. Francois de la Beauce, was on exhibition at Montreal last week. The proprietors of this gold hope to sell it at \$17.50 an ounce.

CHURCH AND STATE.—It is said that there is to be a meeting of the Catholic Bishops of the Province in Quebec in the beginning of May, to consider the position of the Church with regard to the present electoral law.

GOLD DISCOVERIES.—A discovery of gold in nuggets was made at Gravenhurst last week by some men who were digging a well. The proprietors of the well are about to prosecute the search for the precious metal, and a general gold fever has sprung up in the village. Offers of \$3,000 have been made for lots in the vicinity of the well.

PIGRIMAGE TO ROME.—Yesterday the Rev. Father Dowling, of Paris, passed through the city en route to join the Canadian pilgrimage to Rome. The Rev. gentleman was accompanied by several of the leading Catholics of the diocese, who intend being present to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of His Holiness Pope Pius the Ninth to the Episcopate. The Rev. Father Dowling carries with him the contribution of the Catholics of this city and Diocese, amounting to the handsome sum of \$4,200 as a present to the Sovereign Pontiff.—Hamilton Paper.

ACCIDENT IN A CHURCH IN QUEBEC.—There was a panic among the worshippers in the Church of Notre Dame de la Victoire, Lower Town, on April 20. The solemn service of the forty hours was in progress, and the end of the celebration of the mass was almost reached, when an accident occurred. About twenty minutes after ten o'clock a piece of the burning wick of one of the tapers upon the altar fell off, and accidentally wafted itself to a bunch of artificial flowers at some little distance from it. The flowers being of paper, a flame of fire shot up in an instant, and the curtains in front of the altar were in a blaze. Very little water had to be used, and the damage was confined principally to the altar and surrounding ornaments, which are almost totally destroyed. No one was injured. The loss will probably exceed \$400. The building is insured in the Quebec and Stadacona offices. The Church of Notre Dame de la Victoire was so named by Champlain, under whom it was built, about the year 1630; since that date it has been twice partially destroyed by fire.—Quebec Paper.

CATHOLIC LITERARY ASSOCIATION, HAMILTON.—There was a large attendance at the regular open monthly meeting of this Association at their Hall last week—an attendance which the high character of the entertainment amply justified. The chair was occupied by Donald Smith, Esq., President, and among those present we noticed the Very Reverend the Vicar-General of Hamilton; the Rev. P. J. Madigan, Chaplain to the Association, and the Rev. Fathers Moubis and Cleary. The musical part of the entertainment consisted of solos by Miss Cronin and Mr. Basquill, a quartette by the Messrs. A. F. Filigiano, C. Filigiano, and Audette, choruses by the Glee Club. Prof. O'Brien presided at the piano. The piece de resistance of the programme, however, was the essay of Mr. Edward Furlong, first Vice-President, on "The Jesuits." The subject was handled by that gentleman in a most able and comprehensive manner, giving a sketch of the origin and rise of the Society of Jesus, a resume of the trials and persecutions which they sustained with the greatest fortitude, and an outline of the great good accomplished by their missionary enterprise under the burning sun of the tropics as well as amid the frozen icebergs of the seas. The essayist was listened to with marked attention, and frequent outbursts of applause greeted the more eloquent passages. We congratulate the Association on the talent which has hitherto been exhibited at their meetings, and the essay of last evening which far surpassed anything yet produced.—Hamilton Times.

DEATH.

COTE.—At Rome, Italy, on Sunday, 1st April, Rev. Dr. Wolfred Nelson Cote, son of the late Dr. Cote, M. P., aged 37 years.—R. I. P.

CANTILLON.—On the 25th March at the Presentation Convent, Middleton, Co. Cork, Mother Mary Vincent Cantillon in the 63rd year of her age and 47th of her religious profession.—R. I. P.

REGULAR STOCK EXCHANGE.

Table with columns: STOCKS, Value of Shares, Last Half-yearly Dividend, Buyers per \$100, Sellers per \$100. Includes Bank of Montreal, Ontario Bank, Consolidated Bank, Bank du Peuple, etc.

GREENBACKS AND SILVER.

Table with columns: Greenbacks, Bought, Sold, American Silver.

Table with columns: MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS, Flour, Superior Extra, Extra Superfine, etc.

Table with columns: U. C. bag flour, City bags, Oatmeal, Corn, Pease, Oats, Barley, Butter, Cheese, Pork, Thin Mess, Lard, Dressed Hogs, Beef, Ashes, Firsts, Pearls.

Table with columns: THE KINGSTON MARKET, Flour, Grain, Rye, Peas, Oats, Wheat, Fall Wheat, Meat, Mutton, Ham, Veal, Bacon, Pork, Hides, Calf Skins, Deacon Skins, Poultry, Ducks, Geese, Eggs.

Table with columns: TORONTO FARMERS' MARKET, Wheat, Barley, Oats, Peas, Byes, Dressed hogs, Beef, Mutton, Butter, Eggs, Apples, Onions, Turnips, Potatoes, Turkeys, Cabbage, Straw.

Table with columns: GUELPH MARKETS, Flour, White Wheat, Treadwell, Spring Wheat, Hay, Straw, Wood, Eggs, Butter, Potatoes, Beef, Hides, Sheepskins, Hogs, Spring Wheat, Oats, Barley, Peas.

J. H. SEMPLE, IMPORTER AND WHOLESALE GROCER, 53 ST. PETER STREET, MONTREAL.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE HOME RULE LEAGUE, will be held in the ST. PATRICK'S HALL, Corner of Craig and St. Alexander Streets; on WEDNESDAY EVENING, 2nd May.

A full attendance is requested as the Cards of membership for the last remittance to Dublin will be distributed at this meeting. By Order: M. McNAMARA, Rec-Sec.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Of John Largey, who left Keady, County Armagh, Ireland, for Canada about 35 years ago. Or of Maria, his daughter. Address—H. BRETTARGH, Priest, Trenton, Ont.

TO THE DEBTORS OF THE ESTATE TESSIER & CO.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given you that the debts and obligations which S. A. Tessier, having carried on business, as Dry Goods Merchant, Montreal, under the name and style of Tessier & Co., had against you, by virtue of purchases from and obligations towards said estate, have been sold and conveyed to Charles Thomas Joly, and George Yvenning, of the City of Montreal, Merchants, doing business thereat as such, under the name, style and firm of Joly and Yvenning, by virtue of an instrument, a piece of writing, made and executed at Montreal, the ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, in presence of witnesses.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1875, AND AMENDMENTS THEREON. CANADA, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, SUPERIOR COURT, District of Montreal, MONTREAL, No. 581.

The Union Bank of Lower Canada, a body Corporate and Politic, having its chief place of business in the City of Quebec, said Province of Quebec, and a place of business in the City of Montreal, Plaintiffs; vs. Thomas Kearney and John Kearney, both of the City of Montreal, merchants, doing business as such under the name and style of T. & J. Kearney, in the said City of Montreal, Defendants.

A writ of attachment has been issued in this cause and the creditors are notified to meet at my office, No. 59 St. Francois Xavier street, Montreal, on Monday, the 14th fourteenth day of May next, A.D. 1877, at the hour of three of the clock in the afternoon, to receive statements of their affairs, and appoint an assignee if they see fit. ALPHONSE DOUTRE, Official Assignee. Office of DOUTRE & WHITTON, 59 St. Francois Xavier Street, Montreal, 19th April, 1877.

LIST OF BOOKS, DEVOTIONAL & INSTRUCTIVE FOR THE SEASON OF LENT AND HOLY WEEK.

Table listing various books with authors and prices. Includes 'Voice of Jesus Suffering to the Mind and Heart of Christians', 'The Agonising Heart, Salvation of the Dying', 'The Perfect Lay Brother', 'Meditations on the Life and Doctrine of Jesus Christ', 'A Hundred Meditations on the Love of God', 'The Works of Bishop Hay', 'Sincere Christian', 'Devout', 'On Miracles', 'Complete in 7 vols.', 'Nouet's Meditations for Every Day in the Year', 'Short Meditations for Every Day in the Year', 'Union with Our Lord Jesus Christ in His Principal Mysteries', 'The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius', 'The Christian Directory, Guiding Men to their Eternal Salvation', 'Meditations for the use of the Clergy for every Day in the Year', 'St. Anselm's Book of Meditation & Prayers', 'Prayers and Reflections for Holy Communion', 'Think Well Out', 'St. Liguori's Way of Salvation', 'On the Commandments', 'Spirit of', 'Moral Dissertations', 'Life of', 'On the Love of Our Lord Jesus Christ', 'Jesus Hath Loved Us; or Clock of the Passion of Jesus Christ', 'Meditations on the Incarnation', 'Anima Devota; or, the Devout Soul', 'Student of Jesus Crucified', 'A Little Book on the Love God', 'Spirit of St. Therese', 'The Words of Jesus', 'The Spiritual Consolator', 'The School of Jesus Crucified', 'The Christian Armed', 'Introduction to a Devout Life', 'The Sinner's Conversion', 'Prayers of St. Gertrude', 'Light in Darkness', 'Practical Pity, St. Francis de Sales', 'Spiritual Retreat, David', 'Christian Perfection, Rodrigue', 'Sinner's Guide', 'The Sincere Christian', 'Cottage Conversation', 'Manual of the Sacred Heart', 'Spiritual Doctrine of de Lallemaut', 'Mental Prayer', 'Life of Revd. Mother Julia', 'Flowers of Mary, or, Devout Meditations', 'Religion in Society, Martineau', 'Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary', 'Following of Christ', 'St. Augustine's Confessions', 'God our Father', 'Holy Communion It is My Life', 'The Love of Jesus', 'Devotions to St. Joseph. For the month of March', 'Legends of St. Joseph. By Mrs. J. Sadlier', 'Life of St. Joseph', 'Month of St. Joseph', 'Little Crown of St. Joseph', 'Novena to St. Patrick', 'Life of St. Patrick. By Rev. M. J. O'Farrell', 'Our Lady of Lourdes. By Henry Lussere', 'Daily Steps to Heaven', 'Jesus and Jerusalem, or, The Way Home', 'The Devotions for the Ecclesiastical Year', 'The Spiritual Combat', 'Genitium, Religion previous to Christianity. By Rev. Aug. J. Thebaud, S.J.', 'Life and Labors of St. Thomas of Aquin. By The Most Rev. Roger Bede Vaughan, O.S.B.', 'Sermons for every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. By Rev. Wm. Gaban', 'History of the Catholic Church in Scotland. By Walsh', 'Lives of the Saints; Illustrated, 1 vol.', 'Mathilda of Canossa. By Anna T. Sadlier', 'Life and Letters of Paul Seigner', 'Life of St. John the Evangelist. By M. L. Bannard', 'The Child. By Dupanloup', 'The Bible and the Rule of Faith', 'The Flower of Heaven, or, The Examples of The Saints. By Abbe Orsini', 'All for Jesus; or, the Easy Way of Divine Love', 'The Blessed Sacrament; or, The Works and Ways of God', 'Growth in Holiness; or, Progress of the Spiritual Life', 'The Foot of the Cross; or, the Sorrows of Mary', 'Bethlehem', 'Spiritual Conference', 'The Precious Blood; or, The Price of Our Salvation', 'Life and Letters of Father Faber', 'Any of the above Works sent free by Mail on receipt of price. D. & J. SADIET & CO., 275 Notre-Dame Street, Montreal.