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## TOPICS OF AN OLD TIMER

Buffalo Continued and Ended—Some of my old Associates There, and Men That I Knew—Mr. John W. Lewis and His Distinguished Family—Jas. H. Dormer, a Well-known Merchant—Cornelius O'Brien, a Gaelic scholar—John MacManus, whose great-grandmother, was the first Irish woman that settled in Buffalo—Mary Lynch O'Rourke, that person—Rev. John Nicholas Mertz, Buffalo's first Parish Priest—Mr. John Purley, a Contributor to Munsey's Magazine for September on the Welsh.

In the forties Buffalo lived off the lakes, and in winter time there was very little to do and credit in trading was general. Shipbuilding, if I remember rightly, was about the only trade carried on in the cold season. There were balls and parties galore in the winter-time, but nobody was expected to pay for tickets until summer. So it was with most everything else. The winter in those days for a large portion of the population was in reality a season of rest and amusement. The increase of railroads and the starting of manufacturing have changed all this. Bidwell & Banta's ship-yards employed hundreds, however, that were always busy.

The men belonging to an Irish National Society that I joined (the Sons of Erin) were many of them employed in shipbuilding. Among those men the prominent ones that I remember, were Thomas Malloy, Michael Bailey, James Ryan and Peter Walsh. Bailey was president of the Sons of Erin Society and an excellent speaker. He was very patriotic and many years afterwards joined in the foolhardy enterprise of invading Canada, and received a severe wound, from the effects of which he afterwards died. Thomas Malloy stood well among his American fellow citizens and was Captain of "Red Jacket" engine company No. 6, of which I became a member. Oliver G. Steele, my employer, was a former foreman or captain of this company. "Red Jacket" was an Indian chief of Western New York, who favored the American cause in the war of 1812, and his name was cherished in Buffalo and Western New York generally.

There was a very respectable man named Cannon, who kept a boot and shoe store, that I knew pretty well and liked very much; but I believe he went west somewhere. I remember a young man named Burke, who was considerable of an orator, but what became of him I do not know. He was well fitted to rank with Kelly and Shea. And this reminds me of a splendid young gentleman that I knew there in after years as a member of the printing firm of Haase & Kelly. He was captain, I think, of

a military company, and was honest, truthful and reliable. I believe he died a premature death. I saw him in 1870. I entertained a great affection for him and was sad when I learned of his demise. A man named McManus, a news and magazine publisher, used to buy my loose literature, and the Buffalo News and Magazine, published by D'Arcy McGee. When I went to the Buffalo exposition I found the store he occupied used as a barber shop. Another news depot that I used to patronize was that of a Mr. Hawks, whose stand was in the old post office, northwest corner of Seneca and Ellicott streets. And there was John Walsh, a respectable young Irishman, who kept an exchange office on the southwest corner of Main and Seneca streets. I always think of him when I think of John R. Walsh of Chicago, well known as agent for the Western News Co., railroad owner and president of the late State National Bank of Chicago, which lately failed. I have been told that his profits as the agent of the News Company were about \$2,000 per day. From what I hear the railroad was the cause of his late misfortune.

Patrick Milton was the name of one of the best known Irishmen in Buffalo in the early period. It was a peculiar combination of Irish and English. He was a good and devout Catholic too. But after all, there is nothing too strange in the ways of names for Irishmen to bear. At a place named La Salle, in Illinois, I knew an Irish priest named Mark Anthony. He came from Waterloo County and from the town of Dunbar. I used to know here in Toronto formerly an engineer and architect named Kivas Tulley, who died but recently. And it has been said the Romans never achieved a lodgment in Ireland! During the years 1860-70 I had a business in Buffalo as well as in Toronto.

Among the lasting friendships I made at that time was with the family of Mr. John W. Lewis. I was their guest during my recent visit and was delighted to learn that they had thrived and were making a big mark. The Lewis family went to Buffalo from Hamilton, Ont., in the sixties. Mr. Lewis, like most people of his name, is of Welsh ancestry. He once informed me the Battle of Stony Creek, in 1813, was fought on his father's farm or adjacent to it. Mrs. Lewis was born in Quebec, and is a descendant of an Irish family of the GAVINS, who were highly respectable and settled in Hamilton in the forties. Mr. Lewis followed mercantile pursuits in Buffalo, and is now a man of considerable property. And what is more, he has become a good and sincere Catholic. In this faith, too, have his children been reared, and two of his sons have become eminent as specialists in the treatment of the eye and the ear; and the only daughter is an artist of local fame. At the time of the Pan Am—An Exposition in 1901, I had a good opportunity to test the esteem in which one of their sons, Dr. Park Lewis, was held. There was a banquet given by the Medical Association of Buffalo at its club rooms, to which many of the doctors of York State were invited; and when the cloth was removed and the toasts and sentiments were begun, the first man called upon to respond was Dr. Park Lewis, my friend. I happened to be present on that occasion by invitation, and the circumstance was a matter of the highest gratification to me, as it showed him at the head of his profession I may say in the Empire State. Dr. Park Lewis I saw quoted yesterday in a Toronto paper as an authority on blindness. I did not have the good fortune to see him during my late visit, as he was absent travelling in Europe with his family. His brother, Dr. Fred. D. Lewis, has his office at the family residence, 188 Franklin street, as he is unmarried. He tells me he has many patients from Canada. I am very proud of this family for various reasons—on account of old associations, their geniality of spirits and their warm hospitality, and their talents. Last year they did a great deal of travelling, going through Europe, taking in Rome and Ireland and Wales. They also visited Mexico and remained some time in that city. I wish my friends and my readers to keep this family in mind and glory in its success. It was at their home that I met a Miss Murray, a Buffalo young lady of Irish parents, who is of a literary turn of mind, and was just then preparing a memoir of Mr. Louis Le Conte de Caumont, said to be the first Frenchman and the first Catholic who made Buffalo his home.

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### Convention of the Young Men's Union

The following circular letter has been issued by the Rev. Walter J. Shanley, president of the Catholic Young Men's National Union of America:  
To the members of the Catholic Young Men's National Union:  
The thirty-second annual convention of the Catholic Young Men's National Union will be held in De La Salle Institute Hall, 108 West Fifty-ninth street, New York, on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 25 and 26, 1906. Preceding the first session the delegates will attend a solemn high Mass at 10 o'clock in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The most Rev. John M. Farley, D.D., Archbishop of New York, will grace the occasion by his presence, and should his engagements permit, he will also address the convention.

Immediately after the Mass the first session of the convention will be held. Reports of Diocesan Unions, individual societies, officers and committees will be received, and a number of papers on special subjects will be submitted. A complete programme will, at a later date, be announced in the Catholic newspapers. The national secretary will cheerfully furnish information to delegates and others wishing to attend the convention in reference to local arrangements and hotel rates.

Societies shall each be entitled to not more than three delegates. Two blank credential forms are herewith enclosed. Officers of societies are requested to certify the same, giving one copy to the delegates for presentation at the convention hall and mail the duplicate to the national secretary, James H. Fitzgerald, Mechanics Valley, Pa. Catholic societies that have not heretofore been affiliated with the union are cordially invited to become members. It is desirable that every society affiliated with the union be represented by one or more delegates. The purpose of the annual convention is to reaffirm our adherence and allegiance to the principles on which our union is founded, and to gather strength for our forces, as man acts on man by association.

Discussion of methods, exposition of experiment and statement of experience have a great value for the delegates and exert an influence for the formation and development of young men's societies. The combined experience of representatives of societies which is afforded by the addresses, reports and papers read at the convention have a practical value for the inexperienced as well as for those who have labored long in the societies of young men.

The Catholic Young Men's National Union has a mission of practical influence in society. It has a grand mission and a wide field of labor. Its members ought to realize their power for good in the community, ought to live up to their responsibility and be prepared to enter upon a greater responsibility. It should be the endeavor of every society to make the convention in New York a notable one, fruitful in results, in inspiration and an impetus to greater zeal, activity and self sacrifice.

WALTER J. SHANLEY,  
President,  
St. Peter's Rectory, Danbury, Conn., Aug. 16, 1906.

### A Holy Day in India

His Holiness Pope Pius X. has raised the Feast of St. Francis Xavier (December 3) to the rank of a holy day of obligation throughout all India. In the brief which has been published and sent to the hierarchy the Pope implies that on one hand quite a general sentiment on the

subject has displayed itself in India, and that on the other hand it had long been his intention and desire to promote devotion to the Apostle of the Indies in the way suggested; and at last a good opportunity had occurred for carrying these wishes of both sides into effect, viz., a petition presented to the Holy See by the Portuguese Ambassador, and strongly and specially recommended by His Excellency the Patriarch.

### Bishop O'Connor Visits Downeyville Parish

On Saturday, August 11th, His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, paid his official visit to Downeyville parish, when he administered the sacrament of confirmation to 95 children.

He was met on the way from Lindsay to Downeyville by the pastor, Rev. P. J. McGuire, and a large contingent of parishoners, who escorted him to St. Luke's church, where an address of welcome was read by Mr. Matthews on behalf of the congregation.

In replying to the address, His Lordship referred in pleasing terms to the many improvements he noticed on all sides, notably to the two new separate schools recently established and the improved condition of sheds and surroundings.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to a critical examination of the children in Christian doctrine. His Lordship expressed his great pleasure at finding the children so thoroughly prepared, and so well instructed, not alone in the letter of the catechism, but also in its meaning, a fact which evidenced a careful training on the part of pastor and teachers.

At first mass on Sunday morning His Lordship gave Holy Communion for the first time to the whole class, and afterwards explained clearly and carefully to the children the significance of the great Sacrament they had received.

At the conclusion of the High Mass sung by the pastor, His Lordship again addressed the children and people on the Sacrament of Confirmation, its meaning and necessity. He dwelt at length on the great need of increased strength of faith, in this age of religious indifference, and exhorted the children to be good practical Catholics, and worthy citizens. His Lordship then administered the Sacrament of Confirmation, assisted by the pastor, and Rev. M. O'Leary. His Lordship's address to the congregation was replete with fatherly advice and showed his deep solicitude for the moral training and Christian education of the youth of the parish.

In the evening His Lordship again assisted at vespers and benediction, and the pastor of Ennismore, Rev. M. F. Fitzpatrick, preached a practical sermon on the gospel of the Sunday, dwelling in particular on the necessity of contrition to atone for sin.

### Archbishop Farley in Ireland

Dublin, Aug. 18.—Archbishop Farley, of New York, delivered a strong Home Rule speech at Monaghan yesterday. He advised Irishmen to follow the example of the Norwegians, and expressed the hope that Ireland would secure its own government by peaceful agitation. He regarded the splendid band of Irish representatives in the House of Commons as unexcelled in the world.

Although the French Cabinet is awaiting with grave anxiety the pronouncement of the Pope, the French railways have this year, by order of the Government, refused the usual reduction allowed to bodies of sick pilgrims traveling to Lourdes.

### FAVORS FROM ST. ANNE

#### Account of a Miracle Performed at Celebrated Shrine—Other Favours Witnessed by Other Pilgrims.

The daily papers have already given fully detailed accounts of the marked relief experienced at St. Anne de Beaupre by little Agnes, aged ten years, daughter of fire chief, John O'Neil, residing at 135 Fourteenth avenue.

The child had been a cripple from early infancy—a cripple of the most helpless type. Her limbs were practically useless, and even her arms were so affected that she could not raise them or apply them only in a limited way to their natural use. She could drag her paralyzed limbs along at times by the aid of two crutches for short distances, but had to be carried usually, and always where the way was not entirely level. The little one and her friends going to Beaupre with our late pilgrim party, modestly prayed that the use of one of her lower limbs and an arm might be given her, and we are glad to be able to repeat the announcement that this great favour has actually been granted.

Just before going to press this week we sent a representative to the child's home and found the family in the same state of rejoicing as on the day of her return, and the hearts of all overwhelmed with joy and gratitude to the good Ste. Anne for the marked approach of the activity of childhood the favored one had so suddenly and miraculously acquired.

Just as we go to press announcement of further coincident cases of the marked relief for severe afflictions at the shrine of Beaupre comes to hand. Mrs. A. F. Page and Miss Mary Cheney, both of Muskegon, are reported as fully cured from serious disease with which they had been afflicted for over a year and nine years respectively.—Detroit Angelus.

Quebec, Aug. 21.—Several reported miraculous cures, including three which are vouchered for by the persons concerned, are among the incidents of the Massachusetts pilgrimage to the Shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre, which left here for home this afternoon. The pilgrimage was that of part of the congregation of St. Thomas' Church, Jamaica Plains, and was in charge of Father McCafferty. Three hundred and fifty persons composed the pilgrimage which spent Sunday and yesterday at Ste. Anne's and to-day doing the city.

On Sunday Joseph Baldwin, of 14 Etna place, West Lynn, offered special devotions for the restoration of his sight. He was so blind that he could not see to light a taper in honor of the saint at her shrine. A neighbor standing by testified to this fact. At the conclusion of the service Baldwin could see so well that he left his glasses behind him.

Michael Kelly, of Boston, who had been a cripple for twenty years, says that he was instantaneously cured at the same service.

So does Mrs. Morley, of Brighton, who left her crutches behind her at the shrine.

These and other reported miraculous cures are the talk of the whole party, several members of which were witnesses of them, and therefore consider that they have been signally blessed.

Father McCafferty refused to discuss the alleged cures, contenting himself with saying "at the pilgrimage was a pious one and had been especially blessed, four or five at least of its members claiming to have received special privileges.

### Scholarships for Teachers

The Minister of Education is prepared to grant fourteen scholarships, to the value of \$50, in the case of each woman and \$75 in the case of each man, to teachers taking the three months' courses at the Macdonald Institute, Guelph. Candidates are expected to hold at least second-class Provincial certificates, and to send a certificate of recommendation from a Public or a Separate School Inspector.

For any further information regarding the courses of study and work of the Macdonald Institute, inquiries should be made of the Principal of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. The applications must be received by the Deputy Minister at the Education Department, Toronto, accompanied by the inspector's recommendation, not later than September 1st.

### SITUATION IN FRANCE

#### Nothing Has Developed to Indicate Outcome of Apparent Deadlock

According to press cablegrams from Paris, the comments of the French papers on the Pope's encyclical on the separation of Church and State are as diverse as they are multitudinous day by day. None of the papers seem confident as to what will happen. Public men are as much divided in opinion as the newspapers. Some of them persistently refer to the encyclical as meaning that war will be necessary; others say that war will be found to avoid war. Even the date of the expected assembly of the Bishops is uncertain, it being stoutly affirmed and denied that the meeting has been fixed for the early part of September.

Mgr. Lecot, Cardinal Archbishop of Bordeaux, is credited with a statement that the Bishops will take no action before December 9, on which date the separation law becomes operative, but will await action by the government. By that time, the Cardinal suggests, Parliament may make some declaration with regard to the points raised in criticism of the law by the Pope.

Cardinal Lecot's statement is construed as indicating that the Bishops hope, by maintaining a firm attitude and at the same time striving to allay among their people the feeling of hostility to the separation, to induce the Government to concede something rather than to see the country plunged into religious strife.

On the other hand, M. Clemenceau has issued what is construed in some quarters as the Government's official reply to the Pope's recent encyclical on the separation of Church and State. The reply takes the form of a circular to all prefects to seek rigorously all educational religious establishments which have remained open or have re-opened despite the laws of July 1, 1901, and July 7, 1904. This means that the authorities will put into full force these laws, definitely closing such educational institutions as have hitherto escaped.

Premier Sarrien, who has been elected president of the Departmental Council of Saone et Loire, made a speech at Macon, in which he said that the Government, supported by Parliament and public opinion, was determined to enforce the law for the separation of Church and State.

### Cardinal Macchi Has Passed to His Reward

In the person of Cardinal Macchi, Apostolic Nuncio to Portugal, the world of diplomacy has sustained a loss which must be long felt. Perhaps no diplomatist of modern days can be said to have possessed the tact, delicacy and perspicuity that marked the career of the dead Cardinal, and the sorrow evinced in Lisbon shows how well his worth was appreciated at the court, the scene of his last labor.

Cardinal Macchi, who was uncle to their Eminences Cardinals Serafini and Vincenzo Vannutelli, was born in Palestrina, some twenty miles from Rome. Ordained priest in 1867, in his twenty-third year, he acted as curate and parish priest successfully until 1880, when he became Auxiliary Bishop in his native diocese.

Nine years afterwards he came under the observation of Leo XIII., who, it is said, was never mistaken in his man where delicacy of action was required, and he was forthwith ordered to Peru in the capacity of Apostolic Delegate. From Peru he was promoted to the archiepiscopal dignity and sent as Nuncio to Brazil, whence, at the end of three years he was transferred to Bavaria. The field of the Archbishop's diplomatic labors was henceforward to be confined to the Old World. In 1903 he was created Cardinal and sent to the Court of Lisbon as Apostolic Nuncio, where his death took place.

As a jubilee gift to the Right Rev. John S. Foley, D.D., Bishop of Detroit, who will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in December, a number of prominent priests and laymen of the Diocese of Detroit have decided to present him with a new building for the St. Francis' Home for Orphan Boys.



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