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# The Inauguration of a Public Testimonial Fund of the Cabinet. The same paper was at that time received and read at Rome. But, besides fighting

Catholic Writer of America.

An Interesting Outline of Iler Carecr--Striking Evidences of Sympathy for the Irish Race---Some of the Motives Which Inspired Her to Consecrate Her Life to the Cause of Catholic Literature--Subscriptions Received from Bishops, Pricsts and Laymen.

Of women who have left their mark on the last half century, there is not one whose name is more deservedly dear to the Irish heart than that of Mrs. Sadlier. Not only did she begin the labor of love for which she is so gratefully remembered in the possession of rare gifts of inspiration and literary expression, but she also brought to her chosen task an ardor of religious and patriotic devotion the glow of which is still reflected from the pages of her books. The success of her appeals to the higher sentiments of her race was due to her deep sympathy with her people in their joys, their sorfirst writer to put

#### THE STAMP OF GENIUS

on the individuality of the Irish race in this New World as Carleton, Griffin, O'Grady, Catherine Tynan, and others have done for their compatriots at home. It may b said, indeed, that cis Atlantic Ireland had found no impersonation in "Willie Burke" and "Con O'Regan," the prize offered by the Pilot, for it is instinct with a profound and sympathetic knowledge of the Irish of this continent and their struggles and temptations. Each of these works had, moreover, a special purpose of its own. "Willie Burke," notwithstanding the lapse of time and the appearance of scores and hundreds of fresh claimants on the attention of the public, has remained for Irish readers of the industrial class

To the Brilliant Pioneer Irish ance of its pages, we humbly and sirdoing so. Until they have read it, they have still something to learn about the school question, and the duty of Irish Catholics in relation to it. It was written during the controvers' some forty vears ago, about the separate schools in Upper Canada, and it was accepted by the Church of that day as a strong and practical defence of its threatened scholastic position. The late Bishop Char-bonnel, who then had charge of the diocese of Toronto, had paid the author the rare but not undeserved compliment of saying that it was

"WRITTEN WITH A PEN OF GOLD."

"Con O'Regan," though written in the first instance to induce the Irish new comers to the United States to seek healthy and prosperous homes in the vast rich lands of the far West instead of flocking in to the already over-crowded cities, is nevertheless equally adapt d to the circumstances of many of the new arrivals in Canada. Had the advice given in the book been taken years ago by many families, both Irish and French Canadian, the Manitoba School contro versy need not have arisen in its present unhappy form.

Besides the works that shed light on Irish character, life, conditions and needs in the new world, Mrs. Sadlier has produced an excellent series of volumes, largely historical, dealing with the peo ple of Ireland in their old home. Une of these has a special interest just now in view of the approaching anniversary of the rebellion of 1798. It is called The Fate of the Sheares; a story of '98." The brothers Sheares, as our readwill remember, were two Dub barristers, who, having been ers lin with her people in their joys, their sor-rows and their aspirations. She was the before Lord Edward Fitzgerald, the brave and patriotic brother of the Duke of Leinster, and were tried for high trea son, convicted and executed. Their case excited much compassion and indignation. Other historical novels by Mrs. Sadlier are "Contederate Chieftains"a romance of which the hero is the

### FAMOUS OWEN ROE O'NEIL

-the subject of one of McGee's finest ballads. "The Red Hand of Ulster" has literature before Mrs. Sadlier took up the same province for its stage and Mrs. Sadlier dealt with questions of interpreting title. It gives some vivid living interest for the Irish denizens of pictures of historic scenes relating to is composed of the Hoa. Sir William the United States and Canada. But the noble house of Fitzgerald. "Mctheir lasting value consists in the vivid [Carthy More and the Daughter of delineations of Irish life in America and history. O: a later age is the "Fate of the insight which they reveal into the lights and shadows of Irish character. "Willie Burke" may well have gained the wine offend but the Bilt for its character. "Willie Burke" may well have gained a tale of the Claddagh; and "The Old House by the Boyne"-the interest of which centres in historic events of which Drogheda was the scene.

THE BATTLES OF HER RACE AND RELIGION

in its columns, assisting the various char itable societies and religious communi-ties in their work, Mrs. Sadlier was a contributor to the American Celt, edited by McGee, the Freeman's Journal, under McMaster, and the TRUE WITNESS, under George Clerk, as well as other journals and periodicals."

If we attempted to collect the expressions of opinion that Mrs. Sudiers va-rious writings called forth, during her prime of literary energy, we should have to enlarge this inadequate memorial to proportions greatly beyond the space at our disposal William Carleton used to say that her portrayals of Irish life and character were remarkably faithful. Sometimes he went so far as to say that he was jealous of his trans-Atlantic rival -no slight praise from such a master. The vogue that her books once enjoyed was in harmony with the judgment pro nounced on them by the best critics of the day. Nor has anything occurred to make them of less value either to the cultured or the popular reader. Whatever advance there may have been in other directions in the class of fiction that Mrs. Sadlier made her own, no writer has arisen to thrust her from her first place in the heart of the Irish people in the New World.

It is not surprising, then, that the ad-miners and friends of this gifted and now venerable lady should have con ceived the project of evincing their sense of her high deserts, their

#### GRATITUDE FOR LIFE-LONG SERVICES

to the cause of her people and her faith, by presenting her with a testimonial not unworthy of her long and fruitful career. Like many another son and daughter o: genius, Mrs. Sadlier was always more anxious to perform faithfully the work which she humbly believed God had given her to do than to heap up riches through the offspring of her brain and the toil of her hands. She has reached a time of life when the mind and the body crave rest, and when perplexity as to the days to come should no longer disturb he thoughts. It is hoped and believed that, once an appeal has been fairly made to the hundreds and thousands of Irishmen and Irishwomen who have been entertained and instructed and edified by Mrs. Sadlier's writings, there will be no long delay in making a her pen in its behalf. In "Bessy some members of the same heroic family Conway," "Blakes and Flanagans," for its chief actors. "The Heiress of "Willie Burke" and "Con O'Regan," Killorgan; or, Evenings with the Old the purpose of receiving subscriptions to help the fund you are good enough to to the best advantage. This committee Hingston, M.D., etc., Senator of the Dominion, is chairman, the Hon. Mr. Justice Curran, L.L.D., Q.C., secretary, and Michael Burke Esquire, who has consented to act as treasurer. Already a beginning has been made. We give below the amounts received up to date. It remains for our readers and all w o have recognized Mrs. Sadlier's noble devotion to the best interests of the Irish race on this continent, to follow the example and to make the Testimonial an honor both to themselves and to the lady on whose behalt we make this appeal.

Geraldines," may be said to be a self and investing the amount contributed get up for Mrs. Sadlier. My share, while

Dugald Macdonald, Montreal..... P McCrory,  $10 \ 00$ ..... ..... 2 (0 Joseph Quinn, Mrs. Le Mesurier, "...... M. McAuley, V.G., Coaticook..... 5 00 -5.00

Subscriptions may be addressed to the chairman, Sir William Hingston, M D. Montreal, PQ; the secret ry, Mr. Jus-tice Curran, Montreal PQ.; or to the treasurer, Mr. Michael Burke, 275 Monntain street, Montreal, P.Q.

Rev. Father Brown Writes:

ST. HUGUIS, March 4, 1897 MICHAEL BURKE, ESQ :---

My Dear Mr. Burke-As an immi grant of 1847. I am glad to be allowed

to add my mite to the gift you intend offering that worthy Irishwoman, our Mrs. Sadlier. Affectionately yours. GEO, BROWNE, P.P.

The following letter, from a Scotch Canadian Catholic, is evidence that the merits and services of Mrs. James A Sadlier are recognized beyond the Irish Catholic community :

INLAND REVENUE OFFICE,

Montreal April 10, 1898.

inent countrywoman, Mrs. James A. Sadlier, who is, for so many reasons worthy of most honorable and grateful recognition for the invaluable services she has rendered by means of pure and wholesome literature, for so long a time, and at such opportune periods.

B die ve me, Ver sincerely yours, Dugand Macdonald, Hon. Mr. Justice Curran, Montreal.

The following beautiful letter from Rev. Father Wonne, S.J., of New York, is another tribute to Mrs. James A. Sadlier's acknowledged worth:

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER, 27 and 20 West 16th street,

NEW YORK, A pril 13, 1897. MR MICHAEL BURKE, Montreal, Canada:

Dear Sir,-You will please accept the enclosed as our contribution to the Mrs. Sadlier testimonial We should be glad if it were in our power to off'r something more in proportion to the esteem we have for one who has done so much for a sound Catholic literature.

We shall try to make up by our prayers what we cannot offer in gifts, and trust that the responses of her many friends may make her testimonial in every way gratifying to its recipient.

Yours sincerely, J. WYNNE, S.J.

COATICOOK, April 19th, 1897,

esting details of the work of the mission. and the position of the Catholic Church in China. Asked as to the progress of Catholicity

in C ina, Father M'Veigh said : Less than half a century ago there were only about 8 000 Catholics in Coina. Now there are over two and a half millions The conversions from paganism of adults number between two and three thous und a year, and that in a country circum stanced like China is very satisfactory

THE CATHOLIC PROPORTION OF POPULATION.

progrees.

What proportion of the population in the Pekin Vicariate have encraced Cath alicity? There are 42,000 Cath her The population is about two there mittions. The Catholics are of all order--principally farmers, tradesmen, and commercial m + n - and we have a number of mandarins. On of the Royal Princes suffered death for the Faith

about forty years ago. D: the offer d cr.sson who become Cathelics Infour and r any disability 904? Yes, the mandarins who wish to become Catholies are obliged to give up their position. That is due to the remirement that they must go to the temple twice in the month and adore he false Gods in the name of the people. Their office includes that of high pricat as well as magistrate. Their judicial power is supreme.

#### THE CHURCH ESTABLISHMENTS.

How are the people circumstanced for places of public worship? We have in Pekin one large principal courch, where the bisnop is. We call it the cathedral Ine others are small wood n chapels, A tew are built of mud with an exterior acing of brick. The people are now pretty well provided for.

D) they suffer much persecution? There is often a good deal of private persecution at the hands of families who sometimes pull down the chapels and dtack the priests. Was ther any exnibition of violence towards the Catho hes during the war with Japan ? The people were very menacing, but as long as the Emperor is at the head there will be no general persecution. Towards the close of the war the Emperor had about two thousand carts an i carriages in his Imperial Court ready to leave it the Japanese went to Pekin. The Catholics were apprehensive that his departure would be the signal for a general mas sacre. During these weeks the

CATHOLICS WERE DAILY EXPECTING DEATHS

The priests went round the vollages visited and contorted the Catholice they were all prepared to die and to meet their fate with caloness

Are there any other circulation as in which a general massacre of the Catho-lics might be apprehended ? If there is + European war I am sure we would have a great' massacre of the Christian popu-

lation. During the Franco-German War 1870 there was a massacre, and in the

First Sound of the Trumpet

# and Call to Arms.

The Success of the Grecian Forces at Reveni.

The Losses in the Turkish Ranks.

War with Greece has been virtually deel tred.

This decision was come to following the news of the incursion by the Greeks on Turkish territory.

The Conneil of Ministers at the Yildiz balace recalled the Assembly, gave nassports to Prince Mayrocordato, the Greek Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, and ordered Ethem Pachathe furkish military commander, to take the offensive.

A detailed circular sent on Saturday to the Turkish representatives abroad recalls the week's invasions, and states that the newest incursion was particinated is by the Greek troops, which, therefore, establishes war, which has broken out.

The circular expresses the hope that the Powers, in a spirit of justice, will agree that the entire responsibility for the war falls on Greece. Turkey has no idea of conquest, and as a fresh proof of pacific sentiments offers to retire the Furkish troops on the trontier it Greece will retire hers from the frontier and from Crete.

The Sat time Porte sent a communication to the Ambassaders, pointing out that if the Greeks succeeded in crossing the frontier, taking the Turkish position at many points, it was because Edhem Pacha, the Turkish commander, desired to carry out itstructions to the effect that he should remain on the detensive in order to prove beyond dispute that the Greeks were the aggressors.

The other side of the argument come in the form of a despatch from Athens, where Premier M. D lyanuis, in a spirited speech, delivered in the Legis-Lative Assembly on Sunday, stated :

"Turkey declares war against us. Wo sccept it."

The declaration was received with cheers from the galleries and the floor of the Chamber.

The public galleries were crowded and and the greatest excitement M Delyunis proceeded to his remarks. He unnounced that the Turkish Government had notified Greece of the rapture of diplomatic relations on the ground of 'he avgressive attitude of the Greek Govrnment, He reviewed the recent events to show, on the contrary, that Turkey had been ne aggressor, that her troops had attackel the Greeks and attempted to occupy icural positions, and that her botteries it Preview had sunk the Greek ship Macedonia. The Pointer read distatches reciting we events which bad happened on the frontier, and with reference to the reported capture of Monexa, he said that ne batteries at that important position had been brought into action, but he knew nothing as to its alleged capture. He added that the Turks, after repeated attempts to force a passage at Reveni, which commands the road to Larissa, and been driven back.

My Dear Mr. Curran.-I enclose five dollars for the testim mid to your em-

#### THE BEST OF ALL BOYS' BOOKS.

It won the commendation of no less distinguished a scholar and critic than Dr. Orestee Brownson. What is of still gr ater moment, it directly touched the hearts of millions of Irish people who followed the fortunes of the hero as if he were actually of their own flesh and blood. And, indeed, in a very real sense, so he was and is. "Bessy Conway" was, in its way, an-

other masterpiece, quite equal, in genre. to that of Lamartine on a like subject and with a far weightier raison d'etre. Its moral, social and economic importance has long been acknowledged both by clergymen and laymen of distinction; nor has the subject of female domestic other works, belong to that class. service been treated by any other pen with such kindly consideration for the helper or with a deeper sense of the reeponsibility of the mistress. It is, of course, primarily and especially in the interest of

#### THE IRISH IMMIGRANT GIRL.

in a strange land, into a moral vortex, where her faith and her soul's wolfare are imperilled. A sadder side of the that she once prized-the religion that old land-is brought home to the Iriends

# THE NEW YORK CATHOLIC PROTECTORY,

President. "The Blakes and Flanugans"

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The foregoing is by no means a complete list of Mrs. Sadlier's works of fiction, and it must be borne in mind that fiction does not comprise the whole of her claims on our gratitude. As a contributor to magazines and newspapers, as an editor of the works of others, (including McGee's Poems,) and as a translator she has accomplished

much with credit. In this last department of literary effort, her magnum opus was her version of Orsini's

"LIFE OF THE DLESSED VIRGIN,"

which she undertook at the request of Archbishop Hughes. De Ligny's "Life of Christ;" "A Year of Mary;" Lambrechini's "Immaculate Conception;" "Meditations on the Eucharist;" Easter in Heaven ;" Collot's "Catechism;" ' Catholic Anecdotes, or the Catechism Illustrated;" "Spanish Cavalier;" "The Orphan of Moscow;" "The Castle Rousillon," and about a score of

In the way of compilation, Mrs. Saddier prepared a "Catechism of sa-cred History," which has been used in all the scho ls; "Purgatory, Doctrinal, Historical and Poetical," and other works.

#### HER WORK IN JOURNALISM

cast, often without a friendly counsellor was extensive and in keeping with her high reputation as an author. Espe-cially important was the work that she accomplished as associate editor of the spiritual danger to which the religion New York Tablet, at that time one of the chief organs of Catholic opinion in she learned at her mother's knee and the United States. All the chief writers from the soggarth aroon, in the pure and of the day were on its staff or amongst being day of the day were on its staff or amongst happy days of her childhood in the dear its contributors-Brownson, Ives, McGee, Giles, Huntingdon, Dr. Cahill, Justin of the Irish immigrant girl in "Aunt McCarthy, John G. Hussard, M. E. Blake, Norah's Keepsake." This story was, we and ever so many others. Dr. Cornelius Norah's Keepsake." This story was, we and ever so many others. Dr. Cornelius believe, suggested by Dr. Ives, the em-inent convert, and it contributed not a little to the establishment o Vork Catholic Review: "Forty years D'Arcy McGee and Mrs. York Catholic Review: "Forty years ago Thomas D'Arcy McGee and Mrs. Sadlier wrote articles as crisp and scholof which Dr. Ives himself was the first arly as any that to day command our Thomas Addis Emmet, M. D., admiration. The Tablet editorials on is of peculiar interest at the present war topics, often written by Mrs. Sadlier, Sir William Hingston, Senator,

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

#### His Grace Archbishop Williams,

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in keeping with my means is not the measure of my admiration for that good woman whose great talents and learning have been ever placed and skiltully used for the benefit of our people.

M. MCAULEY, V.G.



## Rev Father McVelgh Recounts His Experiences in Missionary Work.

The Rev. John M'Veigh, C.M., Father of the Mission in China, attached to the Vicariate of Pekin, says the Dublin Freeman, is at present in Ireland preaching and collecting in aid of the Catholic Mission in the Celestial Empire. Father M Veigh is an Irishman, a native of the County Down. He has been twentythree years out of the country, and during eighteen of these has been on the China mission. He is the only Irish priest at present in China. In the Pekin Vicariate there are no Irish Catholicsthough there are a number of our countrymen in Shanghai. The cost of the missions is very great, and recently the Vicar of Pekin authorized Father M Veigh to come to this country to solicit help from his compatriots. He has been in these countries for the past four months and has preached and collected in Glasgow, Elinburgh, Liverpool, Hull, Sheffield, Dumfries, etc. In this city he has already preached on behalf of the Chinese mission in Philosborough, Rathmines, the Franciscan Church, Merchant quay, St. Saviour's, Dominick street, etc. Father M Veigh

IS A LEARNED AND DISTINGUISHED PREACHER.

He has a good command of the English language, and he possesses unusual facility in several European languages Like all the Irish priests who have been on the China mission, he has attracted considerable notice for his zeal and ability in bringing a knowledge of the Gospel to the pagan population, "He was the first missionary pricet who composed a Chinese dictionary. As most of the missionaries are Frenchmen the diction ary, which was prepared specially for their use, is Franco Coinese and Chinese-

French. On Friday a representative of the Freeman called on Father M Veigh, ho is staying at St. Peter's, Philos-

Pekin Vicariate in one village ten Sisters of Charity and two priests were martyr id. One of the martyred busin was Sister O'Sullivan, of Cork whose brother is one of the Vincentian Fathers here in Put 8 horengh.

THE SISTERS OF CHARTY

have charge of the organization for the rescue and baptism of infants who are exposed to die? Yes, and thousands of souls are saved in that way. Every noming you meet processions of curts through the streets of Pekin picking up the children who are killed. The weak unhealthy, or maimed children are in certain circumstances kided. Some of chemare taken by the Sisters of Charity. but the means are limited. Happily a targe number of the children was are killed are baptized to tore death through the agency of the Sisters. Two of the Sisters of Charity in Polin are frish ladies-Sister Ryan of Meath, who has a brother a Christian Brother in Lorolin, and Sister M Carthy, a Cork have

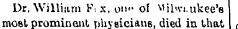
Are there many limbulen in China: There are a great number in the Cus coms. In Shanghai there are several nish Catholics.

Have there always been Iri-h prieds in a China Mission? Yes. The three who preceded me were Irish, and all Vincentian Fathers. Father Dowley was succeeded by Fether Fuzpatrick, brother of Mar Fitz, atrick, of it angar, and Father alones, who toll used him, died three years after 1 came there. Do the priests conform to the usage of

the country? Yes. We wear the Chinese costume with the shaven head and pigtail as well as the labit, and conform to the Chinese cassoms in every way that is possible. The people are greatly taken with us on that account.

President McKinley has sent a niessage to Congress urging immediate action in the matter of represen a jou of the United States at the Paris Exposition of 1900. He does not wish this session to pass without suitable provision being made for an adequate alotment of space at the great international (xhibit, so that United States inventors and producers may have ample opportunity to fortify the important positions they have won in the world's competitive fillds of discovery and industry.

What is Canada doing in the matter? It is time to give it a little consideration.



city recently, at the age of 53 years, leaving a wife and seven children-five sons and two daughters. He was a

The leader of the Oppsition, amid renewed encers from all parts of the Shamber and from the galleries, clomently endorsed the patriotic declardians of M. Delyannis.

Throughout the day there were

SCENES OF EXTRAORDENARY EXCITEMENT.

The streets were crowded with people discussing the outbreak d war and its probable outcome. The general feeling was one of satisfaction at the relief from the irritating tension of the past few weeks, which had gradually become almost unendurable, and which is ended at last by ov rtacts, it is claimed here, upon the part of Torkey.

THE BATTLE OF REVINI.

A dispatch from London, yesterday, says (-The situation on the frontier has not, according to the latest advices received, been molified. Bath the Turks and the Greeks are resting from the ex--rtions of Saurday and Sunday. The troops of Edhem Pasha were half dead with latigue and hunger when the firing slacked up last night. Most of them flung themselves down where they stood on the bare ground to sleep. The Turkish commander-in-chief prudently dewided to allow his army to rest to-day. As details come, it becomes more and no re apparent that the fighting in Milound Pass was of the most stubbern and savage character. The Turks fought like devils, and the Greeks resisted in the spirit of their ancestors. The most inexplicable fact in connection with the whole engagement is the comparatively mall number of killed. All the specialcorrespondents agree as to this.

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What's in a name? Everything, You can't begin to think how much better Snawley feels, who used obe only "night watchman" at a swimming school, since somebody called him "night commander of the bath."-Boston Transcript,