

OUR CURBSTONE OBSERVER ON TOPICS OF INTEREST.

If my scribbles are of any importance the readers must have noted my absence for some weeks past. While I do not consider myself bound to give a public account of my movements, I think it only fair to state that my silence has been due to an absence somewhat prolonged, beyond my anticipations and desires. No person has told me that I was missed while abroad; but on my return I was for a time under the impression that I must be a personage of considerable importance to be missed. I had overheard the words of a gentleman, all of whom seemed to me, my family, my business, and to be desirous of promoting my happiness and that of all my relatives. It is most pleasant to feel that so many men, in this vast world, are thinking of you, admiring you, and burning to be of service to you. It matters little that you can scarcely recall their features, and that you would never remember their names; were it not that they made it a point to inform you that "several" all the same, they have long yearned for the hour when they could claim friendship and "have their claims acknowledged."

On reaching the St. Lawrence Hall I was delighted to find that a couple of men, whom I had never spoken to before, and whom I had met fully one hundred times during the past few years, fairly rushed at me to express their delight on seeing my familiar features once more. One of these gentlemen I since learned is a member of Parliament, the other a leading political organizer. During my breakfast I glanced at the morning paper, and was specially attracted by a paragraph announcing the fact that the autumn might bring the general elections. A vivid light flashed upon my bewildered brain—here was, at least, a partial explanation of so much kindness showered upon me by comparative strangers. The prospect of a general election tells the whole story. The season of good memories is at hand. Immediately after his return to Parliament a practical member allows a veil to fall over his faculty of memory; but towards the close of the last session this veil is removed, and he recalls with a facility, that borders on the marvellous, features, accents, gestures, needs and influence of each and all that may come his way. Of course, I do not pretend to give you any technical opinions concerning this social phenomenon; all I know is that it exists in a very marked degree in Canada. It is at once the outcome of a very rational instinct—of it may use such an expression—on the part of public men and an evidence that self-seeking, a species of pardonable selfishness, is at the bottom of every politician's movements. I am not finding fault with this exuberance of fellow-feeling that seizes upon men anxious either to retain or to secure office. What made me feel hurt and very much humbled was my awakening to the fact that I was by no means as popular as I had been led to believe, and that all this sudden display of friendship was merely so much humbug. Possibly not one of these hand-shaking, interlocking gentlemen but believed himself sincere in his professions; but his good faith cannot remove the fact that I felt myself taken down a few pegs in my own estimation.

Are we really going to have the general elections after this session? Whether or not, it is certain that this Parliament cannot last more than another twelve months, and it is not probable that the Government will force the chord by hanging on until the very last hour. I am not what you would call a Liberal, in the general acceptance of the term, nor yet am I a Conservative, in the restricted sense of the word. I have come to the conclusion, long since, as an Irish Catholic, that my fellow-

countrymen and co-religionists have just as little to expect from one party, as from the other—save in proportion to their influence and strength. Disunited, both parties may strengthen their votes, but can snap their fingers at them, once the election is over. United, neither party could afford to hazard the loss of their active co-operation. In other words, I believe that were we firmly united, in a bond that no partyism could affect, we might easily hold the balance of power in Canada—even as the old Irish Parliamentary Party once held it in the Imperial House. The moment our people begin to realize this fact, and to act accordingly, their political strength will be such that no party dare refuse their just claims or ignore their honest representations.

I see that His Honor, Mr. Justice Chequette, in rendering judgment in the case of Lambert vs. the School Commissioners of Nelson, has made use of language, concerning schools and church, which have met with approval in certain sections of the community, and have been favorably commented upon by the Quebec "Daily Telegraph," the "Union des Cantons de l'Est," and a couple of Montreal papers. Amongst other things His Honor said:—

"God is not proud, and I am sure that He likes better to be worshipped in a humble church, by an educated population, which has received the benefits of instruction and which knows the grandeur of the mysteries of religion, than to be worshipped in a rich church, luxurious, with gilded pillars, by an ignorant population which often does not know why it kneels and prays."

"I think that it is not only in the interest of religion, but also in the public interest, that there should be in the parishes handsome and good schools, rather than great and rich churches. These remarks of the judge are apart from the "considerations" of his judgment in the special case in question, therefore, we have no hesitation in taking issue with the learned magistrate in as far as these gratuitous comments are concerned. His words are very plausible and well calculated to flatter the non-Catholic ear; they are of a nature to do unlimited harm without producing an iota of corresponding good. Evidently influenced by exceptional cases the judge's mind has reasoned from the particular to the general, and has left the impression that such exceptions constitute the rule. While all that he says favorable to good schools is praiseworthy, yet he forgets that the church is more important than the school. The school is destined as an aid to the church and must, therefore, occupy a secondary place. "God is not proud"—not in the common meaning of the term. Our Lord was the most perfect model of humility. But God is a "proud God" in the sense that He is a "jealous God." He demands His rights, and must have them. He has done all that the Infinite could do for man's salvation and happiness. He walked, in the form of man, the pathways of humility, to teach us the necessity of that virtue; but He taught in express terms the advisability for man to place his treasures, be they of art, or science, or money, at the feet of Divinity. The temple has ever been God's place of predilection; at His Divine bidding an ancient temple like unto which earth never saw another reared its splendours on the summit of Moriah. Under the new dispensation He approved of the costly ointments poured out by the Madalen—and in every way, has He shown to man His desire that a pomp unequalled by that of any other "cult" should surround the mysteries of His altars. To the well-balanced Catholic mind the Church comes before all other institutions—for all the others merely exist for the benefit of the Church. There is need of more self-sacrifice and less criticism amongst our people. The sooner they perceive this the better for both education and religion—for school and church.

THE CONNAUGHT RANGER'S BUDGET.

COUNTY BOARD. — The special meeting of the County Board, A. O. H., held on last Sunday afternoon, was largely attended. The meeting was called for the purpose of making arrangements for the holding of a Field Day of Irish games during the summer. The committee appointed at last regular meeting of Board, reported having secured the splendid grounds of the Shamrock A.A.A. for Dominion Day, but it was found that permission had been granted Division No. 4 to hold an excursion on that date. Consequently no decision could be reached until some Sunday in July will be secured.

The matter was left in abeyance until next Sunday, when another special meeting will be held. The following committees were appointed to make arrangements for the Field Day, which promises to be the most interesting ever held in this vicinity: Chairman, Mr. Hugh McMorrough; secretary, Mr. Berningham; treasurer, Mr. J. Coffey; Games Committee, Chairman, M. Berningham; T. Donahue, John Hughes, A. Bissett, Hugh Tracy, W. H. Turner, Ald. D. Tansey, Jas. McLeer, M. J. Doyle and P. Keane. Prize Committee: Jas. Byrne, Chairman; P. Doyle, Ald. D. Gallery, J. Purcell, W. Creamer, J. B. Lane, P. Whalen, T. Neville, W. J. Clarke, and A. J. McCracken. It is the intention of the Games Committee to start the games punctually at one o'clock, and they will consist of a lacrosse match, a hurling match, a tug-of-war, weight throwing, hammer throwing, throwing the flat iron, running, jumping, etc. A grand dancing pavilion will be erected for the lovers of the light fantastic. The

games, as much as possible, will be governed by the rules of the Gaelic Athletic Association of Ireland, but where these rules would conflict with the rules in force in Canada, those governing the Shamrock Association will govern. The prizes will be numerous and costly, and the admission fee will be only twenty-five cents. Temperance refreshments will be served at city prices, and every means will be employed by the committee to make it interesting and enjoyable to those who will attend. In event of the games not being held on Dominion Day, some Saturday in July will be secured.

THE HIBERNIAN KNIGHTS held their regular monthly meeting on Saturday evening. Captain Keane presiding. A large amount of important business was transacted, and a unanimous vote of thanks tendered those who contributed towards defraying the expenses of the company during their recent visit to Boston. The members were also loud in their praise of the patriotic brothers of South Boston for their generous hospitality and indefatigable exertions to make the visit, both interesting and enjoyable, and a unanimous vote of thanks was ordered sent to the Wolfe Tone Guards of the "Club."

Gaelic Society. — Indications point to the coming entertainment, under the auspices of the Gaelic Society, to be the most successful yet given by that organization. The competition for the silver watch by the Irish jig dancers will be interesting, as many veterans have already signified their intention of competing.

Would somebody please suggest the name of one qualified to act as a judge, and give an impetus to the revival of the old Irish dances?

DIVISION NO. 4 held a fine meeting on Monday evening. President Bissett presiding. Two candidates were proposed for membership. County President Rawley and County Secretary Melver were present, in connection with the proposed Field Day of Irish games. The Division was prepared to relinquish its right to Dominion Day, on terms which will undoubtedly meet the approval of the delegates when they assemble tomorrow.

A QUERY. — What about those beautiful souvenir certificates which were promised by the Executive of the Parnell Monument Committee to any one contributing one dollar or over? I am informed that some contributors have received them while many have not. It is time they should be in the hands of every contributor, as it is reasonable to expect that another occasion may arise when assistance may be required.

DIVISION NO. 2.—The attendance at the regular meeting of Division No. 2, on last Friday evening, was very small, when taking into consideration the large membership of the Division. Bro. J. Brady occupied the chair, and initiated a candidate.

WEDDING BELLS. — Mechan, one of the old members of the pioneer Division, and Miss Coughlan, also a charter member of Division No. 1, Ladies' Auxiliary, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Monday morning at St. Mary's. The popularity of the young couple was evidenced by the large attendance at the church and by the numerous and costly presents, of which they were made recipients.

LADIES' AUXILIARY. — "It was a grand success." This was the unanimous opinion of the large number who attended the annual entertainment of Division No. 3, Ladies' Auxiliary, in St. Mary's Hall, on Wednesday evening.

The Rev. Father O'Donnell, P.P., presided, and with him were seated the Rev. Fathers Shea, McDermott, Hallissey, Loneragan, of Burlington, Vt., and County President Rawley. Every seat in the hall was occupied and standing room at a premium. The Rev. Father Hallissey delivered a very instructive address on the aims and objects, and good work performed by the organization. The Rev. Father Loneragan also delivered a very witty address. A vote of thanks was tendered Father Hallissey by the veteran County President. After the entertainment, ice cream and cake was served. Amongst those contributing to the programme were: Messrs. M. J. Power, Chas. Hamlin, Ed. Quinn, J. P. Cunningham, Mrs. Tighe, Miss Wren, and little Gertrude O'Brien, who was a great favorite. Mr. T. Grant was accompanist.

BRANCH NO. 9, C.M.B.A., held a rousing meeting in St. Mary's Y. M. Hall, on Wednesday evening. President Henry Butler presided, and seated with him were: Grand Deputy Meek, and President O'Rourke, of Branch No. 1. Quite a large amount of important business in connection with the welfare and expansion of the organization was transacted, and Bros. John Halpin and M. J. O'Flaherty were elected delegates to represent the Branch at the Convention of the Grand Council, which meets at Farnham next August. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Bros. Flannery, Meek, O'Rourke, Halpin, and others. A half hour's social conversation on "old times" was indulged in after the meeting.

OFF FOR ANOTHER CLIME. — Mr. W. P. Malloy, 1st Vice-President of Hibernian Knights, one of the most active and energetic members of that organization, since its inception, left on Thursday evening for East Cambridge, Mass., where he intends to make his future home. Bro. Malloy was escorted to the depot by a large number of friends, who gave him a rousing cheer as the train pulled out. Good-bye, "Billy."

A PERSONAL POINT. — Many of the boys were fooled on Wednesday evening. They forgot there was five Wednesdays in May. Such things happen a couple of times a year, brothers.

A POINTER. — Be prepared to attend the Provincial Convention on a short notice.

THE OLD STORY. — A hungry fox some grapes did spy. As on a branch they hung on high. He strove to reach them but in vain. He tried, and tried, and failed again. Turning around they're sour, said he. Such grapes are not the food for me. How many like the fox despise Those heights to which they cannot rise.

CONNAUGHT RANGER.

RECENT DEATHS.

Dr. CHARLES O'CONNOR, one of the most popular young physicians of this city, and a graduate of the '90 class of McGill, died at the residence of his father-in-law, Mr. Jas. J. Coleman, McTavish street, on Thursday morning. His illness was of a short duration, as he attended a public function on Saturday last. That dread disease of pneumonia was the immediate cause of his death. He was an ardent Irishman, and a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, (Div. No. 6,) Knights of Columbus, C.M.B.A., and Catholic Foresters. To his sorrowing wife and his parents, who reside at Worcester, Mass., the "True Witness" tenders its deepest sympathy.—R.I.P.

PATRICK KING. — One by one the loyal and true-hearted Irish Catholic pioneers are passing to their reward. We have now to chronicle the death of Mr. Patrick King, of Danville, P.Q., a subscriber to the "True Witness" for 30 years. Mr. King was

a native of the County Roscommon, Ireland. He came to Canada in the latter part of the first half of this century, and took up his residence in the thriving town where he died. Mr. King was a true type of the brave and generous Irish pioneers, whose energy, enthusiasm and loyalty to church and nationality has left its impress in many institutions that are everywhere visible in districts where they had settled. To Mrs. Patrick King, the bereaved widow, the "True Witness" offers its most sincere sympathy.—R.I.P.

OUR MUNICIPAL REPORTER TALKS.

CIVIC AFFAIRS. — Being a better student than writer, I find my head full of notions that I would like to convey to the public—"pro bono publico"—but am afraid to make the attempt. I have been a student of municipal law in my time, and have always kept up the study of civic affairs. The consequence is that I generally read everything that comes my way in connection with municipal matters. I glean, here and there, and everywhere, items of interest to myself; if the "True Witness" readers care to benefit by these gleanings I have no objection to string a few together. Here is one, for example:—

Because Edwin Smith's transfer ticket was torn and mused a little bit and did not strike the aesthetic eye of one of the conductors of the North Jersey Street Railway Company, of Newark, he was put off the car.

Yesterday a jury awarded a verdict of \$150 damages, and Mr. Smith felt better.

This is a case that might be brought to the notice of our Street Railway Company in Montreal. Tickets and transfers, like bank notes, should retain their value until entirely destroyed; it is not every person who carries a pocket book; and otherwise such frail objects as car tickets must necessarily be soiled or torn. Good solid paper should be used in the making of these tickets; and when the material is good, the benefit of the doubt should be given to the citizen, and not the company.

SEVENTY-FIVE APPLICANTS for the position of market inspector have been made. The French press is advocating a system based upon promotion. It is said that no other method can be perfectly satisfactory. I am a little doubtful about that. If promotions were made on account of length of service, or of special qualifications, and without regard to race or creed, things would go on wheels. I can't help noticing that every nationality has a fair show at the City Hall—as far as responsible positions are concerned—except the Irish Catholic one. The Protestants have the lead in the Road Department and the City Treasurership; the French-Canadians lead in the Controller's, Police and Health Departments, in the Building Inspection, and in various other branches of the service. They have the City Clerkship, the Assistant City Clerkship and some of the best places within the right of the city. Scarcely ever before were the Irish Catholics more ably represented at the Council Hall, but I don't see where they have any of the better places. Is it not time that something should be done?

ABOUT NOISY CARS.—I listened the other night to the Park Avenue cars raising a racket sufficient to wake the dead. The greatest good of the greatest number is the main consideration. But a little judicious legislation, properly enforced, would do away with much needless annoyance, and, in the case of sick or nervous persons, much needless torment. There is, for instance, no reason why the corporations, who are waxing fat upon the street monopolies conferred upon them, should not be compelled by the Board of Health, or some other authority, to keep their cars in sound and solid condition, so that the motive apparatus should not rattle and shriek, and bang, and make as much noise as a heavy freight train. Nor is there any reason why switches, which are now the cause of some of the loudest and most continuous racket, should not be laid with sufficient smoothness to prevent the jolting, the noise of which, on summer nights, when windows are open, can be heard for blocks, and drives light sleepers, to say nothing of the sick, to distraction. Another quite unnecessary torture is the result of the playful habit of the midnight motorman, racing recklessly homewards, of "dancing upon de gong," as he calls it, and shattering silence with a peal suggestive of the infernal regions. So savage an indifference to public rights and public feeling surely ought not to be tolerated in a community boasting itself to be civilized.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP. — The greatest question of the day, or of the age is that of municipal ownership. All over the United States strides are being made in this direction. Here are a few of my gleanings:—

Galeata, Ill., will have a municipal lighting plant.

Marshall, Ill., voted to build city waterworks and electric light plants.

New York city loses between \$20,000 and \$30,000 a year in revenue, because the Brooklyn Bridge was turned over to the street railway company.

Fulton, N.Y., will change from private to public operation of the waterworks system. The first thing the town intends to do after acquiring control is to spend \$10,000 to secure better service.

Mayor George A. Carnahan of Rochester, N.Y., said in a recent address: "Municipal ownership is a big question, and is entitled to a great deal of thought by all people. As time goes on we shall hear more about the subject. I believe the time is not far remote when the public

will be forced to take an interest in this matter whether it wants to or not."

The first to raise this issue, or to make a platform of it in Canada is Mayor Macdonald, of Toronto. He runs next term upon this one ticket. He argues in this way:—

"If a telephone pays well in Stockholm at a rental of eleven dollars a year, including long distance telephoning, fifty dollars seems altogether too big a price to pay in Toronto. Any one in Stockholm can telephone to any place where the lines extend at public pay stations on payment of one cent and a half. These low rates are explained by the fact that the telephone service is owned and operated by the Government. Penny fares on the street cars in Glasgow are the result of municipal ownership, and the same cheapness is seen in the gas, electric lighting and water services."

I would be glad to see Toronto try this system, in order to see how it works: above all before Montreal's aldermen attempt such an innovation.

MUSIC IN SALOONS.—What are our "City Grandfathers" doing to put an end to this vile practice? In the centre of the city on one of our leading thoroughfares these saloons are in full swing. Crowds of young men are gathered around the bar, while others linger around the doors striving to overcome the little vestige of decency they possess, and which has thus far kept them from entering the portals of such low establishments. Why are the by-laws governing such saloons not enforced?

BIGOTRY IN NEW FORM.—Bigotry assumes many forms. The latest is that manifested by a Protestant organization bearing the name of the "Women's Club." Since the proposal has been mooted of donating that portion of the Park lying between the Street Railway and the Hotel Dieu grounds to the last named institution, Protestants, and some Catholics too, have not been idle in their endeavor to find some way to thwart the promoters of the undertaking. To woman's wit and ingenuity is due the following plan which has been put in the form of a letter addressed to the Park Committee. Here is the letter:—

"The Montreal Women's Club begs to state that their official committee has visited that portion of the park referred to in their recent interview with you, and would suggest that the portion of the park situated east of the car track, and north of Pine avenue, as far as the bend in the hospital wall, be arranged as a playground for children; that the grass be cut and the debris removed from the natural spring which runs close to the wall and is partially blocked by an accumulation of tins, garbage, etc.; that for purposes of safety, a wire fence about 5 feet in height be placed on the Pine avenue side and within the line of telegraph poles as far up as Duluth avenue, thus leaving the natural path which has been formed still open to the public. Trees might be planted—sunach, possibly, as they grow so rapidly—and when they are sufficiently grown, the fence could be removed."

"The Montreal Women's Club will be glad to assist the Parks Committee in providing an artistic shelter from sun and rain, and in placing sand hills, seats, flower plots, etc., for the comfort and entertainment of the children of the city."

When it is considered that the portion of the Park above referred to has been neglected for years, in fact, ever since the purchase of the property by the city, the true meaning of the sympathetic outburst of the Women's Club for a public playground will be at once apparent. Who will say that women are not diplomats?

FIRST COMMUNION DAY.

AT ST. MARY'S. — First Communion Day at St. Mary's this year was of unusual interest and splendor. Great preparations had been made for this solemn and great event. A retreat of three days took place, in which not only the First Communicants participated, but all the boys and girls of the parish. Rev. Father McDermott preached during the entire time, and gave a series of practical and instructive discourses.

At the eight o'clock Mass, May 24th, a sight that will long remain fixed in the minds of those who had the pleasure of witnessing it took place.

About three hundred children approached the Holy Table, first of whom were the young and happy First Communicants to the number of nearly eighty. The many grand decorations and numberless lights, which surrounded the high altar, and the beautiful music rendered by the convent pupils, all lent an additional charm. The church was crowded to the doors by a congregation eager to see this grand event. In the afternoon the children were enrolled in the scapulars of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Good Counsel; the Rev. Father O'Donnell officiating at the ceremony.

In the evening the renewal of the Baptismal Vows were pronounced. Rev. Father McDermott preaching a beautiful sermon on the "Two Standards." The acts of consecration to the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Virgin were read aloud during the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. One thing in particular greatly pleased the congregation, it was the choral singing of a number of hymns by all the children at both the morning and evening services, their youthful voices blending in perfect harmony. It must be very consoling, as well as a great source of happiness to those who had charge of the affair, to see their labors crowned with such an abundant measure of success.

THE CO-EDUCATION FAD. — The "Ave Maria" says:—"The cry for co-education of the sexes in colleges and universities is each year becoming

foebler. It has been given a fair trial in the secular and sectarian institutions, more especially in the Western States; and the public is now treated to the amusing spectacle of whole troops of dignified educators stealthily backing down from a position to which they had marched with a great blare of trumpets."

ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR PICTURE.

The beautiful composition photograph of the members of St. Patrick's Choir, which is on exhibition in the window of Fraser, Viger & Co., the well known grocers of St. James street, has attracted a great deal of attention during the past few days. The group include past and present members, and the grouping is exceedingly well done. The picture now on view was presented to Mr. Robert Warren, president of the Choir. The idea of having the picture taken was conceived by the enthusiastic Organist and Director, Prof. J. A. Fowler.

POLITICAL GOSSIP FROM LONDON.

Cable despatches last week and this week give evidence of considerable political excitement in London. Some persons, supposed to be well informed, have started again the rumor of general elections. Mr. Chamberlain is credited with a desire for elections this summer, or at the latest in October. Lord Salisbury is said to prefer old-fashioned tactics—that is, to wait till the term of Parliament is up and go sedately and soberly to the country on the whole government policy, after another session of Parliament.

But, whether they occur this year or next, the elections are near enough to encourage general speculation as to the personnel of the coming conflict. Will Lord Salisbury continue to lead the Unionist party? Times beyond counting he has been accredited with intentions of resigning and going back to his laboratory and his quiet family life at Hatfield, as a man of seventy years of age, who has given forty-seven years to public service, is fully entitled to do, and there are now plenty of politicians who say that he will not be the leader of the Unionist party, certainly not Foreign Secretary, in the next cabinet. In that case the Duke of Devonshire would, presumably, lead the party.

There is a growing expectation that when the moment comes Lord Rosebery will take army reform for his chief text, and endeavor to create a party of Liberal imperialists, in which Lords Kimberley and Spencer will be numbered in the House of Lords, and Sir Henry Fowler, Mr. Herbert Asquith, Sir Edward Grey, and probably also Mr. James Bryce in the House of Commons.

VALUABLE HANDS. — It is said that the great pianist, Paderewski, who sailed for Europe last week, took drafts with him for the handsome sum of \$200,000 the earnings of a recent six months' tour in America. According to an American journal, the expenses of his tour were in the vicinity of \$60,000, the total earnings, therefore, of what probably are the most valuable pair of hands in the world amounted to more than \$260,000. This was Paderewski's fourth visit to this country, and as the others were nearly if not quite as successful as the recent one, he must have carried away from our shores nearly a million good American dollars altogether.

"Have you a sister?" asked Miss Wiling of her brother's college chum. "Alas, no," he replied. "But I've often longed for the soothing influence of a sister's love." "How sad," she said. "But, fortunately, you may be able to secure a substitute." "And what is that?" asked the young man. "The love of some other fellow's sister," replied the artful maid.

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Tuesday, the 3rd day of July next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 30th June next, both days inclusive. By order of the Board,

H. Y. BARBEAU, Manager.

Montreal, 31 May, 1900.