



MR. DORAN ACCEPTS REQUISITION.

Enthusiastic Meeting of Irish Electors at St. Patrick's Hall.

At St. Patrick's Hall on Thursday evening, Jan. 4, the Irish electors and representatives of other creeds and nationalities joined hands in requesting Mr. W. E. Doran to accept nomination as candidate for the mayoralty of the city of Montreal.

Mr. Michael Fitzgibbon, who presided, said: "It is unnecessary for me to say very much on behalf of Mr. Doran; he is too well known to need any endorsement from me."

Mr. Doran, in accepting the requisition, said: "I do not intend to make a speech this evening, but I certainly cannot but feel gratified at the result of the efforts on the part of my friends—and it shows me that I have friends in the city of Montreal—

Mr. Doran then read the following letter of acceptance: Sir William Hingston and other signatories: Gentlemen,—A glance at the signatures contained in this requisition convinces me that I should at once accept the candidature offered me for the high position of first mayor of "Greater Montreal."

erous signatures of all classes and creeds to the requisition presented to me to-night, and I am also happy to see appended to it the names of gentlemen who represent Hebrew and other minorities of this cosmopolitan city, whose rightful claims to representation will, I hope, also be recognized.

But, gentlemen, the fact of being of a certain race or creed is, of itself, no ground for asking the suffrages of the citizens. The candidate must possess the necessary qualifications to fill the office.

"It has been urged that a man should first be an alderman before being selected for mayor. Well, the charter of this city and most great cities leave the citizens free to choose. There have been good mayors who had previously been aldermen, and there have been equally good mayors who had not.

I shall now outline to you the programme I intend to follow should I be elected: The charter of the city provides that the mayor "shall have the right of superintendence, investigation and control over all the departments of the city and shall especially see that the revenue of the city is collected and expended according to law, and that the provisions of the charter as well as all by-laws, rules and regulations of the city are faithfully and impartially enforced."

The legislative functions are entirely the prerogative of the Council, but, to again quote the charter, "The mayor shall, from time to time, lay before the council such proposals for alterations or amendments as he may deem necessary and advisable, and shall communicate to the council such information and suggestions as may tend to the improvement of the finances, police, health, security, cleanliness, comfort and progress of the city."

Among the subjects which will receive my attention, I may mention the equalization of taxation, which is now levied in an arbitrary and unjust manner; notably the water rates, which are too high all round, but press most heavily on the poorer classes, being based upon rental.

too high for rent, should he pay more than his just share of taxes? Value is the only fair basis of taxation. The city should also give pure water to its citizens.

Two subjects which are of great interest to-day are the reduction of insurance premiums and a reduction in the price of gas.

To the first of these I would give my personal attention by obtaining improvements in the building by-laws and also by an investigation after each large fire to see if the loss could have been limited and by what means.

If any defects be found in the equipment of the fire brigade the city should remedy the same. If the methods of the fire underwriters should prove to be at fault, they should be asked to improve them. A very useful adjunct to the city's fire protection system would be a fire boat maintained in the harbor, to protect the shipping. By laying special mains through the business section of the city its pumps could throw an unlimited supply of water to the points most needed at a very small cost.

As regards the gas question, we have had a report from an expert, which, to my mind, does not render full justice to the citizens' side of the question. The estimated cost of house services are too high. These and the cost of meters are included in the sum on which interest must be earned, although it is well known that the meter rentals equal thirty per cent of their cost.

The duplication of a gas plant for a city like Montreal is a serious matter, and should not be undertaken except as a last resort. The city, however, should have the power to do so if necessary.

There is one phase which should not be overlooked. Monopolies frequently exceed their powers to such an extent that their charter may be attacked in the courts. One attorney-general in the State of Illinois brought a number of them to book. It might be worth the while of our city attorneys to examine the history of our local monopolies and see if the courts may not be invoked.

I have, on the Harbor Board, advocated the building of a new wharf to connect the eastern and western piers, the new construction to be of ample width to accommodate an elevated railway, leaving the wharf levels free for vehicular traffic. I would ask the council to endorse the scheme and to connect Notre Dame street east with the new wharves, both by bridges and culverts.

I should lend all my efforts to continue the work of building Greater Montreal. I would propose federation with those municipalities of the island which would not consent to fair annexation terms. The federation could probably occupy itself in providing joint water supply and sewage and in laying out boulevards and parks, while land is now cheap in the outlying districts.

In conclusion, gentlemen, allow me to express my appreciation of the high honor you have conferred upon me. If your nomination be ratified by the majority of our fellow-citizens at the polls, I hope to justify your

and their confidence. In any event, I sincerely thank you.

Mr. Bickerdike, Dr. Guerin, Hon. W. A. Weir, Mr. J. C. Walsh, Mr. T. J. O'Neil delivered addresses complimentary of Mr. Doran and in support of his candidature.

Mr. John Archibald, president of the Architect's Association, said that the members were unanimous in their support of the candidature of Mr. Doran.

Mr. B. J. Coghlin had a few words of praise for the candidate. He referred to the record of Mr. Doran as a citizen, and emphasized the fact that only honest men are wanted at the City Hall.

Mr. Frank J. Curran said that the Irish citizens of Montreal had every reason to congratulate themselves on having such a candidate as Mr. Doran to fight for.

Several other speeches were made in support of Mr. Doran.

THE ENGLISH EDUCATION QUESTION.

Letter from the Catholic Bishops.

The London Tablet states that the following letter has been issued by the Bishops of England and Wales, and will shortly be read in all the churches:

"Letter of the Bishops of the Province of Westminster.

"Dear Rev. Father,—As you are aware, there will be a General Parliamentary Election in the course of a few weeks. It is not part of the pastoral duty of the Bishop to interfere in what are generally called politics, but there are questions arising from time to time which are so intimately bound up with religious principles that they cannot be passed over by the authorities of the Church.

"According to the reply received Catholics will be able to distinguish with greater or less sureness their opponents. The Bishops, while fully recognizing the many complex questions before the electorate and the difficulties in many cases of a decision on the part of the electors, feel every confidence that those of their flock who have the right and duty of the suffrage will exercise the same according to their conscientious convictions and in the manner which they feel to be most favorable to the sacred cause of the religious education of their children.

"Praying God to bless you and your flock—I am, your devoted servant in Christ.

"FRANCIS, Archbishop of Westminster.

"(On behalf of the Bishops of the Province.)"

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Kindness is not a commodity for barter; you cannot buy it. It must be given as a free gift or not at all. Yet in this world of so much sadness and weariness there is nothing more precious.

PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF VALLEYFIELD.

THE OATH.

(Continued from Last Week.)

It would therefore be an error, and it is probably a very common one, to believe that there is no real oath binding upon the conscience, only that taken in the presence of magistrates and by the authority of the laws and with certain recognized expressions.

You see, then, dearly beloved brethren, that the oath is a religious act of the first order, calculated to give glory to God, to honor His name; it is a homage to his sovereign truthfulness; it is, therefore, in itself something promised—honest, although it has been established only to serve as a remedy against human weakness, and as a necessary means to prove what we advance.

In effect, it is the remark of St. John Chrysostome, repeated by the holy Council of Trent: The use of the oath does not go back to the beginning of the world. It was introduced much later, when the malice of men, prodigious growth, had spread itself all over the earth, when nothing had remained in its natural order and state, when all had been troubled and confounded in a deplorable manner; then came the use of the oath, because perfidy and corruption had become such that men were no longer able to confide in one another and were obliged to take God as a witness for what they said.

It would be, adds St. Augustine, to attribute to the oath an origin other than that which is really its own. If, among men, there had never been either lying or deceit, people would never have dreamt of having recourse to this means.

It is God Himself, dearly beloved brethren, who established and sanctioned the use of the oath, as we may see in many places in the Sacred Scriptures: "Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God and serve but Him alone and swear by His name." (Deut. vi., 13). "Lord," says holy King David, "who then shall be found worthy to inhabit Thy house?" And he answers: "He who shall have sworn not to deceive his neighbor." (Ps. xiv.)

God swore by Himself to assure the promise that He had made to Abraham, because, says the Apostle, there was no being greater than He by whom he could swear. (Heb. vi., 13.) And St. John points out to us, in his Apocalypse, an angel who, with his hands extended towards heaven, swears by Him who lives in all centuries. (Apoc. x., 6.) We also see the oath frequently used by the patriarchs of the Old Law. Abraham swears by the Lord, the High God, that he wishes to have nothing from the King of Sodom, not even a thread from his garment or a string from his shoe. Eliézer, messenger of Isaac, swears by the Lord, the God to Whom all things belong, that he will take no daughter from the country of the infidels to become the wife of the son of his master. Jacob swears to Laban, his father-in-law, never to break the compact they had just made. Joseph swears to his dying father to bring his body into the land of Canaan and place it in the vault of his ancestors. David swears to Bethsabee that her son Solomon will succeed him on the throne. The Apostle St. Paul frequently employs the oath in his Epistles. He writes to the Romans: "The God whom I serve in spirit and in truth is my witness that I do not pass a single day without calling you to mind." (Rom. I., 28.) To the Corinthians: "I take God to witness and on my soul that, if I have not come among you sooner, it was to save you from the punishments you have deserved." (2 Cor. I., 23.) And addressing himself to the Philippians: "God is my witness to the tenderness with which I love you in the bosom of Jesus Christ." (Philipp. I., 8.)

Among all people, ancient and modern, civilized and uncivilized, the oath has always been, and is still, in constant use, and has always had given to it a religious and sacred character.

To contract alliances, to conclude treaties, to establish relations between sovereigns and their subjects, to regulate differences, to end disputes and cement union between families, to assure the proper administration of justice, to guarantee and protect the honor, property and lives of the citizens, the oath is employed. This practice is a universal one, and what is remarkable about it is that despite the great diversity in the ceremonial and formulae, the oath is always a call upon the divinity to bear witness to the sincerity of the human word. The Church herself uses the oath in her most solemn acts, she exacts it from her pastors before their consecration, she submits it to the faithful when she calls upon them to give evidence.

It is, therefore, an established fact that the oath is in itself an act of religion, that it is of a nature to give honor and glory to God, and that it offers, as St. Paul says (Heb. vi., 26) "the greatest certainty that we can obtain of the truthfulness of a word."

By this right, it is the base of all social order in the actual state of humanity, it is a necessary instrument in the hands of men to maintain the observance of justice, to give to all the highest possible guarantee against weakness or human malice, the but too logical consequence of the original fall.

But, in order that the oath could attain an end so elevated and so important to common security, to swear honestly, there are certain essential conditions, without which it would deviate from its end, to become a source of the gravest disorders. These conditions, the Holy Ghost points out to us in the following terms:

"You shall swear by the Lord, but with truth, with judgment and with justice." (Jer. iv., 2.) These words comprise, in short, all that is necessary for the rectitude and holiness of the oath. If the oath be without truth, says St. Thomas, it is false; if it is without justice, it is pernicious; if it be without judgment, it is indiscreet. In the first place, it is necessary to swear with truth, that is to say, that truth should be the groundwork and principle of the oath, that it should be affirmed in good faith, with sincerity, without any disguise of words capable of deceiving our neighbor, because we cannot deceive God, and it is He who is called upon to bear witness. It is, therefore, necessary, above all, to fix in our mind the sense of the formulae that we employ, regarding the meaning that it bears, not only for ourselves, but also for those who hear it and accept it.

We must also have a certain and exact knowledge of what we affirm under oath, feel no doubt in ourselves regarding it, or, at least, only swear within the measure of certainty that we possess regarding it.

If it be question of a promissory oath, as, for example, that taken by persons called upon to fill certain administrative functions, it is indispensable for them, in pronouncing it, to have the firm purpose and will to strictly fulfil all the duties attached to the office confided to them, and to faithfully keep all their engagements. The want of truth in an oath renders the swearer guilty of perjury, a terrible crime, which embraces at once the qualities both of blasphemy and sacrilege, since it profanes the name of God and makes it serve as the support of a lie. It is, at the same time, an outrage to public morals that lose thereby an essential means of having the rules of justice and honestly observed among men; it is a grave menace upon society in general which has a need of being able to count upon the respect due to the oath in order to maintain itself in good order and to guarantee the protection of its members.

(To be Continued.)

SHAMMING ANIMALS.

It is said that certain animals offer pretense to be ill so they will not have to do things that are distasteful to them. This is particularly true of cavalry horses. Often they will pretend to be lame so as to get out of attending drill.

HOME INTERESTS.

Conducted by HELENE.

AN IDEAL BOUDOIR.

An ideal boudoir is treated to one of the fabric effects in wall papers. One of the most fascinating selections to be had is in a pale shade of blue and represents a dimity pattern. A border of blue, background sprayed with clusters of delicate pink roses accompanies it. Each wall is paneled separately. The border is started along the baseboard to corner, across the room right below ceiling, down the next corner, and the other walls are managed the same. Have the ceiling clear white, the woodwork white, and the furniture should consist of simple and small pieces of mahogany. A designer who is noted for his original and sensible as well as artistic ideas declares that metal and brass beds are too showy, gaudy and cold for the boudoir, and places his seal of approval on a small four-poster bed of mahogany. The dresser and dressing table of simple lines are the most adorning, he says.

Where the room is adapted, a window seat is inviting and offers many possibilities. A rocker and two other chairs complete and so satisfy the plan.

For window hangings choose ruffled net for street curtains, ruffled grenadines tied back over this and an overhanging in plain blue lines or cretonne. Having chosen this, try to find cretonne of striped pattern. Cut out one of these stripes and apply it to the overhanging, forming a little border down the centre and across the bottom. Hang straight to the window sill. If the window is wide, add a fresh plaited flounce across the top, extending to the extreme edges of both curtains. Have a little border carried across the border of that. The furniture may hold the same design. Brass or metal fixtures correspond with white round glass globes which preferably are plain.—Washington Star.

AIDS TO BEAUTY.

Pure wheat starch is the best of all cheap powders for the skin. The cut surface of cucumber peeling is a harmless cosmetic, and may be rubbed over the face.

Drinking milk twice a day will give the complexion a creamy tint. If the milk is warmed it will increase the flesh rapidly.

Tall women look bad with a high coiffure, while a mignon beauty will gain dignity and inches by having her hair dressed on the top of her head.

The salt rub is prepared by allowing a large bath towel to lie all night in a strong salt solution. One should stand on a rug or in the tub while taking it to save trouble in cleaning up afterward.

A tired woman will find it very refreshing after a day of nervous strain or over-exertion to take a very hot bath with some aromatic mixture added to it just before dinner. It will take all the worn look away.

YOUR DUTY TO YOUR MOTHER.

It should be the daughter's joy as well as duty, to bring a little reaction and pleasure into her mother's life.

Remember, girls, that all your lives your mothers have been sacrificing themselves for you. Your shoulders are young and strong; help lift the burden a little from the tired shoulders that have borne it so long.

Let her see that you appreciate all that she has done for you. Take the heaviest part of the housework off her hands. Make her stay in bed in the morning while you get breakfast. Something pretty to wear will please her. She is a woman, you know, and likes pretty things as well as you do.

A little love and netting is always appreciated by mothers; try it with yours and see if she don't thrive under it.

The prettiest girl in the world is absolutely devoid of charm if she is impertinent to her mother.

COURTESY TO CHILDREN.

We hear and read a great deal about impolite children, but very little about impolite teachers and parents. Many a devoted but thoughtless teacher or mother will say things to a child they would never think of saying to a grown up person. Yet a child is a most sensitive little creature, and we have only to think back over our own childhood to recall many unnecessary mortifications and heart-aches. The gentlemanly and lady-like manners of little folks from many homes are due to the fact that, from infancy up, they have been

treated like gentlemen and ladies. This does not mean humoring or spoiling the child, but it does mean the use of ordinary courtesy. Even in the home circle or in the school room when it is necessary to reprove, how often could the child's feelings be spared and comfort to all be avoided by settling the matter in a private interview. We so seldom realize how much pride there is in the heart of a little child.

Children love to entertain if they realize that they are saying something funny, but no one likes to be laughed at without seeing the point; and how often have we seen a child overwhelmed with shame and made miserable because people laughed at some innocent remark? It was a wise mother who delayed a certain punishment because her little daughter begged her not to make her cry until after the company had gone.

Another way of hurting a child is by abusing his confidence. There are homes in which children are afraid to confide in their parents, through fear that they will tell the other children. Children ought to be made to feel that their father and mother are one, and that neither should keep any secret from the other, but they have a right to expect that the matter will stop there. Each child in the home is an individual just as much as each of our grown-up friends and deserves to have his confidence kept just as sacred. Parents who do not show themselves faithful in the small affairs of childhood are not likely to be consulted when the real problems of life come up.

We have all seen parents who in company constantly nag at their children for things that all too evidently pass unnoticed at home. Children have not yet learned to conceal their real selves, and constantly reveal just what the home life is. If the little one is not taught politeness at home it is useless to attempt it when away; and even if a child, ordinarily polite, sometimes forgets himself through excitement, it does no good to cause him needless mortification by calling attention to his fault in a tactless way.

We try to pass by our friends' faults as if unnoticed, but it often seems that we want to make a child feel that everyone in the room ought to be notified that he has forgotten to say "thank you," or has said "yes, sir," for "yes, ma'am."—Wallace's Farmer.

TIMELY HINTS.

Oak furniture does not go well with red, and where it is necessary to retain a red rug, if the latter is at all dark, a dark yellow will be successful on the walls. The walls and paper can then be harmonized with flowered curtains in red and yellow madras. Blue back of oak is always a good choice, and there are many greens that go with it well.

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A tiny lump of butter dropped into the steppen will prevent almost any liquid from boiling over, and it is always a welcome aid to a flavoring process too. For all vegetables, for apple sauce, stewed prunes, for custards, and even for coffee, it helps the busy housewife, who has no extra time to watch the pot—even after it boils. Then it saves many an additional stove cleaning and the scouring of burned pans, and last, but not least, the entire house pervading odor, which is the awful herald and reprover of such calamities.

—Dorothy Shepherd, in Ladies' World. When a girl has scant space in her boudoir she may economize in room by putting away her cheval glass and having her closet door inlaid with a mirror reaching from the top to the floor. It makes a wonderfully attractive feature, reflecting all the knickknacks and oddities. The girl finds it much more convenient and certainly more useful than the cheval glass, which had to be tilted and turned to see the hang of the skirt or to catch a glimpse of the slippers. When a girl can afford it, nothing is more effective than to have all her doors made with mirrors and draped with soft silk that harmonizes with the upholstery.

RECIPES.

Combination Sandwiches.—Cream cheese in combination with chopped olives or with chopped nuts is recommended for sandwiches by the Chef, Steward and Housekeeper. Moisten the cheese with a little thick cream and add a little salt. About ten olives, stoned and chopped, to one cheese is the proper proportion. Mix the two and spread between thin slices of bread and butter. Trim the crusts, and if desired cut the slices into rounds or triangles. Peanuts, English walnuts or pecans or a mixture of these nuts combines well with the cheese. Prepare exactly as with the olives.

A nice way to use up a little left-over chicken is to rice it. Butter some cups and line with soft boiled rice, fill in with the chicken broth, cover with the rice, and bake in a moderate oven. Invert the cups carefully so as to keep their shape on a hot platter and serve with a cream sauce or a little drawn butter.

A good way to make use of two or three cold poached or fried eggs that happen to be left over is the following: Make a little very good melted butter sauce—by very good I mean be generous with the butter. Season it carefully with pepper and salt.

When it has boiled well, slip the poached eggs, after having trimmed them nicely, into it, and let it cook very slowly till they are hot through. Have ready some neatly-trimmed rounds of butter toast. Arrange an egg on each. Pour over it just enough sauce to coat it nicely. Sprinkle a very little chopped parsley on the top of each, and serve them very hot. This is an excellent way of using up yolks of eggs which have been left over when only the whites have been required; poach them carefully in slightly salted water, and use as directed above.

Oyster Toast—Pick over one dozen large oysters, strain the liquor and measure; there should be one-half cupful. Add to the oysters with one teaspoonful of salt, two tablespoonfuls of butter, one half a tablespoonful of tomato ketchup and two tablespoonfuls of chopped green or red peppers. Turn into a flat dish and cook in a hot oven until the edges of the oysters curl, then pour over buttered toast.

FUNNY SAYINGS.

HE RESTED.

"Good morning, Uncle Charles. Did you sleep well? I'm afraid your bed was rather hard and uneven, but—" "Oh, it was all right, thank you. I got up now and then during the night and rested a bit, you know."

When the six-year-old son was taken in to see the new baby he exclaimed: "O mamma, it hasn't any teeth! O mamma, it hasn't any hair!" Then clasping his hands in distress, he cried: "Somebody has cheated us! It's an old baby."

"Mother's compliments," said a youngster to a butcher who kept a shop in a busy suburban thoroughfare, "and she sent me to show you the big bone brought with the piece of beef this morning."

"Tell your mother next time I kill a bullock without bones in it'll

make her a present of a joint," said the man of meat, with a grin. "Mother's compliments," continued the boy, "and she says next time you find a bit of strion with a shoulder of mutton bone in it she'd like to buy the whole carcass as a curiosity!"

A BARGAIN RUSH.

"How did the manager get all those women out of that burning theatre so quickly?" "He went on the stage and announced that a man down at the entrance was giving away samples of baking powder."

A BREACH OF ETIQUETTE.

A schoolteacher instructing her classes in grammar wrote this sentence on the board for correction: "The horse and the cow is in the lot." No one seemed to know what was wrong with it until at last a polite little boy raised his hand. "What is it, Johnny?" asked the teacher. "You should put the lady first," corrected Johnny.

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ROSECRANS A DEVOUT CATHOLIC.

Rosecrans was in my opinion not only one of the greatest generals of the civil war, but was also what is better, an admirable type of Christian gentleman, and his splendid qualities should have more general recognition, especially from Catholics.

When I was a boy in Cincinnati Rosecrans, then a lieutenant, taught catechism in the Cathedral Sunday school; his brother, afterwards Bishop of Columbus, was a priest at the Cathedral; they were both converts to the Catholic Church.

After Rosecrans was relieved from command of the army of the Cumberland and was staying for a time with his family at Yellow Springs, I was invited by Father Blake of Xenia to accompany him on a visit to the general. I found the general an exceedingly interesting man, a fluent and graceful talker, and gifted with a prodigious memory. He gave us a sketch of his operations in Kentucky and Tennessee, and especially dwelt on the campaign that ended in the battle of Chickamauga. He spoke bitterly of Stanton, the secretary of war. He said that Stanton had been hostile to him from the time he was in West Virginia, and frequently threw obstacles in his way with apparent disregard for the safety of the army. When he was about to make his campaign for the capture of Chattanooga he begged for more troops, and although there were a great many lying idle on the Mis-

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Mississippi, his request was refused. General H. M. Crist, one of Rosecrans' staff, and secretary of the army of the Cumberland, years after wrote of Rosecrans on this occasion: "His troops never faltered for a moment in their devotion to him, or their confidence in him. They felt that he had been made the victim of a foolish interpretation of an order that brought ruin and disaster upon his army, for which he was not responsible but for which he was made to suffer." Continuing, General Crist says: "General Rosecrans to his subordinates was one of the most genial of men, kind and good natured, he at times failed to act decisively as occasion required, deterred by the fact that should he do so some of his subordinates would suffer. His restless activity led him to give attention to details that he should have been entirely relieved of by his subordinates; but no amount of work daunted him. He lived almost without rest and sleep, and would wear out two sets of staff officers nightly, and then, if occasion required it, be up and out before daylight. To his superiors he unfortunately allowed his high spirit to get the better of his judgment, and many times when he was in the right he ruined his position by his hasty temper. His fame, despite his enemies—and no general in the field had stronger or more unscrupulous ones—as the greatest strategist of the war is permanently fixed in history. What it might have been had he not been hampered, annoyed and insulted, as no other commanding general was at any time, by both the secretary of war and the general in chief, is merely problematical. Personally he regarded all this as mere "incidents of the service," and strove to the best of his ability to do his sworn duty to his country.

General Rosecrans after his conversion continued to be a sincere and ardent Catholic, both in the army and out of it he attended strictly to his religious duties. I remember being told by a priest who visited his house one evening that when it grew a little late the General said it was time to say the Rosary, and they all knelt down to this devotion, being led by the General, who not only said his decade, but also from memory repeated the "mysteries" as well as the prayer after each decade. The priest remarked he couldn't have done this himself from memory. The same priest said that General Rosecrans' knowledge of theology was such as would put many a trained priest to the blush. Catholics ought never to forget such a splendid character.—Thomas Scanlan, in New World.

Something That Should be Rubbed In.—Whenever pain is felt in the limbs or back, take Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil; pour a little in the hand, and applying it to the surface beneath which the pain lies, rub briskly. If the application does not afford relief, which is not usually the case, keep rubbing. The Oil will gradually penetrate to the affected part and relief will come.

WANTED ALL THAT WAS COMING. "That Biberblatt is an absent-minded fellow."

"So?" "Yes. When I handed him a Christmas present he said: 'I beg your pardon, but do you give trading stamps?'"

BECOMING. "I wish to adopt a child," said the wealthy woman in the orphan asylum; "what have you?" "Oh, we have them in all shades," replied the police lady superintendent; "which do you prefer?" "I think a blond child will be the most appropriate," answered the wealthy woman. "My auto is finished in blue."—Puck.

The Poet's Corner.

THE PROMISE.

A miracle touched me at twelve, for behold I saw The New Year rise as a young god rises in might. No child was he with hesitant, timid feet, But a grown joy, wrapped in the raiment of pure delight.

And his eyes, most gracious and tender, were bent on mine, In his hands he caught my hands, while claspings clear His golden, rapturous, confident tones rang forth: "Comrade, hail! For I am the New, New Year."

"Comrade, hail! The pulse of the world's astir Under the snow, and the ancient doubts are dead. Freedom, achievement, wait for us. Come, be glad!" I listened, I looked, and faith to my hope was waf.

His kingly courage told me the beautiful truth; He is mine, and his strength infuses my rescued will. Up faint heart! We will conquer together, my Year; Life and love shall their old swart promise fulfil. —Clinton Dangerfield.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER.

God bless and keep my little boy, Guard body and guide mind, Mix not his gold with base alloy—Dross of the worldly kind. Oh! lay on me the care and pain! Space him a little while, The heart's ease ne'er will spring again Which bloom now in his smile.

Roll not the years too fast, O God! I fain would longer keep This tousel'd head which now doth nod

Finding the way to sleep. And let not time with foot rough-shod My few small charms destroy; For there be years to come, O God, When I must woo my boy.

Lend sweetness to his mother's voice To charm his critic ear; For siren songs will court his choice As manhood draweth near.

Only the tender years are mine— Ah, stretch their shortening span; Yet if I must my charge resign, Make him, O God, a man. —The Delineator.

A NEW YEAR'S WISH.

This wish for you: that past rough roads unbedded You march ahead. Undaunted, with the hope of trust begotten

To win life's bread; To wear a smile, e'en when tears be your portion

With sighs unaid; To find fair blooms from last year's brown leaves springing.

Upon your way; To reap the worth of deeds gone by that left you

A bit more gray. A bit more strong to live, and love with others

From day to day. In fruitful fields may Time think wise to give you

A gentle part; With love of home and friends to twine about you

May this year start— Blue skies to cheer, and peace of God to guide you, O faithful heart!

WHY DO WE WAIT?

Why do we wait till ears are deaf Before we speak our kindly word. And only utter loving praise

When not a whisper can be heard? Why do we wait till hands are laid Close folded, pulseless, ere we place Within them roses sweet and rare, And lilies in their flawless grace?

Why do we wait till eyes are sealed To light and love in death's deep trance

Dear, wistful eyes—before we bend Above them with impassioned glance?

Why do we wait till hearts are still To tell them all the love in ours And give them such late mead of praise

And lay above them fragrant flowers? How oft we, careless, wait till life's Sweet opportunities are past, And break our "alabaster box of ointment" at the very last!

O, let us heed the living friend Who walks with us life's common ways, Watching our eyes for a look of love, And hungering for a word of praise.

OUR

Dear Girls and Boys! Well, we are really enjoying winter weather, time for snowshoeing, skating and all sorts of only the winter time can three letters this week, pleased to hear from me in Ogdensburg, and thank their kind wishes. Unhappily, over, and I suppose you to school, studying hard, you will all find time to ter once in a while to

Your loving AUNT

Dear Aunt Becky: It is a long time since I wrote to the corner. It here to-day. The snow is sleighing is good. For got quite a few presents, will open the 3rd of Jan. Claus gave our baby a dog, and baby has lots of it. She got other presents her name is Lucy. Hoping of letters in the children's week from little cousins. have read in the Mont about the investiture of Mr. Larocoe. I and my sang at the sacred concert honor. It was just lovely I will close, wishing you New Year.

From your niece, MAI

Ogdensburg, N.Y., Jan.

Dear Aunt Becky: This is the first of the so I will write to you. I enjoyed a merry Christmas you a happy New Year. Claus was very good to be glad when school be. Later there have been vates in the children's corner many of the little o be writing all about Christmas holiday fun. Yesterday was all ice and good time playing with O. It snowed some last night snowing again this afternoon to see my letter in print close.

Your loving niece

Ogdensburg, Jan. 1, 1906

Dear Aunt Becky: I think I will write to you other two sisters are writing the children's corner in the Witness. We all had a and a fine day here Christmas Claus was good to us to have three sisters and two we were to Mass and Vespers day. We do love to Infant in the Crib. We Mass yesterday and to-day have Catechism most ever Our school will open Wednesday the weather is good. sister is over a year old at her. She is so cunning to I wish to ask if any of cousins gather cancelled stamps for the good St. We do. They are sent of Zealand for a missionary party. My mamma is writing my me, so hoping to see this print I will close. Hoping loved yourself Xmas and wish all the little cousins New Year, I am,

Your loving niece

Ogdensburg, N.Y., Jan. 1, 1906

PIGS MIGHT FLY. Dot was only a little girl but she had a big sister who was named Dot. Just now Dot was by, for her big sister, who was Alice, was always so so and that she hardly ever to have time to come and or skipping rope as she and mother was very ill and that Dot sometimes felt v able.

For a long time now, Dot and mother had lived in a tiny place, but mother had set to work when they there and made it look quite full with some of the beauties that Dot could just remember she used to have a beautiful nursery all to herself, and

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

BY AUNT BECKY.

Dear Girls and Boys:

Well, we are really and truly enjoying winter weather. Now is the time for snowshoeing, tobogganing, skating and all sorts of sports that only the winter time can bring. Just three letters this week, but I was so pleased to hear from my little friends in Ogdensburg, and thank them for their kind wishes. Holidays are now over, and I suppose you are all back to school, studying hard, but I hope you will all find time to write a letter once in a while to

Your loving AUNT BECKY.

Dear Aunt Becky:

It is a long time since I wrote a letter to the corner. It is snowing here to-day. The snow is not deep. Sledding is good. For Christmas I got quite a few presents. Our school will open the 3rd of January. Santa Claus gave our baby a little stuffed dog, and baby has lots of fun with it. She got other presents too, and her name is Lucy. Hoping to see lots of letters in the children's corner next week from little cousins. I hope you have read in the Montreal papers about the investiture of our beloved Mr. Larose. I and my two sisters sang at the sacred concert in his honor. It was just lovely. For now I will close, wishing you a happy New Year.

From your niece, MARY M. L. Ogdensburg, N.Y., Jan. 1, 1906.

Dear Aunt Becky:

This is the first of the new year, so I will write to you. Hoping you enjoyed a merry Christmas and wishing you a happy New Year. Santa Claus was very good to me. I will be glad when school begins again. Lately there have been very few letters in the children's corner. Likely now many of the little cousins will be writing all about Christmas and their holiday fun. Yesterday the ground was all ice and we had a good time playing with our sledges. It snowed some last night and it is snowing again this afternoon. Hoping to see my letter in print, I will close.

Your loving niece, AGNES. Ogdensburg, Jan. 1, 1906.

Dear Aunt Becky:

I think I will write to you. My other two sisters are writing. I like the children's corner in the True Witness. We all had a good time and a fine day here Christmas. Santa Claus was good to us children. I have three sisters and two brothers. We were to Mass and Vespers Christmas day. We do love to see the Infant in the Crib. We were to Mass yesterday and to-day also. We have Catechism most every Sunday. Our school will open Wednesday. I hope the weather is good. Our baby sister is over a year old and we love her. She is so cunning for her age. I wish to ask if any of the little cousins gather cancelled postage stamps for the good St. Anthony. We do. They are sent off to Switzerland for a missionary priest there. My mamma is writing my letter for me, so hoping to see this letter in print I will close. Hoping you enjoyed yourself Xmas and wishing you and all the little cousins a happy New Year. I am,

Your loving niece, ANNE. Ogdensburg, N.Y., Jan. 1, 1906.

PIGS MIGHT FLY.

Dot was only a little girl of seven, but she had a big sister who was eighteen, and wasn't she proud of her? Just now Dot was very lonely for her big sister, whose name was Alice, was always so busy and so sad that she hardly ever seemed to have time to come and play ball or skipping rope as she used to do, and mother was very ill in bed, so that Dot sometimes felt very miserable. For a long time now, Dot and Alice and mother had lived in a pretty cottage in the country. It was only a tiny place, but mother and Alice had set to work when they first came there and made it look quite delightful with some of the beautiful things they had brought from the big house that Dot could just remember, where she used to have a beautiful nursery all to herself, and a nurse

to look after her. Dot didn't know why they had left the beautiful house so one day, when Alice was sewing in the little sitting-room in the cottage while mother was asleep upstairs, she said to her big sister: "Alice, why don't we live in the big house now?" "What big house, Dot dear?" "The one we used to live in." "Do you really remember it, dear?" she asked, taking her little sister on her knee. "Yes, I think I do, though—well—I don't remember it very well," said Dot thoughtfully. "But wasn't it ever such a nice big house, Alice?" "Yes, dear." "Then why didn't we stay there?" "Because we hadn't enough money to pay the rent, dear—when daddy died."

Dot looked at her big sister just then, because her voice sounded so queer, and, oh! Alice—grown-up Alice—was crying! Dot flung her arms round her sister's neck and pressed her soft cheek against her pretty curly hair. "Don't cry, Alice. I'm so sorry I made you cry." "It's all right, Dot, I was silly." And she gently kissed the anxious little face. "Oh, Dot," she said, as she held her little sister clasped in her arms. "I wish we had some more money, so that mother could go away to the seaside. Then she'd get better, the doctor says."

"P'raps someone might bring us some money," said little Dot hopefully. "P'raps pigs might fly," said Alice with a laugh that sounded just like crying. "There, Dot, I must run and put the kettle on for mother's tea." Dot went off into the garden very thoughtfully after this. She squeezed herself into a corner by an apple tree, and sat down to think. What did Alice mean by saying that "pigs might fly"?

"They couldn't," said Dot to herself. "I'm sure no one ever had pigs that could fly." Then Dot had a splendid idea. She jumped up, and hurried off as fast as her legs would carry her through the garden gate, across the meadow, to Squire Benton's farm. He was a very, very rich gentleman who lived in a big house a little way off, but he had this farm because he liked "pretending to be a farmer," Alice said. Now, if anybody was likely to have pigs that could fly, it would certainly be Squire Benton. Dot managed to find the part of the farmyard where the pigs were kept, and she stood anxiously looking over the wall that went all around their house. She was going to watch those pigs to see if they ever did fly.

She had been there rather a long time, and the only thing the pigs did was to grunt and sniff about, when suddenly she heard someone say: "Well, little woman, how much longer are you going to stay there watching those piggies?" Dot turned round, and felt rather frightened, for she knew that this gentleman was the squire, because she had often seen him on horseback. He walked up to her now, and putting his hand under her chin, gently lifted her face, and looked kindly down into her blue eyes. "Oh, please, I'm very sorry if I'm in the way, but—pigs don't fly—ever—do they, Mr. Squire?" "Dot was angry when "Mr. Squire" laughed at her, but she stopped quickly, and taking her hand very gently, he said:

"Come over into my garden, little girl, and tell me what you mean." Dot trotted off with the squire to the big, big garden in front of his house, and they sat down together on a comfortable garden seat. "First of all," he said, "will you tell me your name?" "Dot told him. "Oh, yes, and you and your sister and your mother live at Woodbine Cottage, don't you, Dot?" "Yes," she said, "and mother's very ill." "I'm so sorry, dear." And then, after a little while, he said: "Now tell me why you asked me about pigs flying."

Then Dot told him all about it. As she went on, she felt his big, strong hand hold hers tighter and tighter, and when she had finished, his head was bent down so that she couldn't see his face. Presently he got up, and said: "Well, dear, I think it must be past your tea-time. May I walk home with you?" So Dot and the Squire appeared at the cottage door together, and Alice

must have been very frightened, Dot thought, for she went quite red in the face when she saw the squire. Well, after that the squire often came to tea at the cottage, and Alice used to go down to the garden gate to see him off, and one night she came back with such bright eyes, and such a rosy face, that when she went up to Dot's room to say "Good-night," Dot said:

"Why, Alice, you're all red in the face like you were when the squire came home with me." But Alice only laughed. After that Dot was told that Alice was going to marry the squire, and then all sorts of wonderful things happened. They all went to the seaside together, and mother came back quite well. One day Dot said to Alice: "Have we got enough money to live in a big house again now, Alice?"

And Alice said "Yes." Then Dot asked her not to laugh if she asked her something, and her sister promised that she wouldn't. "Why did you say 'pigs might fly' when I asked you before about the money? Pigs can't fly, can they?" "No, dear. This is what I meant. When you said then that someone might give us enough money to live in a big house, I thought it was just about as unlikely for that to happen as if it was for pigs to fly, and I thought I knew that no one could ever be good enough to give us all these lovely things. But someone has, you see."

WHEN BILLY CALLED.

It was September. Seven year old Stanley was fishing. Sitting on the top of an old hemlock stub, his pink toes dabbling in the cool water, his straw hat on the back of his head, he looked like a big sunflower. His hook was made from a pin, and baited with a fat worm, dug from under the pansy bed, beneath the pantry window. Stanley tossed the line out, and waited patiently for a bite. All at once down went the cork, bob went the sinker, and with a quick jerk from the small fisherman up came a perch. Into the basket went the small fish.

Once more he baited his hook and waited for a bite. He listened to the song of the cat birds, busy with their housekeeping, and the drowsy hum of the locusts. What fun it was to go fishing. Many days ago his mother had promised him that when he had finished pulling the beans in the garden he should spend a whole morning fishing. So after breakfast she had packed his lunch pail with bread and butter with jelly between, cold boiled eggs and apples. When Stanley had planted a kiss on her rosy cheek he started on his long journey to the foot of the home lot. He had hoped to catch enough fish for dinner.

One, two, three, four, five had been dropped into the basket, when he heard his mother's voice calling: "Stanley!" He listened a moment before he answered, for she had said he could stay until half past eleven, and it could not be more than ten. "Stanley, Stanley!" this time there was no mistake. He pulled in his line and started on a run toward the house. "Stanley!" now it was plainer than ever. "Coming, mother," he called as he ran up the path, through the bushes, and into the sunlit pasture. Again he heard her calling—"Stanley!" loud and clear. Now he could see her at the kitchen window. But the voice seemed to come from the grove he had just left. "Did you call me, mother?" he

SUFFERING WOMEN

who find life a burden, can have health and strength restored by the use of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills.

The present generation of women and girls have more than their share of misery. With some it is nervousness and palpitation, with others weak, dizzy and fainting spells, while with others there is a general collapse of the system. Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills tone up the nerves, strengthen the heart and make it beat strong and regular, create new red blood corpuscles, and impart that sense of buoyancy to the spirits that is the result of renewed mental and physical vigor. Mrs. D. O. Donoghue, Orilla, Ont., writes: "For over a year I was troubled with nervousness and heart trouble. I decided to give Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills a trial, and after using five boxes I found I was completely cured. I always recommend them to my friends."

asked, as he ran up the steps. "No, dear son," and then she laughed, and pointed to the mocking bird's cage. It's door was open. "It was Billy," she said. "I opened the door and was going to take him out to clean the cage, when he flew out of the doorway. He must have gone down by the creek where small boys go to fish."

Stanley flew out of the door, and mother saw the big straw hat disappear in the bushes. "Stanley!" he called, and sure enough Billy answered. "Come home," called the boy. "Come home," answered Billy. And "come home" he did, and on Stanley's shoulder. He was a tame bird, and Stanley soon had him tucked in his cage-home. That noon, as the family sat at the table eating the perch, mother said: "We might have had more fish, but Billy interfered with the fisherman's plans."

AN ELEPHANT'S STRENGTH.

Bombera was the name of a big elephant employed in the construction of a Ceylon dam. Bombera drew from the quarry the stone to be used, unfastened the chain, rolled the block with her forehead along the narrow embankment, and fitted it into its place. If it were not just even she would straighten it until it was right, and all more quickly than a stone mason would have done it, and nearly as accurate. Once some visitors were watching the elephant when one of them asked if Bombera could break a large stone with a heavy sledge hammer which lay nearby. The rest of the party exclaimed that it was too much to ask, but the mahout said quietly: "Bombera can do anything."

He gave a command, and the elephant swung up the hammer as if it were a feather and knocked the stone into bits. "Now take your pipe and smoke it," continued the mahout. The animal stuck the sledge hammer in her mouth and walked off as if enjoying a morning smoke.

INNOCENCE OF THE HERON.

"The heron is becoming scarcer each summer season about the marshes and lake shores," said an old time hunter. "I remember drawing a head on one while it was displaying its delicacy and elegance of attitude, together with its majesty and graceful playfulness in all its movements, that I refrained from firing at it. The innocence of this water fowl respecting danger is exceptionally noticeable, and when it skiffs in the shallow water striking at fish with its long, sharp pointed bill, it is directed by a keen watchfulness. The heron is the most beautiful of all the waders, and is said to be held sacred by the African tribes: should one happen to be killed, even by accident, a calf or young cow must be slaughtered as an atonement."

BIRD HAWK TRAPPED BY GRASS.

A Bangor man while passing through a field near Bracer Pond had a peculiar experience with a hawk. Hearing a fluttering in the grass, he investigated, thinking that a bird had become caught in a trap. What was his surprise to find a bird hawk with a yellow hammer. The hawk had killed the yellowhammer, pecking its head nearly to pieces, but in the struggle in the tall grass a number of stout pieces of grass had become tangled around one of the hawk's legs. "Try as he would he could not free himself, and the man easily secured him. He will be mounted, and is as fine a specimen as one will often see, as he has not a mark on him.—Bangor News."

MUSKRAT CAUGHT BY A TIN BOX.

A large muskrat, with its head fast in a rusty sardine box, was caught recently in the Susquehanna near the lower bridge at Milton. It was seen swimming around in the river without apparent purpose. It did not resemble any species of four-legged animal known to the oldest inhabitant along the West Branch until it was caught and the sardine can was removed from its head. Then it looked like any other big muskrat.—Philadelphia Record.

Suffer No More.—There are thousands who live miserable lives because dyspepsia dulls the faculties and shadows existence with the cloud of depression. One way to dispel the vapors that beset the victims of this disorder is to order them a course of Parolee's Vegetable Pills, which are among the best vegetable pills known, being easy to take and are most efficacious in their action. A trial of them will prove this.

AN ARTIST IN WORDS.

In the Irish Monthly for November, Rev. Matthew Russell, S.J., in calling attention to the wonderful quality of the phrasology employed by Cardinal Newman, reprints the Newman version of the old fable, used to illustrate a controversial point, "the difference between the picture of Catholic doctrines as drawn by bigoted, ignorant Protestants and the picture that Catholics themselves would recognize as faithful." As Father Russell goes on to say, the story could be told badly in a couple of commonplace sentences; but listen to the way in which this mighty master of language puts it:

"The man once invited the lion to be his guest, and received him with princely hospitality. The lion had the run of a magnificent palace, in which there were a vast number of things to admire. Here were large saloons and long corridors, richly furnished and decorated, and filled with a profusion of fine specimens of sculpture and painting, the work of the first masters in either art. The subjects represented were various, but the most prominent had an especial interest for the noble animal who stalked by them. It was that of the lion himself, and as the owner of the mansion led him from one apartment to another, he did not fail to direct his attention to the indirect homage which these various groups and tableaux paid to the importance of the lion tribe.

"There was, however, one remarkable feature in all of them, to which the host, silent as he was from politeness, seemed not at all insensible: that, diverse as were these representations, in one point they all agreed, that the man was always victorious and the lion was always overcome. The man had it all his own way, and the lion was but a fool and served to make him sport. There were exquisite works in marble of Sampson rending the lion like a kid, and young David taking the lion by the beard and choking him. There was the man who ran his arm down the lion's throat and held him fast by the tongue; and there was that other who, when carried off in his teeth, contrived to pull a penknife from his pocket and lodge it in the monster's heart. There was a lion hunt, or what had been such, for the brute was rolling around in the agonies of death, and his conqueror on his bleeding horse was surveying these from a distance. There was a gladiator from the Roman amphitheater in mortal struggle with his tawny foe, and it was plain who was getting the mastery. There was a lion in a net; a lion in a trap; four lions, yoked in harness, were drawing the car of a Roman Emperor; and elsewhere stood Hercules clad in the lion's skin and with the club which demolished him.

"Nor was this all: the lion was not only triumphed over, mocked, spurned, but he was tortured into extravagant forms, as if he were not only the slave and creature, but the very creation of man. He became an artistic decoration and an heraldic emblazonment. The feet of alabaster tables fell away into lions' paws, lions' faces grinned on each side of the shining mantelpiece, and lions' mouths held tight the handles of the doors. There were sphinxes, too, half-lion, half-woman; there were lions rampant holding flags, lions couchant, lions passant, lions regardant; lions and unicorns; there were lions white, black and red. In short, there was no misconception or excess of indignity which was thought too great for the lord of the forest and the king of brutes. After he had gone over the mansion, his entertainer asked him what he thought of the splendors it contained, and he, in reply, did full justice to the riches of its owner and the skill of its decorators, but he added: 'Lions would have fared better had lions been the artists.'"

"Who else could have put the lion's cause of complaint so strongly?" comments Father Russell. "What a heaping together of aggravating circumstances! What easy knowledge of many things! What variety in the turns of the sentences! What subtle harmony in the choosing and ordering of words!"

SCOTCH PLEASANTRIES.

Two Scotsmen turning a corner came into collision. The shock stunned one of them. He pulled off his hat, and, laying his hand on his brow, said: "Sic a blow. My heid's a-ringing again." "Nae wonder," said his companion. "Your heid was aye empty—that makes it ring. My heid disna ring a bit." "How could it ring," said the other, "seefin' it was aye crackin'?"—Scottish American.

WONDERFUL EFFECT OF FRUIT.

"Fruit-a-tives" (Fruit Liver Tablets) are concentrated fruit juices. And it is these fruit juices that cure Constipation, Biliousness, Headaches, Indigestion, Palpitation of the Heart and all Troubles of the Stomach and Kidneys. A leading Ottawa physician discovered a process by which he could combine the juices of Apples, Oranges, Figs and Prunes and by adding another atom of bitter principle from the Orange peel, completely change the medicinal action of the fruit juices, giving the combination a far more powerful and more beneficial effect on the system. "Fruit-a-tives" are tablets made of this combination of fruit juices—and they have made most wonderful cures of Stomach, Liver and Kidney Troubles and of Blood and Skin Diseases. See a box.—Ask your druggist.

FEET LARGEST IN THE AFTER-NOON.

"I am going abroad," said the patron, "for two years. I want you to measure me for eight pairs of shoes." "Yes, sir," said the bootmaker. "I shall be glad, sir. But I would prefer to measure you in the afternoon, rather than the morning. Could you return to-day, or to-morrow, at three or four o'clock, say?" "I suppose so," said the patron. "But why can't you measure me now?" "It is too early, sir. Your foot has not yet acquired its size for the day. If I measured you now the shoes would be a little too small. "Walking about on our feet as we do, the feet grow, develop, swell—whatever you choose to call it—from rising time until about three in the afternoon. At three they have their full size for the day. They retain this size till we retire when they shrink up again for the night. "Hence, to have well-fitting, comfortable shoes, it is necessary to be measured in the afternoon."—Providence Journal.

CHILDHOOD INDIGESTION.

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HOW HE WON HIS "RAISE."

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1906.

THE MAYORALTY.

We are glad to see that our Irish Catholic fellow citizens have been able to persuade Mr. W. E. Doran to come forward for civic honors.

THE CABINET AND QUEBEC.

Le Soleil's article of January 8, "Un ballon d'essai," hits the nail on the head. The Toronto Globe has been off the Liberal trolley for many moons.

THE IRISH LANGUAGE.

It is gratifying to know that the struggle for preserving the Irish language is meeting with deserved success. "A dozen years ago," says Dr. Hyde, "the language was taught in less than a dozen schools."

BRITISH LIBERALS AND IRELAND.

A peculiar situation between the two political parties has arisen in Great Britain. The Liberals are vehemently insisting that the campaign is being waged upon the tariff issue, but Mr. Balfour and his lieutenants, even Joseph Chamberlain himself, are most vociferous in their declamation against the new "Home Rule Government," leaving no room for doubt that they have placed Home Rule not only in the front, but made it the only issue.

"1. Our experience of the Coercion Acts of 1801 and 1882 disclosed the enormous mischief which such measures do in alienating the minds of Irishmen and the difficulty of enlisting Irish sentiment on behalf of the law. The results of the Coercion Act of 1881 taught us that the repression of open agitation means the growth of far more dangerous conspiracy; those of the Coercion Act of 1882, proved that even under an Administration of Lord Spencer repression works no change for the best.

Some English Unionist journals have been endeavoring to make party capital out of the letter issued by the English Catholic Bishops with reference to the education question at the general election, which we reproduce in this issue of the True Witness, by representing it as a call to Catholics to vote for Unionist candidates. Of course, their Lordships' letter is nothing of the kind, for it expressly leaves it to every Catholic voter to act according to his individual conscience. The true interpretation to be placed upon the letter is very clearly put in a leading article in this week's issue of the Catholic Weekly. "The letter is not a call to Catholics to vote for the Unionists. Their Lordships recognize the existence of divergent conscientious convictions in the particular circumstances, and they accordingly leave it to their spiritual subjects to decide their votes in the manner which they (the subjects) feel to be most favorable to the sacred cause of the religious education of their children. Except in the case of some out-and-out anti-Catholic, no Catholic Liberal or Home Ruler will, we fancy, have any difficulty in justifying to his conscience his support of his party candidate. In fact, there are very many sterling Catholics who are conscientiously of opinion that educational salvation is to be expected from the Liberals only. Let no one think that our purpose in writing as above has been to aid the Liberal party. Such has not been our intention. We have striven to be impartial, and in that striving we have come to the conclusion that the letter of the Bishops will not affect anybody's allegiance to the political party to which he belongs."

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WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Huntingdon, Dec. 14, 1905. I have neglected sending my subscription too long. We have subscribed for the True Witness for over forty years, but it was not always worth as much as it is now. Wishing you success. M. McDONAGH. Kazabazua, Dec. 14, 1905. Enclosed please find \$2 for my subscription. Please send it along another year. W. J. HOGAN. Old Chelsea, Dec. 16, 1905. I owe you an apology for not sending my subscription sooner. Wishing success to your valuable paper, which should be in every Catholic home. M. DUFFY. Auburn, P.E.I., Jan. 2, 1906. Enclosed find \$1 for ensuing year. Permit me to compliment you upon the high literary tone of your paper. It has been a regular visitor for the past quarter of a century, and it seems to be getting better with each succeeding year. Wishing you the greetings of the season. J. TRAINOR. COUNTY BOARD A. O. H. At the regular meeting of the County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, held on the 9th inst., resolutions were adopted to Ald. M. J. Walsh, M.P.P., endorsing his action and congratulating him on the success of his efforts towards the appointment of an Irish Catholic on the board of the civic Law Department.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the True Witness: Sir,—Now that Mr. Doran has received the nomination of the Irish Catholics of this city for the mayoralty, a few remarks as to why he should receive their united support may not be out of place. Every one of your readers will remember that seven or eight years ago when he accepted a similar nomination against the late Minister of Marine and Fisheries, his manly, honorable though uphill fight against such a strong and formidable opponent was very much appreciated by all classes and sections of the community. Being then connected with the True Witness, I was in a position to know the considerable time devoted in an endeavor to maintain their legitimate rights—time which, to men of Mr. Doran's business standing, must be an enormous sacrifice. He was the only one to come forward as their standard-bearer, and if he lost he did so in an honorable and straightforward manner and without the semblance of

But there are other reasons equally as good why he should now receive the united and unstinted support of those whose cause he comes to advocate. His fine business abilities, his high moral character, his devotion and fidelity to the Catholic Church and her interests, his honesty of heart, his purity of purpose, all serve to command a united support and raise the Irish Catholics of this city from the slough of despondency and degradation into which recent events have brought them. Let no bogus candidate or the nominee of any clique be allowed to stand between him and victory. When the French-Canadians or English-speaking Protestants select a candidate the Irish Catholics do not interfere in their choice of selection, and let us tolerate no interference on their part. Now, the best and ablest of our race are needed to represent us in the Federal, Provincial and civic halls and win back that fair name so dearly prized by the sons of Ireland. Had the True Witness the courage of its convictions six or seven years ago, and come out in such an able manner as it did in its last issue, the traditional Donnybrooks would not be exhibited in our midst and the cloud of stigma and disgrace would not envelop the proud name of the only Irish Catholic constituency in the Dominion. Note the result—national societies have been proscribed and debased, men whose hair has grown grey in the service of Ireland and her cause, and whose only ambition was to preserve the purity and integrity of these societies, have been ignominiously slandered under the cover of secrecy and blackballed from those organizations because their presence in such would be a stumbling block and breakwater to the overflow of society's cesspool, and to the eternal shame and disgrace of those unseemly specimens of humanity. Catholic cosmopolitan associations were reconstituted into force to further the hungry personal ambition of cunning knaves and drive into seclusion a man whose labors in their behalf was the fringes talk of the poor of this Province, and whose name is an honor and credit to the Irish race. It is therefore to be hoped that our Irish Catholic citizens will awake from the lethargy that surrounds them, and not only place Mr. Doran in the civic chair but elect to the Federal, Provincial and municipal assemblies men whose intelligence, purity of purpose and social standing shall reflect the highest honor and credit on our race. B. Montreal, Jan. 8th, 1906. WHAT IS FAIR PLAY? To the Editor of the True Witness: Sir,—Ald Ekers has announced his retirement as representative of St. Lawrence division in the City Council to run for the mayoralty against the representative of the Irish Catholic element whose right it unquestionably is to have one of their number raised to the office of Chief Magistrate for the coming term. The seat left vacant by Mr. Ekers' retirement will be contested and it is said an Irish Catholic will be one of the candidates. A daily paper of the city expresses the belief, however, that Mr. Crowe will not enter the field, as St. Lawrence division is generally represented by a Protestant, and therefore it was to be hoped the Protestant candidate would experience no opposition from the Catholic section. Be this as it may, if Mr. Crowe steps out he will only be acting as did the Hon. Dr. Guerin a few weeks ago when he was nominated by the Liberals to be their candidate for the seat in the Provincial House left vacant by the death of Mr. James Cochrane. But is it not amusing to see how the "fair play" cry is resorted to by certain people when they think their rights, or what they term their rights, are being encroached upon, while the same people have no regard for the rights of the Irish Catholic electors. Why not respect the "fair play" policy at all times when dealing with the different sections which go to make up the city's population? I think if this were done we could draw closer to each other in mutual love and respect, and there would be less cause for complaint, and a great amount of unnecessary expense would be saved. JUSTICE. Montreal, January 4, 1906. CANDLES And Oils for the Sanctuary Best quality—as cheap as the cheapest. All goods absolutely guaranteed. W. E. BLAKE, 123 Church St. Montreal, January 4th, 1906.

OBITUARY. F. FARNAND PASSES AWAY. After an illness of two years Philip Farnand passed away to his reward on Friday, Dec. 22nd. His heroic fight against the advance of that insidious disease tuberculosis was unavailing; six months spent amongst the ozone mountains of Texas, failed to give him relief, he came home to Buckingham, where he received every care and attention from all his kind friends, but all knew what the inevitable result would be. He died at the early age of 37, and only two years ago we all remember the sorrowful circumstances of his bridging the remains of his young wife from Southern Arkansas to Buckingham for burial in the R.C. cemetery where they now lie side by side. Deceased was the fourth son of the late Hugh Farnand, and was a young man of exemplary character; he was a kind and generous nature indeed. The funeral, which took place on Sunday afternoon, was one of the largest ever seen in this place, and was a touching testimonial of esteem and sympathy. The pallbearers were Messrs. H. F. Cosgrove, Wm. Butler, B. J. Kelly, F. H. Kjarman, T. Whitfield and H. T. McGurn. The Post extends sympathy to the sorrowing family. The foregoing obituary from the Buckingham Post, records the death of an esteemed young Irish Catholic of that place. Reared on a farm in Buckingham Township (the son of a sterling Irish exile) on reaching maturity, he went west, like many of our young men, to better his personal condition. Coming from a lumbering district, he followed that industry in Wisconsin, where he located, and soon became an expert band sawyer. From there he went south, where skilled sawyers were in much demand, and decided to locate in Arkansas permanently. In 1902 he returned to Buckingham and married Miss Agnes Burke, a general favorite, and took her to his Southern home. But alas for all the bright, fleeting hopes of youth, his young wife sickened with that dread disease, tuberculosis. From one sanitarium to another he took her, hoping against hope. Sixteen months after taking her away a bride he returned and laid her gently away in the churchyard, amidst general mourning. Then, a broken-hearted man, he returned to Texas, hoping to regain his health, which was impaired by long months of anxiety and suffering—but he had contracted the disease, with the inevitable result.

ITEMS OF INTEREST. FORTY HOURS' DEVOTIONS in connection with the Forty Hours' will begin at the church in charge of the Rev. Fr. Vistation street, next. TOOK HOLY HABIT AT BOROUGH. Two Montreal ladies, Mrs. Whittaker and Miss Flory were among the postulants at the habit at St. Joseph's, Peterborough, Ont. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Whittaker in the presence of Mrs. Mary Anselm, and Miss Sister Mary Bertelle. THEFT IN A CHURCH. On Sunday morning last, James Church, there was daring theft committed. A woman with her a bag containing \$100.00, and on leaving the church left it behind her. On realizing her loss she returned to the church, where she was just coming from she had vacated and what she had left the church. She was taken notice of what she was the thief, and has given a statement which she hopes will result in her recovery. MGR. BERNARD RECEIVES PAL BULL. The Papal Bull giving announcement of the raising of Bernard to the bishopric of the diocese, has been received by Grace Archbishop Bruché. The latter has gone to St. H. to convey to the new Bishop from the Roman Church. The Bishop Bernard has been consecrated on February 15, and will place in St. James Cathedral. DEATH OF A RELIGIOUS. The death of Rev. Sister de Paule, assistant superior of the Sisters of Providence, took place last Friday at the age of 82. She was born in 1855 in the town of Rouville, and novitiate of the Providence in 1874. Much regret was expressed by those who had the privilege of knowing her. Her service took place on St. Charles of the institution. Of the deceased, Rev. C. J. of New Bedford, Mass., the last rites to his sister as officiating at the requiem took place in the cemetery at Longue Pointe. ARCHBISHOP VISITS PRISON. As usual, Archbishop Bruché visited the feast of the Epiphany his New Year's visit to the prison of both jails. At St. Charles said Mass in the cell of the men's jail, which had been decorated for the visit. The Archbishop was accompanied by the Rev. Fr. Vistation, very impressive. His Grace visited one of the prisoners in the institution. In addressing the inmates, the Archbishop spoke of kindness and hope, and sound advice for the future. He urged the temperance just inaugurated, and pledged themselves to touch alcoholic drinks in their term of imprisonment. After the service, His Grace breakfast with Governor's family. NEW YEAR'S DINNER AT HOTEL. Three hundred parties at the Hotel Dieu were treated to a special dinner. Although the sections of the hospital alike, the reception and ceremonies took place at the Hotel Dieu, which is in charge of Morrisey. After dinner a programme was given. A recitation by M. Surveyer was highly appreciated by the visitors retired ward Dr. J. J. Guerin thanks of those in charge of the institution to Mrs. Berge the initiator, and to those assisted her in contributing joy and comfort of speeches were delivered by H. Bergeron, M.P., and Ethelbert, O.F.M. Those who subscribed for such a red letter for the sick of the Hotel Dieu and Mrs. Laporte and Lady Shaughnessy and Mrs. Lawrence, Mr.

RY. ES AWAY. 70 years Philip to his reward... THE CANADIAN RAILWAY SYSTEM... SERVICE... OFFICES... TRAINS... SERVICE... OFFICES... TRAINS... SERVICE... OFFICES... TRAINS...

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FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION. Devotions in connection with the Forty Hours' will begin at the church in charge of the Oblate Fathers, Visitation street, on Sunday next.

TOOK HOLY HABIT AT PETERBOROUGH. Two Montreal ladies, Miss Frances Whittaker and Miss Florence Dillon, were among the postulants who took the habit at St. Joseph's Convent, Peterborough, Ont. The ceremony was performed by Bishop O'Connor, Miss Whittaker is now known as Sister Mary Anselm, and Miss Dillon as Sister Mary Bertelle.

THEFT IN A CHURCH. On Sunday morning last, in St. James Church, there was rather a daring theft committed. A lady had with her a bag containing a large sum of money, and on leaving the church left it behind her in the pew. On realizing her loss she immediately returned to the church to find some one just coming from the pew she had vacated and who hurriedly left the church. She was able to take notice of what she is positive was the thief, and has given information which she hopes will bring the return of her money.

MGR. BERNARD RECEIVES PAPAL BULL. The Papal Bull giving the official announcement of the raising of Mgr. Bernard to the bishopric of St. Hyacinthe has been received by His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, and the latter has gone to St. Hyacinthe to convey to the new Bishop his brief from the Roman Chancellor. Canon Dauth, of Laval University, accompanied His Grace. The consecration of Bishop Bernard has been set for February 15, and will probably take place in St. James Cathedral in this city.

DEATH OF A RELIGIOUS. The death of Rev. Sister Francis de Paule, assistant superior of the Sisters of Providence, took place last Friday at the age of fifty years. She was born in 1855 at St. Jean Baptiste de Rouville, and entered the novitiate of the Providence community in 1874. Much regret is expressed by those who had the privilege of knowing her. The funeral service took place on Sunday in the chapel of the institution. The brother of the deceased, Rev. C. P. Gaboury, of New Bedford, Mass., administered the last rites to his sister, as well as officiating at the requiem. Burial took place in the cemetery of the order at Longue Pointe.

ARCHBISHOP VISITS PRISONERS. As usual, Archbishop Bruchesi chose the feast of the Epiphany to make his New Year's visit to the prisoners of both jails. At 8 o'clock, His Grace said Mass in the chapel of the men's jail, which had been tastefully decorated for the visit, and the music prepared for the occasion was very impressive. His Grace also confirmed one of the prisoners.

IN ADDRESSING THE UNFORTUNATE inmates, the Archbishop spoke words of kindness and hope, giving them sound advice for the future. He referred to the temperance movement just inaugurated, and requested all to pledge themselves to never again touch alcoholic drinks after serving their term of imprisonment.

AFTER THE SERVICE, His Grace took breakfast with Governor Vallee and his family.

NEW YEAR'S DINNER FOR PAUPERS AT HOTEL DIEU. Three hundred patients at the Hotel Dieu were treated on Saturday afternoon to a special New Year's dinner. Although the afflicted in all sections of the hospital were served alike, the reception and incidental ceremonies took place at St. Brigid's Ward, which is in charge of Sister Morrisey. After dinner a musical programme was given.

A recitation by Mr. E. Fabre Surveyor was highly applauded. Before the visitors retired from the ward Dr. J. J. Guerin extended the thanks of those in charge of the institution to Mrs. Bergeron, who was the initiator, and to those who had assisted her in contributing to the joy and comfort of the patients.

Speeches were delivered by Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, M.P., and Rev. Father Ethelbert, O.F.M.

Those who subscribed to the fund making such a red letter day possible for the sick of the Hotel Dieu were: Mayor and Mrs. Laporte, St. Thomas and Lady Shaughnessy, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Lavigne, Mr. Justice, Ma-

OUR BUCKINGHAM LETTER.

Christmas time is with us again, and as all good people should do we are striving to lay aside the garb of darkness and to put on the armor of light. The angelic songs of this hallowed time gladden our hearts and make us feel a responsive echo therein to each sweet note of praise peeling forth from our sacred edifices. Nevertheless we are all aware that just as during the first great advent of four thousand years, just as on the first bright Christmas morning, a wicked Herod, a listless and wayward Jerusalem, and thoughtless mobs of cringing sycophants were then to be found, so now—alas for frail humanity—we have the children of night, we have the slayers of the innocent whose hands are red with the blood of defenceless infants, we have the merciless monopolist, we have the unscrupulous and heartless usurer, who crush the heart's blood out of the poor. We have the sycophants who, though willing to hail you yesterday with hosannas for the sake of the smile of the powerful, will cry out "crucify you" to-morrow. The peace message, then, of the angelic song is not for all men. It is not for Pilate, nor for Herod, nor for the slayers of the innocent, but only for men of good will. Men of good will are those who seek first the kingdom of God and His justice, and care little how the wealthy or the powerful regard their aspirations. Just watch the Pharisees during these days who have been ringing the bell to let the public know about their contributions to the poor. Keep your eye on him and see how he tries to pose as a man of good will. Well, it seems some of our remarks in a recent letter, which, by the way, appeared some few weeks ago, have been misunderstood. The sycophant failed to recognize himself when he held the mirror up before him. This is not surprising, knowing as we do he had such few opportunities to have himself presented to himself as he is. It should have been well understood, however, that when we spoke of the sycophant we made no reference to any of our Protestant friends. Mr. Sycophant is an individual, but his name is legion, and very sorry we are to say he passes for a Catholic, and we must admit he belongs to the body of the Church. He is never so happy as when he meets a Protestant minister and receives a gracious smile from him. Sycophant is the fellow who hastens out to tell his non-Catholic neighbors how priest-ridden is this province of Quebec and how free and happy are the people in dear old Ontario and in righteous and liberty-loving Manitoba. He is the fellow who loudly protests that the affliction of having to bow to the authority of the Catholic priest in these parts is a sufficient reason for him to turn a deaf ear to the appeals of the persecuted Catholics of Manitoba and those of the Northwest Territory who have recently been threatened with persecution. Mr. Sycophant watches the powerful monopolist and the men of money in general and he bows when they bow, cries when they cry, and he smiles when they smile. He is one of those who feel so bad about Sagart's cruel laying on of the lash. When this is read he will be watched and people will remark him and point at him and notice his sweet consoling countenance when big men of money smile at him approvingly. He is ready to blow hot or cold just as the fellow on top may express a desire to. Yet, after all, poor Sycophant, even the non-Catholic preacher does not in his heart admire you. The preacher is a man of more or less intelligence and knows your spineless back will bend too and fro with the superior force of tide and wind. The mayor, the dear good mayor, has been pained at our reference to him. We understand that he denies that he had any sort of monopoly in supplying the hardware or any other sort of material for the new hospital. We shall be happy to give him denial all the credit that is due to it, and shall not dare to gainsay it, till the contrary is sufficiently evident. Who would dare to gainsay what the dear, good mayor has said? We trust his kindly-disposed heart was not pained at our remark about his being a worthy citizen. For his own dear sake we would request his honor to allow that remark to stand. His zeal for the hospital was pure, disinterested (we were very nearly saying philanthropy, but no, we mean) Christian charity. Ah! Mr. Mayor, we are not much inclined to blame you very seriously for your shortcomings, whatever they may be. You have had so many flatterers, and in some cases where we would least expect it, that the wonder is that you are not worse than you really are. It is the sycophants who hang

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WE HAVE RIGHTS.

To the Editor of the True Witness: Sir,—That Irishmen must begin to assert their rights and enter with more earnestness into the arena of civic government in Montreal is becoming more apparent every day.

During the course of last week the Council decided to add two more lawyers to the number employed in the civic law department, and as one of these would be an English-speaking gentleman, Mr. Boyd was offered but refused the position, whereupon Mr. Butler's name was proposed by one of the French-Canadian aldermen. Messrs. Stearns, Sadler and Carter offered objections on the ground that Mr. Butler was a French-Canadian. Of course this was proven to be incorrect, as a consequence the above named trio demanded that Mr. Butler's name be withdrawn and the English minority be given the right to make the choice. This meant that the man to receive the appointment would come from the ranks of the Protestant section of the Bar, although there were at the time two English Protestant advocates attached to the civic law department, while the Irish element have been completely ignored as far as this department was concerned.

Now, Mr. Editor, is this justice? The Irish people of Montreal beg no favors, they simply ask for a "square deal" to use a common expression, and yet we find people who are forever talking "fair play" who would ignore the just claims of the Irish Catholic electors at every turn of our civic affairs if they thought it possible. Messrs. Sadler, Stearns and Carter should understand that the population of Montreal is made up of three great sections, and each of these has rights which should be respected.

They must not consider that the French-Canadians are what they are pleased to term the English minority, are the sole factors to be reckoned with when the City Council is making appointments.

The Irish Catholics, though in the minority here, are of sufficient numbers to have a voice in our civic affairs.

As to the complaint of the aldermen above named not receiving fair treatment, I do not think it is justified. Furthermore, I do not believe the Protestant section of Montreal have any grievance as far as their representation in council and in civic offices is concerned. I think their rights are respected by the majority. If they were not, I would be one of the first to offer complaint.

CONSIDERATION. Montreal, Jan. 2, 1906.

PERSONAL. The Rev. Louis Lalonde, S.J., spent the feast of the Epiphany with his friends at St. Herme and St. Scholastique.

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CHAPTER I.

Among the many beautiful islands in that wonderful cluster at the source of the river St. Lawrence...

Here, on a day of early September, sat a man quietly looking upon the splendid view before him.

There was no answer from Scott, and his thoughts seemed to be miles away from the squire's affairs.

"You're like the rest," he muttered. "There's not a man among the whole crew...

"They agree with you mightily," muttered Pendleton, who was now rather subdued.

Scott rose from his reclining position as he arrived on the platform.

will present 'em with me, dead or alive, or with my head."

"I heard somethin'—" began the hunter.

"Of course you did. They're all talking about it—about the fool Pendleton, who sided with Mackenzie...

"I'm glad you lit on me, squire," Scott began again.

"Oh! are you?" sneered the squire, nettled by the tone.

"I don't wish to bring any one into trouble, Scott," he hastened to say.

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"Foolin' with governments is dangerous," said he, "an' it's natural to think I don't want to get mixed up in your evil doin's."

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"You had quite a swim of it, Pen'ton," he said, without moving.

"The devil!" growled Pendleton, shaking himself like a dog and swinging his naked arms to take off the chill.

"No! I want to see your whiskey-bottle—haven't any, confounded ye!"

"Yes, yes, you're right," the other answered hastily.

Scott pushed off and took his course eastward. The sun had set, and heavy clouds had closed like prison gates on his retreating glories.

CHAPTER II.

About the hour which saw Squire Pendleton puffing through the chilly waters of the St. Lawrence, Clayburgh's young and rising lawyer sat in his office...

Sitting before the office window which commanded a view of the river and its islands, Mr. Wallace, with the aid of a glass...

"Not a word," replied Florian. "I have no doubt if we let him alone, or if the government detectives go away...

"So, so, Father," said Florian. "Let us say two months from now for the finish."

"Well," said he, "what do you smile at? Do you think me too hopeful?"

"There are no hindrances in your way," said the priest, in a questioning tone.

"I can say no more," the priest went on. "I have known Miss Pendleton since she was a child."

"I know, I know," the lawyer impatiently answered. "But how many are so careful as that, Ruth and I were brought up together."

"You do well to put it that way," "What! do you think she has no other feeling for me but regard?"

"Do," said Pere Rougevin. "It will be better for you."

And hastily bidding the young lawyer good-day he went out quickly.

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deleton said, half to himself, "and Ruth will be satisfied. Poor Ruth!"

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SURPRISE A PURE HARD SOAP.

give her up easily. The young man was practical in his love as in his business. He had not that abandonment of feeling which brooks no possible danger of losing the object of his feelings.

"I told her that I intended to speak to you," said the minister, "she made no serious objections, but seemed to dread it."

"Of course, her own wishes are the chief thing to be looked at," replied Florian. "But I may as well warn you, Mr. Buck, that you are going to meet with bitter opposition."

"This is the situation, Mr. Buck," Florian politely broke in. "You know my father. If he thought you were courting Miss Sara your life and hers would be made miserable and notorious in the village."

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