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MONTREAL, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1896.

The Theme of a Masterly Deliverance by Rev. Dr. Conaty, Reptor of the Catholic University of Washington.

THE COLDEN AGE OF IRISH LITERATURE AND ITS TRIUMPHS.

Patriotism and Culture of the Hedge Schoolmasters Pictured in a Graphic Manner

An Outline of the Prowess of the Celt in Literature and Art, in Statesmanship and Legislation, in Europe and America.

A Just Tribute to the Sterling Worth of the Well Known Irish Catholic Writer. Mrs. Sadlier.

Monclay evening who had assembled to hear an address from the Very Rev. Dr. Conaty, D.D., the new of the Seminary; Rev. Father O'Donnell, Strulbe, C.-S.R., of St. Ann's; Rev. J. confidence of the head of the Church in E. Donnelly, pastor of St Anthony's; your ability and prudence.

The interests thus confided to you are Rev. Father Devine, S.J., Rev. Father McCallen, S.S., Rev. Martin Callaghan. S.S.; Rev. Father Klauder, C.SS.R., of New York; the Rev. Fathers Lussier, Driscoll, Flyam; Hon. Judge Curran, Hon. Judge Doherty; Mr. M. J. F. Quinn, Q.C., Mr.Pe; Bro. Prudent, director of St. Amn's School; Alderman Connaughton, Alderman Kinsella, and

duc ory remarks, spoke as follows:

Dr. Conaty is no stranger amongst us.

He is an old and valued friend, whose face and eloquent voice have long been familiar. The formality, then, of an introduction to you of the distinguished churchman is not only unnecessary, but would be asort os ignoring of the past. It is said that promotion to exalted positions makes some people forget their old friends. The presence here tonight of our honored guest proves that he belongs to a very different class. To have others share in one's happiness is one of the prerogatives of true good ness and noblemess of soul; and Dr. Conaty, after receiving from the Holy See one of the highest honors which America could offer, comes here. at much personal inconvent nce, to share with his friends the joy which is common to us all. One of his very first visits after his promotion has been to old Montreal, where he has so many and such warm friends; and certainly we highly appreciate this new proof of his affectionate friendship. It is especially in the name of the clergy of the different parishes, as pastor of the old mother parish representing the different English-speaking congregations, that I offer these few remarks. All these gentlemen, and many of their clerical brethren of other nationalities, are here this evening to offer their warmest congratulations and a hearty God-speed to Dr. Conaty in the great work that has been entrusted to him. But the laity desire also to be heard, and it is only proper that the expression of their sentiments and of ours should take the

following address =-

REVEREND DOCTOR CONATY, Rector of the

Catholic University of America: REVEREND AND DEAR DOCTOR,-Thrice happy are the parishioners of the six Irish Catholic parishes of Montreal in being permitted to tender you their affectionate greetings. When the information reached us that it had pleased Ris Holiness Pope Leo the XIII., the illustrious head of the Church, to confer upon you the exalted and onerous position of Rector of the Catholic University of America it thrilled us with joy, and so many had been your tokens of kindness to our people that we felt as though an honor had been conferred upon our-

Montreal is one of the first places to receive a mark of your regard. This proves that whilst you are the patriotic Rector of the greatest seat of learning in the United States, where the Catholic People have always manifested the warmest devotion to the land that gives them freedom and prosperity, the spirit that snimates you is so truly Catholic, that you do not overlook the faithful on this side of the boundary line, who are just as true and devoted to the institu

THE expacious hall of the Monu- oldest educational establishments, the ment Nationale was well filled Montreal College and Grand Seminary by an appreciative audience on of St. Sulpice, are about to take so prominent a part in the work of the Catholic

That His Holiness, upon the advice of the Episcopacy of the United States, and monasteries and schools sprang up should have selected you to guide the all over the country. Clonmacnoise and Rector of the Catholic University of should have selected you to guide the destinies of the Catholic University at Washington, D.C. The Rev. Father this critical juncture, when the enemies Quinlivan, SS., pastor of St. Patrick's, of the Faith are everywhere making presided; and amongst those present such desperate efforts to neutralize Christian and Catholic teaching, driving it from the schoolrooms of the young, and endeavoring to crush it out pastor of St. Mary's ; Rev. Father of all higher curricula, is a proof of the

> great beyond expression; but in every-thing you have undertaken, the zeal and untiring energy of the Apostle has ever been present.

The cause of education has always had in you a friend. The Catholic summer school of America is a monument to your labors. The sacred cause of temperance you embraced with the fervor and self-sacrifice of a Theobald Matthew, and, as to the cause of dear old Ireland, can her children, or their de-Rev. Father Quinlivan, in his intro-scendants at home or abroad, ever forget the years of incessant effort you expendd in the great constitutional struggle for the removal of her grievances and the re establishment of her national parliament in College Green?

Pardon the feebleness of our expressions. To morrow you leave for the scene of your unremitting labors. If you realize only one-half of all the good we would wish to see you accomplish, if you enjoy but a tithe of the happiness and success we pray God to grant, your record in the Catholic University will in deed be a glorious one and Montreal will have reason to feel still more proud of one to whose early education she had

the honor of contributing.
J. J. CURRAN, Chairman. Montreal, 21st December, 1896.

The Rev. Dr. Conaty, who was greeted with loud and prolonged applause, said : I appreciate more than words can tell the kindness of the welcome which has been extended to me to-night by my Montreal friends. I come to Montreal as a child would go to his father's house. I fe t that before taking upon myself the responsibilities of the office to which I have been appointed it would be good for me to come again to the scene of my early and later instruction; to speak once more to those who had the guidance of much of my priestly career, not to seek their congratulations, but to ask them for their advice and their prayers. Montreal, my parental educational home, has always held, and will always hold a good place in my affections, because it is characteristic of the authorities of the Seminary that they establish between form of an address, which the Hon. the students and themselves a tie which Judge Curran has kindly consented to grows stronger as the years go by. I grows stronger as the years go by. I would be ungrateful if I did not go to what The Hon. Justice Curran then read the is my father's house in an educational sense, and ask for his blessing before I undertake to discharge the arduous task which lies before me. This meeting and this address which has been read to me have come upon me as a surprise. Had I known that these would await me I think I would have put off my visit until a later time. Judge of my surprise when I learned this morning on arriving here by train that I was expected to deliver a public address. I don't know why this should have been expected of me except on the ground that, being an Irishman, I am supposed to have a speech always ready (laughter and applause). No one knows better than the prie ts who are present how solemn and difficult are the duties which lie before me. I enter upon them however, in the spirit of a disciple of St. Sulpice, determined as a Christian soldier to do my duty to the best of my ability in the post to which God has called me (ap-

> Father Conaty then delivered an eluquent lecture on Celtic Influence in English Literature.

> plause). Iask you to help me by your

prayers to carry out my resolve.

It was strange, he said, that any one should claim that the Celts had exer-cised any influence over English liter With pardonable pride may we not lost that the Celt as a man oppressed, deWith fact that, through you, our the Irish Celt as a man oppressed, deWith pardonable pride may we not ature, for we had been taught to regard their lives in imparting knowledge to Christmas Hymna and Wilson's "Adeste

Celtic influence in English Literature and how could it be traced?

No scholar acquainted with the Eng.

lish language could fail to recognize that influence. It was difficult to determine the day in which such influences begin. The great river was but a brook as it neared its source. But following (Renewed applause.) its course from that brook to the ocean, we found that it gained its power and m jesty from influences which in its Sheridan and Sterne, the lecturer remightiness were lost sight of. The forred to the habit of claiming these English language, unlike other lan languages, was built upon the ruins of other tongues, or rather had assimilated other languages, and by their help had become the great world-language which it was to-day. In tracing the influence which the Celt had in the formation of that noble lan mage, we saw that it was the Celt who had first brought religion and civilization to the Saxon, It was the Celtic missionaries who first spoke to the Saxon of God and religion.

At that time the home of the Celt was the home of literature. To-day we heard of the ignorance of the Irish The Irish during these later days, when men and Irishwomen had attained in it was a crime punishable by death to various departments of literature was teach him even the radiments of learn- noted. In this connection Father Consty ing, may have been illiterate; they never ware ignorant. (Applause.)

PENAL LAWS HAD MADE THEM HARTERATE,

but they could not drive God and religion from their hearts. Even in pagan times Ireland had a literature, and a deep spirituality pervaded the Irish character, which found its full satisfacsion of the Irish to Christianity, churches Clontert became world-famed for scholars and scholarship. From the sixth to the ninth century was the golden age of Irish literature. The Danish invasion brought havoc in its train : and it was worthy of note that a Dane, Dr. Sigerson, was a leading spirit in the revival of Celtic literature which was going on in Ireland. In that age of gold scholars wrote in Celtic and Latin.

Celtic was the cultured tongue of the Brehon law-makers; the tongue of free-dom and chivalry; the tongue of bardic lore. Celtic literature ante-dated Roman civilization and Grecian art. As printing had not been invented in those days it was written in manuscripts, and it now consisted almost wholly of manuscripts. These Celtic manuscripts were more numerous than those of Greece and Roman. This was a fact, and not a mere statement of his. In the libraries of Dublin, Oxford, and London universities there were two thousand of these Celtic manuscripts, not more than onetwentieth of which had yet beer this was but a fragment of the literature which the Dane found on his arrival in Ireland—a literature not printed, but written by the unwearied hand of the monk of the school (applause.)

NO OTHER LANGUAGE

had been the object of such persecution as the Celtic language had been; and yet, driven though it had been to bogs and mountain receases, it had brought to the language of the oppressors of Ireland the expression of the loves, the joys, the sorrows, the spirituality, the wit, the humor, the religion of the Celtic. (Applause) The teachers of the early English scholars were Celts; and in this way the influence of the Cell was strongly marked. Rev. Dr. Consty quoted from an essay published by Matthew Arnold in 1866, in which that writer showed that a strong Celtic element ran through English life, and tound its characteristic expressions in English spirit and English literature. English literature, as shown by the works of Shakspeare, Milton and Byron, was indebted to Celtic influence for much of its style, and for nearly all of its wit. Henry Morley had said that the main current of English literature cannot be disconnected from Irish wit. in which it has one of its sources."

Father Conaty dwelt upon the prowess of the Celt in literature and art, in statesmanship and legislation, in mercy as well as in justice, in Europe, the United States and Australia. Where ver the Celt had gone he had brought with him the element of strength (applause); and now a good many people were scratching themselves to see how much of the Celt was in them (laughter). Some of them would not have to scratch much (laughter). Nothing succeeded like success (laughter and cheers).

Speaking of the imaginativeness of the Celt, of the fairies and elves and "little ones," with which his fancy peo-ple the woods and the glens, and which testified to his love of the unseen and the spiritual, Father Conaty said that we might trace to these "little people"

THE ORIGIN OF THE BROWNIES. It might be treason to say so; but there were lots of truth in treason (laughter and applause). Then he recited a number of exquisite specimens of Irish poetry, both ancient and modern, illustrating the emotional, the gay, tue sorrowful, the martial, and the heroir phases of Celtic literature, winding up by reciting, amid peals of laughter, the famous ballad of "Fataer O'Flynn."

There was a passage in the history of Ireland in which he had always taken a deep interest It was the period of the "hedge" schoolmaster. The "hedge" schoolmasters had frequently been caricatured, but those who caricatured them did not realize that they were generally men of culture, who had carned their degrees in the universities of Europe.

graded and ignorant. Was there any their persecuted compatriots, were the connecting link b tween the Celtic age of gold and the prese it age. (Applause.) They kept alive not only the faith but the patriotic spirit of the people; and if to day Ireland had won back some of her rights, it was due to the noble efforts of these "hedge" schoolmasters.

> Having referred to eminent Irish literary men like Burke, Goldsmith and distinguished Irish litterateurs as Englishmen. When an Irishman did anything good he was classed as an Englishman. When he did anything bad he was an lrishman. When Dunraven lest the yacht race, he ceased to be the Englishman he had been described: he became at once an Irishman; he was Mr. Qainn. (Laughter.)

THE REVIVAL OF TRISH LITERATURE

by the Young Ireland party, and the Land League and Home Rule move ments, were next passed in brilliant review, and the eminence to which Irishpaid a high tribute to Mrs. Sadlier of this city for the noble work she had done in portraying in admirable stories the best elements of Celtic life, and express ed the hope that the testimonial which it had been suggested should be presented to her would be worthy of her valuable

contributions to English Therature.
"Nobly, indeed," said Father Conaty tion in the story of the Redemption told by St. Patrick. Soon after the conver- sea divided Gel carrying on the work of their great Celtic foretathers. Let us co :time that work Let us be animated by the spirit which actuated those who recently presented \$50,000 to the great Catholic University over which I have been called to preside, for the purpose of endowing in it a chair of Celtic literature. Let us never cease to be proud of the literary work of our scholarly Celtic an-cestors." (Loud applause.) Mr. M. J. F. Quinn, M.P., moved a

vote of thanks to the eloquent lecturer, which was passed with loud applause.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

Some of the Programmes to be Rendered by the Irish Catholic Choirs.

There is no feast in the Calendar which awakens the sympathics and arouses greater enthusiasm amongst the members of our church choirs of this city than that of Christmas.

From the days of the organization of the first band of choristers up to the present time, the same deep sentiment of earnestness and joyousness has always prevailed. In no other part of Canada has there been such a corresponding manifestation of that desire to attain a high standard of excellence in sacred music as in Montreal.

We publish the programmes of the choirs associated with the different Irish parishes, which they have been zealously preparing for some time past, and which we have every reason to expect will be rendered with that deep feeling of religious fervor which has characterized their endeavors on similar occasions in former years

ST. FATRICK'S CHURCH.

The following select programme of music has been prepared by St. Patrick's Choir for the Midnight Mass and the different Services of Christmas Day, under the direction of Professor J. A. Fowler, organist, and Mr G. A. Carpenter, conductor. The "Kyrie," "Gloria," "Sanctus" and "Agnus" of Nini's Mass will be given at Midnight Mass and the ten o'clock Mass. 'Luzz mi's 'Credo" will also be given at the same Services. Before Midnight Mass, and at the Off-rtory Novello's "Adeste Fideles," Gound's "Nazareth," Adams' Canticle for Christmas, and other Christmas hymns, will be sung. The soloists will be Messrs. J.J. Rowan, D. McAndrew, O. Brennan, F. Cabill. first tenors. Messrs. G. A. Carpenter, T. Wright, M. Corcoran. baritones. Messrs. C. Smith, J. Murray, W.J. Crowe, bassos.

The harmonized chant of the Vespers will be given Christmas afternoon, followed by the Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Novello's "Adeste Fideles," Gounod's "Nazareth," Pro-fessor Fowler's "Ave Maria" and Haydn's "Tantum Ergo" will be rendered during Benediction.

The Choir numbers over seventy well trained voices.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

The Christmas services at St. Mary's Church, of which the Rev. Father O'Donnell is Pastor, will be observed with the usual high ceremonial. The Rev. Father Condon, C. S C., will be celebrant at the Midnight Mase, and the Rev. Fathers Kelly, C. S. C., of Cote-des-Neiges, and Shea, of St. Mary's, as deacon and sub-deacon respectively.

The choir, assisted by full orchestra, will execute Van Bree's Mass. Soloists: -1st tenors, Mesers. C. Hamlin, J. B. Paquette and J. Dil on; 2nd tenors, J. Emblem, J. Ransom; bassos, T.C. and A. Emblem. At the Offertory, violin

Fideles," solo, duet and choir. The same programme will be repeated a: w o'clock Mass on Christmas Day.

In the evening at 7.30, with orchestra, harmonized Pealms; Magnificat, (Lambillotte). At Benediction, Concone's "O Salutaris," solo and quartette; soloist. Mr. C. Hamlin; Gounod's "Ave Maria," with violin obligato; soloist, Mr. T. C Emblem: "Tantum Ergo," Eyckens, solos and choir, and Wilson's "Lou late." Leader of orchestra, Prof. Wm. Sullivan; Conductor, Mr. J. B. Paquette; Musical Director and Organist, Prof. James Wile m.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH.

Special preparations have been made to make the musical features of the Christmas Services most imposing. The choir numbers sixty voices and will render the following excellent programme: -

Midnight Mass - Novello's "Adore Fideles" Nicou Choron's XIIIth Mass. Offertory - Leprevost's "Pallite Hosins," string orchestra and organ accompaniment. Solois's -- Tenors, Mosses A. G. Plamondon, H. P. Bruyere, Busses Messrs, A. Hamilton, J. F. Sandan, R. Bissonette, T. W. Coey and J. Horan, At the close of the Mass, "O Holy Night," solo by Mr. A. G. Plamondon, with visin obligate by Mr. J. J. Goulet, will be rendered. Organ solos, Christmas carols, Miss M. Donovan.

Christmas Day the same programme will be followed.

At Vespers and Benediction in the ifternoon, Gounod's "O Salotaris," Radoux's "Ave Maria," and Singenberger's "Tantum Ergo" will be given. Organist, Mi-s M. Donovan; Choir Master, Mr E. F. Casey.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH.

St. Ann's Choir will maintain its well known reputation as a musical organization of special merit, judging by the following programme which will be rendered at the services at Midnight Mass, and on Christmas Day. The Mass chosen is Mercadante's.

The soloists will be Messrs, J. M. rgan, W. Murphy, R. Hiller, J. Quinn, P. Malone, Ed. Quinn and E. Finn, Novello's "Adeste Fidelis" will be sung at the Gospel (with thate obligato by Mr. S O'Donnell), soloists, Messrs.

W. Murphy and E. Finn.
At the Offertory, the "Trium rei," by
R. Schumen (arranged for strings), will be performed, with Mr. R. Anderson as

At the Communion, Master F. Mc-

Crory, the talented young sonrano solo-ist, will sing Adams' "Noel" At the close of the Midnight Service the orchestra will render Prof. P. J. Shea's new march, the "Three Kings" Rev. E. Strubbe will wield the baton. The organist and musical director is Mr.

ST. GARRIEL'S CHURCH.

St. Gabriel's choir has always occupied a place of prominence in the ranks of choral organizations in this city.

The musical programme for Midnight

Mass and Christmas Day will consist of Messe Breve by G unod, with the "Credo" from the "Messe St. Therese." The choir will also render "Novello's "Ades'e Fidelia," Lambillotte's Pastorale," and a number of other

selections. Among those who will take the solo parts will be Messis. M. McCartay and

J. Deegan. The choir will be under the dir c ion of Mr J. S. Shea, and Miss M. O'Byrne

REV. FATHER O'DONNELL, P.P.

is the organist.

THE PUPILS OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOLS HONOR THEIR PASTOR

Yesterday the young ladies of the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel tendered a grand reception to their worthy pastor, Rev. Father O'D muell. The address an I flowers were presented by Miss Nellie Kenned ; and the musical selections were admirably ex cuted by the young ladies. At a lat r hour in the afternoon the Rev. Father was received at St. Mary's Boys' School, and was made the recipient of an elaborate address and a bounget of beautiful flowers. On both occasions the Rev. Father replied in feeling terms, expressing his gratefulness for the kindnesses received on his anniversary and also his satisfaction at the manner in which the pupils labored during the part four months.

ST. JOHN THE BAPPIST PARISH.

MISSION FOR THE ENGLISH SPEAKING CATHO LICS A GRAND SUCCESS.

The retreat which opened on the 13th inst., in the Chapel at at. John the Bantint, was brought to a most succ soful close on Sunday ve ing lat Each night the Chapel was thronged in every part, and the attendance at the confessionals was very large. At the general Communion, Sunday morning, over one thousand ladies and gentlemen approached the Table of Our Lord. Rev. Father Casey, the amiable and energetic Pastor, left nothing undone to make the Mission a success; and the powerful sermons delivered by the key. Father Klauder, of Brooklyn, N. Y., left a las:ing impression on the minds of his devout hearers. The singing during the Mission was under the supervision of Miss Charlotte Lane.

At a recent preliminary meeting the members of St. Gabriel's Church organized a glee club. Next Sunday evening, another meeting will be held to perfect the organization.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

HON, EDWARD BLAKE DELIVERS AN ABLE SPEECH ON THE SUBJECT.

THE COMING SESSION AND THE ATTITUDE OF TRELAND'S REPRESENTATIVES-THE LES-SON OF UNITY.

At a recent meeting of the Central Branch of the Irish National Federation. neld in Dublin, Ire., the Hon. Edward Blake delivered a p-werful speech regarding the necessity and urgency of unity of action. A ter referring to the results of the Leinster Hall Convention

"Of the three parties in Parliament, I believe," said Mr. Blake, 'that the Irish Party is the most absolutely united in noini et opinion upon political topics, t believe that the programme which I give sketched out to you, which I need not say to you is not my programme, but s the programme of the great convenion which was held litely-it was the regramme embodied in the resolutions d the convention-is a programme upor which, in sentiment in feeling, in determination to give it effect, all Na: ionalist trishmen, whatever may be neir feelings as to men however much her may be divided otherwise, are igreed and I have not observed hostile criticism with reference to any of these propositions which form the necessary table of the political action of the lrish Nationalist Party. But while we have the least diff rences of any party mon these questions involving considerations of polic; unfortunately upon questions of tactics and of persons—and mostly of persons -- we have the greatest difficulties of all. Now, how are we to deal with these questions?

WE MUST NOT FORGET

that there is a great change in the political situation from that which existed in the old time. We must not forget that new rules have been adopted, and that the power and capacity to attract and maintain the attention of the British Parliament on Irish questions is largely limited compared with what it used to he. We must not forget that the tendency is-and you will see it next session--more and more to take the time of the house for Government questions, and the English Education question will be the excuse and the pretext for taking the time of the house, and the opportunities of individual members of those not. on the Government benches to bring up questions will in that way be more imited than ever. We must not forget, therefore, that now, even more than when Mr. Parnell adopted that policy, it may be necessary in order to have our just influence in that house for the benefit of Ireland to intervene in other than purely Irish questions, and bring ourselves in evidence in that way, and I think we ought to take every chance of

KELPING TREEAND IN EVIDENCE.

First of all by pressing on Irish quesions; and secondly, when those opporunities do not arise, by evidencing our letermination as long as we are retained at Westminster to play our part with reference to British questions. I do not believe there is any difference about that mong all sections of Irish Notionalists. What more are we agreed on? We are agreed upon the abstract principle - not of the desirability but of the necessity of unity. I read the speech Mr. Redmond delivered at the annual convention of the Parnellites, and he agreed in effect that freland was helpless without unity, and ne demanded, as I understand it, as one condition, as the one essential upon the restoration of that unity for which we all pray-he demanded that we should become absolutely independent of the Liberal Party. Well, t & Conventi or has dealt with that also. It has declared that it is the resolution of the Irish Party to be independent of the Liberal Party. They have been heretotore; they will be in the circumstances of the case still more hereafter. Why? Because there was a certain period, when we were maintaining the Hove Rule Government in power, when in the interest of Ireland and of Home Rule we had to subordinate our opinions. In order to accomplish the greater we had to give up the less. That condition cessed to exist as soon as the Liberals went into opposition, and although I for one, no matter who may eny against it, do not choose to forgetalthough I believe my Irish fellowcountrymen will not forget

THAT SEVEN YEARS' WAR

that they waged in concert with the Liberal Party for the attainment of Home Rule—although I do not choose to forget that even at the last general election, disastrons as its results w re, very nearly one half of the whole toting power of the United Kingdom was polled in favor of Home Rule, yet, I hold-and I know that my Parliamentary friends agree with that view—that it always has been, and is now, not merely the right, but the sacred duty of Irish Nationalists to maintain an absolute independence of both British political parties. Shall any one suggest first if we find that the Unionist Government, true to its assurances with reference to Ireland, availing of its great majority in the House of Commons and of its friend, ly relations with the House of Lords, attempts to redress some of those griever ces to which I have referred, they will

CUNTINUED ON FIFTH PAGE WAR

e Wonderful Feat of the Irishman Hale-A Peculiar Case in Court in the United States - A Little Bit of Advice to Uncle ram.

The festive Christmas season is at hand, bringing joy to thousands and recalling pleasant memories to us all. What happiness is associated with it in the hearts of children; what tender recollections does it not arouse in the breast of man and woman! It is rightly a time of joy, this celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, and I sincerely wish every reader of the TRUE WITNESS a happy, merry Christmas.

I hope good Santa Claus will be generous, bringing to the young folks the very toys they most appreciate and Hong for, and the sweets they particularly relish, filling every stocking to the brim, and every beart with happiness. To fathers and mothers I can wish no greater joy than that they may live again in the innocent pleasure of their little ones. Let respected old maidens and Inexcusable bachelors be solaced during this merry season by sweet, though ancient memories, and may they add to their own happiness by promoting that of others.

Fathers and mothers (priviléged beings at Christmas time) have little hearts to gladden, but all little once have not parents to bring smiles to their baby lips and joy to their innocent hearts on Christmas morn.

·To the bachelor and those blessed with earthly goods I would recommend the orphan, the friendless and the poer. This is a season of "good will to men," and we can derive no greater or truer happiness than in bringing joy to the fatherless, peace to the outcast and plenty to the needy on Christmas day.

A serene pleasure is felt at all times In doing good, but at no season is this pleasure so keen, so soothing, as when, by little acts of kindness and consideration, we render cheerful a Christmas which otherwise would be sad and dismal.

In yet another sphere has Irish grit vanquished all comers. "Teddy" Hale. the hero of the recent six-day bicycle competition in New York, is an Irishman who hails from Templepatrick, County Antrim, Ireland, where he was aborn on May 30th, 1864. This prodigious rider, who travelled over 1900 miles on a wheel within the time allowance of 144 hours, is 161 pounds in reight and stands five feet ten and a half inches high. He has taken part in bioyele races in Ireland since 1882, and 4s the foremost of Irish long-distance giders. It is stated that he has already recovered from the great strain of the late struggle.

It strikes me forcibly that the next time our City Council want anything from the Quebec Legislature they should ask for something they don't want to

The New York courts have lately given a decision that bequests for Masses are illegal, on the grounds that the intended beneficiary of such bequest not being alive the bequest is not enforceable. Mr. William Dillon, of Chicago, has taken the question up, and in a pamphlet published on the subject ably refutes the arguments of the New York furists, quoting numerous precedents where bequests for Masses were decided to be strictly legal under English law.

Our old friend ex-Queen Lilioukalani has arrived at San Francisco, and the American press will now proceed to again amuse itself with her name. It is said that she has relinquished all hope of regaining her throne and is now favorably impressed with the idea of annexing Hawaii to the United States, the ex-Queen to be pensioned off in a manner befitting her regal antecedents. I really hate to discourage you, Lil., but candidly do not think the scheme is feasible.

The Herald has published what purports to be the Constitution of a Canadian Independence Club, said to have a numerous membership in Monteal and throughout the West. The movement, from all accounts, is shrouded in mystery, in fact Lam somewhat skeptical as to its existence elsewhere than in the "fired" imagination of the journalistic prodigy who performed such miraculous deeds of valor and displayed such polar coolness at the Barron Block conflagration-ill of which he has conscientiously

r.corded. War talk has been growing in popularity across the border of late years. Some time ago England was to have been grushed out of existence; now Soain runs chances of being eaten upwallowed in one bite. The American people are being gradually worked up, fore."

and are on the verge of believing that they can clean out the "tarnal creation" if they once get half started.

Gently, now, Uncle Sam. You have lots of things to regulate in your own household-matters requiring urgent attention. You have a large family which requires your constant care; their interests are somewhat diverse. Don't meddle with other people's affairs. Don't look for trouble; you will find plenty of it at home.

WALTER R.

BRIEF MENTION.

The TRUE WITNESS is becoming more popular every issue.

It is probable that the next session of

The protest against Hon. Win. Paterson, Controller of Customs, in North Grey, has been dismissed.

There are prospects for a green Christmas, much to the disgust of everybody except the gentlemen of the Street Rail-The political axe is reported as coming

this way. There is a night atmospheric disturbance in the vicinity of the Inland Kevenue department. Bishop Blais, of Rimonski, has con-demned Mr. L. O. David's work, "The Canadian Clergy." It is stated that the

author will appeal to Rome. Rumor has it that a new evening journal is to be started in Ottawa at an early date, and, under the name of the Chaudiere Press, support the present admin-

The early closing but has been amended by the Quebec Legislature so as to make it enforceable. Mesers. Guerin and Martineau, of Montreal's members, opposed its passage.

The British Government has asked for tenders for the supply of 10,000 bicycles for the use of the letter carriers throughout the United Kingdom. This is a good opening for our local men.

Hermann, the well-known magician, died suddenly on the 17th instant, while en route to Bradford, Pa., from Rochester, N.Y., where he had given a performance the previous evening. He expired on

There are hopes for Canada. Bright visions of glory loom up on the not distant herizon. The Patriotic League of America, with headquarters in New York, have decided that we shall be treed from the tryannical joke of

The United States House of Representatives has passed a bill prohibiting the immigration of persons over sixteen years of age who cannot read or write. Exceptions are made in the case of Cuban refugees, while the present trouble lasts, and of the wife, child, parent and grandparent of an admissable immigrant.

We notice that the Orangemen in Toronto district have expressed their satisfaction at the settlement of the spituha School question. Mesers. Laurier and Tarte should find this a soothing antidote to the condemnation of "extremist" bishops—the approval of that tolerant, fair-minded, profound statesman, Clarke Wallace, should more than counterbalance the hisses from the 'priest ridden, illiterate people of Que-

The Catholic members of the Laurier Government feel like the small boy who had received the approbation of his teacher: An inch or two taller and several degrees more important.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Loyal Orangemen has smiled upon them and patted their backs!

[FOR THE TRUE WITNESS]

THE BELLS OF YULE.

[BY J. A. 8.]

Joyous bells at Yuletide ringing. High in old, gray turrets swinging, To the earth and sky outflinging, Christmas greeting, blithe and clear, In your clangor is a music, E'en the world-worn heart to cheer !

Heralds to the midnight telling, To the cot and stately dwelling, Loud and clear your voices swelling That the Christmas time is here-Bidding mortals leave their sorrow, Care and want until the morrow, From this joyous season borrow, Happy thought their souls to cheer.

Voices from each tower and steeple, Through all lands they call the prople, As the angels called the shepherds, Who were watching on the hill;-In the chime-bells gladly pealing Each may hear this message still: Peace to earth by God is given, Yea! to all men of good will.

Now the Gloria ascending, With the old Adeste blending, And our souls are heavenward tending. With the hymns that ring through time While we think upon the Manger, Where lay Christ, to earth a stranger, As we hear the merry music Of the joyous bells of Yule.

Montreal, December, 1896.

You can't be well if your blood is impure, but you may have pure blood and good health by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"I've a great story to tell you, boys," said a drummer to a group in the corridor of the Iroquois last night. "I don't think any of you ever heard me tell it before." 'Is it really a good story?" asked one

of the party, doubtingly. It certainly is."

"Then I'm sure you never told it be-

OUR WAYFARER

On the Humiliating Position of Italy.

Some Comments on the Change in Attitude of the Herald-A Kindly Reference to Aunt Norah-The Project of Union of Irish Societies-The Ways of Secular Writers,

Harper's Weekly has been poking a little fun at King Humbert over the result of the Pope's letter to Menelik of Abyssinia, interceding for the release of the Italians taken prisoners in the late Parliament will not be convened before | war. It must have been very humiliating for the King of "United Italy" to find himself forced to follow the road pointed out by the Holy Father. Practically it was the only way out of his difficulty, for his troops had been thoroughly thrashed and the war was over, although, as Menelik observed in his courteous letter to the Pope, the King still preserved a warlike attitude, and so rendered the release of the prisoners impossible. The position of the ruler of Italy is hardly an enviable one. No Catholic royal personage will visit him in the capital of his kingdom; his country is plunged in debt and his people are disaffected to the last degree, and-bitterest drop of all-the voice of the solitary old man of the Vatican has more weight in the councils of the world than has his, with his overgrown army and navy to back it. The much vaunted "United Italy" is simply a house divided against itself and must come to the inevitable end before long. The proverb which says "He who eats the Pope dies of it," is true of nations as well as individuals, and poor Italy is proving it.

> What has happened to the Herald's crusade against the Catholic schools of Quebec? While the school-bill war was raging a couple of months ago we were deluged with statistics proving the general illiteracy of Quebec Catholics-Protestant separate schools not being attacked anywhere in Canada it was unnecessary to notice them, I presumebut ever since the Laurier-Greenway "settlement" was announced the Her ald's thunder has been dying away in the distance. Yet the Quebec schools progress and enlightment, we salute thee! And if, in the privacy of thy sanctum, thou dost, like the Little Vulgar Boy, "Put thy thumb unto thy nose and spread thy fingers out," who shall blame knowest it.

boys and girls of Montreal is to be a conform to a time-honored custom, and, page in the TRUE WITNESS. If this be done me by my brethren of the C.M.B.A. true we shall expect to see the views of true we shall expect to see the views of in electing me their Grand President, to the rising generation upon its rights heartily wish them, far and wide throughand wrongs set forth in moving terms. Out the Dominion, "A Merry Christmas The idea is an excellent one and should and a Happy New Year." The coming The idea is an excellent one and should be encouraged. It may not be indiscreet -at least I hope it is not-to mention here a certain school that publishes weekly two nice little manuscript newspapers, one rejoicing in the title of The Daisy; the other, more ambitious, laying claim to the Laurel. By the courtemy of the energetic pastor with whom originated the idea of these papers, I have had the pleasure of reading one or two of them and was genuinely surprised at the correctness and good taste of the language used, and at the evidence they gave of habits of observation upon the part of the youthful writers. Here is a hint for educators.

While I was penning the above paragraph, the TRUE WITNESS came to hand, and I found that my little bird friend had been right. The Children's Corner is an accomplished fact, and all that remains now is to keep Aunt Nora busy. Let me be the first to wish her and her little friends a merry, merry Christmas and extend. We may, perhaps, in our and a happy and successful New Year. day never hope to witness the universal and a happy and successful New Year. May the new departure flourish.

Evidently Mr. Butler touched the right chord when he advocated a federation of Montreal Irishmen. The idea has been seized upon by several correspondents of the TRUE WITNESS, and if the proposition can only be carried out, a daily newspaper devoted to the cause of faith and nationality need no longer be the "figment of a dream." One very substantial way in which those of us and seeking by all the means in our who are in business can help our paper, be it a daily or a weekly, is to give it a good share of our advertising. Other may not be able to altogether good share of our advertising. Other business people find it profitable to do so and there is no reason why we should not.

One of the most striking character istics about non-Catholic authors is their ingenuousness in dealing with Catholic countries or personages or epochs. With scarcely an exception they assume that little good is to be found therein, and therefore do not waste time in looking for it. Not long ago I picked up a

mine had been reading, the scene of which had been laid in Mexico; and in the only three instances in which the author-the late Mr. Ballantyne-found it necessary to speak of the religion of the country he did so in a tone of the most determined hostility. In like manner, finding it convenient to introduce two priests for a few moments, he dismissed them as quickly as possible with the observation that they were both "bad men." In another part of the book he held forth warmly upon the bad treatment of the Indians by the Spaniards. Probably two bad priests might be found in Mexico if a census could be taken; but why ignore all the good ones? And in the light of the effect of British rule in Ireland and India as exemplified in the periodical famines that devastate both countries, it looks as if a little discretion in the matter of denouncements might be in order. The South American Indian may be in a bad way, but he still exists, which can scarcely be said of his Northern brother, who has had all the benefits of Anglo-Saxon civilization thrust upon him. Ballantyne is not the only writer who allowed his prejudices to run away with him—Mayne rowful and sin-laden earth in the form Reid. Henty, and a host of others are of a poor little humble Child to manifest Reid, Henty, and a host of others are equally guilty-a fact that often makes their books unsafe for youthful readers and irritating to older ones. It is a

K. Dolores, Babette, Walter R., and all lovers of the TRUE WITNESS, from the editor to the imp, I wish you individually and collectively a Merry Christmas.

SILAS WEGG.

A GHRISTMAS GREETING

FROM THE GRAND PRESIDENT OF THE C.M.B.A.

REMINDER OF OUR DUTIES TOWARDS OUR POORER BRETHREN-THE LOT OF THE CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY, SHOULD BE BRIGHTENED AT THIS FESTAL SEASON-AN EXAMPLE WHICH MIGHT BE IMI-

The Grand President of the C.M.B.A. has issued the following touching and appropriate Christmas Greeting to the members of that society. The extending of such a greeting, couched as it is in terms which appeal no less forcibly cannot have already attained the height to sentiment than to practical charity, of perfection yearned for in their behalf his a custom that might be profitably by the Herald. Dear Herald, angel of 'imitated by the heads of kindred organizations :-

The near approach of the greatest and

the grandest of all the Christian festivals, with its divine message of peace to men of good will, and its sacred associations of earthly ties and heavenly love, natuthee? People like to be fooled and thou rally su gests the joyous and familiar greetings which flow spontaneously to all lips during the holiday season. It would therefore ill become me if I did not of Santa Claus' gifts to the good little gladly seize this most suitable of all occasions and this has of all anniversary of the Nativity is the first upon which it has been given to me to preside over the desti nies of our great Association, and the thoughts which crowd my mind at such a time naturally come so thick and f at that I find it difficult to express them all, even if I had the audacity to so far trespass on your valuable time. However, let me briefly say that the familiar Christmas greeting, which in too many cases sounds so hollow and conventional, conveys a deeper and holier meaning when exhanged between the members of the brotherhood of the C.M.B.A. We should and can never forget that "the good tidings of great joy," which were flashed from heaven over the bleak hills of Judea nearly nineteer hundred years ago, and which heralded the coming of the Christ-Child and His wondrous mission of human redemption, with its glorious message of 'peace on earth, good will to men," were the precursors of that spirit of brotherly and neighborly love, of Godlike charity, which have revolutionized this world of ours and which it is the great object of our Order, after the example of its Divine Model, to inculcate brotherhood of man, but we can at least do our feeble mortal share by our example and teachings, by the cultivation of fraternity and, above all, by the exercise of love and charity towards our neighbors as towards ourselves, to help on the great doctrine of moral and material regeneration involved in the mystery of the Incarnation. And with the blessing of God and of His Holy Church, which He came on earth as a feeble

and lowly Infant to found, we shall continue to do this, confident in the success of our heavenly mission heal the broken-hearted or to comfort the mourning widow, as He comforted the Widow of Nain, but we can at least help to pour balm upon their sorrow, to bring glad tidings of great joy to their bruised and bleeding spirits, and to rejoice the hearts of the fatherless and helpless. And, above all, let us try to remember that the golden feast of Christmas is the little children's festival par excellence—that the great

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His divine love for the little ones; and that it is our duty, therefore, at such seasons, to set to our own youthful off-spring the example of that thoughtful affection, that brotherly love and that charity towards our neighbors which will inspire them to take up and continue the good work of the C.M.B.A. when we are gone. As such a happy, joyous time as the Christmas season. with all its loving and pleasant mem-ories, with all its traditions of good cheer and hospitality, no brother, of the C.M R.A. especially, should be suffered to want, nor his little ones to imagine that the dark cloud, which towers o'er their homes, possesses no silver lining for them. Let the gladness which irradiated, and still irradiates the whole world at the coming of the Saviour, find them out also, and brighten their cheerless existence. Let them have a recollection of their childhood's days. Happy children make virtuous, devoted, parent loving youths, and good members of our Order in the future. So do not forget that the coming Christmas must be a merry one for the children. But still of greater importance even than they are the poor-God's poor-whether they belong to the brotherhood of the C. M. B. A. or the greater brotherhood of mankind in general. We have these ever with us, and there is always scope, especially at this blessed season, for that God-like virtue which, we are told, covereth a multitude of sins. While the rich and comfortable are feasting, the poor should not be forgotten. Moreover, charity knows neither creed nor clime. Its snowy wings are spread over all in need and all are welcomed to their shelter. Thus God's work is done and the bruised heart is comforted. And most certainly the sweet recompense of doing good to others exceeds all the pleasure that can be derived from selfish enjoyment. Let each member of the C. M B. A. resolve, therefore, that this will really be a glad Christmas for all—the poung and old—the rich and poor! Let the Christmas greeting be not a mere expression from the lips. Let it be accompanied by some to dence that it has a real and a holy meaning, in keeping with the principles of our great Order. And let us pray that when another Christmas comes it will find our Order even still happier, stronger and more numerous and prosperous than we are this year with the blessing of the Divine Child the anniversary of whose lowly but glorious birth we shall celebrate on the 25th of December.

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FAMOUS CELTS.

SOME OF THEM ARE ERRONEOUSLY CLASSED AS BRITONS.

John Bull, says the New York Herald, oves to hug himself into the belief that he is the most superior person on earth. Even for his neighbors and fellow citizens, for Taffy the Welshman, for Saundy the Scotchman and for Paddy the Irish man, he entertains a certain contempt They are not, to be sure, low things like that frog eating Johnny Crapaud or up-starts like that insolent stripling Brother Jonathan, but their comparative merit is due to the elevating influence of his companionship and fellowship. One cannot live near the rose without imbibing some of its fragrance.

John Bull's main differentiation, as he sees it, lies in the fact that he is an Anglo-Saxon with Norman admixture. The Anglo-Saxon, he holds, has finally conquered his conqueror and assimilated him, so that the dominant note in J. B.'s composition is to-day the Anglo-Saxon. On the other hand, all his neighbors are, to a greater or less degree, Celts-greater in the case of the Irish, less in that of the Scotch.

Now John Bull holds that he is first in war and first in all the arts of peace. He swells with pride as he calls over the long bead roll of great names who are the glories of England, and challenges the world to produce their equals. He has not always been allowed to do

all the crowing. · He has been reminded that in various departments of human endeavor the crown has been borne off by his neighbors, that the greatest comic dramatist of Great Britain was Sheridan, an Irishman, who likewise was the greatest of all British orators, save only Burke, an Irishman; that the three greatest lyric poets of Great Britain were

Tom Moore, an out and out Irishman that the greatest novelist of the United Kingdom was Sir Walter Scott, a Scot of Celtic origin; that its greatest and almost its only well known composers were Balfe and Sir Arthur Sullivan, both Irishmen; that such shining lights in drama and in general literature as Oliver Goldsmith and Ben Jonson and Christopher North and John Lockbart and Robert Louis Stevenson were Celts in blood and in feeling.

Nay, he has been reminded that an Irish environment for many generations, if not in each case an actual admixture of Irish blood, has helped to produce Great Britain's greatest soldier in the past, the Duke of Wellington, its greatest soldiers in the present, Roberts and Garnet Wolseley; its greatest satirist, Dean Swift, its greatest humorist, Laur-

That queer old Scotch lawyer, John Clerk, when promoted to the bench by the title of Lord Eldin, said: 'The difference between me and the Lord Chancellor of England"—Lord Eldon—
"is all in my i" Clerk, while at the bar, was not popular with the bench, and not unfrequently a judge would snub him. It was, however, a dangerous pastime, for the lawyer had a biting wit and was quick at retort.

One of the judges, Lord Meadowba k, the second of the name, was the son of Lord Meadowbank, esteemed in his day as a wise judge. Clerk was arguing before the son that the words "also" and 'likewise," used in a conveyance, had different meanings.

"Surely, Mr. Clerk." said the judge, you do not seriously argue that 'also' means anything different from 'likewise!' They mean precisely the same thing, and it matters not which of them is used."

"Not at all, my lord," rejoined Clerk.
"There is all the difference in the world between the two words. Let us take an instance: your worthy father was Lord Meadowbank; your lordship is also Lord Meadowbank; but you are not 'like wise' Lord Meadowbank."

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Primal Elements of Unity -- Harmony Necessary to Strength—History's Tes. timony to the Devotion of the Irish to Bight Principle—Our Present Position-Time for Action Now at Hand.

The desirability of union amongst our people having been admitted, I will now endeavor to lay down what I consider the principles most essential to a proper and efficacious union, the spirit in which this union should be brought about, entered into and perpetuated.

"Union is strength" is an old and accepted idiom. Nathless, all associations or societies of men are not commendable. Men may join together and pledge themselves to the accomplishment of unlawful purposes, conspiracies against the State, against society, or against fellow-men who differ from them on religious or other questions. The P.P.A. comes under this category, and its very existence is a blot on the intelligence of the age.

SECRET ORGANIZATIONS

eannot be endorsed-if for no other reason, because any idea or motive which cannot bear the light of day, which shrinks from the gaze of public inspection, is at least open to suspicion.

As "self-preservation is the first law of nature," the union of a class of the people for the avowed purpose of p eserving rights and principles which they honestly hold dear, without attempting any infringement on the rights of others, is a natural and wise proceeding.

"Live and let live," is a motto whose fairness is unquestionable, and which we may follow in its first precept by tiking every available means to assure our own continued and prosperous existence, and in its last by granting to others the same privilege.

All men in a free country should stand on an equal footing. It rests with us to maintain this equality by strengthening ourselves, that, in the inevitable struggles resulting from the perverted ambitions of men, we may not be crowded out of the social world, pushed off the political platform, unceremoniously relegated to the background. and ultimately remembered as an entity that was but had ceased to be.

With the object in view, therefore, of living and retaining the position in the world, social and political, which our abilities, virtues and antecedents justly entitle us to, systematic union must be established. We must be strong when the enemy assail us, when their forces seek to drive us from prominence into the shadow, from our ancestral demesne into exile and obloquy.

THE PRIME ELEMENTS IN A PERFECT UNION are singleness of purpose These are indispensable if the true object of associating would be attained.

Industrial selfishness and designs of purely personal advancement should not find place amongst the members of a body formed for the accomplishment of a general good, although the formation of a union in the interests of a particular section of the community must result in the personal advancement of individual members of that section.

A whole class of people cannot be raised to a higher plane at once. Some must precede, others follow; but all will benefit by the movement if harmony exists in their ranks and their actions are not influenced by jealousy, but governed by reason, foresight and sincere

It is hopeless for us to aim at perfection in this life, but our attempts at approaching it must not necessarily be

Let the union be consummated by each one resolving to do his honest, un selfish best to make the concentration of Irish-Catholic brains, brawn and ballots as apparent, as powerful and as efficacious as possible.

Jeal susies will arise to disturb the harmony, for jealousy is omnipresenta satanic crime which had its origin in Heaven, which will exist and flourish fewer and smaller the jealousies the and unity in action? more numerous and greater will be the good works of the union.

It is proper and advantageous that friendly rivalry and emulation should be found in every sphere of life. Honest rivalry is healthful to a good cause, for which too much cannot be done; but, when the limit is overstepped and emulation sinks into envy, then rivalry be. comes a misfortune.

No true Catholic who has done his utmost in forwarding what he considers right should be envious of another whose efforts have proven more successful. If wise Providence to the best of our ability, we have the soundest reason for selfcontentment. The man who advances beyond or above his fellows is endowed with greater talents or afforded more propitious opportunities for their exer | Blatter.

cise, but, always remember, he carries correspondingly heavier responsibilities in the eyes of the Almighty.

HARMONY BEING NECESSARY TO STRENGTH IN UNION,

it must be cultivated and encouraged while discord is discountenanced and avoided. I do not mean to say that there should be no differences of opinion free discussion leads to the most satisfactory and logical conclusions -but what I would lay stress upon is that, once a decision is properly arrived at by a qualified majority, the minority should not only withdraw all opposition but should assist in forwarding, by the means decided upon, the object which is in view.

OUR REPRESENTATIVES.

From our midst we are to pick out a future member of Parliament, a judge or an alderman. We must exercise great caution and discretion in the selection; we must choose the man most likely to carry our colors to the front, best fitted to fill the position creditably, not only to himself, but, what is of vastly more importance, who will reflect the greatest credit on us.

The world is justified in judging us by the men we select to represent us before the world.

Tre chosen man, above all, should be he who will show a greater appreciation of his fellow Irish-Catholics the higher he ascends the political ladder himself. who will not seek to climb beyond sight and sympathy, but will use his talents and exercise the influence of his high position to elevate and benefit, and thereby, attempt to repay them who chose him as their representative and champion and opened for him the field of his successes.

With harmony and discreet, welljudged administration,

AN IRISH-CATHOLIC UNION

would be a perpetual power in the land, a factor whose influence in the affairs of the country would be felt and respected.

But, alas! we are told that Irishmen cannot agree. It is openly stated that harmony and unity are incompatible with the Irish temperament. This I most flatly deny.

True, the pages of Ireland's history, like that of all other nations, is sullied with tales of discord and treachery. But show me the country whose annals record so many proofs of undying affection for Motherland, of pure, strong, unswerving patriotism, as are to be found in the records of Erin's glory and the stories of Erin's griefs!

Tell me, are the people who cling with unparalleled persistency and devoti in, through centuries of the cruelest persecu. tion, to the religious belief of their fathers, who knelt in supplication before the one altar, offering the same prayers to the one God; who sacrificed home, country, life-everything that man holds dearest-rather than sever one iota

THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES which bound the nation as one-are these people, I ask, by nature or character, incapable of standing shoulder to shoulder in defence of a just cause?

Most empathically, no!

The spirit of unity which marked the Irish in their darkest hour of sorrow still forms part of our natures to day. We can carry it from out the pale of religion into the arena of social and political strife; and whenever an arm is raised to strike at our nationality, whenever or howsover our political autonomy is threatened or our rights assailed, we can present a hold, solid front to the aggressor and say: "So far and no farther shalt thou go!" We are just, we are generous, but we are not to be trampled under your feet, nor ground in the dust beneath the wheels of your anti-Irish, anti-Catholic Juggernaut!

WE CAN DEMAND OUR PROPER PLACE

in the world, and the prerogatives that appertain to it, not in scattered, discordant voices, but in one grand harmonious chorus, which will resound through the land, and echo and re-echo, gaining power and volume in each new reverberation, until justice is done to us.

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#### CHRISTMAS.

Once more the course of the Church's year brings around the festival of Christmas, with its myriad associations, holy and tender, for the millions of households throughout Christendom. Although to the crowning feast of Easter that of the Nativity is related as promise to fulfilment, hope to fruition, the toils and trials of earth, to the happiness and giory of heaven, it is around Christmas that for ages have clustered the sweetest affections of the home and the gentlest and kindliest sentiments of social life. Very early in the wondrous progress of the world's evangelization did this peculiar character begin to be attached to the anniversary of that matchless Birth. Even before the fearful yet fruitful centuries of persecution had passed away, the solemn joys of Christmastide had begun to cause distaste to the wild and often unseemly revelries of the Roman saturnalia. Two great Fathers, one of the east the other of the west, make referenca to the keeping of the 25th of Dece ember as the memorable day of the :Saviour's birth at Bethlehem. One of these, St. John Chrysostom, condem: s the excesses with which the heathen of his time were wont to celebrate their idolatrous festivals at the same season. To the other, St. Augustine, we owe that grand picture and exposition of Christ's Kingdom on earth which the heathen world was so slow to recognize, and which still, alas! fails to meet with acknowledgment even among some nations that are professedly Christian. Charles the Great having received the imperial crown from Pope Leo III., who thus restored the Roman Empire under new sanctions of peculiar obligation to the faithful, celebrated both Christmas and Easter during every year of his long and glorious reign. Most joyous and memorable were the festivities with which he made Christmas a season of gladsome reunion for the members of his own family and the learned churchmen, statesmen and soldiers that he loved to gather around him.

While the Church has always condemned excess, it has not frowned on innocent pleasure. Some writers trace the usage of making Christmas gifts to the offerings of the Magi, just as Christmas well-wishing is traced to the aspiration of the angels-"in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis." The ringing of carols has equally good author ity, it may be said. In fine, the joy of the season is boundless, bringing a good message to all mankind.

But this well-wishing, and presentgiving and carol-singing and all the other kindly traditional customs of .Christmastide would lose much of their meaning if we did not bethink us of those who most need its solace—the poor, the sick and the sorrowful. To all these Christmas suggests obligations that cannot be ignored without risking the loss of the blessings associated with it. It is not for us, however, to lay down any rule of Christian duty, nor, indeed, do Irish Catholics generally need any stimulation of their benevolent sentiments. The thought occurs to us, however, as in keeping with what went before. For those who have had any experience of life need not be told that of all its pleasures that of causing joy to others or making them for a time forget | future lot in this country. Table 101 In this country.

their pain or grief is the most blessed. We hope all our readers will have their share of that pleasure, and sincerely and cordially wish a Merry Christmas to all the friends of the TRUE WITNESS.

#### EDMUND BURKE.

The expressed intention on the part of Edmund Burke's admirers to celebrate in some fitting way the centennial anniversary of his death, which will be the 8th of July next, recalls to our minds that one of the greatest, some maintain the very greatest, expositors of the rights, liberties and obligations of the British constitution was an Irishman and the son of an Irish Catholic

His father was a member of one of those great Norman or Angle Norman clans of whom it was said that they became more Irish than the Irish themselves. One of his sisters—the only sister of whom history has preserved any record and the only member of his family of whom there are representatives living to day, Mrs. French-remained a Catholic all her life. His mother was a Nagle. He married a Miss Nugent, whose father was a physician at Bath, and who had been brought up in the Catholic faith.

Burke's career falls entirely within the ante-Union period, and, although his services were connected with England. rather than with Ireland, he was always the friend of justice to his native land. and at times he denounced her oppressors with an eloquence rarely surpassed.

With the church of his mother he ever showed a since resympathy and was in favor of relieving his fellow-countrymen of that faith from the monstrous disabilities under which they labored We may perhaps be inclined to give him little credit for such a course and to ask what else he could have done. But of inions that seem so reasonable in our time that we find it hard to imagine any public man opposing them were discountenanced a hundred years ago by many men who pretended to justify their con-

We do not, indeed, claim that Burke did all that he could for his country. His character was complex and so was his patriotism.

All that we ask on his behalf is that he be allowed to rank among those who by their gifts and conduct have reflected honor on the land that bore them. With all his high repute and astonishing successes, Edmund Burke died a miserably disappointed man.

The King was about to raise him to the peerage as Lord Beaconsfield when he lost his eldest son by sudden death. For a time he was inconsolable, and although he recovered from the shock and the grief sufficiently to write some of the most remarkable of his comments on public affairs, his heart was in his son's grave and his ambition was dead beyond

### OUR LAY SUPPORTERS.

In this issue we have taken the liberty of appealing to the Clergy for assistance in a way that they will all find feasible and none of them, we trust, burdensome. But it may happen that in certain instances or circumstances the clergyman may be less favorably situated for obtaining information than some lay supporter of our paper. Or there may be Catholic communities of some extent and importance that have no priest resident amongst them. In such cases our appeal is ad dressed to laymen of good will, and we hope not in vain. A recent writer says that the "history of a nation is only the history of its villages written large. I only marvel that these local historians have not seen more in the stories they have sought to tell. \* \* Local history is less than national history only as the part is less than the whole."

To all our Catholic readers, therefore, in city and country, we confifidently offer our columns for such incidents of local or parochial life as they may deem worthy of preservation for their own sakes or as being, for example or illustration, or simply as news, of more than local interest.

### IRISH CATHOLIC UNITY.

The thoughtful paper on the desirable ness of union amongst the Irish Catholics of this city and this country which we publish this week from the pen of our valued contributor, H. L. O.'N., is worthy of the careful consideration of our readers.

The subject is one, as we have already pointed out, of the greatest importance to us as a factor in civic and national life.

That we are losing ground has been demonstrated recently in these columns. Are we going to be content to remain in this retrogade condition, or are we desirous of putting forth earnest and determined efforts to regain our position? These are for us, the questions of the

Oh the view we take of them, and the action we adopt in their regard, depends

much that is of supreme import to our

### TO THE REVEREND CLERGY.

We are going to propose a plan of collaboration by which our pages will gain in newsiness and in the carrying out of which the reverend clergy can at once help us and benefit their parishes. In every community wherein a Catholic clergyman resides as pastor of a congregation, there are constantly occurring events which, though primarily of local interest, are also very often of greater or less concern to other Catholic communities both in city and country

In the majority of cases the record of such events is lost to the world, like the wars that preceded the siege of Troy, because they lack a chronicler. This may seem a small thing to some persons and from certain points of view. Compared with the utterances and policies and proceedings that attract attention in the great centres of civilization, the sayings and doings of the village or rural districts may be of small importance. But, as incidents in the growth of a community, they may be more or less me-

Local history is a contribution to the history of the nation Its value depends not on the estimate that may be set upon it by contemporaries, but by the place it may fill afterwards in the chain of events that go to the making of the country's annals. Many a great statesman has made his first speech at a little village gathering. A few levelheaded hearers may take note of the signs of promise in the arguments or appeals to some popular sentiment to which he gives expression. Long after | stated that Father McCallen had dewards they may recall the occasion, the nounced the American Press, as if the style and manner of the speaker, then little known, and may more or less accurately remember the impression that he made on their minds.

The historian or biographer may pay them a visit for the express purpose of hearing what they may have been able to preserve of the remembrance, growing year after year more hazy, of the circumstances. Every item of information they can furnish is of value, but to their regret and disappointment they discover that a cruel oblivion has overspread much of what once seemed so fresh and definite and inalienable.

This is a not uncommon experience, as many a hunter of reminiscences in his own mind or that of someone else has sadly come to know. In such a case, how satisfactory it would be if some village elder were able to point back to the columns of THE TRUE WITNESS, and to Father So-and-So's correspondence.

Is there any reason why the Trus WITNESS should not contain a concise spicy, readable account of the hundreds of happenings that occur in the localities-in town or country-where our sacerdotal subscribers are centres of information? To our mind, there is none; but on the other hand, there is ample ground for the belief that such communications would be of very real ser vice to the localities concerned.

The True Witness would carry to every Irish Catholic household whose head is on its list of subscribers a repertory of news sure to be of interest to many, and which, considered as a whole, could not fail to be of considerable historical value. Those who have undertaken to write the annals of some of the older parishes of this Province would have welcomed such data as we bespeak for our columns.

Need we say that we shall be deeply grateful to any of our supporters among the priesthood who will kindly co operate with us in this way. We do not ask much of their valuable time. A quarter of an hour a week would be sufficient on an average to make up such a budget as we solicit. For special events, of course, more time would be necessary, but in such cases the publicity would, we think, compensate for the additional

Once the attempt is made, it will become an easy matter to continue the undertaking from week to week, letting us have the communications on the Saturday preceding the issue in which they are to appear. Now is a good time to start this improvement, and we hope that by this time twelvemonths our kind clerical friends will have an opportunity of joining us in a retrospect that will be mutually satis-

### HON ED, BLAKE AND MR. HEALY,

One of the factionist organs published in the Irish capital, The Nation, of which Mr. Timothy Healy, M.P., is proprietor, is never tired of heaping abuse on that sterling Irish-Canadian patriot, \$50,000 a year. In 1895 it gave \$47,350 the Hon. Edward Blake, M.P. The latest example of its malignant personalities in this respect is its pretended belief that Mr. Blake, being in need of financial aid as a recompense for his prolonged and unsuccessful efforts in behalf of his party, has got his Canadian political friends to suggest that he should be appointed as the Canadian member of the Imperial Privy Council.

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ledge concerning Catholic matters in Home, College Street. \$140 the Dominion; for it gravely tells usthat Archbishop Walsh of Toronto, whom it abuses for his noble efforts to restore unity to the Irish parliamentary party b-originating the idea of holding the great Irish Race Convention, refused to sign the collective mandement of the Canadian episcopate on the Manitoba school question.

As everyone in Canada knows, that collective mandement was issued and signed by the Catholic bishops of the province of Quebec alone, and that, as neither Archbishop Walsh nor any of the other prelates of the other provinces of the Dominion was asked to sign it, his Grace could not have declined to attach his signature thereto.

The insult to Mr. Blake is the more audacious, when it is borne in mind that his heroic devotion to the cause of Home Rule has entailed upon him considerable financial sacrifices, while Mr. Healy and members of his family have made all the money they possess out of their connection with the Irish national cause, drawing, as they did for years, \$10,000 annually between them.

### PRINCIPAL AND INCIDENTAL

Father McCallen, in his instruction on the principles which should guide Catholics in reading the daily newspaper, was not far astray when he said: 'Many people, otherwise intelligent, believe all they see in print." One of our contemporaries, underflaring head lines, American Press had been the subject of his instruction and the object of his denunciation, Being in print, some readers, to our knowledge, believed the assertion. As a matter of fact, as may be seen from the report which we publish elsewhere in this issue, the Rev. Father gave his views on the secular press in general, praising the "clean sheet" and warning his people against receiving into their homes journals which, no matter where published, ridicule tne religion of Catholics or sap the foundation of good morals.

Our contemporary seems to have misprincipal or subject matter of the in-

#### THE SCOTCH-IRISH,

This term is still being used by certain American papers in reference to North of Ireland men who have distinguished themselves in the United States. As we said on a recent occasion, the use of this absurd term to designate the Irishmen to whom it is applied is the outcome either of fanatical wilfulness or blamenever see the terms English-Irish, Welsh-Irish, French-Irish, and Spanish-Irish. used by these anti-Irish writers? Such Freemason. (Laughter). Now, I want an appellation would be, in many cases, to tell you these things in order that you as justifiable as that of Scotch-Irish.

#### HELPING THE POOR AND SUFFERING.

The trite saying, that one half the world does not know how the other half lives, has an especial force at this festal are looking forward, with a sense of comfort, to scenes of cheerfulness and enjoysad experience to regard this holiday occasion as the beginning of a season when they will suffer keenly from want, hunger and cold.

It is the duty of those who can afford to do so to help, each in the measure of his or her ability, to brighten the sad lot of the needy poor.

That this duty is recognized and performed in no niggardly way by a large portion of our citizens individually there can be no question. But that the city in its corporate capacity does likewise is by no means a fact.

In this matter of Christian charity to the poor and the distressed and necessitous of all kinds Montreal is far behind-Toronto. Not counting the small annual allowance to the Notre Dame and the General Hospital, and its contribution towards the maintenance of children committed to the De Montford and Bon Pasteur houses of industry and to the care of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, this city makes no grants in aid of charitable institutions.

Toronto, on the other hand, expends in this laudable way from \$40,000 to to homes, refuges, dispensaries, &c., to say nothing of its regular hospital grants, which are over \$50,000 a year. This year, besides these hospital grants -which compares eloquently with our minion is now very anxious for reciprototal hospital grants of only \$8000— city.

Toronto spent \$40,844 in good works, in What President McKinley should insist on is that Canada should always with us through Eng. Toronto spent \$40,844 in good works, in

Home for Incurables, \$3,000; Infants' Home, \$1,252; Haven for Female Prison-That leading Liberal organ in Canada, ers leaving the Jails, \$1,002; Boys' it says, the Montreal Gazette, urges his Home, \$673; Girls' Home, \$698; Indusappointment to the position. This trial Refuge, \$173; Sunnyside Orphanignorance of The Nation regarding Newsboys' Home, St. Nicholas Institute, Canadian politics and the Canadian, \$500; Home for Aged Women, \$144; press is equalled by its lack of know. Home for Aged Men, \$100; Old Folks ada, we should decline to receive or upwards.

Home for the Aged, \$126; Night Shell for Women, \$200; Shaters of the Go Shepherd, \$800; Ladrent Monteflore Society, \$150; Toronto Hebrew Benevolent Society; \$150; Salvation Army Women's Rescue, \$146: Hospital for Sick Children, Lakeside Convalescent Home in connection therewith, \$5,000; Western Free Dispensary Liability, 1895, \$400; Nursing-at-Home Mission, \$250; Toronto Relief Society, \$1,000: Industrial Rooms Society, \$200; Industrial Rooms Society Liability, 1895, \$200; Prisoners Aid Association, \$600.

The city of Toronto has evidently, to use Goldsmith's happy phrase, learned the luxury of doing good.

#### A BIGOTED CRITIC.

The Boston Republic takes one of the reviewers of the New York Evening Post severely to task because of his habit of sneering at books written by Catholic authors. The language used by our Catholic contemporary is not a whit too strong, for the attitude adopted by the Evening Post reviewer has of late become a favorite one with writers on other American secular dailies, whose anti-Catholic bias is so pronounced that they can see no merit in anything that emanates from a Catholic source. It was high time to enter a protest against auch spiteful bigotry.

#### UNGRATETUL SONS.

That was a well-merited tribute which the Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick paid to the Church of which he is one of the most distinguished sons in this Prov ince, in the course of a speech which he delivered a few evenings ago at the annual banquet of the Toronto Young Liberals. Referring to the subject of education, he said:-"In so far as the Province of Quebec

is concerned, higher education is entirely

under the control of the Roman Catholic clergy, and I must tell you that it is entirely maintained at their expense. because in so far as our Province is concerned, the State does not contribute one farthing to higher education. Our college, of which we are so proud Laval University, is maintained en-tirely at the cost of the Catholic clergy of Quebec; further, our classical col-leges, which are on a level which makes them equal with any classical colleges taken an incidental illustration for the to be found in the Dominion of Canada -let me say this, in addition, that in these colleges the professors are almost without exception Roman Catholic clergymen giving an education and receiv ing the magnificent salary of \$100 s year. There is the Quebec Seminary, a classical college of the very highest standard, where a boy receives a good education and board, and in exchange pays \$100 a year, so that practically it s gratuitous. In the University of Laval, when I entered it twenty years ago, the dean of the faculty was a Protestant, and the majority of the professors in medicine were Protestants. The professor of criminal law, whom I succeeded, was a Protestant, whom the Roman Catholic worthy ignorance. How is it that we priests had taken to the old country to study criminal law, and who died in Laval as professor of criminal law, and, worse than being Protestant, he was a may understand the conditions existing in Quebec, and that perhaps we are not so retrogressive as it is sometimes sup-

And yet, in the same spirit, Mr. Fitspatrick, amid the hearty applause of his Protestant auditors, and speaking, as he took care to assert, from a Catholic standpoint, expressed himself as unwilling that the Church should carry out its time, when one class of our population desire to do for the primary schools attended by Catholic boys and girls in Manitoba what she does, not only for ment, and another class are forced by the primary schools, but for the classical colleges and universities in this Province.

> Of the statement, whether honestly made or otherwise, that the cause of liberty of conscience is endangered where the Church gets control of the education of the pepole—a statement which Mr. Fitzpatrick's political friends are fond of making-the quotation which we have given is a remarkable refutation. A Church which deals so generously with a Protestant and Masonic professor has proved itself to be the friend and not the foe of freedom of conscience.

### **CANADIAN RELATIONS WITH THE** UNITED STATES.

Some of our American Catholic contemporaries are evincing great interest in the subject of the diplomatic relations of Canada with it- republican neighbor, and they deal with the topic in a candid practical, and common-sense spirit which eannot fail to be appreciated in this country. This is what "W. M. C." says in an article in the Irish World of New York, entitled "Our Relations with Canada":

One of the most important duties of the incoming Administration is to revise the relations of the United States with Canada. It appears that the Do-

communicate with us through England's diplomatic agents, or should always negotiate with us directly There should be no longer a technical obstacle to the representation of the President at Ottawa, and to the representation of the Governor-General at Washington.

Until England concedes this commonsense change in our relations with Cancapacity as other than surreptitions while the visitors could have no other haracter than mere lobbyists. The utility of direct communication

between Washington and Ottawa is obvious, and in times of stress it might become indispensable. Why not establish it at once, and give up the present ridiculous system? There is such a close propinquity of the two countries, such a close community of blood, language and sentiment, such a similarity of institutions, such a sentiment of common Americanism, and such a similarity of material interests between the people of Canada and the people of the United States that the time has come when Canada should take another step toward nationhood, and assert her right to regulate her American affairs independently, just as she manages ber internal affairs independently. And this is an excellent time for the President to take up the subject, and impress on England that there is a chance to prove her great love for the United States and her perfect faith in the common blood, common language, common Anglo-Saxonism of the two great nations.

## TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We desire to call the attention of our readers to the advertisements which appear in our columns. By making their Christmas and New Year's purchases at the stores which advertise with us, and by mentioning the fact that they had read the advertisements in the TRUE WITNESS, our readers will confer a great favor upon us.

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Another very seasonable gift which we would appreciate very much would be the receipt of new subscriptions and the payment of arrears.

REV. DR. CONATY was tendered a banquet yesterday atternoon, at which a large number of leading educationalists assisted. As we go to press we learn that Dr. Conaty will be made the recipient of honors at the Laval University at Quebec this afternoon.

#### PROF. BRENNAN HONORED.

Prof. William Brennan, Director of St. Mary's Boys' Academy, was pleasantly surprised on Monday last, when the pupils of the school presented him with an elegant portrait of himselt and a bouquet of most beautiful flowers. Prof. Brennan thanked the children for their thoughtfulness and assured them he would ever continue to manifest a deep interest in their welfare.

CATHOLIC PROTECTIVE HOME.

REMEMBER THE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Miss A. Brennan, of the Catholic Protective and Rescue Home, No. 11 St. Thomas street, writes to say that she has still in the Home ten small boys and two small girls without either parents or friends on this side of the ocean to think of them this happy Christmas hat it of kindness to remember the little ones and send something to make their Christmas a bright and happy one.

DEATH OF THOMAS KEOUGH.

The death of Mr. Thomas Keouzh at his residence 483 Wellington street. Point St. Charles, removes a popular clerk from the G.T.R. audit office. Mr. Keough was an employee of the Grand Trunk for some eight or ten years. The deceased was tenor soloist in St. Ann's Church and was also a member of St. Ann's Young Men's Society.

He was deservedly esteemed in the ranks of young Irish Canadians for his splendid energy and kindly ways. Prior to the appearance of the fell disease which ultimately caused his death, he was untiring in his endeavors to give that noble example of true citizenship among his young companions, which not only reflected credit upon the land of his birth, but also did honor to the race from which he sprung.

### CONDOLENCE.

At a meeting of Branch 9, C.M.B. A., held on Wednesday evening, 9th December, the following resolution of condolence was passed:

Whereas: It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our beloved Grand President, Bro. Patrick O'Rielly,

Resolved,-That the heartfelt sympathy of this branch be extended to his widow and children in their sad afflic-

Resolved,—That copies of this resolu-tion be sent to Mrs. P. O'Rielly, and be published in the True WITNESS.

### A WHOLE FAMILY BURNED.

Aaron Goldsmith, a wine importer, and his entire family, in all five persons, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the interior of their home, at 514 East Fifty-eighth street, New York, on Sunday evening. Their nursemaid, Mary Roska, escaped from the house by jump ing, and was only slightly hurt.

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

Those who contemplate the purchase of a Piano should see the assortment received at the warerooms of C. W. Lind. say, 2366 St. Catherine street, for the holiday trade. It embraces the various and newest styles manufactured by Chickering & Sons. Boston ; Heintzman & Co., Toronto, and O. Newcombe & Co., Toronto.

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And Its Attitude Towards the Church.

Three Classes of Newspapers and Their Effects The Duty of Criholics Defined is a Concise and Practical Manner-A Plea for "The True Witness"-It Should Have the Hearty Support and Co-operation of Every English-Speak. ing Catholic in the District.

On last Sunday week, at the 8 a.m. Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Father McCallen gave a timely and interesting instruction on the general principles which should guide Catholics in the perusal of the daily newspaper. He had no intention, he said, of denouncing the daily press. It could be made, and generally was made, the vehicle for conveying much useful information to thousands of readers. It could be made and generally was made an engine of good by its denunciation of evil. Too many otherwise intelligent men and women, and the mass of those who were not intelligent, seen ed to believe everything they saw in print, no matter how abourd or how improbable the story might be. When it was questi n of news from Rome, especially in what concerned the Holy Father, his health, his nomination to important places, the subject matter of his encyclicals, his relations with the hierarchy, etc., the secular press went so often astray in its guesses, which it usually gave out as facts, that, to begin by disbelieving its reports and awaiting further informa tion on the subject, seemed to be the only prudent line of conduct to follow. The secular press was manifold in

character. There were journals whose sole object seemed to be the vilification of everything Catholic and of everything Irish, because Irish and Catholic, to many of them, were considered synonomous. Such papers should never be admitted into Catholic homes. No man admits to his fireside an enemy who delights in insulting the members of his family.

There were, secondly, journals which, by their context, sometimes, and oftener sup the foundations of morality, especially in the young mind, whose innocence might have never been lost but for which, though aweet to the taste, is more careful should parents be to keep out the poison of immoral literature, whether in a daily or weekly journal or monthly magazine.

There was thirdly, the sensational newspaper, which invaded the privacy of the home, the holiness of the sinc tuary, and the honor of womanhood to cut before the public eye facts containing a grain of truth, but so colored and distorted as to prove lying calumnies. And it was not to the honor of our daily press that these sensations should be copied so extensively in their columns. They soiled otherwise clean sheets. The Rev. Father gave some illustrations taken from recent events. To believe the sensational newspaper the two were tearing each other's throats. Cardinal Satolli was hastening to Rome to denounce Archbishop Ireland. Bishop Kesne and the gentle Cardinal of Baltimore were made to figure in the story. And as it was the Catholic Church which was the subject of the sensational item, we, according to our custom, waited.
And lo! and behold! Cardinal Satolli reaches Rome, and immediately after his sudience with the Holy Fathersite down and writes a most affectionate letter to Archbishp Ireland, and tells of the bright future which is in store for Bishop

The proprietor of the sensational newspaper is in the market not to do good or prevent evil but to make money. He knows how gullible the public are, how fond of sensation, and he serves his daily money for a few years, and then he goes just one step too far in his love of the sensational, and the public, falling back on their better sense, abandon him, and he and his paper collapse. In the Catholic Church there are numberless questions on which there may be a diversity In matters of revealed truth, of dogma and morality, we don't want to think for ourselves. We listen to what God teaches though His Church and we willingly accept its infallible teaching. But there are other questions beside dogma and morality, and the very existence of this diversity of opinion among churchmen proves their liberty of thought. There are, finally, clean newspapers,

whose editors seem to have the gift of offering daily a repast at which all decent men and women may sit down without fear of nauseousness caused by any of the items on the bill of farenewspapers which the father of a family can read aloud and leave on the table to be read without first applying the scisora to cut out the objectionable features. In conclusion, Father McCallen urged his hearers to rally to the support of the tholic paper, their sole defender when tacked either in their religion or their ace. It was a shame to find on the ables of so many Catholic homes files newspapers and scoular magazines Paking Catholic population of Monte Paking Catholic population of Mont lishment. Industrial support The True Witness Let dyes."



#### Could Not Walk.

JEFFERSONVILLE, IND., Sept. 1893. I couldn't walk, was perfectly he'pless, had to be moved in a chair, and the doctors said I was incurable, as they had tried everything without axal. After taking only a few doses of Pastor Koenig's Nerre Tonic I seemed much better. After taking seven bottles the doctors were very much surprised over my improvement and advised me to continue to take the Tonic. It is six months now since I had the last cylieptic fit.

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#### IRISH PARTY UNION.

find from a single Irish Nationalist member any obstruction, any difficulty in the way, any objection, such a man suggests that which is futile and absurd. We shall be only too happy to welcome such proposals, only too happy to ease their passage through the House of Commons if we find that they are adequate and sound remedies. And if they be not, if they be inadequate and imperfect, as a good many proposals from these benches have been in the past,

IT WILL BE OUR DUTY

to endeavor to amplify, to enlarge and amend them, and make them suitable to the occasion. What more evidence is there of unanimity of feeling among Irish Nationalists? Men say they are prepared to come on the same platform and shake hands, metaphorically speaking, by their illustrations, were calculated to | in the promotion of several questionsfor example, amnesty. They will join hands upon the question of amnesty. Why? Because it is important in their the appeals to passion made by the judgment that amnesty should be obnudities of journals and magazines that | tained, and they believe that union is seem to have for object the scandal of necessary in order to obtain it. I find a the pure-minded. A parent never takes statement only the other day, from anhimself or hands to his children a poison | other quarter, from another prominent gentleman, that he was willing to join fatal to health of body. How much hands with anybody in order that the people might be united on the education question. As far as I know the people are not divided upon the education question, and the importance of union in order to carry weight with the British Parliament upon that question is acknowledged I want to know what difference there is with reference to the importance and the necessity and the pracability of union on the question amnesty and on all other questions; and I want to know whether it would not be much easier, instead of more difficult, to shake hands for everything and to agree upon everything than to keep up a wall of division about something about which we do agree, and to shake hands upon some other things about which we also schools of thought, liberal and conservation the speech of a gentleman, which agree? I saw the other day a statement was reiterated in almost the same words on the same day in the speech of another prominent gentleman, both of them Irish Nationalists. They both referred to the fact that it was quite useless to be discussing the differences of five or six y ars ago; that they were not concerned with five or six years ago or with five or six years hence, but that they were con cerned with the present; and the recommendation from both these different quarters was that

WE SHOULD UNITE IN THE PRESENT.

I agree with that, and I think you agree with it. The desire is that we should unite, but unite not for any single purpose, but for all those parposes upon which we agree, and in respect to each one of which our union is essential to success. The lesson has been repasts accordingly. He does make taught us by bitter experience. We have seen the change in the attitude and tone of both parties towards us; we have seen the change in the attitude and tone of our own people here; we have seen the change in the attitude and tone of friends and sympathizers not of our race abroad: we have seen the change in the of opinion. And this fact at once does attitude and tone of Irishmen abroad. away with the oft repeated calumny that All these are warnings and lessons to us. Catholics cannot think for themselves. They teach us one thing—the importance of a united Irish Party.

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The sentiments expressed in the letters are noble and inspiring, and reflect great credit upon their writers.

The composition referred to by Miss Lillie Cox will be published next week. The suggestion contained in the last

came too late. Aunt Nora wants to know what is the matter with the boys, as she has not received any letters from them.

WORDS OF APPROVAL.

To the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS:

DEAR EDITOR,—It is with very great pleasure I have learned of the intention of the True Witness to open a column in which will be voiced the ideas and sentiments of the junior readers of this valuable chronicle. This is what I consider a wise step of the directors and co workers, for attention to the smaller things of life brings about in time the accomplishment of great things, so a means that will afford pleasure and benefit to the young will, I think, be a means of a wider circulation of the True WITNESS. Parents will be anxious to read the literary productions of their children, and they will thereby purchase a paper, then lend it to their friends to read, and those friends (tired of borrowing) and also the parents, will become subscribers.

And reading the beautiful, elevatang and useful knowledge therein contained, will at length have the necessity of upholding and supporting in face of difficulties this valuable organ.

Parents do not always realize how important a duty it is to purchase good reading matter for the home circle and to infuse therein a love for such reading. If they see their children poring quietly oversome book, paper or magazine, they congratulate themselves on the fact that they are safe in the house, away from the contaminating influence of the street. They should not always feel so unquestionably safe. They should carefully examine those books, magazines or They may contain a poison a dangerous as any they could get on the lowest streets in the city. This is often true, even of many of our ordinary daily papers, which are-because of their details of crime, the police court records and the low, sensational news which they publish—unfit for the reading of respectable adults, and much more so for young innocent minds.

This is indeed a crying evil—an evil that parents cannot guard against too carefully. It is the parent's or guardian's duty, the duty of those who have their soul's good at heart, to give to the young all the knowledge of evil that may be considered a necessary safeguard for them; but they should not be allowed to pick it up rom books and papers in such a way that it will be a deadly poison rather than a wise preventive.

In carefully bringing home such pure precepts as are contained in many Catholic papers, among the number predominantly standing the TRUE WITNESS, we may confidently hope that tid surely have the little ones in His keeping; that they will rise up around as beacon lights for their parents' care; and that they will become an ornament and a credit to their race, their country and their religion.

Success, then, dear Editor, on your enterprise. With eagerness I shall ever greet the welcome day, Thursday, that brings the TRUE WITNESS to my home. Your sincere well-wisher.

KATIE CLARK. Montreal, December 14, 1896.

To the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS:

DEAR SIR,-On hearing of your intention to open a "Coildren's Department" in your paper, I have decided to inform you of my desire to contribute to it, as it is the wish of our devoted Pastor, Rev. Father O'Donnell.

When you open a contest on a given subject, inform me, and I will certainly try to send you a contribution which I will do my best to make interesting.

To-day my composition is on Mary's Lily. I enclose it to you, and if you find it worth publishing you are at liberty to do so.

Wishing success to the "Children's Corner," I remain, yours respectfully, LILLIE COX,

Pupil of the Second Senior Class in the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

To the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS:

DEAR SIR,-I heard you intend giving space and soliciting from the pupils of the different schools, compositions or essays to publish in the "Children's Corner" of your paper.

I am a subscriber to the TRUE WITNESS and always read it with pleasure, as it contains so much valuable information on Catholic subjects.

I suppose you would like to know something about your correspondent. I am a pupil of the 2nd senior class in the I toy stores of your neighborhood for these;

[Ail letters and other matter intended for pub- || academy of Our Lady of Good Coursel, or I should say "Daisy Class," as our kind pastor, Rev. Father O'Donnell, who is the principal director of our Academy, and our devoted teachers, the Sisters of the Congregation de Notre Dame, always eall the pupils in our room—because we publish in manuscript form a little paper called The Daisy. This name was given to our paper by our pastor, and although many find it rather cold for daisies to be out this season and have hinted that we should change our name, we are deaf to all suggestions on this subj ct and still cling to our first love.
You need not be afraid of a rival in The Daisy, for it is only a humble little

flower, "born to bloom unseen and shed its fragrance only within the Convent bowers.

My letter is already long, and as I am afraid of monopolizing too much of your valuable time I will, if you wish, tell you another time more about our much-loved academy. I will also try to write an essay for your contest when it opens; I want to give my kind pastor a oleasant surprise; he likes nothing better than to see us ambitious to advance in our studies.

If agree ble to you, I wish you would call the gentleman in charge of the Children's Corner "Uncle Francis," for paragraph of Miss Agnes O'Hara's letter if you do I know my companions will all try to send something nice to him, as that is the name of our devoted paster, and we have also chosen St. Francis as the patron of our division in class.

AGNES O'HARA. Montreal, December 15, 1896.

#### THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS.

Let the children have all the pleasures the sesson brings; it is their festival. The lesson of the wonderful birth in Bethlehem is the most beautiful in Christian education, and the most lasting in its influence. Everything that tends to deepen the impression of joy and love and good will helps to mould the young hearts and childish souls into a truer model of the Christ-Child.

Therefore let the children have their ministure cribs, their Christmas stockings, and their Christmas trees. Do not plead poverty as an excuse. Love will provide the wherewithal. Give the little ones color, glitter, and light, and price will never trouble them. The darlings of the tenement will rejoice and be glad over their cheap treasures, as will the pets of wealth with their electric tree dazzling in fairy effects.

#### GUARDING THE TONGUE.

If each of us, as we pass through life, Would bridle and curb the tongue, And speak of only the pleasant things To be said of every one, What a wonderful difference there would

Between this world of ours And the paradise it would become With all pathways strewn with

How surely a little reflection Will show us as plain as the day, The mistakes we made when we hastily Allowed our tongue full sway. When the day is done and we think it

o'er, Ah me! that it should be true, There are few of us who can honestly 58 y There is nothing we would undo.

Too often the faults we clearly see In others are faults of our own, And those who dwell in houses of glass Should be wary in casting a stone. So, have charity, much charity,

The loveliest virtue of all. And look to the member unruly, For it's prone to slip and fall.

-Z. Y. X., in the Lapeer Monitor.

## THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Electric trees call for lavish expenditure, and grow only for the rich. It is easy to spend \$100 on the electricity alone, if it has to be brought into the house for this single service, and even if the residence is already wire-strung the tree bulbs will cost a dollar each. As a big tree takes anywhere from thirty to fifty to be sufficiently dazzling, the least expensive arrangement is by no means

when it comes to the ornaments, the purse again is the only limitation. The shops are full of the most tempting Christmas tree fruit, strings of gold and silver balls, tinkling bells, separate balls of all sizes in brilliant colors, frosted with silver or plain, beautiful snow and crystal effects, showers of tinsel in stars and sprays, and much more. It is easy to spend \$25 and not overload a goodsized tree, and for those who can afford it the expenditure is not unwise, as such a gorgeous and elaborate blooming lasts till Twelfth night at least, and is a pleasure to more than the first company of spectators.

A tree, though, which will delight less exacting children—and the world is full, fortunately, of able little know-nothings, who still take color for price and little for much—can be produced for a very small sum. Thirty-five cents will buy a fair sized tree, 15 more will get ite standard, unless the tree is a yearly happen-ing, in which case it will pay to buy one of the strong iron clamps whose service is lasting. A few pounds of pop-corn shelled, papped, and strung, is a good decorative start; the children may be set stringing it to-morrow, to while away the long hours of waiting A quart of cranberries may be strung, too, their bright red with the white of the corn and the green of the tree being effective. Candles, of course, must be provided in abundance, a row on every bough, but as the smaller size comes at 10 cents a box of three dozen, a little money will do much lighting. A few of the pretty glass and tinsel orna-ments must be got, and it is a sug-gestion to patronize the small candy and

they will be found cheaper and tess liable to be broken in the transit to the house. Gay little paper lanterns, ball-shaped and the size of a toy balcon, cost only 8 cents each, and a half-dozen add much to the effect. Balls of cotton sprinkled with dismend dust add greatly and are quickly and cheaply made at home. A 5-cent coil of fine picture wire, a roll of cotton wadding-not the sheet kind-and a box of diamond powder, will make more snowballs than can be used.

If your children are kindergartners, they will prove valuable allies in the tree trimming. The little six-year-old, even, will know how to make, with wonderful swiftness and accuracy, chains of red, pink, yellow, and blue paper, at each end of which she will hang a lantern of silver or gold, also made of the paper. The pinwheel squares, sold at a rearry for twenty of them of the little. penny for twenty of them at the little neighborhood stores, are what is needed. If you have gathered any pine cones, these gilded with gold paint, and sprinkled with bronze or diamond powder, will be another decorative touch. Finally, cornucopias and candy canes, with a few of the lightest gifts, will acceptably finish the tree, and its enjoy ment by the juveniles is a foregone conclusion.

The best holiday greens for house decoration are holy and ground pine. These last well. Never use flat cedar, as it begins to fall immediately.—Donahoe's Magazine.

Indulges in a Little Reverte of Beffec tions on Christmantide.

Let him smoke in the corne; In peace if you can Though the fumes of tobacco may choke; For there's no one can tell like a lonely

How much comfort there is in a smoke.

I don't know just exactly who wrote the lines quoted above, but I do know that whoever he was he was largely impregnated with what might be called the sixth or the seventh sense. He was full of human feeling. He evidently had trodden in the paths that go to make up life in a "devious way. Some people might have called him a student of human nature. That might be true, but I have always found those students somewhat vivisectionary and too scientific to have any heart "feeling." The author of the lines must have suffered in much the same way as I have. At all events he has put into a few words a something which has been the active principle of several of my meditations for years past.

Few people, thank God, are forced to realize just what "a lonely old man" means. No consoling face of wife or mother; no heart ties to make one feel better or do better; no children making a mark for themselves in a peculiar world and leaving behind them no "footprints in the sands of time;", no babbling grand children to clutch one's knee or fall over one's slippers. No anything but the knowledge that all

lonely for many years, an Ishmaelite without reason, although I have run, danced and sung in nearly all the things which society dubs fashionable. I have become used to the life, however, and only a couple of times during the year does my isolation have any ill effects on me. These times are my birthday and the Christmas season. My birth day is of no value to anybody else. Nobody lives who knows the date of it. Tears dropped formed the only tombstone over a saintly mother's grave, and a trench under the brow of a beetling crag, nameless but not forgotten, tells me where my father was laid; a shower of grape and shot had made me an orphan. And that was on my birth-day, and I am the last of the race.

Do you wonder I am lonely? And then, at Christmas time, I am subject to fits of melancholy when I am alone. In company I can be quite jolly, and I buy a few cheap Christmas presents for any little ones who may happen to cultivate my acquaintance.

The trifles please the little ones and in their own way they think I am a very nice man; if they were older and I did the same thing I would probably be called a philanthropist. I doubt much if they would be so well pleased with me if they knew I was merely actuated by the most selfish motive of giving pleasure to myself. In the long, long ago, I used to like Christmas; I used to count the days for weeks beforehand. I was selfish even then, for I knew presents were coming to me. It is many years since they have come to me now; and I am selfish yet because I love to see the little young ones delighted with what gee-gaws they have got; and their delight delights me for the pleasure and the pains of the old remembrances.

I am in a peculiar business, the duties of which frequently keep me out late at night, and last Christmas Eve I went home somewhat tired and considerably out of sorts, for everything had not gone just right. I had stopped at the last of my little friends' houses, and added some hing to the contribution that goes to fill Lilliputian stockings, and then I sat down in my own cheerless room, filled a pipe, and thought of

" What comfort there is in a smoke." There was a grate in the room, but no fire; no vule logs crackled a cheering chorus to me, no cricket chirped on the hearth; I had nothing but my pipe,

and it gave me solace.

JAMES R.

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In no part of the globe is the festival of Christmas looked forward to with more eager expectation than in Ireland. For the weeks previous preparations are good will to relatives in all parts of the

of a family reunion. There is and there can be no day of a degree of importance worthy to be named with Christmas. It is a day not only honored with the joy of mortals, but with the song of angels, and the minstrelsy of celestial hosts. In Ireland people forget their worldly cares and make it a day of general rejoicing and thankegiving.

CHRISTMAS IN IRELAND.

The ancient pagan festivals of Sammin and Baal were celebrated about this time by the Irish Druids, and we find that the decoration of houses with evergreens, holly, ivy and mistletoe is still continued in the Christian festival.

as is also the pagan custom of giving presents to friends and relatives. In the large cities the postmen, letter carriers and expressmen have a busy time in the delivery of presents or cards, while the shops and stores are bustling with business. But to understand the meaning of a genuine Irish Christmas, you must visit an Irish country house. dere a prosperous farmer will have all his humbler friends and neighbours spend the Christmas" with him, and a more cheerful sight than an Irish farm house on Christmas eve can hardly be imagined. The Yule log blazes on the great open hearth of the kitchen, while the younger folks make merry with the usual Christmas games.

At midnight all attend the midnight Mass which is celebrated in most of the churches of Ireland, and it is most edifying to see how anxious all are to take the earliest opportunity to pay homage to the infant Saviour.

must in the end be the same, with the consciousness burning into one's soul that the whole thing might have been different had one so wished, and now the penalty is being paid—and the price of nenalty is very dear.

All this individual are pretty sure to tentions to antiquity are pr pearance except for some benevolent purpose.

He is usually a bland, courteous old entleman and must not be confounded with the vicious holgoblin who c estes such terror at the German Christmis festivities.

The day is observed not only in a joyous manner, but also in a holy spirit. At the present period the Irish have beautiful churches which are tastefully decorated for the occasion. Comfortable and bright they look on a Christmas morning as the priest intones "Gloria in Excelsis Deo." But the same pure spirit of de-votion and gratitude, for their salvation existed when they had to worship the new-born king in the mountain caves, with the hard rock for an altar and the area of heaven for a canopy. On Christmas day the Irish peasant, no maiter how humble his lot, has always a sent at his table and a hearty welcome for the homeless wayfarer. He never forgets that the King of Kings was laid in an humble manger because there was no room for him in the inn at Bethlehem, and he is delighted to have an opportunity of showing his less fortunate neighbors that he fully understands the meaning of the words, "Peace on earth to men of good will." Christmas day brings him happiness, because it brings him salvation. God pity those to whom that feast means nothing but the reception of earthly gifts, and soften the human hearts who do not realize the love of Christmas day.

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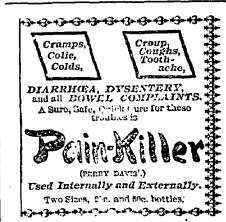
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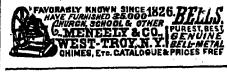


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BY JAMES NOBLE.

of a young girl who, about twomey years ago, gave a name to the spot. From the information we gleaned from him, the information we greated inquiries, we are added to subsequent inquiries, we are to her husband, on the following morning, "I wish you would come into our child's room; it is near ten of the clock

in every respect, resolved to marry her; reproaches of her conscience! and her father had already contem-Rachel neither smiled nor flowned upon the youth; if she had done either, there birdeens," said the urchin, "fly far, but might have been hopes that his suit would prosper; but of all things indiffer Rachel had not forgotten. She did not Rachel neither smiled nor frowned upon he did not heed it. How Rachel became James was known to be a fierce and restin the neighborhood, he was the most frequently spoken of in terms of strong disapprobation by the Bobenezers and

amongst our own people."

"Nothing," Adam would answer, "but that James Hennesey grows worse than ever; he told a magistrate o his own people he lied!"
"Oh! to a burgomaster!" exclaimed

were out of the country," said Adam; footsteps unaccustomed to the rocky "he turns the heads of the men and the passes were approaching.

hearts of the women." "I do not see What this is to thee."

answered the dame, "as long as thy own head is steady, and this maiden's heart

Rachel looked one way, and Adam another, but neither seemed pleased.

tion which, to do him justice, he really

darlint of my heart, my own cushla machree! it would be as much as my life is worth. I deren't do it, by night or day," he continued; ' the storm may blow over, say they do, forgetting what they rive and wrack in their passing, and if it does, why, Rachel, I'll ask you boldly forced a word or two from her clammy from your father, and if he refuse we lips.

The same is a second state of the leave he will not give; if its and here!" muttered Hennesey, if its and here!" muttered Hennesey, if its and here!" muttered Hennesey, if its and here!"

longer walk abroad with impunity; he strong-armed men.
was a marked man among the marked, "Father, I am here," she cried but

her union with James, when he was made aware (according to her belief) the youth was maligned and persecuted. She had often implored him to tell the truth to the Palating but Lames known. to the Palatine; but James knew Several months had elapsed after this better than the unsophisticated girl, the occurrence; the old Palatine's garden horror that such a manufacture of the trees were

FROM THE "HIBERNIAN MONTHLY." NOBLE ASH TREE grows in the his own influence over the affectionate center of the ruin of Castle Connell beneath which we took our nell beneath which we took our seas, upon a moss grown relic of the one so pure and so devoted. After many your and little conditions seats, upon a moss grown renc of the olden time, and listened eagerly to the olden time, and listened eagerly to the stories of our most pleasant guide. Now, however, he had changed his theme—however, he had changed his theme—and although still loath to "discorse" of and although still loath to "discorse" of the daring men who, it is notorious, the daring men who, it is not the daring men who is not the daring men who is not the daring men who is not the dari the daring the vaults and caves of obliged to leave the country altogether; years ago, made the values and caves of or, if his former errors were overlooked or forgotten, he swore to the weeping Carrig-o tunners and to allude to them, girl that he would enter upon a new life, meeting, no water upon a new life, and become anything, everything, she of a young girl who, about twenty years desired. With men like James Hen-"I wish, Jacob," said Rachel's mother

and she is still sleeping. I did not like to awake her, but she is so disturbed a development of the strength and durathat I cannot bear to look on her. She bility of female affection—proof of reckislity of bility of lemate anection productions are less daring on the one hand, and of pure less daring on the other. Old Jacob devotedness on the other. Old Jacob Bobenezer had commenced with that Bobenezer had commenced with that lighter step than was his wont to rigid discipline towards his daughter the door, through which his worthy wife Rachel which he imagined would fortify had passed; she pointed to their child Rachel which he imagined would lorthly while the old man lingered on the thresh-her against all the Irish Whiteboys that while the old man lingered on the thresh-ever galloped beneath the moonlight; old, gazing with a troubled countenever galloped beneath the incomingnt, and, gasting with a troubled counten-and, moreover, every Sabbath day he in-ance upon his fair daughter. Leave ther alone," said the confiding father, whose soher manners, discreet conduct, leave her alone; even now her head has and great worldly-mindedness, he exceed-fallen from the pillow upon the bible and great worldly individual that was half-placed beneath it—the ingly rejoiced Adam Sources, and child tarried too long at her prayers." being told by his father that If Rachel could but have heard the Rachel would be a fitting bride for him words, how bitter would have been the

The next Sabbath brought her comand her father had already contents plated the fast-growing crops, the plentiful increase, the well-fed kine of the Switzers, as if they had already been added to his stock.

It is bacoatt orought her components of the components of the monplace lover, and even he observed that "the maid Rachel seemed disturbed." She had received in the morning from the hand of a mountain-boy a feather from a wild hird's wing. "Sich feather from a wild bird's wing-"Sich

ence is the most fatal to love. Young however, meditate a far flight for she dam did not know this—or, if he did, cloak of their Irish serving girl; and enacquainted with James Hennesey is not upon record; they never frequented the same places of worship or amusement. which lay between her dwelling and the Rock of the Candle. She was a fearless less fellow, full of those wild notions of girl, and yet many things contributed liberty which eventually render a man that night to make her shudder despite either a hero or a slave; he was of a her confiding love. She knew she was good but sinking family, handsome, and doing wrong, and as she flew past the better e lucated than most young men of better e lucated than most young men of bis time and station. Of all the youths with a peculiar or fearful interest, she paused and trembled, every now and then; the ruins of the magnificent rock loomed in the distance, and frowned in mysterious grandeur over the moonlit meadows. At last, panting and breath-"Any news to-day, good Adam?" the wife would inquire: "for truly Jacob grows so deaf that he hears but little, stood with her hands clasped over her and Rachel and I never visit but panting bosom beneath its shadow; he breeze sighing through the leaves, the rabbit as it cropped the clover, the beating of the bat's wing upon the air, the heavy whir of the broad-faced owl— even the half-murm-ured bleat of a kid, as it nestled more closely to its mother's side, increased her fears; nor was it

In an instant, before she had time to remonstrate, or even ask why or how, James had lifted her in his arms and passed with her into the depths of one of the caves known only to the disaffected. It was the action of an instant; and the girl brought up with so That very night, beneath the waning beams of a harvest moon, the Palatine girl was weeping upon the shoulder of Whiteboys in the midst of twelve or James Hennesey—weeping as if her heart would break—weeping, not loudly, for her grief was heavy hearted, so that its demonstration could hardly make nearly suffocated by the smell of the arway. She had met him that night, and dent spirits that stimulated them to so much before, in her own bower, over the trellis of which the aged hands of torch, shaded as it was, was sufficient to her father had trained woodbine and show her the glitter of pikes and the roses, that she might sew, and spin and more horrid expression of fiend like fragrant air—there she had frequently even this light was extinguished, and met her lover, and listened to the deep James murmured she "was safe," for and passionate declarations of an affect she was with him. Rude and harsh words were exchanged in whispers which the firm authority of Hennesey sup-"I daren't come again into the valley, | pressed Rachel heard the heavy tramp of a strong man near her; it was the tread but of one man-yet what child does not recognize a parent's footstep? A horrid conviction that her father had as storms have done before, or as people | tracked her flight came upon her; for a

the storm does not pass, why then, ma-vourneen, I must leave the country, if it be he. Rachel, his life will answer "And I with you—I with you," said we be discovered." Still, though fainting, Rachel, suddenly changing from a calm, she clung feebly to her lover; the footcold, patient girl to the wildly enthusi-astic and devoted woman. "I will haver leave you, James; the greater the

shame, the harder the fate, but the more far above where she lay.

tally will I cleave to you."

"Rachel!—my child!—Rachel!" She James Hennesey was indeed, as the country people express it, "on his keeping" his connection with Whiteboyism had become notorious and he could no longer walk shroad with impurity. Be

for he was well known to possess the ber tones were weak—a pause—and then bardy daring and the rude but powerful came a distant rush, and blows, despereloquence that enters at once into and ste and determined. "They won't fire if
they can help it," said one fellow to anRecord of the rush hearts. Rachel clung to the hope that brighter other, in the same suppressed tone. She times would come. She could not com-bry head why her father would oppose lost all consciousness, nor did she revive

horror that such a man as Jacob must bore a neglected aspect; the trees were leel at the idea of his child being the untrimmed, the path overgrown with wife of a processing process of the control of th wife of a proscribed outlaw—for so in weeds; a light gleamed without its tality he was. He therefore trusted to walls, for the night was dark; and



through one or two apertures in the window the glimmer of a candle flickered over the fl wer-bed that had been Rachel's. Within sat the Palatine and his wife; his hair was now white, his figure lean and dwindled; his eyes were weak and dim as he bent over his bible, but the eyes of his wife were fixed on him. "We have heard God's words win him. "We have heard God's word ag iin and again," he said, "and we must be comforted. It was a memorable mercy that on that night no blood was shed, though mine was thirsted for; do not look so sad, wife-God is a wise God."

"I do not look sad," she answered. 'for you are with me, Jacob; but when I think that you will not be so long-

There was a slight knocking at the door.
"Who's there?" inquired the Palatine.

The sound was repeated. "Friends know it is not safe to open doors to a tongueless man," he answered; and then came a reply in tones that sent him staggering against the wall, while his wife, with a speed that marred

her intention, en envored to undo the fastening. At last, Rachel crawled, rather than walked, to her father's feet; but he would not look upon her; she then took refuge on her mother's bosom, who parted the hair upon her brow, while large, heavy tears dropped like hail upon the wasted features of her

"I have you here forever now." said the poor woman: "here you will remain-no one will rive a crushed and faded flower-forever now."

"For one hour," answered Rachel, "for one hour, and then I quit you, my mother, for a long, long time. Mother, in Heaven's sight I declare I had no thought of leaving you that night; and he saved my father's life, and will carry to his grave the mark he received in defending it."

Her mother declared she should not leave her. Let her go to her keeper," said the

old man sternly.

But Rachel arose and answered: Father, before the day was done he wrong, for the choice was my own; and if it can lighten his heavy load. Mother, you would have done as much for my

father." "There is a curse, strong as well as deep, that sooner or later will overwhelm her to be comforted, as she should be the children of disobedience," said her happy yet. father bitterly.

"I know it-I believe it-I feel itbut even so, I submit."

"The time will come," continued the old man, "sooner or later-the time will come when he in whom you trusted noon day dinner, going into the room will fail you in your uttermost need; (where he had once been deceived), laid when he will pour into your breaking his hand upon her shoulder, as if to as-

prayers after long years of expectation— let me sleep."
she says she has but one hour to stay When the evening meal was prepared,

is not what they say; they will not hear him, will not pardon him; if he remained in Ireland he must be as he is. outlawed and wretched. He has yielded to my prayers; and in a foreign land where we are going, he may still be what the Almighty intended he should begreat and good; he gave me one hour to bid you farewell, to pray for your forgive-

"Oh, no, he cannot, he dare not venture here, nor would others let him," she replied.

The old man rose steadily from his seat and before either mother or daughter was aware of his intention he had seized Rachel in his iron grasp. "As the Lord liveth," he exclaimed. "you go not hence; I will bind you to the horns of the altar; I will not suffer even a tainted sheep of the true fold to become the prey of the ravening wolf; here you remain; vain will be your cries for aid; all vain. Here will I stand and whoever enters shall have the recompense he comes for, who would rob an old man of his child." Rachel implored, conjured, entreated, wept; even her mother's tears were added to hers, but all in vain. The Palatine shouldered one of the heavy muskets of his own country, and paced

backwards and forwards opposite to where he had bound his child with cords which her mother dared not loosen. His eyes scowled upon the unhappy girl, while ever and anon he muttered between his clenched teeth such texts of Scripture as seemed to him to bear hardest upon her case-threats against disobedient children and denouncements against the associates of the ungodly. When the first gleam of morning broke through the crevice of the window

Rachel spoke again: "If harm come to my husband his blood be upon your head." It seemed after that as if a portion of her father's sternness had entered into her gentle nature. She would neither taste food nor drink,

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but sat with clasped hands and eyes turned towards the mountains, the sunlit tops of which were seen through the latticed window. "She will die, she will die," said her

mother, "Pray God she may," was the father's

harsh reply, "that I may lay her in the grave, and then be gathered to my

She did not die; but a desperate and very dangerous fever came to her relief. for it took away her mind from present thoughts; weeks and months elapsed ere she was able to sit at the cottage door. But the lapse of time had wrought changes in many ways; the country was more tranquil; and people said that since James Hennesey had disappeared matters were become altogether different. The Palatine relaxed but little of his severity, except that, thinking himself secure in Rachel's weakness, he suffered her mother to move her from place to place in her arms. She took no increst in anything. Nothing amused, nothing drew from her a word or even a look of intelligence. All blessed her as they passed along the road, and the little children used to heap her lap with wild flowers. Her mother reconciled herself to the violence which her husband had pracsiscd when she found that no letter, no token, arrived from James; that he had gone into exile was certain—but had he forgotten Rachel? Months rolled into years; two years had passed; and Rachel was still the same. Usually the Palatine preserved the most rigid silence was my husband; he has worked me no towards his daughter, but sometimes he would give vent to bitter feelings, and I am thankful to bear shame with him reproach her in strong language; it was all the same, her features remained un-moved, and she seldom shed tears. Once, indeed, when they were alone, and her mother wept over her, she desired

> People wondered how she lived, how anything so heart-broken could remain so long in a torturing world.

One morning she told her mother she would lie down; and her father at the the old lady.

"Perhaps it was true," suggested the maiden.

"And even if it was!—but such a thing could not be true. I wonder you do not see how impossible it must be, Rachel," continued the dame.

"I wonder were his plans he had no time to develop them, for the rolling Rachel," continued the dame.

"I wonder was it was true," suggested the until she was clasped in her lover's arms and felt his warm breath on her cheek that she again forgot all the world in him. Whatever were his plans he had no time to develop them, for the rolling Rachel," continued the dame.

"I wonder you when ne will pour into your breaking heart the poison you gave your parents on, what fools are those who put faith in their own children! He will spurn you and desert you."

"He may do so," she replied, weeping, "he was so unprepared for the act, that he dame.

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"He may do so," she replied, weeping, "he may do so, but I will never desert himself that she was there, "in the flesh." Suddenly she opened her eyes, and raising her head; kissed bis cheek; he was so unprepared for the act, that he may do so," she replied, weeping, "he may do so, but I will never desert himself that she was there, "in the poison you gave your parents on, but himself that she was there, "in the poison you gave your parents on, when ne will pour into your stream heart the poison you gave your parents on, when ne will pour into your stream heart the poison you gave your parents on, when the poison you gave your pare hing could not be true. I wonder you no time to develop them, for the rolling first of one stone, then of another, down the ravine, told James Hennessey that footsteps unaccustomed to the rocky rece out of the country," said Adam; between approaching.

| Min. Whatever were his plans he had no time for consideration, and, said by instinct, a blessing fell from his lips. When her mother came to her with some food, she said, "Father has blessed wife, passes were approaching."

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with us; do no let it pass thus. She is still our child, Jacob; but one hour to stay," repeated the mother, wringing her hands—"but one hour."

when the evening meat was prepared, and her mother again sought her, she was gone; if the neighbors had seen her hands—"but one hour." her hands—"but one hour."

that she was spirited away by the "good

Not an hour now," said Rachel, "not people." The old Palatine traversed the
much more than half; you, mother, will country like one demented, bending his listen to me; people spoke falsehoods way at last to the ruins of Carrig o Gunof him; decoyed away he was; but he nel, not with any distinct hope of finding her there, but from the natural desire of seeking in every possible and impossible place for a thing cherished and lost.

There, under the ash-tree, he saw his child, her head reclining against its trunk; he called to her, in a voice trem ulous from an emotion he would vain have suppressed; it was vain; he fell on ness; only one hour, and the minutes his knees by her side; he turned her are flying while I speak."

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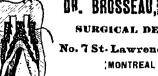
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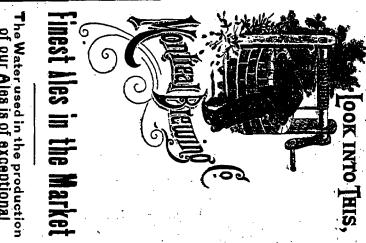
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