

THE CONNAUGHT RANGER'S CORNER.

land, and I learn that the various Irish National Societies will have different nights during the week.

have always been friendly to the organization should be the unanimous choice of the Board. I hope to see St. Mary's selected by a big majority.

THE KNIGHTS AT WORK.—The monthly meeting of the Hibernian Knights on last Friday evening was largely attended, Capt. Patrick Keane presiding. Different committees gave reports, and the action of the standing committee in suspending a member for a breach of discipline was sustained. The question of holding the annual entertainment of the corps, on the 15th January, was discussed, the following members were named to perfect arrangements: M. J. Doyle, Lieut. P. Doyle, Lieut. McCracken, W. P. Stanton, J. Foley, M. Birmingham, and W. Mitchell. The friends of the Knights, and they are legion, will have the pleasure of hearing an address from one of Ireland's distinguished sons, as the committee are unanimous in their desire to invite Mr. John Devoy, of New York to be the speaker on the occasion.

to two thousand, and those not having reserve or platform seats, should secure them immediately at the "True Witness" Office, 178 St. James St. A beautiful programme of Irish vocal and instrumental music will be also given, in which some of Montreal's leading talent will take part. Every admirer of Parnell should be present.

A HAPPY EVENT.—Mr. and Mrs. John Halpin entertained a large number of friends at their home on Halloween Night, the occasion being the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage. Needless to say the guests were entertained right royally. Long life and happiness to the happy couple.

DIVISION NO. 4.—The Halloween concert of Division No. 4, A.O.H., in St. Mary's Catholic Young Men's Hall, was a splendid success. Mr. A. T. Kearns president of the Branch presided. An excellent programme of music, songs, and recitations, was given, at the close of which the floor was cleared for dancing, when the lovers of the light fantastic thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

ABOUT THE BAND.—"What is the matter with the band?" That is the question which has been asked of me, frequently, on the streets, for the past two weeks. But not being connected with its committee of management, it is an impossibility for me to give a direct answer. I am, however, in a position to state that the project has received the unanimous approval and financial assistance of the County Board of Directors, as well as a generous contribution from Division No. 2. Although it has been hinted that the A.O.H. has too many irons in the fire at the present moment, the promoters and friends of the project should remember "two are living in a century of progress."

BRANCH 26 will celebrate their anniversary by a grand "At Home" and social in Beaman's Hall, corner St. Catherine Street and McGill College avenue, November 12th, 1899. Casey's orchestra has been re-engaged this year and everything points to a splendid evening's entertainment. The tickets have been fixed at one dollar each, admitting lady and gentleman, can be procured from any of the following members:

J. J. Costigan, T. L. Delaney, T. J. Evers, P. Darcy, M. Sharkey, J. H. Maiden, F. J. Seers, S. J. Callaghan, P. J. McLaughlin, F. J. Curran and A. D. McGillis.

C.M.B.A.—Branch No. 232, C.M.B.A., Grand Council of Canada, will hold a progressive encore party and social in Beaman's Conservatory Hall St. Catherine St., on Wednesday evening next, Nov. 8th, 1899. The entertainments given by this popular branch are of the most enjoyable character, and the president, Brother J. R. Cowan and officers intend the forthcoming encore party and social to eclipse all former efforts of the Branch in that direction. All arrangements have been perfected and very handsome and costly prizes are to be given to the ladies and gentlemen who will be proclaimed the lucky winners. The refreshments will be under the personal supervision of Brother W. J. Shea, the well known and popular caterer of St. Catherine Street West, who is a member of the above Branch, and it goes without saying that everything in his line will be all right. A large number of members and their friends also members of the other C.M.B.A. Branches are going to be present and the tickets are being disposed of by the committee very rapidly. "All up members of the C.M.B.A."

YOUNG IRISHMEN'S CONCERT.—The Halloween concert of the Young Irishmen's L. and B. Association was a splendid success. It was originally intended that the admission would be restricted to the members and their personal friends; but many of the outside supporters of this patriotic organization made requests to have the affair public, and the committee of management consented to the arrangement. When President Halley rose to open the proceedings every seat was occupied. The veteran member, who now occupies the presidential chair, delivered a patriotic speech during the course of which he referred to the past history of the Association.

A select programme of vocal and instrumental music in which many well known musicians took part was carried out. A one act comedieta entitled "A Great Scheme," was a most interesting and amusing feature of the evening's performance, the dramatic section of the organization making up the cast. The Association is to be congratulated for the energetic and patriotic manner in which it is keeping up the celebrations that were inaugurated a quarter of a century ago.

EMMET ANNIVERSARY.—Division No. 8, held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening President Lavelle presiding. Four new members were initiated and three applications received. The concert committee reported that they had secured the Theatre Francaise for the fourth of March, when the dramatic section will produce that powerful Irish drama "Robert Emmet."

Gaelic Classes.—There will be no meeting of the Gaelic classes on Tuesday evening. Both pupils and teachers will vie with each other in doing honor to Ireland's distinguished sons, Lord Mayor Tallon and J. E. Redmond, M.P.

GIVE HIM AN IRISH WELCOME.—"Joe" Murphy will visit Montreal next week after a lapse of twelve years. Who has not heard that distinguished Irish Comedian in the "Kerry Gow" and "Shaun Rhué." But apart from his dramatic abilities Mr. Murphy has always been a true and consistent friend of his native

CHURCH PARADE.—A special meeting of the County Board of Directors will be held on Friday evening to make arrangements for the annual Church parade. The delegates in naming the church where the service will be held should remember that St. Mary's Church which has been undergoing repairs for the past three months and whose pastors

NOTES ON IRISH LITERATURE.

BY AN OCCASIONAL CONTRIBUTOR.

In our last issue reference was made to the Irish poet B. Simmons. As some of our readers, who are especially interested in modern Irish literature are desirous of knowing something about this comparatively unknown writer, a few brief notes on the subject may prove instructive. Mr. Simmons was born at Kiltwoy County Cork, he obtained a situation in the Excise office, in London which he held till his death. He died on the 21st July, 1850, in Aston Street, Gray's Inn Road, and was buried in Highgate cemetery on the Strand; following. For several years he had contributed lyrical poems to various magazines and journals. "Hazelwood," whose pages he enriched by some of his finest productions thus speaks of him:—"Simmons, on the theme of Napoleon, excels all our great poets. Byron's lines on that subject are bad; Scott's poor; Wordsworth's, weak; Lockhart and Simmons may be bracketed equal; their's are good, rich, strong." His early death closed the career of one of Ireland's most promising young poets.

Amongst the best of this young Irishman's poetic productions may be mentioned his "Finnish Woods"; "The Returned Exile"; "The Departure"; "The Peak of Parra"; "The Last Adieu" of Napoleon; "The Lost Madonna"; "The Doom of the Mirror"; "The Flight to Cyprus"; "The Forsaken Gohlet"; "The Suit of a Minister"; "The Life of the Sea"; "The Mother of Kings" (Napoleon's mother); "The Disinment of Napoleon"; and "Napoleon's Last Look." It would be difficult to select from his poems any one that could furnish a fair idea of his many-sided genius. However, it seems to us that this poem is a good example of his powers; besides it is rare and scarcely known to-day.

"HOLY CROSS ABBEY."—(The Cistercian Abbey of Holy Cross, County Tipperary was founded in 1181, by Donald O'Brien, King of Limerick and North Munster. At the confiscation of the Religious Houses and Lands, Queen Elizabeth granted the abbey and its dependencies to Gerald, Earl of Ormond. Its ruins attest its former magnificence. Here are the noble remains of the gorgeous church, with its multioned windows, canopied niches, and elaborate sculptures, dispersed throughout the nave, transepts, and side aisles. Here also may be traced the rich sacrality, the strong chapter-house—the studious cloisters, and the sequestered Abbot's quarters. But all is now a dreary ruin and waste; where deeper silence reigns than that prescribed by the conventual discipline of the twelfth century.)

"From the high sunny headlands of Bore in the west, To the bowers that by Shannon's blue waters are blest, I am master unquestion'd and absolute"—said The Lord of broad Munster—King Donald the Red—"And now that my sceptre's no longer the sword, In the wealthiest vale my dominions afford."

I will build me a temple of praise to that Power Who buckler'd my breast in the battle's dread hour." He spoke—it was done—and with pomp such as glows Round a sunrise in summer that Abbey arose. There sculpture, her miracles lavish'd around. Until stone spoke a worship diviner than sound.

There from matins to midnight the censors were swaying And from matins to midnight the people were praying. As a thousand Cistercians incessantly raised, Hosannas round shrines that with Jewellery blazed; While the pilgrim from Syria—the pilgrim from Spain, Brought their offerings alike to the far-honour'd pane. And in time when the wearied O'Brien laid down At the foot of the Angel his cares and his crown, Beside the high altar a canopied tomb, Shed above his remains its magnificent gloom, And in Holy Cross Abbey high masses were said, Through the lapse of long ages, for Donald the Red.

In the days of my musings, I wander'd alone, To this Fane that had flourish'd ere Norman was known; And its drear desolation was saddened to see, For its towers were an emblem of Erin, of thee!

All was glory in ruins—below and above— From the tracery'd turret that shelter'd the dove, To the cloisters dim stretching in distance away, Where the fox skulks at twilight in quest of his prey, Here, sound'd the vast chancel superciliously alone, While pillar and pinnacle moulder'd around—

There, the choir's richest fretwork in dust ovenbrown, With corbel and chapter "umber'd the ground."

O'er the porphyry shrine of the Founder all riven, No lamps glimmer'd now but the crescents of heaven— From the tombs of crusader, and abbot, and saint, Embazonry, scroll, and escutcheon were rent;

While usurping their banners' high places, o'er all, The Ivy—dark mourner—suspended her pall.

With a deeper emotion the spirit would thrill, In beholding wherever the winter and rain Swept the dust from the relics "it cover'd—that still Some hand had religiously gleamed them again.

Then I turn'd from the scene as I mournfully said—"God's rest to the soul of King Donald the Red."

RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN FRANCE.

A special correspondent of the New Era writes: It is said that the French Government intend adopting the following attitude regarding religious:

(1) Spoliation of the goods of religious communities; (2) confiscation of property belonging to religious at the time of her death; (3) suppression of the ecclesiastical dress. "This, no doubt is a rather big programme, but no reasonable person believes for a moment that it will be carried out. What with the agitation likely to arise from such action and the dread of turning the exhibition into a fiasco, experienced people say that this new anti-religious crusade will end in isolated instances of oppression, and there will be no such thing as a general persecution. French statesmen, no matter how rabid their views in things religious, know full well that the threatened plan of campaign against the Church would earn for them the contempt of every civilized nation and that it would be a very bad sequel to the Dreyfus case. The Government has enough to cope with without undertaking the burden of fighting Christianity. I have had a conversation with a gentleman who has been con-

versant with French politics from every standpoint for more than 30 years—one who is well acquainted not only with the ministers now in power, but has been the friend of past Presidents of the Republic, and his conviction is that those members of the Government who have made public pronouncements in reference to the future action of the Ministry towards religious orders are only playing a part and do not seriously intend doing what they say. Furthermore it is stated that the present Government will not be a long-lived one, and it is urged that should an attempt be made against the Orders—all of whom are exceedingly popular—it would only hasten the downfall of the powers that be. France if anything is Catholic, and the majority of the people will not tolerate the unjust oppression of that religion to which all, it might be said, nominally belong, and to which a considerable number are sincerely devoted. Some go so far as to state that if the Government attacks religion, the result will be advantageous to the Church, in the end as it will result in the destruction of those State fetters which bind and cripple Catholics under the existing regime.

NOTES OF IRISH NEWS.

IRELAND AND THE FAITH.—Fr. Finlay, S.J., who preached at the dedication ceremony of the Church of the Assumption, Howth, in the course of his sermon, drew an interesting comparison between Ireland and other countries. In all other lands, he said, the work of providing for the external requirements of religious worship was undertaken by people who were either rapidly rising to power and wealth and influence or who had actually attained the zenith

of their glory. But what was taking place in Ireland? Here Catholics were called upon to erect the fabrics of religious worship, to decorate them with that degree of magnificence which would render them fit places of abode for the God Who would dwell in them, and worthy of the faith which they inherited from their fathers, and that task was imposed upon them at a moment when the life-blood of the nation seemed to be ebbing away and its resources rapid-

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THE LATE JOHN KENNEDY. The death of Mr. John Kennedy, of Young Street, removes from St. Ann's Ward the last surviving member of a family, well known and highly respected in that district, of which the late Alderman Kennedy was the senior. Mr. Kennedy was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. He had been ill for many years, but up to a few weeks ago was able to attend to his business affairs. The funeral which took place on Thursday morning, to St. Ann's Church was attended by a large number of the parishioners.—R.I.P.

In view of the approach of "Guy Fawkes" day the Chief Constable has caused notices to be posted in conspicuous places throughout Manchester, cautioning all whom it may concern against the practice of letting off fireworks and lighting bon-fires in the streets, says an English exchange. Chief Constable intimates that the police have instructions to take proceedings against any person indulging in this form of amusement. A similar order is issued by the Superintendent of the County police.

BURTONPORT NEW CHURCH.—Last week in the presence of a vast congregation, the splendid new church of St. Columba, Burtonport, was dedicated by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, of Raphoe, and thus was opened another of those Temples raised during His Lordship's episcopacy which now stud the diocese of Raphoe from the centre to the sea.

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS OF CANADA. The re-opening of the Free School of Drawing and Painting of the Society of Arts of Canada, 1866 and 1868 Notre Dame Street, will take place on the 14th day of November, at two o'clock P.M. No demand of admission to the school is accepted unless personally presented.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.—Recently the organizing committee of the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland met. The Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford, and Lismore, presided and delivered a short address explanatory of the objects of the society, after which a discussion took place as to the constitution and rules of the organization. The Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Bishop of Confect, was elected as the first president, and the vice-presidents selected were the Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Murphy, P.P., V.G., Kildare, Mr. W. R. Molloy, J. P., and Count Moore. A general committee was appointed, to consist of the entire hierarchy of the country and all present, with power to add to their numbers. Sir Francis Cruise and the Rev. Daniel Downing, Adm., Pro-Cathedral, were appointed honorary-treasurers.

W. G. KENNEDY, Surgeon-Dentist, 756 PALACE STREET. OFFICE HOURS 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

WHITE GLOVES.—There is no crime in North Lethbrim. His Honor County Court Judge Waters was last week, at the Manorhamilton Quarter Sessions, presented with a pair of white gloves in commemoration of the stainless record during the past six months of the inhabitants of that large and populous division of the county.

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