

CONNAUGHT RANGER AT THE A.O.H. CONVENTION.

The annual convention of the A.O.H., held in Boston, last week, was one of the most successful gatherings ever held by the Order. Our representative, accompanied by the Hibernian Knights, arrived on Tuesday evening, and the boys were met at the Union Station by the Wolfe Tone Guards and the Thomas Francis Meagher Band of South Boston. They were escorted to the Clanton. They were escorted to the Clanton, where Captain Daley, of the Guards, welcomed them in a few appropriate remarks. Mr. E. B. Devlin, B.C.L., responded for the Knights, and short addresses were also made by County President Rawley, Captain Keane, ex-Councilman Walsh, Councilman Linehan, and Councilman Curley. A rest of an hour was made, during which light refreshments were served; the boys afterwards took the street cars, and arrived at the Quincy House, the National headquarters, about 12 o'clock, where they were warmly welcomed by the delegates.

The warm hospitality of the Bostonians was appreciated by all the visiting delegates and their friends. Amongst those who were most assiduous in attending to the visiting delegates were: Hon. E. J. Slattery, John W. Glinn, Councilman Curley, Councilman Linehan, John A. Ryan, John J. Curley, George H. Sheehan, Martin J. Roche, Mr. Jas. F. O'Sullivan, Mr. John O'Callaghan, Mr. M. J. O'Brien and J. B. A. Higgins.

The delegates were given a drive around the Bay on Thursday afternoon, and though the day was somewhat chilly, it was thoroughly enjoyed. On Friday afternoon, a trolley drive through the "subway" was given; the delegates also visited the Navy yard, and had a good look at the Olympia, Dewey's famous ship, afterwards they proceeded to Bunker Hill monument, and with uncovered heads stood for some moments under the celebrated obelisk of American liberty. The delegates, with their wives and friends, then entered the cars, and the cry was "to Brookline." Here in one of the most beautiful squares in Boston, stands a monument to one of Ireland's most gifted sons—John Boyle O'Reilly.

The bi-annual reports of the National officers read at the session on Wednesday, from which I have taken the following extracts, serve to show the magnitude of the financial operations of the organization. They are really surprising.

The number of Divisions in the Order is 1,568, with 55 military companies. The total increase in membership during the past two years is 36,400, which brings the membership in good standing up to 110,000. The total receipts from fines, dues and assessments were \$894,592.19, and from interest and other sources, \$212,244.44, adding balance on hand two years ago was \$681,381.17, making a grand total of \$1,754,222.20. The disbursements were: For sick and funeral benefits, \$509,222.87; charitable and other purposes, \$507,249.08; making a total of expenditures of \$1,063,471.95, leaving a balance on hand of \$740,951.38.

The constitution was thoroughly gone into, and many clauses inserted; probably one that interest the membership of the Order more than all others, is a new clause, whereby any member working away from his locality, is taken sick and in good standing, can draw his sick benefit from the nearest Division. This is something on the lines of the constitution adopted at New Orleans, ten years ago. Another important and interesting matter to members, is the change in the Ritual, and the inserting of degree work. The degree work is now in the hands of a committee, and will be ready by the middle of June. The date of holding the National Conventions was also changed from May till July, and Denver, Colorado, was selected as the next place for the National gathering.

There were little or no contests for National offices. Hon. John T. Keating, of Chicago, was re-elected National President unanimously; James E. Dolan, of Syracuse, New York, re-elected National Vice-President; James P. Bree, of New Haven, Conn., and Matt Dennison, of Detroit, Michigan, were candidates for National Secretary. The little Connecticut man secured a big majority. He will undoubtedly make a first-class officer. P. T. Moran, of Washington, was re-elected National Treasurer. The vote for National Directors was exciting. No less than eight candidates were proposed. Canada got no Director, but it was a foregone conclusion that, had Hugh McCaffrey, of Toronto, not withdrawn his name, he would undoubtedly have been elected to the National Board. Everyone seemed to have a good word to say for the Toronto man. The Directors elected are as follows: Rev. M. J. Byrne, Indiana; Patrick O'Neill, Philadelphia; P. J. O'Connor, Georgia; Wm. J. Cronin, Boston.

Some of the resolutions were as follows:—

At this, the forty-second National Convention of the Ancient Order of

Hibernians in America, we, appreciating with thankful hearts the freedom assured us by the Constitution and laws of the United States, declare to our people and to the world our position on matters of importance to all Americans of Irish birth and extraction.

To our national chaplain, the Right Rev. Bishop Foley, of Detroit, for his kindly guidance and valued advice and encouragement on every occasion, we heartily tender our sincere thanks.

To His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Massachusetts, His Honor Mayor Hart of Boston, to the reverend clergy press and people of this world renowned city for their untiring zeal and generous hospitality, we extend our heartfelt thanks. Long will we gratefully remember the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and especially Boston, and her cultured and hospitable people.

CHURCH AND POPE.—We, in convention assembled from all parts of the continent, pledge again our glad submission to Holy Mother Church and our unswerving faith in her divine teachings. May we guided by her wise precepts be impelled to even greater fidelity to our government, love for our homes and sense of moral duty, and strive to attain to the loftiest type of American citizenship. Our hearts go out in love and reverence to His Holiness Leo XIII. Far-seeing, wise and holy, may he be long spared to humanity and the Holy Church.

LADIES' AUXILIARY.—To the Ladies' Auxiliary we send greetings and assurance of high esteem, and we bespeak for that organization the loyal support and earnest co-operation of all members of the Order.

COMMUNION DAY.—We recommend that in each year local parochial conditions permitting the Sunday within the octave of St. Patrick's Day be selected as the A.O.H. Communion Sunday, and that our beloved dead be upon that day especially remembered.

SCHOOL HISTORIES.—We note with pleasure that in certain sections, and since our last convention, our esteemed clergy have taken up in their parochial schools the study of Irish history. We hope and trust that the good work may go on, thus perpetuating in coming generations our love for the Island of Saints and Sages and interest in her destiny. In this manner may to some extent be corrected the errors engendered in the youth by many so-called histories still used in some of our public schools.

MUSIC AND LITERATURE.—We again urge the study and cultivation of Irish music and literature in the homes of our people. The supply is inexhaustible, the quality pure and elevated, the contact of the Irish American with the enchanting music, charming verse and captivating historical fiction, contributed to the world by Irish music will develop the mind with lasting and warm affection of the descendant of Erin to the motherland.

Long depressed by iniquitous laws of a government alien in language and song, the opportunity, the hour has now arrived, when the orphans of the Irish heart can sing a greeting of hope, long deferred, soon to be realized to the immortal shade of Erin's bard, that "The harp that once through Tara's Hall the soul of music shed, hangs (not) as mute on Tara's wall as if the soul had fled."

PRESS.—We earnestly recommend that the Irish National and Catholic newspapers and publications receive the loyal support and encouragement of our people, we believe and glory in the power of the press.

Let us by our financial assistance and moral support build up and use this potent force in spreading before our people pure and healthy food for the Catholic mind and in dispelling falsehood and correcting error.

UNION OF SOCIETIES.—We recommend the formation of a league of the various Catholic organizations, irrespective of National descent or other affiliations, to promote the best interest of the common faith, never forgetting that duty to God and country requires of us undivided allegiance.

THE GAELIC LEAGUE.—We earnestly commend the good work of the Gaelic League and recommend that body to your kindly consideration. It is time that the old Irish tongue be restored and treasures of Irish history, literature and art, which are hid beneath its mysteries, discovered and preserved. Moral influence and kind words will not suffice. We urge the appointment of a committee to confer with the Gaelic League, to the end that some practical plan be adopted whereby the Gaelic chair and its work may aid in bringing about the desired results. The rich storehouse of Gaelic literature contains so much that would prove elevating and ennobling to our common humanity that we feel its increased dissemination would do much as an antidote to the pernicious influence of the modern literature originating in foreign lands, but now spread broadcast in America to the great danger of the American home.

We are pleased to note the almost complete extinction of Irish caricature on the American stage, and trust its disappearance shall prove permanent; we deplore the great danger to the virtue of American youth from the degenerate drama, that has

come to us from foreign shores; we cannot look with complaisance upon the fact that the American people are dependent upon unchristian, if not an avowedly anti-Christian source for their pleasures and amusements of the drama.

GAELIC LEAGUE CONVENTION.

The third National Convention of the Gaelic League of America was held in the old Franklin School building, Washington street, Boston, on the 8th inst. Miss Mary Keohane, of Chicago, presided, and a large amount of important work in connection with the expansion of the Gaelic League was transacted. Delegates were present from San Francisco, St. Louis, Dallas, Kansas City, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, Montreal, Washington, Cleveland, Boston, Holyoke, Springfield, New York, Philadelphia, Jersey City, and other important cities of the United States. The reports read from the different schools showed a great increase in membership, and many of them were made in the Celtic language. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Honorary President, Rev. Richard Hennebery, Washington, D.C.; President, Stephen Richardson, New York; Vice-Presidents, Michael J. Jordan, Boston; P. F. Holden, Chicago; John Lavelle, Montreal; Stephen V. O'Gorman, Buffalo; John Casey, New York; M. J. Cronin, Yonkers; J. Ashe, Holyoke; F. P. Galligan, Brooklyn; James Drinan, Boston; John J. Lyons, Philadelphia; D. J. Scully, Baltimore; and P. Casey, St. Louis. Treasurer, P. J. Kiely, Worcester, Mass.; Corresponding Secretary, John G. Lee, New York; Financial Secretary, M. A. Harley, Boston; Recording Secretary, Patrick F. Haggerty, Springfield.

TWO DELEGATES HAPPY.—Quite a pretty romance attended the convention.

Among the delegates who came to the convention were two from Chicago, Mr. P. F. Holden and Miss May Keohane. Both are well known among the active workers in behalf of the Irish language movement in the windy city. Mr. Holden has written some very pretty poetry, under the nom de plume of "Carriack-shock." One of his most recent poems had for a heroine Miss Keohane.

The romance in which the two young persons have been the central figures has existed for some time. Both found themselves delegates to the convention in Boston, and Mr. Holden availed of the opportunity to press his suit with ardor in the old Gaelic tongue.

So successful was he that on reaching Boston he had secured the consent of Miss Keohane to become his bride. It was the wish of both the young people that the services of Rev. Father Hennebery, professor of Gaelic in the Catholic university, at Washington, be secured to tie the nuptial knot in the Gaelic tongue.

Father Hennebery was unable to come to Boston, however. So yesterday morning the young couple were married at St. Cecilia's Church, Back Bay, by Rev. John J. Downey. The best man was Mr. Martin J. Hennehan, and the bridesmaid Miss Helen A. O'Neil, both of Providence, R.I.

Mr. and Mrs. Holden will spend the honeymoon in Boston and other eastern cities.

G. M. B. A. OF CANADA.

BRANCH 26.

Branch 26, of the G.M.B.A., of Canada, is noted for the success which generally attends its undertakings and its latest effort in the social line was in keeping, and, in fact, ahead of any like event held by the Branch for sometime. The function was in the form of a progressive euchre party and social, and was held at the Drummond Hall, Drummond street, on last Tuesday evening. The attendance of members and friends was very large. The guests of the Branch were received by the following brothers, who formed the Reception Committee: President, J. J. Costigan; Grand Deputy, G. A. Carpenter; Grand Chancellor, T. J. Finn; Chancellors, Patrick Reynolds, John H. Feeley, Martin Eagan, Alex. D. McGillis, D. J. McGillis, M. Sharkey, Alex. McCulloch; and Brothers B. Tansey, P. J. McDonagh, P. J. Sears, J. J. Gahan, Thos. L. Delaney, Thos. T. Butler, and P. J. Darcey. Amongst those present were the following ladies: Mrs. J. J. Costigan, Mrs. G. A. Carpenter, Mrs. P. Reynolds, Mrs. A. D. McGillis, Mrs. D. J. McGillis, Mrs. B. Tansey, Mrs. Owen Tansey, Mrs. P. F. McCaffrey, Mrs. John Scanlan, Mrs. F. A. MacDonald, Mrs. Martin Eagan, Mrs. T. R. Cowan, Mrs. L. Kavanagh, Mrs. K. Rooney, Mrs. Robt. Curry, Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. T. P. Tansey, Mrs. T. A. Lynch, Mrs. Ryderverg, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. W. Farrell, Mrs. J. Phelan, Mrs. T. M. Ireland, Mrs. G. A. Willie, Mrs. McEntee, Mrs. J. H. Feeley, Jr., Mrs. P. Gahan, Mrs. Gorman, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. W. J. Brennan, Mrs. P. J. Sears, Mrs. J. H. Neilson, Mrs. S. Malcolm, Mrs. P. J. Darcey, Mrs. J. Cherry, Mrs. M. Warren, Mrs. Haight, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Jer Coffey, Mrs. J. Gahan, Mrs. McElhiney, Mrs. Jas. Murphy, Mrs. Jacobovitz, Mrs. Jas. MacDonald, Mrs. P. Duffy, Mrs. D. Fiset, Mrs. P. McDermott, Miss Alice Reynolds, Miss M. Reynolds, Miss M. Connolly, Miss Lennan, Miss McCaffrey, Miss K. Ward, Miss K. Eagan, Miss G. Dwyer, Miss P. Dwyer, Miss C. Guy, Miss Sears, Miss A. Flynn, Miss Reeves, Miss Tournay, Miss Carey, Miss Malhot, Miss M. Delaney, Miss S. Delaney, Miss K. Delaney, Miss L. Maloney, Miss C. Palmer, Miss McElhiney, Miss Baker, Miss Merryman, Miss Robinson, Miss M. E. Moriarty, Miss Crowley, Miss Cutler, Miss A. Geary, Miss Collins, Miss Sweet, Miss A. O'Brien, Miss Neilson, Miss M. O'Brien, Miss McGilivray, Miss Rod-

gers, Miss Bilot, Miss Malden, Miss K. Dumphy, Miss N. Maloney, Miss Adrienne, Miss Herby, Miss M. Matte, Miss K. Scullion, Miss Hurst, Miss A. Feeley, Miss A. Maloney, Miss Conway, Miss Clark, Miss Breslow, Miss Nelly Hart, Miss McGillis, Miss Gillies, Miss H. A. McCulloch, Miss S. Doyle, Miss K. Crowley, Miss Perigo, Miss Hamilton, Miss M. Christy, Miss N. Christy, Miss Johnston, Miss Brophy, Miss K. Quinn, Miss Liston, Miss P. Tye, Miss Fitzpatrick, Miss M. Walsh, Miss H. Flanagan, Miss Rooney, Miss M. Curran, Miss J. McDonald, Miss McKinnon, Miss A. Taillon, Miss M. Liston, Miss C. Casey, Miss Tessie Hart, the Misses Phelan.

Gentlemen—Hon. F. R. Latchford, Messrs. Alex. D. McGillis, P. F. McCaffrey, Felix Casey, T. J. Finn, G. A. Carpenter, C. S. Hamilton, O. A. Willie, J. A. Rowan, E. M. Rowan, J. Graham, W. P. Kennedy, James Murphy, T. A. Lynch, T. M. Ireland, P. Doyle, W. F. Doyle, Thos. H. Cowan, F. J. Curran, B.C.L., T. E. Fitzpatrick, B. Tansey, Wm. E. Doran, C. J. Mahon, H. S. Graham, J. Farrell, G. A. Bilot, J. Shortall, F. M. Ward, Walter F. Costigan, F. J. Callahan, W. A. Hodgson, P. Reynolds, B. E. Haynes, Fred Haynes, H. Audrien, M. J. Mulhar, M. H. Sheehan, C. O'Brien, E. Buckley, M. Sharkey, Thos. F. Butler, W. J. Brennan, W. P. Crites, P. Jacobovitz, M. Haggerty, W. Farrell, J. J. Legallee, J. Cherry, F. D. Henderson, P. Melberrmott, P. Conway, L. Blanchard, T. J. Burns, J. Gorman, J. E. Moriarty, P. Gahan, J. J. Gahan, J. C. Reynolds, J. Rogers, T. Gibby, J. H. Neilson, J. Delaney, R. J. M. Dolan, W. J. Proud, G. C. Delaney, D. Hough, W. F. Mullen, W. Perrigo, M. J. Curtin, John Rogers, Percy Quinn, Emmett Quinn, Alex. McCulloch, P. Gahan, Thos. L. Delaney, H. Lemieux, W. J. Hart, T. H. Ryan, C. J. McRae, T. H. McGilivray, J. J. Walsh, G. F. Neville, J. H. Malden, J. C. Haynes, A. McDonald, W. F. Cherry, F. Audrien, R. Labelle, T. M. Cullen, J. Mullin, James McCaffrey, P. J. Darcey, C. F. Remberg, O. Tansey, John Walsh, J. Blanchard, J. Porteous, L. H. Fiset, Jas. Kiley, J. H. Landon, Thos. Christy, Jas. McDonald, Jer Coffey, J. Prevost, Thos. Rogers, Felix Casey, M. Eagan, J. Hamilton, T. P. Tansey, P. J. McDonagh, F. Cahill, J. Cutler, J. H. Feeley, E. A. Malcolm, J. H. Ryan, Thos. Tansey, John Scanlan, N. Jacobovitz, W. J. Crowley, W. S. Dunlop, W. D. Haight, J. H. Cherry, L.D.S., E. H. Walsh, Clement McMahon, Geo. Prevost.

The proceedings were opened shortly after 9 o'clock, by the President, Mr. J. J. Costigan, by a short address of welcome. Chancellor Patrick Reynolds, as Chairman of the committee, then took charge, and announced the rules and regulations for the euchre contest. Playing was started, and all went to work with a will intent upon doing their best to capture one of the six beautiful prizes, which were displayed on the stage. Grand Deputy Carpenter and Brothers Alex. McCulloch, F. J. Sears, and J. J. Gahan, acted as scorers. Playing ceased at 11.30, when refreshments of a most sumptuous character were served by the well known caterer, Bro. W. J. Shea, of St. Catherine street West. Needless to say full justice was done to the good things provided. This pleasant feature was followed by the presentation of the prizes to the lucky winners. President Costigan, before making the announcements, again made a few remarks in course of which he expressed the pleasure of the Branch at having so many friends present, and the extreme pleasure the Branch felt in having with them that evening one of the grand officers of the Association in the person of their Grand Solicitor, Hon. F. R. Latchford, to whom he tendered a most hearty and sincere welcome. Hon. Mr. Latchford, amidst great applause, was conducted to the platform, and presented the prizes to the winners as follows:

Ladies—1st, Miss S. Delaney, case of dinner knives and forks; 2nd, Miss Maggie Reynolds, silver mounted fruit dish; 3rd, Mrs. C. O'Brien, case of silver tea spoons.

Gentlemen—1st, Mr. J. H. Ryan, satchel; 2nd, Mr. R. J. M. Dolan,

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Following the presentation, Hon. Mr. Latchford made a short address, which was heartily received. Brother F. J. Curran, B.C.L., then took charge, and the floor was cleared for dancing, which was started off with a good old time cotillon. The older portion of the gathering joining in enthusiastically with their younger friends. The gathering broke up at an early hour.

The committee who had charge of the event are to be congratulated on the grand success which attended their efforts to entertain their friends and sustain the reputation for hospitality and good fellowship which has been enjoyed for years by the C.M.B.A.

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