

TEMPERANCE.

BULLETIN OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY, 415 West 59th St. New York, June 1 1895.

An important notice that should demand the attention of the National Union just at this time of the year is that on June 24, the Feast of St. John the Baptist, the great scriptural total abstainer, we celebrate the patronal feast day of the C.T.A.U. of A., and the day that has been selected by the National Union when all the members are expected to receive the sacraments. The 24th of June this year falling on Monday, the annual Communion Day of the National Union is transferred to the Sunday within the octave of the feast, or Sunday, June 30.

It was a matter of no little consolation to see with what uniformity the societies of the National Union observed their Communion day last year, and we expect that with the same alacrity there will be a general compliance with this immemorial custom on the 30th of June next.

We are all the more anxious to emphasize this annual Communion day because our movement is an essentially religious movement; though benevolent and insurance and social features are annexed in many places to Temperance societies, still they are only accessories to the great end, the cultivation of the virtue of temperance; and as temperance is a religious virtue, it must be cultivated by religious means. So, therefore, the nearer we keep the temperance movement to religious ideals, the better we shall achieve our great object and the fewer obstacles we shall meet with in attaining the end of our organization.

Whatever difficulties we have met with in the past, whatever opposition has been engendered, whatever obstacles have been in the path of success, have come principally and primarily when we have drifted away from the religious standards, which we should always have had before our eyes. The temperance movement is a vine that grows upon the tree of the Church and gets its strength and support from the authority and organization of the Church, and the ruthless hand that would drag the vine away, or attempt to make the social, benevolent or insurance features more important than the religious feature, would succeed only in prostrating the movement and ultimately crushing out its life. Good is it, then, as the recurring year brings round our patronal feast day, to have this opportunity of emphasizing the religious side of our movement, and, as a public organization approved and blessed by Holy Church, to kneel devoutly at the altar of God and receive the sacrament of the Eucharist, praying devoutly that God may bless this reform, whose only reason for existence is to lift mankind to a higher morality.

You are well aware that the Holy Father grants a plenary indulgence to all the members of the National Union who with contrite hearts and sincere devotion receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist on this annual Communion day.

We urge spiritual directors particularly to arrange for the general Communion of their societies, and to use what inducements may be necessary in order to enable members of the societies to approach the sacraments. Remember, therefore, the annual Communion day this year will be June 30.

The interest in the national convention increases as the day on which it is to be held approaches. We have advices from Pittsburg of the organization of a Tourist Club there that proposes to carry to New York a couple of hundred at least. The Scranton Union, at whose Diocesan Convention it was my pleasure to be present on the 15th of May, is alive with a desire to come in numbers to the National Convention. The Lehigh Valley railroad is preparing to carry excursionists at very reduced rates from all points along the line.

The Philadelphia Union, with its numerous societies, is making the excursion to New York during the Convention a Union affair, and we are informed that the greatest possible interest is taken by all the societies in the arrangements that are being made. The N. W. England Unions, too, are making definite promises to send very large contingents to New York on convention day.

It therefore looks as though the promise we made some months ago of having at least 10,000 people in New York on the first day of the convention, Wednesday, August 7, to welcome the Apostolic Delegate, Monsignor Satolli, to participate in the civil and ecclesiastical ceremonies, and to join in the parade, will be fulfilled to the letter. It is our endeavor to make this Silver Jubilee gathering of temperance people one of the greatest objects lessons of total abstinence that has yet been seen in this country.

Though we realize a great deal of good to be done by informing public opinion and advertising our movement as a display of numbers, yet it would be a pity to have this convention exhaust itself in parade in show. It must also be made memorable by effective work in the business sessions of the convention. When the crowds have come and spent the first day of the convention in festivities, and have gone back to their homes and have left the delegates behind them, we expect the real work that will push forward the temperance movement will be done. Before our next Bulletin you will be selecting your representative delegates to the National Convention, if you have not done so already. Let me urge you, as I did last year, to send your workers and leave your talkers at home. The St. Paul convention of last year will be memorable for the absence of every spirit of contentiousness because every delegate there felt that he had earnest work to do, and so, too, must this convention be memorable for the same thing. It will be such if you select intelligent, earnest men, full of common sense, with no love for oratory or too much devotion to Cushing's Manual.

Again we are able to report the addition of new societies and increases of membership in old ones.—St. Mary's, Andrews, Ind., 26 new members; Father

Elliot Y. M., Youngstown, O., 140; St. Mary's, Conneaut, O., 35; St. John, Frugality, Pa., 16; St. Francis Lithuanian, Shenandoah, Pa., 40; Annunciation Veronica League, Chicago, Ill., 50; St. Mary's, Bristol, R. I., 35; St. Agnes, Brai wood, Ill., 22. Total, 434. Up to date of last Bulletin, since the beginning of this year, we have actual reported increases of 6,278. During the past month there were new recruits to the number of 354, making a total increase since the beginning of the year of 6,632. Now is the time for every diocesan secretary to gather in all the societies within his jurisdiction, so that their diocesan affairs may make the best showing possible. There is very little doubt that if extra effort be made by every one of this month we shall gather in all the unattached societies, and run this actual increase of 6,632 up to at least 10,000 new members.

Fraternally yours, (Rev.) A. P. DOYLE, General Secretary C. T. A. U. of A., 415 West 59th street, New York.

Irish News Items.

Constable T. Holmes, of Balla, has been made an Acting-Sergeant.

Ex-Head Constable Pugh was buried at Fexloch, his native place, on May 1.

All the Belfast Catholic choirs are combining for rehearsals of church music, oratorios, etc.

Rev. Thomas Maher has been transferred from Maynooth College to Inagh, Diocese of Kildare.

John Ryan, of Terenure Road, Dublin, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for County Dublin.

The sermon preached by Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, bishop of Waterford and Lisburne in aid of the Mercy Hospital, realized the sum of £130.

Rev. James McInerney, curate of Kinnitty, has been transferred to Borrisokane. Rev. J. P. McGuire, of Borrisokane, goes to Kinnitty.

John Lydon, of Clonliffe, near Barina, who met with a serious accident returning from Galway, on April 27, died in Galway Hospital on May 7.

A young constable, named Jeremiah King, died suddenly at the R. L. C. Barracks, Msshall, on May 5. Deceased had been subject to consumption for some time.

The golden jubilee of the Laurel Hill Convent of the Faithful Companions, Limerick, is to be celebrated by the presentation by the citizens of a marble altar for the chapel.

The Easter collection at the Tuam, Galway, cathedral, was announced to be one of the most liberal of any previous year—a credit to the givers and to those who so well deserve the gift.

Dean Kennedy has been unanimously elected chairman of the Donaghmuckney Dispensary Committee; Henry O'Connell, vice-chairman; Mr. Jones, secretary, and Edward Sheehan, assistant secretary.

Denis Sheehan, age eight, and John Mahoney, nine, while playing with other youths at Fairfield, on the outskirts of Cork recently, found "sheep's pulps." They ate them, became ill and died.

The marriage was solemnized on May 2, at St. Patrick's Church, Daviglen, by the Rev. Edward Longhney, the pastor, of James McCloskey and Mary Ann, eldest daughter of the late Charles R. Campbell, a merchant of Daviglen.

Among the successful candidates at the Queen's scholarship, Liverpool, Miss Alice Lynch, of Mohill, has taken first of second class at the recent examination, and has secured a place in either Glasgow, Liverpool or London colleges.

The Very Rev. J. A. Canon Barry, pastor of Clonmahan, died on May 1. He was a native of the city, having been born in the South parish sixty-five years ago. He studied in Maynooth College, where his ordination took place in 1857.

A man of the farming class named Patrick Collins, residing in the mountains of Knocknaree, about one mile from Tomnafalls, died on April 24 at the age of 105 years. He was tending cattle, and in full possession of his faculties up to the day before his death.

Bishop Hoare, of Arlough and Clonmacnoise, officiated for the first time at the Convent of Mercy, Monte, on April 30, at the reception of Miss Elizabeth Bardon (in religion sister M. Columba Joseph), youngest daughter of Edward Bardon, of Carrilstown, Westmeath.

The deaths are announced of these Meath Catholics: On May 9, at Trim, Margaret, widow of the late Patrick Gallagher; May 4, at Tankardstown, Mrs. Catherine Duff, relict of the late John Duff; May 8, at Imperial Hotel, Oldcastle, Terence Flood, aged fifty years; May 4, at Frelans, Laracor, Michael Murray.

On May 8, there died in the Kilkenny Workhouse Infirmary, Mary Kealy, from Webbsborough, who had just reached her 100th year, and who up to two days before her death possessed all her faculties. She was attacked by cancer in the face and neck some years ago, and though suffering intensely she bore all with great patience.

Mrs. Mary Phillips, of Collooney, widow of John Phillips, whose death occurred on May 24, 1894, died on the 7th ult., aged thirty-five. She leaves six orphans, the eldest being only about ten years. She came of an old and respectable family, whose members were always foremost in the commercial life of Ballisodare and Collooney.

At a meeting of the Tallaght Dispensary on May 1, Rev. Richard R. Quinn, of Boherabrona, Tallaght, was unanimously re-elected chairman of the Dispensary Committee. Rev. Eugene O'Mara, M.A., incumbent of Tallaght, was re-elected vice-chairman. Robert Boardman, of Boldbrook Mills, Tallaght, was re-elected secretary.

A memorial tablet has just been erected over the late Venerable Archdeacon O'Leary. It is a white marble slab, and bears the following inscription: "Underneath lie the remains of the Venerable Archdeacon O'Leary, for thirteen years P. P. of Roscrea, and V. G. of Kiltalee. He died on Oct. 4, 1894. On whose soul sweet Jesus have mercy."

On Monday of last week at Carlow College, Rev. John Kearney, son of Mr.

Patrick Kearney, Ballymoun, Bagnalstown, was ordained deacon by Most Rev. Dr. Comerford, coadjutor bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, and on Tuesday he was raised to the sacred office of the priesthood. At the same time Rev. Michael Kennedy was ordained a priest.

There were enormous takes of mackerel off the Fenit fishing grounds on May 9 and 10. The takes on the first day ranged from 7,000 down, and as many as one hundred and sixty tons of mackerel were sent over the Fenit and Limerick and Kerry lines in the evening for the English markets. The following day the boats had takes averaging from 2,000 to 7,000. The fish were sold at from 12s. to 15s. per 120.

The deaths of these Wexford people are announced. On May 8, at Bride Street, Wexford, wife of Michael O'Neill, aged fifty-four years. May 2, at Tombrack, Ferns, Michael O'Neill, aged seventy-two years. April 25, at Kilmuckridge, Joseph Ranson, aged eighty years. At Slane Place, Enniscorthy, Bridget Curry, fourth daughter of the late Michael Curry, of Boome. May 5, at Park, Wexford, Michael, last surviving son of Thos. Sheridan, aged twenty-two years.

The annual meeting of the Belfast branch of the Irish National Federation was held recently. One hundred and fifty cards of membership were taken out, and the reports of the secretary and treasurer were most satisfactory. Thomas Sexton, M. P., was re-elected honorary president; and Samuel Young, M. P., president; Hugh O'Kane was chosen honorary vice-president; and Patrick Dempsey, J. P.; James McCann, J. P.; Joseph Devlin, Patrick Byrne, and James McCann, were vice-presidents; J. J. McDonnell, J. P., was re-elected treasurer, and J. Rooney, secretary.

Arnold Power, Sub-Sheriff, his assistant and three bailiffs, under the protection of forty police, proceeded to Carrans-town, on May 6, on the estate of D. Murray, D.L., for the purpose of carrying out an ejectment against Mrs. Minnie Fahey, for non-payment of rent. There was a large crowd outside the house, which was occupied by the tenant's children and some relatives. There was no opposition given this time to the ejectment. Mr. Fahey, father-in-law to the evicted tenant, who had come to terms with Mr. Perry, was admitted as a caretaker for twenty-four hours. Mr. Fahey was to pay £120 in cash, the landlord forgiving all arrears of rent due by the late tenant was about £820. By the settlement Mr. Perry wiped out about £700 arrears.

The following rents have been fixed by the Sub-Commission now in Clare:— Captain R. M. S. Munnell, landlord; Patrick Buckley, tenant; former rent, £7 10s; judicial rent, 4s 12s. Captain R. M. S. Munnell, landlord; James Crowe, tenant; old rent, £3 15s; judicial rent, £2 10s.

Colonel J. M. Westropp, landlord; Pat Sheehy, tenant; former rent, £19 8s 11d; judicial rent, £17.

Colonel J. M. Westropp, landlord; Michael Enwright, tenant; former rent, £36 12s 3d; judicial rent, £46.

Marquis of Conyngham, landlord; Jno. Riggoose, tenant; former rent, £14; judicial rent, £9.

Marquis of Conyngham, landlord; Jno. Riggoose, tenant; former rent, £10; judicial rent, £8 8s.

Marquis of Conyngham, landlord; Jno. Riggoose, tenant; former rent, £42; judicial rent, £35.

H. Stafford O'Brien, landlord; P. Murnane, tenant; former rent, £8 10s; judicial rent, £7.

H. Stafford O'Brien, landlord; D. Hogan, tenant; former rent, £32 12s 6d; judicial rent, £25.

Miss Travers, landlord; J. O'Brennan, tenant; former rent, £50 12s 6d; judicial rent, £45.

Miss Travers, landlord; J. O'Brennan, tenant; former rent, £6 11s 2d; judicial rent, £3.

H. Stafford O'Brien, landlord; James Considine, tenant; former rent, £52 2s 1d; judicial rent, £43.

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Marcus Patterson, landlord; John Daly, tenant; former rent, £16 11s 4d; judicial rent, £14 12s 4d.

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A SINGULAR ERROR OF A POET.

A singular historical error has crept into James Whitcomb Riley's fine dialect poem on "Brother Jonathan to the A.P.A.," which has been published in nearly every English written newspaper, except the Know-nothing-Orange organs, in the world. The error occurs in the sixth stanza, which, as commonly printed, reads thus:

"Some of my folks were Catholics as fur back 's '76! An' thirty-six years later helped me out ev' a nasty fix; An' as for Irish in Mexico, of all Zach's bloodiest fields, He found, at Cerro Gordo, his biggest loss was Shields!"

To students of American military history the error is patent at once. It was Scott, not Zach Taylor, who commanded at Cerro Gordo, where General James Shields led the charge on the Telegraph hill, and was shot through and through, but survived. The lines, therefore, should read—"An' as for Irish, in Mexico, of all Scott's bloodiest fields, etc."

As a matter of literary fact, however, Riley originally wrote them thus:

"An' as for Irish in Mexico, of all Zach's bloodiest fields He found, at Paler Alter, his biggest loss was Shields!"

The poet committed the original error, because Shields did not particularly distinguish himself at Palo Alto. He made his reputation at Cerro Gordo, and, subsequently, at Chapultepec. General Winfield Scott used to always address the Irish hero as "My Cerro Gordo friend."—Chicago Citizen.

The first colored Catholic Church in Louisiana was dedicated in New Orleans, May 20, by Archbishop Janssens. The church owes its foundation to Mother Katherine Drexel and will be known as St. Katherine's in consequence. The colored Catholics of the diocese number 75,000.

POEMS AND LYRICS.

Another Able Review in the Columns of the Catholic Record.

The following is from the pen of the able critic, eloquist, essayist and poet, Mr. Thomas O'Hagan, M.A.

It is now sixteen years since the writer of this review and Dr. J. K. Foran, author of "Poems and Lyrics," and editor of the Montreal True Witness, became acquainted. The occasion was the Moore Centenary celebration, in May, 1879. Dr. Foran was then a student in the law department of Laval University, Quebec, and the present writer was a student of Belleville, Ontario. An exchange of poems prepared for the Centenary celebration of Ireland's great lyric poet in Quebec and Belleville led up to a personal meeting and greeting shortly afterwards. I remember well how the strong Celtic note in Dr. Foran's poetry touched my heart as I read his fine "Moore Centenary Ode" and "Meagher of the Sword," and I said, here indeed is an inspired voice and a patriot heart. I am indebted to the publishers, Messrs. D. & J. Sandler of Montreal, for a copy of "Poems and Lyrics" by J. K. Foran, LL.B., Lit. D., a volume of two hundred and forty-four pages creditably and substantially bound and printed. Let me first say at the outset that Dr. Foran is essentially an Irish Catholic poet; as such he must be judged and weighed. He has drunk deeply of Irish poetry, particularly of the bards of the Nation, and when he seeks inspiration in the glorious and patriotic deeds of the men of the '48 movement, I think he is at his best. Three distinct elements dominate his poetry—the faith of Holy Church, love of Ireland and a trustful hope in the future greatness of this our beloved land of the Maple Leaf. You need not look in the work of Dr. Foran for artistic excellence, nor measure the fire and melody of his swift-galloping lines by the wearisome exactness of Tennysonian imitators or weakly inspired young Brownings. His muse is Irish, with all its faults and its virtues, and when the "it is on him" he sings like an Irish linnet keyed to the joys and sorrows of that dear old harp of Erin. It seems to me that there is nothing that the poetry of our day is more sorely in need of than something of the wild breath and imagination, the kindling fire and melody, the directness and simplicity and the *aura* of true faith and hope and love, which are marked characteristics of Celtic poetry. To-day the songsters in our groves have no wild notes of their own—they are simply catclapping up the echo of the dead and gone. Nice little *bizar* e stanzas full of crazy quilt picturesque in the fashion of the day, and whoever dares to launch a fresh, strong and individual volume of poems such as Dr. Foran's "Poems and Lyrics," must needs provoke these *delectable* critics. When will writers learn that *technique* is not poetry—that truth through its flowering of beauty is the basis of all true poetry—and that its voice becomes heavenly only in the temple of faith.

All the Pre-Raphaelite poets and painters followed this canon of truth, dipping their pens and brushes in the sunlight of God. There is another class of poets in our day—so-called subjective poets who go rambling around searching after the unattainable. You can read their poems backwards and the sense remains about the same. In thought they are much more obscure than Browning and in technique much more barbarous than the author of "Leaves of Grass."

It was an unfortunate day for the life and growth of genuine American and Canadian poetry when so many altars were erected to the greatest poets of the nineteenth century, the late Lord Tennyson and Robert Browning. Browning imitators become philosophical fools, while disciples of Tennyson live in the hope of some day producing another "Idylls of the King." What we want in Canada is a native poetry, strong and indigenous. * * * * * We have a Royal Society of one hundred good, choice souls who have been meeting annually for about fifteen years, praising the wealth of Canadian achievement in letters, congratulating each other on being one out of a hundred and socially enjoying a good time; but what has this society done to encourage practically Canadian poetry? Where is the struggling writer of merit such as the "Khan," of Toronto, whom they have aided in the publication of his work? What fine poem has the occasion of their meetings ever called out? Some of the one hundred choice souls have never written a book in their life, and as they are now advanced in years the public rest in the security that they will never attempt one.

Dr. Foran's volume of poems is a worthy contribution to the literature of Canada. * * * * * Now, what are the characteristics of the Irish lyric and ballad singer? Fire, melody, fervor, swing and a command of language, not always exact, but rich in suggestiveness and color, copious, but not always clear.

Take up Dr. Foran's volume and open it at an page and I warrant you will find some one of these characteristics standing out strongly. * * * * *

There are some who are so fond of sticking their critical pen through the most artistic work that it will be a sad day for the future and lasting fame of Michael Angelo if these hungry and envious critics ever rest their eye on his masterpieces in the Vatican. * * * * * Some writer has said that the critical faculty is always strong where the creative faculty has gone out of where it never did exist.

Dr. Foran, through this volume of "Poems and Lyrics," has made a genuine and valuable contribution to the literature of Canada, and I hope the book will meet with such a financial reception as will give encouragement to both author and publisher. We talk a great deal about Canadian poetry—it is getting fashionable to do so—but how many purchase volumes of Canadian verse when issued, and thus practically recognize the efforts which our young and gifted writers are making in the face of great odds to build up a native literature. If one Catholic in every ten who read this review in the Catholic Record will purchase a copy of the volume which I have received it will bring satisfactory cheer and encouragement alike to author

and publisher, both of whom must have necessarily assumed a risk in the publication of such a book.

What is the use of Catholic literary societies assuming to foster the study of Catholic authors if they fail to practically encourage the Catholic authors of our own time and place?

Sing on, Dr. Foran! Sing on! Your themes of faith, fatherland and native land are noble ones! May God bless your efforts, and may the sloping rays in the eventide of your life bring you that increase of wealth and fame which you so richly deserve!

THOMAS O'HAGAN.

THE PASSIONISTS IN MEXICO.

Writing to the Herald of this city from the Mexican capital, Mr. F. R. Guernsey said in one of his recent letters—

"Go into the city of Tacubaya, a suburb of this capital, and accompany the Passionist Fathers on their rounds; go and see how simply these good men live, and then consider how enormous are the benefits which a religion such as animates these men confers on the poorer classes. When, in an age of faith in mere materialism, men are found who gladly put away all temptations to make gain, and literally 'go about doing good,' no one can doubt the sincerity of their faith. It must be a powerful conviction which makes men of intelligence spend their days among the ignorant and the disinherited of the earth.

"These men live with the utmost frugality, and it is said that nothing that is given them will they retain for themselves. Their clothing certainly is of the coarsest, and their lives are most laborious. Three or four are American born, a fact of some significance."—Sacred Heart Review.

ROUGH ON BLOOMER GIRLS.

In our editorial notes we have a very pointed reference to the bloomer and bicycle women. Since that has been in type we find the following despatch from Boston, which strongly confirms what we say and what many may think exaggerated:

"BOSTON, Mass., June 10.—The Women's Rescue League has adopted a resolution of timely interest declaring that bicycle women and the coming 'manish woman' are productive of 'much harm and no real good to the industrial and self-supporting women, who create 80 per cent. of the wealth in all the light manufacturing industries in this country. These women are entitled to political recognition by our law makers, because they help to create the wealth of the nation, while the 'sporting woman,' the 'manish woman,' and the 'bicycle woman' bring disgrace on the true womanly woman."

The League condemns bicycle riding by young girls and women for these reasons: "Thirty per cent. of the 'fast girls' that have come to the Rescue League for aid were bicycle riders at one time. It is resolved that 'since the closing up of the houses of ill-repute in Boston, the sporting girls are taking to bicycle riding because they can better ply their vocation on account of the 'opportunities' given them as cyclists.' An appeal is made to the prominent clergy of the States for the suppression of bicycle riding by young girls because of the tendency to encourage immorality. The League further condemns the coming 'manish woman' as a creature entirely useless and an unnecessary evil in this country which should not be tolerated or encouraged."

PRACTICAL JOKE ON ROSSA.

O'Donovan Rossa's cheap attempt to achieve notoriety, by disturbing the House of Commons, has disgusted the few Irish members who, perhaps, would be included to show him some consideration. The day previous to the incident some of Rossa's friends on the Irish



It isn't much trouble for a really healthy man to be good humored. Jollity and exuberant health are a proverbial combination. The hearty man who is always laughing doesn't have any trouble with his digestion. It has been said that laughing makes people healthy. The truth is that health makes people laugh.

There isn't any other thing so essential to health as regularity in the action of the bowels. Most all sickness starts with some derangement of the digestive functions. Good digestion means good, pure blood, and that means strength. Once let the bowels become clogged with "effuse matter, and the whole system is deranged. Impure, poisonous matter gets into the blood, and plants the seeds for all sorts of sickness.

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Montreal City and District Savings Bank.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Eight Dollars per share on the Capital Stock of this institution has been declared, and the same will be payable at its Banking House in this city, on and after the 1st day of July next. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 30th June next, both days inclusive. By order of the Board, H. X. BARBEAU, Manager. Montreal, May 31, 1895.

benches, as a practical joke, brought about a strange interview for the ex-Fenian had sent in his name to the lobby desiring that it be given to any Irish member. It passed rapidly from hand to hand until somebody suggested that it be sent to Mr. Henry Matthews, the ex-Tory Home Secretary and bitter opponent of Rossa in Fenian days. Mr. Matthews' name was quickly pencilled on the card, and it was sent to that gentleman, who was seated on the front opposition bench. The involuntary look of astonishment on the face of the former Home Secretary caused an audible smile on the benches. Mr. Matthews was almost agast for a moment, and then he showed the card to Mr. Ba'four and Mr. James Lowther. He held a whispered consultation with these gentlemen and then left the house. Mr. Lowther following as a sort of a body guard. They did not notice that half of the Irish delegation strolled behind Mr. Matthews went into the outer lobby and whispered something to the policeman at the entrance which seemed to take that official somewhat aback. He immediately called "Mr. O'Donovan Rossa," whereupon the Fenian leader advanced to meet the ex-cabinet minister, to the amusement of the crowded lobby. They shook hands cordially, and Mr. Matthews conducted Mr. Rossa to a seat in the corridor leading from the outer to the inner lobby, where they remained some time in animated conversation.



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