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"The Music, Bards, and Language of Ireland and Scotland."

A lecture on the above topics was delivered by Dr. Martin O'Brennan, in the Town Hall, last (Thursday) evening. The audience was not very large, and though the learned lecturer was evidently thoroughly acquainted with his subject, and treated it in an eloquent manner, he occasionally rambled from one point to another in a style which was rather confusing to his hearers. This, however, was a venial flaw in an otherwise capital discourse.

The chair was taken by Mr. James Hazelton, who introduced the Doctor in a few well-chosen and eulogistic remarks, alluding to his learning, love for the land of his birth, and his efforts for her welfare, and also his personal friendship with other distinguished Irishmen, amongst whom were Daniel O'Connell and Father Mathew.

After a few introductory remarks, with a reference also to the fact that from his youth up he had been a total abstainer, the lecturer said that the subject on which he was to speak that evening reminded him of a botanic garden filled with the choicest flowers, which if you walked through it hurriedly would only allow you to cull a flower here and there and examine its leaves. So, tonight, when speaking of the beauties and glories connected with Ireland, he could only exhibit to his hearers a very few of them. Proceeding to speak of the Irish race, he remarked that they were the descendants of Shem and Japheth, and traced the course of the wanderings of the various sections of the Gaelic race through Asia and Europe till their settlement in Ireland, and other portions of the west. The "sacred isle," as it was called, was for ages in antiquity the cradle and seat of learning, and people from all parts of the world went there to drink out of the pure well of Irish literature. The Celtic language and the Hebrew were originally the same, but the latter was only the germ, while the former had grown to great dimensions. The warlike virtues of the Celts were well known. Before their advent into Ireland, they had defeated the hosts of Cyrus in Syria, and the Celts in the north of France remained unconquered by the Romans. Ireland was named the "sacred isle" 800 years before Romulus was suckled by the wolf, and 1900 years previous to the time of St. Patrick. It was the noblest land for everything that could ravish the eye or charm the mind; and those who malign the country did so through ignorance of her. The Druids of Ireland taught letters through music, which was the proper way. He had condensed all the rudiments of the Celtic language into a small grammar, which could be mastered by any one in twelve days; and this was an illustration of the beauty and simplicity of the tongue used by men who had thrown forth salvation and enlightenment to the whole world—and all races should feel an interest in it, because it was the parent of all other languages. This was the testimony of Englishmen like Dr. Johnson, who hated intolerance, and gave credit wherever it was due. The original harp used by the ancient bards was played upon the knee, and it was one of these that Brian Boru used in 1011, when engaged in the defence of his country against the Danes. The English historians—the Venerable Bede, William of Malmesbury, and Geoffrey de Monmouth and others, bore testimony to its antiquity and its ravishing strains when touched by the master-hands of the harpers. The Welsh name for harp was borrowed from the Irish. The instrument was also introduced amongst the highlanders of Scotland, who were descendants of Irish Celts; but the former being very fierce and warlike, it was not considered so suitable to their tastes as the more martial bagpipes. Had the harp of Ireland not been at the Crusades, say some authorities, there would have been no music there at all; and this statement was an evidence that the Irish took part against the Saracens in the struggle for the possession of the holy city. After a few anecdotes of modern harpers, which were told in a happy manner, interspersed with quotations in the Irish language, the Doctor exhorted his hearers to bear in mind the past glories of Ireland, and strive to render themselves worthy sons and daughters of the land of their birth or descent, and concluded with a recitation of Moore's well-known poem commencing—

"Dear harp of my country! in darkness I found thee. The cold chain of silence had long o'er thee hung. When proudly, by own hand harp! I unbound thee. And gave all thy chords to light, freedom, and song."

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HOW TO MAKE MONEY.—A horse dealer residing in the vicinity of Yorkport, N. Y., and who buys up horses for the New York market, purchases Darley's Condition Powders and Arabian Heave Remedy by the dozen and feeds it to his horses; he says it is superior to anything he has ever used as a condition medicine, that the horses are so much more improved by its use as to sell more readily and command higher prices. Two other horse-dealers, one residing at Huntington, the other at Glen Cove, L. I., also purchase it by the dozen and for the same purpose; these men, as well as many others similarly engaged, know too well the value and importance of the medicine ever to be without it. Remember the name, and see that the signature of Hurd & Co. is on each package. Northrop and Lyman, Newcastle, Ont., proprietors for Canada Sold by all medicine dealers.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Sallow Complexion rendered clear by a few doses of Colby's Pills.

Jacobs' Rheumatic Liquid sells faster where introduced than any other Liniment.

While insane from neuralgia, a man in New Jersey threw \$40,000 in bank bills into the fire, and the whole sum was destroyed.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

This morning was one of the coldest we have been visited with this winter. The thermometer was at 15 degrees below zero at 8 o'clock.

WHAT ARE THE MORRISONIAN ERRORS?—Rev. James Howie will speak on the above subject, in Zion Chapel, on the afternoon of Sabbath first, the 7th inst. Worship to commence at 3 o'clock. 42

Mr. John Miller, proprietor of the Queen's hotel in this town, keeps a first-class house, at which travellers and others may rely upon meeting with every comfort and convenience. Added to this, the host is attentive and obliging to his customers, and those who patronize him once will be very apt to do so again. See adv.

THEFT.—Yesterday afternoon a resident on Greene street left a rather weighty round of beef in a wood-shed adjoining the house, with the intention of having it frozen; but it had not been out more than two or three hours before some petty thief thought it was a pity to have it frozen, and so took it away without informing the proper owner of his intention. The Chief Constable went to find out where it was taken to.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—At the meeting of the Presbytery of Paris in Paris on the 23rd ult., Rev. Mr. Cross was loosed from his charge in Ingersoll, Rev. Mr. Donald declined the call from Ayr and accepted that of Port Hope, and in consequence was loosed from his charge in Norwich. Rev. Mr. James, of Paris, declined the call from Chalmers Church, Guelph. Rev. Dr. Ormiston was unanimously nominated as Moderator of Synod at the next meeting.

PUTNAM'S MAGAZINE.—We are indebted to Mr. J. B. Thornton, successor to Mr. Shewan, for the February No. of Putnam's Magazine. It contains a large number of varied and excellent articles, written in a pure and interesting style. The first one, "The Ass in Life and Letters," displays the writer's thorough acquaintance with his subject and his ability to clothe his thoughts in beautifully simple and attractive language. It gives proof of being from the pen of one who is conversant with the works of ancient and modern writers—who has travelled extensively and has been a careful observer of the scenes through which he has passed. The other articles are equally readable, and such is the variety that every reader will find some one specially adapted to his taste:—"Literature at Home," "Literature, Science and Art abroad," "Table Talk" and "Fine Arts" are full of information conveyed in a racy and pleasant manner. We advise all our readers to purchase a copy at Mr. Thornton's, and to subscribe for the year.

Honors to Heathen Gods. Some years ago an educated English gentleman left the Christian Church and went over to Paganism, offering sacrifices to Jupiter, in his own house in London. His daughter, a beautiful girl of five and twenty, was even more enthusiastic than himself, and was in the habit of appearing in priestly robes and performing all the rites of antique mythology in the most approved form. On one occasion we read that this young lady "took a leading part in sacrificing a white bullock to the Thunderer," and performed the bloody task "with a grace and elegance that could not be surpassed." What was the end of these two English pagans of the nineteenth century we do not know, but it would seem that some of their descendants or admirers reside in the Fifth Avenue in New York city. We learn that a few evenings since, grand exercises in honor of the Roman God, Mercury, took place in one of the finest mansions in that aristocratic quarter. Each guest, upon entering, was received by a young usher in classic dress, who invited the new comer to dip his hand into a vase of perfumed water, after which he was crowned with a wreath of flowers, and had a golden harp slung round his neck, which he was compelled to wear throughout the entire evening. Among the assembled throng were generals, admirals, poets, editors, lawyers, merchants, and divines. One of the last was the Rev. Mr. Osgood, one of the most celebrated Unitarian preachers in New York, and he confesses that he was compelled to wear the harp and crown of flowers, and adds, "two of our preachers were there, and both spoke a good word for Mercury." In the course of the evening there was a singing procession of priests, illustrations, sacrifices, libations, speeches, poems, recitations, and then the company sat down to a sumptuous banquet. This took place on the evening of Shrove Tuesday, and the following day many of the clergymen who had participated in what, to say the least of it, was a piece of gross folly, performed the solemn services of Ash Wednesday in Christian churches. We understand that these performances in honor of Mercury, took place at the residence of a Wall street speculator; possibly he admires Mercury on account of his well-known cunning and dishonest proclivities.—Montreal Daily News.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

BRUSSELS, Mar. 4.—The sessions of Parliament began here yesterday. King William, as usual, opened the proceedings with a speech. He said that the first duty of the North German Confederation was to maintain peace and friendly relations with the other Powers of the earth. All the other nations of Europe had shown a disposition for peace. The result of the conference recently held at Paris on the Eastern question, demonstrated that there was a general desire for peace. The King closed his speech with the following words:—"A nation saving its strength, and having the will to respect the independence of others and maintain its own, can surely count on peace, as foreign Powers will not molest it, and the domestic enemies of order are powerless to trouble it."

MADRID, Mar. 4.—In the Constitution of Cortes yesterday a Commission, composed of 15 members, was nominated to prepare the draught of a Constitution; define the rights and liberties of citizens, and submit a form of Government.

LONDON, March 4th.—In the House of Commons this evening F. J. Goschen, President of the Poor Law Board, advocated the removal of restriction from emigration, and thought it advisable even to give factories for, and otherwise encourage the emigration of paupers to America.

The strong declarations of peace made by the King of Prussia in the North German Confederation gives great satisfaction here.

American Despatches

DETROIT, 5th.—Bishop Lefevre died last evening aged 65 years.

Nashville, 5th.—President Grant's Inaugural Address gives general satisfaction, though the suffrage clause is considered obscure.

Mount Forest Correspondence.

FIRE IN MOUNT FOREST.—COLLEGE'S DRUG STORE AND THE KAMINER OFFICE, DESTROYED. At an early hour this morning a fire broke out in the premises occupied by Mr. James Coleclough, druggist, and owned by Captain Price. The fire originated in the chimney somewhere, and when the alarm was given, Mr. Coleclough rushed upstairs and found the upper part of the building all in flames. Immediately the contents of the store were removed but in a very damaged state, whilst the fire raged above. By this time a large number of people were present, and used every exertion to arrest the devouring element, the wind unfortunately directing the flames upon the Examiner printing office. That building (after the press and other property belonging thereto was removed) was torn down by chains being frayed used upon the frame timbers, and the debris being taken off at once. Thus the fire, after hard labor, bruises and blows to the many good men engaged, was got under, and by 9 o'clock p. m. there was no further damage anticipated. Our worthy Reeve directed the men in their arduous labors throughout, and was very successful in saving much property. We are informed that Mr. Coleclough is insured in the Waterloo Mutual for \$3,000—the building probably is not. Insurance on the Examiner office \$800. The telegraph apparatus is all saved.

Mount Forest, March 4th.

The Quebec Tragedy.

The excitement relating to the shooting of the officer Whittaker is gradually subsiding. He is still insensible with the ball lodged in the brain, and doctors say that nothing can be done to alleviate his position for the present. Young Chalmers still remains in custody, in gaol, awaiting the fate of Whittaker. There is universal sympathy for the prisoner and the act is pronounced justifiable under the circumstances. He is sure of acquittal before any jury. It is rumored that he was applied for and refused. It is now declared a fact that prisoner's sister made a deposition before the Judge of the Sessions the day previous to the occurrence, charging Whittaker with having taken improper liberties upon her person, while she was in a state of pregnancy, and that from chloroform, administered by Whittaker in a pocket handkerchief, in August last. It is rumored that Whittaker promised marriage and made an appointment with the young lady to meet at a clergyman's. The marriage did not take place then owing to the absence of the father. Whittaker told his brother officers that he intended to marry the girl; but they advised him not to do so. The whole regiment is denounced for their immorality. The citizens generally are indignant against the 33rd, and hope orders will soon arrive, ordering their departure from Quebec. Chalmers is a lad about 17 years of age, and not more than four feet six inches in height; but has always been considered a manly and independent little fellow.

Monthly Fairs.

The Elora Fair took place on Tuesday last, and we learn from the Express that it was one of the best which has been held for the past 30 years. There were at least thirty buyers present. Beef was pretty plentiful, but the best was reserved for the Elora Fair. From \$4 to \$5 was about the price paid for the cattle purchased.

The Dayton Fair was held on Monday, and a good many sales were made at from \$4 to \$5 per 100 lbs.

The Fair at Bosworth came off on Saturday last, and was very successful. Cattle and money being quite plentiful.

The British Navy.—The question has been often asked whether the Navy of Great Britain, mounting as it does over six thousand guns, and manned by