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Report of the Officers

THE BEVOLUTION IRISH SOCIETY FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 1922.

The Officers desire to extend their congratulations to the Society on the attainment of its One Hundred and Tenth Anniversary to-night.

In accordance with the time-honoured custom, the members assembled at the meeting of St. Patrick's Day, accompanied by the bands of the Irish Lads Brigade and Catholic Corps, proceeded from the Hall to the usual route to Patrick's Day, where the Rev. Father Flynn, after a short service, then via Water and Church Streets to Government House, where the President on behalf of the Society presented Resolutions in respect to the situation in Ireland at that time, which resolutions were received very graciously by His Excellency who expressed his personal sympathy with the Irish people in assuring the members that he would be forwarded by him to the office of His Majesty's Government, where most directly concerned the matters referred to.

When Government House the Society proceeded to the Cathedral where Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Mons. McDermott and the parish of the Saint of the Day, was attended most eloquently and fervently by the Rev. Father Flynn. After the members assembled in the hall, where His Grace, the Archbishop Patron of the Society, read the usual route to Patrick's Day, where the Rev. Father Flynn, after a short service, then via Water and Church Streets to Government House, where the President on behalf of the Society presented Resolutions in respect to the situation in Ireland at that time, which resolutions were received very graciously by His Excellency who expressed his personal sympathy with the Irish people in assuring the members that he would be forwarded by him to the office of His Majesty's Government, where most directly concerned the matters referred to.

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sident announced the usual exchange of telegraphic compliments with sister Societies in Halifax and Boston.

During the afternoon and night, the Society's Dramatic troupe presented "A Daughter of Erin." On both occasions the theatre was filled to its utmost capacity, and, besides being a financial success, the performance was a credit to all concerned. The Society is indeed greatly indebted to the ladies and gentlemen who give their time and talents annually in this direction.

On Sunday July 3rd, the day selected for honouring the Memory of the heroic Irish who gave their lives in the Great War, your officers attended the Memorial Service in the Cathedral and were present later at the impressive ceremony of the unveiling of the memorial erected by the Sergeants of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment to their comrades of the same rank who died so nobly. A suitable floral tribute from the Society was laid on the monument, forming, together with similar tokens from sister organizations, an earnest mark of respect to the dead heroes amongst whom this institution was worthily represented.

We regret to have to report that Death removed from our roll during the year, six members, namely:—John P. Curtin, Nicholas J. Murphy, William J. Phelan, Michael G. Murphy, James J. Tobin and James J. Kelly. This list indicates the loss of some of our oldest and most respected members and by their passing, the Society is deprived of men who always had its welfare at heart. In all cases your officers attended as a Guard of Honour at the funeral.

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the Society will be kept ever in a position to successfully continue and develop the work of education which now stands out as the Society's prime object.

The Treasurer's statement shows our financial position as being most satisfactory, with a further reduction in our indebtedness, the amount of which is now but nominal when compared to the value of our property.

He must compliment the Literary and Amusement Committee for their excellent work during the year, especially upon the improvements in the Club Rooms which are generally admitted to be second to none in the City. Whilst these alterations and improvements have entailed very considerable expense, it is pleasing to know that the entire cost has been defrayed by the earnings of the Committee. This has meant that the revenue of the Committee for the year has been much greater than anything in the Society's history, and to all concerned, in making such a splendid result, we have to express the thanks of the members at large. We trust that the fine standard of enthusiasm and earnest work set up by last year's Committee will be followed up by their successors as there is yet room in connection with the literary side of the Committee's work, to effect improvements which will be of advantage to members.

The Dramatic section of the Committee have certainly done splendid work during the year. Besides the previously mentioned St. Patrick's Day performances, they produced later in the year "Deacon Dubbs" which ran successfully to capacity houses on five occasions, and shortly afterwards "Under the Gaslight" to delighted and enthusiastic audiences for a week. Thus on fourteen occasions during the year, the Casino Theatre was filled to its utmost capacity, clearly demonstrating the public appreciation of the B.I.S. Dramatic troupe and their cleverly rendered productions. We must compliment all who contributed to the success of these performances and in particular Mr. P. F. Moore the manager of the troupe for many years. It is our pleasure indeed to again bear tribute to the kind assistance so generously given by those who were not members of the Society particularly the ladies and gentlemen who have befriended us in this manner for years past.

The work of the School Committee during the year did not call for much in the way of building repairs. The customary amount of twine was made up by the Net department, affording employment to persons who under existing conditions, gladly availed of it.

The work of the Schools it is needless to say continues to progress on the same lines of success that have ever marked the path of the laborers of the Christian Brothers in Newfoundland. From the quarterly reports which have been submitted by the Rev. Superior, Brother Ahern, it will be noted that the daily attendance is the largest on record, the demand for accommodation being such that the Brothers have been obliged to make use of the Manual Room for regular school purposes. That the splendid communal training given the boys is recognized by the business men of the community is perhaps best evidenced by the large number who annually pass out from the schools to take positions of trust and responsibility in our commercial life. The fact that the demand for boys from the schools is increasing every year is a fine tribute to the faithful services given by the splendid body of teachers, whose only material reward is the success of their pupils. In this connection we desire to again congratulate the Brothers upon the continued development of the boys' musical and dramatic training. The great success which attended the performance of the Opera "Ruddigore" given by the boys during the year was at once a public appreciation of the thoroughness of the boys' musical training, and at the same time an indication that the curriculum followed out in the schools is so varied as to adapt the pupils for positions in any walk of life. During the year the Rev. Father J. E. Ryan who laboured so long and faithfully in St. Patrick's Hall, and who was so well known by the large numbers of our members who were his old pupils was paid the great compliment of being transferred to the position of Principal of St. Bonaventure's College. Whilst for sentimental purposes we naturally regret the removing of Brother Ryan from St. Patrick's Hall, we are glad that the honour done him has only meant that he will continue to labour for boys of the country in another institution, at which so many of our members received their early training. We wish him every success in his new sphere of usefulness.

We are glad to note that during the year the distinction was done the memory of the late Brother O'Hurley to have a memorial erected to him by a number of his old pupils. This is the first time in the history of the life of the Brothers in St. Patrick's Hall, such an event has taken place, and it is peculiarly fitting that the honour should go to one of the pioneers of the Order in Newfoundland. The memorial took the form of the equipment of one of the rooms for commercial and scientific purposes, a truly appropriate way of perpetuating the mem-

ory of one whose unselfish life was one of practical utility to the thousands of boys who passed through his care.

The attendance at the Card and Billiard rooms during the year has been usually large and as a consequence, receipts from this source have been exceptionally big. The usual Billiard Tournament was carried out and the dinner which followed was a great success and attended by a number of the most prominent gentlemen in the public and commercial life of the community.

The Annual Outing at Donovan's revived by the Literary and Amusement Committee over a year ago was most successful as well as the weekly Outings during the summer. The attendance at all these gatherings was large and contributed towards the financial side of our work as well as proving most enjoyable to the members and their friends.

A substantial measure of the success which has attended the work of the Literary and Amusement Committee during the past year must be attributed to the Ladies' Auxiliary. It will be remembered that this organization was called into existence for the purpose mainly of providing social entertainments in the rooms, the object of which was to make the club aspect of the institution more attractive to our younger members. The many entertainments promoted by the ladies have always been outstanding successes, and we feel that to a large degree the big additions to our membership roll during the past two years may be credited to this new phase of the Society's life. It is all the more gratifying to find that in addition to this splendid result the ladies have so managed these various events as to be able to hand over to the L. A. Committee a very substantial sum for their work during the year.

We are glad to be able to again compliment the Society upon the success which has followed its representatives in an Athletic way. Our Football team for the second season in succession won the Championship of the Newfoundland Football League. They with representatives of the competing teams, were as usual given a dinner in the rooms and a very pleasant evening was spent by all who attended, including in particular two members of the Society, Messrs. John Bell and Fred Phelan who had so creditably represented the country in Athletic competitions at Halifax, N.S.

We think it would be improper to conclude our report of the year's work of the Society without reference to the condition of affairs in Ireland, the land of our fathers, as compared with twelve months ago. However much there may be at the moment, of apparent temporary unrest there, the outstanding fact remains that the old land is fast being prepared to be a "Nation once again." The delivery over of Dublin Castle to the Irish people may be regarded as symbolic of the fact that Home Rule has at length been obtained. The struggle for this freedom has called forth many heroic sacrifices from the Irish people but we are content to feel assured that the bright intellects who have at last succeeded in compelling the justice of their cause to be recognized, will prove worthy of the task of so adjusting the affairs of their native country as to dispel the dark clouds of sorrow and suffering and bring upon Erin the sunshine of freedom and peace from one end of the country to the other.

The newly created Irish Free State which has been brought about by the unselfish efforts of Irishmen of all classes and creeds, will prove worthy of the long years of sacrifice, we have no doubt, and that it will bring prosperity and happiness to the entire country, we earnestly pray. In any event the people of Ireland will very shortly have an opportunity by their votes to finally decide upon the new conditions.

In thanking the members generally for their loyal co-operation during the year we have to remind them that the large membership which has now been reached, carries with it at all the greater responsibility to continue and

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On behalf of the Officers,
(Sgd.) W. J. HIGGINS, President.
A. DOYLE, Secretary.
St. Patrick's Hall, Feb. 17th, 1922.

Eat MRS. STEWART'S Home Made Bread.—Oct 13, 1920

Sagona to Rescue.

Arrangements were made yesterday to have the S.S. Sagona sent to the assistance of the S.S. Sisto which has been held for the past week in the ice some fifty miles off this port. The Sagona sailed yesterday afternoon at 2:30 and will endeavour to tow the disabled ship to port. The Sisto is taking in the forepeak.



Just Folks
DRESS.
Sometimes I wear my dinner clothes, sometimes I don the evening coat. Again I'll wear my very best to meet and talk with men of note. Then when the Spring returns once more and for my care the garden calls, I don my oldest pair of shoes and robe myself in overalls. But whether I be richly dressed or shabby garb adorns my frame, The man I am is altered, not—that which is I remains the same.

Last night my friend wore evening dress, this morning should we chance to meet. And were he garbed in dirty rags with shabby shoes upon his feet, I still should hail him as my friend, should stop and talk with him awhile. And thrill to hear his cherry voice and glory in his merry smile. For this is true, that clothes are worn according to convention's plan. But friends are friends however garbed, and all that matters is the man. I've seen some men in evening dress who did not grace their raiment mine. And I have heard philosophy from men who stood and herded swine. So little thought I give to clothes, I cannot how a man be dressed. The only thing that counts with me is what is underneath his vest; If he be honest, kind and true, then he may dress the way he will—In broadcloth or in overalls, a kindly man is kindly still.

M. C. Defeated.

The Methodist College was defeated last night by B.F.C. by a score of 9-0. The game, as the score will indicate, was poor and the bad condition of the ice contributed materially to the bad exhibition of hockey. The M.C. team will not appear again on the ice this year for the championship game, between S.B.C. and B.F.C. is on Thursday night.

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COMEDIAN INTRODUCES NEW NOVELTIES.

The Crescent was crowded at both performances last night when Eddie McGinley, the popular comedian scored a decided hit with his funny stories, and various vaudeville stunts. He opened his act with a "knot song" entitled "Which Hazel" and had everybody roaring with laughter. He next did a comic dance which was thunderously applauded. The hit of the show, was, however, his parodies which were sent in. Eddie sang them to the tune of "Fiddlers" and "Smiles." This number caused much merriment and sent everybody away in good humor. Since Eddie's arrival here he has made many friends, and already his popularity is registering high. He has a pleasant disposition, good appearance and an all around sport. Not sed. "Eddie" is there with the goods all the time.

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Ruth Chase and George Dale in Operatic Duet.

NICKEL PATRONS PLEASSED WITH SELECTION FROM "IL TRAVATTORE."

The large audience that attended the Nickel Theatre last night very clearly displayed their enthusiasm over the splendid duet "Le Miserere" from the opera "Il Travatore" which was rendered in a faultless manner by Miss Ruth Chase and Mr. George Dale. It is not very often we hear such celebrated opera numbers as this and last night brought back memories of the time when Signor and Signoretta Baroni were here en route on a world operatic tour. A very significant feature of last night's duet was the remarkable blending and wonderful expression. It is truly a musical treat which no one should miss.

The dominant value of "The Master Mind" as shown at the Nickel is that of Lionel Barrymore and his acting. Second is the very intelligent treatment and supervision, including the selection of a fine cast. Third is the play itself, the sum total causing the production to rank in a class to itself as an entertainment. This excellent feature programme will be repeated to-night.

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