

NOTE AND COMMENT.

IRISH UNITY.—It is with an inexpressible feeling of pleasure, a deep sentiment of hopeful gratification, that we learn by the two meagre despatches from the old country that a complete union has been formed by the different sections of the Irish Parliamentary Party. Until we receive the regular exchanges from England and Ireland, we will not be in a position to enter into any of the details of the movement which has happily resulted in an understanding between the various leaders and their followings. All we know is that the long-looked-for, long-hoped-for, long-prayed-for event has come to pass, and in the most unexpected manner. The Irish race is above all one of impulse—and its impulses are generally in the right direction. We had, for years, a vague trust that some day or other, circumstances would so shape themselves that a gradual approachment of the different divisions would take place. We confess, however, that we did not anticipate such a sudden ending of all differences of opinion, and such a blending of all sections into one powerful and united party. What undercurrents have been in action of late, bringing nearer to each other the elements that were apparently drifting further apart, is more than we can tell. But be the process of unification what it may, and be the leader or leaders whom they may, all we know is the fact that the Irish Parliamentary Representatives are united; and our prayer is that this union shall never be broken. It would not now be surprising if Home Rule itself flashed suddenly along the political horizon, and became an established fact, as is this union of parties, and in a manner just as unexpected and as mysterious.

PATRIOTISM UNREASONABLE.—In the last issue of "La Verite," Mr. Tardivel delivers himself of the following: "We have striking examples under our eye, of the danger that exists for our own to know English too well! . . . And, above all, do not imagine that a knowledge of English will make you really 'stronger' to maintain your position in this country, to here defend your rights, and protect your dearest interests. Such would be a fatal illusion. . . . Be French-Canadians to the very marrow of your bones, and to the tips of your hair; and you will then know how, even without any knowledge of English, to maintain your position, defend your rights, and protect our true interests."

THE CONNAUGHT RANGER'S BUDGET.

THE YOUNG IRISHMEN'S Society is one of the stalwart Irish organizations was the unanimous opinion of the large number who attended the "Smoker" in the gymnasium room of the Association on Monday evening. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion with national mottoes and emblems of Erin and the beautiful green and gold flag of the Society was hung on the south wall, of the hall, while immediately opposite was a life size painting of Robert Emmet. This oil painting which is dearly treasured by the members of the Association was presented to them some twenty years ago, by the late M. C. Mullarkey. It is a splendid picture of the martyred patriot. Mr. James Flood, Vice-President of the Society presided, and opened the evening's entertainment by explaining the aims and objects of the organization, summarizing the good work accomplished during its thirty years of existence, the heroic and successful efforts made to purify the stage of the caricaturing element. In conclusion Mr. Flood made an eloquent appeal to the young Irishmen of Montreal, whether by birth or blood, to become members of the Association, to take courses in physical training in its gymnasium, and to make themselves familiar with the history of the old land by having recourse to its well stocked library. Those taking part in the evening's entertainment were Mr. Charles Hamilton, Mr. M. J. Power, Mr. J. P. Cunningham, T. J. Grant, Master Polan, Mr. J. P. Smythe, and several others. It is the intention of the members to have similar social entertainments frequently. The dramatic section are busily engaged in preparing the great Irish Drama, "Eileen Oge," which will be produced at a matinee and evening entertainment in Her Majesty's Theatre on St. Patrick's Day.

ST. ANN'S YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY held a very large and important meeting in their hall on Ottawa Street, Sunday afternoon, Rev. E. Strubbe, C.S.S.R., presiding. The occasion being the installation of the newly elected officers. Expressions of sympathy and resolutions of condolence were tendered to the following members who have suffered losses through death recently in their families: Messrs. M. Casey, G. Edwards,

the great men of the past, and to develop a national spirit.

It is no easy matter to comment appropriately upon the foregoing advice from a prominent journalist to the young men of his race. We would not like to write a line that might be considered offensive, nor a word that would grate upon the most delicate sentiments of our French-Canadian fellow-citizens. The best we can do is to reverse the picture and suppose another case. We will suppose that an English organ published in the City of Quebec, were to thus address the younger generation of English-speaking citizens in that pre-eminent French city:—"We have learned from experience that there is a grave danger for our young men, to thoroughly know the French language." . . . Do not imagine that a knowledge of French will help you to get on in this community. . . . You must be English (or Irish, or Scotch, as the case may be) to the marrow of your bones and to the tips of your hair; you will then find that, without any knowledge whatsoever of French, you can maintain your position in French establishments, deal successfully with French traders, plead French cases before French juries, prescribe for and give advice to French patients, exercise any profession, or trade, or business, and ultimately make yourself be more thoroughly understood by means of your national spirit than through the medium of the language spoken by these people."

We would like to read Mr. Tardivel's comments upon such an editorial as that. He would not scruple to stigmatize the writer of it as a fool. Yet the aim, the meaning and the effects of his own article are exactly the same as would be those of the imaginary one we have just penned.

We differ entirely from "La Verite" on this subject. We would say to the French-Canadian youth of Canada of this Province, remember that while French is the language of letters, of science, of art, and of diplomacy, the English language is that of commerce, of general intercourse. Begin by thoroughly learning your own language, for you need it in life; it is the guarantee of the perpetuity of your laws and the preservation of your institutions, religious and national. It is a legacy handed down to you along the decades of a glorious past, and your patriotism imposes upon you the obligation of preserving it and of transmitting it to your children as a national heritage. But, having learned perfectly your French, begin as early as possible to master English. You will need it in every walk of life, and in this country you are only half educated, only half equipped for life's battle unless you possess a fair knowledge of the English language.

disgraceful pictures. It is extremely painful to notice how many of our people give space to these degrading posters, both in their stores and elsewhere, and for what, simply to get a free ticket of admission to see their people caricatured. It is time some steps were taken to have these understand the gravity of the offence, and to teach them the best lessons by ignoring them altogether.

PARNELL MEMORIAL.—There should be no hesitation in subscribing to a memorial to perpetuate the memory of Parnell. Subscribe before it is too late and have your name inscribed on the roll of honor. Contributions should be sent without any delay to Mr. P. F. McCaffrey, 33 Victoria Square. This is the last time I will write on this matter.

ABOUT THE SMOKER.—The No. 9 "Smoker" has not gone up the chimney, so brother Clarke informs me, but he predicts a jolly good time. Well, it can't be done too soon!

THE UNITED IRISH PARTY.—The members of the Montreal Gaelic Society passed the following resolution at its last meeting:

"That we, the members of the Montreal Gaelic Society, in executive session assembled, are pleased to learn of the unification of the different wings of the Irish Parliamentary Party, and hereby pledge our hearty support, both morally and financially, to the reunited Irish Party, and to the distinguished successor of Parnell, and call on the members of our National societies, and on our countrymen and countrywomen throughout the Dominion of Canada to aid and assist Mr. Rodmond and the Irish Parliamentary Party in trying to secure the legislative independence of their country."

It is pleasing to note that Montreal is the first place in America to recognize the reunited Irish Party.

SIR KNIGHTS.—The first Progressive Eucharist Party and Social given by the members of Dominion Council No. 465, Knights of Columbus, on last Tuesday evening in Newman's Hall, was one of the most brilliant functions ever held in this city. By members of a Catholic organization. The supper was served by Mr. W. J. Shea, the usual toast being in order after which the company retired to the ball-room, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and where some one hundred and fifty couples enjoyed themselves. A large number of members of Canada Council was present, including Mr. W. H. Brown, Mr. J. P. Kavanagh, and J. McLaughlin. The committee to whom the thanks of all Sir Knights are due were as follows: Chairman, J. Bennett. Reception, Messrs. J. C. Walsh, W. H. Turner, and E. B. Devlin, B.C.L. Cards, Messrs. M. P. Kelly, T. J. Holland, and J. H. Neilson. Supper, Messrs. F. Tansey, J. C. Hanley and T. T. Smyth. Dancing, Messrs. J. Kennedy, M. Stuck, and J. M. Collins.

DIVISION NO. 8.—At the semi-monthly meeting of Division No. 8, on Wednesday evening eight new candidates were elected. A committee from the County Board consisting of Bros. Byrne and Birmingham of Division No. 1, and Purcell of Division No. 4, addressed the members on matters of deep interest to the organization. President Lavelle presided.

DIVISION NO. 3.—At the regular meeting of Division No. 3, on Wednesday evening a committee from the County Board consisting of Bros. McMorris and Birmingham, of Division No. 1, and Capt. Keane of the Knights addressed the members on matters of interest to the Order. Alderman Gallery presided.

DIVISION NO. 5.—Bros. W. H. Turner, of No. 6, M. A. Baley, of No. 2, and J. Brennan of No. 4, a committee appointed at the County Board visited Division No. 5, on Wednesday evening and addressed the members.

ST. GABRIEL'S DEBATING CLUB.—The subject of a debate which takes place next Wednesday evening, 14th inst., in the rooms of St. Gabriel's Debating Club promises to excel in oratory all previous subjects dealt with by the Club. The debate will be on the following resolution. Resolved that Canada would be more prosperous as an independent state. Messrs. P. J. Tweeney, B. Conroy, L. Riley, will assume the affirmative, while Messrs. W. McCarthy, M. McCarthy, G. R. Rappley, will look after the negative side. Before the debate there will be several readings and musical selections by the members of the Club.

A PERSONAL NOTE.—President Phelan, of Division No. 5 has been confined to his room for the past six weeks.

M.J.P.—Too late! Next issue.

CONNAUGHT RANGER.

A GOLDEN JUBILEE.

Ottawa, February 7, 1900.

It may be of great interest to your Montreal readers, as it certainly will be to all your subscribers throughout the Valley of the Ottawa to learn of the celebration which took place last week, in honor of Sister Mary of the Nativity, one of the best known of the Gray Nuns' community in Ottawa. Possibly a great many of the older generation will better remember this gifted and venerable lady by the familiar name of Sister Laffamme. Although now in her seventy-fourth year, this esteemed lady is both active and able to attend to all her duties—especially those of music teacher. For nearly half a century has Sister Laffamme dedicated her splendid talents to the cause of the young, and her pupils—the great majority of them, now mothers of families—have ever preserved in their hearts warm places to nurse the recollection of all her goodness. Sister Mary of the Nativity, was formerly Miss G. Laffamme of Montreal, and is sister of Mrs. Jette, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec. She is the oldest child of a family of 14, and all are dead with the exception of herself and the youngest daughter, Mrs. Jette.

The celebration begun on Thursday night at the Water Street Convent, when the relatives of the celebrant, and sisters from the different communities in Ottawa were present, at a reception. Several poems, suitable to the occasion, were read, as were a large number of letters of congratulation, including one from His Excellency Mgr. Falconio, Papal delegate.

The numerous presents were displayed on a table and testified to the esteem in which the venerable sister is held. Many old pupils sent offerings. Among those present were: Lieut.-Governor Jette of Quebec and Mrs. Jette, Sister Labreche, of Montreal, aunt of Sister Mary and Sister Rubodan of Montreal, also a relative.

On Friday morning a grand High Mass was celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Duhamel in the Convent Chapel. Music was provided by the convent choir, and by the pupils of the Rideau Street Convent.

The chapel was decorated in golden colors, and several of the compartments were similarly adorned.

On Friday afternoon the teachers and pupils of the Rideau Street Convent—an institution in which she taught, during many years, both music and painting—held a grand reception in her honor. During her long and eventful career as a religious Sister Laffamme was stationed in various capacities, sometimes as Superioress, sometimes as teacher, in different missions, and in all of them she has left behind her memories that are cherished by the inhabitants of these places. Amongst other localities that were favored by her presence, may be mentioned Aylmer, Que., Buckingham, Que., Plattsburg, N.Y., and Pembroke, Ont. In a sense she may be considered as one of the few remaining pioneers of education in Ottawa Valley, and decidedly her Golden Jubilee, has awakened many a fond recollection of her great gifts and noble character. It is to be hoped that she may be spared for years yet to continue the grand work she has been carrying on for half a century.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Change in Degree Work.

A change in the degree work of the Knights of Columbus, which is very important and necessarily of great interest to all members of the order throughout the country, will go into effect shortly, and arrangements are going on for the exemplification of the reconstructed ritual, which has been made necessary by the addition of a fourth degree to the work of the order. As is well known by all members of the Order, the present ritual consists of three degrees. For some time the National officers of the Order and men prominent in the Society circles have been contemplating the change, and after much deliberation and consultation on the matter, the new degree is now broached to the order throughout the land.

Just how it will be received, of course is a question; but those who have formulated it are of the opinion that it will tend to create a new interest and thereby increase the ranks. The growth of the Order has been most phenomenal, and nothing has occurred to give it a set back. It has spread gradually and steadily from the place of its birth in the East until it now reaches into the far West and down into the Southern States.

The new ritual was adopted by the National Board of Directors on the 9th December, 1899, and will go into effect on the installment of officers for the year 1900. After that no other ritual will be used. Members of the Order who have already taken any of the first three degrees under the old ritual will not be required to take them again, but all will be required to take out new applications.

To be eligible for the new fourth degree the member must have taken his third under the old ritual at least two years previous to the time of taking the fourth. Charter membership for the degree will number ten members, and applications for such membership will have to be forwarded to the national board not later than January 30, 1900, so that all those who desire to take advantage of this first grand exemplification of this degree must act at once. Applicants for the fourth degree must be twenty-one years of age or over and in good financial and general standing. They must be practical Catholics, and this fact will have to be vouched for by a priest.

The new degrees will be exemplified on six days of the year, as follows: Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, Decoration day, Fourth July, October 12th, (Columbus day), and Thanksgiving day. When these days fall on Sunday the exemplification will be held on the days on which these anniversaries are celebrated. Districts for the exemplification of the degree will be fixed by the board so as to allow of about one hundred candidates on each of the days named, making about six hundred on whom the degree may be worked in a year's time. The degree workers will be

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The first grand exemplification of the new work will, however, take place in New York City on the 22nd of February this year. The other exemplifications in the cities named will take place at dates to be fixed later.

The new degree, as has already been said, has necessitated a change in the ritual of the order, and the work of the different degrees has had to be changed over from the old form. As a result, all the old rituals have been called in, and will be superseded by the new ones as fast as possible.

The national board promises that the fourth degree will be one of the most elaborate and expensive examples of degree work of any society in this country. There are some minor details connected with its working that have yet to be completed. The idea of the national board will be explained at meetings of the different councils in the near future, the above being but a suggestion of the new work.—Catholic Mirror.

COUNTY OF BONAVENTURE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Grand Casapedia, P. Q. January 30th, 1900.

In our new parish church of St. John's we have just had a splendid mission. The preacher was the Rev. Father Connelly, S.J., of Montreal. As what takes place in the most remote Catholic districts is of value even to those who reside nearer to the centres of religious activity, I have made bold to give you a few notes concerning this place and our recent mission.

St. John's is a parish lately erected and conducted by Rev. Father Gagne, of Maria, Que. It was formed for the benefit of the people of Irish town and of the settlers on both sides of the Grand Casapedia River, in the County of Bonaventure. The parish is scarcely a year old. The church is attended by English-speaking people—principally Irish—who live in a minority with Protestants of all denominations. On the formation of the parish, Father Gagne promised the new parishioners a grand retreat, just as soon as necessary arrangements could be made. Rev. Father Connelly's mission has been the result of that promise.

The church, which is a very nice little one, is yet unfinished inside, although quite comfortable, and has been built by voluntary contribution. The mission opened at Mass on Sunday, January 14th, and each morning of the week, after Mass, a sermon was preached, as also one each evening. The attendance increased daily until at the close the church was too small to properly accommodate the congregation. Quite a number of non-Catholics followed all the evening instructions. The sermons were on Sin, Confession, Infidelity, Hell, mixed marriages, and the Blessed Virgin, and the Saints. Many who had been negligent of their duties for years were brought back to an active practice of their religion.

Too much praise cannot be given our zealous pastor, Father Gagne, for his labor and energy in securing us this mission. He, with an assistant—Rev. Father Morin, has the large parish of Maria to serve, so that this was a labor of love as far as we are concerned.

The first marriage celebrated in our new church was that of Mr. Benjamin Willet, of St. John's, to Miss Louise Le Gouffe of the same place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Gagne, of Douglas-town, who was on his way to Quebec. The whole parish wishes the happy couple long life and a successful one.

There is many a church and chapel where the want of daylight is felt. Imposing sums of money are expended on decorations and paintings only to be lost on account of the lack of light. Artificial light will not suit the purpose, as all know, but a well diffused general light is wanted. The only way to secure it is by Luxfer Prisms, and many are taking advantage of this new product to get the desired results. New pamphlets, in French and English, will be sent on application to the Luxfer Prism Co., 1833 Notre Dame Street, Montreal.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. SUPERIOR COURT, No. 395. Dame Marie Rose Delina Trudeau, of the Parish of Longueuil, District of Montreal, wife of Pierre Vincent, farmer of the same place, has, this day, instituted an action in separation as to property against him.

Montreal, 6th February, 1900.

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