

AN IRISH NATIONAL SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the "True Witness."

Sir,—I read to-day's "True Witness," the number following St. Patrick's Day, and containing naturally an account of the national celebration. I read it all from start to finish, and found it very interesting. I had heard Dr. Drummond at the St. Patrick's Dinner recite the now almost famous verses: "Kelly and Burke and Shea," and it was a renewal of the pleasure to see them in your paper with Dr. Drummond's notes written for the "True Witness." It was with considerable pleasure that I read your editorial, "A True Irishman," in which you express your admiration for the very distinguished literary abilities of the author of "The Habitant," and "The Little Cure of Calumette." I have a theory that it is because Dr. Drummond is an Irishman that he has succeeded so wonderfully in translating the French Canadian of our country into English verse. No one else than an Irishman could thus perfectly interpret the manner of thinking of the French Canadian, whose happy character perhaps is due to the larger Celtic strain in his blood. Since "The Wreck of the Julie-Plante" appeared, many gifted Canadians have tried to make the French Canadian of our country parishes talk in English verse, but not being themselves Celts they have not been in full sympathy with their subject.

However, though I am persuaded that the fact of his being an Irishman, with great literary gifts, made Dr. Drummond an ideal medium through whom Jean-Baptiste best expresses in English the romance and sentiment and poetry of his nature. I must confess that it was not to prove this theory of mine that I sat down to write.

In the editorial "A True Irishman," you write of Dr. Drummond, that "such men it is who keep alive the spirit of the Gael; it is men of this type who aid materially in bringing together the scattered Celts." And, yet, just think of it! so true an Irishman as Dr. Drummond, because he is not a Catholic, is excluded from the possibility of membership in the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal, just as you sir, could not be admitted to the Irish Protestant Society, were you ten times more Irish, because you are a Catholic.

And yet no one would suspect this state of things from the speeches at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. The speakers vied with each other in expressing a desire for the union of Irishmen of different creeds.

BRANCH 26, C.M.B.A.

The regular meeting of Branch 26, which was held on Monday evening, 28th March, in the hall of the Branch, 92 St. Alexander street, was largely attended. President D. J. McGillis presided, and amongst those present were Chancellors J. H. Feeley, P. Reynolds, A. D. McGillis, M. Sharkey, H. J. Ward, M. Eagan, Dros. Robert Warren, John Kennedy, Thos. Leo Delaney, John McMahon, Jas. F. Shaw, F. M. Richard, W. J. Duquet, J. F. O'Callaghan, R. Dolan, B. Campbell, J. P. McDonagh, O. Tansey, J. J. Mullaney, R. Coogan, P. Dwyer, J. J. Maguire, P. J. Darcy, G. Fawcett, J. H. Feeley, Jr., J. O'Toole, Thos. Harding, and many others. The usual routine business having been transacted, the following resolutions of condolence were adopted:—

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty God, in His Wisdom, to remove, this day, from our midst our well beloved brother, John E. Shortall;

Whereas, by his decease this Branch has lost a truly esteemed member, one who devoted himself earnestly and zealously to the furtherance of the good work of our association, ever faithful to his obligation as a member, and most painstaking in the discharge of his duties as an officer during the terms which he had served the Branch as Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of Finance Committee, a true friend and noble example;

Resolved—That we desire to extend to the family and relatives of our departed brother our most heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of affliction and trial. Their loss is indeed a great one; but the hope and knowledge that he for whom they mourn has entered into a better world than this will enable them to bear with Christian fortitude the heavy cross placed upon them.

Resolved—That an offering of twenty Masses be made for the happy repose of the soul of our departed brother.

Further Resolved—That the charter of our Branch be draped in mourning for the space of one month, and that

The great names of Catholic and Protestant patriots of Ireland were recalled, and the lesson from history was invoked and insisted on to teach us that Irishmen should be united in their Irishism, let them differ in what else they please. And thus we talk while the fact remains that Dr. Drummond (and you have vouched for his being "a true Irishman"), would be refused admission to the St. Patrick's Society!

The Scotch talk less—but they practice more. No Scotchman wishing to join St. Andrew's Society is asked whether he is a Catholic Scotchman or a Protestant Scotchman; he is "a brother Scot," that's enough. Englishmen in this regard are and can afford to be most practical. Being tacitly united against all who would oppose them, they have no need of a national society—and they rarely talk on the subject.

Since then the "True Witness" commends Dr. Drummond for his aid in bringing together the scattered Irish Celts, it cannot refuse its help in this same cause. As the result of its advocacy, we may hope to have here at last "one Irish National Society," the St. Patrick's Society, which Irishmen, Protestant and Catholic, may join, and where Irish Protestants like Dr. Drummond might aid with Irish Catholics in all that is of interest to the people of their race, and help to bring the Irish scattered Celts together.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,
HENRY J. KAVANAGH.
Montreal, 25th March, 1896.

Many years ago St. Patrick's Society was a truly national organization. It is unnecessary to refer to the events that led to the severance and to the establishment of an Irish Protestant Benevolent Society. Since that time the two societies have worked in harmony. They have accomplished much good and can do still more. It would be next to impossible to carry out Mr. Kavanagh's idea at present. Time may bring about the desired result, but for the moment a step in the right direction has been made. The idea of holding an annual dinner on St. Patrick's Night, when Irishmen without distinction of creed will meet has taken a firm hold. A few such meetings as that held last St. Patrick's Night will do a great deal towards bringing about the result desired by Mr. Kavanagh and many others—Ed. "T.W."

a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of our late brother, inserted in the minutes of our Branch, and published in the official organ of our Association and the "True Witness."

Chancellor M. Eagan and Chancellor P. Reynolds moved the adoption of this resolution, and paid fitting tribute to the memory of the deceased. Vice-President J. J. Costigan seconded the resolution, and spoke on the noble and generous character of the deceased brother, his unassuming manner, and his earnestness. He pointed out the faithful service which brother Shortall had rendered the Branch during the years he had served as financial secretary and also in the office of treasurer, and up to within a few weeks ago as chairman of the finance committee.

Chancellor John H. Feeley moved, seconded by Chancellor M. Sharkey, That the sincere sympathy of the Branch be tendered Brother John Hoolahan, on the recent death of his esteemed wife.

Feeling references were made by the mover and seconder on the loss sustained by brother Hoolahan, after which the motion was adopted.

The meeting was shortly afterwards brought to a close in due form.

BRANCH 232, C.M.B.A.

Branch 232, C. M. B. A., will give a Euchre Party on Easter Monday night. The committee appointed to make arrangements for the affair expect to have a large attendance. The past efforts of this Branch have been highly successful.

The Late Mrs. Michael Kelly.

It is our melancholy task to chronicle the death of Mrs. Michael Kelly, mother of Mr. R. S. Kelly, so well known in connection with the S.A.A. A., which sad event occurred at her late residence on St. Catherine street on Sunday afternoon. Deceased was highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in Montreal. She was a devout member of St. Patrick's Church. The funeral which took place on Wednesday afternoon was largely attended.

tended. The chief mourners were her two sons, D. J. and R. S. Kelly, Mr. Hart, Wm. Weir, J. P. Smith, Thos. Weir. Amongst the large concourse present were M. P. Laverty, W. J. O'Malley, T. J. Cooke, Jno. Reddy, C. J. Breen, Finley MacDonald, J. Meehan, Jno. Connolly, H. Magnus, R. Gunn, W. Frynn, M. Magnus, T. Dwyer, M. O'Connor, M. Graham, Chas. Houghton, Jos. Maguire, New York; M. Crean, Ed. Crean, C. A. McDonnell, W. J. Brennan, P. Flannagan, E. A. Reid, Quebec; F. Riley, E. R. Gunning, and many others.—R. I. P.

A NEW CANADIAN CATHOLIC STORY WRITER.

The "True Witness" commences this week the publication of a short, but most interesting and highly instructive story, from the pen of Miss Margaret L. Hart, of Toronto. Although Miss Hart's name has but recently become known in the realm of Canadian Catholic literature, still many of our readers will recall the splendid paper on literature, read by her some



MISS MARGARET LILLIS HART.

two years ago, in Montreal, on the occasion of the meeting of the Council of women. Miss Hart was the only lady from Toronto who contributed to the literary portion of the convention, and she then represented both Catholic and Protestant Associations of the Queen City. She is a trained teacher and a distinguished graduate of the Normal School. Possessed of a ready pen, a fine imagination, and a command of language, she determined to attempt the path of literature. The story which commences in this issue is her first in that particular line—short Catholic stories—and if we are to judge from her effort we can safely predict a high place for her some day, in the ranks of Canadian literateurs.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

Even in our city there are certain cases heard in the Court House to which it would be far better to exclude listeners or spectators. The mind is prone to many evils, without putting one's self in the midst of temptation. In many places little or no attention is given to this matter. New York furnishes a good example of what should be followed in every case where such trials are to be held.

As an offset to the police judge who publicly advocated recently the horrible doctrine of suicide, New York has a judge of the Supreme Court—Justice Kellogg—who allows no one to be present during divorce trials in his court except the litigants, the witnesses, the counsel, and the court officers. When asked whether it was his intention to exclude reporters, Justice Kellogg said:—"It is. I do not intend to educate the public in divorce cases through the public press. The reporters will have to leave."

The Judge Used a Revolver.

At Sweetwater, Texas, last week, County Judge John H. Cochran of Nolan county was attacked in court by C. P. Woodruff, a prominent attorney, and badly injured about the head. Woodruff left the court, and as he was going Judge Cochran opened fire on him. R. P. Watts, a bystander, was shot in the hip. He and Judge Cochran are in a critical condition. Attorney Woodruff was placed under \$3,000 bond. He attacked Judge Cochran because the latter refused to approve a bill of exceptions in a suit in his court.

Old age seizes upon an ill-spent youth like fire upon a rotten house. It was rotten before, and must have fallen of itself, so that it is only one ruin anticipating another.

ONE OF GOD'S LITTLE HEROES.

The patter of feet was on the stair; And the editor turned in his sanctum chair, And said—for weary the day had been; "Don't let another intruder in."

But scarce had he uttered the words before A face peeped in at the open door. And a child sobbed out: "Sir, mother said I should come and tell you that Dan is dead."

And who is Dan? The streaming eyes Looked questioning up with strange surprise.

"Not know him? Why, sir, all day he sold The papers you print, through wet and cold."

"The newsboys say that they cannot tell The reason his stock went off so well. I knew; with his voice so sweet and low Could any one bear to say him 'No'?"

"And the money he made, whatever it be, He carried home to mother and me. No matter about his rags, he said, If only he kept us clothed and fed."

"And he did it, sir, trudging through rain and cold, Nor stopped till the last of his sheets were sold. But he's dead—he's dead—and we miss him so, And mother—she thought you might like to know."

In the paper next morning, as "leader" ran A paragraph thus: "The Newsboy Dan, One of God's little heroes, who Did nobly the duty he had to do— For mother and sister earning bread By patient endurance and toil— is dead."

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MARKET REPORT.

("True Witness" Office.)

March 29.

GRAIN.

The market remains quiet. The receipts to-day were 3,900 bushels of oats.

We quote—No. 2 oats at 35c to 35½c in store, and 36c afloat in May. While in the west they are worth 30c to 30½c. Peas are selling at 74c in store and 65c to 66c in the west.

FLOUR.

There is a quiet business being done. The receipts to-day were 1,850 barrels.

We quote strong Manitoba patents at \$3.90 to \$4.05; strong bakers at \$3.70 to \$3.80; winter patents at \$3.75 to \$4; straight rollers at \$3.50 to \$3.60; straight rollers, bags, at \$1.65 to \$1.75; extras at \$1.40 to \$1.50.

PROVISIONS.

There is a fair trade with steady prices. Liverpool quotations show no change. The Chicago hog market averages 5c lower. The receipts to-day were 27 boxes of hams and 434 dressed hogs.

We quote pure Canadian lard, in pails, at 7c to 7½c; compound refined do., at 5c to 5½c; hams at 9½c to 10c; bacon at 10½c to 11c; barrels of heavy Canada short cut, mess pork at \$15.50; heavy Canada long cut mess pork at \$14.50; compound lard at 5½c to 5¾c in pails; pure lard at 6½c to 7c in pails.

BUTTER.

Finest creamery maintains its firm tone, selling at 20¼ to 20½c. Rolls are more plentiful and selling freely at 15c to 15½c for fresh barrels. Township dairy is worth 15c to 16c; while western dairy brings 12½c to 13½c. The receipts to-day were 783 packages.

CHEESE.

Liverpool cable is steady at 52s for both white and colored. The local market is firm at 11c to 11½c. The receipts to-day were 35 boxes.

MAPLE PRODUCTS.

New sugar is worth 7c per lb., while last year's brings 6c to 6½c; new syrup is selling at 55c to 60c per tin. This looks as if a fair run were expected, as the price is an average one.

EGGS.

Fresh eggs are worth about 13c per dozen. The receipts by rail to-day were 55 cases.

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