

MR. JUSTIN MCCARTHY.

Interesting Sketch of His Splendid Career.

His Patriotic Endeavors in Journalism and in Parliament.—Some of the Products of His Literary Work.

From the Boston Republic.

The announcement made last week that the veteran Irish parliamentarian, Justin McCarthy, was approaching the end of his earthly career, was heard with great sorrow by his hosts of admirers the whole civilized world over; and this sorrow was not confined alone to men who sympathize with the cause to which the best years of Mr. McCarthy's life and the best efforts of his great abilities were devoted.

It will be 67 years the coming November that Justin McCarthy first saw the light of day in rebel Cork. His father, from whom the son would seem to have inherited his literary tastes, was a splendid classical scholar, but in that he could claim no special distinction over his fellow-townsmen, for Cork has always had a reputation for erudite sons.

INCLINED TO JOURNALISM, and as the road to that avocation opened through the door of a reporter's room, he studied shorthand, in order the better to qualify himself for reportorial work. Then he secured a place on the Cork Examiner, and one of his first assignments was to report the proceedings at the trial of Smith O'Brien and his colleagues.

THAT MECCA OF IRISH LITERARY TOILERS—and thought to secure employment there. He was not successful, however, and had to go back to Cork. While acting as official shorthand reporter there to a royal commission, the excellence of his work attracted the attention of one of the members of the commission; and that individual gave him letters of introduction to influential Londoners.

OF THIS PERIOD OF HIS LIFE Mr. O'Connor, a competent authority, says: "Those who remember the journal and the times in which it lived will know what splendid service it did to the cause of Ireland, which at that period seemed terribly hopeless indeed; and its tone of energetic and even fierce advocacy of Irish National claims was, of course, largely due to the inspiration of the ardent Irishman who was then at its head."

A NEW PERIOD IN HIS LITERARY LIFE, and one which, while it entailed a large amount of labor upon him, brought its recompense, though the money which Mr. McCarthy's pen brought him—and he was always afterwards well paid—appears to have taken wings to itself, either in charitable bequests, unfortunate investments, for patriotic purposes, or otherwise; since it was announced last week that he was practically penniless.

was published in 1867, was "The Waterdale Neighbors" and then followed "My Enemy's Daughter," 1869; "Lady Judith," 1871; "A Fair Saxon," 1873; "Linley Rochford," 1874; "Dear Lady Dredain," 1875; "Miss Misanthrope," 1876; "Donna Quixote," 1879; "The Comet of a Season," 1881; "Maid of Athens," 1883 and "Camilla," which appeared, by special arrangement, at the time in the columns of The Republic, 1885. In addition to these novels Mr. McCarthy, during the years mentioned, contributed frequently to such publications as the London, Westminster, Fortnightly and Contemporary Reviews, the Galaxy, the Nineteenth Century, and did much other literary work.

HIS POLITICAL CAREER may be said to have begun in 1879, when he was returned, in March, from Longford, which sent him back to Westminster the following year, after the dissolution of 1880. In both these contests he was returned without opposition. He won a practical victory for the Irish national cause in 1885, when he contested Derry, an Orange stronghold, and came within twenty-nine votes of carrying the constituency. During Mr. Parnell's life Mr. McCarthy was vice-president of the Irish parliamentary party, and came to this country to appeal for funds for the furtherance of the home rule cause.

While still young and struggling for a place in which he could show his capabilities to the world, Mr. McCarthy chose for his wife a woman who was destined to be, while she lived, a helpmate to him in the truest sense of the word. This was Miss Charlotte Allman, a Munster girl; and we will tell Mr. O'Connor the story of their wedded life.

THEIR NEW HOUSE AT BATTERSEA, and which, of course, perished after a short and sickly existence." Of this union was born Mr. Justin Huntley McCarthy, his father's namesake and the inheritor of much of his literary abilities. A writer of recognized repute and the author of several successful works and plays, Mr. McCarthy, Jr., attained a new distinction as the husband of Cissy Loftus, whose beauty and art have frequently been witnessed on the American stage.

LAST YEAR'S IMMIGRATION. The annual report of the Interior Department has been published and distributed. It includes two months of 1896 in addition to covering 1895. The total immigrants who arrived in 1896 were 25,478, as compared with 25,783 for

1895, a decrease of 310. The number of homestead entries was 1,857, representing 5,556 souls, as compared with 2,394, representing 7,054 souls in 1895, a falling off in entries of 537 and in settlers of 1,496. The Canadians who returned from the United States numbered 48, as against 106 in 1895. There were 142 Americans who took up land during the year, as against 452 in 1895.

AMERICAN CATHOLICS.

Their Position in the United States in Public Affairs.

An Opinion Regarding the Attitude of Newspapers Conducted in Their Interest.

The Catholics of the United States are justly accused of lack of patriotism, if patriotism consists in contributing an actual share towards the legislation of the country and the executive upholding of its laws. Comparing the proportion of our Catholic population with that of our legislators and judges, we are compelled to admit still Tertullian's statement of eighteen centuries ago: "We fill your fields, your mines, your armies and your public places; all we leave you is your legislative palaces."

and, in several cases, its boasting total abstinence from politics, altogether. In fact, it is universally both known and confessed, that Catholic newspapers hardly ever assume positive pretensions in our country's recurring political contests, or ever trespass upon the limits of purely defensive grounds.

Nor could we comprehend why so-called patriotic publications should find fault with Catholics, for their very natural plea, intended to save a semblance of the rights of a considerable portion of the nation, and to place themselves under the venerable aegis of the country's Magna Charta. We know, on the contrary, that many of both their friends and foes, with apparently better reasons, blame their public writers, for not entering upon offensive grounds and setting forth claims which the fair American sense of distributive justice could hardly fail to sanction.

IS POLITICS IN THE UNITED STATES? I'll tell you, said he: "In the Union, in every state, in every county, in every city, district and hamlet, there is just so much money that can be stolen every year. Now politics is: Who will be the lucky man to be the thief?"

After all, should slang be truth, who could justly blame Catholics who admit: "Thou shalt not steal," for restricting their political warfare to the defense of their breastworks?

DIED OF EXCESSIVE PATRIOTISM, set the Catholics an illustrious and over-successful example of patriotism. This association put its finger and its whole fist into the pie. It stuffed the boxes of the preliminaries, and the result was that the Catholics and honest voters were left to choose between one patriot and another; or, while members of that association almost filled the lists of our leading political party, others of them formed an obnoxious incubus on the roll of aspirants of the other partisan denominations; in such a manner, that non-patriotic but country-loving citizens had the option only between the frying pan and the fire.

THE SLOW, NON-PATRIOTIC CATHOLICS were threatened with the renewal of Spanish inquisition, and the most accomplished of their daughters with obligatory wearing of the Puritan costume. And what did the patriots, themselves, obtain? Much, indeed. Before the election, their ignorant, un-American prejudice and hatred were flattered and incensed from the press, the pulpit and the stump, at the rate of one dollar a head, payable in advance, and the promise of supporting, through thick and thin, the favorite self-appointed candidates from among their ranks.

their initiation dollar, they yet shall pay the crushing taxes, to which they all object; for confiding their political affairs to men, who justly relied on their religious hatred and bigotry, to promote their own private interested ambition.

ST. THERESE COLLEGE. A MILITARY DEPARTMENT ORGANIZED. From Our Own Correspondent. The military department of St. Therese College is now fully organized and a large body of students is indulging in the daily systematized exercises.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY. CONFERENCE OF ST. ANN'S PASS RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at a meeting of St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Ann's Conference, held on Sunday, 25th April, 1897:

Resolved.—That the members of this Conference extend to the sorrowing widow their most sincere sympathy in her sad bereavement, and pray that God may give her grace and strength to bear her loss with Christian fortitude and in resignation to His Divine Will. It was further

A CLOCK GARDEN. ONE TO BE MADE ON THE UNIVERSITY GROUNDS IN CALIFORNIA. BERKELEY, Cal., May 4.—A clock garden, whose flowers will tell the time of day, is being planned by Instructor H. A. Ousterhout of the botanical division of the University of California.

Resolved.—That the resolutions be spread on the minutes of this meeting and a copy be sent to the widow of our late president, and also be published in the TRUE WITNESS and Star.

By getting the right varieties of flowers we can mark all the hours and some of the half hours throughout the day," said Mr. Ousterhout, in describing the projected botanical curiosity.

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THE PROSPECTS OF WHEAT GROWING. A recent English authority estimates the wheat crop of the world for 1896 at 2,368,000,000 bushels, against 2,447,000,000 in 1895, and 2,567,000,000 in 1894. The decline in production has been mainly in the new countries to which the unprofitable character of wheat farming has checked the flow of capital and emigration.

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ever, was reduced to 204,000,000 bushels. In Australia the wheat crop of 1894 was 88,000,000 bushels, that of 1895 25,800,000 bushels, and that of 1896 only 23,100,000 bushels. In the Argentine Republic the same process of shrinkage is apparent, the crop of 1895 being 45,700,000 bushels, against only 31,600,000 in 1896.—Boston Herald.

REV. FATHER MCGUCKIN'S FEAST.

A SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT AT THE OTTAWA UNIVERSITY IN HONOR OF THE EVENT—STUDENTS ON THE STAGE—THEY PRESENT AN EXCELLENT PROGRAMME.—MR. ANSON HOWARD SCORES A GREAT SUCCESS.

The Ottawa University hall was crowded to the doors last week on the occasion of the celebration by the students of the feast of Rev. J. M. McGuckin, rector of the University. The chief interest centered in the production of the farce, "Wanted a Husband," which was a decidedly clever performance. It exceeded all expectations, and the audience was more than delighted with the performance.

The College will close this year on the 16th of June to give the boys time to get home for the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee on the 22nd prox.

PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL FUND. SUBSCRIPTIONS COMING IN SLOWLY—PRESENT PROSPECTS NOT VERY ENCOURAGING. The London correspondent of the New York Sun says that an inglorious and embarrassing collapse is certain in the royal appeals to the charity and generosity of England in celebration of the Jubilee reign.

The Prince of Wales's hospital fund was expected to eclipse this and all other charities in history. It was confidently anticipated to reach the magnificent total of £3,000,000, which would just cover, in the income it would produce, the annual deficit of the London hospitals.

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