

will be present. The preacher of the day will be from the neighboring Repub. always welcome Irish dances, without

It is expected that at least two Bishops possesses, and incidental to the play a number of rousing Irish songs and choruses are introduced, as well as the

ing terms of praise. It save :--

The Guards' orchestra was not there, The Guards' orchestra was not there, to deliver the opening sermon, and nor McGillicuddy's, nor the Italian, nor beheld more than 2,000 young men any other of the well known city or anxiously desirous of listening to his There was music, however, practical words of advice and tervently chestras. most delightful music-music that reminded one of Hungarian bands, Spanish students and all kinds of other delicious and enchanting things in the way of music. The musicians were young girls in simply made black dresses. They were young ladics from the Gloucester street Convent, who, in response to the special request of Mayor Bingham, the good Sisters had allowed for once to leave their quiet convent home and assist in making his feast the unprecedented success it certainly was. The Mayor's two young daughters were among these clever little musicians. The instruments in this charming orchestra were a piano, a harp, two guitars, two violins and nine mandolins. Anything more lovely than the combination as presented by these young adies can hardly be imagined. As the ompuny entered the dining hall the enire orchestra played a grand march by acaben. It was a delightful surprise Exclamations of pleasure were heard on all sides, and who were the musicians was the general question. All through the banquet this interesting girls' orchestra charmed the Mayor's guests with the brightest and prettiest of light music, sometimes dreamy, as the violin loves to be, but oftener gay and piquant as the nandolin. A duct on the harp and piano was the second number on the programme. It was a bright little polka called the "Bridai Polka." A piano solo, "Valse Rubita," by Raff, was exceedingly well played. Then in concerto the instruments played "Royal March." After this a pretty duet with piano and Iguitar, "Glissando" it was called. Then a trio by harp, violin and piano, and afterwards a "March' Brilliante," another piano solo. Toward the end of the luncheon, the orchestra played what was considered by many to have been the gem of the programme, a very beautiful "Reverie."

Msssion, as he stood in the pulpit

Father Eugene O'Callaghan, one of the however, by occasional passages indipioneer priests of Kentucky, as well as one of the oldest priests in the Louis- | cating that, before all else, Mr. Harring-

lic, and it is said that he occupies a which an Irish drama would not be com leading place amongst the pulpit orators of that country.

ing with the other preparations. Professor J.A. Fowler has composed a new Mass for the occasion. A representative of the TRUE WITNESS assisted at the rehearsal last Sunday, and he was impressed with the beauty and grandeur of the composition. It is written in what the composition. It is written in what ality. One of their characteristic is termed the majestic style, the melodies features is their departure from "besten are large and dignified, and the harmony tracks," and their public entertainments is of the richest character. Prof. Fowler have, in consequence, always and the distinguishing mark of being "unique" has composed the Mass expressly for his in their way. Whenever this popular choir and in commemoration of the Society gives an entertainment the pub-Jubiler. It is dedicated to the members lic look for something new, and they are of the choir, and is written to bring out the st Ann's Vaura Man have as the qualities of their voices. The solos their quota to the truly National celebare specially prepared for the different | bration of St. Patrick's Day; this year soloists, and are considered gems of taste and expression. The special character of each of the parts of the Mass is perfectly expressed by the music.

The Kyrie Eleison is prayerful, whilst the Gloria is a splendid chant of praise. The Credo, which opens with unison phrases, has throughout the character and immess of expression, proper to a declaration of faith. The Sanctus and Benedictus express adoration and praise

The Agams Dei is the favorite part of the Mass with the choristers, and seldom and was specially written for the St. indeed have we listened to more melodious and richer harmony than in the closing passages of tais portion of Prof. Fowler's latest work.

The talented and enthusiastic organist and head of St. Patrick's choir deserves very great credit for the success he has achieved in his new Mass, which he comp sed in the midst of the constantly increasing demands of his profession. Prof. Fowler has, however, always been an enthusiast in connection with the choir of St. Patrick's. That he will achieve a great triumph on St. Patrick's Day by the manner in which his excellent musical organization will interpret his recent production is now assured. Mr. G A. Carpenter, the new leader, will assist Prof. Fowler on this occasion.

that thousands of Catholics, who will given. naturally strive to obtain an entrance to the sacred edifice on the memorable occasion, will be disappointed, because every English-speaking Catholic in this city will be anxious to assist at the grand ceremonies which will characterize the and that includes every available space for standing room in addition to the regular seating capacity.

plete. There is every indication that the Academy will not contain a vacant seat on this occasion, and holders of The musical features will be in keep- | tickets should have their seats secured early at Messis. Mulcair Bros., No. 1942 Notre Dame street, where the plan can be seen.

ST. ANN'S YOUNG MEN.

The St. Ann's Young Men's Society have always been noted for their originthe St. Ann's Young Men have added they will probably eclipse all their past efforts, when the Society's Dramatic Section will present for the first time the new Irish Military Drama in four acts, entitled "The Siege of Limerick." The drama deals with a period familiar to every Irishman and Irishwoman, and their descendants, while the name of the city's heroic defender, Sarstield, is a "household word" in every Irish home. This play, as we announced in a previous issue, is the latest production of Mr. James Martin, a member of the Society, Ann's Young Men. Mr. Martin has written several other Irish dramas, all of which have received the highest commendation from competent critics, but it is believed that "The Siege of Limerick" will prove to be his best and most successful effort. That it will be

staged well goes without saying, as the St. Ann's Young Men have enjoyed the reputation for some years of possessing the best amateur dramatic organization in the city, and this will no doubt be sustained in their presentation of "The Siege of Limerick," in St. Ann's Hall, corner of Ottawı and Young streets, on St. Patrick's night. A matinee performance will also be given the same afternoon, in accordance with their custom in past years, as it has always been The present indications seem to be friends if only one performance was

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.

"Glimpses of Erin" is what the patriotic A.O.H. promises their patrons in Jubilee celebration. The Church can Picturesque Ireland of the past and only accomodate about four thousand, present will be delineated by special and that includer artists in song and story. An exhibition drill of the Hibernian Knights will also The procession, after Mass, will also tainment. But the gem of the evening demptorist Order, who is at present sta-urpass, in the rest of the Altar of the Blessed Virgin. surpass, in the muster of national organ. will, no doubt, be the address by Rev. tioned at St. Thomas, West Indies.

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St. Gabriel Parish.

The people of St. Gabriel's are preparing to erect an imposing arch on the corner of Centre and Laprairie streets for St. Patrick's Day, that will be a credit to the parish and a testimony to their national spirit.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will meet at St. Gabriel's Courch and form in ranks for the grand procession of the day.

A Requiem Anniversary Mass was chanted on Monday, March 8, for the repose of the souls of Patrick Collins and his daughter Ellen. Next Saturday there will also be a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Andrew Dunn.

Mrs. Holland, of Verdun Place, Verdun, has just returned from a lengthy visit of several months to her son, Rev. Daniel Holland, a member of the Re'

determined to embrace a newer mode of action, must have been a source of true pleasure to him.

University of the second secon men was delivered by Rev. Father Hog a., who, during the course of one hour and a half, dwelt upon the dangers that confronted them. The bachelors and spinsters received some hard knocks, as did the extravagantly inclined young women. The modern opera was most effectively accored and the practise o' long company keeping condemned in a spirited manner. One year or at the most one year and a half should be the limit. The young men were warned against drunkennoss and gambling and other practises which implied shipwreck to their faith.

The young men have upheld their rep-utation and proved themselves to be worthy of the name of Catholics by the measure of true faith they have thus far evinced.

Another pleasing feature of the Mission was the special three days of instruction to the school boys of the parish, which closed this afternoon and was largely at tended.

NOTES.

The Ladics of Charity of St. Patrick's will hold a meeting, in connection with the coming Grand Bazasr in St. Patrick's Hall, this alternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. Father Doyle, C.SS.R., preached a grand sermon on Sunday at Grand Mass, taking for his subject the Mission of the Church. The rev. preacher hit the nail on the head when he said that if the Church was not divinely constituted and had to depend upon some of her members, there would be a sad state of affairs.

In the passing of the collection box we notice a great many samples of coppers. Plainly speaking, this is a shame, as nearly every young man now attending the Mission can easily afford to give five cents, at least in the evening. It costs thirty-five cents to visit the most unpretentious of our theatres, and a dollar to the Academy, if one goes as a shark. The boys should be as generous in giving to the collections as they are in worldly affairs. They should remember that the pastor, Father Quinlivan, is obliged to incur heavy expenditure in connection with the Mission, as well as that this is the jubilee year of St. Patrick's.

The members of the Rosary Society nd Sodality of the Children of Mary have given a splendid proof of their deep interest in St. Patrick's by generously uniting and contributing a memorial windowin honor of their respective organizations. he new window will be placed and will be symbolical of the Immacu- I father, a true and trusted friend.

ville diocere, died saturday at his home at Loretto. He had been in the service more than fifty years and has visited every section of the state, either in the capacity of puster or missionery. He was a native of Ireland and was 85 years. of age.

The Sydney Freeman records the death of the Rev. Denis Ryan of Barcabline, dioyes of Rockhampton, sho was great ly beloved by miners and bushmen. He was born at Ballymeety, Co. Limerick, and was educated at Mount Melleray and St. John's College, Waterford,

There exists in Rome a pious association for the conversion of heretics and infidels, and each year a large number outside the fold of the Church receive Instruction in the faith in this "Cate chumens institute." A few weeks age His Eminence Cardinal Parochi, Vicar-General to the Holy Father, adminitered the Sacrament of Bapti-m within its chapel to ten dews.

At the coming Easter Consistorics Pope Leo XIII, will appoint prelates to the vacant Episcopal Sees, and bestow the Cardinal's nat on several ecclesias ties of distinction

Bishop Carris, of Wilmington, Delaware, has presented a very rare and valuable set of books, known as the "Biby-Ionian Talmud," to the Catholic University. It consists of 12 folio volumes and is printed in Hebrew. Senator Cart r of Montina, has presented a set of the "Messages and Vetoes of the Presidents," and the Duc de Loubat, of New York has also bestowed a very valuable contribution, a fac-simile copy of the most ancient Mexican Codex.

HUNTINGDON NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT-) Through the death of John Durnin, which occurred on Ash Wednesday, the 3rd of March, New Ireland lost one of its best citizens and the courch of St. Joseph of Huntingdon a devout parishioner. Mr. Durnin was born in Movarn in the the County Farmangh, Ireland, in the year 1812, and came to America in 1841, bringing a wife and one child with him. He settled in the County of Beanharnois, and, after making two or three short moves through that country finally settled in New Ireland, in the County of Huntingdon, in the year 1855.

Outside of his own family he had no relatives here with the exception of a nephew living in Montreal, but by hon esty and integrity he had made many friends, and the esteem in which he was held in the neighbourhood was plainly visible by the long line of sleighs that followed his remains to the churchyard. He was a subscriber of the TRUE WITNESS. He leaves five sons and three daughters to mourn his loss. His remains were borne to the grave by six of his grandsons. He was a kind husband and

ton is a true patriof, a lover of Ireland, and a believer in the principle that individuals must perish, if needs be, for the benefit of the community at large.

We take the following report of this r markable deliverance from the Weekly Dablin Freeman :---

Mr. T. Harrington, who was received with applause, said he was sure be could thim their indulgence if he occupied a little of their time ith matters which were to some extent personal to himself. When he claimed their indulgence he thought he could say with safety that during a long period of public life be had rarely obtruded upon the Irish people any question that affected himaelf personally. Any ambition he had ever had was to be a faithful soldier in the ranks to do his duty in whatever post was assigned to him, and there was no testimonial of character which he would prize more highly than the testimonial of having discharged in the past the duty that was committed to him (hear, hear). He did not return to the subject of the recent controversy with any idea of enforcing his views upon others. He returned to it to day solely for the purpose of setting himself right before the public and of giving some reasons for the position he took up. One thing had been made perfectly clear by the writings of the newspapers for the past few weeks, and by the speeches that had been made, and that was that there was no hope for the Irish cause and no progress to be made with the National movement until the Irish nation was re-united upon independent lines (hear, hear). By those who differed from him and those who agreed with him that proposition was laid down with equal force and directness, and he could only look upon it as very foclish on the part of men who recognised the absolute necessity of that principle to endeavour to seek a quarrel with anybody who made

AN HONEST PROPOSITION

and endeavoured to carry it out. He was not going to defend his recent proposals, but he was not going to say that he was in any degree ashamed of them. In times when the Irish heart was buried in despair, when the Irish people were wasting their energies in sttacking and abusing one another, when the progress of the Irish movement was brought to a standstill, he would never be ashamed if he said a word of peace and appealed to all classes of his countrymen to give up the strife in the in-terests of their common country. The proposals which he recently; made were treated as if he had stated something that was absolutely new and absolutely treacherous, so to speak, to the colleagues with whom he co-operated -colleagues who would never share in. any expression of disloyalty to him.

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