# SHAMROCK A.A.A.

Hold Their Annual Meeting and Elect Directors.

Report of the Operations Durin the Past Year.

Present Financial Position of the Association.

The annual meeting of the Shamrock Amster Athletic Association was held on Thursday last, at the club house at the grounds. T ere was a large and enthusiastic attendance of members. The President, Mr. Tobias Butler, occupied the chair. The Secretary-Treasurer read the following reports:-GENTLEMEN,-In conformity with the

terms of the constitution and by-laws, your directors place before you the fourth annual report of the workings of the association, showing the results of their administration during the year ending 31st March, 1897. Your directors held their first weekly meeting on the 15th of May, and unanimously selected Mr. Tobias Butler as president and Mr. P. H. Bartley as vice-president. At this meeting it was also decided to appoint a purchasing committee to superintend the purchase of equipment required by the association or any of its affili ted Messrs. Edward Mansfield and George A. Carpenter were named for the purpose, and the zeal which they have displayed in the fulfilment of their task has left its impress upon the financial results of the term in a marked manner. Apart from the saving associated with the undertaking, there has been the enforcement of a system of record of the purchases in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer as they were made by an order issued by that official. A special committee, consisting of Mesers. Patrick McKeown, William Snow and Robert J. Cooke, was appointed to superintend work at the grounds.

The term now closed opened under the most promising circumstances, as the different lacrosse clubs connected with the association were offered every accommodation to make preparations for their work in the various leagues. Unlike previous seasons since the commencement of the construction of the equipment of the grounds, the affiliated clubs were not in any measure bindered through lack of facilities in every de partment. But despite the favorable outlack at the beginning of the year, several matters occurred which rendered it utterly impossible for your directors to avoid the necessity of having to report deficits in connection with some of the affiliated bodies, and very much reduced revenue from others.

Early in the operations of the season your directors received an offer from the Montreal Basebail Club to lease the grounds for the purpose of playing baseball on Sunday afternoons, and while there was much difference of opinion in regard to leasing the grounds for Sunday games, your directors finally consented to give the matter a trial.

In providing the players of the lacrosse teams with suppers, your directors, having in view more regularity, decided to entrust the undertaking to the care-taker, B Dunphy, and they have to report with much pleasure that he gave complete satisfaction.

A very pleasing feature of the year was the reception accorded to Lord Russell of Killowen.

Your directors have also to report that, after much delay and worry, the deeds of sale in connection with the Shamrock avenue lots have been completed, excepting in the case of John T. Lyons.

One of the expenditures of special importance, in connection with capital account, was the enclosing of the main grand stand, open stands, and intervening stretches of fencing, with several rows of patent wire fencing in order to provide further protection to players and officials against interruption from spectators. Your directors also had special cupboaris erected in the different club rooms for the use of players, and painted the grand stand seating portion throughout. There remains, however, the necessity of repairing the felt of the roof of the large stand, which has suffered damage in consequence of severe wind storms.

The project of the city clubhouse was considered at different intervals during the term, but your directors after having regard to sites, and actually entering as bidder in one instance, deemed it ad- isstic cheers. visable in the present financial state of affairs to defer the matter. They are, however, of opinion that a city establishment should be organized even at the risk of incurring a large additional debt, breause it would be the means of largely increasing the membership and also of creating several other sources of revenue more than sufficient to provide for the liabilities which it would entail.

Your directors having a desire to preserve good order at the grounds, early in the season adopted a series of rules to govern members These rules have been placed in convenient places on the premises, and it is desirable in the interests of the association that all members should become familiar with them.

Your directors called for tenders for the heating of the club house at the grounds, but the prices asked to complete the work involved an outlay which they

did not consider justifiable at the time. During the course of the winterseveral bentertainments were held at the club house the first of which was under the direction of the Junior Shamrocks, the second under the immediate direction of the Association, and in which several well-known exponents of the manly art took part, giving their services gratuitously. The third of the series was a smoking concert, at which the choral section of St. Ann's Young Men's Society, under the able direction of Prof. P. J. Shes, furnished an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental selections, These entertainments were well patron-

to lease the grounds for Sunday after. in the dining-room, and in an ante-room | sary to the work contemplated, as well as noon concerts during the approaching a band discoursed musical selections of summer, and your directors, after con- a high-class nature.

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eidering the matter, have entered into an arrangement with the syndicate on a percentage basis. This undertaking will have a good result in the way of popularizing the grounds.

The names of Messrs. T. Brennan and Edward Hart, two former players of the Senior team, were added to the Life Memberahip Roll of the Association in compliance with the rules. On the occasion of the last Capital-

Shamrock championship match, your Direct is secured tenders for the erection of the remaining bays of the Grand Stand, with the following result:

To erect four bays of permanent Grand Stand—John O'Leary, \$1,300; Grothe Freres, \$1 600. These figures serve to illustrate the fact that the con tract awarded by the Association some years ago was a fair and busin as like

Your Directors have to mourn the loss of one of their number in the person of Mr. Michael J. Kinsella, who early in the season was attacked with a serious illness, to which he succumbed a few weeks ago. Your Directors desire to place on record their appreciation of the invaluable services which he rendered to the Association during the brief period of his connection with the

The statements showing the receipts are placed before you, together with the report of the auditors. Your Directors have entered into negotiations with a view of disposing of the mortgages held aga not lots, which amount to \$3,338.19, and the result of the undertaking, it is confidently expected, will be the reduction of the c pital debt of the association. In the valuation of the assets for the general statement, your directors having in view the advance which has taken place in the price of land in the vicinity of the ground, have increased the price to five cents per foot, a figure which your directors have no hesitation in saying is far below the actual value.

The whole respectfully submitted. TOBIAS BUTLER, President

OURTH ANNUAL STATEMENT, PRESENTED AT ANNUAL MEETING, 29th APRIL, 1897.

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accrued interest	3.338 19	
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entrance	470	25
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Open Accounts and Lonns	2.930	19

Net Capital, April 30, 1897.... Certified correct,

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After the adoption of the reports, the chairman, in a feeling speech, referred to the death of Mr. M. J. Kinsella, and the secretary tressurer was instructed to the secretary tressurer was instructed to convey the sympathy of the members of course of which he said that from his the association to Ald. Kinsella and earliest youth he had regarded "the family in the sad loss they had sus- connection between Ireland and Great tained.

The election of directors was then proceeded with and the following was the result:—T. Butler, W. Lunny, W. J. E. Wall, W. Snow and P. H. Bartley.

The above named gentlemen will m et representatives elected by the Shamrock Lacrosse Club and select a president and a vice-president, the whole forming the governing body of the Sham rock A.A.A.
A vote of thanks was passed to the

officers who had so ably looked after the interests of the association during the past year.

## RUSSELL OF KILLOWEN.

The London Universe in its last issue says Lord Russell of Killowen, the Lord Chief Justice of England, visited Edinburgh, when he had the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws of the University publicly conferred upon him. His Lordcarefully examined several proposals in | ship, who was presented by Professor Sir Ludovic Grant, was greeted with enthus-

In presenting him Professor G ant said he was long the chief ornament of the English Bar, and occupied the exalted position of Lord Chief Justice of England (applause). A bare enumera-tion of the causes celebres in which he had figured would occupy a very long time in the telling. The successes which attended his powerful pleading were often extraordinary, dating almost from the time he started in practice in 1859, and culminating in the triumph of 1893. when he won a verdict for Great Britain in her bloodless controversy with the United States respecting the seal fisheries in the Behring Sea. The University of Edingurgh was sensible that she was no less honoured than honouring in asking Lord Russell's acceptance of the highest dignity in her gift (loud ap-

l plause). Later in the afternoon Lord Russell attended a reception given in his honour by Archbishop Macdonald at his residence, St. Bennet's, Greenhill Gardens, Edinburgh. The company was a large and fashionable one, and included Lord Ralph Kerr and Lady Anne Kerr, Lord Trayner, Lord Stormouth-Darling S.r. Henry Littlejohn, Brilies Gulland, Robertson and Pollard; Dean of Guild Miller, Mr. Colin Macrae (chairman of the School Blard), &c. There was, of course, a very large gathering of the clergy present, the more notable being Canon Donlevy, Monsignor Grady, and Father E. White. The party was received in the garden by His Grace Archbishop Macdonald, who aftewards presented them to the Lord Chief Justice in the Some time ago a proposal was received them to the Lord Chief Justice in the from the Victoria Rifles Band Syndicate drawing room Refreshments were served

# OUR PHILOSOPHER

Has Something to Say About the Wolfe Tone Memorial.

A Brief Sketch of the Career of the Young Irish Patriot.

The announcement that it is proposed to erect a monument to Theobald Wolfe Tone will suggest various reflections. Some will wonder why the founder of the first society of United Irishmen should have remained so long unhonored, while men of less note, whose services were far inferior to Tone's, have long since had memorials raised to them. Wolfe Tone. though a Protestant, was one of the most strenuous assertors of Catholic rights, in a day when most Protestants were in favor of withholding them and many Catholics preferred submission and safety to the danger of agitation. A lawyer of ability, he gave up his and expenditures during the year, as practice to plead before the tribunal of well as the present financial position, public opinion on behalf of his down. trodden fellow-countrymen. His principle was equal representation for all the people of Ireland, without distinction of creed. In October, 1791, he organized at

> THE EOCIETY THAT AFTERWARDS BECAME SO FAMOUS.

It originally consisted of thirty six members. They advocated a cordial union among all the inhabitants of Ire land for the assertion of their liberties and the extension of their commerce. They demanded a complete and radical reform, then sor ly needed, in the composition of Parliament by the representa tion of every religious persuasion. Soon after a branch was established in Dublin, with Simon Butler, brother of Lord Mountgarret, as chairman, and Napper Tandy as secretary. In December the society issued a statement of its principles and invited the people to form similar branches all over the country. Subsequently Tone disagreed with other leading members of the society and, yielding to French and American in fluences, declared in favor of a separate Irish republic. He undertook missions to France and to the United States became an adjutant general in the French army, and adopted the religious or antireligious views in vogue among the French Revolutionists. He organized or participated in a number of expeditions against Ireland, and was finally captured in that of Admira Bompard whom he accompanied in the war ship Hoche.

HE HAD LITTLE FAITH IN THE SUCCESS OF

THE ENTERPRISE: but, with his usual courage, resolved to take his place in it. The fleet left Brest on the 14th of September, 1798, and after a long round about passage, reached Lough Swilly. An English equadron, under Sir John Warren, attacked the French, and Admiral Bompard, dreading the result, urged Tone to escape in a schooner, but he refused. The Hoche, with some other French vessels being Britain as the curse of the Irish nation and felt convinced that while it lasted dreland could never be free nor happy. 'I designed," he continued, "by fair and open war to produce the separation of the two countries. For open war I was prepared; but it, instead of that, a system of private assassination has taken its place, I repeat, while I deplore it, that it is not chargeable on me. . .

IN A CAUSE LIKE THIS SUCCESS IS EVERY-

THING. Success in the eyes of the vulgar fixes its merits. Washington succeeded and Kosciusko failed." The reasonable request of the doomed man that he should be spared the ignominy of the gallows. in deference to his rank in the French army, was barshly refused and he sentenced to be hanged on WAS the 12th of November. But on the night before that date he cut his throat with a penknife. The wound not being fatal, Tone's old friend, Curran, convinced of the illegality of the trial, obtained from Lork Kilwarden a writ of Habeas Corpus, and, when Tone could not be moved, the Chief Justice issued an order suspending the execution. The unfortunate man lingered till the 19th, when he died of his wound. "Truth," says McGee, "compels us to say that he died the death of a pagan, but it was a pagan of the noblest and freest type of Grecian and Roman times." In spite of grave failings,

# TONE HAD MANY QUALITIES

that commanded the respect even of his foes. He was a man of uncommon intel lectual powers and had the gift of leadership strongly marked. But his chief claim to the affectionate remembrance of Irishmen is that he loved Ireland and gave his life for her.

Mr. James McGovern is treasurer in Montreal of the Wolfe Tone Monument Fund, the money collected being forwarded to the Hon. P. V. Fitzgerald, Irish National Alliance.

A writer in the New York Post says A unique institution is to be established in Chicago, with the o ject of uniting under one direction all sorts of practical religious and philanthropic enterprises. Its moving spirit, the Rev. Dr. A. J. Canfield, pastor of a Universalist church, calls it a University of Applied Christ-ianity. It is expected to begin operations soon, the amount of pledged contribu-tions being reported as \$200,000. It is proposed to construct a large building to be fitted with classrooms, studying rooms, realing rooms, clubrooms, lecture-rooms, and every apartment neces-

an immense auditorium. Emergency

classes will be held. A rescue mission

department will be conducted. Concerts and lectures will be given in imitation of London music-hall methods, the prices being within the reach of all, and the production of a standard which will reflect the better taste of the auditors. There will be workingmen's clubs for the help of the workers, such as there are at Toynbee Hall in London. In the basement will be a gymnasium and bath room, and in the clubrooms there will be billiards and other attractions, so that the attendant may erjy everything, except liquor, to which membership in a club might entitle him There is to be no theology, Dr Canfield says: 100 doctrine, no dogma, but practical Christian work without reference to denomination or creed."

It is quite evident that the Rev. Mr. Canfield shares the opinion of many of his co-religionists, that the attempt inaugurated several years ago, to unite the different factions of Protestantism, is a

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Dramatic Entertainment in Aid of the Building Fund of St. Dunstan's Cathedral.

FROM OUR OWN CORR :SPONDENT. CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., April 22 1897.

On Easter Monday night, the beautiful Temple Opera House, Charlottetown, was crowded to its utmost capacity by an appreciative audience who assembled to witness the rendition, by a company of local amateurs, of the celebrated drama, "The Silver King." The presentation of the piece was under the distinguished patronage of His Lordship Bishop Macdonald, His Honor Lieutenant Governor Howlan, and His Wership Mayor Dawson, and the audience included the clite of the city, and a large number of pleasure seekers who went by special train from Summerside, returning after the performance. The cast was as follows :-

Wilf.id Denver, The Silver King
Dr. J. P. Murray.
Herbert Skinner "The Skipper" G. B. Munro
Daniel Jakes, an old Servant? W. C. Whitlock
Parkyn, Clerk of the Parish A. W. C. Whitlock
Sam Baxter, a Detective Wm. Brown
Elijah Coombe, a Marine Store Dealer
Frank O'Nell.
Cripps, a Locksmith A. E. McEachen
Harry Corkett, Ware's Clerk?
Jennings, a Tradesman
Geoffrey Ware, an Engineer. Brent McInnis
Tuobs, Landlord of the 'Wheatsheat'?
Leaker, Ware's Porter
Mitten McLeod.
Frank Selwyn, a Olerk?
Binks, a Tradesman (Bafter Pottle?
Inspector Miss Gertrude McEachen
Olive Skinner, Spader's Wife
Miss Helen McDonald
Cissy / Denver's Children / Miss Icha Byrne
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Class / Denver's Children / ... Miss Isla Byrne Ned / Denver's Children / ... Muster S. Kane Ned Susy, a Wait ess
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Servants, Waiters, Ac., &c.

with fine scenery and appointment, and though these defects are to be expected in the case of amateurs, and are pardon- you come to weigh it up, the impression able. It would be better, however, for amateurs to select bright, catchy comed ies, which please the average audience better than heavy dramas. On the whole the performers are to be congratulated praise for the fine interpretation they

gave their respective parts.

B. tween the acts, little Miss Nora Waddell gave a really good exhibition of the serpentine dance, winning round after round of applause, and Mrs. Melvin, of Detroit, sang "Home, sweet Home" beauticulty, and was rewarded with a handsome boquet. Vinnicombe's or chestra rendered a number of difficult and beautiful selections' in grand style.

The committee who had charge of the affair deserve great credit for the success | for a long time, that the Hely Father's which erowned their efforts, and which resulted in about three hundred and fitty dollars being added to the building fund | that he will live for years yet."

## THE POPE'S HEALTH.

WONDERFULLY SOUND-EVERY INDICATION THAT HIS HOLINESS WILL PRESIDE OVER THE CHURCH FOR MANY YEARS.

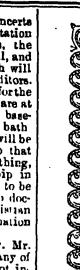
The Roman correspondent of the London Monitor writes :-

From a conversation I had the other day with a prelate who had a short time ago spent nearly half an hour in private audience with the Holy Father, I am able to give certain information as to the condition of His Holiness's health—a matter which is of the greatest interest to all the children of the Church. Mgr. - came out from the audience ravished with his reception, finding no words warm enough to express his ad miration for the great spiritual and mental qualities of the Pontiff. "He is one of the greatest Popes the Church has ever had," he exclaimed. "When one considers the breadth of his views, his minute knowledge of the smallest affairs of the Church in every country of the earth, the perfect comprehension of the tendency of every modern idea in its bearing on the position of the Church, both now and in its probable development, one is lost in amazement. Yes, Leo XIII. is in himself an encyclopicdia of knowledge; nothing escapes his attention, nothing seems to leave his memory. What a history of the Church in the last century his Holiness could

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write, if only he had the time!" And the base of the brain. For a moment he sadly, as if he thought it a roll loss to ground on his knees while blood poured the world that the Holy Father was not from his mouth and nostrils. He died the world that the Pope's health?" a historian. But the Pope's health?" I asked. "What is the real truth about that?" "Well," soid the victim of this little interview. "do you know that one lessness in standing in the car without supporting binness." of the last things one thinks about when supporting himself by taking hold of one sees the Pope is whether he is well | the stanchions, or ill, strong or weak! Your attention is so taken up with what he says, you are so fascinated by his personality, that you do not seem to have time to attend to anything else. It is only when you go away and have time to gather up your impressions that you remember that you were talking to a venerable old man of 57 years, and that he must have looked either well or ill. You see, the Pope gives you at once the impression of such vigour of mind, coupled with such entire spirituality of character, that you have no thought of what may be his physical condition. But this While the piece was beautifully staged, | very vigour, his almost vehement interest in what you have to tell him, the ran smoothly, it was just a little alertness and depth of intellect that he "draggy" and lacking in life at times, shows in answering you or giving you his instructions convey, when that the Holy Father is marvellously well. One would say he was still quite young. It is impossible that he can be in such a critical state of health as the journals represent. I do not believe that great age no one can absolutely count or living long, and one knows only too well that he is not rotust; but those who have seen him, as I have just had the honour of seeing him, and talked with him for some time, must surely feel that

such wonderful vitality of mind and will counct co-exist with anything like feebleness of nealth. No, you may tell your readers that, in the opinion of one who conversed with him quite recently he ith is wonderfully sound : there is no sign of serious breaking up, every sign

of St. Dunstan's Cathedral.

## HIS LIFE WORTH \$100 000.

VIOLINIST SCHMIDT'S WIDOW SUES A CONEY ISLAND RAHLWAYL

Several musicians of note testified in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn recently in the \$100 (40) damage suit brought by Mrs. Julia Senmidt, as administratrix of the estate of Cliff ad H Schmidt, her husband, who died in the Seney Hospital on May 18, 1896, of injuries received by being thrown from a trolley car of the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railway Company on May 16

Auton Seidl was unable to appear as a witness being on his way to Europe, but his deposition was read. Mr. Seidl said that Mr. Schmidt was a concert master and a first violiniat, occupying the same position as Kneizel or B-nedict of Chicago for Theodore Thomas. Mr. Schmidt, he said, had formerly been attached to the Seidl orchestra. At that time his

salary averaged \$60 a week.

Mr. Seidl also stated that Mr. Schmidt had no superior in his line, his special superiority being not alone his judgment as a concert muster, but his superior work as a violinist who could read and play at sight with skill and excellence.

Victor Herbert, the composer and director of the Twenty-second Regiment band; Miss Palmer, of the New York Conservatory of Music, Miss May Brown, a teacher of the violin, and Mis Julia street. Proctor, formerly of Brooklyn, and a grand-daughter of the late Charles Storrs. also testified as to Mr. Schmidt's reputation as a musician and as to his habits

and health. Johnson & Lamb, counsel for Mrs. Schmidt, in opening the case, said Mr. Schmidt was 34, years old, and his income varied from \$3,000 to \$6,000 a year. On his way from Coney Island on the evening of May 16, 1895, he was accom pained by his wife and lour year-old daughter. Mr. Schmidt was seated with his back to the locomotive, while his wife was facing him. The car was going at great speed. Schmidt's hat was blown off, and he stood up to attract the conductor's attention. The swaying of the car upset him, and he was thrown against one of the trolley posts, that are extremely close to the tracks on Coney Island avenue. His head was struck at

the good Monsignore shock his head stood trembling and then tell to the

# COMMITTEE ROOMS

In the Old Church, coreer of Laprairie and Centre Streets. Another committee will be 'opened shortly on the other side of the Crossing. Mr. 日. Laportela canvasa da "Drogresa» ig most favorably. All friends are requested to report at tho Committees.

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