

THE GAELIC SOCIETY OF MONTREAL CELEBRATES EMMET'S ANNIVERSARY.

OG LAOCH NA RANN.

The Minstrel Boy, transcribed by Mr. James C. Mangan, of the Montreal Gaelic Society.

Do thriall cum catha, og laoch na rann
Lar namhaid Eireann ar sagh
Lann athir fuisgte air go teann,
Ann aoinfheact le n-a chlaisirigh
A tir na n'dan deir an laoch ceol
grim
Da'm beidhaidh 'n saoghal do d'aoiradh
Ta aon cruil amhain le do moladh go binn.
Saon lann amhain le do saoradh.

Do tuith aon bard acht me tuith go foill
Bi croidhe neam-eaglach treunmhar
A's raobthd se ceuda chlaisirigh ceol
Do scuab se an tra bi seunmhar
A's dubairt ni milleadh cuing do guth,
A cruil caoin na bi feath saoradh
T's ni cluinhear do h-eug do lan binn
scrath.
Lar bruidhe a's broin na tire.

The sons of the Gael received a true and hearty "cead mille faillthe," on Saturday evening, when the Gaelic Society of Montreal held its first grand annual reunion in commemoration of the 121st anniversary of the birth of Ireland's patriot and martyr, Robert Emmet.

The K. of L. hall, 662 1/2 Craig St., was well crowded with members and friends of the Society, which has been lately organized, in Montreal, to revive the study of the Celtic language among the Irish people of our metropolis. The platform was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. In the centre hung a large portrait of Robert Emmet, which was surrounded by green flags and various other national emblems. The President of the Society, Mr. John Lavelle, acted as chairman of the evening, and sat beside him upon the platform were: Mr. Justice Curran, Mr. Justice G. J. Doherty, Mr. E. B. Devlin, B.C.L., and Mr. Geo. Clarke, Past County President of the A. O. H.

Amongst those noticed in the audience were:—
Ex-Ald. B. Connaughton, Mr. Wm. Rawley, County Pres., A.O.H., ex-chief detective Cullinan, Captain Patrick O'Keane, of Hibernian Knights, Mr. Jas. Melver, County Sec., A.O. H.; Col. B. Feeney, W. P. Stanton, J. C. Mangan, J. O'Neill, J. McHugh, J. S. Fitzpatrick, M. Birmingham, P. Logue, J. Dodd, J. Price, A. J. McDonald, A. M. Beaton, J. Logue, J. McFadden, J. McCarthy, J. Cramsey, P. Horn and many others.

The chairman opened the evening by some remarks in the Irish language and afterwards in English. He expressed the great pleasure he felt at seeing so many present, and said that the proceeds of the evening's entertainment would enable the Society after paying their current expenses, to greatly increase their stock of Gaelic literature. It was highly encouraging to mark the large increase in the membership of the Society which was organized several weeks ago with only seven charter members. He then called upon Mr. J. C. Mangan for an Irish Gaelic song, and that gentleman was compelled to give an encore. Mr. J. Dodd then sang with much feeling, "Dear Old Skibereen," and was well applauded. The chairman next invited Mr. Geo. Clarke, Past County President of the A.O.H., to address the audience upon the life and times of Robert Emmet.

Mr. Clarke, who was received with great applause, began by expressing the great pleasure it afforded him to be present particularly upon such a memorable anniversary. He thought it would not be out of place to preface his address by a few remarks about the aims and objects of the Gaelic League, of which the Gaelic Society of Montreal is a branch. He said there are people who would laugh at a few men organizing such a society in Montreal; but those that are watching passing events can all see that the Irish race are coming closer together. There is more unity among them both at home and abroad, and one of the planks of Irish unity is the study of the Irish language. The Irish race is an ancient and noble race; and their language is the most ancient in the whole world. It should be then most gratifying to all to witness the great progress that attends its revival. Many schools and colleges in Ireland at present teach Gaelic, and through the generosity of the A. O. H., a chair of Irish literature has been established and endowed in the Washington University.

The speaker also credited the County Board of the A.O.H. with the establishment of the Gaelic Society in Montreal, and said it could be

considered as a branch of the Hibernians, the idea having originated from them.

He then reviewed the career of Robert Emmet, and described his attempt to secure aid from Napoleon in France. The premature explosion of Emmet's plot, his arrest and conviction were all told in an able manner. The speaker also described Emmet's memorable speech from the dock, and the wonderful impression it left upon his mind when first he read it. He closed by praising the efforts of the promoters of the Gaelic Society, and sincerely hoped that success would attend the movement.

Mr. E. B. Devlin, B.C.L., was then called upon to make a few remarks and responded in his usual happy manner. He concurred with Mr. Clarke in all that he had said and he thought that one of the duties of Irishmen to-day is to know something about their language and their country. They should not be strangers to the principles of the Celtic tongue, and the Irishmen of our city should profit by the opportunities afforded by the Gaelic Society to learn the Irish language. He himself hoped to be able to speak Gaelic, and would encourage the good work as much as possible.

Mr. P. McCaffrey then gave an Irish jig that was greatly appreciated, and Mr. J. Rodgers sang "Emmet's Farewell." Mr. A. J. McDonald recited "The Exile of Erin" with much pathos.

The Chairman then asked Mr. Justice Doherty to make some remarks; and he replied in substance as follows:—

"Irish movements are excellent things to talk about, but we should not only talk, but should do something. There is one movement that should go hand in hand with the Irish language and that is the revival of free institutions in Ireland. If we are going to continue to be a living race, we should feel that we have a great duty to do in seeing that we have a living language; and it is within the power of every one of us to learn the language. After expressing his determination to learn the Celtic tongue himself, the speaker advised the old people to teach it to the young ones. He said that if our children are going to keep alive the Irish race, they must have a mother tongue. In conclusion he said that we are called upon to help on movements for English-speaking Catholics; but give us Irish Catholic institutions were in to learn the Irish language, and they will appeal more directly to our hearts."

Mr. Justice Curran, who was next called upon, expressed his delight at finding this movement making so much progress in Montreal. He reviewed the present Gaelic revival which—with regret he said—originated among some German philologists who in their desire for knowledge appropriated the mine of wealth that existed in the old Irish manuscripts. However it is to the credit of the Irish race that the A. O. H. have redeemed us, by their presentation of a Gaelic chair of literature to the Washington University, which action has placed us on a footing with other peoples by a revival of the language of our forefathers. This movement has become widespread, and we may hope that among the ancient Celtic manuscripts some of the magnificent poems of the past may be discovered and that we may have that language taught in our schools and colleges in the near future.

Continuing he said:—"We are assembled this evening to honor a great man. It looks as if his words are about to be realized to-day. Generation after generation have cherished his memory, and his name is still being re-echoed. The language he loved so well is being revived; and is not that an epitaph of greater worth than any of stone or granite? In conclusion he said: May this movement take deep root in every heart. Let those who boast of the land of their forefathers show it not more in vain words, but that they will devote their leisure hours to raise high the standard of their race and thus merit the title of true sons of St. Patrick."

Ex-Ald. Connaughton next expressed his sympathy with the Gaelic movement, after which Mr. J. C. Mangan gave a short address in the Irish language. Mr. J. Mooney then gave a song, which was well received. After a few remarks by Mr. B. Feeney the entertainment closed by all singing God Save Ireland.

The members of the executive com-

mittee are to be congratulated upon the success of the evening's reunion.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Ladies' Gaelic class was held on Thursday evening, at 21 St. Louis Square.

Several new members were added to the class, which was conducted by President Lavelle, of the Gaelic Society ably assisted by Mr. J. C. Mangan.

So many members have joined, that it was decided to send to Ireland for the necessary books of instruction.

The class will continue to meet at the residence of Mr. Stafford, 21 St. Louis Square, every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Ladies desirous of becoming members are cordially invited.

IRELAND'S NATIONAL DAY IN MONTREAL.

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Much credit is due to the committee of arrangements for entertainment in Windsor Hall, for the excellent work done by them, in securing the Brannigan Celtic Comedy Co., which was the great feature of Lady Aberdeen's Irish village at the World's Fair, in Chicago, 1893, including Mr. Jas. W. Reagan, the premier Irish tenor, who delighted Montreal audiences with his exquisite singing on the occasion of his visit to this city with the Bells of the Shannon Co. The company is one of the strongest that has ever visited this city, and judging from the advance sale of tickets the Windsor Hall will be tested to its fullest capacity.

St. Anthony's Young Men's Society have also prepared a select programme for the grand national entertainment which will be given in St. Anthony's hall, on St. Patrick's night. It is as follows:—

Part I.—Opening remarks by the president, W. T. Perigo, jr.; piano solo, Irish Airs, Miss Donovan; song, "Kathleen Mavourneen," Dr. Schmidt; Cornet solo, H. Rheume; song, "Paddy," A. Hamilton; song, Miss M. Moriarty; comic song, F. S. Hickey; recitation, W. Kearney, jr.

Part II.—Piano solo, Miss M. Perigo; song, A. J. Smith; song, "The Holy City," Mrs. Dr. Schmidt; Mandolin and guitar duet, Cole and Crane; song, Miss Moriarty; comic song, F. S. Hickey; Cornet solo, H. Rheume. Miss Donovan, accompanist.

As may be seen from above a number of Montreal's leading musical performers will take part. There should be a crowded hall to greet the efforts of the stalwart young Irish Catholics of the West-End in their endeavors to fittingly celebrate the national festival.

The monthly meeting of the Hibernian Knights was held last evening in their hall on Notre Dame street. Captain Keane presiding. The drill which this corps has been practicing for some time past, is a new, novel and interesting one, and will be produced for the first time in this city at the Windsor Hall, on St. Patrick's night. The reports from the various committees were read and acted on. The invitation to visit Quebec on the 17th inst., could not by any possible means be accepted at the present time. An invitation to give a fancy drill on Easter Monday night in St. Gabriel's parish was accepted. It was then decided to drill every second night this week and next.

St. Gabriel T. A. and B. Society, will do honor to the occasion of the National Festival, by holding a grand concert in the parish Church hall, in the evening at which, Mr. M.J.F. Quinn, Q.C., M.P., will deliver an address, and the St. Gabriel Glee Club, assisted by a number of well-known musicians, will furnish a select programme of music. Similar undertakings in the past in this thriving parish have been very successful, and it is almost certain that the efforts of the good men engaged in furthering the cause of temperance will be rewarded this year in witnessing a large attendance of the parishioners.

HON. JAMES MESHAENE APPOINTED POSTMASTER.

It is stated on reliable authority that the Hon. James Meshaene, will receive a "St. Patrick's Post," on the occasion of the celebration of the National festival, in the form of his appointment to the office of Postmaster of Montreal. The reward which is a well deserved one, has been a long time in coming—better late than never. We heartily congratulate our plucky and patriotic fellow-countryman and co-religionist on his success, and wish him long years of life in his new sphere.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY, 1899.

Officers and members of the various Divisions, and Hibernian Knights, will meet at Hibernian Hall, 2042 Notre Dame street, at 8 a.m. sharp, St. Patrick's Day, to form in line and proceed thence to take part in Parade.

By Order,
JAMES MEIVER,
County Secretary.

THE QUESTION OF AMERICANISM.

To the Editor of the "True Witness."

Sir,—As usual, the Protestant press, in commenting upon the recent letter of His Holiness the Pope to Cardinal Gibbons, have shown that they misunderstood the whole question with which it deals. Many of those papers say that what the Holy Father condemns is not found in the "Life of Father Hecker," as published in America, but in a translation of it, published in France. This is ridiculous on the face of it; and the ignorance and misunderstanding manifested in the secular newspapers on the subject, add new force to what the "True Witness" has frequently stated—that it is only in the Catholic press that Catholics can obtain authentic news in reference to Catholic matters. Catholics know that, before any book, or any new doctrine taught by members of the Church, is condemned by the Holy See, the subject is most carefully considered, and nothing is left undone to obtain the fullest evidence in regard to it.

In the "Life of Father Hecker," the founder of the Congregation of Paulists, which was written by Father Elliott, a Paulist priest, the Holy See has found five propositions which it has condemned.

These propositions are:—

1. We should make concessions, even in regard to doctrines, in order to attract our erring brethren to the Church.
2. We should remain silent on certain principles of Catholic doctrine, so as not to offend our erring brethren.
3. Souls striving for Christian perfection may dispense with external guidance, and listen only to the voice of the Holy Ghost as spoken to them individually.
4. Catholics may make a distinction between active and passive virtues.
5. Religious vows are not quite in harmony with the spirit of the age in which we live.

These propositions have been condemned; and the condemnation has been joyfully accepted by those concerned. The book was translated into French, by the Rev. Prof. Klein, of l'Institut Catholique, Paris. The innovations which it contained were attacked by Catholic theologians both in the United States and in France. In the latter country the Rev. Father Mangan, and the Rev. Father Delatre, S.J., were conspicuous amongst those who combated its propositions.

Montreal, March 7.

CATHOLICS.

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St. Anthony's Catholic Young Men's Society.

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RECENT DEATHS IN MONTREAL.

We regret to learn of the death of Miss Agnes Halpin, which occurred on Saturday last at the residence of her uncle, 174 Nazareth St. Deceased was in the bloom of her youth, and her many friends mourn her untimely demise. The funeral which took place on Tuesday morning to St. Ann's Church was largely attended.
—R.I.P.

The death occurred on Tuesday the 7th inst., of Mrs. P. Smith, an old and respected parishioner of St. Patrick's Parish. The deceased was the mother of James H. and P. J. Smith, of this city. The funeral which was very large took place on Thursday morning, to St. Patrick's Church.
R. I. P.

The death is announced of Mrs. John Hoolahan, at her late residence.

677 St. Denis St. Deceased was the beloved wife of Mr. John Hoolahan, Dominion Immigration Agent, and will be mourned by a large circle of friends, who deeply sympathize with the bereaved family in their affliction.
—R. I. P.

At the regular monthly meeting of the St. Gabriel T. A. B. Society, the following resolutions were adopted: Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from this earthly sphere the beloved wife of our esteemed member, Mr. Luke Cave, be it therefore resolved that, whilst bowing before the awful decree of an all-wise Providence, we beg to tender to her husband this expression of our profoundest sorrow for his great loss; also resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of this Society, and a copy of the same be forwarded to her husband and also published in the "True Witness."