

—the right of defending private interests before the courts of common law. Doubtless, gentlemen, this concession seemed of very little importance and most barren in its consequences; but England had not considered that this was the manumission of speech, or rather of God Himself, for speech, when uttered by lips which Faith inspires, is truth, is charity, is authority. Speech enables us to teach, to strengthen, to command, to struggle; speech is the true deliverer of the enthralled conscience, and when oppressors open a full career to speech, we know not what they do. So speech was free in Ireland, and on its very birthday, when it was even yet astonished not to feel its manacles, it sank into the heart and flow upon the lips of a young man of five and twenty, and it was soon found that those lips were eloquent; that this heart was truly noble.

On a sudden the breeze which stole along the lakes of Ireland slept upon their bosom; her forests trembled, and stood motionless; her mountains seemed to strive to shew attention.— Ireland did really hear a free and christian speech, a speech full of God and of the country, eloquent in defending the rights of the weak, and in bringing to account the Government for its abuses; a speech conscious of its own strength, and inspiring that strength to the whole people.

Verily, a happy day is that in which a woman brings forth her first-born; a happy day is that in which an exile returns to his native country; but none of these joys, the greatest that man can enjoy, none can equal the raptures of a nation, which hears for the first time, after whole ages of silent oppression, both the Divine word and the human word in the very fullness of their liberty. And this ineffable delight did Ireland owe to the young man of five and twenty, whose name was Daniel O'Connell.

(To be continued.)

There was a collection after the sermon, at which the following noble ladies acted as collectors—Mmes. la Princesse de Beaumont, Gustave de Beaumont, la Marquise de Dampierre, la Viscontesse de Falloux, Mmes. O'Ferral, O'Callaghan, Mmes. la Marquise de Laferte, de Hamricière, la Comtesse Werner de Merode, la Comtesse de Montalembert, la Baronne de Montigny, la Vicomtesse O'Neill de Tyrone, &c. &c.

**The Banquet to JOHN O'CONNELL**—At half-past six o'clock, the hour fixed for the banquet to John O'Connell, there were assembled in the great ante-room of the Hotel Lambert, which the Prince Czartoryski had lent for the purpose, a crowd of the most distinguished of the nobility in France. Shortly after the appointed time, Mr. John O'Connell entered, and having been introduced to Prince Czartoryski and the distinguished company by the Baron de Martigny and M. Thayer, M. de Vatimesnil, formerly Minister of Public Instruction, and Vice-President of the Committee for defence of religious liberty, of which the illustrious Montalembert is the president, addressed Mr. John O'Connell in speech, the purpose of which we have given elsewhere.

M. J. O'Connell replied in French, with much taste, great modesty, and great self-possession. At the conclusion of his reply he was congratulated with a warmth which contrasted greatly with the generally reserved demeanour of the "haute noblesse," expressed his deep gratitude for the tribute of affection and respect paid to his father, and for the kind reception which he himself had received, which, however, did not surprise him, when he considered, that France had ever been the sincere and generous friend of his unhappy country. Owing to the intense interest of the debate in the Chamber of Deputies, a great number of the guests who were members did not arrive till eight o'clock, dinner consequently was not served till after that hour. At a quarter past eight o'clock the doors of the great painted gallery of the Hotel Lambert were thrown open and the guests sat down. In the centre sat M. de Vatimesnil, with Mr. J. O'Connell on his left, and the Duc d'Harcourt on his right; opposite to him sat the Prince Czartoryski, and the Marquis de Barthelemy on his left, and the Père Lacordaire on his right. Among the other illustrious guests were, the Marquis de la Rochejaquelein, Marquis de la Tourette, Marquis de la Guiche, Comte de Merode, Vicomte de Falloux, M. Bliu de Bourdon, De Maillet, Eriest, Portalis, Marquis de Saint Seine, Marquis Dampierre, Marquis de Voisac, grandee of Spain, Comte de Champagne, Comte de Bréda, Vicomte de Fracheville, Baron de Montigny, Baron de Montreuil, the Abbe Desgenettes, sire of Notre Dame de Victoire, &c. &c.—*Freeman's Journal.*

On the 13th, a splendid *soirée* was given to Mr. J. O'Connell, in the Jardin d'Orléans, by the "Catholic Youth" of Paris. Nearly 2,000 persons were present. M. Eugene de Margerie addressed Mr. O'Connell in the name of the assembly. Mr. O'Connell replied with great emotion and simplicity, and afterwards M. Berryer delivered an eloquent speech. The amusements of the evening consisted in a concert, after which, Mr. O'Connell retired amidst prolonged acclamations.

## The Cross;

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, MARCH 25.

### THE CHARITABLE IRISH SOCIETY.

This truly benevolent association was founded in the year 1786 by the Hon. R. J. Uniacke, Attorney General of the Province, a consistent and devoted friend of Ireland and Irishmen. Its merciful ministrations for the last sixty-two years have cheered many a drooping heart, and alleviated the sufferings of many a sorrowful exile. On St. Patrick's Day the members, with their badges, and the officers with their insignia of rank in the society, walked in procession to St. Mary's Cathedral at ten o'clock, when a Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by the Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Hannan and Daly. An eloquent panegyric of the Apostle of Ireland was pronounced by Very Rev. Mr. Connolly—the whole, or any portion of which we should be most happy to transfer to our columns. The annual Dinner of the Society was deferred until Monday last, when Masonic Hall presented a scene of unusual festivity and splendour. The walls were draped, the various banners and transparencies of the Society were tastefully disposed around the spacious hall, and evergreens, studded with flowers, completed the beautiful arrangements of the Festival, which were such as to reflect high credit on the committee of management. Shamrocks were dispersed in most luxuriant profusion on this occasion, and if we might judge from their bright and blooming emerald, we would suppose that they had been long since fanned by the balmy breezes of Spring. At seven o'clock the Chair was taken by the Hon. Edward Kenny, the President of the C. Irish Society for this year, supported on his right by the Bishop of Halifax, and on his left by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the vicinity of the Chair we perceived the Attorney General, the Solicitor General, Major Tryon, the Mayor of Halifax, the Honorable the Provincial Secretary, Capt Williamson and Capt Bourke, of the Governor's Staff, the Honorable Staley Brown, Alexander Keith, and D. Campbell. A large number of members of the House of Assembly were present, including J. C. Hall, Wm. Henry, G. Ernst, J. Kiddy, Jas. McLeod, Esqrs., Dr. Brown, and James Songster. The Vice-Chair, in the absence of Mr. Peter Morissy, from indisposition, was well filled by Mr. R. Nugent, supported at either side by the Hon. L. O. C. Doyle, and the member for the County of Sydney. Our respected fellow-citizen Wm. Murdoch, Esq., President of the North British Society, was also present, as well as several other guests. The committee had also invited Capt. Scott, of the *Aurora*, to testify their sense of his humanity and kindness to the unfortunate Emigrants whom he rescued at such imminent peril in the midst of the ocean, and many of whom he succeeded in landing here last Saturday after having endured the most dreadful sufferings.—The fine band of the 46th were in the Orchestra, and it is but justice to say they acquitted themselves in the most creditable manner, and added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Their selection and adaptation of Airs to the various Toasts and Sentiments were most appropriate, and every thing they played was played well. It would be impossible for us to give even an outline of the various speeches delivered on the occasion, grave, humorous and sentimental. The Chairman discharged his duties with considerable tact and ability, and frequently elicited the applause of the assembly, especially when his health was proposed in a most complimentary speech by the Hon. and learned Speaker. Amongst those who responded to or proposed Toasts were the Hon. Attorney and Solicitor Generals, the Hon. Joseph Howe, the Speaker, the Bishop and Very Rev. Mr. Connolly, the Hon. L. O. C. Doyle, J. C. Hall, W. Henry, A. Archibald, and W. Hackett, Esqrs., Mr. J. Quinn who in very feeling terms proposed the health of the humane Captain of the *Aurora*, and Mr. R. Nugent. Some fine songs were given during the evening. The health of the Governor and of Lady Harvey which were drunk

with acclamation, were responded to by Major Tryon and the Provincial Secretary. The Dinner was a capital one, and fully sustained the high reputation of Mr. Heselton. The wines were choice and abundant; but we were delighted to perceive from the quantities of liquefied ginger and other harmless beverages that the votaries of temperance were most numerous around the festive board. Every thing passed off well, and in a most perfect order and good humour,—not even the smallest excess was visible from the first to the last Toast. We congratulate the Irish Society on this creditable manifestation of national and social feeling, and we sincerely wish them many happy returns of the Anniversary of the Glorious Apostle under whose patronage they have so long performed all the duties of charity and benevolence.

The memories of two noble sons of Ireland who loved her well, were proposed during the evening and called forth some painful reminiscences. One was that of the Illustrious Liberator of Ireland, the incomparable and ever-to-be lamented O'Connell, upon whom the Very Rev. Mr. Connolly delivered some beautiful and appropriate remarks. The other was the memory of the Founder of the Society, R. J. Uniacke the former Atty. General of the Province. This just tribute to departed worth was responded to feelingly, and eloquently by his distinguished Son, our present Attorney General, who proved by the depth and fervour of his Irish feeling, how well his venerable parent had taught him to love Ireland.

*Young Ireland* (we use not the term in a political sense) had a sumptuous banquet of their own in another part of the building, and if we might judge from the loud and hearty cheers which frequently burst upon the large company in the Hall, they must have spent a very happy evening.

### DISTRESSED EMIGRANTS.

The Barque *Aurora* arrived in our port on Saturday bringing 73 famine-stricken Emigrants from Ireland, whom with many others since dead, the Captain had humanely rescued from a sinking ship. Their sufferings for the last few weeks were heart rending from the want of food, water and covering. When landed they were placed in a large store at Dartmouth, where they were attended during Saturday-night and Sunday by the Very Rev. Mr. Connolly. At the early Masses at St. Mary's on Sunday morning, their state was feelingly described, as well as the necessity of supplying them at once with an entire change of clothing. Our kind-hearted people with a noble promptitude brought such quantities of clothes, &c. to St. Mary's House, that early in the day the entire number of suffering victims were divested of their ragged and sickly garments, washed, cleaned and clothed in warm and substantial covering. The Government too, and many of our public men, and fellow citizens exerted themselves most laudibly. James McLeod, Esq., the humble member for Sydney Co., Mr. O'Flaherty and Mr. Dominick Farrell, of Dartmouth were most conspicuous for their charitable attention, especially during the whole of Saturday-night to those afflicted creatures. May the God of charity abundantly reward all those who have proved themselves Good Samaritans on this melancholy occasion!

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

The new Building has been opened for Evening Services during Lent. On the two last Sundays, as well as on St. Patrick's night and Thursday Evening, the Bishop preached to the most numerous audience that was perhaps ever assembled in the City. The dimensions of the Church far exceed those of every other roofed Building in the City or the Province, and as no Pews have been yet erected, the whole Church presented nothing but one dense mass of human heads. The Church has been entirely plastered and ceiled, a temporary and very handsome Altar and Pulpit have been erected, and the whole appearance of the Church when lighted up excited general admiration, and certainly not a little surprise amongst those who saw it for the first time, and remembered that as late as six years ago, the Holy Mysteries were from necessity, celebrated in a *Barn* in that populous part of our Northern suburbs. We believe the Bishop will continue to lecture every Sunday and Thursday Evening during Lent at 7 o'clock. The choir of St. Mary's have lent their valuable assistance on this occasion, and their harmonized chanting of the vesper service resounded with fine effect through the length and breadth of the New

Church. We have been informed that the Church will be solemnly dedicated early in the approaching summer.

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

The following subscriptions were received on Tuesday last, at the meeting of the Committee.

	£	s.	d.
Col'd. by Mr. P. Compton	0	12	6
“ Messrs. Ryan and Walsh	0	13	4
“ Messrs. Purcell and Linnhen	1	1	2
“ Mr. Dennis Hesterman	3	0	0
“ Mr. Riley	2	10	0
Subscription of Rt. Rev. Dr. Walsh	1	0	0
“ Very Rev. Mr. Connolly	0	5	0

In Ward No. 5—James Donnelly, Michael Long, Pierce Grace, Thos. Lonergan, John Cautwell, Edward Metzler, Michael Lonergan, Timothy Doherty, Thos. Buckley, Dennis O'Dogherty, James Haly, Patrick Colman and Mrs. Wm. Flinn, 1s. 3d. each; Wm. Cary, James Whelan, Patrick Haly, Michael Punch, Michael Aylwan, Wm. Power, Lawrence Spruohan, and Mrs. Ast, 7d. each.

Subscription of M. William Bates £1.

### CATECHISTICAL SOCIETY.

The Quarterly meeting of this valuable Society was held on Sunday last after Vespers, the Bishop in the Chair, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hannan and Rev. Mr. Daly. A large number of members was in attendance. From the reports of the superintendents at the Cathedral and St. Patrick's the average number of children attending Catechism for the last quarter was:

St. Mary's—200 Boys and 200 Girls.  
St. Patrick's—130 Boys and 110 Girls.

On the 9th and 10th of January about 100 premiums were distributed by the Bishop to the children attending in both Churches, and towards the purchase of those premiums the Catechistical Society contributed from its funds the sum of £21.

Some new members were proposed. A titifying Report of the Boys School of Catechism was made by Rev. Mr. Hannan and Mr. J. Quinan. Some resolutions were adopted for the introduction of a general system of improvement upwards of seven pounds was received for Quarterly dues, and after the concluding Prayer by the Bishop the meeting adjourned.

Since the above was in type we have received an official report of the meeting from Mr. Philip C. Compton, the Secretary, which is substantially the same as what we have given. Among the members admitted were Messrs. Richard McNeilly, G. R. Dupe, Kyran Skerry, and John Pringle.

In proof that my sketches are not exaggerated, when I had finished writing the above paragraph, I had a sick call. I am now returned home, and will faithfully narrate what I have done, and seen, and heard. I have been attending a poor little girl about twelve years of age, who, two months ago, caught the typhus fever. She recovered, but, from going out bare-foot in cold wet weather, had a relapse, and is now in a dying state. I have heard the innocent child's little confession, anointed her, and given her the last blessing. I left her with her poor little wasted hands joined together, praying heartily to God. This is such an every-day occurrence, that I should not mention it were it not for attendant circumstances. The father is a carpenter—an honest, hard-working man. He was laid prostrate with typhus fever about six months since. He was dreadfully ill for four weeks; but rallied, and now creeps about, the shadow of his former self. Another Priest attended him then, and was good and kind to him, or he must have starved. He has been out of work since his recovery, as his skeleton frame shows little capability for much exertion, and no master carpenter will employ him. I saw his tools neatly arranged around his little parlour, in No. 48, Parker street, Drury lane. The poor man held the candle while I anointed his child, and he trembled and staggered from weakness while holding this slight burden. In addition to his troubles, after his recovery, his wife was taken ill of the fever, but God brought her round. Then followed the sickness of the poor child of my last hour's ministrations. It is a climax of suffering. When the poor mother came to me, crying, and begging me to come to her child, they had been starving all day—had neither fire nor candle. When, on leaving, I put some silver into the poor man's hand, his chest heaved, and he fairly sobbed in striving to utter his grateful thanks. And yet, with all this accumulation of most bitter distress, there was not the least complaint or murmur, but cheerful, heartfelt, unaffected piety, and the utmost resignation to the will of God. Again do I say, blessed are the virtuous poor, for theirs assuredly is the kingdom of Heaven.—*Dolan's Magazine.*