

K'S SOCIETY.—Established 1856, incorporated 1864. Meets in the hall, 92 St. Alexander street, on the first Monday of the month. Meets last Wednesday. Rev. Director, P.P. President, Justice C. J. Doherty; Sec., E. Devlin, M.D.; 2nd Curran, B.C.L.; Treasurer, J. Green. Correspondence, John Cahill, Secretary, T. P. Tansey.

K'S T. A. AND B. SOCIETY.—Meets on the second Sunday in St. Patrick's hall, Alexander street, at 8 o'clock. Committee of Management in same hall on the first of every month at 8 o'clock. Rev. Jas. Kilgallon, W. P. Doyle; Recording Secretary, 716 St. Henri.

A. & B. SOCIETY, 1863.—Rev. Director, McPhail; President, D. P.; Sec., J. F. Quinn, 18 St. Augustin street; M. J. Young and Ottawa, 180 p.m.

YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.—Organized Oct. 10th, 1885. Meets in the hall, 92 St. Alexander street, on the first Sunday of each month on the third Thursday of each month. President, Miss Annette; Vice-President, Mrs. Annette; Recording Secretary, 51 Young street; Treasurer, Thomas Hart.

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CANADA BRANCH, Division No. 6 meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 o'clock in the hall, 92 St. Alexander street. President, P. J. McDonagh; Vice-President, J. Costigan; Secretary, H. Feeley, Jr.; Medical Officer, H. J. Harrison; Treasurer, G. H. Merrill.

# The True Witness

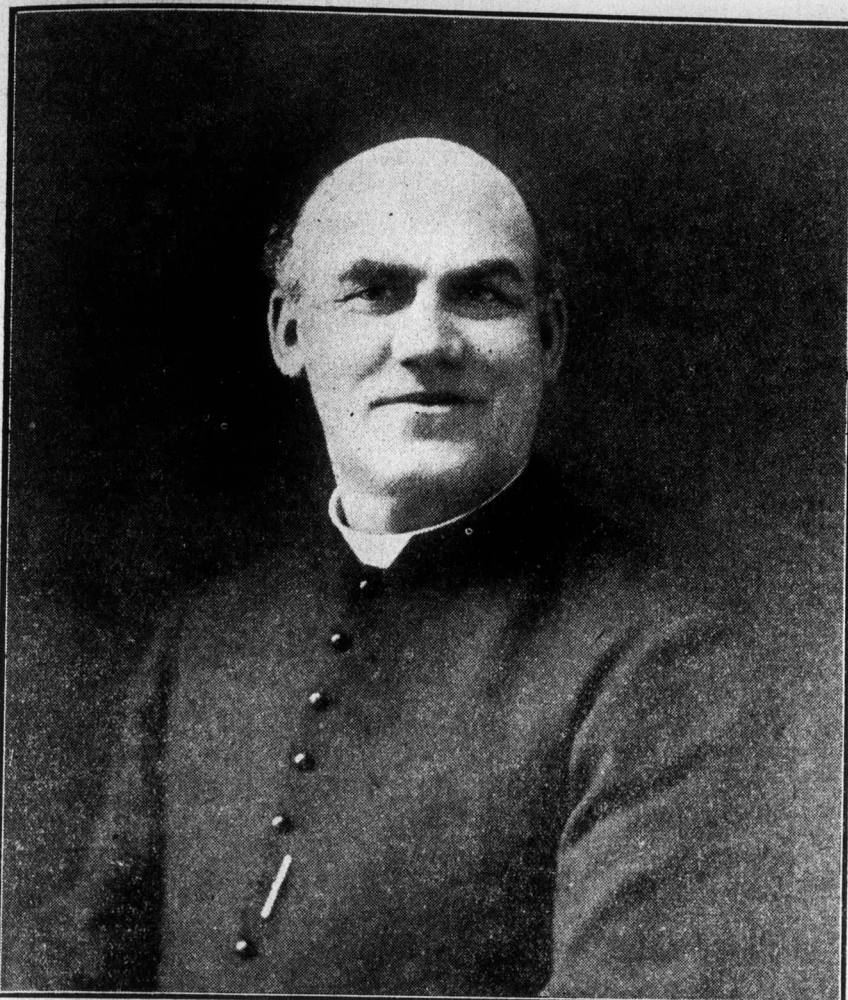


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## SHAMROCK'S DINED BY ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH.



REV. WILLIAM O'MEARA, P.P., ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH, MONTREAL.

Photo by P. J. Gordon.

It affords the "True Witness" much pleasure to reproduce a recent likeness of the zealous and genial pastor of St. Gabriel's parish, this city, who presided at an enthusiastic reception and banquet, tendered by his parishioners to the Shamrock La-crosse Team, champions of the world, on Wednesday evening in the hall of the parish.

In thrilling words he pictured scenes he had witnessed in the lacrosse field when the Shamrocks won glorious victories. Father O'Meara was enthusiastically cheered at the close of his speech.

The ladies of the parish who planned and carried out all the details of the undertaking are deserving of all praise for the successful results achieved. After full justice had been done to the repast, Father O'Meara proposed the first toast of the evening "The King." Then the Reverend Chairman welcome the "guests;" "The Only Team," in words which left no room for doubt as to his admiration for and loyalty to the "Boys that Wear Green." He said it was a source of the greatest pleasure to realize that his parish had contributed in no small measure to the success of the team by giving several members to its ranks.

## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

CONVERSIONS.—That there is a regular and increasing flow of the higher and more learned Anglicans, both in England and America, towards Rome. There is no mistaking the current, and the days go past each bringing some fresh surprise, until now surprise is not the term, but rather "matter of course." Since the conversion of the Rev. Mr. Benson, son of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, in England, and of Rev. Mr. De Costa, the eminent Episcopalian clergyman of New York, the tide seems to have grown more regular and more sweeping.

That has been working silently for a very long time, but which has finally come to the surface and now challenges attention. This is the division, and especially one great division, that have been making their gradual and ever increasing presence felt in the Anglican communion. It is not alone the deep chasms that yawn wider and wider between the High, Broad, Low and other sections of that Established Church. Principally is it the separation of ideas and theories between the Ritualistic and the anti-Ritualistic branches of that one organization. It must also be remembered that the great majority of the higher clergy in the Anglican Church are men of education and refinement, of deep study and of logical minds.

As its Founder. Brought up in an atmosphere that is decidedly antagonistic to Rome, and trained in a school of theology that clashes in so many ways with that of Catholicity they naturally find themselves in a real maelstrom of spiritual unrest—yet without any hope of finding repose within their own establishment.

Protestantism, it might be timely to make reference to one of this eccentric writer's very absurd and dangerous assertions. Speaking of the Catholic Church, the editor of the "Philistine" says:—"The Church, like governments—all governments—is founded upon the consent of the governed. So every religion, and every government, changes with the people—rulers study closely the will of the people and endeavor to conform to their desire. Priests and preachers give people the religion they wish for—it is a question of supply and demand."

Take, for example, that form of Christianity which most approaches the Catholic Church, in form and in teachings, (yet which is radically different from her)—the Anglican Church. No doubt it is an institution that is "founded on the consent of the governed." The reason is that its government is simply a part, or branch, of the general government of the realm. It is a department of the State, just as are the War Department, the Colonial Department, the Department of Foreign Affairs, or any other one. They are all branches of the same tree—the root of which is the British constitution and the head of which is the reigning sovereign. Consequently, its government originally springs from the people and it must be fashioned to suit the will of the same people.

But he was not speaking about the Anglican Church, nor any other Protestant denomination—even if he does drift into generalities later on. He was simply referring to the Catholic Church, and in so doing his assertions are absolutely and radically wrong.

Look now at the Catholic Church. Had that institution been founded by man it would have necessarily undergone all the changes brought about by the vicissitudes of the times. But to-day it stands as it stood one hundred, five hundred, one thousand, fifteen hundred, and nearly two thousand years ago. No change in its principles, in its precepts, in its teachings, in its construction, in its sacraments, in its ritual, in its language, in its forms. Identically the same. And yet men have changed a thousand times since; the social order has changed; the political world has changed; the whims, ideas and wills of "the governed" have changed—and changed ten thousand times;

and yet the Church remains the same. How explain it? Simply because Mr. Hubbard is wrong; the Church was founded by Christ, for the people, and not by the people for Him. He has laid the foundations, has erected the superstructure, and has selected those who are to govern and maintain it unto the end of time. All rests on the Founder; and the unchangeable Church proves its own origin.

FATAL INDIFFERENCE. — The "Catholic Union and Times" makes reference to a matter relating to the public schools at Niagara Falls, in which it is pointed out that one Catholic gentleman said that "he had no particular interest in the affair, for although of the Catholic faith his children attend the public schools." The question at issue was the discontinuance of Bible reading in the public schools. Our contemporary very wisely points out that it is exactly this "no particular interest" on the part of Catholics that is at the bottom of nearly all our trouble in matters of education. There can be no doubt of this; and if our own people are not interested in such vitally important affairs, it is very hard to see how we are to make progress, hold our own, insure our interests, and secure our rights. It is this very indifference which is at the bottom of mostly all the difficulties, religious and educational with which we have to contend. Indifference is the precursor of infidelity.

## LOCAL NOTES.

MR. C. R. DEVLIN'S MEETING on Sunday evening at the Theatre National, St. Catherine street, when he discussed in French, for the benefit of French-Canadians, the various phases of the agitation in Ireland during past years and the results achieved, was a magnificent success. Long before the hour for the opening of the proceedings every seat and every space in the aisles of the large auditorium of the theatre were occupied by an audience which, during the progress of the speeches, gave marked testimony of its sympathy with the sentiments of the speakers. The member for Galway was in good voice and spoke with much vigor and clearness.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL.—As we go to press the social and oyster supper of St. Patrick's parish is in progress in Victoria Armoury Hall. Various departments are presided over by the ladies of the parish, and one of the attractions provided for the children is a live eagle which is on exhibition in one of the corridors.

The inauguration took place on Wednesday evening. Father Martin Callaghan, P.P., delivered an address on the occasion, and his theme was for unity in every department of endeavor to promote the prosperity of the parish.

C.M.B.A.—The members of St. Anthony's Branch No. 50, C.M.B.A., are making arrangements for a grand open meeting to take place in the basement hall of St. Anthony's Church, Friday evening, Nov. 27th. Grand President, Hon. M. F. Hackett, Grand Secretary, Mr. J. J. Behand, and other grand officers will address the meeting. A choice programme of music has been arranged, in which some of the best local talent will take part.

## Mount St. Louis Student Dead.



MARIO McDONALD MICHAUD.

Last week occurred the death of one of our most talented and promising youths in the person of Mario McDonald Michaud. He had not completed his thirteenth year when his beautiful and candid soul passed away to its eternal reward. His early death has made his home desolate, and has cast a shroud of sadness over the hearts of his youthful friends and companions, whose respect and esteem he had won by his sweet and amiable disposition.

Since the day of his entrance into Mount St. Louis, his classmates ever found in him a perfect model of docility and application to study. The brilliant results he obtained in the different examinations amply prove how earnestly he worked.

But there was one charming trait in the character of the boy that deserves special mention, 'twas his angelic piety. This he evidenced by his tender devotion to the Mother of God, and still more by the frequent and fervent reception of the Holy Eucharist. His death was an echo of his life, calm and peaceful. The last words he murmured were words of gentle submission: "How sweet it is to obey." The pupils of the division to which he belonged gave token of the esteem in which he was held by paying a grateful tribute to his memory. Their offering took the form of a spiritual bouquet of fifty Masses to be said for the repose of his soul.

## A. O. H. NOTES.

Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, will commemorate the anniversary of the death of the Manchester Martyrs by a grand reception to Mr. G. R. Devlin, M.P., for Galway, Ireland, in the Armory Hall, Cathcart street, on Monday evening, the 28th inst. An excellent programme of Irish vocal and instrumental music is being prepared by Mr. P. J. Shea, organist of St. Ann's, and a feature of the occasion will be the first public appearance of the boys' choir of St. Ann's Church in their beautiful interpretation of Irish melodies.