

No reference to the movement can afford to omit mention of the late Father O'Growney, the author of the admirably graded primers of the Gaelic League series, and at the time of his lamented death the vice-president of the League, or of Dr. O'Hickey, who fills the chair of Gaelic literature at Maynooth, where the torch of Celtic lore has been kept lighted long after it had gone out at other seats of learning. The work done by both is destined to live.

The clergy, generally, are taking a keen and practical interest in the subject. The number of churches in which the rosary and other prayers are said, and sermons preached, in Irish, has shown a remarkable increase within the past few years.

Responsive to that subtle racial impulse which throbs, through the whole Celtic people, however widely dispersed, when a matter of common interest powerfully appeals to them, and of which the pan-Celtic congress in Dublin the other day was but a natural manifestation, the movement has extended to this side of the Atlantic, and it is only a question of time until the rest of the scattered children of the Gael will have been drawn in by its expanding current.

As for the United States, it would perhaps be rash to attribute to the movement solely the hold that the study of the language has taken there. For years the University of Harvard has had a Gaelic chair and there were here and there throughout the States,—especially the Eastern,—Irish scholars, who kept before the public mind the fact that there were such things as an Irish language and an Irish literature, though at best such efforts lacked the system and organization which the present movement has supplied. But the most noteworthy result of that movement on this side of the Atlantic was the founding of a Gaelic chair in the Catholic University of Washington by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which involved a gift of \$50,000 from that excellent organization. As indicative of the cordial relations existing between the sister universities, it gives one pleasure to be able to mention that during the temporary absence last session, through illness of the Gaelic professor at Washington (Dr. Henebry), his place was acceptably filled by the Gaelic professor at Harvard (Dr. Robinson), which goes to show not only that "blood is thicker than water,"