

THE SHAMROCKS ARE CHAMPIONS AGAIN.



THE SHAMROCK A.A.A. CHAMPION LACROSSE TEAM, SOME MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE, TRAINERS AND THEIR "MASCOT."

The above illustration which we present to readers of the "True Witness," is from a recent photograph, taken by Mr. P. J. Gordon, the well known Irish Catholic artist of St. Catherine street, Montreal, whose productions have now placed him at the head of his profession in this city.

... All Irish Catholics, and we may add French-Canadian Catholics in this metropolis, are sincerely proud

of the glorious manner in which the wearers of the green closed the lacrosse season and won the championship. Never since the organization of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club some forty odd years ago, or since the formation of the now flourishing S.A.A.A. has such a complete and decisive victory been won as that achieved by the "wearers of the green" on Saturday last when they, for the first time, "whitewashed" the redoubtable Senators of Ottawa.

Captain O'Connell, the members of the team, the executive, and the "old fox" Tom Moore, are to be congratulated on the magnificent triumphs won this year, and in an especial manner for the victory of last week.

The achievements of the Shamrock team on the field have been supplemented by the able administration of the directors and secretary-treasurer in conducting the business of the association. The debt

which amounted to \$30,000 some ten years ago, has been reduced to \$12,500.

When it is considered that the organization is the owner of a tract of land covering an area of 290,000 feet, located on the very rim of the limits of a city, the boundaries of which are being constantly extended, and that upon that site are erected buildings and other equipment which cost about \$25,000, some idea may be had of the patriotic endeavors of

the past and present administration of the young Irish Catholics who have so courageously and so ably directed the affairs of the S.A.A.A. All honor to the Executive, Captain and team of the association. May they continue in their noble task until the last dollar of debt has been liquidated, and leave to their successors in office a memorial of the patriotism athletic skill, tact and administrative ability of the young Irish Catholics of the present.

Happenings In Ireland.

There are rumors that another conference, for the purpose of considering the improvement of conditions in Ireland is likely to take place. It is said that Captain Shaw E. Taylor, who was secretary to the recent landlord and tenant conference, in Dublin, and who was the one who originated the idea of such meetings, is at the head of the new movement. We are all aware of the unqualified success of that conference, how it was instrumental in securing the passage of the Land Bill, how it was a surprise to all familiar with the history of Irish difficulties, and how the bringing together of two such antagonistic elements, as landlords and tenants, was a feat that no person ever imagined could be successfully carried out. Now, Mr. Taylor proposes to invite the representatives of the Orangemen, the Catholics, and the general Protestants who will invite the heads of the educational institutions in Ireland to join in the conference, which will be held in Dublin. The purpose is to find a common ground on which all may stand, thus ending the religious differences which have raged for centuries and which have caused much of Ireland's difficulties and misfortunes. Will he succeed is the question? A short time ago we would have no hesitation in saying that such an attempt was outside the pale of all possible success. But since we have witnessed the result of the Dublin conference of last year, where-in landlords and tenants came to an understanding that resulted in the Land Bill of this session; and since

we have found the Ulster Orangemen ready to take advantage of that bill for their own benefit, much as they previously opposed it, we cannot be too pessimistic in the matter. It would be unfair, under the circumstances, to predict anything impossible that my conduct to a better understanding between the conflicting elements. Certainly we trust that this is no mere vision; we hope that it may have results as solid and as far reaching as those that flowed from the Dublin conference of last year. It is quite clear that the Hand of Providence is carving out the future of Ireland and the Irish race; and that future must be brighter, if it is to differ at all from the past.

MGR. GARGAN DEAD.—One of the most distinguished and venerable members of the Irish clergy died on the 27th of August. An exchange in making the sad announcement, says: By the death of Mgr. Gargan the Irish Church has lost one of the most amiable and the most saintly of her sons. She has lost, too, a man who served her faithfully during a long span of years, and by his simple and edifying life exercised an influence which is felt wherever the alumni of Maynooth for many generations have been engaged in the active duties of their ministry.

The Right Rev. Monsignor Denis Gargan, D.D., V.G. (Meath), was born in June, 1819. The second son of Patrick Gargan and Jane Brangan, he first saw the light at Cromwell's Bush, Duleek, Co. Meath; the place is still in possession of the family, the present proprietor being his nephew, Patrick Gargan, Esq. His family gave more than one priest to the Irish Church, his uncle, Rev. Edward Gargan, details of whose life may be found in Cogan's History of the diocese of Meath, having been for many years pastor of Castlepollard.

When his school-days had ended, feeling himself called to the priesthood, he was sent to the old Sem-

inary at Navan to begin his classical education. Thence, on August 25, 1836, he passed to St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, where he matriculated for Logic. Having completed the ordinary college course with much distinction, he had not yet reached the canonical age for priesthood; and so his ordination was deferred till the following year, when, on June 10, 1843, he was ordained by the Most Rev. Dr. Murray, Archbishop of Dublin. But a few months after his ordination he was present, as he used to tell, at the famous Tara monster meeting. A year before his ordination he had passed to the Dunboyne establishment, where for three years he pursued an advanced course of professional studies.

On leaving Maynooth, he proceeded to the Irish College, Paris, in which he had been appointed to a professorship. His severance from his Alma Mater was, however, but of short duration. On September 13, 1845, he was appointed, after concursus, Professor of Humanity in Maynooth, and thenceforward until the end came he remained a member of the college staff. On the death of the Rev. Dr. Kelly he was, on June 21, 1859, appointed Professor of Ecclesiastical History. On October 7, 1885, he was made vice-president, and when the Most Rev. Dr. Browne resigned the presidency, on his appointment to the See of Cloyne, he was, on October 9, 1894, appointed to succeed him as president.

Shortly after he became president the college celebrated the centenary of its foundation. During the centenary celebrations it was decided that, as a centenary memorial, the college chapel should be completed by the erection, according to the original plans of J. J. McCarthy, of the tower and spire. To see this work completed became thenceforward the dream of the president's life. It absorbed all his thoughts and activities, and few now need to be told that, though nearly fourscore, he devoted to the work an amount of labor and energy of which

many a man not much more than half his age would have been incapable. It was a source of great satisfaction and pride to him that he was spared to see the work finished.

A NEW BISHOP.—On Sunday, two weeks ago, the Most Rev. Thos. O'Dea, late vice-president of Maynooth College and Bishop-elect of Clonfert in succession to the Archbishop of Tuam, was solemnly consecrated in his high office in the Cathedral of the diocese at Loughrea. The ceremony was not only a great religious function, but was almost a national testimony to the great popularity of the new Bishop. There were not only 21 members of the Episcopacy present, including His Eminence Cardinal Logue, the Archbishops of Cashel and Tuam, and three Australian Bishops, but there was an enormous gathering of clergy from all parts of the country, and of the people of the County of Galway and of his native county, Clare.

The town itself was magnificently decorated, and arches spanned the streets, bearing appropriate mottoes in Gaelic, the houses were decorated with evergreens and flags, whole trees were planted at the street corners, and streamers were stretched along the thoroughfares, so that Loughrea presented a most picturesque and beautiful appearance.

The ceremonies in the Cathedral concluded about two o'clock, and the Cardinal and the Archbishops, Bishops, and clergy, headed by the local brass band, and accompanied by a great crowd of people, walked in procession from the Cathedral to the Convent of Mercy, where addresses were presented. The addresses came from the priests and people of Clonfert, the Galway County Council, the local boards and public bodies, the priests and people of the united dioceses of Galway, Killmacduagh, and Killenora; the people of his native parish in the County of Clare, and from the Gaelic League. His Lordship had previously been the recipient of a very valuable presentation from the priests in the

united dioceses in which he was born. The presentation consisted of a pectoral cross and an episcopal chain and ring, which were splendidly manufactured.

In the afternoon His Eminence Cardinal Logue, the Archbishops, Bishops, clergy, and lay visitors were entertained at dinner in the Town Hall. The menu was printed in Irish and English. The large hall in which the banquet was held was simply but very beautifully decorated.

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea presided, and on his right sat Cardinal Logue, and on his left the Archbishop of Tuam. There were two hundred guests present.

A NEW HALL.—On the 18th of August, a new hall was formally opened in Portaferry, by His Lordship Bishop Henry, of Down and Connor.

A MEMORIAL.—On August 30, the foundation stone of a beautiful memorial to the Manchester Martyrs was laid at Kilrush.

LOOKING FOR NOVICES.—Mother Angela and Sister Redempta, of the Order of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, arrived in Dublin on Friday with letters of introduction to His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, Archbishop Fennelly, of Cashel, and several other Irish Catholic dignitaries. The letters of introduction, says an exchange, bear the signature of an American—Prelate whose name is very dear to the Irish people at home and abroad, the Most Rev. Dr. Conaty, Bishop of Los Angeles, California. Bishop Conaty will be better remembered as Father Conaty, of Worcester, Mass., who was treasurer of the Irish National Land League in America in "the good days of old." Mother Angela and Sister Redempta come to Ireland for "subjects" young girls with a vocation, and they hope to receive many.

A SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR.—\$90,000 is the figure at which one of our exchanges puts the financial returns of the Juverna Bazaar, in aid of the new Novitiate and Training College of the Christian Brothers, now in course of erection at Marino, near Dublin.

A MEMORIAL.—The parishioners of Toomevara have justly decided to erect a memorial to their late pastor Rev. Father Fogarty. Already the sum subscribed has reached nearly \$600.

The opinion of the parishioners evidently is that it is a poor parish that cannot fittingly honor the memory of one who has discharged the honored and important duties of a spiritual father.

City & District Savings Bank.

At a meeting of the Directors of the City and District Savings Bank, held on Monday last, Mr. Robert Archer was elected as a director to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late Hon. James O'Brien.

SITUATIONS VACANT

WANTED—A good cook, and also a nurse for two children, ages 6 and 3½ years. No washing or ironing. Must both have good references. Apply in the evenings to

MRS. J. G. MCCARTHY, 61 Drummond Street

WANTED.—Wanted for family of three, good general servant, must understand cooking and have references. Washing given out. Wages, \$12.00. 85 Durocher street, Montreal.

WANTED.—Young woman as nurse, must be well recommended. Apply 87 Durocher street, Montreal.

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As several of our readers have thought well to a some of the interesting of the past week. Some of considerable interest touch lightly on the Commencing with the 13th September, we a presence of several into that took place on the years that are 14th September, 407 tom, the great preach of the Church died. (date, in 1321, the gre Dante, departed this li hind him some of the pieces of epic poetry of the world's literatu on the same date, t Chatterton, the wonde Bristol, died—youn, despair. A lesson to a the means of encouragin who prefer to allow it then to raise monument or. In 1778, Franklin v the first United States France. This was an e importance in the histo neighboring Republic, fo first act of internation relationship between the and the powers of Euro on the 14th September, Napoleon entered Mosco the culminating point in The first terrible disaster him in the burning of M in the subsequent returne forces through the Russia. In 1851, on the Fenniere Cooper, the Ar elist, died, after having e his "Red stocking" serie stories the ground work flood of dime novels that, ty years ago, deluged th and played havoc with th time. On the 14th Se 1882, the Duke of Wellin The history of that grea and statesman is too fami any repetition, besides it portant in all its details ations to enter into such this. Finally, we find the September being the anni Harper's Ferry to the Un in 1862. At the time this posed to mean the closing ities between the North South; but, as all know it the beginning of that con lasted till 1865.

The 15th September ha its important anniversary orations. In 1388, on th Henry V. King of Engla born. In 1647, Richard B Dominican preacher, was In 1776 the British took of New York city. In 1797 Hoche, the French leader, v Wolfe Tone attempted the of Ireland for the purpose of the people in the coming ins died.

On the 15th September, 18 place the arrest of the Fenl ers and the seizure of the "People" newspaper in Dub 1886, on the same date, di Dillon, father of the presen of the Irish Parliamentary Mr. Dillon was one of the t founded the Dublin "Natio 1842. In company of Davi Duffy he started that most p enterprise, and to him was c great degree, the revival of the educating of the people "coming of a spirit into the He was a great patriot, a man, an untiring worker, a transmitted to his son the of many of his fine qualities. It was also on the 15th Sep 1881, that the great Land convention was held in Dubli the twenty-two years that ha elapsed it is wonderful to c plate the fruits that have been erod in as a result of the sow the seed in that day. Little men of the Land League imag 1881, that the day would within the lifetime of most of whom Ireland and her cause wou occupy the favorable position th come to them during the past What will the coming twen years bring?

The 16th September is very r able as the anniversary of a memorable death, and in very ferat periods of the world's hi In the first place we have the ous Greek orator, the father of tory, the unsurpassed and imm Demosthenes, who died on the September, in the year 322, B. Then in 645 A.D. we hav