

THE MOTHERLAND.

Latest Malls from England, Ireland and Scotland.

Cardinal Logue Again to be Secret Societies in the Columbian Centenary in Ireland and Scotland. The Pope Preparing a Letter to the Queen on Her Diamond Jubilee.

Arrival. A meeting of farmers was held in the Hamilton Arms Hotel, Killybeg, on the auspices of the Barony of Dufferin Tenant Farmers' Association. Mr. Joseph Carr, J.P., presided.

Mr. G. McClery proposed a set of resolutions, which carried, declaring among other matters: That we regret to find the brilliant plutocracy of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava shading the yellow face of his career by joining the landowners' conspiracy to overthrow the intentions of the Imperial Parliament by declaring that the Marquis was not founded upon justice and equity, and we are reluctantly obliged to call to remembrance the notorious Duffry.

His Eminence Cardinal Logue paid his biennial visit to Magherafelt for the purpose of confirming a number of children and ascertaining the state of the parish. After Mass his Eminence congratulated the faithful people on the satisfactory state in which he found the parish. He was aware before he came that an effort was made to establish a secret society in the parish, but he was glad to learn that when these thoughtless youths were being grasped by these emissaries of sin were renounced with by the parish priest they were got to give up this unlawful society. The parties who become members of these secret organizations have no feeling for religion, and never recall to themselves what a terrible thing it is to be cut off from the Church by excommunication. Another effort would be made to establish these secret societies, and he warned fathers and mothers, and others in charge of the young people to watch over their children, and keep them especially from those who would lead them away from God's Church. In the parish of Magherafelt there was a secret society, and one of these individuals is in the pay of the Government. The fact was communicated to him.

The fame of the Younghaug lace workers for skillful workmanship will be enhanced by one of their latest pieces of work—a deep point lace flitch, executed to order, and intended for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Jubilee. On Friday last this admirable piece of needlework was exhibited in its finished state in the Presentation Convent workroom, and was eagerly inspected by large crowds of ladies, who were loud in their praises of the great skill and patience devoted to its completion. The original pattern was designed by a talented member of the Community, and its ornamental and outlines have been artistically traced even in the smallest details.

Some time back Mr. Homan, a relieving officer in the service of the Naas Board of Guardians, fell ill, and the guardians appointed his wife to discharge the duties of the office temporarily. At Wednesday's meeting a letter was read from a well-to-do body desiring to sanction Mr. Homan's appointment and requesting the guardians to appoint a man.

The following circular has been issued to the clergy, secular and regular, of the archdiocese of Dublin by His Grace the Archbishop:—

Archbishop's House, Dublin, 20th May, 1897.

VERY REVEREND AND DEAR FATHERS:—From accounts received within the last few days from many parts of the diocese, it is clear that a continuing drought, to the detriment of the crops, and upon the success of whose labours the prosperity of Ireland so largely depends, had themselves, in many cases, threatened with a disastrous failure of the crops. Nevertheless, with an indifference which must be characterized as heartless—except in so far as it may possibly be accounted for by an ignorance that in itself would be unaccountable—the stationers who, as Ministers of the Crown, have taken upon themselves the duty of protecting the interests of this country, have publicly and officially denied the existence of any serious agricultural depression in Ireland.

It is too much to hope for that, in the presence of so grave a crisis, the people of Ireland may at length open their eyes to the fatal consequences of the humiliating dissensions which some few personal jealousies, or by a miserably self-seeking vanity, still succeed in keeping up to their own disgrace, as well as to the degradation of public life and the rapidly hastening annihilation of all public spirit, in our country. In the councils of the Empire as our people now unhappily seem to be, the hand of the Almighty alone can save them from ruin. To implore His divine aid, the Collect "God, our Refuge and our Strength," uttered at times of special need, will be said at Mass, until further notice, in the Churches and Chapels of this diocese.—I remain, Very Reverend and Dear Father, Your obedient servant, Wm. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin.

The Derry Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting last week. Mr. J. J. Pollock, president, in the chair. There was a full attendance of members and reports contained the following message:—"As it is the intention of the

C. M. B. A.

Inauguration by Rev. Mr. Curran, of Montreal. Spirited Addresses and Choice Music. Mr. Justice Curran Makes an Important Appeal in Favor of the Mrs. Sadlier Testimonial Fund.

Montreal, June 2.—The opening meeting of Branch 20 of the C. M. B. A. of Canada, was held in St. Patrick's Hall, next to St. Patrick's church, on Monday evening last, where a concert was given and two addresses delivered. The hall has been newly decorated in the most tasteful style and is a charming place of meeting. The attendance was all that could be desired.

On the platform were Mr. M. Sharkey, President of the Branch; Rev. Father Quinnivan, Rev. Father Fallon, Rev. Father Lussier, Rev. Father Driscoll, Hon. Mr. Justice Curran, Chancellor J. Morrison, Grand Chancellor T. J. Finn, Grand Deputies P. Reynolds, P. A. Boucher, J. Girard, J. J. Costigan, C. Daudehn, President McElroy, of 41, President Polan, of 50, President Lenoir, of 240, Chancellors M. M. Charrier, J. Purrault, A. D. O'Gillis, J. H. Feeley, P. Doyle, C. O'Brien; F. X. Roy, Advocate; Dr. G. Germain, President of Branch 412; Brother Knisella, of Trenton, Ont.; Brothers D. J. McGillis, M. Egan and others.

The musical and literary part of the programme, which was under the direction of Mr. John S. Shea, was excellent. The recitations of Brother R. B. Milloy were well rendered and deservedly applauded, whilst the young ladies and gentlemen who played and sang proved how much musical talent there is in our excellent society organizations. The following is the order of the programme:—

- Piano Duets by Miss A. Reynolds and Miss M. Ward. Chorus, Branch 20 Glee Club. Violin Duets, by A. Dalcourt and Master J. Shea. Address, by Mr. Justice Curran. Quartette, D. Kelly, M. McCarthy, A. Timon, J. Deegan. R. Oration, "The Bummer," Bro. R. B. Milloy. Song, Miss B. McGowan; Cello Obligato, Mrs. G. Turner; Pianist, Miss J. Murphy. Chorus, Pupils of St. John the Baptist Academy, under the direction of Miss C. Linn. Address, by Bro. J. Morrison. Song, Miss Nellie McAndrew; ac companion, Mrs. G. Turner. Violin Solo, Mr. A. Dalcourt; ac companion, Mrs. G. Turner. Song, Mr. A. J. Rice; Violin Obligato, Misses Nellie and Katie Ward. Banjo Solo, Mr. John H. Parker. R. Oration, "Shamus O'Brien," (by request) Bro. R. B. Morrison. Brother Morrison's speech was well worthy of the occasion, and contained a vigorous plea for the young men to join the C. M. B. A.

MR. JUSTICE CURRAN'S ABLE ADDRESS.

As was anticipated the feature of the evening's entertainment was the address of Hon. Mr. Justice Curran. Having traced the origin and progress of the C. M. B. A. of Canada, and pointed out its many excellencies, he dwelt for a few moments on the inducements offered to those who are especially benefited by a mutual fraternal association. Beyond all they needed to feel satisfied that the institution which they were paying their money was safe and properly managed. Apart from the advantages offered by similar societies which the C. M. B. A. of Canada enjoyed with them, there was the ever growing reserve fund, one of its special features, and as a guarantee of the faithful administration of its affairs, the Association had wisely placed itself under the Insurance Act, thus enabling the superintendent General of the Dominion to report annually upon the necessity of such an organization in the present condition of things amongst the working classes. The old way of doing things no longer existed, and as the speaker said, "the more the pity. No doubt some still commemorated, but for the overwhelming majority the road to the savings bank was an untrodden path. The luxuries of yesterday are the necessities of today with the greater number, and unless the widows and orphans were to be left utterly unprovided for, recourse must be had to the C. M. B. A., where, by a very small sacrifice in monthly payments, a couple of thousand dollars could be secured for the loved ones, when the bread-winner had been summoned to his long home. After dealing with the economic changes that have taken place within the past few years, the eloquent speaker drew attention to the fact that Providence seemed to provide against all great emergencies, through the agency of some devoted self-sacrificing souls. They had all heard of the appeal now being made for a testimonial to Mrs. James Sadlier. If ever an Irish lady would provide that grand privilege, they would pardon him for introducing a subject so dear to him, but his opportunities, at present, of reaching the people were few, and he knew of no more appropriate place than at a gathering of the C. M. B. A., to speak of one whose labors had been productive of so much moral and material benefit. When persecution with its concomitant evils had driven

hundreds of thousands of Irishmen and their daughters to the shores of America, with all experience, their pockets, ignorant of pitfalls that surrounded them, and in many instances meeting with as much hostility in this new land as they had encountered in the place from which they had fled. Mrs. Sadlier was, through her works, their guide and their friend in "Willie Burke," she inculcated lessons that must have borne fruit in ten thousands of hearts. No statesman on this continent ever played a more exalted role than that of Mrs. Sadlier, in the general and beneficent influence she wielded. When she saw the great cities teeming with her people, for the greater part wasting energies that should have been employed in building up a solid and substantial future for their offspring, she presented them with the vigorous story of "Con Regan." It must have cost her more than one pang to open many of its pages, but she acted like a tiger whose heart is not the less tender because he must and does take the painful incision. For that reason she tells us in the preface to that work:—"The plain unvarnished tale which follows the history of the Irish race was meant to point a moral that is well worthy the attention of Irish emigrants to these western shores of the Atlantic. It was written in connection with a movement it is pleasant even to remember—the Buffalo Convention,—the object of which was to draw attention before the American Irish for the permanent advantage of their newly arrived compatriots; a plan which, if it had been generally adopted and carried out, might have been of incalculable benefit to the new comers of the Irish race, by removing them from the overcrowded cities of our Atlantic seaboard to the safer, calmer, and more healthful pursuits of agricultural life, whether on the smiling prairies of the West or by the great waters of the North."

Mrs. Sadlier had the genius necessary for her great task. She wrote didactic stories, dealing with the times, but she thoroughly understood the necessity of keeping alive the love of the old land in the hearts of the immigrants and their children. Therefore she made them feel that they sprang from a race that had not always a noble and honorable record of actions of scholars and of heroes. To keep the patriotic pride and the patriotic fervor alive, she wrote the Confederate Chieftains and kindred books, and the spirit that animated her in that branch of her labors is breathed in the ordinary passages from the introduction to "The Chieftains."

"We of the Irish race owe a debt to our departed worthies we cannot too soon set about paying. Their efforts to redeem the land of their love were, unhappily for the most part, unsuccessful, but the fault was not theirs—they were great and noble in their generation. We had great talents for Ireland—they have left us their fame as a legacy. Shall we not avail ourselves of it to ennoble our country and give her that place amongst the nations to which the glory of our race has had more than any other under heaven has had more heroic deeds done for her—no country holds a higher place in the martyrology of nations (so to speak)—no history more chequered than hers, or marked by more striking vicissitudes, more stirring deeper shadows, or more radiant lights. "The annals of Ireland have not been happily likened to a skeleton; a heap of dry bones which require the prophet's breath to infuse life into them and clothe them with the vesture of humanity. "This is what I have done in the work now placed before the reader. I have taken the Religious War, commonly called the Great Rebellion—which convulsed Ireland from 1641 to 1652, and clothed the dry bones of the principal actors in the ideas which have been their mortality, and breathed into them the breath of life so that they might speak and tell their own story to all who are disposed to listen. I have woven a thread of fiction—a slender thread, to be sure, but a strong one—of the hero age, and enough to keep the dramatic personae grouped together. Well might one of our most gifted writers say, in a recent issue of The True Witness:—

Of women who have left their mark upon the last half century, there is not one whose name is so deservedly dear to the Irish heart as that of Mrs. Sadlier. Not only did she begin the labor of love for which she is so gratefully remembered in the possession of rare gifts of inspiration and literary expression, but she also brought to her chosen task an ardor of religious and patriotic devotion, the glow of which is still reflected from the pages of her books. The success her appeals to the higher sentiments of her race was due to her deep sympathy with her people, their joys, their sorrows and their aspirations. She was the first writer to put the stamp of genius on the individuality of the Irish race in this New World, as Carleton, Griffin, O'Grady, Catherine Lynan and others have done for their compatriots at home.

Mrs. Sadlier had done a great work under Providence. She was now in the decline of life, she had not one more day of those whom she had served and served so faithfully to give her a feeble expression of their gratitude. Unless the Irish heart had changed and that the generous Celtic nation had sadly deteriorated, the response would be worthy of the old race, and of the gifted daughter of Ireland who had shed new glory upon Ireland's descendants upon our western shores.

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PASTORAL VISITATION

of the Bishop of London to Arthur Cochrane Administered.

Arthur, June 8.—The Enterprise says: His Lordship Bishop Dowling of Hamilton arrived in town on Saturday for the purpose of administering Confirmation in St. John's Church on Sunday. He came by way of Goldstone, where he was met by Rev. Fathers Doherty and Dube and driven to Arthur. In the afternoon he examined the candidates for confirmation, who had congregated in the church for the purpose, on their knowledge of the Christian doctrine and, it is needless to say, was well pleased with their proficiency. In the evening he took a walk down the O.S.R. accompanied by Rev. Fathers Doherty and Dube and the writer, as far as Mr. Ketcher's, and made a short call. Returning, Mr. Ketcher accompanied the party into town. On Sunday morning early Mass was begun by Father Doherty at 7.30. A little after 8 His Lordship entered the church to celebrate the Mass and confirm the children, who to the number of 115—boys and girls—had assembled in the school house, in charge of the Sisters, and by whom they were marshalled as they marched two abreast, each carrying a taper, and took up their allotted positions in the two ranges of pews on either side of the church. Each boy wore a white badge on his arm, and the girls were very becomingly attired in white robes and crowns of roses, truly emblematical of the virtues of modesty and purity and the white innocence of young and spotless lives. It is always a pleasing, not to say an edifying, sight to see such a procession of the tender youth of both sexes, as with modest and becoming demeanor they march in well regulated order to partake of their first communion, or present themselves to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is, doubtless, the happiest period of their lives, and one in which pious impressions are made on their minds which in most cases endure through the many and checkered years of after life. At the close of the ceremonies His Lordship addressed a few words, in his notably kind and captivating manner, to the children. They were words of instruction, words of encouragement and words of admonition, after which he administered to all those who had been confirmed a pledge of total abstinence from intoxicating liquors until they would reach the age of twenty-one, when they could of their own accord renew their pledges for twenty-one years more, and on asking what age they would be at the end of that period, and being answered in a chorus of voices, forty-five, he joyfully remarked that if they had not sense enough at that age to spend the remainder of their lives in sobriety they would not likely ever have it.—During the late Mass, which began at the usual hour of 10.30, and was celebrated by Father Dube, His Lordship read the epistle and gospel of the day and delivered a very instructive and interesting sermon on the subject of the Holy Family, Joseph, the chosen foster father, Mary, the virgin mother, and Jesus, the humble and obedient child, were all pictured as high models, which the members of every Christian family should endeavor to closely imitate. Without making any attempt at oratory, he held the very closest attention of the very large audience from the utterance of the very first word to the close of the interesting discourse. At the termination of Mass he bestowed the benediction. The choir, assisted by Miss Phelan of Stratford, rendered excellent service at this Mass and also at the evening services, during which His Lordship bestowed the Papal Benediction, which was especially empowered to impart when on his episcopal visits. Although aware of their repugnance to words of praise offered them, however much merited, we cannot fairly conclude this imperfect notice of the ceremonies conducted in St. John's Church on Sunday last without complimenting the pastors, Rev. Fathers Doherty and Dube, and the Sisters of St. Joseph, and the result of their laborious task of instructing and educating and training so large a number of children as was entrusted to their care, for some time previous. To the parents and lay teachers in the country parts also no little credit is due for the proficiency in the knowledge of Christian doctrine manifested by their pupils.

Spoken of as a Candidate.

Kingston, May 8.—It was freely rumored on the market to-day, that Dr. Hays, of this city, would be a candidate in the Conservative interest in the County of Frontenac at the next Provincial elections. If the doctor consents to take the nomination, he will be a strong candidate, and would make an able member of the Ontario Legislature. A healthy appetite, with perfect digestion and assimilation, may be secured by the use of Ayer's Pills. They cleanse and strengthen the whole alimentary canal and remove all obstructions to the natural functions of other organs, without any unpleasant effects.