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If the English Speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the TRUE WITNESS one of the most prosperous and powerful Catholic papers in this country.

PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

SATURDAY.....MAY 12, 1900.

News of the Week.

The "Fais Ceoil Agus Seanachas," or festival of Irish minstrelsy, which was given under the direction of William Ludwig, the noted Irish baritone, for the first time in Boston, at the Hollis Street Theatre this week, was a great success.

Ballads of chivalry, love and war, Gaelic folk songs, gems of Irish opera and Irish harp and bagpipe music were all included in the varied programme, which had been prepared for an audience of men and women prominent in A. O. H. and Gaelic circles of Boston and vicinity which completely filled the theatre.

Henceforward the "green, immortal Shamrock" of Ireland is destined to grow and flourish in Africa, as it has done in many other parts of the world, says the "Irish American." Mr. and Mrs. H. Hamilton, of Portrush, Co. Antrim, sent a root of the national plant, accompanied by a horseshoe, "for good luck," to General Lord Roberts; and he has intimated that he has had the Shamrock carefully planted in the garden of Government House, Bloemfontein, until lately the residence of President Steyn. By next 17th of March there ought to be an abundance of "the chosen leaf" in the capital of the Free State.

Archbishop Bruchesi has addressed a circular to his clergy, thanking them and through them their parishioners for the generous response made to his appeal on behalf of the sufferers by the Hull and Ottawa fire. After stating that his expectations have been surpassed, His Grace adds: "This is a fine example that might be followed everywhere. It calls to mind the generosity of the primitive Church. I am proud of my dioceses. Please tell them so and assure them of my deep gratitude as well as of that of the unfortunate people whom they have succored. The diocese will in no way be impoverished by those generous gifts, on the contrary, its numerous works of benevolence you will find will be the more flourishing, more than ever, thanks to its charity. It can rely on the blessings of heaven."

His Grace left for Quebec on Wednesday to attend a special meeting of the Council of Public Instruction.

A cablegram received at the Seminary, a few days ago, announced the death at Toulouse, France, of the Rev. Abbe Victor Marre, at the age of fifty-two years. The deceased priest was well known in Montreal, having been connected with the Church of Notre Dame from 1886 to 1896.

Reports from Paris, France, say that in a pastoral letter to his clergy, dated Easter Sunday, the Cardinal-Archbishop orders public prayers for the Exhibition, which are to continue during the summer. Each Friday afternoon in July, August and September there will be a sermon at Notre Dame and the relics of the Passion will be presented to the veneration of the faithful. Each Saturday morning at Notre Dame des Victoires there will be a Mass for

the interests of the Exhibition, to be followed by the singing of the "Magnificat" and other prayers. At the Basilica of Montmartre there will be special prayers each Sunday for the same object. In his pastoral letter on this subject, Cardinal Richard says: "We see in the great universal Exhibition a manifestation of the ways of Providence. We applaud the conquests of human genius and the union which the marvellous discoveries of our age tend to establish among nations. But we labor and wish to make others labor at preparing by the practice of Christian virtues. May this Exhibition," continues His Eminence, "preach to many who, drawn to Paris by curiosity, will see side by side with the marvels of science and industry, the still greater marvels of Christian faith and charity."

While twenty-two members of the Catholic Students' Association of the Rheingau were crossing the Rhine, two weeks ago, in a small boat from Bingen to Rudersheim, the craft collided with an anchor chain and capsized. Eighteen of the occupants were drowned, the remainder being saved. The disaster has caused deep grief in German Catholic circles.

The report comes from Washington, D.C., that formal notice of an important appointment by Pope Leo XIII. was received at the Papal Legation, on Saturday last, when the official brief preconizing the Very Rev. Benjamin Kelly, D.D., as Bishop of Savannah, Ga., arrived.

Almost a year has elapsed since the death of Bishop Becker. He and Dr. Kelly were lifelong friends, and it was the dying wish of the Bishop that Dr. Kelly should be his successor.

A bill having for its object the enhancement of the stipends of the parochial clergy of Belgium, which was passed by the Second Chamber a short time ago, has been approved last week by the Senate. As a matter of course, the Government proposals met with hostile criticism from the Left. M. Bara and others, though admitting that the remuneration which the clergy received was inadequate, raising some technical objection to justify their opposition. M. Picard, a Senator of Socialistic proclivities, voted in favor of the measure. He considered religion as a moral necessity for the greater number of men, and the tradition in Belgium has always been that the public authorities should intervene to provide for the needs of the ministers of religious worship. This principle has been recognized in the Constitution, and it was, he said, their duty to see it loyally carried out. In proposing some modification in the Government scheme, Mgr. Keessen, Senator for Limburg, delivered an excellent speech, in the course of which he pointed out that whilst in every branch of the State service salaries have been greatly increased within recent years, and the stipends of the Protestant and Jewish ministers also considerably enhanced, no change has been made since 1853 in the appointments of the Catholic clergy. Although the scale of stipends and pensions which the Senate has finally approved does not err on

the side of generosity, it is a welcome improvement on that which has been in force for the past forty years.

The unexpected happened in connection with the appointment to fill the vacancy in the office of Park Ranger. The selection of Mr. W. J. Henderson for the position was a great surprise as his name had not been mentioned until the eleventh hour.

Last week over 2,000 young Irishmen and women left Queenstown for the United States.

The subscriptions to the Ottawa and Hull fire relief fund now reach over \$700,000.

THE IRISH CONVENTION.

As announced by Mr. Redmond in a recent speech, which he delivered in Waterford, a grand convention of the Irish race—or rather of representatives of the Irish race—will be held in June next in Dublin. There is wisdom, it seems to us, in calling a convention at this particular time. A mighty change has come recently over the spirit and aspect of Irish political affairs. It was but a few weeks ago that the various sections of the Irish Parliamentary Party became welded into one. The sudden and almost inexplicable popularity of Ireland, Irishmen, and all things Irish, that so unexpectedly arose, has cast into the shade almost every other important issue of the hour—not excepting the Transvaal conflict. While that feeling—which may not last in perpetual strength—still exists, it is due to the Irish cause to the memories of a wondrous past and to the prospects ever brightening for the children of the future, to take advantage of the circumstance, and to utilize it to its utmost as one of the most powerful weapons ever placed in the hands of Ireland's well-wishers.

A convention summoned under such circumstances and with an object of the high and patriotic nature of Mr. Redmond's aim, should not only prove a success in itself, but should become one of the foundation stones of Ireland's coming freedom and political autonomy. But, if at this distance, both of time and miles, we might be permitted to mark an item or more, we would suggest that a programme, one of the strictest kind, be formulated and adopted, and that in accordance with such programme should all proceedings be carried on.

THE A. O. H. CONVENTION.

Owing to our going to press, just as we received the first instalment of a report of the grand National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which commenced on Tuesday last, in Boston, we will have to confine our references to this important event in Irish affairs, to the report which appears in another column. It will be seen that the convention promises, according to the opening, to be a gigantic success and one of the most significant and far-reaching Irish national events of the year. We are pleased to note the manner in which our own contingent—the Hibernian Knights of Montreal—has been received, the splendid impression which they made, and special laudatory references which the American press has showered upon them. That a spirit of Irish nationalism is abroad cannot be denied, and the signs of the times are, on all sides, most favorable to the future of our people and of the cause they have at heart.

REV. FATHER QUINLIVAN.

The great number of citizens who have been inquiring at our office concerning the health of the good and beloved pastor of St. Patrick's—Rev. Father Quinlivan—is an evidence of the strongest how deeply he has entered into the hearts of the people, and how widespread is the respect and affection in which he is held by all classes of the community. Recently the Rev. Father has been on a visit to New York, where he had occasion to consult some of the leading physicians of that city. He is now back in Montreal, and is taking a rest at the Guy street convent, where, according to the information received as we go to press, he is slowly improving after the fatigues of his journey. It is a well known fact that his great zeal and self-sacrificing life have contributed to greatly weaken the Reverend gentleman, and that his somewhat protracted illness is the result of his devotedness to the cause of the Church and of Catholic education in Montreal. Father Quinlivan never spared himself when any great or good work was to be done, and the old parish of St. Patrick's—whether in its renovated and beautified Church, or in its splendid Catholic High School, has distinctly felt the impress of his hand. The keen and finely-tempered

blade of the mind, however, has recently threatened to wear out the scabbard of flesh that holds it; complete rest has become necessary, in order that the energetic pastor may recuperate his strength, and it is the prayer of all that his restoration to perfect health may be the result of a very short time.

VISITING IRELAND.

Since the Queen, after a third of a century, has again paid a visit to Ireland, it would seem as if—either for fashion-sake, or on account of some sudden wakening up to the importance of the Green Isle—every person, who heretofore had no desire to visit old Erin, has become anxious to set foot upon the soil of St. Patrick and the Shamrock. It appears that eight hundred mayors and town clerks of the boroughs of England, Scotland and Wales have accepted invitations to visit Ireland this summer. Three tours have been mapped out for them—one to the South, one to the West, and one to the North. How much Ireland and the Irish people will benefit by these excursions of officials from across the water is problematical; but certainly the mayors and town clerks will return wiser, and we hope, in many cases, less prejudiced men. They will learn much that may serve to broaden their minds and to teach them that Ireland is, despite all her obstacles, just as much abreast of modern progress as she had been, centuries ago, in advance of general civilization. They will find that Irish people are radically different from the caricatures by which they have been accustomed to form an idea of the race. If the Queen's visit should influence the tide of summer travel to turn from the continent towards Ireland, it will be an undoubted blessing, because the Irish need only to be known to be admired, and their country merely wants to be seen in order to be properly appreciated.

THE A. O. H. CONVENTION.

The great National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which has awakened so much enthusiasm among the members of the Order, opened in Boston a few days ago.

Five hundred delegates, representing the A.O.H. in every State of the United States and in some of the provinces of Canada, assisted at a solemn High Mass at the Cathedral. Archbishop Williams was present, but the sermon of the day was delivered by the Rev. Father Edward Conolly, of St. Edward's Classical Institute, Father Cummins, in the course of a few remarks on the condition of Ireland, prophesied that the Emerald Isle would yet become a world power.

After Mass the delegates returned to Faneuil Hall, where Mayor Hart welcomed the convention to Boston. Mayor Hart said: "During your stay we shall throw open the doors of our institutions to you all. Our doors are wide open. We haven't much here in Boston, perhaps, but what we do have is worthy of your attention. Here in old Faneuil Hall I am glad to welcome you as Hibernians, but, better still, as American citizens."

"I meet every citizen as a man, first of all. Although we may differ in religious views, we are all citizens of this great country. There are no religious distinctions. I welcome you to Boston, and hope you will have a good time."

In response, President Keating said: "We are glad to be here in Boston and glad to receive such pleasant words from the Mayor of your city. We come here as Irish-Americans, not to accept favors or compliments, but to receive what we know are our rights as American citizens."

"We have had a splendid welcome from the chief of this city, and we shall not forget what he has said or what has been done to make our visit pleasant when we return to our own homes. I wish to acknowledge the work that has been done by the Reception Committee and by the Ladies' Auxiliary."

After the address of welcome the convention went into executive session. It remained in secret session during the remainder of the day. The main business transacted was the appointing of Organization Committees.

THE PARADE.—The public parade was a grand success. It was raining hard, but the members did not seem to mind it either, for they were out in throngs, and the back Bay streets and the streets along the line of march of the big parade were lined with people. It was with great difficulty that the police were able to keep a way cleared in the street for the parade.

Over ten thousand men, on foot, on horses and in carriages, made up the big parade. There were many distinct features in the parade, but probably the one that received the most applause was that of the Montreal A.O.H. men, dressed in green uniforms, who paraded in the form of a cross.

Three hundred men, nearly all large of stature and of commanding appearance, made up the delegation from Lawrence. Of course the Suffolk county men were the main ones of the parade. Division after division of these men rolled past the review-

ing stands, and it seemed as if their lines would never end. No finer body of men were ever seen in a parade in Boston.

The Hibernian Knights of Montreal sent a large delegation to the parade. They performed many manoeuvres during the course of the march, but the drill that brought forth the greatest ovation was the formation of a cross by the green uniformed knights at short intervals. The men were of an even height, and everywhere their appearance brought forth the cry of "Erin Go Bragh."

THE BANQUET.—It was a magnificent function attended by more than 600, invited guests and delegates.

John W. Glynn, State vice-president, introduced as toastmaster the Hon. E. J. Slattery, State president, who called on the Rev. John F. Cummins, the State chaplain, to ask divine blessing.

During the dinner the Municipal Band enlivened the proceedings and aroused enthusiasm by the rendering of well-known Irish airs. Among those who occupied seats at the head of the table were President Keating, the Hon. Thomas N. Hart, Lieutenant-Governor Bates, State President E. J. Slattery, the Hon. Joseph H. O'Neil, State Vice-President Glynn, Chaplain John F. Cummins, Patrick E. Cannon, State Secretary; Martin J. Roche, State Treasurer, and about a score of clergymen of the city and surrounding towns.

Toastmaster Slattery, in opening the after-dinner proceedings, said that, owing to the lateness of the hour, his speech would be "cut out." He welcomed all the visiting delegates, and hoped that they would leave with only good impressions of the old Bay State. He believed that the convention proceedings would fill a place in the history of Boston, of Massachusetts, and of the country. He then introduced Lieutenant-Governor John L. Bates, as the representative of the Commonwealth.

Lieutenant-Governor Bates said: "Massachusetts does not forget. If she were not interested in this organization and the people it represents she certainly would be remiss in the obligation she owes to that portion of her citizens. Seventy per cent of the people of Massachusetts were born in the United States, and 30 per cent were born in foreign lands. One-third of that 30 per cent were born in Ireland. But this does not tell the whole story, for under the census of 1895 there were only 26 per cent of the persons born in this city and citizens of this State who were born of fathers born in the Commonwealth, while 25 per cent were born of fathers born in Ireland." The speaker closed by tendering the delegates a hearty welcome to the State.

National President Keating was the next speaker, and was given a great reception. He responded to the toast of "Ancient Order of Hibernians in America." He reviewed the growth of the Order throughout the country, its struggles and adverse circumstances, and its rise to influence and its right to recognition. He alluded to the wrongs of Ireland, civil and religious, and paid a glowing tribute to the clergy, under whose guidance and instruction the Irish race had won the admiration of the whole civilized world and proved its right to freedom and equality.

The Hon. Joseph H. O'Neil was next introduced as a man born of Irish parents, who had made name and fame for himself as an Irish-American citizen. He responded to the toast, "The Irish-American Citizen." He said he was proud of the men of his race as he saw them parade. He was proud of his blood, as was every true Irishman. He referred to the part they had played in making America's history and fighting America's battles.

Mayor Hart was then introduced. He responded to the toast of the "City of Boston." His Honor said: "All Boston is Irish today. It is your day, and you have had it all your own way."

"The Catholic Church" was responded to by the State chaplain of the Order, the Rev. John F. Cummins, of Boston, who said: "When the world will give the Catholic Church credit for what she claims to be, and that is to be Catholic, she will give due credit to the children of Ireland, who have made it so. If I look across the sea I see an Irish cardinal and I see a phalanx of Irish bishops and clergy ministering to the loyal sons of Erin. And if we go to the island across the channel we will find by a singular providence of God the Irish clergy preaching the gospel in the great cities of England. In the Church of God there are many organizations. The Church recognizes them and she places over them in the different cities and states throughout this country her priests, in order to guide and direct wisely all the children who have that ambition to organize themselves to make one great organized effort for a common, for a universal brotherhood of man, as the Church herself stands for the fatherhood of God."

"Everywhere throughout this country there is an effort being made to try to create that unity that you yourselves claim to have and which you typify." "Unity is a gift of God. Let us under the guidance of His Church be of one heart, of one mind and of one soul, and let us on every occasion manifest to the world that beautiful golden motto of Hibernianism, 'Unity' now and unity forever more."

Ex-National President P. J. O'Connor of Georgia was introduced as "the intellectual giant of the order." He responded to the toast, "Ireland as a Nation," and said Ireland, even before the dark ages, was the seat of learning, and had sheltered and encouraged the scholars of Europe and protected them. He alluded to St. Patrick, the patron saint, as the "Gaelic patrician," and closed an eloquent address amid great applause.

The other toasts and speakers were as follows: "The Press," James Jeffrey Roche; "Hibernian Knights," John J. Rogers, county president of Worcester, and "Ladies' Auxiliary," Representative John J. Douglas. The speeches were interspersed by vocal and instrumental selections. Miss Keough's song ("In Gaelic," "O'Donnell Abu," was exquisite. Dr. James T. Gallagher gave a poetic selection that was well received, as it deserved. It was long after midnight when the guests left Mechanics' Hall.

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RAMBLER AROUND TOWN.

The position of superintendent of the Lachine Canal, made vacant by the death of the late Mr. John Conway, is an interesting topic at present in political circles. There are scores of applications for the office. Among the number, we may mention Mr. Edward Halley, a well known contractor and a prominent worker in our Irish national organizations. Mr. Halley has been a consistent and enthusiastic supporter of the party in power during his whole career. His chances of securing the post should be good. Other applicants are Mr. Denis O'Brien and Mr. William O'Brien.

An excellent appointment made by the Provincial Government was that of Detective McCaskill to the office of chief of the Provincial Detective force of Quebec.

Mr. McCaskill enters upon the discharge of his duties at once. The new position is one which carries with it much responsibility and a good salary, and the choice of Mr. McCaskill is considered a good one. Mr. McCaskill has made an enviable record for himself in the detection of criminals in this province almost wherever and whenever his service have been called in to requisition.

On Sunday last the corner stone of the new Roman Catholic Church in Verdun was laid in the presence of a large gathering. His Grace, Monseigneur Bruchesi, officiated, and was assisted by the Abbe Bonin, parish priest of St. Charles, and the Abbe Lepailleur, priest of the parish of the Child Jesus. A sermon was preached by the Abbe Cleroux, first in French, and then in English. His Grace, being asked to pronounce the episcopal benediction, did so, taking occasion to preface the ceremony with a brief address. The new parish is known as the Parish of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows.

On Tuesday morning, the Month's Mind Requiem Mass, for the repose of the soul of Master David Francis Robinson, was chanted at St. Mary's Church. A special choir of school boys, assisted by Messrs. Thomas Emblem, and R. J. Louis, Oudette, rendered the Gregorian service. The Church was beautifully draped for the solemn occasion. The school children, under the direction of Principal W. J. Brennan, assisted in a body. Rev. Father O'Donnell, the Pastor, officiated. Prof. Wilson presided at the organ.

According to a local evening contemporary, Mr. Robb, City Treasurer, has furnished a list to the Finance Committee, showing the number of civic employees whose salaries have been seized, and who are financially in trouble.

The list is a surprising one showing that no less than four hundred permanent employees during the past year have had their salaries seized for one reason or another. The belief of the Finance Committee is that many of these employees can give the credit for their financial troubles to lottery ticket agents and money lenders.

The list shows that out of the four hundred, the Treasurer's Department has to withhold portions of the salaries of fifty employees, and pay the money over to the courts every month to satisfy claims.

A most imposing profession took place on Tuesday at the Mother House of the Congregation de Notre Dame, St. Jean Baptiste street, when ten candidates pronounced their vows and fourteen others received the Holy Habit. Mgr. Racicot presided, and Rev. Father Corbett, of Cornwall, also took part in the ceremony. The sermon was preached by Father Colombran, of the Franciscans.

The Catholics of the progressive town of Westmount will shortly enjoy the privilege of having a church in a central locality in the town.

The Grey Nuns have donated a portion of the ground necessary for the erection of the church.

The real estate in Catholic hands in that municipality is valued at over two million dollars.

The Catholic School Commissioners have at last recognized the claims of good old St. Ann's School by granting the necessary appropriation of \$8,000 for repairs. Bravo somebody!

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mr. Thos. J. Carbray, son of our esteemed fellow-citizen, Felix Carbray, Esq., M.P.P., and who was recently admitted to the practice of law after a brilliant examination, law after a brilliant examination, begins his professional career in the office of the eminent law firm of Messrs. Caron, Pentland & Stuart.

Mr. Carbray is to be congratulated on his start in life under such auspicious circumstances, and those who know him predict for him a bright future. Mr. Carbray is a graduate of Laval University, Quebec. The ant, with microscope eye, sees the separate atoms of dust at the base of the Himalayas; but the mountain itself has no existence for him. We are truly ephemeral insects. The birth of all existing suns, and will look on at others ten thousand billion years after all these shall have passed away.