YOUNG IRISHMEN'S LITERARY AND BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

On the evening of the 18th inst., the rooms of the Y. I. L. Society, 73 St. Joseph street, was filled with an enthusiastic audience. His Worship the Mayor was present. Mr. Edward Murphy lectured on

THE SOLAR SYSTEM, AND WHAT THE TELESCOPE REVEALS,

After a few preliminary remarks, Mr. Murphy said :- The science of astronomy is that branch of natural philosophy which treats of the celestial bodies, their magnitudes, motions and distances, and the laws by which they are governed. The solar system, the subject of my lecture tive influences which they exert upon each other, at immense distances, presents us with a scene of magnificence and grandeur which should impress us with an exalted conception of that infinite Being who created and upholds the universe. In the solar system the sun is the centre, the source of light, heat and attraction to all the planets and the comets. He commenced by describing the sun, the diameter of that luminary is 880,000 miles, and from spots seen on his surface it is ascertained that he revolves on his axis one in 25 days 9 bours and 56 minutes. The sun is one million three hundred and fifty thousand times bigger than our earth. Of the physical construction of the sun he would only say that by the aid of the spectroscope the following substances (found also on this earth) are found in a state of incandescence in the sun burning at a white heat, viz: Sodium, iron, zinc, magnesium, barium, copper, calcium, chronium, nickel, hydrogen, titanium, aluminum, cobalt and manganese (14 in all). The planets are opaque bodies, shining with light borrowed from the sun, they revolve around that luminary in slightly elliptic orbits in the following

order:—
First, Mercury at 37 millions of miles; second, Venus at 68 millions of miles; third, our earth at 95 millions of miles; fourth, Mars at 143 millions, and between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter revolve the Asteroids at from about 200 to 300 millions of miles, these bodies are generally very small, they are numerous as 165 are known to exist, the last or 165th was discovered 9th of August 1876. Next Jupiter the largest planet of our system, at 495 millions of miles, sixth Saturn at 906 millions, seventh Urapus at 1820 millions and eighth Neptune, the last discovered and most remote, at the enormous distance of 2,850 millions of miles from the sun. Besides the foregoing, which are called the primary planets, there are a number of secondary planets, or moons, as attendants, or satellites, the earth has one, Jupiter four, Saturn, besides his magnificent concentriorings, has eight, Umnus four, and Neptune one or two moons. The solar system is also enriched with a large family of comets, these bodies move in space in a very erratic manner, many hundreds are known to exist, and the periods at which several of them appear have been calculated with accuracy. Comets have been regarded with terror in all ages of the world, but it is now known that they travel in their eccentric courses without deranging the motions of the planets or in any way affecting our earth.

He next spoke of Kepler's three laws-1st law: "The path of a planet in its orbit is an ellipse, the sun being in one of the foci." 2nd law: "The angular velocity of a planet's movement in its orbit is inversely as the squares of its distance from the sun." 3rd law: "The squares of the periodic times of any two planets are to each other in the same proportion, as the cubes of their mean

distances from the sun." He next referred to the laws of attraction of gravitation, and said that, "The attraction of gravitation was the power by which bodies in general turned towards each other, and the attractive power is proportionate to the quantities of matter which the bodies contain, and inversely as the squares of their distances from each other."

The eclipse, the tides and other phenomena of the solar system, he said he would explain later on, when he would exhibit diagrams illustrating this lecture. He continued, after examining the solar system, the question naturally suggests itself to our minds, are the planets inhabited globes? Although science has not given us any direct answer, yet it has supplied us with much circumstantial evidence bearing upon it, of an extremely interesting nature, as from the great size of the planets; from their being bound together by the same laws, rolling in regulated periods around the sun, warmed and illuminated by him, supplied by the alternations of light and darkness, heat and cold, with the same succession of seasons, and from the telescopic appearance of the nearest, whose surfaces exhibit diversified scenery, mountains, plains and seas, in many cases not unlike those on our earth, it is probable that some, if not all of them, are inhabited, and that the various globes constituting the sun's retinue are placed in the solar system for the same great end as that of our own earth, and that they may be clothed in verdure, and peopled with beings, perhaps in many respects like ourselves. And as the microscope reveals to us the fact that a single drop of water may contain albusy little world of animated beings, invisible to the naked eye, it suggests to us that the ponderous globes belonging to our system may, like our own planet, be inhabited by beings whose natures, intellectually and physically,

must forever remain to us a mystery. Here he begged permission to make a short digression, and addressing himself particularly to the President and to the members of the Young Irishmen's Literary Society, he would say that in astronomy as well as in every other department of human knowledge, Ireland is keeping pace with the world, and in the middle ages was actually far in advance of it in the science of astronomy. For we find that when the rest of Europe had not knowledge of the real figure of the earth; its rotundity and true formation was taught in the Irish schools. Thus as early as the eighth century Feargal, an Irish priest, who was honoured by Pepin, King of France, wrote a learned treatise on the Sphericity of the earth and the existence of our Antipodes. Again in the ninth century, Denegal, "Dungal the recluse," an Irish monk, wrote, at the request of Charlemange, a letter on two eclipses of the sun said to have occurred in the year 819. This letter displays great learning and research for the times, and although it may not in all things quite agree with modern discovery it proves satisfactorily that the science of astronomy was cultivated carefully in the schools of ancient Ireland. He could mention the names of many others but time will not permit, and he closed by referring to an illustrious Irishman, the Earl of Ross. This excellent nobleman constructed, about 35 years ago, the largest and most powerful telescope in the world; the tube is 56 feet long and 6 feet in diameter. Some idea of its vast size may be formed from the fact that a man could walk through the tube with ease and with an umbrella up This telescope cost £20,000 or \$100.000 and every part was made on his estate and uner his Lordship's immediate superintendence.

He said he would here close, by calling their careful attention to the study of the "Solar System" and its phenomena, as it leads the mind to sublime and interesting trains of thought and reflection, affording scope for noblest energies and investigations, of the human intellect, it should, therefore, elevate our souls and enkindle in our minds true sentiments of piety and devotion to the Great Being who presides over the move-ments of the universe. The study of this sublime

subject teaches us the littleness and destiny of man, and the awful grandeur and beneficence of the Almighty Being who created out of nothing so vast and magnificent a structure as the solar system. With this brief survey of the solar system he concluded by making some observation on the immensity of the universe, and in order to form some faint idea of it, he asked them to accompany him in of the Committee of Management. an air journey, and, in imagination, travel outwards from the sun through the planets till they reached Neptune, the most remote, here let them pause, look back and contemplate the magnificence and grandeur of the system of planets and comets which constitute the sun's retinue. The immense magnitudes of their globes, rolling in silent majesty this evening, includes the sun, the planets and their through the abyss of space the order in which they this evening, and the comets. The vast magnitudes of are arranged, the regularity and harmony of their satellites, and the comets. through the abyss of space the order in which they these celestial bodies, the amazing force by which movements, are all subjects well calculated to fill able spirit has manifested itself in finishing and they are carried through the heavens, and the attrac- us with admiration and wonder at the power that created out of nothing such a vast magnificent adorned with pictures a Catholic heart loves to structure. But what is the solar system in all its dwell upon and the tout ensemble wears such an invitmagnificence and grandeur when compared with the ing and pleasing aspect that one can realize that a starry firmament that surrounds it? It is but an insignificant portion of the universe, an atom, he said, among the countless millions of shining orbs which fill the regions of space. But let us, he said, continue our celestial travels, sweeping away from our own system, till planet after planet fades and disappears in the distance, and even our glorious sun itself shrinks into a mere star. Onward, still onward, winging their imaginary flight through the region of the fixed stars, at length they reach the Milky Way; here let them alight, and, while standing on that celestial arch," whose dust is gold," they would contemplate the magnificent scene there presented to their wondering eyes, and, at that moment their souls would be ravished with the glorious panorama of mighty suns and worlds, systems, clusters and constellations rising up in sublime perspective before them and they should then read with awe, in that gorgeous scene, the destiny of man, and the power and majesty of God, the Omnipotent Creator of the Universe.

Mr. Murphy illustrated the subject of his lecture by enlarged diagrams of the Solar System, showing the proper movements of the planets round the Sun, and the Moon round the Earth, by rack-work slides; also diagrams showing the Telesople appearance of the Sun, Moon, Planets and Comets, Eclipses, Tides, &c., &c., all of which were fully explained.

CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.

A SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT BY THE MEMBERS IN THE SEMINARY HALL.

The members of this flourishing Association gave a highly interesting soirce in the above-named hall comprising a programme of vocal and instrumental music, and addresses by Capt. Kirwan, Bernard Devlin, Esq., with elocutionary morceaux by Master McCaffrey and Master Kearns. The Hibernian Independent brass band was present, and played several selections. At the appointed hour the President, Mr. W. E. Mullin, entered, accompanied by the Society's guests, to the music of St. Patrick's Day. On the platform were Captain Kirwan, the Rev. Father Crombleholme, Ald. Mullin, Mr. Bernard Devlin, M. P., Mr. W. E. Stroud, of the St. George's Society; Mr. John Hatchette, of the St. Patrick's National Association; Mr. McEvenue, President of the Irish Catholic Union; Mr. P. J. Brennan, President of the Young Irishmen's Literary and Benefit Society; Messrs. A. Brogan, B. Emerson and P. McEvoy.

The President in brief welcomed the audience, and alluded tersely to the claims of the Society upon the Young Irishmen of Montreal, whom he invited to fill up its ranks and swell its field of usefulness. He detailed its objects and proceeded to announce the programme, which was very creditably performed.

The singing of Mrs. Farmer was all that was expected from a lady who is so well-known to possess highly cultivated voice. It is enough to say that she was equal to herself, and that an appreciative audience applauded her rendering of a difficult part. Mr. James Shea gave "Let Me Like A Soldier Fall" followed up an encore with " Remembered in Erin.' Miss Crompton's singing, however, took the house by storm. Her rendering of the famous and difficult "Arditi" was excellent for so young a lady. Her voice is sweet and cultivated, and when more will become even less difficult to her than they are now. The encore she received was a fitting compliment to her merit, and Miss Crompton will, we feel assured, be heard of in the higher walks of songsters, when time and practice fully develops a voice, already cultivated and exceedingly sweet. Master Kearns gave a comic recitation in a side-splitting fashion, and Master McCaffery recited the " Death of Montrose," in a manner that does him much credit. The intermission being over, the President introduced the speaker of the evening, Captain Kirwan, who was greeted with loud cheers.

Capt. Kirwan said that some 15 months ago he had stood before a Montreal audience, but had then been a transient visitor. He had now come to live among them (applause), and he hoped to do a man's share to advance Catholic and Irish interests in Montreal. (Loud cheers.) He could not do better in order to effect this than ask every young man in the room to come forward and make himself a member of the association. Its object was the propagation of literature and acquirement of knowledge. and he knew of no greater enemy to either Church or State than ignorance. It was well to foster general knowledge, and such a course could not fuil to make good citizens of those who followed it, and good Catholics as well. When he entered he had been at a loss for a subject to speak upon, but when he looked around and saw before him sons and daughters of Erin with hearts as warm and generous as those he had left behind, it seemed to him as if he had come to another Ireland -he was at home again in Dublin. Looking around he drew attention to the names of O'Connell Goldsmith, Carolan, Moore, Grattan and others who were emblazoned on the wall, and briefly alluded to the work done by each. He mentioned some names not on the walls, and drew attention to the name of Emmet and other Protestant Irishmen who had loved their country well enough to struggle for it and laid down their lives in its cause. (Applause.) He did not wish it supposed that he was one of those who thought the Irish people the finest in the world; but he did claim for them as much virtue and honesty as their fellowmen-no more; no less. He continued at some length, and closed by an appeal to those who were not members to join with him in swelling the ranks of the Catholic Young Men's Society, his remarks being loudly applauded.

At the close of the concert Mr. Bernard Devlin was loudly called for, and in answer briefly excused himseli from speaking, on the ground of hoarseness. He welcomed Capt. Kirwan, and held that there was plenty of room for many more just such Irishmen, and spoke of a union of all the Irish Societies to be consummated in a few days. He was

The meeting was then closed by the Chairman who thanked the audience, Capt. Kirwan, the H. I. Band and the ladies and gentlemen who had volunteered.

CATHOLIC LITERARY ASSOCIATION, BROCKVILLE.

At the annual meeting of the Catholic Literary Association, of Brockville, held in their rooms on Friday evening 12th inst. The following members were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Hon. C. F. Fraser; 1st vice, W. O'Donnell; 2nd vice, D. Monahan; Cor-Sec., G. A. Gad-bois; Rec. Sec., J. O'Reilly; Fin. Sec., James Kel-ly; Treasurer, Thos. Brady; Librarian, E. Mulrancy; Messrs. Timothy Browne, John C. O'Donahoe, Michael McGlade, John Brady, O. K. Fraser, J. F. White, Bernard Bradley, D. O'Brien, James Donegan, and John Sharkey, were elected members

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The debates, readings, and the like, that occasionally occur in the rooms, have their customary benefits in fulfilling the object of the association, viz., the improvement of its members, and the promotion of their mental, moral and social advancement.

We are glad to note its prosperity and wish it every success.

Catholic Literary Association, Hamilton

This Association gave the first of their monthly entertainments for this year in their Hall last week, and in order to show their appreciation of the patronage bestowed on them during the past year, they gave this one "free." The Hall was packed to its ut-most capacity by an appreciative audience. The chair was occupied by the President Mr. D. Smith, and with him on the platform were His Lordship the Right Reverend P. F. Crinnon, D. D., Bishop of Hamilton; the Reverend Chaplain, P. J. Madigan, Rev. Fathers Lennon, Cleary, Owens, of Macton, and Lotz, of Biddulph; Messrs. A. Wingfield, E. Furlong, 1st Vice-President, Major A. H. Moore, 2nd Vice-President, and W. Harris Treasurer. .

Although the concert was a free one, the programme was carried out in that style which has hitherto characterized all the entertainments given by the Association since its organization.

After the concert was over the chaplain, Rev. P. J. Madigan, gave a short and instructive address, returning the thanks of the Association for the patronage bestowed by the public, and earnestly exhorted all the young men of the Catholic com-munity to become members of the Association, and thereby enable His Lordship to carry out the good work he has undertaken, and which has made such a rapid progress under his patronage in the short time it has been organized, as evinced by the interesting programme of the evening. "Auld Lang Syne" by the Glee Club, followed by the National Anthem, brought the entertainment to a close which was one of the happiest it has ever been our lot to enjoy in Hamilton. The several choruses by the Glee Club were rendered in such a manner as to prove their close application and attention to the training they received. It must be gratifying to Bishop Crinnon to see the Association in such a proud position as to enable the members to invite their friends to such an intellectual treat as that given last evening.

We congratulate the Rcv. Chaplain and the President who have been chiefly instrumental in its great success—and also the officers and members of the Association, and hope to see them on all occasions well patronized.—Hamilton Times.

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Eight Hundred and Seventy-seven. No. 1632.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Mr. Justice PAPINEAU. "La Compagnie de Pret et Credit Fonciers," a body

politic and duly incorporated according to law and the Statutes in force in this Province, doing business and having its place of business at Montreal, in the District of Montreal, Plaintiff;

Octave Laplante, Photographer, of the Town of Beauharnois, in the District of Beauharnois,

Defendant.

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IT IS ORDERED, on the motion of M. E. Charpentier, Esquire, of Counsel for the Plaintiff, in as much as it appears by the return of Charles Rapin, one of the sworn Bailiffs of the Superior Court for the District of Beauharnois, on the writ of summons in this cause issued, written, that the Defendant has left his domicile in the Province of Quebec in Canada, and cannot be found in the District of Beauharnois, that the said Defendant by an advertisement to be twice inserted in the French language, in the newspaper of the City of Montreal called "Le National" and twice in the English language, in the newspaper of the said city, called "THE TRUE WITNESS" be notified to appear before this Court, and there to answer the demand of the Plaintiff within two months after the last insertion of such advertisement, and upon the neglect of said Defendant to appear and to answer to such demand within the period aforesaid, the said Plaintiff will be permitted to proceed to trial and judgment as in a cause by default.

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PROVINCE OF QUESEC, \(\) In the SUPERIOR COURT District of Montreal. \(\) for Lower Canada. The Sixteenth Day of January, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-seven. No. 1230.

PRESENT: The Honorable Mr. Justice PARINEAU. La Societe Canadienne Française de Construction

Plaintiff;

Omer Piche, of the City and District of Montreal. Contractor, et al,

de Montreal."

Defendants.

IT IS ORDERED, on the motion of M. E. Char-Claimants, whose attorneys have been suspended pentier, Esquire, of Counsel for the Plaintiff, in as will be gratuitously furnished with full information | much as it appears by the return of Prosper Archambault, one of the sworn Bailiffs of this C the writ of summons in this cause issued, written, that the Defendant, Omer Piche, has left his domicile in the Province of Quebec in Canada, and cannot be found in the District of Montreal, that the said Defendant by an advertisement to be twice inserted in the French language, in the newspaper of the City of Montreal, called " Le National" and twice in the English language, in the newspaper of the said city, called the "True Witness," be notified to appear before this Court, and there to answer the demand of the Plaintiff within two months after the last insertion of such advertisement, and upon the neglect of the said Defendant to appear and to answer to such demand within the period aforesaid, the said Plaintiff will be permitted to proceed to

(By the Court.) GEO. H. KERNICK, Deputy P. S. C.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, In the SUPERIOR COURT

District of Montreal. \(\) for Lower Canada. The fifteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven. No. 250.

trial and judgment as in a cause by default.

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V8.

Ch. E. Pariseau, of the said City of Montreal

Defendant. IT IS ORDERED, on the motion of Archibald & McCormick, Esquires, of Counsel for the Plaintiff in as much as it appears by the return of Charles Lapierre, one of the Bailiffs of the said Superior Court on the writ of Capias ad Respondendum in this cause issued, written, that the Defendant has left his domicile in the Province of Quebec in Canada and cannot be found in the District of Montreal, that the said Defendant by an advertisement to be twice inserted in the English language, in the newspaper of the City of Montreal, called the TRUE WITNESS and twice in the French language, in the newspaper of the said city, called L'Aurore, be notified to appear before this Court, and there to answer the demand of the Plaintiffs within two months after the last insertion of such advertisement, and upon the neglect of the said Defendant to appear and to answer to such demand within the period

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Dame Maria Jane Wynn, of the City and District of Montreal, wife of John Paxton of the same place, Trader and Manufacturer, and duly authorized a ester en justice for the purposes of this suit, Plaintiff,

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The said John Paxton,

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