

THE CONNAUGHT RANGER'S CORNER.

THE KNIGHTS' CONCERT.—As announced in a recent issue, the concert of the Hibernian Knights, in the Windsor Hall, on the 15th January, should be for many reasons well patronized. In the first place the extraordinary expenses attending the sending of the corps to Boston, next May to compete against the many military companies of the Irish Americans should stimulate the admirers of our military corps to take an active interest in the matter. Another reason why their entertainment should be well attended is, they have secured the services of the leading talent of Montreal. And the third reason is, an address will be delivered by one of those Irishmen whose name is prominent in American public affairs; and a man who has showed his love for his native country. There are few of my readers who have not heard of John Devoy, the bosom friend of the late John Boyle O'Reilly. Mr. Devoy is an able platform speaker and his address on "Ireland's right to self-government," will not doubt be listened to by an appreciative audience. Give the gallant Knights a bumper house and send them to Boston with the means to represent our people in a worthy manner.

DIVISION NO. 7, A. O. H., held one of their old-time meetings on Thursday evening, President Tansey in the chair. Considerable business was transacted and a new candidate initiated. The report of the committee of the concert held in the Sarsfield hall, showed that the affair was in every way a success and that a snug little sum had been added to the treasury.

A HINT.—One of the most important committees of the Ancient Order of Hibernians is the committee of investigation. Many members when appointed on such an important committee never trouble themselves about the character, or physical condition, of a candidate, and consequently many of our branches of the A. O. H., suffer considerably thereby. The constitution and general laws of the Order are very plain on this particular point, and a heavy penalty inflicted on the member who fails to perform his duty.

"LET THE DEAD past bury its dead." No good comes from the reopening of old wounds.

UNITED WE STAND.—During my rambles this week I have been considerably impressed with the earnestness which animates the members of our national societies towards perpetuating their rights in civic matters. I also attended the meeting of the delegates from the various Irish Catholic Societies held recently in St. Patrick's hall and undoubtedly it was the most harmonious gathering of our representatives. I ever had the pleasure of sitting with. What an example for the factions in the Old Land to follow, and what a pity they could not be thus united when matters of the gravest importance are at stake.

DIVISION NO. 8.—The semi-monthly meeting of Division No. 8, A. O. H., on Wednesday evening was but fairly attended, owing to

the mission in St. Patrick's to which parish many of the members belong. President Lavelle, presided, and initiated four new candidates, and received the applications of three others. The financial reports of both the financial Secretary and Treasurer were read, and were very creditable to the officers and members. The Financial Secretary tendered his resignation, owing to pressing demand of private business for the next two months. Mr. Thomas Lavelle was elected to fill the vacancy. Several communications were read and other important business transacted.

DIVISION NO. 3, held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening and went through the regular routine of business. The attendance at this meeting was also small.

THE OLD TONGUE.—The classes of the Gaelic Society have taken their vacation until the second Tuesday, in January.

ANOTHER BRANCH.—With the beginning of the New Year, it is expected that a Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be organized in Maisonneuve. There is a large space in this particular section and splendid material to make a rattling and progressive Branch.

AN OLD CITIZEN GONE.—In the death of Mr. John Davis, which occurred on Thursday morning, at his residence on Nazareth Street, the Catholic Order of Foresters has lost an able and energetic member and the founder of that organization in this city. It was due his great organizing power that St. Patrick's Court, No. 95, the parent Branch of Catholic Forestry in Montreal, was launched into existence eleven years ago. Mr. Davis also organized several of the other English-speaking Courts. He held the office of Deputy High Chief Ranger for over ten years and was a delegate at many important conventions.—R.I.P.

THE MONTHLY MEETING of the County Board of Directors of the A. O. H., held on last Friday evening was well attended. The report of the committee in this corner, a few weeks ago, to some of the delegates for failing to attend previous meetings, has had a good effect. County President Lavelle presided, and several important communications from the different Divisions were read and acted on. Several committees reported, and the regular routine of business was gone through.

THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.—St. Gabriel's T. A. and H. Society at its annual meeting last Sunday afternoon, re-elected Mr. Patrick O'Brien as its President for the ensuing term. Mr. O'Brien is an able and indefatigable worker in the cause of the society, a sterling Irishman, one who takes a deep interest in the progress of our people, not only in St. Gabriel's Ward, but throughout the entire city. A complete list of the officers elected will appear in our next issue.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS to all my readers, society members, their wives, families, brothers, sisters old and young is the sincere wish of the

CONNAUGHT RANGER.

IS IT A NEW PARTY?

There seems to have always been some cloud or mist of mystery hanging over the Irish cause. Even in the brightest days of expectancy there was a shadow upon the mirror and no person seemed ever able to penetrate that political or national phenomenon. While we can pretty fairly gauge the meaning of the different sections of the Irish Parliamentary Party, still we are not sufficiently in touch with the leaders to be able to pronounce upon the details of their respective programmes. All we know is that the aim of the various prominent Irish politicians is the obtaining of Home Rule; and while they differ as to methods, the object is the same. But we now meet with a somewhat peculiar announcement which comes in the form of an editorial comment upon Sir Thomas Esmonde and his new policy. We find this article in "The Munster Now," and Limerick and "Clare Advocate." We will quote just sufficiently from it to give our readers an idea of the situation which causes the comments of that organ. It runs thus:

"The idea of the Council, again presided. The meeting was remarkable for the fact that there were present at it a number of Ulster Unionist County Councilors, who were induced to attend the meeting on the understanding that nothing of a political character would be introduced in the discussions. Sir Thomas Esmonde, as on the first occasion, proved himself an excellent and level-headed chairman, and conducted the business of the meeting with marked ability, tact, and impartiality. Sir Thomas, as is well known, has for some time past severed his connection with what was once styled 'The Irish Parliamentary Party,' but that must not be taken as tantamount to his having forsaken the Home Rule cause or grown less warm in his enthusiasm for the realization of Irish independence."

Having spoken of the divisions, factions and squabbles that for nine years have distracted the Irish Party, the article continues:

"Some adverse criticism has been passed on Sir Thomas Esmonde for his action at Wednesday's meeting in refusing to accept as out of place a resolution in favor of Home Rule put forward by a County Waterford

delegate, but it should be remembered by those who are inclined to offer such criticism that Unionist delegates were asked to take part in the business of the General Council on the distinct understanding that no political resolutions or questions would be introduced or considered, and that being so, it would be nothing short of a breach of trust if Sir Thomas Esmonde had permitted a discussion on the resolution in question."

It is the following and closing paragraph that appears to us very significant. In fact we do not quite grasp the aim that Sir Thomas has before him; we know it is the bettering of Ireland's condition, the securing of Home Rule; but by what road does he purpose traveling to reach his goal? Read, however, what the Irish organ says:

"To show, however, that he was in sympathy with the desire for Home Rule, Sir Thomas Esmonde intimated that he would at an early date convene a special meeting of delegates, at which the question of the formation of an Irish political party, will be fully discussed, and at which the members of the various Councils, District and County, will be given plenty of latitude for the ventilation of their opinions. As these opinions will give a fair index as to the feelings and wishes of the masses of the people, there is every reason to hope and expect that a very satisfactory result will be attained."

Does this mean that a new party is about to spring out of the divisions that have so long existed? If so it must be either a party sufficiently strong to absorb all the others, or else it can only constitute an additional faction, and become a fresh cause of delay, turmoil and misfortune.

A UNIQUE MISSION.

Commencing upon Sunday, 7th January next, and closing on Sunday the 14th, a most special and unique mission will be given in St. Patrick's Church. In another column we present a picture of the Rev. Father Younan, Superior of the mission just closed, accompanied by a brief sketch of his interesting life. As will be seen by that article the reverend orator was the first to inaugurate missions to non-Catholics by Catholic priests. It is now a matter of general knowledge how the Paulist Fathers, of New York, have devoted themselves during the past few years—to this particular branch of apostolic labor, equally well known is the success that they have attained. As far as Montreal is concerned, this is a new departure: in the religious history of our city we cannot find any former instance of a Catholic Church being thrown open to non-Catholics, and special services held for their benefit. It is to be hoped that this initial mission of the class will prove an unqualified success.

We do not flatter when we say that Father Younan is an ideal pulpit orator. A man gifted with a grand voice, animated with an enthusiasm that becomes the more contagious in as much as it is under perfect control. In connection with this particular mission, there is a department known as the "Question Box." This consists of a box into which any person may drop written questions on subjects pertinent to the mission—on religion, church history and such like branches of controversy. These questions will be answered by Father Younan each evening, previous to delivering the instruction of the day. The inauguration of such a mission may mark a new era in our relations as between citizens who belong to the different forms of religious belief. The Catholic Church has never anything to fear from closer contact with those outside her fold, nor from any investigation that may be made regarding her doctrines and teachings; in fact she courts such examination, because only the sincere researchers after truth ever thoroughly examine and investigate and sooner or later, such examination and investigation, must lead them to the Truth—that is into the bosom of the Catholic Church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

The Knights of Columbus Committee having in charge the collection of funds for the establishment of the proposed chair of secular history in the Catholic University, Washington, requested that the donations should be made by the various councils in time to have the amount ready for presentation during the Christmas holidays.

Before their circular appeal was issued the Fitchburg (Massachusetts) Council contributed \$250, while the first Pennsylvania council to respond was Santa Maria, of Germantown, which sent \$150. Other councils are now acting.

The trustees of the fund are John

H. Drury, William S. McNary, and Charles A. Webber, secretary, 60 Court Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. The Committee which issued the address was composed of Edward L. Heary, Supreme Knight; James A. Flaherty, Philadelphia, and John J. Dolan, New York.

A TIMELY HINT.

A good Catholic newspaper will necessarily always give more than it receives, both to its subscribers and to the community, defends the Church and is the champion of religion often in the midst of enemies.

A good Catholic newspaper in a family strengthens the faith and its silent words and examples often make the individual members more earnest, practical and enthusiastic in their religion. Herein will be found the reason why, prelates and priests are anxious to extend the circle of the influence of Catholic newspapers.

There are some Catholic newspapers like the "Universe" which need no subsidies, but most of them could be better equipped for their work if each subscriber could say: "I owe no man anything." Those who with the Holy Father believe in the good influence of the Catholic press, should speak a good word in its behalf, and be always ready to hold up its hands in the warfare which our Lord has said will ever be the portion of the Church militant.—Catholic Universe.

NEW BOOK.

Under the title "Rerum Novarum," Hon. Dr. Guerin, Minister without portfolio in the Local Government, publishes a little book of 77 pages, very daintily got up with antique paper and type, red letter initials, and fancy scroll work. It treats of the social question, and starting with an extract from the encyclical of May 16, 1891, of His Holiness Leo XIII. on the condition of the workmen touches on the following topics in relation to them: "Our Country," "Independence," "The Duty of Governments," "A Home-stead for All," "A New System of Life Insurance," "Provision for Declining Years," "The Reductions of Paragony," "Christian Republic," and "We Want," from which it may be seen that the subject is viewed from many different standpoints, and treated as comprehensively as the limited space will permit.—Quebec Daily Telegraph.

LACHINE CONVENT.

For the occasion of the "Jubilée Celebrations" of the Sisters of St. Ann, to be held August next, the Mother General requests each of the former pupils of the Mother House to send her address as soon as possible.

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Egg Plums.....	1.00	4.50
Danson Plums.....	1.00	4.50
Lemon Cling Peaches.....	1.00	5.00
Yellow Crawford Peaches.....	1.00	5.00
Apricots.....	1.00	4.50
Bartlett Pears.....	1.00	4.50

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Chocolate Biscuits, in "Special" tins.....	50c per tin.
Cream Sandwich Biscuits, Lemon or Raspberry Flavors in "Special" tins.....	60c per tin.
Jam Sandwich Biscuits, in "No. 1" tins.....	50c per tin.
Rich Tea Biscuits, small, in "No. 2" tins.....	50c per tin.
Rich Tea Biscuits, Round or Oval, in "Cabinet" tins.....	60c per tin.
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