

JOTTINGS

The State of Kentucky has unveiled a monument to Stephen Collins Foster, the Irish Catholic exile and poet, who wrote "My Old Kentucky Home."

Before leaving Rome recently, Archbishop Farley made arrangements for a Chinese-speaking priest to be sent to New York to look after the spiritual welfare of several Catholic Chinese families there.

The declaring valid of the will of the late Joseph Benoist by the Supreme Court of Missouri, makes possible a new college for Kansas City, as under the contested will, \$40,000 was left to the Christian Brothers of St. Louis for that purpose.

At the recent meeting of parochial school principals in the Columbus, O., diocese, it was decided to take practical steps for teaching Gregorian music in the parochial schools in order to make easier its introduction into the churches.

The Catholics of Cleveland have organized the Catholic Introduction Club to promote matrimony among the young members of the churches. The organization is endorsed by the Catholic Universe, the official organ of Bishop Hartsmann.

Mgr. Schleyer, the inventor of Volapuk, that was meant to be a universal language, has just celebrated his 75th birthday. His home is on the shores of Lake Constance, in Switzerland, where he is passing his declining years in rest and quiet. He has a working knowledge of eighty-two modern languages.

Although only three years a Pope, Pius X. has followed the custom of his predecessors and already has had submitted for his inspection designs of prominent artists for a tomb to be erected to his memory after his death. One such design has just been finished by the Venetian sculptor Giuseppe Longo.

According to the returns of the American Statistical Society, the persons who have embraced Catholicity since the tractarian movement in 1850 include 445 graduates of Oxford, 213 of Cambridge and 63 of other universities, besides 27 peers, 214 military officers, 162 authors, 139 lawyers and 60 physicians. Among the graduates were 446 clergymen of the Established Church.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. John S. Vaughan, canon of Westminster Cathedral, London, is to be the guest of Archbishop John Ireland for several weeks. Mgr. Vaughan is one of the most noted Catholic priests of England, and comes of a family which has given five prominent prelates to the Catholic Church. After a few days in St. Paul, he will go to Duluth to preach at the retreat of the clergy of the Duluth Diocese. Beginning September 20, he will conduct the annual spiritual retreat of the students at St. Paul Seminary, and he will preach one or more sermons in the St. Paul Cathedral.

At the meeting of the Directory of the United Irish League in Dublin, on Wednesday last, the rumors as to the Government's intentions regarding Home Rule were passed upon. A resolution was proposed by Mr. Redmond and adopted, re-stating Ireland's claim to Home Rule in the sense of an Irish Legislature with an executive responsible to it. The organization would not be pleased with any measure which does not provide for control of Irish business in Ireland by Irishmen. Further, the resolution expressed dissatisfaction with the existing Irish executive as violating the Liberal pledge to govern Ireland according to Irish ideas. A land bill to amend the act of 1903 and a bill to settle the Irish university question were also demanded.

Receives Loyal Frenchmen

Pope Pius on September 9th received six hundred French gymnasts, who went there to give an exhibition. Their president read an address of loyalty to the Pope, who in replying encouraged the gymnasts to continue in athletics. "Strength and courage," said he, "are necessary to maintain faith when many are losing it; to remain attached to the Church when many abandon her; to practise the word of God when many banish it."

He urged them to follow the words of the heroic Matatia, who said: "Even if all the cowardly submit to error, I, my brothers, will obey the religion of our fathers." This passage was commented upon as probably emphasizing the attitude of the Pope toward the French government. On leaving the Vatican the gymnasts met and greeted Father Wernz, the new general of the Society of Jesus.

In the afternoon the gymnasts gave an exhibition in the court of St. Ranso in the presence of Pope Pius and the Papal court and many guests, including Rev. J. Hanselmann, Rev. Thomas J. Cannon and Rev. William O'Brien, of New York, and Rev. Henry Modler, Rev. Joseph Brimmsman and Rev. W. Rogers, of Missouri.

Death of Dr. Lefevre

Dr. John Matthew Lefevre died at Vancouver on Saturday, 15th inst. The deceased gentleman, who was 53 years of age, succumbed after a very short illness. He was one of the pioneer workers on the Pacific Slope and was a recognized force in municipal matters. He was gold-medalist of McGill and at the time of his death was managing director of British Columbia telephones and chief surgeon of the C.P.R. Western Division. Dr. Lefevre with his wife had paid a late visit to Toronto, where news of the death was received with surprise and regret.

ADVICE TO HIBERNIANS

A Very Interesting Document From the Provincial President of the Order for Ontario.

Gentlemen and Brothers,—In my official capacity as Provincial President of our Order in Ontario, I desire to address to you a few words in connection with our Order, which I hope and trust will, with your co-operation, tend to its advancement in the Province of Ontario.

In the first place, I wish to thank you through your Delegates to our last convention, for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the honorable and responsible position which I now hold in the Order, and my every endeavor will be to fulfill the trust which has been confided in me.

The Provincial Convention, which, as you are aware, was held in the city of Peterboro, commencing on the 14th and ending on the 16th day of August, 1906, was, without question, the largest and the most enthusiastic ever held in Ontario under Hibernian auspices. The Delegates were most punctual in their attendance and the duties devolving upon the various Committees were performed in such a manner as to expedite the work of the Convention, and as a consequence more lasting and permanent work was performed than at any former convention of A.O.H. in Ontario. No doubt ere this reaches you the report of your delegates to that Convention will have been received, but notwithstanding this, I feel it my duty to call your attention to some of the work of the Convention, as well as to some other matters which can well engage the attention of each and every member of our Order, and a consideration of which, I feel quite safe in saying, will ensure to the benefit of our grand organization. The present finds our noble society larger in numbers, stronger in influence and wider in prestige, than ever before in its history in Ontario, in fact our membership has nearly doubled in the two years last past, and everything warrants the most sanguine hopes for our future. Before us lies the future; we can make of it what we will. The responsibility for the successful future of this order rests upon each and every member alike. The aid and assistance of the humblest member of the Order is as essential to success as are devoted and painstaking efforts upon the part of your officers—Division, County and Provincial.

The convention just closed has placed before us a mark which I hope we will be able to reach, viz., a membership of 4,000, by 1908. This will not be difficult matter if the members of the Order work earnestly and sincerely to accomplish this end, and I would ask every Division to make an especial effort to add its quota of members so that we may reach the anticipated goal.

In our desire to increase our membership we should not allow applicants to obtain admission into our Order whose acts and lives, past and present, are such as would not reflect the highest honor and credit on our Society; while it would be pleasant and satisfactory to point to a large membership, it would also be a matter of great pleasure and pride to be able to state that that membership is composed of men of best type of Catholic and Irish Canadian manhood.

Next in importance after getting members, is the retention of same. It is a noticeable and lamentable fact that the loss to our ranks from suspensions, far outnumbers all other depletions combined. Now that we see the evil in its enormity, what can be done to counteract? Some of our members urge a well regulated system of insurance; others more care in selecting candidates, and again others argue many and varied ways and means of overcoming the drain. I shall not attempt to discuss either plan, I merely mention it so that all may get to work to devise some means to avoid the one great drawback which prevents the A.O.H. from being the foremost National organization in Ontario. I may suggest a remedy, and one which, in my humble opinion, will do more to retain the membership than any other that has been suggested, and it is this—a real, live, active, aggressive and progressive Financial Secretary. I would urge every Division to appoint its very best member to the position and pay him well for his time and trouble. Appoint a Financial Secretary who will write a cheery letter to the member who is indifferent; who will telephone to the member who has "just forgot" and who will personally call upon the apparently dissatisfied member and explain to such a brother the point in dispute; with such a person as Financial Secretary I feel assured that no matter what salary, in reason, he may be paid, it will be money well spent, as he will minimize the suspensions and thereby build up not only the particular Division, but the whole Order.

While all this has the tendency of building up our Order in the immediate present, yet the prospective future of the organization must not be neglected. The perpetuating of the fight for Irish nationality as well as preserving the Irish Canadian influence needs our utmost care. How, then, can this be done? Revive the ancient language, revive the ancient tokens and emblems of her ancient greatness, infuse and enkindle in the hearts of all, but particularly the Irish youth, an undying love for Ireland and all things Irish. Keep before our children the history of Ireland as told in her ruins, and that embraces the sufferings and efforts of her patriots and champions. Keep before the youth the sublime grandeur of her cause, and above all, and through all, her future hopes and aspirations. Let it be the work of one and all, but particularly of the coun-

ty and division officers to see and insist that Irish History be taught in the Separate Schools throughout the Province. Work unceasingly to see that the Gaelic language will be taught, not only in our Catholic Colleges, but also in the Separate Schools. In all our Catholic Colleges foreign languages are taught, but it is a lamentable fact that the sweetest and grandest of them all—the language of the Gael—is not even mentioned.

Strive also to bring about a revival of Irish music, the sweetest music written. Ireland, in the past, was known as "The Island of Song," and it is a noticeable fact that Ireland alone among all nations of the earth has for her national emblem a musical instrument. When other nations unfold their national banner we behold some emblem of power, but when Ireland's National Standard is unfolded, displayed thereon, embodied in that banner of green is the golden harp of Erin.

Make your Division meetings interesting by having a programme of Irish Music, Irish Literature and Irish History tendered at same. By so doing you will enthuse the members and add credit and honor to Irish genius and Irish thought.

Another matter in which I ask the co-operation of all is the frowning down of the caricaturing of our race both on the stages of our theatres and the press of our country. We have the remedy in our hands and so long as we continue to applaud the "counterfeit" so long will they be paid to hand us insults.

While we are striving for the happy consummation of our hopes and desires we should be ever mindful that we are living in the grandest and freest country under God's sun, and that others have rights here that must be respected, even though differing from us in race and creed, that we must yield to each every right that in justice may be theirs, and at the same time demanding every right which justice clothes us with through citizenship in such a country. Ask not under what emblem a man may mark his ballot, nor in what sanctuary he may kneel, provided he be true to God, country and neighbor. Remembering all this, and following such lines, we can work in peace and harmony with our neighbor and by so doing preserve that entirety so essential to the prosperity of our country.

In conclusion, brothers, do not forget that our progenitors laid the foundation of our Society under auspices most discouraging. They struggled nobly to keep alive the dying embers of our national life, and there is no gainsaying the fact but that they have succeeded admirably. Our task is to continue the work and keep alive the spirit already created, to weave together the maple leaf, the shamrock, thistle and the rose into garlands of glory far the Emerald Isle, and with this garland as a background, to gather together under the Sunburst and Harp the scattered children of Erin, and give them that protection extended to all in the motto of our Order: "Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity."

I remain, believe me Brothers in the A.O.H., Yours fraternally,

C. J. FOY,
Provincial President A.O.H.
Perth, Aug. 27, 1906.

Mulcahy—Potvin

(Orillia Times of Sept. 6th.)

An exceedingly pretty wedding took place yesterday morning at half past nine in the Church of the Angels Guardian, when Miss Mary Clara Mulcahy, daughter of Mr. Thomas Mulcahy, was united in marriage with Mr. Frederick P. Potvin, of Midland. As the strains of Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus broke forth from the organ, the bride entered the church on the arm of her father, preceded by her sister, Nora, as maid of honor, and Sheelah Mulcahy and Eida Potvin as bridesmaids. The bride was handsomely gowned in white silk crepe de chene over tulle, with under-dresses of plumed chiffon. The bodice was finely beaded and trimmed with silk applique, and the girl was with white felt hat and large osprey, and her flowers were pink roses.

The bridesmaids wore white china silk dresses with white felt three cornered hats and carried baskets of pink roses. The groom was supported by Messrs Geo. A. Clarke and Thomas Phelan, of Toronto, the official witness being Mr. J. T. Mulcahy. The ushers were Messrs. Wallace McKay, T. Phelan, and Teffy Mulcahy. The nuptial mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Teffy, of Toronto, uncle of the bride, assisted by Rev. Fathers Barredo and Grant, of Midland. The choir sang the following special selections—Kyrle from Roswig's Mass in F, Ave Maria by Lambillotte, and O Cor Amoris by Riga. Miss Madden also played Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bridal party left the church.

The church and house were daintily decorated with flowers. Golden glow were the flowers used in the drawing room, and a bell of white china asters was suspended from the archway. The prevailing flower color in the library was red, and in the dining room, white. The wedding breakfast was served under a canopy on the lawn, the table decorations of tea rose buds being exceedingly pretty. The bridal couple left on the Muskoka Express for points south, and on their return will reside in Midland. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Potvin, Miss Potvin, Misses Leo and Maud Potvin, and Mrs. O'Donnell, of Midland; Mrs. R. Kerr and Miss Mary Kerr, Galt; Mr. and Mrs. Houston, Miss Bessie Spott, Miss Mamie Taylor, Messrs. G. S. Hodgson, Geo. M. Clark, Thos. Phelan, and Wallace McKay, Toronto, and Mr. Wm. Hanley, Stratford.

Morin—Clairmont

A pretty midsummer wedding took place at St. Paul's Church, Gravenhurst, on Wednesday morning, Sept. 5th, when Miss Mabel Gertrude, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clairmont, Gravenhurst, was united in marriage to Mr. Louis Morin, barrister, of St. Joseph Beauce, Que. Promptly at 8.30 the bridal party entered the Church to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by the bride's sister, Miss Christina Clairmont. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by her sister Miss Laura, while Master Fred, Moore, nephew of the bride, acted as ring-bearer. The groom was assisted by Dr. E. Nadeau, of Quebec, and the ushers were Mr. W. J. Moore and Mr. E. Clairmont. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. P. Collins, and the church interior, especially about the Sanctuary, was artistically decorated with a profusion of flowers and plants. The bride looked beautiful in a handsome gown of Brussels net over white duchesse satin. Her bridal veil was of fine embroidered lace caught with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid, Miss Laura Clairmont, was becomingly attired in white point d'esprit over tulle, with a pretty hat of pale blue. After the ceremony, the guests assembled at the home of the bride's parents where a dainty wedding breakfast was served. The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful gold necklet inlaid with pearls, and to the bridesmaid a pretty pendant. A large number of handsome and costly presents were received, among them being an address and gift from St. Paul's choir. Miss Clairmont having been one of its most active members. The happy couple left on the Muskoka Express for Toronto, Niagara, Buffalo and other points, after which they will take up their residence at St. Joseph Beauce, Que.

Death of Mrs. Margaret Stritch

In the early morning of the first Friday of September there passed to her reward the soul of one of the most devout worshippers of the Sacred Heart in the person of Mrs. Margaret (Crotty) Stritch of Barrie.

Mrs. Stritch was born in Killaloe, County Clare, Ireland, and was educated in the City of Limerick. She was the youngest daughter of John Crotty and Margaret McNamara.

Shortly after her marriage to Mr. Michael Stritch she came, with her husband, to Canada, since which time she has been a faithful member of the Catholic Church of Barrie. She raised a large family, the surviving members of which had the consolation of being with their widowed mother in

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her last illness and of seeing her receive with earnest intelligent faith the Holy Viatum only one brief hour before passing from this land where the Christian lives by faith. Conscious and prayerful to the last moment, her death was in very truth the echo of her life.

Her funeral, from the residence of her son, Mr. Michael Stritch, took place on Monday, the 19th inst., and was largely attended. The children of the Separate School assisted in a body at the solemn Mass of Requiem.

The funeral Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Dean Egan with the Very Rev. Father Kidd, D.D., as deacon and the Rev. Father Finegan as sub-deacon, Mr. W. Lynch being master of ceremonies.

At the close of the Mass Very Rev. Dean Egan, with his usual ability and earnestness, preached the funeral sermon, taking as his text the words of St. Paul: "It is appointed for man once to die, and after death the judgment."

In the course of his sermon the Dean dwelt on the certainty of death, the uncertainty of time and the irrevocability of the judgment with which death is immediately followed.

Referring to Mrs. Stritch, the Very Rev. Dean said that she had nothing to fear as her life had been characterized by great faith, charity and purity; she was a good wife, a good mother and a good citizen; she was one of the most beautiful characters and one of the most perfect souls that had ever entered the Church of which she had been such a prominent and edifying member. She had raised a good family, all of whom led edifying lives and two of whom were called to save their souls in a higher degree by following the evangelical counsels. God had rewarded her even in this life by allowing her to live to a good age and by having such a family around her death-bed.

Her beautiful death had been a fitting close to her saintly life and he himself might desire, but certainly could not hope for a holier death.

At the close of the sermon the last absolution was given and the venerable remains were borne to the Catholic Cemetery and laid to rest beside the good husband, who had, for so many years, shared with her life's joys and sorrows. R.I.P.

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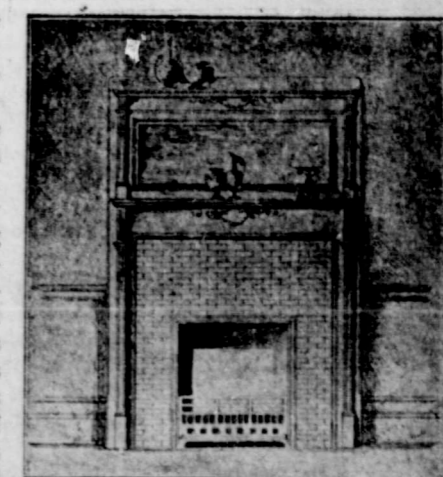
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