

Oh, Tell Me.

Oh, tell me, are the sails as blue  
In Ireland as of yore?  
Do valleys wear that verdant hue  
They once so proudly wore?  
Do zephyrs o'er her meadows sigh—  
Can pilgrims' eyes see still  
The fern leaves on the mountain high  
And heather on the hill?

Do rivers run  
Thro' forests deep,  
Or by each castle bone,  
With patting feet  
And cadence sweet  
As in the days of old?

Tell me, if you round towers stand,  
In silence to proclaim,  
The glory of an ancient land,  
The splendour of her fame,  
Can men still see the rath so green,  
The abbey, loze and loze,  
The holy well, in glen serene,  
And quaint Druidic stone?

The castle eaves,  
Where ivy leaves  
Sob-crooning in the blast,  
O'er bright hopes fled,  
Brave chiefs' proud mood,  
And relics of the past?

Oh, tell me, are the meads as fair  
As in the long ago,  
With laughing eyes and raven hair  
So set one's soul a glow?  
Or have they still the modest grace  
And blushing cheeks of old?  
The beauty of the classic face?  
The meekness of the fawn?

Or are they true,  
Dear lands of mine,  
As they were scathed the frown  
And ruthless swords  
Of some horrid  
By Limrick's leagued town.

Oh, tell me, if the night be done  
And daylight on the strand  
And if a summer sun  
Shines on a riven land  
Have voices from each hill and glen  
Taught men to do and dare,  
The path to tread, the goal to win,  
The glorious crown to wear?

If so, may soon  
A shining sun  
Our aspirations be,  
In freedom's name,  
And men acclaim,  
The triumph of the Gael.

A SILVER JUBILEE.

A Glad Day for Char-

lottetown.

The Entire Country Represented—Arch-

bishops, Bishop and Legislators

Present—Addresses and Replies.

Charlottetown Herald, Aug. 19.

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.

After His Lordship's reply, which was

couched in feeling terms, the Bishops of

Charlottetown and Chatham, and the visit-

ing prelates and priests, grouped them-

selves on the stone stairway leading to the

main entrance of the Palace, and were

photographed by Mr. Arthur Newbury

who was glad to be successful in pro-

ducing a very excellent negative.

THE RECEPTION.

His Lordship having signified his in-

ten of holding a reception in the Palace,

on Wednesday afternoon, was waited on

by a large number of ladies and gentle-

men of all denominations, who availed

themselves of the opportunity thus

afforded of offering him their congratu-

lations, and of being introduced to the visit-

ing prelates.

The State Drawing Room presented a

very brilliant appearance. The rich

purple silk of the ladies' robes, and the

warm tints of the upholstery, relieved by

the sombre cassocks of the priests, com-

bined to render the scene effective in the extreme.

Upon one of the tables we noticed some

of the handsome gifts that were presented

to His Lordship on this auspicious anni-

versary, viz:

Very rich Crozier, Mitre, Bouchon, and

set of Pontificals, from the Clergy of the

Diocese of Charlottetown.

Mahogany Case containing Silver Fruit

Knives and Forks, from Archbishop

O'Brien, of Halifax.

Memorial of the Third Council of Balti-

more, from the Bishop of St. Germain de

Rimouski.

Life of Jesus Christ, by Louis Veillout,

from the Seminary of St. Hyacinthe.

Life of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, from

Canon O'Donnell, of St. Denis.

Ice Pitcher, from the Mother General of

the Congregation of Notre Dame in

Prince Edward Island.

Golden Candelabra, from the Missions of

the Congregation of Notre Dame in

Prince Edward Island.

Silver Missal Stand, from the Children of

Mary.

Purse containing \$25 in a hundred pieces

of silver, from the Congregation of the

Holy Family.

Solid Silver Rosary and Casket, from

the Sodality of St. Joseph.

Purse containing \$500, from Catholics of

the Diocese.

Purse from the parish of Tignish, con-

taining \$163.

Combination Gold Pen and Pencil, from

Senator Haythorne.

Nich Missal from Rev. Angus McDonald,

and numerous other articles of plate

from personal friends of His Lordship.

One of the most delicate offerings was

an exquisite bouquet composed of the

choicest exotics, and holding a dainty

satins bannerette, which conveyed the

greetings of the ladies of St. Joseph's

Convent.

THE BANQUET.

After the reception at the Palace their

Lordships Bishops McIntyre and Rogers,

together with the visiting prelates and

clergy, as well as the other invited guests,

repaired, by special train, at 2:30, to St.

Dunstan's College. The beautiful grounds

of this honored institution were looking

their best. Well trimmed lawns bordered

with flowers, and hedged with graceful fir-

trees, delighted the eyes with their beau-

ty, and refreshed the worn soul by their

cooling verdure. The guests enjoyed

for a short time the pleasure of rambling

through the rooms of the College, admiring

it as fitness as a seat of learning, or the

more philosophic enjoyment of sitting be-

neath the shade of a branching chestnut, or

waving mountain ash, after the manner of

the disciples of Aristotle in the groves

around Athens. But classic reflections,

and philosophic speculations were all put

to flight by the summons to dinner. It is

wonderful how easily we descend from the

lofty ideal to the prosaic real; it is sad to

see the perfect resignation, not to say joy,

with which we relinquish learned dis-

quisition or witty repartee, to hasten to the

dinner table.

But in the present case this human

weakness was excusable, perhaps. The

large banquet hall was artistically

decorated with wreaths of evergreens,

interspersed with delicate sprays of flow-

ers, hangerettes with appropriate mottoes,

crowns, coats-of-arms of the host and

Dr. Rogers, evinced dates in their

lives tastefully woven with flowers and

leaves on a white ground, or embellished

in gold, while words of welcome bade all

feel that they were giving as well as

receiving pleasure. Choice bouquets in

vases and silver epergnes adorned the

tables, and brightened,—almost idealized

the material aspects of the dining-room.

In the disposition and arrangement of the

flowers, and table service, good taste was

everywhere observable.

The classic hall was soon resounding

with merry jest and joyous conversation.

Everyone appeared to be happy and

endeavored to contribute to the general

amusement. To those who had been

students of St. Dunstan's, and very many

had been, the scene served to recall pas-

sages they had read in Horace in years

gone by, in that same hall, and enabled

them to sympathize with that rare old

diner-out when he cries, "Miserere mihi,

deus, miserere mihi miserabilem!" (Now

is the time for quelling the wine lust;

now the ground should resound with the

merry patter of freemen's feet). Pagan

or Christian, man is a social being, and

thus occasions of social reunion show man

at his best, as well as at his worst. But

in the present instance there was no

hour of rational enjoyment. If any

envious old Lycus, hearing the merry

laughter should chide, and think it wrong,

we would answer him as did Horace—

"miserans justus"—on such an occasion, and

also, "Faventes ego dexteras odi," (I hate

as a smiling right hand). When the cloth

had been removed, the intellectual part

of the proceedings began.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor

arose, and in a neat speech congratulated

their Lordships the Bishops of Charlottet-

own and Chatham on attaining the

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of their eleva-

tion to the Episcopate. After eulogizing

Bishop McIntyre's unselfish devotedness to

the best interests of his flock, he concluded

by proposing the health of their Lordships,

which was honored with due enthusiasm.

Prolonged applause greeted Bishop

McIntyre on arising. He expressed his

gratitude for the enthusiastic manner in

which the toast had been received; and

said his pleasure in the celebration of his

Silver Jubilee was enhanced by the pres-

ence of so many of his former professors

and classmates and esteemed friends.

There are times, he said, when one is so

deeply moved by the words that fail to

express the sentiments of the heart, and

for this reason he proposed that the

present was such an occasion. The

works of his episcopate could not, he said,

have been successfully carried out were it

not for the hearty and generous co-opera-

tion of his devoted people, who were ever

ready for the welfare of the Church; to

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