

Russia and the United States.

Jeremiah Curtin Supplies Subject for a New Chapter of History.

Mr. Thomas Adla Emmet was the chief speaker at the meeting of the Irish-American Historical Society in New York last week. He read a paper on the history of the persecution of the Irish race in the seventeenth and early part of the eighteenth centuries. It was this virtual driving from their native land by England that had forced thousands of young men of Ireland to come to these shores, where their influence had been manifest in the organization of the republican form of government here.

PROTEST AGAINST CALLING AMERICANS ANGLI-SAXONS.

In these days, when the brotherhood of man does not count for as much as in the early days of the Republic, and when some are dividing themselves into classes and races, and assuming superiority for the so-called Anglo-Saxon race over all the other races of men created by Almighty God, it seems to me that, as we do not claim to be the 'Anglo-Saxon race,' we should not submit to the implication contained in the term of all other peoples, including the Irish, are inferior in race.

It is therefore high time for us to reassert and emphasize our protest against the claim that the American people belong to the 'Anglo-Saxon race.'

And as there never was an 'Anglo-Saxon race'—that being a term which designates two German tribes, we repudiate any suggestion that American civilization or progress is materially indebted to any supposed Anglo-Saxon element in our composition. On the contrary, we assert that all European nationalities have contributed to our advancement and magnificent citizenship.

Among the other speakers were John C. Linnahan, of New Hampshire, John D. Cronin and Thomas J. Gargan, of Boston, Rev. John J. McCoy, of Chicago, Mass., and Mr. Joseph Smith, of Lowell, Mass.

RUSSIA'S AID TO THE UNION.

At a time when so many Americans seem to be forgetting the history of their country and are pursuing the political will-o-the-wisp called 'British friendship,' when a society organized to frustrate the unwisdom of foreign alliances, the League of American Peoples, is founded and inspired by a New York paper, when the tendency of the dominant political party in the United States is toward international folly, and its motto appears to be 'To-hill with the Constitution,' the incident embodied in a letter of Jeremiah Curtin, the scholar and author, may perhaps remind some and decent Americans what the true attitude should be to-day towards the Russian and the British empires respectively.

MR. JEREMIAH CURTIN'S LETTER.

Writing from Warsaw, under date of December 26th, 1898, Mr. Curtin says: 'The time has come when we who are of more than ordinary culture and interested in the history of America and the British Empire, are beginning to understand that the political and social development of these two immense aggregations of mankind cannot be studied in a satisfactory and scientific way without a thorough knowledge of the Celtic race. But, as I understand, the society is occupied especially at present in showing the part which the Irish have taken in the independence of the republic and afterward in building it up, the writer aspects of the history and the career of the Celtic race may be considered at some later time should the society so desire.'

'Some time after the war, Andrew Curtin, Governor of Pennsylvania, who was my uncle, went to St. Petersburg as Minister Plenipotentiary, where he gained the respect and esteem of Alexander II. At his last interview the Emperor presented him with a full length portrait of himself. This portrait, painted in oil, was made especially for Gov. Curtin, and was sent to his home in Pennsylvania by the Russian Government.'

INDISPUTABLE PROOF OF RUSSIA'S GREAT AID TO THE UNION.

'While at St. Petersburg Prince Gortschakoff took the Governor into the archives of the Foreign Office, and showed him the correspondence which took place between Emperor Napoleon III and Alexander II of Russia, concerning the recognition of the independence of the Confederate States.'

'The Emperor addressed an autograph letter to Alexander II., stating that the government of Her Britannic Majesty and his government were to acknowledge the independence of Confederate States of America, and invited him to join with them. The Emperor answered, also in an autograph letter, that the people of the United States had a government of their own choice, and that they were using their best blood and treasure to defend it, and not only would he not do anything to oppose them, but he would reserve freedom of action to proceed as he deemed necessary under the circumstances.'

'Soon after Russian fleets appeared in New York and San Francisco, Gov. Curtin read the two letters of

the Emperor himself, and gave me the contents, the substance of which I have just given.'

'The prompt action of Russia in our behalf,' said Mr. Smith, 'which held the hands of Napoleon the Little, speaks louder than the strident clamour of the American ingrate who, forgetting our debt to the Muscovite, would make us the ally of the Briton, the deadly enemy of our friend and of us. Under the providence of God the action of Alexander II. saved this republic from being torn asunder, and we are here indeed in these days we turn from the friend of our hour of need to take the hand red with the blood of a hundred helpless races.'

CHAPLAIN FITZGERALD'S HEROIC LABOURS AT SANTIAGO.

Father McCoy delivered an eloquent address, in which he highly eulogized the work of the Irish in the late war, particularly that of Father Fitzgerald, Chaplain of the Second Massachusetts Regiment. He said:—

'This regiment (the Second Massachusetts) had in the war the gratuitous services of a chaplain whose name is a benediction to-day in the Connecticut Valley, Father Fitzgerald, chaplain of the Twenty-second Infantry, U.S.A. He is an Irishman born, and is fittingly spoken of in this connection, and the world will honour us as well as him. Every man of the regiment, Catholic and Protestant alike, loves him, and can scarcely meet a priest to-day without claiming kindly right to speak to him.'

'The gist of the general love is in the words of an enthusiastic captain, who wrote to me in this manner:— "Rev. Fitzgerald, chaplain of the Twenty-second Infantry, U.S.A., was as truly a champion of the First Brigade, Second Division of the Fifth Army Corps, comprising the Eighth and Twenty-second Regular Infantry, and the Second Massachusetts Volunteers."

'Chaplain Fitzgerald had the respect of all the officers and men of the brigade for his earnest devotion to their interests and his unflinching courage during the progress of the battles at El Caney and San Juan, where he confronted danger at every turn, and amidst shot and shell attended to the needs of the wounded. He won for himself a name unequalled in bravery by that of any other chaplain in the Santiago campaign. While he was not wounded his clothing showed the effect of the missiles.'

'The disease, a horror of war more trying than battle, he was unceasing in his labours for the sick, travelling from one end of the brigade to the other daily, reeking with sweat during the heat of the day. His cheerful countenance and kindly disposition brought comfort and true sunshine to many a drooping soldier, irrespective of creed or race.'

'Col. Clark said of him: "One of God's noblemen," and Adj. Hall, Twenty-second Infantry, in speaking of him, said that he was the "salt of the earth." The officers and men of the brigade are unstinted in their praise of him. His name will be ever cherished with reverence, respect, and good wishes by his comrades in the Santiago campaign, the rank and file of the unassuming volunteers of the Second Massachusetts.'

'I am satisfied that a study of the men who fought our land and on sea will be very enlightening to our people.'

THE SCHOOL TAXES IN QUEBEC.

Montreal, Jan. 28.—At the last meeting of the Catholic School Board of reputation composed of Rev. Abbes Leclerc and Quetivien, and Messrs Delemers and Connaughton, was appointed to proceed to Quebec to protest against certain projected changes in the mode of collecting the school taxes. It is stated that at present the Catholic Board receives about the same sum from taxes as does the Protestant Board, though the Catholics form nearly three-quarters of the population. It is contended that if the present amendments to be collected by the Catholic Board would be still more reduced, though it is barely sufficient now to meet the requirements.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY, QUELPH.

Quelph, Jan. 28.—The annual meeting of St. Patrick's Society was held last night in Castle hall, Opera House building. A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring officers, and was feelingly responded to by Dr. Mills. Election of officers resulted as follows:—
J. P. Downey, President.
R. L. Torrance, Ist Vice-President.
De Nunan, 2nd Vice-President.
James E. Day, Secretary.
G. J. Thorpe, Treasurer.
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A revised record—1,016 persons cured in one month by Dr. Chase's Family Remedies. All dealers call and recommend them.

THE POPE AND THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

A new Catholic journal, entitled the "Catholicum," is about to appear in Rome. It is described as an "Illustrated and temporary review of the Catholic Church." It will be printed at the Vatican printing press, and will contain excellent prototype reproductions of pictures. The days of publication are the second and fourth Saturday of each month. In keeping with its title and

character it will be published in five languages—Italian, French, English, German, and Spanish. Mr. Bartolini, who is well known as one of the most noted Danteque scholars, will be the principal editor. The journal is composed of the Vol. 100. It consists of all the Foreign College in Rome as well as the Propaganda General of the religious Orders. Contributions will be asked for from the most prominent ecclesiastical and laymen in the Eternal City. Professor Giuseppe Tomassetti is director of the literary department, and Commendatore Ludovico Solta, the director of painting in the Vatican, will superintend the artistic department. The project has been approved by the Holy Father, and a deputation of the directors presented him with an early proof of the first number, which has pleased in warm terms.

DISCOVERIES IN THE ROMAN FORUM.

The Home correspondent of the Dublin Freeman's Journal writes:—"Much attention has been given by archaeologists and artists to the recent discoveries made in the Roman Forum, carried on under the direction of Signor Baccelli, Minister of Public Instruction. While this Minister, on one hand, undertakes to rest some of the more ancient monuments of this historic spot with the fragments lying around the ruins of such monuments, he is besides making excavations which are decidedly interesting in their results."

In front of the podium or platform which stood in the Temple of Julius Caesar, the excavations revealed that the front line of this platform was hollowed in semi-circular form, and that this fact was generally unsuspected because a third century straight wall was built in front of this recess. Between this straight wall and the semi-circular recess there are the remains of a pedestal. At once enthusiastic archaeologists drew the conclusion that this was the base of the column erected on the spot where the body of Caesar was burned by Suetonius as related in the funeral oration which Shakespeare introduces into his play with splendid effect. Historians attest that on the very spot where Caesar was burned an altar was dedicated to him; and that in the place of this altar, which was soon removed, there was erected and consecrated to the "divine Julius" the temple whose remains occupy such a large space in the Forum. Suetonius relates that in the Forum the people erected in honour of Caesar a grand column in Numidian marble, with the inscription "Parenti Patriae." Students are, besides, acquainted with the fact that statues were dedicated to him in the Forum, one of which is seen on a coin of Augustus, to be placed in front of the temple.

Now this base, recently brought to light in the recess in front of the Temple of Julius Caesar, is either the base of the column of Numidian marble mentioned by Suetonius as erected on the spot where the altar stood which marked the place where the Dictator's body was burned, as one group of archaeologists declare; or it is the base of the altar itself, as it is said by another group. However that may be, the discovery tends to mind one of the great scenes in the history of ancient Rome. It cannot be questioned that this discovery has revealed a monument raised to the memory of Caesar—whether column or altar—on the spot where his corpse was burned, and where the highest Pagan honours were rendered to "the greatest man of all this world," as Antony described him.

MONTREAL AND THE GAELIC REVIVAL.

Montreal, Jan. 24.—The meeting of the Gaelic Society, held last evening, was a grand success, and should stimulate those who have been working most assiduously for the past few months with new determination. Mr. M. J. F. Quinn, G.C., M.P. for St. Ann's division, and who is an honorary president of the society, was present. Mr. John Lavallee, the president, gave a series of instructions for beginners. Mr. Quinn, after thanking the members of the society for electing him an honorary president, said he was glad to see such an enthusiasm manifested by the Irish people of Mont. al to perpetuate the language of their ancestors. His knowledge of the Gaelic language was not of today, he said; yesterday, he went back to some forty odd years ago, when he received it on the breast of an Irish mother, who often lulled him to sleep with the sweet though plaintive airs of Erin. He concluded his remarks by making a present to the society of fifty copies of Father O'Grady's first Irish reader. This gift was warmly appreciated by the members of the society, and a vote of thanks, on a motion of Mr. Stanton, was unanimously tendered.

BRANCH NO. 5, C.M.B.A. MONTREAL.

The last usual monthly meeting of Branch No. 5, C.M.B.A., Montreal, was the largest the Branch has ever had the honour of holding. The following officers were installed by Supreme Deputy Bro. P. Flannery and District Deputy F. C. Lawlor: Bro. H. Butler,

President: Bro. Chas. Moyley, first vice-president; Bro. W. J. Bennett, second vice-president; Bro. J. R. Walsh, recording secretary; 255 St. Nicholas street, Bro. J. Tobin, assistant recording secretary; Bro. M. J. O'Flaherty, treasurer; Bro. Geo. A. Provost, financial secretary; Bro. P. Walsh, notarial; Bro. Chas. McKeown, chair. Board of Trustees: Bro. P. Flannery, A. Purcell, Bro. De Roche, J. Sheehan, and H. Butler.

At the last regular meeting of Branch 232, C.M.B.A., Montreal, presided over by grand Deputy Costigan, the following officers were elected:—Spiritual adviser: Rev. Father Dauth; medical adviser: Dr. L. Macdonnell; censor: Bro. T. A. Lynch; president: Bro. Thomas Cowan; first vice-president: Bro. T. C. O'Brien; second vice-president: Bro. W. E. Elliott; secretary: Bro. G. A. Carpenter, assistant secretary, Bro. A. C. Colman; financial secretary, Bro. R. J. Chery; treasurer, Bro. W. E. Durack; marshal, Bro. L. R. Raymond; guard, Bro. C. E. Famburn.

FRANCE AND ENGLAND IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

Paris, Jan. 24.—The Chamber of Deputies to-day resumed the debate on foreign affairs. Referring to Newfoundland, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Delcasse, said the French rights there were incontestable, that no one questioned them, and that there was no reason to suppose that they would not be respected. The debate was then closed.

A Victim of Neuralgia.

MRS. ROBERTS, OF MONTREAL TELLS A WONDERFUL STORY.

She Was a Sufferer for Some Seven Years and Medical Treatment Failed to Give Her Hope. Then Temporary Relief—A Herald Reporter Investigates the Case.

"I thought it was something wonderful when I went three days without being sick," said Mrs. Annie Roberts to a reporter of the Montreal Herald, referring to her remarkable recovery from an illness of over seven long years. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts reside at 84 Wolfe street, Montreal, and the reporter was cordially welcomed when he went to enquire into the truth of the report that Mrs. Roberts had been restored to health through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts came to Canada from England a little more than five years ago, and Mrs. Roberts' illness began when she was in the Old Country. "I was really the victim of a combination of troubles," says Mrs. Roberts. "For seven years, neuralgia, with all its excruciating pains, has been my almost constant attendant. At first it was confined to the head, and for the last five years, was not able to get out of doors during the winter months. Sometimes I felt as though those terrible pains in my head would drive me mad, and I had to wear all unstrapping and a knock at the door would send me nearly crazy. I was treated at different times by four doctors since coming to Montreal, but without any lasting good, and I had given up hope of ever being well. I had a dream that a friend of mine whose father had been helpless for two years but was restored by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, urged me to try them. My husband asked the doctor who was attending me what he thought of my condition, and he replied that he believed them to be a good medicine. This persuaded me to begin their use. No one who sees me now can form any idea of my condition when I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had a very bad attack three or four years ago, but seven years of pain had nearly shattered my constitution and I did not look for a speedy recovery, but it was more than gratified to find that after I had used but a dozen and a half boxes, I was fully restored to health. It seemed all the more wonderful because the doctors both in England and here never did more than give me temporary relief, and their treatment was more or less of the same kind. The summer was the first in years that I really enjoyed life, and I was able to go on a visit to Baden Forges. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have also been of much benefit to my mother-in-law. She is just nine years old, but she suffers a great deal from pains in the back and sick headache, but the pills have made her feel all right again."

"I never fail to recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to any of my friends who are ill," said Mrs. Roberts. "While visiting at Baden Forges, I urged a young lady friend who has long been a sufferer from curvature of the spine, and obstinate constipation to try them, and they have done her a vast amount of good."

The reporter concludes that Mrs. Roberts' story is a wonderful one. That she is now thoroughly well is clear from her face, her manner and her happy smile. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are intelligent and reliable people. Mr. Roberts is head engineer in the best works of Vian & Free, the wealthiest firm in this line in the Dominion, and he fully endorses the good words of his wife, and is in favour of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. In fact he says the speedy cure they wrought in his wife's case has saved him many dollars.

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