

THE CONNAUGHT RANGERS' CORNER.

The weekly meeting of the Montreal Gaelic Society was held on Saturday evening, and much of the old-time enthusiasm was manifested. Ex-Chief Detective Cullen had several copies of "God Save Ireland," written in the Irish language, distributed to the scholars. It has been rumored that during the "hot season," of the summer, the classes would have a vacation, but such is not the case. President Lavell announced on Saturday that the classes would be held regularly every week, he also congratulated Mr. McHugh and Mr. Quinn on their great progress.

The body of the late fireman Edward Smith, who was accidentally killed at the Chaboillez Square fire last February was buried on Saturday from the vault at Cote des Neiges. A large circle of sorrowing friends, comrades and society acquaintances were present to pay the last tribute of respect.

Division No. 6, A. O. H. held a largely attended meeting on Sunday afternoon in their new quarters, Marianne and Sanguinet streets. President J. B. Lane presiding. Several new members were initiated and four proposed. Various matters of interest to the order were discussed, and at the meeting of the County Board, which will be held on Friday evening, the North End delegation will introduce some important matters. The Division also decided to support the "True Witness," and have it the official organ in Canada. This is, in my opinion, a step in the right direction, and the County Board should have the matter discussed as soon as possible.

Division No. 5, of St. Anthony's Parish, is making great progress. The members are vying with each other in the work of building up the branch. At their last regular meeting three new candidates were initiated.

Mr. Martin Hickey the popular treasurer who has been ill since the first week in March, is again around.

The annual election of officers of the various Divisions, and the first one under the new constitution, will take place next month. The constitution which is very vague on this important matter, does not mention at which of the June meetings the election will take place; but this is not the only point on which the constitution is indefinite. For instance, article 8, sec. 3, of the constitution, after defining the composition of the County Board of Directors, says: "A committee of six members of that body with the County President as chairman, shall be appointed for the transaction of all business of the board during the intervals between meetings of County Conventions, and they shall exercise all the powers and privileges of the board with the exception of the electing of County President." Now, is not every meeting of the board a County Convention, with the exception of said election. Will somebody explain why the constitution asks that four fifths of the delegates be set down as figure heads, during the period of two years, with not even a voice or vote in the running of the organization. Some changes are evidently required in this matter.

The County Board of Directors will hold their regular monthly meeting in their new quarters on Friday evening, when a large amount of important business will be transacted. It is the intention of the County Directory to attend the concert and social of the Knights in a body.

On Sunday afternoon, the Hibernian Knights will hold their monthly meeting, a full attendance being requested. Business of an important nature will be transacted and matters in connection with the proposed trip to Boston discussed.

The officers of the various Irish Catholic Societies seem to forget about the Job Printing Department of the "True Witness." They seem to forget that they owe a certain amount of their patronage to it, and

many of those gentlemen are not dilatory in asking a free notice of their concerts and socials, which should be announced in the regular advertising columns. There are a few important committees at work at the present time, and to them I would say, that the "True Witness" will be happy to furnish them with estimates of their programmes, etc.

The entertainment under the auspices of St. Ann's Lacrosse Club, held on Tuesday evening, in St. Ann's Hall was a great success, in fact it was one of the most successful functions held there for some time. Mr. C. C. Conway, the young and popular president of the club, presided, and in a capital address, outlined the objects of the club. His effort showed the result of the careful training of the Christian Brothers, and evidenced that he has a "future" ahead of him. Professor Shea presided at the piano, and his choice selection of music, Irish and national awakened the slumbering genius of St. Ann's. Mr. Shea was accorded tremendous outbursts of applause. Miss Ellen Kenahan, daughter of Mr. P. Kenahan, made her debut. She has a captivating manner, and a rich voice, and promises to become one of Montreal's favorites. Of the remainder of the programme it is needless to say it was excellent, but special mention should be made of St. Ann's Cadet Band. The little warriors played the "Boys of Wexford," with a vim that recalled to my mind that Sunday evening in August, 1880, when I climbed the rugged sides of Vinegar Hill, and looked down with an agonizing glance on the depopulated valleys.

A song, "I live alone for thee," by Mr. M. C. Mullarkey, was ably rendered, and the popular member of St. Ann's great quartette, received a well merited encore. The rich baritone voice of Mr. E. Quinn, was heard to perfection, as was also a recitation by Mr. C. Pitts. Mr. Harry Nolan's "Because I love you," was excellent.

Amongst those who contributed to make the affair a success we may mention Mr. F. J. Hartford, first Vice-President and Mr. Tom O'Connell.

The members of the Young Irishmen's L. and B. Association will hold their first outing of the season to Iberville, on May, 24th, and judging from the success that has always attended anything of this nature undertaken by the Society, a large number will avail themselves of the opportunity of spending a day, in one of the most ideal spots in the vicinity of Montreal.

It is needless to say that those attending will receive that polite attention which is characteristic of the members of this time-honored association.

The last meeting of Branch No. 9, C. M. B. A., was largely attended. This Branch has been adding a large number to its ranks lately, and President Butler intends to have it one of the strongest in the city.

The semi-monthly meeting of Division No. 3, A. O. H., was held on Wednesday evening, president Gallery presiding. Four new members were initiated and six proposed. The general order of business was transacted, and a rousing welcome extended to Bro. Brogan. Short addresses both instructive and patriotic were delivered by brothers H. J. Cloran, M. Bermingham, B. Wall, and County President Rawley. The latter strongly advocated the erection of a national hall. Messrs. Touhey and O'Brien, the Irish pipers, were present, and rendered a choice selection of national airs. Messrs. Fogarty and O'Connor, gave a splendid exhibition of Irish jig dancing, which was very much appreciated, and after a most enjoyable evening the company dispersed.

Don't forget to-night Friday at the Armory. See that yourself and your friend are present, and give the boys a bumper house.

CONNAUGHT RANGER.

FIRST COMMUNION AT ST. PATRICK'S.

The candidates for Confirmation at St. Patrick's Church this year, were particularly honored by the presence of two venerable prelates in that Sanctuary. These were the Most Rev. C. O'Brien, D.D., of Halifax, who at the kind invitation of our own loved Archbishop, graciously consented to confer the Sacrament on the numerous candidates present. The other His Lordship, Right Rev. M. F. Howley, D.D., of St. John's Newfoundland, who not only assisted at the cere-

mony, but officiated at the solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, with which the solemn ceremony was closed.

Before administering Confirmation, His Grace of Halifax delivered a short but very instructive and moving address to the candidates. He was attended by Rev. J. Quinlivan, S.S., of St. Patrick's and the Rev. P. O'Donnell, of St. Mary's. The other clergy assisting at the solemn ceremony were: Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan of the Palace; Rev. M.L. Shea of St. Anthony's, Rev. J. McCallen, S.S., M. Cal-

laghan, S.S., M. Driscoll, P. Fallon, and T. F. Heffernan, of St. Patrick's. There was a vast concourse of people present, filling every available seat, not only in the body of the church, but even in the gallery. The singing by the boys of the Brothers' School was very much admired, and the precision and grace of movement with which the children carried out their part of the ceremonies were the subject of much favorable comment. The altar was beautifully decorated, and the Sanctuary as well as the altar were bathed in a flood of light from the hundreds of lighted tapers and electric lights, which lit up the handsome frescoed walls and the gold vestments of the officiating clergy, making a scene of beauty not soon to be forgotten by the large congregation present.

Right Rev. M. F. Howley, assisted by the Very Rev. Dr. Murphy, V.G., of Halifax, and Rev. Father St. John, of Argentina, officiated at the Solemn Benediction.

On Thursday at 7 a. m., the children received their first Holy Communion. During the Mass the young

ladies of St. Patrick's Academy rendered several beautiful hymns, in a manner which emphasized the care given by the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame to vocal culture, in which their pupils show such proficiency.

Too much praise cannot be given to the Brothers and Sisters of St. Patrick's Schools for the admirable training which they give to the children under their charge. We wish those dear children the grace of long enjoying the happiness which came to their young hearts on the Wednesday and Thursday of this week. We also wish that Brother James and Mother St. Aloysia may for many years to come direct their respective schools with as much success as in the past.

The manner in which the exercises of the preparatory retreat and the services on Thursday morning and evening, were conducted, gave marked evidence of the earnestness and enthusiasm, of the Rev.-Director Father McCallen, for the spiritual welfare of the good children of St. Patrick's parish.

In St. Gabriel's Parish.

St. Gabriel Court, C.O.F., held a most successful concert on Monday evening last, at Sarsfield school hall. The Chief Ranger, Mr. Peter Cantwell presided, and in his opening remarks referred to the great strides of progress made by the C. O. F. in the Province of Quebec, and pointed out in a concise and able manner the many advantages to be derived from membership. Mr. E. B. Devlin, the well known Irish-Catholic advocate of this city, was the orator of the evening. In the course of his able address he said:

There is no honor so great, politically or professionally speaking, which a man should aspire to, as the friendship and confidence of his countrymen. No matter how young, no matter how old he may be, his aim in life should be the acquiring of the confidence of the people with whom he lives, and believe me when I say, I live heart and soul in St. Ann's and St. Gabriel's. We are each of us called upon to do our share in building up the institutions of our country. By that, I do not mean, that we must all be legislators and scientists, but we must faithfully follow the mission which natural law has set before us. If we fail in our duty, we cannot call ourselves representative subjects of the community, nor will we figure in the history of our country. We must improve our condition in life, we must be progressive, we must lay out our own plans, and learn to carry them out ourselves, unaided and unattended, but principal of all, we must improve our education.

We are now in a century of self-education, intellectual development and mental training are within the reach and grasp of all. There was a period in the history of Ireland's people, when through painful circumstances and adverse powers Irishmen were forced to grow up in ignorance, but that is now ancient history. There was also a time in the history of our people when Church and State, science and commerce boasted of beacon-lights whose rays were reflected all over the civilized world. That was the period of Ireland's prosperity, the lessons then taught by priest and bard have been bequeathed to us, the children of happy days, through a long chain of centuries. That prosper-

ity of the past shines forth again, through the dark cloud of oppression, and freedom is written in golden letters, in the skies of Ireland's firmament. To-day Ireland has begun the initiative work of Home Rule; throughout the land councils have been established, and the most critical English journals, which were wont to decry the Irish people, admit that it is wonderful how a people so long unused to govern themselves show such sagacity, judgment and coolness in their deliberations and meetings. Those councils, which, to-day, are Municipal, to-morrow will be Parliaments. Landlordism in Ireland is passing away, and the people of Ireland are becoming masters of the soil. The freedom which our people at home have prayed for, and have died for, is at last becoming an accomplished fact, and the work begun in the councils will develop into a Home Rule as lasting. God grant, as the patriotism of Ireland's sons, and the patriotism is everlasting. It is that patriotism born in the soul of every youth who can claim a drop of Irish blood in his veins which makes us friends. That patriotism which we exact in our representatives and public men, and which unfortunately is so often lacking on occasions when circumstances dictate that it should be shown, that patriotism, I say, has endeared this division to the hearts of Irishmen in this city.

It is that patriotism which binds St. Gabriel's Court of Catholic Foresters together as companions and friends in a day of health, of sickness and of death.

Rev. Father O'Meara, of St. Gabriel's, proposed a vote of thanks, and was seconded by ex-Alderman Connaughton.

Others who took part were: Miss M. O'Byrne, Mr. E. Auburn, Mr. O. Johnston, Mr. E. Watt, Master W. Dolan, Mr. W. Firth, Mr. Geo. Smith, Master E. O'Flaherty, Misses N. and H. Coghlin, Mr. E. Giroux, Miss K. McCarthy, Mr. T. Lyons, Master J. Shea, Messrs. W. Hennessy and J. McLean, the Misses Watt, Messrs. C. Kelly, J. Shea, C. McMenamin and J. Deegan, Mr. D. Kelly, Mr. R. Broderick, Master Fred, and Miss Louisa Trudel.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Tuesday, May 16th, St. Mary's Church was the scene of a beautiful wedding, when Mr. Geo. P. Leduc was united in marriage to Miss Annie Gallagher, daughter of W. Gallagher of the Canadian Rubber Works. The bride, who is a popular young lady, was beautifully attired in a becoming gown and looked charming. Miss Aggie Cooney, a friend of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Lawrence, uncle of the groom acted as groomsmen. The bride being a member of the Young Ladies' Sodality enjoyed the honors of that association, and the choir rendered some exquisite hymns during the nuptial Mass, Miss R. Hoffman presiding at the organ. The wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents. A reception was held in the evening from 8 till 11 o'clock, and it was attended by a large number of relatives, and friends. A number of beautiful presents were presented to the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Leduc have the congratulations of a large circle of friends.

Miss Catherine Kavanagh, an estimable young lady of St. Gabriel's parish, and niece of Mr. James Phelan, and James Armstrong, were united in marriage on Wednesday, May 17th, in St. Gabriel's Church, the Rev. Father O'Meara, pastor, officiating. The bride who was elegantly gowned carried a bouquet of bridal roses and was

accompanied to the altar by her uncle, Mr. Edward Kavanagh; while Mr. H. Armstrong accompanied his son. The wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's mother, where a large number of immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present. The happy young couple were the recipients of many beautiful and costly presents. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong went to Toronto, Buffalo and Niagara Falls, on their wedding tour. On their return they will reside at No. 231 Grand Trunk street.

ST. VINCENT'S HOME.

On Monday evening next, a concert is to be held in Karn Hall, for the benefit of St. Vincent's Home. The programme is most attractive and the names of the amateurs and professionals are calculated to draw a large attendance. This charity is a most deserving one. The amount of good done and being done under the auspices of St. Vincent's Home is the subject of general congratulation. When it is taken into consideration that without this work of Christian charity hundreds of young people of both sexes would be lost inevitably, it is not to be wondered at that entertainments for its benefit are usually well patronized.

THANKS.

To our Blessed Lady of Victory and to St. Anthony of Padua for signal favor obtained through their intercession.—Adv.

Young Irishmen's L. & B. Association!

GRAND EXCURSION

To Richelieu Park, Iberville, Que.,

WEDNESDAY, May 24th.

Most Delightful Pleasure Grounds in Canada.

GRAND BASE-BALL MATCH!

Richmond A.A.A. vs. Maisonneuves.

TRAINS LEAVE CAN. PAC. RY., Windsor St., 9.10 A.M. and 1.30 P.M.

M. J. POWER,
Recording Secretary.

[God Save Ireland.]

NOTES FROM ST. FERDINAND.

St. Ferdinand, P. Q., May 15.

A very edifying ceremony took place in the College of St. Joseph, on Saturday last. The occasion was the blessing of a beautiful statue of the Blessed St. Jean Baptiste de La Salle, at which the Rev. L. Gagne, P.P., officiated. There was a large attendance of the parishioners and many other adjoining parishes were also represented. Mass was celebrated in the chapel, and the students of the College, under the able direction of the Rev. Director of the institution, rendered a musical Mass, in a manner which reflected the highest credit upon their conductor and themselves.

The esteemed and energetic pastor, Rev. Father Gagne is to be congratulated on the extensive renovations that have been made in the Presbytery. Another flat has been added to it and both the house and church have received a new coat of paint which will improve considerably the appearance of the buildings. All the repairs will be completed in time for the pastoral visit of his Grace Archbishop Begin, who is expected in a few weeks.

"PAUL THE CRIPPLE," AT ST. LAURENT COLLEGE.

Next Monday evening, May 22, St. Patrick's Society of St. Laurent College will present a charming little melodrama entitled "Paul, the Cripple." The play is from the pen of one of the professors, who, by the way, is also the dramatic director of the Society. It abounds in touching scenes and thrilling situations, and a piece more interesting could not be desired of a college stage. The cast of characters has been carefully chosen, and nothing has been spared to render the production a success. The costumes purchased for the occasion, are elegant, and the scenery is now and complete. The comfortable appointments and artistic finish of the theatre make it one of the finest in Canada. A large, select audience is expected, and a very enjoyable evening is in store for those who attend. Special car service has been arranged for the night. Montreal, Park and Island cars will be waiting at the exposition grounds, Park Ave. and Mt. Royal, from 6.30 p.m. to accommodate all from the city lines. A number of extra cars will also be found at the college station to bring back the visitors. Amherst Street cars will be stationed at Mount Royal Avenue to meet the Montreal, Park and Island cars returning after the play. Tickets will be on sale at the college. Reserved seats, 35 cents; general admission, 25 cents. Come and have an excellent evening!

ST. PATRICK'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY

The regular monthly meeting of St. Patrick's T. A. and B. Society was held immediately after Vespers, Sunday, May 14th.

The meeting opened with the usual religious instruction by the Rev. President Father J. A. McCallen, S.S. At the close of the instructions the pledge was administered to a good number, after which the members re-

paired to the hall adjoining the church for their business meeting which was presided over by Mr. John Walsh, 1st Vice President. Several new members were admitted to the benefit branch, including Mr. C. Lennon, formerly of Quebec, who presented his transfer card, and was admitted a member of the Society. The quarterly audit report was read by the auditors, Messrs J. Easton, and W. Alty, and showed the books and finances of the Society in a most satisfactory condition. Messrs. J. P. Gunning and John Barry were elected members of the committee of management. Both these gentlemen have proved themselves staunch workers in the cause of temperance, and the members showed their appreciation of their efforts by electing them unanimously to the committee.

A committee of six members was also named to work in conjunction with the committee of management, the whole to form a committee for the annual picnic of the society which is to be held at St. Rose, on Dominion Day, July 1st, 1899. The members were fortunate in again securing this beautiful pleasure resort for their annual outing, which they intend to make the most enjoyable which they have yet held. The committee will meet every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock from now until the date of the picnic.

FREE LIGHT.

It is claimed that the saving in artificial light represents a handsome return on the first cost of Luxfer Prisms. They are in themselves a lighting plant, requiring no outlay beyond their first cost. In some cases the saving in artificial light bills for a year equals this expense, although a fair average would be the bills for three years. But there is no comparison between the effect with Luxfer Lights and that from artificial light. Where it is a question of doing clerical work by artificial light or by Luxfer Light, prisms would be worth all they cost, even if artificial light were free, as nothing will compensate for impaired health and eyesight. The Luxfer Company, at 1833 Notre Dame street, are now doing a great deal of prism work for office lighting, and daily proving that the above statements are no exaggeration.—Gazette, Dec. 2.

The American Musician.

The American Musician, of Cincinnati, Ohio, official organ of the Musicians' Protective Union of the United States and Canada, have issued a souvenir number, on the occasion of their annual convention which commenced Monday last in the city of Milwaukee. It is neatly printed, it presents well executed pictures of numerous workers in their cause. The articles deal with the achievements and hopes of the Musicians' Union, which is of great interest to all engaged in their profession. There are some good stories, and articles which will interest every member of the household. On the whole it is a creditable issue, and reflects credit on its enterprising proprietor, Mr. Stephen S. Bonbright.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, No. 283.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Dame Rosa Delima Joly, of the City and District of Montreal, wife of Jean Baptiste Jarnau, Jeweller, of the same place, duly authorized by a Judge of the Superior Court, has, this day, taken an action in separation as to bed and board from her husband.

Montreal, 28th April, 1899.

BRAUDIN, CARDINAL.

LORANGER & ST. GERMAIN.

Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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SHAMROCKS vs. CAPITALS

For Special Trophy.

Queen's Birthday, May 24th, 1899.

Fare, Round Trip - - \$2.25.

Tickets good for all trains on the afternoon of the 23rd and morning trains of the 24th, from Place Viger and Windsor Stations. Good to return on the 25th. Trains leave Place Viger on 23rd May, 5.45 p.m. Trains leave Windsor Station on 23rd May, 4.15, and 10 p.m.

Trains leave on 24th May—Place Viger, 8.25 a.m.; Windsor Station, 9.45 and 11 a.m.

Tickets to be had from Sec.-Treas., 43 St. Francois Xavier street, and at Place Viger and Windsor Street Station and C.P.R. Ticket Office, St. James st.