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Ald. D. Tansey proposed the Press" in a next speech, and the receedings were brought to a close.

Young Irishmen's L. & B Association.

The members of this patriotic organization were the first to hold a celebration in honor of the national festival in this the opening year of the century and right loyally did they acquit themselves of the task The programme was characteristically national, and worthy of the past history of the association, which, during its twenty-seven years of endeavor, has been marked by many noble acts that have in no small de gree served to perpetuate the memgree served to perpetuate the memories of the old land in this metropolis of Canada. The Monument National, where the event was held, was crowded by an enthusiastic gathering. Shortly after the appointed hour Mr. M. A. Phelan, the zealous and talented young presidents of the careful of the control of the careful of the dent of the association, opened the edings in an eloquent speech ing the course of which during the course of which he re-ferred to the efforts which have been made to enlist the sympathies of young Irish Canadians in the work of the organization. He dwelt upon the many undertakings which had been successfully carried out under varied circumstances; to the many advantages to be derived from memadvantages to be derived from men o, and to the great results would be attained if his young fellow-countrymen would enassociation. His remarks were

rvedly applauded. The dramatic section of the organ The dramatic section of the organization staged with much skill an Irish drama entitled "My Geraldine." It recounts the oft-repeated story of injustice and misgovernment in Ireland, and abounds in thrilling scenes, pathetic incidents, and is replete with passages of humor which portray in a dignified manner this great characteristic of our race.

our race.
The cast of characters was as fol-Squire Arden, of Ardenmore, Mr.

Jas. H. Reynolds.
Philip Carroll, a well-to-do farmer, Mr. M. A. Phelan.
Teddy Creagan, a light-hearted Lad, Mr. J. J. McLean.
Owen McShane, who plots to ruin, Mr. M. J. Power.
Maurice Arden, the Squire's Son (in love with Geraldine), Mr. J. P. Cuningham.
Terence Creagan, Father to Tester. Terence Creagan, Father to Teddy,

Ir. Jno. E. Slattery. Larry Mooney, the Cripple, Mr. Robt. J. Love

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Marv Carroll, Phil's Daughter, a
wronged woman, Miss Annie Rowan.
Norah Maguire. Teddy's Sweetheart. Miss Tina Kitts.

Mrs. Bebe, the Squire's housekeeper. Miss Alice Jones.
Geraldine (2nd Act), Miss Gertie
O'Brien.

Mr. M. J. Power, who assumed the difficult and unpopular part of the villain, upheld his well earned reputation as a distinguished amateur. He is most painstaking in his efforts and, in consequence, achieved a great success by the true to life interpretation he gave of the role assigned to him. Mr. M. A. Phelan proved himself to be equal to the occasion. His portrayal of the character of Philip Carroll was dignified. Mr. J. J. McLean was a typical son of the "Emerald Isle," lighthearted and free. He possosses much natural talent in his particular line. His presentation of the part allotted to him was unique, and created much amusement. Mr. John E. Slattery played his part in a manner which surprised his many friends. His make-up was perfect, while in look and action he presented a picture of the real old Irish gentleman that won him many hearts. Mr. J. P. Cunningham excelled his previous efforts, and Messrs. James H. Reynolds and Robert J. Love were excellent. Of the ladies, too much cannot be said in praise of their efforts. Miss Peacock, to whom fell the part of Gerâldine in its most trying stages, was especially good. She has a sweet and well modulated voice, which she uses to great advantage. Miss Tina Kitts was a charming colleen, which she uses to great advantage. Miss Tina Kitts was a charming colleen, while Misses Gertie O'Brien, Annie Rowan and Alice Jones acquitted themselves ably. The following songs, duetts, quartettes and dances were introduced during several of the acts of the play:— Mr. M. J. Power, who assumed the

play:—
Song and chorus, "Ireland Agra Machree," Mr. J. J. McLean, "Killarney," by Miss Gertie O'Brien.

"Pat and His Pipes," by Mr. John E. Slattery; quartette, "Gallant Emmet Guards," Jno. McLean, Geo. Morgan, Jas. P. Slattery and J. J. McLean, spirited waltz song, "The Lass I Love,"—Solo by Miss E. K. McLean, "Solo by Miss E. K. Cattle, "Act III,—Song and chorus, "For Freedom and for Ireland," Mr. John McLean; "The Dear Lattle

Shamrock," by Miss G. Wilson "Kate of Kilkenny," by Miss T. Kitts; "The Meeting of the Waters, by Miss E. K. Peacock.
"All of these numbers were we'rendered. Miss O'Brien fairly cartivated the sudience by the cleve manner in which she gave Killarney. The programme was brought to The programme was brought to a clese by the whole cast singing "God Save Ireland."

St. Ann's Young

Men's Society. The parishioners of St. Ann's men and women, young and old turned out in hundreds on Monday afternoon and evening to assist th patriotic parish organization.- St. Ann's Young Men's Society- in its noble endeavor to honor the nation al festival. The programme, which consisted of an inspiring and spirit ed Irish drama-The Pride of Killar ney—from the pen of that talented young Irishman, Mr. James Martin a member of the parish, and staged and interpreted by young parishion ers in a skilful manner; of Irish na ers in a skifful manner; of Irish national songs, duetts, quartettes and choruses, either composed or arranged by another talented parishioner, Prof. P. J. Shea, and rendered by the sweetest and most tuneful voices that it has been our privilege to have listened to in many years, of Irish national dances executed in a graceful manner by the supple re rising p sentatives of the tion of the parish, was one of which our race, and the parish of St. Ann might justly feel proud. The cast of characters was as fol-

Maurice O'Donnell, "The Pride of Killarney," T. F. Sullivan.
Mr. O'Donnell, "Maurice's Father," P. Kenehan.

"A Warm-Myles O'Shaughnessy, nearted Irishman," Ed. Quinn O'Donnell's Mr. O'Driscon, Friend," R. J. Hiller. Pafferty, "A Killarney

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Friend," J. F. Shannahan.
Adolphus Pennyworth, "An Exquisite," J. J. Gethings.
Felix Harding. "Maurice O'Donnell's Enemy," W. E. Finn.
nell's Enemy," W. E. Gypsy Capell's Enemy," W. E. Finn. Raymond Vibert, "Gypsy Cap-Raymond Vibert, ain," H. P. Sullivan.
Carlo, Donti and Jocko, "Gypsies," F. J. Hogan, A. Patterson,

and Geo. Gummersell.

Mr. Preston, "Magistrate," Robt Hart.
M. Delaney, "A Farmer," Geo

Officer, P. F. McGrath. Mr. T. F. Sullivan looked and act ed his part with all his wonted vig or and enthusiasm. Every line spoke was shaded in a voice which bore evidence of the early days he spent in the class rooms of the Christian Brothers. Mr. P. Kenehar Christian Brothers. Mr. P. Kenehan assumed the ever difficult role of the venerable and warmhearted old Irish gentleman, and his conception of the needs of his task demonstrated in no uncertain manner that he possesses talent of no mean order. Mr. Ed. Quinn achieved a distinct success by his natural and graceful precess by his natural and graceful presentation of the character of Myles O'Shaughnessy. Mr. J. J. Gethings was entrusted with the lines of a character which called forth special care, and needless to say he was equal to the occasion. Mr. Ed. Finn had a part which, to put it mildly, aroused the ire of his many auditors. He certainly was one of the strong figures in the cast. Messrs. R. J. Hiller, C. Killoran, J. F. Shannahan, H. P. Sullivan, F. J. Hogan, A. Patterson, Geo. Gummersell, Robt. Hart, George Cole, and sentation of the character of Myles sell, Robt. Hart, George Cole, and P. F. McGrath, in their various Norah Maguire. Teddy's Sweetleart. Miss Tina Kitts.

Mrs. Bebe, the Squire's housekeepr. Miss Alice Jones.

Geraldine (2nd Act), Miss Gertie

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Geraldine (10 years after), Miss E.

P. F. McGrath, in their various roles assisted in a marked manner to render the charming play a source of pride to the enthusiastic and patriotic Irish men and women of St. Ann's parish. We deem it our duty to mention the name of Mr. Robt. Byrne, who was called at short, rolls as well as the street and the street as the street Robt. Byrne, who was called at short notice to fill the place of a

short notice to fill the place of a member of the cast at the afternoon performance. Bob did well.

Previous to the first act of the drama, Mr. Michael Casey, the genial and energetic president of the Society, delivered a neat, opening address. He outlined in a most interesting manner the past work of the Society, and paid a great trihe Society, and paid a great tri-oute to Father Strubbe for the enthusiastic way in which he had in-terested himself in their undertak-

Some idea may be had from the following extracts from the programme, of the dignified character of the vocal and instrumental music, and the dances, which were introduced at the various stages of the progress of the drama.

VOCAL — "The Wearing of the Green," F. Feron, "Ireland A Gra. Ma Chree," Mr. T. C. Emblem, "Come Back to Erin," Mr. M. Mularky; "My Wild Irish Rose," Mr. Wm. Murphy; "The Dear Little Shamrock," Mr. A. Smith; "They're Proud of the Irish Now," Mr. E. Jackson.

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OUR IRISH REPRESENTATIVE QUARTETTE.— Messrs. Wm. Murphy. M. Mullarky, J. Penfold, A. Hamilton.

DANCES.—"Irish Jigs and Reels," Messrs. J. Pierson and T. Hogan; "Sailors' Hornpipe, Mr. Ed. Watt. OVENTURES.—"St. Patrick's Day," C. Wallace; "Garrett O'Magh," C. Olcott; "Dreams of Childhood," Harry Guid; "Memories of Tara," L. O. DeWitt: "The Day We Celebrate," W. Wiegand. Very few people have the slightest Day We Celebrate," W. Wiegand.

Very few people have the slightest idea of the amount of labor involved in staging a drama. We feel quite sure that the following gentlemen are conversant with all the details of their various departments if we are judge from the results:—

Stage manager, Mr. Ed. Quinn.

Properties, Mr. C. C. Conway.

Costumer, Mr. Jos. Ponton.

Musical director, Mr. P. J. Shea.

Elisewhere in this issue, we refer to a most praiseworthy feature of the declebration; the presentation of a

well-carned testimonial to the en-thusiastic pastor of St. Ann's, Rev. E. Strubbe, C.SS.R. The time was fitting, and the recipient was most

Ancient Order of Hibernians

The members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, whose splendid mar tial bearing evoked much applause in the morning's procession fittingly nonored the evening of the day by holding under the auspices of the County Board a thoroughly Irisis national entertainment in Montreal's aristocratic concert room — Windsor Hall. Long before the County Fresident, Mr. Hugh McMorrow appeared on the platform, hundreds of the members, their wives, sisters and friends, filled the spacious audi and friends, filled the spacious auditorium. Mr. McMorrow, in a spirited and well-worded speech, referred to the grand demonstration which had been held in the morning. He reviewed the progress made by the Order during the past, year, and expressed the earnest hope that the members would continue to work with the same spirit of harmony that characterized their endeavors since the organization of the various that characterized their endeavors since the organization of the various since the organization of the various divisions in Montreal. The programme, which was a varied and interesting one, was carried out with great success. It opened with a ratting overture by the orchestra, which aroused much enthusiasm, Then followed an Irish comedy, "An Irish Engagement," in which many quaint and affecting scenes of Irish life were pictured with much ability by the performers. At the conclusion of the comedy, several clever specialty artists were introduced, who rendered songs and instrumental music and dances, in good style, A much appreciated feature of the catertainment were the sketches by Mr. Alonzo Ryan, son of Mr. Carroll Ryan. The last item on the programme was an amusing sketch. programme was an amusing sketch entitled "That Rascal Pat." It pro voked much merriment The ceedings were brought to a close singing "God Save Ireland."

At St. Mary's Parish.

St. Patrick's Day celebration in St. Mary's, though not in any way ostentatious, was none the less rcal. The sentiment that fills hearts of Irishmen throughout world on that National festival was world on that National festival was in evidence in the East End on Sunday and Monday, and green was its color. Unfortunately, no part was taken in the procession this year, but in every other respect, St. Mary's did honor to the day, and showed that patriotism still exists in the hearts of her sons and daughters, to be stirred up at will, and when occasion demands. At the Grand Mass on Sunday, Prof. James Wilson with a full choir, rendered a Wilson with a full choir, rendered specially prepared musical Mass specially prepared musical Mass, which was well executed; and the strains of the lorgan, under the professor's touch, told of melody and harmony that delight the children of Erin and serve to bind them together as a nation. Monday evening was given to the social side of the celebration, which took the form of a concert. Contrary to expectations, the large hall under the Church, was crowded. The main feature of the the large hall under the charles, accorded. The main feature of the programme was a lecture by Rev Jno. P. Kiernan, formerly of St Mary's, the subject being "The Tri-Mary's, the subject being "The Triumph of Ireland." As the Rev. Fa umph of Ireland." As the Rev. Fa-ther appeared on the platform, round after round of applause greeted him, and his discourse was so well received, that it would seem that St. Mary's still held dear the memory of Father Kiernan, loved him as a priest, and revered him as a speaker. a speaker

"St. Patrick's Day." he said. "was ever the same, its memories as green as ever, its associations as beloved as ever, its enthusiasm as enrapturing as ever. The affectionate warmth of the sensitive Irish heart holds fast, and entwines the present with the past. the past. Ever mindful of her com-bat and of her triumph, on the fes-

bat and of her triumph, on the fes-tival of her Patron and Apostle, she gives unrestrained vent to her glad-ness in word and song.
"Ireland's triumphs are the result of the continued exertions of her recople; the independence of the hier-archy, her freedom of Church sup-bort, her emancipation are the fruits of her energy and of her persever-ince.

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"Ireland has gained much, sho must continue to combat for her other rights as a nation, as a responsible people, capable of self-government. She must cherish the mcmories of the past, she must revere the names of her patriots and of her missionaries, and be thus prepared for every measure that the world may contribute to the furtherance and security of her social and religious welfare."

During the course of his remarks, the Rev. Speaker referred, in feeling tones, to the memory of the late lamented pastor, Rev. Father O'Donnell, and paid him a glawing tribute, as a priest and a patriot. Mr. Justice Curran, at the close of the lecture, rose to tender the Rev. speaker a vote of thanks, and the enthusiasm that his few remarks stirred up in the hearts of the audience, gave way to a grand and produced.

ce, gave way to a grand and pro the lecture. The programme was continued, and a very pleasant evenin was passed by all who were so for tunate as to attend.

NOTES

The Young Irishmen's L. and B. Association, always to the front on Ireland's great day. made a most creditable turnout. They marched as in days of old.

"Rag-time music" was eliminated from the programmes of the several bands that preceded the various Irish societies which took part in the

The A.O.H. captured the honors of the day in the senior class by the enthusiastic manner in which they

mustered. Their marching was much admired, and created a great deal of

The Hibernian fife and drum band made its first appearance, under the leadership of Professor R. Broder-ick. It is a valuable addition to the patriotic Order.

The members of St. Ann's Young Men's Society made a magraturnout. They marched well, many ways reflected great creatheir parish.

The stalwarts of temperance—St. Patrick's, St. Gabriel's and St. Ann's—were in line as of yore. They did honor to the day with their old-time enthusiasm. More power to them. Rev. Father Brady, P.P., St. Ma.

rather Brady, P.P., St. Ma 1y's Church, and the Rev. Father Fahey, one of his worthy assist ant, were unable to take part in the celebration, owing to an of la Grippe. St. Anthony's parish was nobly represented in the parade by its patriotic spiritual guides and by the laity. Hurrah for the healthy "baby" of the Irish parishes of real. It is a lively youngster.

The Hibernian Knights, forty strong, under command of Lieuten-ant A. J. McCracken, were tendered a hearty reception along the route of parade. Their fancy drill movements were very neatly executed

We are unable to present our read-We are unable to present our read-ers with the portrait of the marshal-in-rhief—Mr. J. McCarthy— in this number, owing to an unfortunate ac-cident which occurred while the art-ist was at work. Mr. McCarthy ac-quitted himsef with much ability.

Crowds lined the sidewalks. eed, thousands were up at a nearly hour, seeking for the point of van age along the route, which crowded with well-dressed men women, who had taken holida women, who had taken h witness the celebration of

The streets along the route of the procession were lavishly decorated, the prevalent color being green. Among the most remarkable flags noticed, was one on John Murphy & Co.'s building. This was the flag designed at the time of the late Queen's recent visit to Ireland. Among the guests of St. Patrick's

The streets along the route of the

Society was Mayor Prefontaine, who marched beside Mr. W. E. Doran marched beside Mr. W. E. Dorar President of St. Patrick's Society Hon. Mr. Justice Curran, Ald. Bun-bray, Ald. Tansey, Ald. Gallery, M. P., Capt. Geo. O'Farrell. of Quebec, and Mr. Henry O'Sullivan, C.E., of St. Jean Baptiste parish - Irish

St. Jean Baptiste parish — Irish section—had its representative in the person of Rev. Father Casey, the genial priest in charge of the spiritual affairs of our people in that district. Who will dare to say that he did not handle the "ribbons" with artistic hands? His team were beauties? The celebration of St. Patrick's Day, on Sunday, in St. Ann's Church was, in addition to the euey. Father Delargy, C.S.S.R., made

he occasion of the blessing of

and the other of St. Bridget. A sp and the other of St. Bridge. A special musical programme was performed by the choir, under the direction of Prof. Shea, marching and soldiery bearing The marching and soldiery bearing of St. Ann's Cadets created much enthusiasm along the line of march. A well known military official remarked that St. Ann's Cadets would make it very interesting for the several Cadet corps, which are striving for the Duke of Connaught's prize, were they to enter the context.

they to enter the contest The Cadets are all pupils of that Ann's parish, which has always been under the guiding hand of leading members of the Brothers of the Christian schools ever since

The pupils of St. Patrick's School-The pupils of St. Patrick's School-another historic educational establishment of Montreal, and also under the direction of the Brothers of the Christian schools—shared the bonors of the day with the Cadets in the splendid muster they made. They are a credit to their teachers, and the Irish Catholics of Montreal. With two such institutions our race need have no fears regarding race need two such institutions our race need have no fears regarding its future representation in the various walks of life. Bravo teachers and boys of St. Patrick's and St. Ann's schools. You proudly wore the "collars of gold" and the "dear little shamrock."

The "Daily Witness" says: Indeed, the young men who are now found in the procession repre-sent the best elements of our Irish copulation, while the habit of trainng the young lads to a soldierly ocaring was favorably commented

oraring was favorably commented on.

There is design in introducing the voung lads to the ranks of the procession. The fervent sentiment which is still unknown will be felt in all the intensity which comes with maturity, and the thought of the day and what it means—what it stands for nationally and religiously—will the fixed in the breast, not to be dislodged.—It has been said that the cherishing of distinctive customs, which in no way reflected the life or character of this country, is wrong from the point of view of a Canadian sentiment, but it were vain to ask Irishmen to forget the men and the scenes and the events which song and story have made sacred, and which, in the hearts of a generous race, will live for all time. That this feeling is not incompatible with Canadian citizenship is proved by the public record of able Irishmen,

while the interest which Irishmer while the interest which Irishmen everywhere take in municipal affairs shows that they are not neglectful of the matters which concern them practically, however, they are disposed to indulge a sentiment which has no relation to dollars and cents.

IRELAND'S LEADER IN PARLIAMENT.

A few notes by an old friend :

Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., the eader of the Irish Parliamentary Party in the British House of Com-lons, is an interesting personality not only amongst those by whom he

mons, is an interesting personality not only amongst those by whom he has been chosen as chief, but amongst the other members of Parliament. His has been a more chequered career than those are familiar with his name, his speeches and his magazine articles imagine.

His father was member of Parliament for the town of Wexford, and took a deep interest in all that concerned the welfare of that ancient Irish port. In fact, he ruined himself imancially in a noble effort to promote its trade. The reason why the town of Wexford is not a great port is the shallowers of the harbor bar, where many a ship has been wrecked on the treacherous sand the town there is a fine natural harbor; and Mr. John-E. Redmond's father conceived the idea of connecting Wexford with this harbor by a railway. He associated a few other gentlemen with him in the project; but they failed, and Mr. Redmond became a poor man, and died not long afterwards. The people of the town of Wexford, in recognition of his unselfish efforts on their behalf. long afterwards. The people of the town of Wexford, in recognition of his unselfish efforts on their behalf, erected to his memory a life-size statue on a handsome pedestal, which adorns one of the public squares of the town. The history of that projected six-mile railroad is one of the practical arguments in favor of the town. The history of that projected six-mile railroad is one of the practical arguments in favor of Home Rule for Ireland. It is necessary to obtain an act of the British Buildment to build any rail. cessary to obtain an act of the bri-tish Parliament to build any rail-road in Ireland; and the cost of bringing witnesses to London, pay-ing their expenses while staying oringing witnesses to London, paying their expenses while staying there waiting for the Parliamentary committee to take up the matter, and paying the very large fees of what are known as "Parliamentary lawyers" to promote the bill in committee and to overgone openition. nittee and to overcome opposition f any, often reaches a sum if any, often reaches a sum exceeding what would built a small railroad twice over. With a native Parliament in Dublin all this expense
would be unnecessary.

Mr. John E. Redmond is a gentleman, a scholar, and an orator. Having graduated at Trinity University,
Dublin, be and his brother. William.

bublin, he and his brother, William, wing to the financial reverses which ad overtaken their father, who had now passed away, were obliged to arn their living as best they could The subject of this sketch was a clerk in the voting office of the House of Commons, with a very small salary, when Mr. Parnell, the great Irish leader, was looking around for talented young Irishmen of national convictions. of national convictions to fill Irish seats at his command. He heard of young John Redmond; and at once offered him a seat in liament. Mr. Redmond at liament. Mr. Redmond at once made his mark as a forcible and earnest speaker, with a cultured intellect; and all who heard him predicted that he would one day be one of the most prominent leaders of the party.

handsome paintings, one of which is a representation of St. Patrick Parliament when he delivered a not-able speech in Father (Monsigner) Nugent's Temperance Hall in Liverpool. His arguments on total ab-stinence were convincing and origin-al; and the writer remembers that, those present were deep impressed when they heard the young orator declare that he himself had received declare that he himself had received an exhortation from his father, as the latter lay on his death-bed, never to allow intoxicating liquor to nass his lips, Mr. Redmond is, therefore, a total abstainer.

Recognizing his talent as a platform speaker, the late Mr. Parnell send Mr. Redmond to Australia to hiead for contributions to the Irish

plead for contributions to the Irish Parliamentary fund; and as a result of a lengthy tour of much speech-

re-united Irish National Party he has given entire satisfactian, both to the members who choose him and to the Irish people themselves.

PAN CELTIC ASSOCIATION.

Philadelphia has taken the initiative in a movement which has attracted much attention. A meeting was held last Thursday evening to take preliminary steps for the or-ganization of an association to embrace the six different families of the Celtic race-the Irish, Scotch, Highland, Welsh, Manx, Cornish and Bre ton. A temporary organization was

cieties for purposes connected with ple, but we have no association broad enough to bear the whole Celtic people and liberal enough to take up the numerous interests that people—for it is one people—has in

take up the numerous interests that people—for it is one people—has in common.

"Hence the timeliness and the utility of the Celtic Association. We have in common Irish, Scotch, Welsh, Manx, Bretons, an ancient history, an extensive and charming literature, a multitude of monuments and certain mental and spiritual ideals that make us different from the other races of the world. "We have in common a language very old and very beautiful, and very loautiful, and very rich in high and eloquent productions. We have also in common a certain general temperament. I tinink, therefore, that there is broad enough ground for all to stand on." Dr. Shahan suggested that the association have for its immediate object the cultivation of a knowledge of the literatures, monuments, history and achievements of the Celtic peoples. In order to do this effectually the association should have a library, a museum and a gallery: should aim at gathering under one roof all books papers publications.

should aim at gathering under one roof all books, papers, publications and manuscripts that have for this object the life of any or all of the Celtic peoples

He suggested that he would ga-He suggested that he would gather in the museum all maps and to-pographical documents illustrative of the history of the Celts, and pro-duce in fac simile or in photographs all that is in the Irish Museum or classification with all this of the all that is in the Irish Museum or elsewhere to show the old life of the cletic people. In concluding his letter, Dr. Sha-

han says: "I believe that such an institution would stimulate study and research, and our association would get the credit of such results would get the credit of such results. The association would aim at bringing before the cultured public of Philadelphia the best scholars in Celtic literature and history. We could arrange every year for a series of lectures to be given by prominent litteratures and scholars—men known wherever the English language is read—who have the birth. language is read-who have the high est reputation for their works writings on Celtic things. Thus Douglas Hyde, William B. Yeats, Dr. Sigerson, Lionel John

others.
"We would thus gain the main ob-We would thus gain the main object to keep the ideals and attainments of the Celtic people before the world; not to sink away down into the world of pure Anglo-Saxonism, which is very foreign to our souls and our hearts. We shall thereby keep up an annual and high-toney protest against the graying out. ea protest against the growing opin-

ed protest against the growing opinion that every one who speaks English is an Ango-Saxon, so-called, and shares the ideals, political and otherwise of England.

"The association would aim at encouraging our choicest and most intellectual youth to become masters of all that pertains to the past life of the Celtic people. It would found scholarships, give annual subsidies, would encourage the production of would encourage the production of pooks that had for their purpose the objects of the association. In a word, any line of intellectual development that makes better known the spirit, temper, hopes and qualities of the Celtic races would have the sympathy and co-operation of

ities of the Celtic races would have the sympathy and co-operation of the association.

"I have no doubt that we shall thereby gain many a scholarly and earnest mind and lift the movement to a level where it must command the general attention and respect."

OBITUARY.

THE LATE MRS. E. H. KEN-NEDY.—When the truly Christian woman dies, surrounded by all the consolations of religion, carrying with her to eternity a life full of with her to eternity a life full of good works, and leaving behind her the memory of virtues practised in an eminent degree, while sympathy is felt and most properly expressed yet there is a blending of deed and holy satisfaction with the sorrow that the bereaved ones experience. These are the thoughts that flashed upon us, when we learned of the sad news that Johanna Conroy, cherished wife of our fellow-citizen Mr. E. II. Kennedy, and beloved mother of Dr. E. J. C. Kennedy, and Dr. W. making the young member was able to send his chief a very large amount most highly respected Irish Catholic to send his chief a very large amount of money.

With the recent events of Mr. Redmond's career, the readers of the unstant, at the comparatively early age of fifty-eight years, closed her viscolar baselection to the leadership of the large of the selection to the leadership of the large of the selection to the leadership of the large of the selection to the leadership of the large of the lar life, and had been summoned to the perpetual reward promised to "the good and faithful servant." Needless for us to state how sincerely we sympathize with the whole family of the deceased lady in their sad bereavement, nor is it necessary to state that our brief, but heartfelt tribute to the memory of the departed is the echo of the universal sentiment that prevails throughout the whole community. Feeling confident that their great and abiding faith will afford them the consolation which we wish them, we join in their prayers and in those of the Church, for the peaceful and eternal Church, for the peaceful and eternal rest of the good soul that has gone to God.

LENTEN SERMONS AT THE

The Retreat for men, preached by l'ather Gasson, S.J., of Boston College, will open on Monday, the 25th inst, at 8 o'clock p.m., with a sermon on the "Riddle of Life." 25th inst., at a country in a sermon on the "Riddle of Life." All who desire to prepare for their Easter duty are invited to assist at the exercises, which will be continued throughout the week at the

on Passion Sunday the 24th. in continuation of the regular Lenten course of sermons, Father Gasson will preach on "The Kingship of Christ."

For One Dollar we will send the "True Witness" for one year to any part of Canada (outside