

teacher, no nation can ever be so happy under the rule of another, as by the rule of its own. Though, as a nation, we are poor and reduced by poverty, we are not willing to part with our independence, and even if the dismal picture "A Barrier" draws of Ireland under Home Rule is realized, a creation wholly of his own prophetic fancy, contrary to his history, precedent and unwarranted by the facts, we believe nothing would induce him voluntarily to believe anything of things, which she returns to so much under, and which in regard has suffered her peace and prosperity has proved a miserable failure.

The writer then goes on to show how some persons discussing the Irish question write from a mental point of view, free from the sentimental and emotional. They see but they do not feel. But the great fact of Irish opinion in reality outweighs all other arguments. There are only eighteen members out of one hundred and three elected to Parliament in Ireland opposed to Home Rule. The Nationalists are eighty-five pledged to their cause. This settles the question of Irish opinion. If it be sound doctrine, as no one denies, that the majority should rule, there is no getting over this mandate of the Irish electorate.

#### A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER.

At the centennial celebration of the adoption of the American Constitution, at Philadelphia, September 17th, Cardinal Gibbons offered up the closing prayer and blessing at the public exercises. The prayer excited the devotion and admiration of all who heard or read it, as a composition at once beautiful, dignified and of pure English. The prayer was in nine paragraphs, containing invocations for the President of the United States, for Congress, for all magistrates, for the judges of the supreme court, for the preservation of the Constitution, for the republic, for all the people of the United States, and concluded with the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction. Of these several collects all but three were taken from the collection of prayers to be found in every Catholic prayer-book under the title, "Prayers for the Church, for the Ruling Powers, etc." These beautiful prayers for the Church, for the Holy Father, the Bishop of the diocese and the clergy in general, for the President, for Congress, for the governor, the Legislature, and all civil magistrates and for all conditions of men, are said to be the composition of Bishop England, of Charleston, S.C., and were formerly read every Sunday before the sermon in all the Catholic churches of the United States. The collects of Cardinal Gibbons for the judges of the Supreme Court, for the constitutional charter and for the Republic, are admirably in keeping, both in their spirit and classic diction, with the collects composed by Bishop England. The prayer in its entirety reads as follows:—

"We pray thee, O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom all things are rightly administered, laws are enacted and judgment decreed, assist with Thy holy spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion, by a faithful execution of the laws, and by the promotion of the common good, and the maintenance of the peace and the blessings of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress and shine forth in all their proceedings and laws framed for our rule and Government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful labor, and the perpetuation of the blessings of civil liberty."

"We pray Thee for all judges, magistrates and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled by Thy powerful protection to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability."

"We pray Thee especially for the judges of our Supreme Court that they may interpret the laws with even-handed justice. May they ever be the faithful guardians of the temple of the Constitution, whose construction and solemn dedication to our country's liberties we commemorate to-day. May they stand as watchful and impartial sentinels of the portals of the temple, shielding it from profanation and hostile invasion."

"May this glorious charter of our civil rights be deeply imprinted on the hearts and memories of our people. May it foster in them a spirit of patriotism; may it weld together and assimilate in national brotherhood the diverse races that come to seek a home among us. May the reverence paid to it conduce to the promotion of social stability and order, and may it hold the age of its protection over us and generations yet unborn, so that the temporal blessing which we enjoy may be perpetuated."

"Grant, O Lord, that our Republic, unequalled in the history of the world for material prosperity and growth of population, may be able under Thy overruling Providence a model to all nations in upholding liberty without license and wielding authority without despotism. Finally, we recommend to Thy unbounded mercy all our brethren and fellow-citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and satisfaction in the observance of Thy most holy law, that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give, and after enjoying the blessing of this life be admitted to those which are eternal."

"Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen."

#### BOURGET COLLEGE, RIGAUD, P.Q.

The members of St. Patrick's Literary Society, Bourget College, Rigaud, held their first scholastic meeting on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Rev. Ernest of Studies, for the purpose of electing a new board of officers for the ensuing year. Rev. Charles E. Derocchie, O.S.V., was nominated moderator, and Rev. Patrick J. Kellett, censor. The following officers were elected:—John McDermott, president; William J. Barry, secretary; Caillion, recording secretary; George Smith, of Templeton, treasurer; Philip Green, of Eganville, and Edward Jones, of St. Andrews, librarians. The chief object of this society is the improvement of its members in English, the promotion of their mental, moral and social welfare. It is composed of the students of the "Complete English Commercial Course." Weekly meetings are regularly held on Thursday evening. Readers who wish further information concerning St. Patrick's Literary Society may apply to the college for a complete prospectus, which shall be mailed to any address.

225 students were in attendance at Bourget College, Rigaud, P.Q. at the opening of the scholastic year 1887-88. 150 of this unusual number are boarders and 75 day boarders.

After quietly sitting through a case the other day a juryman informed the judge that he was the juror who had been asked to give a verdict of "not guilty" in a case where the evidence was so strong that the juror himself was sure that the defendant was guilty. "Because you didn't ask," replied the juror softly.

## OVER AT LAST!

The Cornwalls and Shamrocks Play for the Champlionship—The Cornwalls Win Easily—A Great Struggling Contest on the Cornwall Field—The Match and Incidents at Cornwall and on the Train.

The excitement which prevailed in Montreal on Friday night was beyond description, and it increased considerably, lasting till the two greatest teams in existence lined up on the Cornwall field on Saturday afternoon.

The Shamrocks had organized an excursion, and over 2,500 persons from Montreal, including quite a number of fair sex, accompanied the "boys" to witness the important match. On Friday evening twenty-five Shamrock supporters went up to Cornwall, and as visitors were in the town from all parts of the country the "twenty-five" were compelled to "bunk" on the floor of the American House parlor. They did not mind, however, as they had come up to be, had placed all their money, which was readily taken up, and even received odds. The young men from Montreal put up the greenbacks without a faint, so sure were they that the Montreal boys would come out victorious. Hundreds of dollars were bet, and the amount was augmented on Saturday morning, when another crowd of moneyed men arrived from Montreal. On Friday night everybody residing in Cornwall, or any support of the team, were confident of their club coming out best in the contest, and several wagers were made on the three straight, a foolish bet, but one which proved good on this occasion. The team was in the finest trim, and were confident of winning the pennant, which they did. On Friday night the rain commenced to fall about 7 o'clock, but the weather cleared up again, and the prospects for good weather the following day were encouraging. It was raining hard on Saturday morning, and the sky became clear again about nine o'clock. The rain stopped and everybody was delighted, as the grounds were unusually hard after the fine weather, and a good damp would only serve to render them more fit for the game. It was not long after ten o'clock when the rain commenced to fall. The town was in a state of great excitement, and the little town was deserted. Many a face looked gloomy, and all became convinced that the weather would be the same throughout the match. During the heavy downpour the first excursion train from Montreal arrived, and on reaching the depot the travellers were accorded a long and prolonged cheer, and were met by shouts for the Shamrocks. The train arrived on the last train and lost no time in making for the grounds near the depot. The people in Cornwall were surprised; a leveler crowd never entered the town; although the crowds were enthusiastic, their spirits were considerably drenched by the rain and the whole complaints were about the weather. The grand stand on the grounds gives seating room for only 200 persons, and two hours before the game started the pavilion was filled. The boys from Glenagray were there and in a little round house (for what purpose it is on the field is not known) a "canny Scot" was causing merriment for a good crowd with his lively tunes on the bagpipes.

The field was crowded beyond the greatest expectation of the Cornwall club. They anticipated having an audience of probably 3,000, but instead nearly 8,000, with half as many umbrellas, were there and cheered as loud as would be permitted under the circumstances. There was very little clapping of hands, any person who had a pocket full of pennies was sure to be used to draw them out, the air was cold, and the rain came down fiercely. The ground was hilly in some places, and on the whole it resembled more a lake with a few deserted islands. The appointment of referees and umpires had not been decided upon till the arrival of the excursionists, when Mr. O. K. Fraser, president of the N. A. A., asked Mr. A. W. Stevens to accept the position of referee. The gentleman agreed and Mr. John Lewis and O. K. Fraser acted as umpires. It was fifteen minutes for four when the teams appeared on the field and loud cheers were given each in turn. The rain had stopped by this time, and the players were given a few words from the referee and the men trusted off to their positions on the field, which were as follows:—

Cornwall Goal. Carpenter.

Referee—Stevens.

Umpires—Lewis and Fraser.

Cornwall men in italics.

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made a fine stop and sent the ball to Smith, who gave it to Black, but Duggan was too much for him and securing the rubber sent it as far as Hughes; the latter slipped, but Smith had the ball down to the Shamrock end in an instant. Broderick, being pressed by Smith, he fell and only made a weak throw. Devine came scooped up the sphere and threw to Daly, who in a scuffle with Lewis and Lilly lost his prize and the ball was once more at the Shamrock end. Broderick was checked by Barry, and in the scramble Canadian came out with the ball, but unfortunately, or being pressed by Smith, he fell, and Black was given the rubber by Hughes.

The work now became worse: on the Shamrock defence; Hughes had come down towards the home, and in fact all moved towards the Shamrock polls. Reddy made beautiful play. He secured the ball frequently from the Cornwall men at critical moments when playing behind the goal. Broderick that for without a fender but the defence for the Shamrocks played splendidly, and all this could be done was to bat the rubber away. They found it impossible to run, and lost no opportunity to throw as quickly as possible. Canadian was very unlucky on his feet; Devine was doing splendidly, and Barry with Cogan could be seen doing great work about their goal. Brown and Duggan were playing a hard game, but every effort to outdo the Cornwall proved fruitless.

When the rubber once more landed from Lilly's stick near the Shamrock plays Cogan passed to Duggan, then Allen got it and sent to Devine, who fell, and McAttee ran in with it towards the goal; Brown stopped him, secured the ball, sent it up field, and Cogan prevented a game from being scored at his end. The India travelled to Allen, and then towards the Cornwall poles; two or three attacks were made, but Lilly and Lewis were playing too well, and they took good care of their flags. Lewis relived Daly of the ball, when the latter slipped and threw it down to McAttee, who then passed it to Cogan, who passed the latter took a straight line and shot hot out, which passed Reddy. The first game was thus scored for the Cornwall after 13 minutes play. Cornwall backers were enthusiastic, the cheers were deafening, and above the din could be heard the "bluffers" talk, 3 to 1 on three straight for Cornwall. The Cornwall team were well cared for and not a thing which they needed badly, although it should not be allowed in a Scott Act town. "Short cides" it was, and it did them good. When the

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