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TOPICS OF AN OLD-TIMER

As Irish School of Learning in Dublin-A New History of Ireland by Mrs. Green-Dublin Celtic Society-Sir Robert Ball, the Irish Astronomer-Ball - Washington Claimed to be Magazine and Some of the People Who Figure in it.

There has been founded in Dublin a professor, a Scotch savant and an English lady. Kuno Meyer is the German professor, Professor Strachan of Manchester University is the Scotch savant, and the English lady is Mrs. J. R. Green, widow of the famous historian of the English peo-ple. Kuno Meyer is perhaps the foremost Gaelic scholar now alive, and with him the best teachers of Irish have to study before they go forth to teach. But Professor Meyer, notwithstanding his German national-ity, may be a true Celt (a south German), and I believe he is. At any rate he has taken a wonderfully deep interest in Irish learning, and no one has dipped deeper into the old Irish manuscripts (of which there are thousands) than he has. Writing to a friend, Professor Meyer makes this explanation:

"Mrs. Green has told me of the great interest which you take in the matter, and has asked me to supplement her statements by an ac-count of our work in Dublin, and by programme of work for America. It was the fact in the first instance, that every one who wished to study Irish or Celtic philology, archaelogy and history, had to resort to the German or French universities that gave me the idea of founding a school of Irish learning in Dublin. There, and there only, both old and middle and modern Irish can now be learned and studied systematically; while our school has at its disposal the enormous number of manuscripts the Royal Irish Academy and in Trinity College, of which I have given · · . . As some account elsewhere." a student of Irish for over twentyfive years, I do not hestitate to say that there is no other branch of arning except perhaps Oriental archaeology-where so much remains to be done, and where the results to be achieved are so far-reaching. For the whole civilization of Western Europe, the whole history of medi-aeval culture, are closely bound up with Celtic civilization, and show Celtic influence at every point and stage. Mrs. Green, evidently, is the next figure in importance, in this move-She is not only the widow ment. of a great historian, but is a historian herself, having finished her husband's "Shorter History of the English People," after his premature death. She has already planned a History of Ireland, which will, no doubt, supercede every other history now in existence, because she will have at her hand all the Irish lore now in the archives. She has been to America to seek assistance, and has been promised the support of such men as Archbishop Farley of New York, President Butler of Columbia University, Underwood Johnson of the Century Magazine, Hon. Bourke Cockran, Joseph I. C. Clarke, the poet and dramatist; Prof. W. H. Carpenter and Thomas Addis Emmet. They have also promised to patronize the school of Irish Learning. Kuns Meyer has already translated and printed several manuscripts and will keep right on with the work. Pesides this School of Irish Learning, there has been in Dublin for several years a Celtic Society headed by Lord Castletown, whose family name is Fitzpatrick, but the active man of the Society is a gentleman with the French name of E. E. Fournier, who seems to be familiar with all the Celtic languages, includ-Irish. Scotch, Gaelic, Welsh, ing Manx and Preton, and edits a magazine published in the interest of the organization, in which all these languages are used. The Celtic Societhas had many great meetings in

There is another Celtic territory that has not been admitted into the organization because it has lost its language, and that is Cornwall in England An Irishman of much distinction at the present time is Sir Robert S. Ball, the eminent astronomer. Would The Mother of Washington Was a you believe it, but a distinguished

the capitals of the countries which

claim to be Celtic in their origin.

Irish scholar and a correspondent of mine, residing in Litchfield, Conn., as-Half Irish - Toronto's Christmas sures me that he is of the same family as was the mother of Washington, whose name was Mary Ball. In ancient times some of the Balls were powerful enough to impose "erics" or tributes, one of which was known There has been founded in Dublin a as "Ball's eric," imposed on the school of Irish learning, and strange English in Ireland. Whether it be to say, the founders are a German from this fact or not, Irish scholars in America are now claiming that George Washington was half Irish. Some of the Balls were dispossessed of their lands in Ireland by Cromwell in his time. Several of them were in the American revolution. One of them that my friend has traced, was a member of the revolutionary society of the "Sons of Liberty" or St. Tamany, a society in New York, which helped to force the revolution. James Jeffrey Roche, the editor of the "Boston Pilot," has wri'den a brochure entitled the "Irish Washingtons," and I have met men who told me they knew people of the name of Washington in the "Old Sod."

Lord Baltimore, Lord of Avalon and of Maryland, was first Governor of Virginia, A.D. 1632. He and Henry Washington were great friends in Iteland. Henry Washington had several sons. It is claimed that one of these sons was the ancestor of George Washington. They all had important positions under the Stewarts and were their loyal supporters. One of those Washingtons was collector of the port of Limerick, appointed by James I. Not being loyal to the new government, he escaped from Ireland and turned up in Virginia, after being some time in Bermuda.

A writer in an Irish publication some months ago, signed the name "Uasaightain" to a communication. This is an old and historic Irish name and is pronounced Washington. Can it be possible that the English genealogists are mistaken. Four counties in Ireland and two in England dlaim that the Washingtons belonged to them.

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became the leading family in this upper country.

There is a picture of Mrs. Col. O'-Mara, which reminds me of the O'Hara family, The O'Haras were Irish of course, and have a history omewhat similar to the Robinsons. When Cornwallis surrendered at Yorkthe ceremony himself, and commissioned Col. O'Hara, his next in command, to give up his sword for him and sign the conditions of surrender.

And the O'Haras, too, found their in time, to "Minddy Little York" the name by which Toronto was generally known in the early days of its history.

Col. Gzowski was a prominent figure in Toronto for many a day. He was a splendid looking gentleman and a civil engineer by profession. He was a Polish refugee and came here in early days. He had a companion, whose name I do not now call to mind, who paid his expenses travelling from New York to Toron-The man had a jeweller's shop to. in Toronto for many years. A son of his that I met in humble circumstances in Chicago, told me this.

And there is Mr. and Mrs. George Gooderham, "lovers of 50 years ago and lovers of to-day." I have seen three generations of the Gooder-When George Gooderham was hams. president of the Canadian Manufactur-Association in 1869 the writer was its secretary. When I went to California in 1870 I resigned the position in favor of Mr. John McLean, father of the member for South York McLean, the father of "the John boys," was a strong protectionist, and so was I.

I learn from the San Benito (California) "Advocate," that James Slavin, son of Mr. Thos. Slavin, formerly of Cayuga, Ont., has been elected lifornia

American Soo, Jan. 27, 1905 Editor of the Register:

Dear Sir,-Apropos a false report that lately appeared in the public town to the Americans, he was so press, I beg to ask you to give space sick he was not able to attend to to the following incident that happened many years ago in a lumber I was making a tour of the Ontario camps at the time in the interests of the company. One of the men was hadly crushed with a log and died on his way home to his wife and six or seven small childen. missionary priest came to tue camp three days afterward and after sup-per preached for over an hour to the men, on Death. I shall never forget it. At his closing words, speaking of the man who died from the accident, many rough lumbermen were moved to tears, and being a shor hand writer, I took notes of the latter part of his address, which now, after long years, I though worthy to "Men and Brothers," he said, "There transcribe is sadness in this camp to-night. can read it in your faces. One is missed from your ranks. You shall see his face here no more. He is gone the way of all flesh. We are Dace.

travelling the same road at a rapid Perhaps we are already approaching near to the Valley We hope the Crucified Death. vious will have mercy on his soul His poor wife and children! What a cross has come upon them. Their bread-winner is gone. Perhaps this very night hunger is staring them in the face. Sorrow's sword has pierced their hearts and the kindly voice that so often sounded as sweet music in their ears is hushed nothing but empty words for the widow and fatherless children. I didappearance of which has greatly sur- California, and thought well of him. and family probably I shall never see, n't know this poor man. His wife as they live far from here. He didn't happen to be one of those who would send for me in their dying moments. There is not over half a dozen among you, as far as I know, that would care to have a Catholic priest beside your bedside at the hour of (In the camp were about 80 death. men, all Protestants except 8 or 10). Your belief in this matter differs from mine. Though I shall fail to convince you that He could be your greatest friend at that dread moment, let us not forget, men and brothers in arms fighting for the same common cause, the salvation of our souls, let us not forget that we all owe our existence to one and the same God, that we are all redeemed by the blood of the same crucified Redeemer, that we are in the same world, each free to work out for himself his eternal estiny in the life to come, and if we deserve it on the final day of reckoning, our leving Lord will receive us into the same mansions of blessing to be happy with Himself for one endless eternitv. Have we not common interests to safeguard in this valley of tears, should we not assist each other to win the crown that will be ours one day as a just recompense for the good deeds we do in the flesh. Here, then, is a sweet work of Christlike charity which I earnestly invite you all to unite with me in doing tonight, to show sympathy and compassion for others in affliction is one of the most noble aspirations of the human heart, but to be genuine it must be something more than a mere form of spoken words, and must express itself into acts. Kind friends I am going to do something that I never did in my life before, take up a collection and I will head it with half the contents (taking out a pockparts of the Dominion, and whose in the world, which I find is \$7.50, graduates are eagerly sought for by and the foreman will do me the favor of making a present of our una great school. The one ited offering to the wife and children business training school in Canada of this poor man whom you knew so

The City Hall Was Crowded at the Hon. John Costigan, Father of the House Welcome Ceremony-Expressed Gratitude at His Warm Reception

BELLEVILLE'S NEW PASTOR

mally received by his congregation Belleville. At the conclusion of the mass a deputation consisting of Messrs. E. J. Butler, E. P. Car-James St. Charles came forward and presented an address, which was read by Mr. Butler.

Following this Prof. Paul Denyes and Mr. M. J. Madden, of the Ontario Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, came forward and on behalf of the

Catholic pupils presented an address. Mr. Madden made the address in the silent language of the mutes and Prof. Denyes interpreted it to the pastor and flock.

In replying to the address Rev. Father Twomey was very visibly camp in which I happened to be, as affected, but from the moment he spoke his first sentence he had won the hearts of one and all of the large congregation present, one all too large for the City Hall. He expressed the deep gratitude he felt at the warm reception he had been given and the very kind, good wishes made for him. He had parted with his old flock with the greatest regret and reluctance and here paid a very high tribute to the, work and worth of the people of the faith in Tweed and Stoco. He said the breaking of old associations was always pain-His new charge involved a saful critice but it was amply repaid. He felt satisfied that he would have loyal support in the work he was about to undertake and that a new temple would arise from the ashes of the one destroyed by the inscrutable hand of Providence. The temple was gone but the Faith remained. His chief desire was for a spirit union between pastor and people. of He had been told Pe'leville's congregation was a poor one and he felt more like work at that. Had it been a rich one his heart would have sunk.

HIS 70th B.RTHDAY

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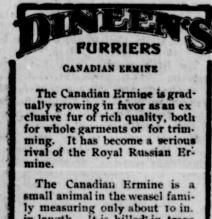
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February 1st was the seventieth The new pastor of St. Michael's anniversary of the birth of Hon. parish, Rev. D. A. Twomey, was for- John Costigan, the "father of the House of Commons." Mr. Costigan has been a member of the Lower House continuously since confedera-tion, representing the same constiney, J. S. McGurn, Col. M. J. Hen- tuency. He is one of the very few drick, James C. Hanley, J. H. Hur- members who have never been de-ley, ex-P.P., James Copeland and feated. He received in his room at the House of Commons, where his old friends had the opportunity of offering congratulations.

The day was also the anniversary of the marriage of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Armstrong, and birth of her first anniversary of the birth of the oldest son, Harry Armstrong, of post office department, Mr. tigan's oldest grandchilo.

Mr. Costigan's seat in the Commons was decorated with a handsome display of maple leaves and shamrocks. They were placed there by a warm friend and admired of the veteran parliamentarian. The little sprig of shamrock was addressed the "father of the House." Before the House resumed its session after adjourning for dinner, Mr. Costigan was the re cipient of a present from the mem-bers assembled in room twenty-six a beautiful cabinet of silverware. The presentation which was made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was also witne by a number of Ottawa's well known citizens, old friends of Mr. Costigan Sir Wilfrid in making the presenta tion, said he had known Mr. Costigan for some thirty years, had known him both as an opponent and as a friend. He had always known him however, as a fair opponent and a true friend. He hoped Mr. Costigan would live many years konger to en-joy the esteem of his many friends. Replying Mr. Costigan said that he appreciated the gift very highle, and while he did not undervalue it, he would say he enjoyed and valued

warm shake of the hand from friend equally as much. During public career, Mr. Costigan said he had supported both political parties. The poor were the most self- One time he was the supporter and sacrificing and came closer to the admirer of Sir John A. Macdonald, heart of the Lord. He exhorted but now he was an equally strong them to look to God for everything supporter and admirer of Sir Wiland place all their works under the frid Laurier. His change of politics protection of His benediction. Ano- was due entirely to conviction and ther loss to the parish was that of solely on principle. He said he betheir beloved pastor, Rev. Mgr. Far- lieved that he had very few if any for ever. God pity them. Have we relly. He would try to follow that enemies and was proud of his many priest's example, but feared it friends. After again extending his would be at a long distance and very thanks for the gift, Sir Wilfrid Lauimperfectly. He wished to grow in- rier called for three cheers for Mr Costigan, which were heartily given, flock and wanted them to consider followed by the singing of "He's a him a friend of old and young alike. Jolly Good Fellow," Sir Wilfrid was then given three rousing cheers. The them and especially to the poor. He members then returned to the Com-As each general election passes one by one the old parliamentarians pass from the scene until at last they can be counted on the fingers of one hand. Hon. John Costigan has had a unique experience. For forty-four stitution he said he wished to be years he has continuously represented the one constituency, that of Victor. He wanted to be both father toria, N.S. During that time he has and mother. God, had afflicted them never suffered defeat; never had a but had still cared for them and at bye-election or a protest. Further-their home here they had everything more he is an Irishman representing they, desired. One thing they had as what is generally regarded as a



ly measuring only about 10 in. in length. It is killed in traps made to strike, and is hunted only in the depth of winter, because at that time its fur is of fleecy white, with the tail tip of inky black. In summer the fur is a dense brown.

We have on view to-day some exclusive garments in Ermine, including Stoles, Scarfs, Muffs, Caperines, etc.



A friend has lent me a copy of "Toronto's Christmas Magazine," the knew Mr. Slavin both here and prised me, especially for its artistic excellence. It is published by the Society of Elks with a benevolent purpose. There are pictures presented within its pages of many persons whose names are familiar to me, and of some ladies and gentlemen whose faces and forms were ence well known to me. E. H. Coates signs the introductory article as editor-in-

chief. I do not know Mr. Coates, nor of him, but wonder if he is a son of the Mr. Coates who published the original "Toronto Star" in the early forties? I recognize the name of C. Bunting, as one of the officers of E. the Elks. I presume he is a son of Mr. Christopher Bunting, the founder of the "Mail" newspaper, who was Irish and a dear friend of mine. I notice the advertisement of the Confederate Life Association, with W. H. Beatty, Esq., another old friend, as president, and what a magnificent building the company has, to be sure. There is the name of James Mason attached to the "ad."

the Home Bank of Canada as General Manager. How well he has held his ground. I remember the day down in Colborne street, when he took the place of Eugene O'Keefe, behind the bank's counter, and when it was only the Toronto Savings Bank; and now O'Keefe is Toronto's big brewer. That is nearly forty years ago. of who at one time I used to see nearly every day. I remember well the article John Sheridan Hogan wrote in ing Mr. Van Koughnet and John Hilliard Cameron as the two men most capable to govern us. Like President Roosevelt, Mr. Van Koughnet is Dutch on his father's side and Irish on his mother's side-"half poface of Mrs. Stephen Jarvis, as I did fifty and more years ago. Mrs. Jarvis was a daughter of Mr. Thos. Stenson of Hamilton, and was the belle of the town. "Her father and

mother were Irish and she was Irish The Stinsons were a great too. Hamilton family in the forties and fifties. If Mrs. Jarvis looks as well now as in the picture, which is a remarkable striking likeness, she has borne her years with but little change. I had a young friend in Hamilton named Owen Duffy, who used to rave about Miss Stinson, and uut her as the heroine in a story he wrote more than fifty years ago. The sight of Mrs. Jarvis' most striking likeness refreshes my memory a very good deal, for I, too, liked to look at Miss Stinson. And there are the pictures of Sir John Beverly and Mrs. John Beverley Robinson! I did know Sir John when he was member of parliament and president of the Northern Railroad. I was not on his side in politics, but I never particinated in the buffoonry that his political opponents practiced against him, when they invented the crv of "up goes the donkey!" Mrs. Robinson bore a very close resemblance to one who was very dear to me. She was a very beautiful woman fifty years ago. I want to tell you something about the Robinsons. They were U. E. Lovalists and the father of the Chief Justice was a neighbor of Gen-eral Washington in Virginia before the revolutionary war. So were the Beverleys, with whom the Robinsons intermarried. They were too loyal to the crown to remain in the United

member ture, on the Republican ticket. in WILLIAM HALLEY.

BARRIE CORRESPONDENCE

Miss Lynch is visiting friends Tottingham.

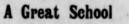
Miss Mary Ross, Elizabeth street left on Saturday with a party of .o Flofriends for an extenditu . rida and New Orleans.

Mrs. w. L. Patterson, "The Glen, is visiting friends in Toronto.

The Christmas offering in St Mary's Church was larger than any previous year. The pupils of the Separate School

enjoyed their annual sleigh ride on Monday afternoon.

The Conservatives of Centre Simcoe elected Mr. A. B. Thompson of Penetanguishene as their provincial representative, by a large majority. On Thursday evening, 26th ult., the supporters of Mr. Thompson tendered him a reception in the operahouse, Barrie. The building was thronged to its holding capacity with ladies and gentlemen, all of whom were anxious to honor their member-elect. Dr. Palling was chairman of the evening. As Mr. Thompson rose to speak, Miss Palling, a fairy-like child in white, appeared on the platform and handed the speaker a beautiful bouquet of flowers, which he tenderly And there is the face received. The large assemblage lis-Hon Chancellor Van Koughnet, tened to most entertaining and witty speeches, interspersed by original political songs, sung by Messrs. Soules, Boys and Heard, also a song in the old "Colonist" newspaper, boost- French by Mr. Pecaud, Reeve of the Township of King.



An educational institution which teen and half schnaps," as "Terry can show an actual daily attendance et-book) of this little purse, which Finegan" used to put it. I view the of 468 students gathered from all is all the money I have as my own business firms, may reasonably be termed which enjoys this standing is the well but to me a perfect stranger.' Central Business College of Toronto. The catalogue issued by this well known school is an interesting pro- ary priest, I interceeded with the Shaw.

> It is an argument of clownery to do words coming from the heart rather other people do.

The collection was over \$100, and acting on the advice of the mission-

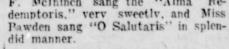
than from the lips. I am not asham-

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to the hearts and love of his new His door would be always open to had broken the past with reluctance mons to resume their duties. but looked to the future with hope. The material building was gone up but the spiritual one was there, and sacrifice a new and finer temple by would be erected to God.

To the children of the D. & D. Inmore than a simple friend and pasan advantage and that was that their French constituency. silent tongues never profaned the Giver of all. He promised them to become better acquainted with them and their teachers and to do all in his power for them.

In concluding Rev. Father Twomey pronounced his benediction on all. The choir, although laboring under great difficulties, rendered very acceptable music under Miss Mackie's leadership. Misses K. Pawden and McIninch sang the "Alma Re-





Mr. C. A. Gormally, son of Superintendent Gormally of the Union Station, has received the appointment of Commercial Agent of the Grand Trunk at St. Louis.

The estate of the late John English was valued at \$3,285. It is divided between the widow and daughter Josephine.

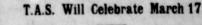
His Grace Archhishop O'Connor addressed the regular meeting of the Catholic Union on Monday evening. Every L.O.L. in Canada, we are told, will onnose the senarate schools in the Northwest Territories. They won't accomplish much.

ed to say I was one of the many whose eves dropped tears. As I believe my noble friend is still alive, if he should chance to see this letter duction and may be had on applica-tion to the Principal, Mr. W. H. have never met that kindly and char- that I gave him my photo, and I itable soul since that night many humbly ask his pardon for the freeyears ago when with those hurning dom I take in looking up my musty manuscript and placing the deep impressions made upon us all that night on record.



Death of Mrs. George Orr

The death occurred on Friday last at the residence of her daughter, 123 Lippincott street, of Hannah McFarland, wife of the late George Orr, and mother of Orr Bros., the wellknown contractors of this city. Mrs Orr had been enjoying good health for some time past, but was suddenly stricken with paralysis a few days ago, which was the cause of death. Mrs. Orr was born in Tyrone, Ireland, 79 years ago, and came to this country when a young girl, settling in Barrie, where she lived for many years. She was a member of College street Presbyterian Church, and took an active interest in Sunday School and missionary work. The surviving members of the family are Messrs. Charles of Winnipeg, R. J., William and George Orr of Toronto, and Mrs. John McAnsh of this city. The funeral took place on Monday to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.



St. Peter's Total Abstinence Sociaty, Peterboro, will celebrate the 17th of March this year by holding a grand concert and entertainment in the Opera House.





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