

LETTER FROM ROME.

Discourages of the Holy Father to the Irish Pilgrims.

Special to the Catholic Register.

ROME, Feb. 21.—Joy filled our heart when we heard how the Irish Nation, with one accord and pious rivalry, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of our episcopal consecration, were offering incessant prayer to God to preserve us during these troublous times. We are also gratified that God in His mercy has answered our prayer, and permitted you, after a toilsome pilgrimage, to take part in the solemnities. Your devotedness and that of your fellow-countrymen to the Holy See is made manifest, and you have given one more conspicuous proof of the zeal with which you are animated. Those noble qualities have long been recognized and approved by us, and our heart has been secretly gladdened by your ready submission to our will in a matter of grave importance. On this happy occasion you have testified to us that Holy Ireland—the sacred offspring of St. Patrick—is still mindful of his teaching, that the chief mark and safeguard of the Christian faith is an intimate union with the See of Rome.

This noble heritage of the Faith, so jealously guarded by your forefathers and handed down intact, has been preserved by you with equal fidelity, and has oftentimes won from us well-merited praise. To-day we renew and confirm that praise and commend to you that golden precept of your Apostle: "Ut Christiani, ita et Romani sitis." There is more than one reason to sustain its appropriateness. In the first place, be ever of one mind and one heart with us, and likewise regard not only our commands but also our wishes and advice as coming from Christ Himself, and for this reason fulfil them with willing hearts.

Beware of the craftiness of perverse men who distort the teachings of the Church and strive to lessen our authority. Let priests and people show honor and deference to Bishops whom the Holy Ghost has set over them, for by adhering to and obeying them the bond of union with the Chief Pastor—the Roman Pontiff—is strengthened. When you expressed your thanks to us for raising the Archbishop of the illustrious See of Armagh to the Sacred College on account of his eminent merits, you interpreted correctly this act as a proof of our love for the Irish people. The advantage of this closer union of the Irish Church with the See of Peter will be that one in immediate relation with the person of the Roman Pontiff will represent and advance your interests.

As a practical proof and sacred monument of our earnestness we have approved and aided the erection in this city of a church in honor of St. Patrick. The building is begun and will be worthily completed when the necessary funds are provided, and we doubt not that all Ireland, following our example, will generously contribute.

And now, beloved children, we again exhort you to be ever constant in that attachment to Rome and to the Successor of St. Peter, of which you have given such a splendid example. Unite with the Pontiff in his joys, share his increasing sorrows, and like faithful children solace and succor him in his need.

When you return home, carry back to your hearths the spirit of faith, quickened by the memories of the Apostles and Martyrs whose tombs you have so sedulously visited. Tell your fellow-countrymen that we embrace them all with the affection of a loving Father, and that we desire for all that in reward for her faith, through the intercession of St. Patrick, Ireland may be blessed in her domestic and public affairs with abundant prosperity.

As a pledge of our paternal love we impart to you, beloved children, to your families and to the whole of Catholic Ireland our Apostolic Benediction.

Catholic Authors.

It is too often asserted, with a reasonable show of truth, that Catholic authors are not supported and encouraged sufficiently by the Catholic public. The Church suffers much in this country from a famine of writers, historians and poets. In order to obtain a market and make a living Catholic authors are not unfrequently compelled to relinquish Catholic topics and embark on the broad sea of profane literature. The non-religious magazines offer a better price for their contributions and secure a larger circle of readers. This fact is not creditable to the Catholic reading public.

Catholic literary societies have been recently growing up amongst us with the avowed object of arousing interest in Catholic works and encouraging Catholic authors. With this object in view the St. Paul's Catholic Literary Society has been doing a good work amongst our young people. The Society has secured Mr. Thomas O'Hagan, M.A., one of our few Canadian Catholic authors and poets, for a lecture on the evening of the 13th inst. Mr. O'Hagan is already known to fame as the author of a "Gate of Flowers and other Poems." This modest work of the talented young O'Hagan has been welcomed by the most distinguished poets of the day. "The poems," said the lamented John Boyle

O'Reilly, "are marked by a feeling of thoughtfulness and a keen sense of melody." J. G. Whittier and Oliver Wendell Holmes commend them for their true poetic instinct. The late Daniel Wilson of Toronto University was pleased with "their genuine poetical feeling and graceful utterances of warm patriotic sentiment." In addition to the spirit of the muse, Mr. O'Hagan is endowed with rare powers of elocution, which he has carefully cultivated under the most excellent masters. A rare treat is therefore in store for those who attend the entertainment of the 13th inst., and St. Paul's Literary Society are to be congratulated for bringing Mr. O'Hagan before a Toronto audience. Mr. O'Hagan has many staunch literary friends in Toronto, who will be glad to welcome the young Catholic poet to town.

St. Patrick's Parish.

The Forty Hours devotion began in St. Patrick's Church, Sunday last. It was solemnly opened by a High Mass, which was sung by Rev. William Hogan, with Rev. Father Krino as Deacon, and Rev. Father McCarthy as Sub-deacon. The Church was completely filled with worshippers anxious to be present to receive the blessing of their Sacramental Lord. The usual procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place after Mass within the walls of the sacred edifice. The married and unmarried men of the Holy Family and the school children took part in it. Nothing was left undone, no trouble was spared to render this celebration as magnificent as possible. The Altar was very beautifully decorated. The candles were arranged in pyramidal form, which when lit gave the Altar the appearance of an immense blaze of light. Callalilies, broad-leaf begonia, geraniums, palms, were artistically arranged and interspersed among the numerous and varied colored lamps and lanterns in such a way as to heighten the effect very much. The musical portion of the ceremonies was ably and devotionally rendered, thanks to the great zeal shown by the members of the Choir, and the careful training and able management of the organist, Miss A. Le Maître.

In the evening Vespers was given, after which Rev. C. McCarthy ascended the pulpit and spoke very feelingly on the love of our Lord in the Blessed Eucharist.

Monday evening, after the public recitation of the Rosary, Rev. Father Hogan addressed a few words to the assembled worshippers on Holy Communion. The closing sermon on Tuesday evening was preached by Rev. Father Krino. The Rev. Father spoke very feelingly on the joys and sorrows of our Lord in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

It was closed on Wednesday morning by High Mass sung by Rev. Father Krino, with Revs. J. J. McCarthy and Hogan as Deacon and Sub-Deacon.

The Rev. Fathers have every reason to rejoice at the numerous attendance of the faithful during these days of grace and benediction. From early morning till late at night crowds of pious souls came to visit and adore their Lord and God exposed for their sakes on the altar. During the different Masses and evening devotions the sacred edifice was filled to its utmost capacity—a fact which very plainly shows that there exists in the hearts of our Catholics a tender devotion and a burning love for their hidden and adorable Lord of the altar.

Bravery Rewarded.

The shareholders of the Home Savings and Loan Company were not slow in recognizing the three employees who defended their interests when attacked by robbers in January last. Two of them (Messrs. Street and Wallace) received cash awards, and James C. Mason, who, the chief of the gang says, was the pluckiest fighter he ever met, was presented with a fine gold watch bearing the following inscription.

PRESENTED TO
JAMES C. MASON

By the shareholders of the Home Savings and Loan Company Limited
In recognition of the brave and gallant manner in which he successfully aided in defending the office and funds of the company when attacked by an organized gang of armed robbers on the afternoon of 27th January 1893

Following is the reference in this connection made by the Directors at the annual meeting of the H. S. & L.—The Directors desire to place on record their admiration of the courage and fidelity displayed by Messrs. Richard B. Street, Wellington Wallace and James C. Mason, members of the staff of the Company, in the manner they met and successfully resisted the attack of an organized gang of armed robbers, who, on the afternoon of 27th January ult., made a desperate attempt to plunder the office of the Company. The Directors also ask the concurrence of the Shareholders to some substantial recognition being made to the gentlemen above named for their gallant conduct.

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Condolence.

At the regular meeting of Division No. 1, A. O. H., held on Feb. 19th, the following resolution of condolence was unanimously passed: Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove by the hand of death Mrs. Rowan, the beloved mother of our esteemed Brother, P. Rowan: Resolved, that we tender to Brother Rowan and other members of his family our heartfelt sympathy in the loss they have sustained.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Brother Rowan, and spread on the minute book, and also published in THE CATHOLIC REGISTER and Catholic Record. T. M. KEAGUE, Rec. Sec.

At the last regular meeting of Branch No. 49, C.M.B.A., Toronto, held Feb. 24th, it was moved by Fin. Sec. Kieran, seconded by Chan. Clancy, and carried unanimously:

Whereas, on Sunday morning, 19th instant, after a short illness, it pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst Brother P. J. O'Malley of Newmarket:

Be it resolved that this Branch gives expression to its deep feelings of regret at having lost one of its most worthy Brothers; and that we supplicate an all-wise Providence to give his family strength to bear the loss of so kind and loving a husband and father.

Be it further resolved, that our Charter be draped for the period of thirty days, and that copies of the above resolutions be forwarded to our late Brother's widow and family, and to the official organs of the C. M.B.A. for insertion. WM. M. VALE, Rec. Sec.

At the last regular meeting of St. Peter's Branch, E. B. A., Peterborough, the following resolution of condolence was unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to her eternal reward the wife of our esteemed Brother, Jaa. J. Sheehy:

Be it therefore resolved that the officers and members of this Branch extend to Brother Sheehy, his relatives, and also to the relatives of his deceased wife, our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this the hour of their severe affliction; and we pray that the Great Giver of all good gifts may strengthen them and give them the grace to bear with Christian fortitude the sad and severe loss sustained. By her death Brother Sheehy loses a loving and accomplished young wife, and her parents a loving, kind and affectionate daughter.

Be it further resolved that the above resolutions be spread on the minutes of our meeting, and a copy sent to the Catholic Record, CATHOLIC REGISTER, and to the local press. WM. HOGAN, JAS. DRAIN, Committee on Resolutions.

Acknowledgment.

To the Officers and Members of Sacred Heart Court, No. 201, Catholic Order of Foresters

GENTLEMEN—I acknowledge receipt of New York draft, No. 31,722 for the sum of \$1,000, covering death claim No. 18,297 of my husband, John J. Sylvas, who died on the 5th instant.

I must confess that I was more than surprised to receive the above amount at so early a date. I was aware that your Order was prompt in paying these claims, but not for one moment had I anticipated it so soon. I fully expected that it would be some time yet to come, as it is but 23 days since I met so great a loss.

I certainly consider the Catholic Order of Foresters one of the grandest and noblest organizations in existence to-day; and I trust that, with the will of God, every good Catholic man who has at heart the welfare of his family will join your Order.

I am also forced to admit that I feel somewhat embarrassed in expressing to the members of your Court my sincere gratitude for all the courtesy and kindness shown me during my sad bereavement.

Believe me sincere in expressing myself as above. I remain yours respectfully,
ELIZABETH SYLVAS.

The Catholic Order of Foresters pay a sick benefit of \$5 per week a funeral benefit of \$25, and a death benefit of \$1,000—all for about \$1.10 monthly.

Honor Roll.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

The following boys figure on the Honor Roll for February—Form First—Martin F. Hegarty, George Humphrey, Oliver Smillie, James Lehane, William Dooling, William Murphy, John Barff, Chas. Byron. Form Second—Chas. Zoagman, Theo. Hegarty, John Drohan, H. Greene, John Marvyn, D. Brody, H. Harding, F. White, W. Kennedy. Form Third—F. Casey, L. Dunceath, W. Evans, Jos. Harrington, M. Kane, W. McGuire, E. McGarry, J. Prindible. Form Forth (Senior) F. Donovan, L. Deo, Chas. Chute, A. Flynn, O. Orr, J. Kennedy, Chas. Gillooly, J. Collaton, P. Ryan, J. Malone, R. Falton. Form Fourth (Junior) P.

Henry, Chas. Fraser, James O'Brien, F. Cartan, F. McGraw.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL, GIRL'S DEPARTMENT.
Highest number of marks for the month of February:

Senior 4th—1st, Maggie Forhan; 2nd, Minnie O'Neill; 3rd, Teresa McGarry.

Junior 4th—1st, Mary Feeny; 2nd, Teresa Horan; 3rd, Maud Kelly.

3rd Class—1st, Florence English; 2nd, Annie Gallagher; 3rd, Mary Griffin.

Senior 2nd—1st, Annie Murray; 2nd, Minnie Smith; 3rd, Louisa Armstrong.

Junior 2nd—1st, Addie Bigley; 2nd, May Kennedy; 3rd, Lizzie Montgomery.

Senior 1st—1st, Antoinette Brown; 2nd, Lily Whalen; 3rd, Rose O'Neill.

Junior 1st—1st, Louisa Donaldson; 2nd, Emily O'Neill; 3rd, M. Giroux.

Primary—Evelyn Utterwalller.

ST. HELEN'S SCHOOL, GIRL'S DEPARTMENT.

Highest number of marks during the months of January and February:

Form 4th (Senior) T. Phalen, W. Gentleman, A. Markle, R. Kady, R. Murphy.

Form 4th (Junior) K. Gentleman, E. Powers, F. Boland, A. Collins.

Form 3rd (Senior) Maud Herron, M. Pegg, M. Fayle.

Form 3rd (Junior) S. Wardo, M. O'Leary K. Gray.

In Aid of St. Vincent de Paul Society

A crowded congregation thronged St. Michael's Cathedral, to hear Rev. Father Hand lecture on behalf of the local conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, last Sunday evening. Father Hand avoided the beaten rut of charity preachers and delivered a telling discourse of an hour's duration upon the "Wealth of the Church." The subject was ably treated. The preacher traced the history of the acquisition of property from the time of the apostles down to the present. He showed that the Church possessed her riches and wealth in trust for the poor. He incidentally referred to the confiscation of the property of the Monasteries in England and France, and showed that the proceeds were applied to purposes of bloodshed and lust; and yet, said the preacher "modern historians will dare to justify the spoliation of the poor of their patrimony and excuse the sacrilegious robbers who defrauded the little ones of Christ."

The sermon was followed by a fine musical service by St. Michael's choir, and a large collection was taken up by the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Entertainment at St. Michael's College.

The students of St. Michael's College will hold their annual entertainment in honor of St. Patrick's Day on the evening of the 17th instant. It is under the auspices of the College Dramatic Club. The play selected this year is "The White Horse of the Peppers," and is replete with stirring incidents and interesting situations, while the dialogue abounds with just sentiments, genuine wit and natural pathos.

The musical part of the programme is under the direction of Mr. F. A. Moore, the talented organist of St. Basil's Church, who has composed for the occasion the music of the songs which intersperse the play. A good orchestra will be in attendance. We bespeak for the boys a bumper house.

I. N. L.

Meetings of the Toronto Branch of the Irish National League are being held weekly, and the public in sympathy with the cause of Home Rule everywhere are cordially invited to attend. A call for funds is made to the Sons of the Gael, and all who feel that the Irish struggle should be supported, whether Celt or Saxon, Dane or Gaul. It is the last call, and that it will be generously responded to there is not the shadow of doubt.

The League will honor the National Anniversary on the evening of March 16th by a banquet at Webb's. It promises to be a gathering "racy of the soil," and worthy the hallowed occasion.

A Cure for Headache.

Headache arises from constipation, bad blood, dyspepsia or liver complaint. As B. B. B. cures all these complaints it is naturally the most successful headache cure existing. Once the cause is removed the headache vanishes.

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TO CARPENTERS AND PAINTERS.

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The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JOHN DAVY, Secretary.
MILES VOYLES,
Chairman of Building Committee.