Branch No. 4, Lendon, leets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of ry month, at 8 o'clock, at their hall, tion Block, Richmond sirest. Martin lears President; Wm. Corcoran, Rec.

O. M. B. A.

Branch No. 100 was organized at Baden,
Ont., on March 21st, by Deputy A. Kern.
It starts with nineteen members.
Branch No. 101 was organized on March
24th, at Three Rivers, P. Q, by Deputy
F. R. E. Campeau. List of efficers of
those Branches will appear in next issue.
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prompt and particular as possible in
notifying the Grand Secretary of initiations, suspensions, withdrawals, expulsions,

The Grand Secretary can now supply Branches in his jurisdiction with the Treesurer's Book, and the Financial Secretary's Meeting Book. Branches that have not ordered said books should do so

Toronto, Ont., March 22nd, 1889
At a regular meeting of Branch No. 49,
M. B. A. the following resolutions were Moved by Bro. Lahane, seconded by

Moved by Bro. Lehane, seconded by Bro. Clancy, and carried:
Whereae, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to afflict our Bro. Philip Burns by the death of his beloved wife on March 12th, 1889, therefore be it Resolved, That the members of this Branch tender their sincers sympathy to our brother in this his hour of sorrow and affection:

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the minutes of this Branch, a copy of same be forwarded our afflicted brother and a copy to the official organ of the C. M. B. A. Canada, for insertion.

D. H. Lehane, Rec. Sec.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY. CONTINUED PROM FIFTH PAGE.

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iliberty. (Applanes.) The present contary has witnessed the celebration of many a memoral le St. Patrick's Day: I question if the day we celebrate this year is not the most glorious and memorable of them all. It sees the Irish leader marvellously triumphant over a most unscrupulous and malignant enemy, exonerated and vindicated, his grand character greater, if possible, than ever before, alike in the sight of friend and foe, and this—wonderful to tell—through the machinations and treach ery of the very men who sought his moral murder. Nay, more; the deadly blow aimed by the Times at Parnell has recoiled upon itself with mortal force. (Applanes.) Neversgain can that powerful journal, once proudly asserting itself as the greatest newspaper in the world, regain its prestige. That is all over. Tarly, "its all up with the Times" (Applanes and laughter.) What else does this great day see? It beholds the Irish people more patient, more dignified, more united than they were before, and it beholds the masses of the people in the Kingdoms of England and Scotland and the Principality of Wales, leavened with a great and generous sympathy, never felt before, for their oppressed brethren in Ireland. (Applanes.) The large heart of the British people is genniney moved at last with pity for the wrongs so wantonly inflicted on Ireland. When the people wills, under our Constitutional system, Governments and would-be oligarchies must obey. This then is, ander the guarentee for Home Rule in Ireland. The British people are rapidly becoming, are even now, convinced that the eternal principles of Truth and Justice like in the side of Ireland. The Rolling of Ireland. The large heart of the British people is genniney moved at last with pity for the wrongs so wantonly inflicted on Ireland. When the people wills, under our Constitutional system, Governments and wouldbe oligarchies must obey. This then is, ander the guarantee for Home Rule in Ireland. The British people are rapidly becoming, are even now, convinced that the eternal principles of Truth and Justice sight on the side of Ireland. They feel how much more consonant it would be to the megnanimity and glory of England to take her elser Ireland by the nand and with her walk in love to the might circle of Imperial unity, each Slater Sovereign in her own domain, and both indissolubly linked by the golden tie of Imperial interest, than to go or, amid the scorn and contempt of mankind, denying to her weaker sister three natural rights which are inalienably hers by the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of mindissolubly linked by the golden tie of Imperial interest, than to go or, amid the scorn and contempt of mankind, denying to her weaker sister three hater of Gonzale were the fact of this durability cannot be separated to the winds of the verton more worlds. Distributely the maturity of manhood when the whole world that hat feel world when the whole world have now worlds and services of Jesus Christ. No divided allegiance henceforth. This is elemented to the winds of the victory which overcome the two worlds and services of Jesus Christ. No divided allegiance henceforth. This is the gloty of England. They feel he mistress of the world and knocked at his feel to the winds of the victory which overcometh the world. Durability of the faths. Patrick planted in Ireland. Here, my found the scorn and contempt of mankind, denying to her waker sister three particles of Imperial interest, than to go or, amid the scorn and contempt of mankind, denying to her waker sister three particles of the stable of t

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erected to the worship of the true God, whereon the praises of the humble swine herd should not rise as clouds of incense to Heaven. But God's wave are not our ways! To vindicate for His own great name the conquests of His grace effected through human agency, He frequently chooses His instruments among the weak are not, that He may confound the nothingness of the things whose proud boast it is that they are? That is, that they stand something in their own right—that they stand amidst this breathing universe as god havir g no dependence on their Creator or their Judge. They boast of their griefe of intellect; of the little confused glimpses, which through their enfeebled earthly reason they gain of the unbounded realms of truth, of the footprints which they leave upon the sands of time, of the impress which they make upon human destiny; and God, to confound their might and consequence and proud swelling of heart, takes from the lowest strate of society, now one, now another, and filling them with the strength of His wondroms grace, and flooding their minds with the light of His truth and arming them with the His all potent panoply, sends them among the nations to accomplish prodigies and wonders, before which all statesmanship—all military splendor—all the collective energies of thrones and dynasties sink into THE MERENT INSIGNIFICANCE.

As they go forward, they touch nations with their 'lituriel Spear,' and nations turn to Christ, and the converting word which they utter is borne up the stream of time, carried beyond sgs and cycles, appreading through an unimagined future, is taken up and rehearsed by each one of a multitudinous progeny like the stars of heaven in number, until all earth and all time is filled with the echoes of their evangel: 'Their sound goeth forth into all earth—their voice to the end of the world.' Wherein can earthly heroism accomplish immortality like this! What earthly glory can perpetuate itself by such a never ending series of reproduction as we find here? What brilliancy of military,

dying fame?

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My text leads me to-day to place in contrast the heroism of the world and the heroism of the world and the history of the patron saint of Ireland—a history which I shall consider as not terminating with the mortal career of St. Patrick, but rather as extending and widening and deepening and rolling forward with an ever-accelerating velocity, in the history of that nation which he won over from a debasing heathenism to the great and singular destiny, not only of witnessing with unflinching fidelity, through dark and tempestuous centuries, to the truth, but to be the stundard-bearers of that faith among the nations—God over-ruling the frightful tyranny under which Ireland has so manfully and coursgeously struggled in order to make the very rage of an anti-Catholic Government, in an astouishing way, the means of propagating the faith which it was destined to crush and root out for ever. Nothing more amazes the reader of the history of great military conquests than the rapidity with which they are accomplished when genius, embodied in some renowned general, lights the path to

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to that glorious servant of God, Ireland's Patron Saint. Ireland in the days of St. Patrick presented a very uninviting mission field. It was an out-of the-way i laud inhabited by a race of men who had little or nothing in common with the rest of the civilized world, for it never formed part of the Roman Empire. He himself knew it only as a slave, having been taken captive by its marauders in his fifteenth year. He knew, no one knew better, how its inhabitants had already rejected the presching of "Palladius," who abandoned it as an unfruitful field.

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At the first call of His voice, a nation of plunged in the dense darkness of pagan ism, submits, as it were, without ashirmish or a parley, to the victorious march of partick through its territory, to the planting of the banner of the cross upon all the ramparts of heathenism, without an opposing act, the shedding of a drop of blood and carcely an opposing voice. We at he like ever heard of before or size? Not only was no drop of blood shed in the process of a change of faith, which in volved a total social revolution; but doubt, obstinacy, traditional prejudice, attachment to customs and opinions of previous generations, all succumbed as in obcidience to talismanic power, to the voice and persuasion of our Apostle. What even in point of rapidity when the very later, prostrated every idel, and as trength. The light of God, sent to fight the shades of preganism, hurled down of Jesus Christ, and in His name and as trength. The light of God, sent to fight the shades of preganism, hurled down in for shades, too, has also felt this rocay and respectively and the records of the world's herces like to this? A new creation sprung up at the lux fixt of the cross to brighten the homes and as actuaries of a land but just now the dominion of Satan. So that in scarcely a noticeable lapse of time it became the dominion of Satan. So that in scarcely a noticeable lapse of time it became the surrounding peoples.

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and schoolmaster! Of the dark days when Cromwell, finding that he could not root out the ancient faith, resolved to exterminate the natives; of the days when thousands and thousands of Irish maids and mothers were exported and sold as slaves to the planters of Virginia and the West Indies; of the bitter days when the cry, "To hell or to Connaught," ringing from one extremity of the island to the other, became more terrible in its import than the Roman cry "to the ilons" was to the early Christians. Still the leavings of the sword, famine and pettlence, persevered in the faith which seemed INHERENT TO THE SOIL,

other sects there. In 1722—Munster, Protestants to Catholice at odd 1 to 8; now 1 to 16.
1732—Leinster, Protestants to Catholics stood 1 to 3 and 3.5; now 1 to 16.
1732—Connaught, Protestants to Catholics stood 1 to 10; now 1 to 18.

priests minister in 1,280 churches and chapels.

As in England so in Spotland, thousands upon thousands of Irish Catholics look for the bread that not even honest toil could win for them at home. A hundred years ago the total number of Catholics in Scotland ranged between seventeen and twenty thousand—to day it is summed up at three hundred and eighty thousand, with two hundred churches and three hundred priests. In Australia fifty years since there were recurely any Catholics, save the poor unfortunate outcasts.

IN PENAL SERVITUDE.

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THE COMPLETENESS OF THIS CONQUEST is remarkable, as standing opposed to the particular triumphs and subjugations of the world. It is of the very essence of the obedience which Ohrist demands, that it should extend to the whole inward man, furnishing a motive for every act, to aim, for every purpose in the race that is set before the young disciple. And as when in ages of a more abounding faith, men were converted to Christianity, not singly, but in masees—not by individuals, but by nations, the charges were, so to speak, revolutionary; old things passed away, all things became new. It was a change of life not merely in the bud, the blossom and the flowers, but from the root upwards. Christianity entered into no compromise with the gods of heathenism, and if allowing the major the past. Over it was driven at trium phal car of the now absolute Lord of a new creation, under which it was ground to dust and scattered to the winds of haven. Such was the conquest of Ireland by St. Patrick. It was total. No revolt ever took place against the awest words and services of Jenu Christ. No divided allegiance henceforth. 'This the victory which overcoment the world. DURABILITY OF IRISH FAITH, Before concluding, let us dwell for a moment on the durability of the falth St. Patrick planted in Ireland. Here, my friends, we enter upon a large field of thought and remark—yet one where I need but hint at prominent themes for reflection rices I shall be appealing to your own experience, and the experience of your fathers in the older times before, which equally with your own, constitutes a porlion of your whome leading to the provision of the people among whom his lot was cast. He west to Rome, friends, been stationed here as curate, to succeed to the content of the co then dwelt upon the missionary zeal of the Irish, of the rapid spread of religion from the sixth to the ninth century, and the rapid advance of literature and learning in the Irish colleges, to which the princes of Europe came to receive their education. She held intellectual supremacy at the time, and ruins still remain testifying to the glory of the past; saints and scholars went all over the world. They converted the English and continued what St. Augustine had begun. After describing the number and importance of pligrimages made, and the number of monasteries established in the different countries of Europe, the rev. gentleman monasteries established in the different countries of Europe, the rev. gentleman went on to speak in glowing terms of the manner in which the Irish clung to the fatth of St. Patrick. Revolutions were unable to alter it, and it would die out only when the name of St. Patrick is for gotten. Referring to the battles with the Danes the speaker grew enthusiastic at the feats of Irish arms and valor, and quoted Mr. Rimcaly's verses:

Mr. Rimcaly's verses : They have razed our proudest castles
Spoiled the temples of the Lord
Burnt to dust the sacred relice
Pat the peaceful to the sword;
Descerated all things holy
As they soon may do again
If their power to-day we crush not
If to-day we be not men.

On this day the God-man suffered,
Look upon the sacred sign;
May we conquer 'neath its snadow
As of ola did Constantine;
May the heathen tribes of Adin
Fade before it like a dream.
And the triumph of this glorious day
On our future annals gleam.

O God of heaven bless our banner.
Nerve our sinews for the strife
Fight us now for all that's holy
For our altars, land and life.
For red vengeance on the spoilers
Whom the blazing temples trace
For the honor of cour maidens
And the glory of our race.

The rev. gentleman continuing referred to the persecution of the Irish for their religious faith, and passed on to the pre-sent sgitation for Home Rule. Here he rose to his greatest height, and denounced in continuing anguages this second. in scathing language the iniquitous system of castle rule and landlordism, to which the Irish are subjected. Irishmen were accused of shooting landlords, but if isolated cases should occur it was owing to their crueity, their tyranny and their seduction; for which, if perpetrated in any other country, they would be dealt with in a much more summary manner.

Referring to the anti-Jesuit agitation the speaker condemned the fanaticism of the so-called preachers of the goapel of the stamp of Dr. Wild, who declared it would be no harm to shoot down a Jesuit on the street. Such language was unbecoming and was a disgrace to this country. The speaker closed what was altogether an elequent discourse by predicting that the day was close at hand for Ireland's deliverance, "and may G.d prosper the cause."

ENTERTAINMENT.

What was one of the most successful entertainments ever held in St. Basil's school hall took place on Monday evening, 18th inst., under the auspices of St. Basil's Literary and Bow ficial Society; the president, Jas. T. Doyle, presiding. Music was farnished by Prof. Zinger's orchestra. Solos were rendered by Messra. D. Fleming, Nelson, and Dr. Hart, and Mrs. Doyle, all of which were encored. A rectiation, "The Irish Avatar" (Byron), given by Mr. Jas. J. Hurley, was well received. A quartette was most acceptably given by the Misses Gilmartin and Messra Fleming and Schuler. A farce was then played, which created great amusement; and was partitipated in by Messra. Doyle, Comerford and Hurley and Misses Maggie Gilmartin and Kate Dunne. Over five hundred people were assembled, and expressed themselves as highly delighted with the entertainment. The society will net about \$35 or \$40. A vote of thanks was moved by Rev. Father Huchey, and acconded by Rev. Father Huchey, and acconded by Rev. Father Huchey, and acconded by Rev. Father Huchey, and seconded by Rev. Father Huc

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Chorne—"Viva Hibernia"

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Shamrock," was very pleasingly sung.
Miss Forhan's vocalization was simply
delightful and her voice was under perfect delightful and her voice was under perfect control. For so young a lady she gives unusual promise. The violin and piano trio by Misses Meisonville, Padberg and Collier, all very youthful performers, reflected great credit on their training. "The drama" "Mrs Willis' Will," was a perfect succes; the young ladies who took part therein gave evidence of their cleverness and ability. All did so well that we would consider it invidious to particularize.

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Taken altogether, the concert was a great success, and the ladies of the Academy deserve great praise for the thoroughness with which all the details were carried out. It is seldom, indeed, that a purely amateur concert gives such general satisfaction.

IN CHELSEA, MICHIGAN. From the Chelsea Herald.

Last Monday will long be remembered by the people of Chelsea and surrounding country. The day was as warm and sunny as it would be in the middle of May, and the birds were singing sweetly. It was the festival day of St. Patrick.

The cons of Erin are found in every land beneath the sun, and wherever they are they love to celebrate the glorious festival of St. Patrick, looming up as it does like a green oasis in the desert of Lent.

All day long sprige of green and happy, smiling faces of all nationalities might be seen on every side. The great event of the day, however, was the banquet and entertainment organized and brought to a successful issue by our zealous and popular Father Considine, and the energetic members of his church.

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members of his church. At 6 p. m. the doors of the dining rooms in the basement of the town hall where thrown open to the assembled patriots and Home Rulers. The banquet did full justice to the ladies and the Home

did full justice to the ladies and the Home Rulers did full justice to the banquet.

Shortly after 8 o'clock all returned to the auditorium of the hall, which was gaily decorated with American and Irlsh flegs, flowers, bunting, etc. Father Considine opened the proceedings by delivering a brief but eloquent address of welcome. He spoke of the civic harmony existing in Chelsea among all classes and

creeds; he also spoke of the patrictism of Irlahmen all the world over, and concluded a very plessing speech by introducing one of Canada's star orators, who is well known all over America, vis. Rev. Albert McKeou, of Strathroy, Ont. He began as follows, and in less than a minute he had his large audience captured; "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—To day I have come from Canada, a home rule country, a country that has long been friendly to this great Republic of yours. I trust that the day is not far distant whem we will all be sailing under the same figg." (Loud applause by all our Americans,) "I mean the Canadian fig." (Loud applause by all the Canadiane and loud laughter by every body.) He spoke for an hour on "Home Rule" without note or manuscript, now bringing tears to the eyes of his hearers, now convulsing all with laughter. At the end of the discourse the audience insisted on an encore and in response thereto Father McKeon related a few side splitting anecdotes and then sitting down at the piano he played his own accompaniment to an Irish song in which he introduced a number of local hits which set the audience wild with delight.

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