

St. Patrick's Sanctuary Boys' Matinee



11—REV. GERALD J. McSHANE, S.S., D.D.
Master of Ceremonies and Director of St. Patrick's Sanctuary.

- 1—LEO HENNESSY.
- 2—PATRICK KENNEDY.
- 3—ARTHUR RICHARDSON.

- 4—WILLIE McCLOSKEY.
- 5—BERTIE GRIFFIN.
- 6—HARRY LARKIN.
- 7—FRANCIS KILKERRY.

- 8—ERNE COLEMAN.
- 9—RICHARD LYNCH.
- 10—RICHE HENNESSY.
- 12—ANGUS KILKERRY.

- 13—BENEDICT BELLEW.
- 14—BERNARD McCULLOUGH.
- 15—ALPHIE HANLEY.

Windsor Hall was the scene of a lively and enthusiastic gathering Tuesday afternoon, when under the auspices of the Sanctuary Boys and the young people of St. Patrick's, a charming children's entertainment was held.

The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. The programme was a varied one, and the audience gave evidence of its appreciation by unstinted applause. The sanctuary boys in their neat Eton suits and proudly wearing their popular colors were at once favorites. In the character sketch, "Boys will be Boys," and "Toasts to the pastor, parish and guests," they simply brought down the house. After that to the pastor had been given a waltz, gently escorted by one of the boys, came forward and offered to "Le Pere Martin," a magnificent bunch of roses, the orchestra at the same time rendering "St. Patrick's Day." That to the guests, the three

missionaries at present preaching in St. Patrick's Church, was followed by the presentation to them of bouquets of pink and white roses, done up with the colors of the American Republic and carried by tiny children draped in the Stars and Stripes, to the accompaniment of the enlivening strains of "Yankee Doodle," much to the delight of the American guests. The pastor then made a few remarks expressing his pleasure at being present, and thanked those who contributed to the afternoon's concert. He took the opportunity to congratulate the Rev. Gerald McShane, who organized this entertainment, on its complete success, and said that for whole-souled energy and interest in bringing this about as well as in his more arduous parish duties, he had yet to find an equal. To judge from the applause following this statement it must have been the general opinion. The Rev. Father Valentine then stepped on the platform, and in thank-

ing the children for their pretty offering of roses said that were he permitted a choice in color it certainly would be in favor of the American Beauty, but matters were equalized when he saw they had been tied, thoughtfully, with the red, white and blue so dear to his heart and emblematic of the "land of the free."

The operetta "Fairies of the Green Isle" was a dainty little thing, as also that pretty song "Coasting" by the kindergarten girls of St. Patrick's School. The precision and grace with which each movement was gone through bespoke not only intelligence, but reflected great credit on their teachers. From the dainty light tripping of the little fairies to the impressive pantomime of the senior girls in their long Grecian gowns with Erin's flag in hand, everything bore a tone of gracefulness and exquisite taste.

The Sanctuary Glee Club were always welcome; in the touching

"Choir Boys' Last Song" "The Hats of '98," and "The Celtic Brass Band," they outdid themselves. The costumes worn in the two latter pieces were exact copies of the period of '98, consisting of corduroy knee breeches, cutaway coat and silk hat, and while playing the part of Irishmen, it was not the repulsive stage Irishman, but rather, the true type of Irish gentlemen.

In the laughable farce "The Private Secretary," presented by students of the Catholic High School, two dialect sketches were sung with much success.

The orchestral selections were splendidly rendered, and there was much favorable comment on the compositions of Mr. Joseph St. John, a clever young Canadian music writer. From beginning to end the programme denoted culture and refinement, and perhaps one would be permitted to say that this matinee was the most enjoyable item of the St. Patrick's Day celebration of 1903.

Farnham Irishmen's Celebration.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Farnham, March 19.

The National festival was celebrated with enthusiasm here. French-Canadians and English Protestants joined hands with their Irish Catholic fellow-residents in doing honor to the day. That good feeling prevails amongst all classes in this district is beyond any doubt. Both on the platform and in the audience the various nationalities were associated. The celebration took the form of a concert and dramatic performance, and was under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Mr. J. C. Coady, president of the Division, presided, and in opening the proceedings expressed great pleasure in beholding neighbors, of other creeds and nationalities, assisting them in celebrating Ireland's national festival. After referring to the fact that they had the assistance of many French-Canadians in the different items on the programme, he announced the first number.

It may here be said that when the project of organizing a Division of Ancient Order of Hibernians in this district has first mooted, it met with many signs of disapproval in some quarters. This was four or five years ago. Since then people have learned to know the objects of this noble Irish Order and now appreciate it for its work as was evident by their attendance this evening. It would be a difficult task to single out any particular performer for a special word of praise, but it may be said, without any reflection on the other performers, that Mr. Charles C. Connor's rendition of the old song "Come Back to Erin," won all hearts. Of the drama "More Sinned Against Than Sinning," the various performers acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner. In this connection I cannot lose the opportunity of giving a word of praise to Mr. T. M. Jones, son of Mr. Arthur Jones, of Point St. Charles, Montreal, a young Irishman, well known in your city, for the practical and enthusiastic manner in which he assisted the performers.

A very welcome guest of the evening was Mr. Patrick Keane, the well known and energetic Hibernian, who has at one time or another occupied nearly every office on the organization and is now occupying that of County President of the County of Hochelaga with much credit to both the organization and himself. Needless to say the Hibernians and Irishmen generally, gave Mr. Keane a "cead mille feithe."

The Hibernians of Farnham are certainly to be warmly congratulated on the spirit of patriotism which urged them to do honor to the day of all days for Irishmen, and to have won in the measure they have won, the esteem and respect of their neighbors around them without distinction of race or creed.

The officers of the Division of Ancient Order of Hibernians in the district are:—

President, J. T. Coady; vice-president, S. R. O'Hara; recording secretary, Charles McGuire; financial secretary, W. P. Ryan; County President, Missiquoi, F. O'Hara.

Mr. O'Connell to Lead The Boys in Green.

At a recent social gathering of the members now directing the affairs of the S.A.A.A., and its affiliated clubs, Mr. Thomas O'Connell, the valiant and genial Captain of the Shamrock champion lacrosse team, was made the recipient of a most enthusiastic demonstration, as a recognition of his great success in leading the senior team through all the skirmishes and battles of last season to the final goal of the championship.

Mr. O'Connell was presented with a requisition, signed by the members of the executive and the team asking him to again take up the duties of Captain during the approaching season. He mildly protested, that he should be allowed to retire, but it was all to no purpose as all present were in no humor for a refusal. Mr. O'Connell finally gave consent.

All the members of last year's team, it is said, with the exception of the intrepid P. Brennan, will again don the old colors.

Office of Solicitor-General of Canada, Ottawa, 5th March, 1903.

Sir:—
The Solicitor-General is ill at his residence, and he asked me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind invitation to attend the St. Patrick's Society dinner on the 17th inst. Mr. Carroll regrets that it will be impossible for him to attend; he would have gladly responded to the toast "Ireland." He expresses his pleasure that the dinner will be attended this year by Irish Protestants as well as Irish Catholics; it is this union in Ireland which will make possible the settlement of the land question.

Wishing you success,
Yours truly,
(Signed)
HECTOR VERRET,
Private Secretary.

T. P. Tansey, Esq.,
14 Drummond street,
Montreal, Que.
Department of Colonization and Public Works,
Minister's Office,
Quebec, 5th March, 1903.

Mr. T. P. Tansey,
Secretary St. Patrick's Society,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:—
Your celebration occurring in the midst of the Legislative session, it will be utterly impossible for me to accept your graceful invitation to be with you that day. I wish you the greatest possible success, and beg you to believe that I am

Your devoted servant,
(Signed)
LOMER GOUIN.
Montreal, 26th Feb., 1903.

My Dear Sir:—
Please accept, and convey to the officers and members of St. Patrick's Society of Montreal, my hearty thanks for the kind invitation to their fourth annual dinner on March 17th. Unfortunately I am leaving for England next Sunday night, and therefore I am unable to accept.

Yours very truly,
(Signed)
T. G. SHAUGHNESSY.
T. P. Tansey, Esq.,
Secretary St. Patrick's Society,
14 Drummond street,
Montreal.

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The Consul-General of the U. S. A.

deeply regrets that it is impossible for him to accept the polite invitation of the officers and members of the St. Patrick's Society to be present at their annual dinner on the 17th. He trusts that their annual dinner may be as pleasant as it has been in the past years.

Mr. T. P. Tansey,
14 Drummond street,
Montreal.
Knowlton, 5th March, 1903.
Hon. Mr. Justice Doherty,
Montreal.

My Dear Judge:—
I have been at Coaticook holding court for colleague, Judge Lemieux; and on my return I find your favor of the 3rd, strongly supplementing the invitation of your St. Patrick's Society, conveyed by its secretary, to be with you on the 17th, and reply to the toast of "Ireland."

I had some days ago committed myself to an engagement to attend the annual convention of the district of Bedford Dairymen's Association, to be held on the 17th and 18th. I have just seen the president, Mr. H. S. Foster, who is ill; and he will not release me, relying on me to assist him, I feel that under the circumstances I cannot insist; and I am therefore reluctantly compelled to decline the kind invitation of your Society. I regret it more because of the union of hearts that will signalize that occasion, and because now, more than ever before in your time or in mine, the light of hope for Ireland seems breaking through the clouds, I know the occasion will be a happy one; and I wish you and the Society every possible success.

Thanking you personally and the Society for the courtesy of the invitation, and asking you to be the medium of conveying my regrets to the secretary.

I am
Most sincerely yours,
(Signed)
W. W. LYNCH.

TELEGRAM.
New York, 17th March, 1903.
Hon. Judge Doherty,
Extremely sorry unable to attend banquet.
(Signed)
C. SHIELDS.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BANQUET

(Continued)

LETTERS OF REGRET.—In connection with the banquet of St. Patrick's Society, a full report of the proceedings of which, will be found in another page of this issue, the following letters of regret were read from leading public men who were unable to attend:

Ottawa, 26th Feb., 1903.

Dear Sir:—
I have the honor, by direction of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to acknowledge receipt of your favor of February 24th, and to express to you his regret, that owing to a previous engagement he cannot have the honor of being present at the fourth annual dinner of the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal on March 17th.

I have the honor to be
Yours very sincerely,
(Signed)
RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
Private Secretary,
T. P. Tansey, Esq.,
14 Drummond street, Montreal.

Government House,
Quebec, 7th March, 1903.

Dear Mr. President:—
Your kind and gracious invitation to attend the banquet of St. Patrick's Society has been received. I sincerely regret it will be impossible for me to be in Montreal on the 17th inst.

It would afford me much happiness to occupy a place at your side and bear testimony of my appreciation of your Society and my admiration for the noble race to which its members belong.

(Signed)
L. A. JETTE.
Ottawa, Feb. 26th, 1903.

Dear Sir:—
I beg to thank the officers and members of the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal for the kind invitation to be present at their annual dinner on 17th March next, and regret to say, in reply, that it will not be possible for me to avail myself of their kind invitation as I have already promised to be in Paris, Ont., on that evening.

Believe me
Yours truly,
(Signed)
C. FITZPATRICK.
T. P. Tansey, Esq.,
Secretary St. Patrick's Society,
Montreal.

St. George's Rectory, Montreal.
St. Patrick's Day, 1903.

My Dear Mr. Tansey:—
It was really very kind of St. Patrick's Society to ask me to its annual dinner on St. Patrick's Day. I appreciate the kindness to the full, but my duties now are such that I have to refuse attending social gatherings of a gastronomic nature in order to carry out the old proverb "early to bed," etc. I trust you will have a very happy gathering, and that your object of gathering all kinds of Irishmen together may produce good will and harmony amongst all.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
G. CARMICHAEL,
Coadjutor Bishop of Montreal.
T. P. Tansey, Esq.

Toronto, 15th March, 1903.

My Dear Tansey:—
I desire to thank you for your letter of the 3rd inst., enclosing invitation to the annual dinner of St. Patrick's Society, on St. Patrick's Day, and I regret to say that my engagements here will render it impossible for me to be present. For the same reason I have been obliged to decline a number of invitations to speak at different points through the province on that evening.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed)
F. H. LATCHFORD.
T. P. Tansey, Esq.,
Montreal, P.Q.

Ottawa, 25th Feb., 1903.

Dear Mr. Tansey:—
Please convey to the officers and members of St. Patrick's Society of Montreal my warmest thanks for their kind invitation to their fourth annual dinner, and please assure them that I would gladly avail myself of their kind courtesy, had I not made an engagement with Rev. Father Devine of Osceola on St. Patrick's Day. May the fourth annual dinner of your Society be a complete success in the true sense of the word.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
JOHN COSTIGAN.
T. P. Tansey,
St. Patrick's Society,
14 Drummond street,
Montreal.

Montreal, 7th March, 1903.

My dear Mr. Tansey:—
Please convey to the President and officers of St. Patrick's Society my best thanks for their kind invitation to the banquet on 17th inst. Unfortunately I am in mourning and must therefore decline for this year with best wishes.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
J. J. CURRAN.
T. P. Tansey, Esq.,
Secretary St. Patrick's Society.