

Ere the same—from boyhood up to death:
His life was crushed—his people were de-
famed;
He found the spark, and fanned it with his
And fed the fire, till all the nation flamed.

Addressing himself to those who had left their native land to seek homes in foreign lands, he said the story was a most touching picture of the Irish exiles leaving his home—visiting the churchyard where the remains of his ancestors consecrate the soil; he pictured the ship receding from the beach, and the exile calling on the last wave within sight to kiss him on the shore of his beloved Isle. (Loud applause.) He then referred to the work of A. M. Sullivan, the late lamented Irish statesman-litterateur, entitled "New Ireland," which he said contained the story of the great moral revolution which had taken place in Ireland within the last fifty years, and said it was one of the most valuable books for those who take an interest in Irish affairs. He spoke of the exodus which had been described at that period by the London Times as then having "gone with a vengeance," and gave an eloquent description of the effects of that exodus on the fortunes of Ireland. The National party, the old land, he averred, they and their patriotism and all their strategy could never have realized the progress they have made to-day without the moral and monetary assistance of the Irish exiles and their children and grandchildren in foreign lands. (Cheers.) He spoke in terms that roused the audience to the fact that the great constitutional struggle now going on for home rule, and ventured the prophecy that Parnell would be victorious in the struggle if he was not obstructed and retarded and his efforts neutralized by the misguided acts of some and the malicious and criminal excesses of others. The ordinary enemies of the old land, he averred, in this way, and soon with God's help the nation would stand redeemed, regenerated and disenthralled in the noonday sunshine of constitutional liberty. (Prolonged cheers.) He next referred to Irishmen in Canada, and spoke of the late lamented D'Arcy McGee, whose name called forth great applause, as the trumpet of our great Confederation whose sweet and all-powerful eloquence had warmed the hearts of the people and made them patriotically enthusiastic over the great scheme which our highest statesmanship had devised. He referred to the position held by Irishmen in Canada; they loved the land, they loved the home of their wives and children; their mission was to transplant on this Canadian soil the virtues of their ancestors, and if they wished to do this effectively they must never forget the land of their forefathers whose praises were being sung the world over to-day, and he would conclude in words which evoked loud cheering the Anthem of T. D. Sullivan:

God save our native land,
May His strong sustaining hand
Be for aye her sure protection and her stay;
With a strain and song the Gaelic tale,
Give her comfort, joy, and peace,
And banish fear and faction far away.

May the years as on thy roll,
Never touch her heart or soul,
With a strain and song the Gaelic tale,
But let Ireland dare be still
As hushed upon a hill,
In the pure and holy splendor of her fame.

God save Ireland, pray ye loudly,
That mayest thou bestow blessings on her folk,
That may lay a nation low,
Nor give us cause to rue thee we all.

(Great cheering again and again renewed, during which the eloquent gentleman retired.)

C. M. B. A.

To the Editor of the Catholic Record.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 3, Peterborough, the following preamble and resolutions, moved by Dr. O'Shea, and seconded by J. O'Meara, were fully discussed and unanimously carried:

"That, Whereas, the columns of the *Iris*, Canadian newspaper, viz., one from St. Cuthbertine, signed: "A Member of Canada Grand Council," second, a letter from person signing himself: "A Member of Branch No. 4, London;" third, a letter from Chatham, signed: "A member Branch No. 1, Toronto;" fourth, an epistle from St. Thomas' signed the signature: "A member of Branch No. 2," The writers of said letters, each and all of whom we look upon as having violated the promptings of fraternal feeling and Christian charity, as well as the instincts of manhood, by having charged the editor and proprietor of our official organ, the *Catholic Record*, with ill-will and misrepresentation of C. M. B. A. matters,

And Whereas, we all know that Mr. Coffey and Mr. Brown are in no wise responsible for the contents of the C. M. B. A. columns in the *Record*—said contents being principally composed of reports of presidents and secretaries of Branches, and of resolutions passed upon matters connected with our organization and more particularly concerning a separate beneficiary for Canada,

And Whereas, We believe that the writers of said letters are actuated by feelings hostile to our society, brotherly love, and thus, the said adopted by said correspondents is detrimental to the best interests of the C. M. B. A., and calculated, if persisted in, to destroy that unity and fraternal character which should exist among all the members of our noble organization,

And, whereas, We view with alarm and sorrow, the tactics apparently resolved upon by said writers, which, in our opinion, can only result in disaster for the C. M. B. A. in our country,

Be it therefore, Resolved, That we condemn in the most emphatic manner the ideas, insinuations, and innuendoes written and advanced by said correspondents of said *Canadians*, and that we look upon the writers of said letters as unfriendly to the C. M. B. A. in Canada.

Further be it resolved, That we renew our protest against the manifest injustice of our American brethren in ignoring the reasonable petition of the Canadian branch, and that we earnestly hearken in with the vast majority of our brethren in Canada in most respectfully urging our Grand President to summon meeting of Canadian delegates at once to take the necessary steps to form a separate beneficiary for Canada.