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ENGLAND

CARDINAL VAUGHAN'S HEALTH.

Grave rumors are again in circulation concerning the health of Cardinal Vaughan. His Eminence's long stay with Lord Edmund Talbot, at Derwent Hall, it was hoped, would have restored his health, and strength, but this anticipation, unfortunately, has not been justified.

SCOTLAND

CENTENARY OF ST. MUNGO.

With a view to mark, in a special manner, the thirteenth century of St. Mungo, who died in 603, the Catholic Teachers' Association in Glasgow and district resolved to visit the shrine of the founder of the city and the diocese.

FRANCE

WHO WAS HAMMURABI?

A learned controversy has arisen in France, Germany and Switzerland relative to the Assyrian monarch, Hammurabi, to whom Emperor William lately alluded in his letter to a German Admiral about Biblical questions raised at Berlin by Professor Delitzsch of "Babel and Bibel" celebrity.

UNITED STATES

OSTRACIZE THE DIVORCED.

Father Pardow discussed "Matrimony as a Social Sentiment" in a recent sermon to the women and students of the retreat at the Sacred Heart Convent, New York. Nearly 300 women of wealth and social prestige heard the address.

to-day are brought up under the idea that marriage can be easily and properly dissolved, and therefore they enter into that serious contract with little forethought.

"Marriage is not a mere contract—a pound of flesh for a pound of flesh. In dragging marriage away from the sanctity of the Church, in indulging it in violation of the laws of the Church, many thousands in this country are degrading it to the level of the bargain counter.

"The most serious aspect of the question is that now the churches are almost powerless to raise any break-water against the devouring flood. Social sentiment alone can now act as a restraining power.

"It is for you, educated Catholic ladies of the upper classes, to become in a measure the savior of our country, for, as has been truly said, it is not the bustling battleships that can keep a nation from decay.

THE LATEST POEM OF THE POPE.

New York, March 18.—Dr. William H. Ward publishes in this week's Independent his metrical translation of the remarkable Latin poem with which the Pope has just celebrated his ninety-third birthday, and the twenty-fifth anniversary of his election to the Papal throne.

LEO'S LAST PRAYERS.

Leo, now sets thy sun; pale is its dying ray; Black night succeeds thy day. Black night for thee; wasted thy frame; life's flood sustains No more thy shrunken veins.

INGRATITUDE.

The shrewdness of one of the founders of a famous estate in Maine gave rise to many amusing stories, one of which has recently been retold. One day the man, who was a large lumber operator, was superintending a crew which was breaking up a log jam in the river.

Nothing was said about the accident. After an hour or so the Frenchman began to get anxious, because the reward which he considered due was not forthcoming.

BY BRIBING THE NERVES with opium you may stop a cough but the inflammation goes from bad to worse. Allen's Lung Balm, containing no opium, goes to the root of the trouble and cures deep-seated affections of throat and lungs.

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

MONTREAL IRISHMEN DINE.

Montreal, March 18.—St. Patrick's Society held their annual dinner last evening at the Windsor Hotel. It was the most remarkable demonstration that has ever taken place in the history of the society in recent years.

Mr. Justice Doherty made a model chairman, and the speeches throughout were of a high order. The references of Mr. J. Hamilton Ferns to the so-called comic papers and their debasing and insulting caricatures of Irishmen, struck a responsive chord among all those present.

Mr. Justice Doherty, president of St. Patrick's Society, presided, and on his right were: Messrs. McDuff Lamb, representing the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society; M. J. F. Quinn, K. C.; Dr. Drummond; Rev. Father Kavanagh; W. Seath, representing the Caledonian Society; Jas. McShane, ex-Ald. Charles F. Smith, W. E. Doran, J. X. Perrault, representing St. Jean Baptiste Society; H. J. Cloran, Hamilton Ferns, M. Fitzgibbon, William Galbraith, and H. J. Sempie. On the left of the chairman were: Mayor Cochrane, Hon. R. Prefontaine, Minister of Marine and Fisheries; Mr. R. L. Borden, M. P.; Hon. A. W. Atwater, representing St. George's Society; Hon. Dr. Guerin; A. F. Riddell, representing St. Andrew's Society; R. S. White, collector of customs; Judge Purosil, Mayor Wickham, of St. Lambert; Dr. Kennedy, C. Coughlin, J. C. Walsh, Henry Dalby and Duncan McIntyre.

In proposing the toast of The King, Mr. Justice Doherty remarked that it was one that needed neither comment nor commendation. If it required the latter, however, the rumors that are now afloat, rumors which the Irish people of Canada were anxious to believe, that it is a Royal hand which has shaped events which appear to mark the dawn of better things for Ireland, would ensure a rousing welcome to the toast.

The chairman afterwards remarked that there were some people unfortunately enough not to have been able to join them for the occasion. They wished to be remembered, however, and he read letters from: Lt.-Gov. Jette, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's private secretary, Rt. Rev. James Carmichael, coadjutor Bishop of Montreal; Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Mr. Justice Lynch, Knowlton; Hon. John Costigan, Mr. Justice Curran, Hon. Lomer Gouin, Hon. F. R. Latchford, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Mayor Bittinger, Mr. Robert Meighen, Mr. Cornelius Shields, Mr. R. Wilson-Smith, Hon. H. G. Carroll.

Throughout the evening greetings were received from different parts of the country, where Irishmen were assembled to celebrate the day. The message that roused the most enthusiasm was dated from the British House of Commons and read as follows: "Heartly greetings to St. Patrick's Society, Montreal. God Save Ireland. John E. Redmond."

Telegrams were also read from Winnipeg, Halifax, Ottawa, Quebec, St. John, N.B., and Toronto. The chairman, on behalf of the Society, extended a cordial welcome to all who had come to join them in the celebration of the day, and called upon the first vice-president to propose the toast of Ireland.

Dr. F. E. Devlin waxed eloquent in doing honor to the toast. He referred to the gathering of all Irishmen regardless of religious distinction, and saw therein a counterpart of the understanding that had been reached, whereby the old country was now a united Ireland.

After the Orpheus Quartette had rendered "Believe me, if all those endearing young charms," the chairman called upon Mr. R. S. White to respond to the toast.

CONGRATULATED SOCIETY. Mr. R. S. White congratulated St. Patrick's Society that it had succeeded in bringing together at the banquet Irishmen of all creeds in the city of Montreal. If the pages of Irish history were opened, and if the pages of British history were opened, they would be found studded with the record of heroic deeds and noble achievements of Ireland. He, however, refrained from dwelling upon the past history of Ireland, because we had reached a period when it seemed almost well to let the dead pass by their dead. All parties in Ireland looked forward with confidence to the land bill, for that question was at the bottom of the whole difficulty. The expense might appear great, but when the expenditure for defence is noted, the sum proposed to buy out the landlords is but a drop in the bucket.

Rev. Father Kavanagh, S. J., also responded to the toast, saying that for the first time in a hundred years they saw a united national party in Ireland, which was the executive of a united people. Tenant right, land right and tenant interests had too long divided the interests of Ireland and hampered her progress. But this unfortunate position obtained no longer; the unexpected had occurred. Where yesterday there was antagonism and enmity, to-day there was harmony. All thanks to John Redmond and Russell of Ulster, it had come to pass that that night the toast should be to united Ireland. All honor to that old National party which had paved the way for this happy consummation.

CELEBRATION IN OTTAWA.

Ottawa, March 17.—The celebration of the Irish national festival here today was enthusiastic. The parade this morning when the Irishmen of the city, numbering about one thousand, attended divine service at St. Patrick's Church, showed the loyalty and devotion which these citizens have for their mother country.

The Irishmen gathered at St. Patrick's Hall this morning as early as 8 o'clock and by 9.30 about one thousand had assembled.

The parade was a striking one to watch as it passed over Maria street bridge from the hall. It was led by the regimental band of the 43rd C. O. R., and as the men walked two abreast with their leaders at intervals between, the onlooker could there judge of the various walks in life from which these men came.

Dr. W. H. Drummond rose to reply, after Mr. J. G. Poole had rendered "The Green Shores of Ireland." He wanted to forget for a moment that he was a Canadian, to speak as an Irishman. He offered no excuse for so doing, because it was his birth-right. He believed they were standing on the very threshold of the peaceful revolution that would bring to Ireland the right to manage her own affairs. It was not as hard to answer the toast of Ireland as it used to be, for at one time to stand up for Ireland was to be branded as an enemy of the British Empire. Now, even an Irishman can stand up for his country without being a suspect.

After a selection by Mr. J. McCormack Clarke, Hon. Dr. Guerin proposed the toast of "Canada," dwelling on the benefits derived from self-government, and expressed the conviction that like results would follow in Ireland. He also referred with pleasure to the presence of Irishmen of all creeds and the representatives of other races that go to make up the population of Canada.

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine was received with cheers. After thanking them for the reception and the honor done him by the invitation, he explained that he had expected to respond to the toast of the Canadian Parliament. As a member of the Government, he could not say as much as some other Ministers might have said. He knew too well the danger of being indiscreet. He referred to the great possibilities of the country, and the progress which has been made within the past few years, independently of the parties in power in those years. The people of Canada should join hands, as the people of Irish blood were doing on this occasion, and regardless of origin or creed work together for the upbuilding of a great nation.

Mr. R. L. Borden, K. C., M. P., was not disposed to offer any amendment to Mr. Prefontaine's views. They might differ on some questions, but on the greatness of Canada and her possibilities they felt as one. He expected quite a welcome from the gathering, for he was not in the position which has by time-honored custom been attributed to the Irish, "Agin the Government." He supposed his friend Mr. Prefontaine would be willing to let him receive such a rousing welcome on every such occasion on the same conditions. This was the first time that he had the honor of feasting St. Patrick's Day with the Irishmen of Montreal. He often he had joined the Irish Charitable Society of Halifax on like occasions. He was glad to see all sections of Irishmen and representatives of other nationalities about the board. In this respect, however, his own little province by the sea had always set a good example. All Hall-gionians and all Nova Scotians joined the Irish in their celebration, and likewise the Irish wore St. George's rose and celebrated St. Andrew's Day. That was as it should be, and he hoped it would become more and more so. They were all Canadians, and that should be the main title while not forgetting the old lands from which their fathers came. A good Irishman was a good Canadian, for the more he loved the old land, the more he would love the land of his adoption.

Mr. F. J. Curran, B. C. L., in an eloquent speech, proposed the toast of the guests. He referred in feeling terms to the kind reception given his "future ancestors" by the French-Canadians, and the sympathy and aid they had so often received from the other races represented about the board. They all rejoiced at the bright prospect for the old land.

Mr. J. X. Perrault responded for the St. Jean Baptiste Society; Mr. A. W. Atwater, for St. George's Society; Mr. A. F. Riddell, for St. Andrew's Society; the joint chairman, Mr. Macduff Lamb, and Mr. J. Hamilton Ferns for the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, and Mr. William Seath for the Caledonian Society.

Dr. E. J. C. Kennedy proposed the health of "the Ladies," to which Mr. M. J. F. Quinn responded. "The Press" was proposed by Mr. P. M. Wickham and Mr. J. C. Walsh replied, while Mr. Henry J. Cloran, K. C., gave the toast of "The Chairman."

Mr. J. G. Poole proposed the toast of St. Patrick's Society, whose hospitality they had so much enjoyed, to which Mr. Frank J. Greene replied, and the gathering broke up at an advanced hour.

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The line-up of the parade and the order in which they marched was another feature. The Catholic Order of Foresters led the way with their banner spread. There were six Courts of Foresters.

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St. Mary's, President Thos. Gleeson. St. Joseph's, President Michael Green. Emerald, President John O'Malley. St. Patrick's Hall, President T. Harkins. St. Paul's Court, Aylmer, was also represented.

Following the Foresters came the C. M. B. A. Order, represented by three branches, as follows: St. Joseph's Branch, 159 — P. B. Dunn. St. Bridget's Branch, 94—J. Bingham. St. Patrick's Branch, 28 — T. McGrail.

Then followed the members of the United Irish League, led by their president, Dr. Anthony Freeland. This League includes nearly every Irishman in Ottawa, members of other societies and all. In the order of the procession following them were Irishmen in general of the city and district unattached, and the members of St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Society.

This was about the half of the parade. The remaining half was made up of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, led by the band of the "Garde Champ-lain." The Hibernians included Divisions No. 1 and 2, and the county board. Division No. 2 led, with Mr. John Franklin as their marshal. Then followed Division No. 1, marshaled by Mr. John Hickson. The county board, of which Dr. Freeland is president, was led by Mr. M. J. O'Farrell. The arrangements were carried out without a single hitch. Everything was quiet and orderly. There was no mixing up, in fact it was like a military parade. The arrangement of these details were due to the efforts of the following committee, who spare no pains to have everything correct: County Board Ancient Order of Hibernians, A. Freeland, M.D., president; John Butler, vice-president; W. G. Teaffe, secretary; Phil. O'Meara, treasurer; Division No. 1, Jos. Flynn; Allan Tobin, Geo. A. T. Crowe; Division No. 2, John Hanlon, Peter O'Donnell, J. McConville, Bernard Slattery, Jas. Bennett, John Franklin, Samuel Cross, W. J. Kane; St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Association, D'Arcy Scott, president; P. M. Draper, Hugh McNulty, Thos. McGuire.

AS AN APOSTLE.

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"Filled with the zeal of a Paul of Tarsus, he crossed the stormy sea, planted the cross of Christ upon her shores, preached the gospel of Jesus Christ, and Ireland was a Christian nation.

"You remember the parable of our Lord of the sower and the seed. How some fell upon barren land and died, and how some fell upon good soil to grow and prosper. Ireland was the good soil on which the seed fell. God and nature had prepared the Irish people for the seed of Christianity. Patrick found them a pagan people, with the faults and sins of pagans, but he found them pure, intelligent, generous and sympathetic, and when he was called by God to wear his

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has moulded itself into and made the Irish character as we have it to-day.

AS A SAINT.

"St. Patrick was truly a saint of whom we may be proud, and I know of no nation that can boast of a greater, a nobler and a holier saint. Many nations have been proud to claim him as a child of their soil, and although strong arguments have been made for each, it has always seemed to me that Patrick was a child of France, that eldest daughter of the church, which has given so many saints to God. But what matters it where he was born, his was a choice soil in the garden of God, and Ireland claims him as her own, because he made Ireland the home of his choice and the Irish people were the dearest and the nearest to that noble saintly heart.

"It is not my intention to trace for you the life of St. Patrick. You know his life and his works, but I know that you will pardon me if I say a word about the inward sanctity that was so much a part of Ireland's saints. Sanctity is measured by our imitation of the life of our Master, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and by our response to the guiding voice of the Holy Spirit with in us. St. Patrick undoubtedly attained to this in the highest degree. From his youth he had learned to love of Jesus Christ, and the one sentiment that filled his whole soul was to do the holy will of Him who was his God and his Saviour. We need no history to tell us of the forming and shaping of that saintly character. We can readily imagine the many long watches of the night, spent in the sweet communion of prayer, the many suppressions of the tendencies of the human heart, the many victories over self and nature—visible alone to the eye of God, which are the necessary novitiate of these choice souls who would leave all to conform themselves to the will of the Almighty.

"And the product of this time of prayer and mortification was a man of God, a saint of whom the Irish church may well be proud. A man of God. Do you know what that means? It means one where every thought, where every aspiration turns in love to the God. As the sun draws the waters, as the magnet draws the needle, so is the heart of a man of God drawn toward his Creator. A saint of God. Do you know what that means? It means that God as so taken possession of and so permeated a soul—that it lives—'no it lives not,' but in the words of St. Paul, 'Christ lives in it.' As a wire is heated and becomes alive with electricity, so are the souls of God's saints inflamed and vivified by Jesus Christ within. And St. Patrick was truly a man of God and saint of the church.

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