

## St. Patrick's Day, 1891.



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## OUR NATIVE LAND.

Our native land, our native land,  
With pride we think of thee,  
And so we think of the future's well,  
A Nation proud and free,  
We gaze across the heaving deep,  
We gaze across the heaving deep,  
We gaze across the heaving deep,  
We gaze across the heaving deep,

our native land, our native land,  
The name of thy name,  
With rapture thrills the faithful hearts,  
That sigh for thee in vain  
Thy children list the breeze of night,  
And think of thy wild dream,  
Thy whispering of one land of light,  
Their lovely Erin green.

Our native land, our native land,  
Are all our hopes in vain;  
Shall you not find your hearts aside,  
And freedom taste again?  
O yes, for the country, soon the cloud  
That shades thy brow must be  
Displaced by victory's sun, and loud  
Shall ring our songs of jubilee.

—SISTER MARY COLEMAN  
\*Latin: Columbkille.

## St. Patrick's Society.

Of all the Irish societies in Montreal there are none which can lay better claim to the palm of seniority of organization than the St. Patrick's National Society. Long before many of our readers were in their "teens" this great



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Irish National Association was formed and its earliest days are pronounced to have been some of its brightest. Prosperity seemed to follow all its undertakings; public sympathy accorded its friendly and national aim to all its appeals and in short, not a dark cloud seemed to overshadow its chances of future progress, utility, and importance. Irish Protestants and Catholics alike worked hand in hand to ensure the material advancement and to offer financial encouragement to those of their fellow-countrymen who chose to emigrate from the little Green Isle across the sea to young and promising Canada. The society was established as far back as 1854, and therefore bears the reputation of being the first society of a national character organized in the metropolis of Canada. The first meeting held for the purpose of organization was on St. Patrick's Day in the year above mentioned, and the event was celebrated by a grand banquet in Savoy's hotel, St. Vincent street, on the evening of the same day, when eloquent speeches were made and sympathies enlisted in the good work which the society was destined to carry out. At that time the society was open to all men of Irish faith or descent residing in the district of Montreal, and it is not surprising then that the membership rapidly increased at each succeeding business meeting of the organization. The principal objects for which the society was at that time



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established were: (1) To assist its members in case of sickness or distress. (2) To aid Irish emigrants landing in Montreal by advice and to investigate any complaints of fraud or improprieties immigrants might make against passenger ships, etc., and to take proceedings at law if necessary. (3) To celebrate with due honor the festival of St. Patrick's Day. The first president was Mr. John Donnelly, an old and respected Irishman of that day. He was in turn succeeded by such well-known and highly respected citizens as Benjamin Holmes, William Workman, Sir Francis Hynes, Hon. Judge Drummond, etc. In 1856 the Young Irishmen's St. Patrick's Association (an organization of young Irishmen by birth or descent), and a new society was formed under the same name (St. Patrick's Society), composed

of members of both. It subsequently became a thoroughly Irish Catholic organization, and shortly afterwards their Protestant fellow-countrymen formed an association of their own for similar benevolent objects in favor of Irish Protestant emigrants to Canada. The first president of the new St. Patrick's society was Dr. Henry Howard, who was in turn succeeded by Mr. M. Doherty (now Hon. Judge Doherty), Mr. Edward Murphy (now Senator), the late Bernard Devlin, Q. C., and others. The society continued to prosper and the good work inaugurated by it is still carried on unceasingly and with all vigor by the members of St. Patrick's society to-day.

The following is a list of the officers: H. J. Cloran, President; John Power, First Vice-President; Jas. O'Shaughnessy, Second Vice-President; Geo. Murphy, Treasurer; T. F. McGrail, Corresponding Secretary; S. Cross, Recording Secretary; Chaplains, Irish clergy of St. Patrick's Church; Physicians, Drs. Guerin, Devlin, and Gaherty. Committee of Management, J. Foley, P. Kehoe, J. McLane, F. Callahan, J. Byrne, M. Kelly, P. McCaffrey, J. Roach, B. Campbell, P. Connolly, T. Cunningham, J. Craven, J. Cuddy, W. Davis, M. Delahanty, F. S. O'Reilly, J. Meek, P. O'Donoghue; Thos. Bowes, Grand Marshal.

## St. Ann's Young Men's Society.

One of the youngest and most flourishing of our Catholic Young Men's Societies is that known under the above name. It was formed in the month of January, 1885, through the instrumentality of its present spiritual director, Rev. Father Struble, C.S.S.R., having for its objects the promotion of a Catholic spirit among young men, and the moral, mental and physical improvement of the members. Another of its aims is the maintenance of fraternal relations with similar societies; also the celebration of St. Patrick's Day, *Fete Diee* and the anniversary of the society. At the first meeting of the newly formed society the following were elected officers:—President, Mr. M. Loughman; 1st Vice-President, Mr. M. Thos. Davis; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. M. J. O'Donnell; Treasurer, Mr. T. J. Quinn; Financial Secretary, Mr. W. P. Chaney; Recording Secretary, Mr. D. Kelly; Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. Rielly; Librarian, Mr. Jas. Brennan; Assistant Librarian, Mr. J. Thornton; Marshal, Mr. Wm. Davis; Council, Messrs. M. Shea, L. Power, F. Clarke, P. McDermott, P. J. Cooney and J. Ahern. The society being now fairly launched, the officers set to work at once to make suitable arrangements in St. Ann's Hall and to provide the members with the means of enjoying themselves with various ways. It was soon discovered, however, that the accommodation was inadequate, and a movement was inaugurated in favor of the construction of a new hall. The sympathy and financial support of the parishioners generally of St. Ann's Church were enlisted and with such tangible success that sufficient money was raised to allow of the construction of the present fine new hall being commenced in the following June, the undertaking being placed under the patronage of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The work proceeded steadily, and although some obstacles were encountered, they were all at one time mastered and the building was completed to the great delight of the



J. J. GETHINGS, PRESIDENT.

Society and the intense satisfaction of the zealous Redemptorist Fathers. The structure, which is situated in Ottawa street, is a handsome brick building, 35 by 66 feet, three stories high with mansard roof. On the ground floor the whole space is used as a gymnasium, which is fully equipped and first class in every respect. The reading-room and library is on the first floor, and adjoining this apartment is a fine airy and well lighted amusement room. The meetings of the society are held in a large room on the next floor, and the council meetings in a smaller room adjoining; the janitor's rooms are also on this floor. The building is heated with the most improved hot water apparatus; it is lighted by gas, and the sanitary arrangements are perfect. Communications were made on the third floor with the adjoining Concert Hall, familiarly known for a quarter of a century as the St. Ann's Hall, the size of which is 35 by 100 feet, in which the society's entertainments are held. The association, at considerable expense, have since improved and beautified this hall, and erected a fine stage which has been fitted up with several sets of scenery and all the paraphernalia necessary for dramatic productions. The cost of the whole work was \$11,000. The new hall was inaugurated on Sunday, Nov. 8th, 1885, with a general communion of the members, solemn high mass in St. Ann's church, a grand banquet, pontifical vestments, and blessing of the society's handsome new flag by Archbishop Faure, and act of consecration and solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The day was a red letter one in the history of the parish and was a pleasing augury of the good work that was yet to be done by the society. Through the unceasing efforts of Rev. Father Struble, who since its organization has displayed untiring zeal in the welfare of the society, the interest and enthusiasm of the young men of the parish became aroused in the advancement of the society and applications for membership poured in in large numbers. He was ably assisted in his

efforts in this respect by the officers, particularly by Mr. M. Loughman, who ably filled the position of president for three years, and by Mr. T. J. Quinn, who is still an indefatigable office-bearer, and to whom much credit is due for the elevating and Irish national character of the different entertainments which have yearly been given by the choral and dramatic sections of the society, and which have been in great part selections made by himself. The fame of the society for the nature of its entertainments has not been confined to the Canadian press, but has also found place on different occasions in the Irish-American press, notably in the Irish World of New York and the Boston Pilot. Great credit attended the presentation of its first Irish play some years ago, entitled "The Irish Eviction" or "The Land Agent's Fate." Other Irish plays presented included "Robert Emmet," (a new version specially written for the society), "The Irish Rebel," "Wicklow '98," "Shandy Maguire," "The Man for Galway," "Innithore" and others. The choral section, under the name of the Irish National Minstrels, have given a number of the most thoroughly national and enjoyable musical entertainments.



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creating a revolution in the style and manner of Irish national concerts, and causing unbounded enthusiasm among the large and delighted audiences which always flocked to hear them. The society is also the only one in Montreal which celebrates the Manchester Martyrs' anniversary, and on this occasion yearly a choice musical and dramatic entertainment is given, together with a patriotic address by some prominent Irish-Canadian speaker. Since its formation the society has always been in the front in connection with the Irish cause, and the warm welcome which it extended to Devitt, O'Brien and other Irish leaders elicited encomiums on all sides. Another feature of the society is its annual celebration of St. Patrick's Day. They are all active, energetic and patriotic young men, and their neat appearance and uniformity of attire not only make them one of the principal features of the procession, but also provoke the most favorable comment on all sides. Since its formation the society has continued increasing in popularity and prosperity. It is now a credit to the people of the parish, to the Catholic religion, to the Irish race generally, to the zealous clergy of St. Ann's church, and to the members themselves particularly. Some idea of its flourishing condition can be formed when it is stated that since its establishment the annual receipts have averaged \$2,000. After having faithfully served the society for three years, Mr. M. Loughman resigned as president and was succeeded in office by Mr. Morgan J. Quinn, who in turn gave place to the present incumbent, Mr. J. J. Gethings. The following is the complete list of the present office-holders:

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. F. Struble, C.S.S.R.; President, Mr. J. J. Gethings; 1st Vice-President, Mr. M. Callinan; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. P. McDermott; Treasurer, Mr. Joseph Johnson; Financial Secretary, Mr. M. J. O'Brien; Assistant Financial Secretary, Mr. Andrew Thompson; Recording Secretary, Mr. James S. Patrick; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mr. D. J. O'Neill; Librarian, Mr. John Mahony; Assistant Librarian, Mr. P. Berrigan; Marshal, Mr. Wm. Minogue; Assistant Marshal, Mr. P. J. O'Brien; Council, Messrs. P. J. Cooney, P. Shea, P. T. O'Brien, M. Casey, J. Whitty and P. Ahern. Chairman of Dramatic section, P. J. Cooney; Chairman of Choral section, Mr. P. Shea.

## St. Anthony's Young Men's Society.

This society was established in March, 1884, and has grown rapidly into one of the most flourishing and active of the Catholic Associations of the city. It now numbers 100 members, has an excellent hall, library and arrangements for recreation at 357 St. Antoine street, where its fortnightly meetings are held.



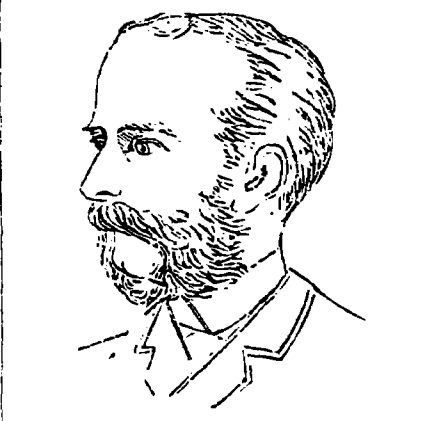
F. J. RAFTER, PRESIDENT.

The officers of the society are as follows: Reverend director, Rev. Father Donnelly; President, F. J. Rafter; First Vice-President, F. J. Kelly; Second Vice-President, W. Hamill; Financial Secretary, C. Brady; Recording Secretary, P. A. Denis; Asst. Recording Secretary, A. A. Denis; Librarian, J. H. P. Brown; Asst. Librarian, J. Hastings; Marshal, P. Logue; Committee, J. J. Whyte, C. J. McCallum, F. J. Ferrigo, H. Donnelly, T. Furlong.

## THE SHAMROCK LACROSSE CLUB.

Its Glorious Record and Its Brilliant Prospects.

Wherever the name and beauties of Canada's National Game are known; in every land where this most scientific and enervating of exercises has been introduced; in England, Ireland and Australia, in the United States and in Canada



CHAS. J. DOHERTY, Q.C., PRESIDENT.

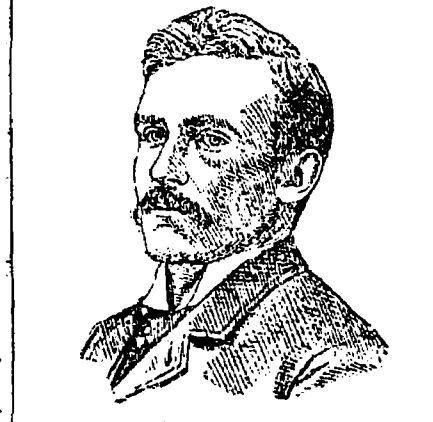
the name, and fame, of the Shamrocks in Montreal is intimately, inseparably and proudly associated with the history of lacrosse.

Although questions of a national or partisan nature are foreign to debates, at meetings of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club, and though matters of a sectarian character and never discussed or brought up at its gatherings, the club is actually as truly and wholly Irish as is the name it bears, for any justly be given a foremost place amongst the large number of Irish associations and societies which have been founded, and which have prospered within the growing pale of Canada's metropolis.

The unparalleled success of the Shamrocks for years on the field, and the honors and laurels which were showered upon these peerless exponents of our great game occasioned many a feeling of pride to thrill the veins of their fellow Irish-Canadians, and were made the theme of many a glorious narrative by the lacrosse enthusiast who graphically related the deeds of valor, daring and skill which won the day for the invincible boys in green.

Surely the Shamrock Club has reached a place of prominence among clubs. Surely the Irish people have a right to be proud of the abilities of the men who carried Irish names under a common Irish title to victory after victory!

It is true that during the last few years the efforts of the Shamrocks on the field have not been crowned with the old time success; that they have met with repulse and defeat, and that they do not



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today boast of the name of "champions"—yet, it must be remembered that these years of depression mark a period of transition in the personnel of the team. We may safely predict, and our opinion is shared by the best judges of lacrosse in Canada, that during the coming season, or at latest, in 1892 the new blood infused into the team in 1889 will reach that stage of experienced skill which marked the men of '73, '79 and '81 and which will make the boys of eighty-nine the heroes of the nineties.

The Shamrock Club was formed in 1861 and reorganized in 1866. Though laboring under almost every conceivable difficulty they soon demonstrated the fact that they were entitled and qualified to rank among the senior and best exponents of our game. On the 14th of September 1870 they first won the coveted championship trophy and earned for themselves the proud title of champions which for years was synonymous with "Shamrocks."

Despite the efforts and struggles of the Montreal, Toronto, Ontario, Dominion, St. Regis and Cagnewaga teams they held the flag continuously until the 31st of October 1875, when the Toronto's after five previous unsuccessful attempts, succeeded in winning the championship for the first time to the Queen's City.

In June 1877 the Shamrock boys paid a visit to Toronto, and returned possessors of the trophy, which was lost again to Toronto a year later but recovered within a few months, in the fall of 1878.

In Oct. 1880 the Toronto team again became champions, but in the memorable match on July 29th, 1871, Montreal's reliable winners of the green displayed their great superiority over all opponents and usurped once more the affix champions.

At the time of the introduction of the series system, in 1885, the Shamrocks were still holders of the flag—the Toronto and Montrealers having had them for a few months in the interval, however.

Of the fourteen years elapsing between 1870 and 1884 the Shamrocks were champion for about eleven. This is a record which stands peerless in the annals of lacrosse.

Under the series system the "boys" have not been so successful. This is owing doubtless to the great changes which have taken place in the team. In 1889 a twelve composed almost wholly of young players drawn from the ranks of the junior, was put on the field and has since won some very brilliant victories, amongst which we may mention the sweeping success obtained last

season over the Montreal team before H. R. H., Prince George in which the score was five to nothing in favor of the Shamrocks.

Last year's team which was composed of: J. Reedy, J. Barry, T. J. Brophy, T. Dwyer, T. Murray, J. Devine, T. Moore, M. P. Rowan, J. B. McVey, Chas. Neville, W. J. McKenna, M. J. Tansey and Thos. Caddery, nearly all young players, gives promise of winning the championship for '91.

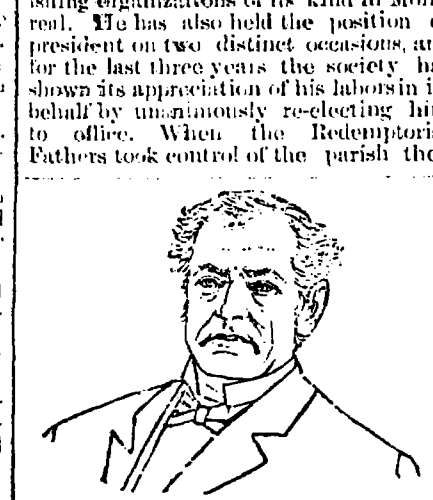
The following are the officers of the club for the ensuing year:—Honorary President, Wm. Stafford; President, C. J. Doherty, Q.C.; 1st. Vice-President, J. P. Clarke; 2nd. Vice-President, Geo. Carpenter; Treasurer, A. Demers; Honorary Secretary, Henry McLaughlin; Assistant R. Lunny; Committee—O. Mansfield, T. Dwyer, F. O'Reilly, D. Tansey and W. J. McKenna.

Mr. C. J. Doherty, Q. C., President of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club, a cut of whom appears in this issue, needs no introduction to the readers of THE TRUE WITNESS. Mr. Doherty has always identified himself with Irish Associations and National Movements, and is admired and respected by the people of all classes. Mr. Doherty has recently been unanimously elected for a second term as president of the Shamrock Club.

Henry McLaughlin, Secretary of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club, whose picture appears in the issue is a painstaking, energetic and popular officer who gives general satisfaction to his fellow members by the business like manner in which he discharges the duties appertaining to his office. Like the President Mr. C. J. Doherty, Mr. McLaughlin has been unanimously elected for a second term.

## St. Ann's T. A. &amp; B. Society.

The sacred cause of total abstinence has ever found numerous and staunch champions among the Irish race. It is not surprising, therefore, that when members of that dear old land and their direct descendants settled in Montreal that one of their first thoughts was to perpetuate the memory of that great apostle of temperance, Rev. Father Mathew, by organizing themselves here into societies for the propagation of that sentiment of total abstinence which in those latter days has found so many supporters and admirers among all classes and creeds. As the Irish people multiplied in Montreal so did the number of adherents to the principle of total abstinence, and as a natural consequence the spread of Irish Catholic temperance societies became as spontaneous as it did popular. As far back as the year 1863 the late lamented Rev. Father Hogan, of the then newly formed parish of St. Ann, organized a society among his parishioners, which was thereafter known as the St. Ann's T. A. & B. Association, and which from the very date of its organization gave every promise of budding forth into the powerful society which it is today. Among its past presidents will be remembered the names of such well-known citizens as Mr. Wm. Brennan, Mr. Farmer, Mr. Flannery, Mr. J. D. Quinn, and Mr. P. Kennedy, all of whom held office at different times during the society's existence, and who were frequently induced to re-occupy the presidential chair after having repeatedly resigned. One striking example of this is found in the admiration which the society has for the noble work which Ald. P. Kennedy, the present president, has done for the society and the cause of temperance. A strict observer of the pledge he has taken, he has ever been indefatigable in forwarding the interests of the society, with the result that it is now one of the most, if not the most, flourishing organizations of its kind in Montreal. He has also held the position of president on two distinct occasions, and for the last three years the society has shown its appreciation of his labors in its behalf by unanimously re-electing him to office. When the Redemptorist Fathers took control of the parish they



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infused new life into the organization, as they did also with every society and every Catholic club connected with the same. The celebration of the Father Mathew Centenary has always been made one of the features of the society's programme, and a choice entertainment can always be counted upon outside of the usual religious demonstration. Last year, on the occasion of the Father Mathew Centenary anniversary, St. Patrick's and St. Gabriel's T. A. & B. societies joined hand in hand with the St. Ann's society, with the result that one of the most imposing temperance demonstrations ever given in Montreal was witnessed in St. Ann's parish. The objects of the society are similar to those of organizations of a like nature. On the death of a member \$100 is paid to his wife or family, or on the death of a member's wife \$50 is handed over, and all this for the small monthly contribution of 25 cents. The membership of the society is at present about 250 and its financial status is recognized as being one of the strongest in the city. It pays out annually in the way of benefits an average of \$500 and has still a fund close on to \$5,000, of which \$1,850 is to be found in the burial fund and about \$100 in the contingent. Like all other societies of its kind it has a spiritual adviser, who is one of the Redemptorist Fathers attached to the parish. Among its other officers this year are: President, Ald. P. Kennedy; Vice-President, Mr. W. P. Kennedy; Secretary, Mr. J. Maguire; Treasurer, Mr. M. J. Ryan; Committee, Andrew Cullinan, Thomas Moore, J. Ryan, etc.

## ST. PATRICK'S COMMENDATION.

I bind myself to-day,  
To a strong power, an invocation of the Trinity;  
I believe in a Threeness with confession of a Oneness, in the Creator of Judgment.  
I bind myself to-day  
To the power of the birth of Christ, with His baptism;  
To the power of the crucifixion, with His burial;  
To the power of His resurrection, with His ascension;  
To the power of His coming to the judgment of doom.

I bind myself to-day  
To the power of God to guide me,  
To the might of God to uphold me,  
The wisdom of God to teach me,  
The eye of God to watch over me,  
The ear of God to hear me,  
The voice of God to speak for me,  
The hand of God to protect me,  
The way of God to lead before me,  
The shield of God to shelter me,  
The host of God to defend me.  
Christ protect me to-day.....

Christ with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, Christ within me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me;  
Christ at my right, Christ at my left;  
Christ in breadth, Christ in length,  
Christ in height.

\* From the "Breastplate" or Hymn of St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland. This is one of the saint's writings generally acknowledged to be genuine, and was composed when Patrick was still powerful in Ireland. It is written in a very ancient Irish dialect. The "Breastplate" is supposed to have been used by St. Patrick when he went to Tara to confront Hadrinus in the stronghold of King Leogaire and his sorcerers. Modern versions of this hymn have been made by James MacCann and Rev. Alexander, but the translation here quoted is by the Rev. Charles H. Wright, D. D. It is probably the most accurate, and is itself an improvement on the version by Dr. Whitley Stokes.

## A DAUGHTER OF ERIN.

Land of my fathers, I love thee, though never my feet  
Have pressed the paths of thy mountains or trodden thy valleys fair,  
Or drained a draught of thy sunshine or breathed a breath of thy air.  
Erin, Erin, I love thee, though never mine eyes  
Have seen the blue of thy heavens, the green of thy soil;  
Nor watched the gleam of thy waters, like rivers of Paradise,  
Clear as the eyes of angels, pure as the smile of God;

For only in dreams of midnight thy shores my steps have trod.  
Land of my fathers, I love thee! Through dark and drear  
I have sung the songs of thy exiles, the plaint of their woe;  
My heart has echoed their wailings, my eyes have wept their tears,  
With the bitter, lonely anguish thy exiled children know;  
And my soul has yearned to see thee lifted from thy despair,  
Mother of saints and heroes, mother of patient prayer!

Land of my fathers, I love thee; for quick in these veins  
The blood of a hundred martyrs flows warm and red and bold;  
And I burn with the hate of thy wrongs, and I mourn for thy scourging and pains.  
Ah! soon may the theme of thy sorrows be a tale no longer told;  
For the bright hopes times drifting are nearing the pleasant shore,  
And the scorn and pity of nations shall be a queen once more.

MARY.

## Irish in the South.

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "The new ironclad Captain Prat, which has just been added to the Chilean navy, bears an Irish name, and so, too, do two of the vessels taking part in the insurrection—the O'Higgins and the Amirante Lynch. Of the latter two the O'Higgins is named after Bernardo O'Higgins, whose father, born in a hatter's cottage in the County of Westmeath, emigrated to South America in the early part of the last century and rose to distinction in different parts of that continent. The father, Ambrose, was one of the last Spanish viceroys of Peru, and the son, Bernardo, was the first director of the Republic of Chili. Bernardo O'Higgins is the Washington of his country. He it was who was mainly instrumental in winning the independence of Chili at the beginning of this century, and his grateful country has given his name to a province and a warship and has erected a statue in his honor in its capital. Admiral Patrio Lynch and Captain Prat are two of the naval heroes of the Republic, whose fame belongs to our own times, having been mainly acquired during the war with Peru. Captain Prat fell in arms for his Republic in 1879, and his memory is honored by a statue in the city of Valparaiso. Lynch died some four or five years ago on a journey homeward from Spain, where he had been Chili's representative. It may be added that President Balmaceda has—or had—in his Government as foreign minister, a Senator Mackenna, the bearer of a well-known name in the Republic of the Condor.

Jesus Christ, the Master of humility, reveals only to the humble the truth He hides from the proud.

To renounce, for the love of God, such trifles as castles, lands, gold and silver, is nothing; what we must do, is to renounce ourselves, exteriorly and interiorly, spiritually and corporally.

The martyrs were not differently constituted from us; their bodies were kneaded from the same slime, they were sustained by the same food, they were peeted the same glory; but they knew how to will.

He who truly loves himself, abhors sin; he will not suffer it an instant in his heart. If he have the opportunity to be come guilty in any particular, he will not defer to take the remedy established by God, but will neglect nothing to prevent it with fruit. Many Christians are in hell for confessions badly made.