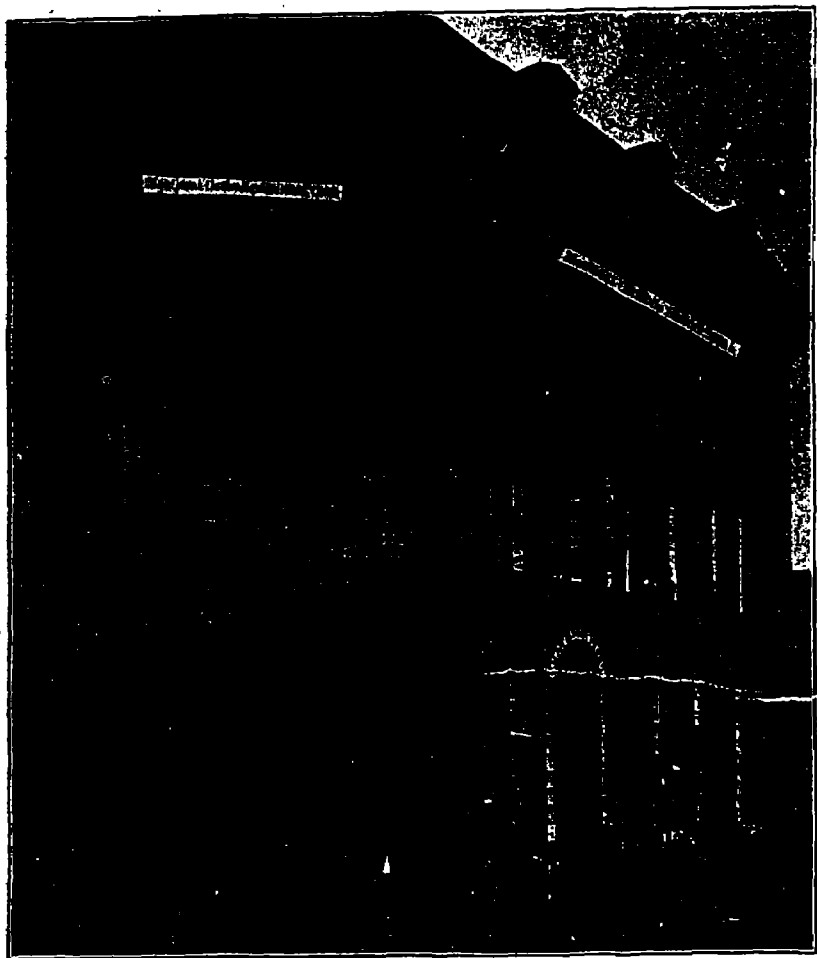


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Corner St. Peter and Common Streets, opposite Allan S.S. Co.

On Saturday, 29th inst., the officers and members of the Catholic Sailors' Club will hold an imposing ceremony on the occasion of the opening for the season of 1899. Amongst those prominent citizens—both ecclesiastical and lay—who will deliver addresses will be His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, Sir William Hingston, Mr. M. J. F. Quinn, Q. C., M. P., Hon. Mr. Hackett and others. It will be a "red letter day" in the annals of that most admirable and beneficial institution. Glancing back over the space of four or five years, we can recall the humble beginning made by the members of the Catholic Truth Society, and the severe struggle they had to keep up in order to establish a Catholic Sailors' Club.

While the idea of such an institution originated in Liverpool, yet Montreal was the first sea-port in the world to put it into active practice. From those small and not altogether adapted rooms on St. Jean Baptiste street, a splendid and permanent establishment has arisen. The amount of good done by the club can be gleaned from the annual report which will follow, and which—in its original form—is a neat, well-printed, elegant pamphlet; rendered more attractive by a number of fine photographs, taken from photographs by an enthusiastic supporter of the institution, Mr. P. J. Gordon, the well-known photograph artist, on the corner of St. Peter and Craig streets.

It might not be inopportune to mention, that while the club has progressed in a wonderful manner, and has overcome countless obstacles, that at one time seemed unsurmountable, yet it is in need of a more general and a more generous Catholic support. It is a distinctively Catholic institution, and it has several grand objects in view. Amongst others we might mention the protection of Catholic sailors while in port, and the insurance of their having ample opportunity to perform all religious duties that may be required of them, and that as a rule are neglected. In a word it is a refuge, a home, a club for the sea-faring Catholic—come he from any part of the earth. There he can receive his mail, write his letters, see the papers of his own country, secure suitable books, learn the hours of Masses on Sundays, have recourse to a priest if he so desires, be free from the temptations and dangers that surround the poor victimized "tars" when on shore, and enjoy protection against evil disposed characters, and find friends of a true and practical stamp.

It would be too long to enumerate all the benefits conferred by and all the blessings attached to the Catholic Sailors' Club. The report, which we now print, will speak eloquently for itself, and will constitute a more powerful plea for generous aid than we could ever pen.

The following is the report of the executive:—

In submitting their Third Annual Report to their friends, and the public, the management of the Catholic Sailors' Club have thought best to repeat the history which has already appeared of their work, in the hope that, with a wider circulation, it may reach and interest some to whom the club, and its object, is now unknown—and so win for it new friends and helpers. The Catholic Sailors' Club was opened in April, 1893, to provide a safe resort for the sailors while on shore, and occupied a room on the third floor of a building on the corner of St. Paul street.

It was successful from the beginning, and the attendance, which at first averaged forty of an evening, gradually increased until now it is three times that number.

Three years ago the club was removed from its old quarters to the large and commodious building which it now occupies on Common street—fronting the water—and each successive year a certain amount of work has been done towards making it more convenient and attractive to the Seamen. The improvements which were begun last year were completed for the opening of the Club for the season of '98.

The changes which have been made in the game room, and the extensive additions and alterations to the Concert Hall, have added greatly to the comfort and attractiveness of both.

Perhaps no better proof could be given of the growing interest in the welfare of the Club than the fact that, while last year but one parish (St. Anthony's) gave a concert in its aid, this year no fewer than five have helped in a similar way, viz.:— St. Patrick's, St. Anthony's, St. Gabriel's, St. Mary's and St. Ann's—giving a sum of over \$400.00 to the funds of the Club, and other parishes have agreed to do as much for next year.

The management are greatly indebted to the reverend pastors of the various parishes, not only for substantial assistance, but also for the kind encouragement which they have given to the good work.

The unqualified approval given to the Seamen's Club by His Grace the Archbishop is a source of great strength to the management in their efforts to interest others in the great work. An instance in point is that, when last in Rome, His Grace brought the organization to the notice of the Holy Father, and in consequence His Holiness was graciously pleased to issue a Brief expressing his high approval of the work. Archbishop Bruchesi was present also on the occasion of the opening of the Club, on April 26th, and gave a kind and encouraging address, and his subscription was the first handed in for 1898.

The Club has been most fortunate in securing as Chaplain the Rev. Father Kavanagh, S. J., whose zeal and devotion to their service at all times has won for him the esteem and confidence of the Seamen.

Since June 26th, Mass has been celebrated in the reading-room every Sunday morning at 7 o'clock—thus giving the sailors who, for one reason or another, might find it difficult to reach churches further away, an opportunity of attending Divine Service.

The thanks of the Management are due to Mr. McNamee, who, always an active member of the Advisory Board, and a devoted friend to the Club, has been this year more than ever energetic in promoting its interests in all ways, and especially in increasing its revenues—he and Mrs. McNamee having together collected the large amount of over \$1,700.00 towards the building fund.

The weekly concerts this year have been a decided success. Under the entire management of the Vice-President they realized the handsome sum of \$216.80.

The Committee have to record their sense of the great loss the Club has sustained in the death of Mr. J. J. Walsh. His work in the Club rooms was of a kind which few have either time or aptitude for. All his leisure hours were given to the Seamen. His

influence for good over them could not be over-estimated, and the frequency with which his name is yet heard among the men shows that the kindly memory of their good friend still lives with them.

A branch of the work which has been taken up with great vigor during the past season is hospital visiting. These visits of members of the Ladies' Committee and their kindly attentions to the various needs of the sick and suffering seamen are greatly appreciated. The management have pleasure in expressing their appreciation of the services of their excellent janitor, Mr. Albert Ayres, who has proved himself most efficient and painstaking in maintaining order and cleanliness in the Club rooms.

The lot which was secured last year in the Cote des Neiges Cemetery, for the burial of Catholic Seamen dying in this port, has been greatly improved, and the erecting of a handsome and suitable monument there is altogether due to the efforts of a small band of workers outside the regular members of the club. No fewer than seven interments have taken place during the past season.

Altogether the result of the season's work has been most satisfactory to the management and they are encouraged to hope that the Catholic Sailors' Club has taken a place among the benevolent institutions of Montreal which will be permanent. But it must not be forgotten that the work is still in its infancy and will require careful fostering (for a long time to come) on the part of the promoters, before it rests on a secure financial basis. Just now the goal in view is a permanent building, and before another year the management hope to have taken steps towards securing one, and for this end a Committee, consisting of three members of the Advisory Board, have been named to secure a suitable building or a site for the erection of one.

The one real difficulty to overcome in carrying out the work on the scale which its success thus far seems to justify, is (as in most good works) a pecuniary one, and in thanking those members of the Club who have so generously given their time to the hard work of collecting—the manage-

ment would make an appeal that even greater efforts may be put forth to secure subscribers for the coming year.

The statistics for the season of 1898 are as follows:—

Number of seamen visiting Club.....	19,112
Packages of reading matter distributed.....	1,601
Number of letters written.....	2,794
Taking total abstinence pledge.....	162
Enrolled in the S. H. League.....	107
Sunday services.....	50
Number of men to whom relief was furnished.....	539
Hospital visits.....	69
Weekly concerts held.....	31

Treasurer's report for year ending 1st March, 1899:—

RECEIPTS.	
Balance from last year.....	\$ 509 08
Annual subscriptions (per list).....	1,599 50
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Net proceeds Weekly Concerts.....	216 80
Proceeds of J. F. Social Club (per Mrs. McNamee).....	150 00
Proceeds of Evg. Entertainment (per Mrs. McNamee).....	85 00
Cheque (per Mr. Robt. Warren).....	100 00
Proceeds of Concerts:—	
St. Patrick's Parish.....	83 50
St. Gabriel's Parish.....	105 25
St. Mary's Parish.....	70 00
St. Anthony's Parish.....	75 00
St. Ann's (per Mrs. Rogers).....	69 00
Sale of Piano (per Mr. McNamee).....	50 00

EXPENDITURES.	
Rent.....	\$ 500 00
Wages to boy and caretaker.....	500 00
Taxes.....	48 50
Gas and Auer lighting.....	85 08
Books, printing and stationery.....	124 22
Painting.....	91 64
Plumbing.....	33 27
Games.....	52 25
Lumber, etc.....	38 26
Out-door relief.....	56 10
Sundry accounts.....	102 51
Water rates.....	18 43
Insurance.....	11 25
Telephone.....	25 00
Cartage.....	10 19
Car tickets distributed.....	10 00
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LAudited and certified correct.

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Board for sailor (per Mr. H. Kavanagh).....	16 45
Rent of lower rooms in C. S. Club.....	150 00
S. S. Labrador (per Capt. Erskine).....	54 44
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## AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Possibly we could not glean a better idea of the general sentiment which animates the Irish people, in the United States, than from a speech recently delivered in Providence, R. I., before the American-Irish Historical Society, by Hon. Thomas J. Gargan of Boston. Mr. Gargan is president of the Society, and at the banquet, which followed the annual meeting, he delivered the following address:—

"We meet to-day on the anniversary of the battle of Lexington and Concord to attest anew our patriotism, our love, devotion and allegiance to the republic of the United States of America."

"We are a composite nation, comprising people from all the countries of Europe, with about one-seventh of them of English origin; yet, when we hear the foolish speeches and read the foolish articles of the minority in reference to 'Anglo-Saxonism,' and 'Blood being thicker than water,' we realize the importance and necessity of the work inaugurated by the American-Irish Historical Society in recalling and recording the deeds of Irishmen and their descendants in America."

"We find on the rolls of the Minute Men of Lexington over one hundred and fifty Irish names, and Colonel J. Barrett of Concord and Dr. Thomas Welsh, who were prominent in the day's battle, were of Irish descent. We find also the name of Hugh Carrill, who, together with one Bullock, saved the town records of Concord from the ravages of the British soldiery."

"Carrill died in 1799, and the inscription on his tomb records his birthplace as Ballyshannon, Ireland. He came to America in 1774, in time for the Concord fight. He bequeathed to the town the Stratton Farm for the use of the poor."

"Many of the men who fought on that, as on every other day of battle during the Revolutionary War, claim-

ways guided by an exalted justice and benevolence. Who can doubt that in the course of time and things the fruit of such a plan would richly repay any temporary advantage which might be lost by a steady adherence to it? Can it be that Providence has not connected the permanent felicity of a nation with its virtue?"

"Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence, I conjure you to believe me fellow citizens, the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly awake, since history and experience prove that foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of republican government, but that jealousy, to be useful, must be impartial. Excessive partiality for one nation and excessive dislike of another are to be avoided."

"Europe has a set of primary interests which to us have no relation, or, if any, very remote ones. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Our detached and distant situation invites and enables us to pursue a different course. Why forego the advantages of so peculiar a situation? Why quit our own to stand on foreign ground? Why by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalry, interest, humor or caprice? It is policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world."

"There can be no greater error than to expect or calculate upon real favors from nation to nation. 'Tis an illusion which experience must cure, which a just pride ought to discard."

## A CHURCH ROBBER.

Charles Henry Phillips, of Shropshire, called at a church and said he represented a firm of stained glass window makers. He was anxious to give the benefit of his experience to the authorities of the Church, and they willingly admitted him. Then he broke open an offertory box, and walked away with the contents. After he had succeeded in playing his game at several churches he was captured. With him were captured a really creditable set of burglar's tools. As a matter of fact Mr. Phillips was not an authority on stained glass. During eighteen years out of the past twenty his leisure hours had been spent in buildings where they do not trouble to ornament the windows, although these buildings are the property of the richest Government in the world. During the next three years he will survey the outside world through bars and meditate on the simplicity of the gentlemen who are responsible for the care of churches in the country where the sheep come from.—Dublin Freeman.

## THE COST OF A LIFE.

An authority gives some recent legal decisions showing the estimates of the cost of a life in the United States and other countries. He remarks that in most of the States of the Union have passed a statute of limitation, providing that no more than \$5,000 can be recovered for life lost in an accident.

If John D. Rockefeller were killed in a railway accident his heirs could recover from the company his present income for about three and a half hours—no more.

In England a timber yard laborer was recently killed at work and the court accorded his widow \$585.

At about the same time a London "docker" was killed and his family got \$3,000.

A Holton joiner lost one finger and received for its loss \$600, or more than the timber yard man's widow received for the loss of the mainstay of her home.

A butcher who lost his finger while at work received \$85, while the loss of a dog was adjudged at \$100.

In a word, there is no legal standard in England for the value of life or limb.

In France a thirteen-year-old boy was recently killed while crossing a railway track on his bicycle and the courts awarded his parents \$5,000. In Brooklyn not long ago \$23,000 was adjudged due to a boy who had been shockingly mangled by a trolley car but escaped with his life.

## Connubial Bliss.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)

"Titled Husband (shrugging his shoulders)—You took me as I am my dear. You'll have to put up with me. American Heiress—I can put up with you easily enough. It's what I have to put up for you that hurts."

## WANT TO KEEP YOUR NEURALGIA?

Of course you don't; so you should take Scott's Emulsion. It is a fact this remedy cures it; and it cures nervousness, nerve debility and insomnia also.

Old age never begins until we have acquired a habit of looking backward.



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## O'BRIEN HEIRS WANTED.

The Chicago police authorities have received a letter from Patrick Walsh, of Columbus, Mont., stating that by proving identity the mother, father and sister of Lawrence O'Brien, a wealthy ranch owner of Evanston, Wyo., will come in possession of nearly \$30,000. Nearly twenty years ago O'Brien left Chicago for Wyoming, where he embarked in the sheep raising business, but had not communicated with his Chicago relatives for many years.—Chicago Citizen.

## Curious Remedy for Insomnia.

From the Public Health Journal. A Russian remedy for insomnia is to have a dog sleep in the room, and preferably in the same bed. It may be through a sense of companionship, or one of security, or it may act suggestively; at any rate, it is said at times to prove of value when other means fail.

No man is a free man who has a vice for his master.—Socrates.

ed Irish birth or Irish ancestry. This society is endeavoring to collect manuscripts, letters and papers throwing light upon the part borne by the Irish race that we may have our full share of the glory of our country, no more or less. This is a duty we owe these brave devoted, self-sacrificing men who periled so much for this government under which we live and whose benefits we hope to transmit to our posterity.

"We are not unmindful of the dangers threatening us to the end of the century from within and from without. We recognize the fact that if this republic is to be preserved we must call a halt to this awful headlong rush for wealth, holding up some nobler object of ambition. What our country needs to-day is true men; men who recognize the truth of Plato's maxim, 'Justice is the health of the state.'"

"This country has passed through four wars and in our time many are filled with the lust for new conquest. May we not pause on a day like this and see whither we are drifting?"

"Shall we seek the friendship and alliance of the great robber nation of the world, whose flag is known where rapine and wrong have been done to weak and feeble races, or shall we adhere to the doctrines laid down by the Father of our Country and observe good faith and justice toward all nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all?"

"Religion and morality enjoin this conduct; and can it be that good policy does not equally enjoin it? It will be worthy of a free, enlightened, and at no distant period, a great nation, to give to mankind a magnanimous and too novel example of a people al-