

ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR.

PROF. J. A. FOWLER, ORGANIST AND DIRECTOR, OUTLINES THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

A NEW MASS FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO COMMEMORATE THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF THE SACRED EDIFICE—PLENDED OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG MEN TO ACQUIRE A TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE OF MUSIC—WEEKLY CLASSES OF INSTRUCTION FREE—THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. G. A. CARPENTER TO THE LEADERSHIP—A GRAND CONCERT FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK.

Of the many alterations and improvements made in the old parish church of St. Patrick, not the least important is the magnificent organ which Sunday after Sunday thrills the souls of a thousand worshippers, bringing them in supplication before the throne of the Queen of Heaven. The organist is in every way worthy of the organ, and the name of Mr. J. A. Fowler is fast becoming famous not only locally, as that of a professor of music, and organist of a large church, but also as that of a composer, whose arrangements of Masses and other sacred music are becoming daily more and more appreciated throughout Canada and the United States. Professor Fowler loves St. Patrick's, and it is only fair to state that there is not a young man of the parish who ever came into contact with him who does not respect Professor Fowler. He is popular, not only because his heart and soul are in his work, but because he goes out of his way to become well acquainted with the young men who have rallied round him to assist in making the services of the Church as impressive as possible. They know that he is more than the organist; he is the friend of them all. To him, many of them owe the fact that to-day they can appreciate really good music, and are themselves no mean musicians. Mr. G. A. Carpenter is also immensely popular with the young men, and apart from his leadership of the choir, he has many interests in common with the majority of them. There are still many of the younger male members of the congregation whose voices only require training, and as an opportunity of joining one of the best choirs in Canada is now offered, they should not hesitate to take advantage of it.

Last Thursday, after a month of well-deserved holidays, rehearsals were resumed. The choir will increase their repertoire of O'Leary pieces and Masses, and will also prepare to give a grand concert at Christmas. Professor Fowler is working at a new Mass, which will be rendered on next St. Patrick's day in honor of the golden jubilee of the consecration of St. Patrick's Church. The choir has a membership of over fifty active singers and has given proof of great improvement since Professor Fowler has opened the theory and night singing class, and all are desirous to make the musical portion of the services as worthy as they can. The choir has been without a leader for some time; the want of one was felt very much. Mr. G. A. Carpenter, a very active and devoted member, was unanimously elected to the position. His appointment is a popular one. Professor Fowler will open another course of theory and night singing on Monday, October 12th, for the benefit of the choir and any other young men wishing to follow it. The course will take two years. The classes take place every Monday night at 8 o'clock in the practice room. The lessons are given free of charge, the only condition is to become a member of St. Patrick's choir. Further information may be obtained on application to Professor J. A. Fowler, 4 Phillips Place.

CO-OPERATIVE FUNERAL SOCIETY.

The general meeting of the shareholders of the Co-Operative Funeral Expense Society was held on Monday at the society's central office, 1725 St. Catherine street. After the reading of a most satisfactory report of the business of the past year, which was unanimously adopted, the following gentlemen were elected directors for the coming year:—The Hon. L. Tourville, Ald. Dupre, Mr. P. Lacroix, city building inspector; Mr. Joseph Gareau, Mr. H. St. Pierre, Dr. Luvolette, Mr. M. J. Harney. After a vote of thanks to the directors and the manager, Mr. Harney, to whom the society owes its success, the meeting adjourned.

GRAND CELEBRATION AT ST. GABRIEL'S.

On Sunday morning last a very imposing ceremony took place in St. Gabriel's Church, Point St. Charles. The occasion was the solemn blessing of the beautiful and artistically decorated flag presented to the No. 2 Division of the A.O.H. About 300 members of the Order marched in procession from their hall on Chaboillez Square and filed into the church about 10 a.m. The sacred edifice was filled to overflowing, all available space in the aisles and galleries having been taken up. Immediately the Clergy, headed by about 30 beautifully clad Altar boys, entered the Sanctuary. The March played on the grand organ on the entering of the Clergy was in truth most soul inspiring, and reflects great credit on the musical talent of St. Gabriel's genial organist, Miss Maggie O'Byrne, who composed this special march for the occasion. Shortly after Holy Mass began, chanted by the Rev. Thomas F. Heffernan, assisted by the Revs. C. Filiatrault and J. Robillard as deacon and sub-deacon respectively. The choir, as usual, showed themselves masters of their art, impressing upon the minds of their hearers the fact that under the guidance of their esteemed and energetic leader, Mr. John S. Shea, they need fear no city rivals.

The sermon, which was assuredly held a masterpiece was preached by the Rev. Fr. de la Croix of Loyola College,

Gregory O'Byrne, S. J. He took for his text the first verse of the Epistle to the Ephesians. "I, therefore, a prisoner in the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation in which you are called." Suiting the words to the occasion he blended therewith a beautiful and lucid explanation of their motto inscribed on the flag, "Unity, Friendship, and True Christian Charity." From beginning to end the vast audience were held in rapt attention, spellbound, as it were, by the choice language of the widely known pulpit orator. After the sermon, the *soggarth arcan* of the parish, and, in a special manner, of the Hibernians, solemnly blessed the flag. At 11.45, Mass being over, the members of the A.O.H., headed by their flag and followed by the congregation, departed from the church, wended their way through the principal streets of the parish, and then dispersed, dotting as a red-lettered day in the annals of St. Gabriel's, the 20th Sept. 1896.

WILLIAM REDMOND, M. P.

TO THE YOUNG IRISHMEN'S LITERARY AND BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER WHICH PRESENTS SOME OF THE CAUSES OF DISUNION—A PLAIN OPINION OF ENGLISH LIBERALISM—PARNELLITES WOULD SOONER QUIT PUBLIC LIFE THAN FOLLOW MR. DILLON, M. P.

When Mr. William Redmond, M. P., visited this city many years ago, among the organizations which tendered a welcome to him was the Young Irishmen's L. & B. Association. When Mr. Edward Halley, one of the members of that Association, was selected as a delegate to represent Montreal at the Dublin Convention, the secretary, Mr. John O'Neil, was instructed to communicate the fact to Mr. Redmond, and at the same time inform that gentleman that any courtesy shown Mr. Halley would be appreciated by the Association.

The letter of the secretary of the Young Irishmen's L. & B. A. brought the following reply from Mr. Redmond:—

DUBLIN, Sept. 10, 1896.

DEAR SIR,—I have received your letter, and would be most happy to meet your delegate, Mr. Halley, and extend to him what courtesy I could, but as I have not been to the Convention I have not seen him. The Convention, I regret to say, was not "National" in any way, as it only represented one party in Ireland. As Mr. Healy and the 24 members who follow him did not attend the Convention, and as all the well-known Bishops also kept away, the Convention was not at all representative of even the anti-Parnellite section. As the Dillonites and Healyites do not agree, it is useless to expect that we Parnellites can even think of giving up our position. In any case, the policy of the men who deserted Mr. Parnell at the request of England has been so weak and futile that the members of the Parnellite party would never place themselves under the control of the men who so misled them at the Parnellite crisis. It is not a personal question in any way, nor is it a question as to the leadership of any particular man. It is a question of policy on which the Parnellites differ from their opponents.

Ever since Mr. Parnell's death the men who deserted him have been nothing but the slaves of the British Liberal Party, from whom they accepted funds and to one of whom they gave up a seat in Derry which should have been fought and won by an Irish Nationalist. For three years the anti-Parnellites spent their time in doing the work of the Liberals and in return they received nothing. Our unfortunate countrymen in British prisons were not even released till the Tories came into office. It is proved that many of these prisoners were going mad during the three years the Irish members kept the Liberals in power, and yet the Liberals kept the prisoners chained up. It is true the Liberals proposed Home Rule, but they neglected to do a great many acts of justice which they might have performed in spite of the House of Lords. When the Irish members ventured to vote in favor of Catholic schools they were insulted by the Liberals, many of whom declared that because we voted for our religion they would give up Home Rule. In a word, the anti-Parnellites have been the tools of the British Liberals, and till that comes to an end the Independent Nationalists will hold on to the Parnell flag of absolute independence of all British parties. Mr. Healy declared the other day, with truth, that Mr. Dillon's idea, since he became chairman, has been to make his followers the tail-end of the Liberals.

If the Independent Nationalists of Montreal (whose kindness to me when I appealed to them in support of Mr. Parnell's leadership I shall always gratefully remember) could be here themselves to go amongst the people they would understand how it is that the real backbone of Irish Nationalism on the old sod stood aloof from the Convention in Dublin, which was in reality, as far as Ireland is concerned, a meeting of Mr. Dillon's followers and nothing else. That Mr. Dillon should have taken the chair of the anti-Parnellite party, in spite of the solid vote of about 25 of the members, is certainly not calculated to promote unity.

As far as the Parnellites are concerned it is not a question of any man. Let a bold policy be acted upon and the Parnellites will back it up by might and main whoever proposes it. If there is a proper policy there will be practical unity amongst all Irish members. If the idea of unity is that the Parnellites, who have been persecuted for the last five years, are to place themselves under Mr. Dillon's orders or the orders of his followers, then all I can say is that as far as I know every Parnellite would sooner leave public life altogether.

Mr. Dillon and Mr. O'Brien misled us about Parnell. First they told us to stand by him and then at the last election in Clare Mr. O'Brien, who boasts of his inoffensiveness, declared that I was

"worse than Judas" and "I became I refused to surrender my chief to a gang of snuffing British hypocrites. There is a lot of insincerity in all this talk of Unity. Let the men who are always calling Unity act on Parnell's old policy and there will be Unity in the British Parliament amongst Irishmen. But as long as the miserable policy of the last three or four years is gone on with, the Parnellites will stand to their guns. We never moved. We are in the same old position in which we stood when Parnell was at our head. It is for the men who ran like sheep at the crack of the British Ministers' whip to come back. They cannot come back to Parnell because he is in Glasgow, killed by a broken heart, but they can come back to the old flag.

Please give my best regards to the members of your noble Society, and say though I regret I cannot meet their delegate at Mr. Dillon's Convention, I shall be most happy to see him elsewhere if I can meet him or know where I may visit him.

Whatever differences may arise I feel always that the patriotism of the Irishmen of Montreal may always be relied on in the cause of Irish independence. Should you have an opportunity of doing so kindly convey my best wishes to Judge D. Healy, who so bravely took the chair at my meeting when the Parnell Party was not so triumphant as it now is.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM REDMOND.

JOHN O'NEIL, Esq., Sec. Young Irishmen's L. & B. Society, Montreal.

ST. MARY'S BAZAAR.

Last but by no means least we come to St. Mary's table. Mrs. Thos. Ryan presides, and that is sufficient guarantee of its beauty and merit. At this table Miss McHugh "collects" on a mysterious parcel sent from Ireland by Father O'Donnell. When it is opened the contents will be published in the True Witness.

Rev. Father Shea is nutting in his efforts to make the Fair a success. Zealous and energetic, proving himself a worthy representative of our pastor, displaying a praiseworthy anxiety to enlarge the fund for the decoration of "the place where the glory of our Lord dwelleth."

During the course of the evening it was learned that Mr. Edward Halley, one of the delegates to the Dublin Convention, had arrived home. He was invited to attend the dinner given under the auspices of the Forsters. Mr. Halley, in response to many calls, delivered a brilliant speech, in which he drew a vivid picture of the great meeting in Leinster Hall.

Miss S. Sutherland, the energetic and talented President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, A.O.H., is quite overjoyed at the kind and prompt manner in which Premier Laurier has acceded to her request in giving a handsome contribution to the section over which she presides.

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CATHOLIC SEAMEN'S CLUB CONCERT

POPULAR THURSDAY MUSICAL UNIONS.

Nothing to check the swing of this Club as it is widdled every Thursday evening. Mr. Gordon, chairman, offered the following fine programme last week to a bumper house:—The absence of Miss Wheeler, who was indisposed, was regretted, but Miss Sharpe, being specially requested to preside at the piano, proved a very good substitute: Miss Davis, song; Miss B. Milroy, recitation; P. Clarkery and J. Morris, seamen songs; St. Ann's Young Men's Society's Minstrel Troupe, some 30 members, under the skillful direction of Mr. P. J. Shea, met with a good reception. The following members specially assisted: E. Quinn, song, "Far Across the Ocean"; T. C. Emblem, song, "Old Flag"; J. Quinn, song, "Swing the Golden Gate"; Wm. Casey, comic song; J. Whitey, M. Mullarky, H. Hilder, songs; Bandmaster Quivron, of Victoria Rifles Band, rendered several selections on the cornet, which were loudly applauded. Irish jig by Miss Leycott and C. Front; Miss Maggie Leycott, recitation; May Ellen Kelly, song; Miss Jane Leycott, song; Miss Brennan and her sweet little girls proved a grand treat, and were greatly admired by all. Everybody left well pleased, and some of the seamen were heard to say that this was the best concert they had attended during the whole season.—F.C.L.

THE LATE MRS WALL.

It is with profound regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. William Wall, the young wife of the manager of the Ville Marie Bank Branch, which occurred quite unexpectedly on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Wall, who was the eldest daughter of the late Thomas Herbert, was very popular in Point St. Charles as well as in the circles of St. Ann's and St. Gabriel's parishes, where she always zealously labored in all charitable and social undertakings. Deceased leaves three little girls, and they increase the universal feeling of sympathy. The funeral, which took place on Saturday at St. Ann's Church, was largely attended.

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C. M. B. A.

At the last regular meeting of Branch 54, Wednesday, September 16, the following resolutions were passed and recorded in the Minutes:— Moved by Treasurer Thomas McDonnell and seconded by Chancellor Cornelius O'Brien: That the members of

this Branch tender their sympathy and condolence to our respected president, Bro. Thos. A. Cahill, because of the death of his beloved mother.

And further it is ordered that this motion be recorded on the Minutes of the Branch, and copies thereof be supplied to the Catholic press for publication.

FRANCIS D. DALY, Secty.

A YOUNG LAWYER'S DREAM.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel.

Two young Wisconsin lawyers met in Milwaukee a few days ago. They were the first members of the University law school class of '96. One has been dabbling in politics, been a delegate to a number of conventions, and is head and front of his party in the city in which he lives. The other has given his entire time to his profession, and is laying by a good deal of money. While the two were on the streets talking politics, a friend of each came along and entered into the discussion. Finally the friend said to the money-making man: "You see, 'Bill' is getting to the front—the first thing you know he will be in the lower house of Congress, while you remain a plodding barrister."

"Yes, that is true," replied Nathan. "Bill will go to Washington; he is elected three or four times, laid aside, and come back looking for a practice and a chance to earn some money to pay his debts; while I, my dear sir, will have made my little 'pile,' and can buy—let me see—a seat in the United States Senate."

We are always pleased to chronicle the success of a Canadian enterprise and we see by the notice of the Co-operative Funeral Expense Society's annual meeting, which took place last Monday evening, that the undertaking has been a success even beyond the expectations of the shareholders. The society now enters the second year with public confidence established, which is the greatest proof that it has carried out its obligations in the most satisfactory manner. A society that comes to the aid of the afflicted of all classes, established on the most solid basis, with men at the head well known for their integrity and sound financial standing, and their large business experience, certainly merits public confidence, and not only because it is established on a solid basis, nor that it offers solid guarantees to the assured, but it comes to your aid during affliction and when you most need assistance and sympathy. From the manager to the least of the employees you are treated with remarkable politeness and all the engagements are carried out in the most satisfactory manner, so that the Co-operative Funeral Expense Society merits a general and general encouragement, for it is a society that is destined to do a great deal of good in our city. The fact of its permitting subscribers to renew their Certificates, even though they may be ill, exacting no second inspection, adds benevolence to its other good qualities.

A SMALL PHONETIC DIFFERENCE.

From the Washington Star.

"Is there such a great difference between the customs of the East and those of the West?" asked the young woman who had just been introduced to Derringer Dan.

"Yes, miss, they're considerable."

"What is the chief difference?"

"Waal, miss, the leadin' difference is in the social gatherin's. We don't hold assemblages out there unless we mean business. With you 'tain't often anything more'n a luncheon, while with us 'tain't often anything less than a lynchin'."

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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, SUPERIOR COURT, No. 1557.

Dame Julie Lalonde, of the City and District of Montreal, has, this day, taken an action, for separation as to property, against her husband, Hermenegilde Laniel dit Desrosiers, trader, of the same place. Montreal, 9th September, 1896. GEOFFRION & MONET, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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MUSICAL NOTES.

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