

BEN HEBER (THE HILL OF HOWTH)

I trampled away, on a festival day, From vanity, glare, and noise, To catch my soul, where the wickets roll, In solitude's holy joys.

total abstinence brings in its train, he spoke at considerable length of the still greater spiritual fruits of sobriety, and urged a strong spirit of fellowship among the members, which would make them not only be united together in mutual support, but, if properly understood, would make them real missionaries to spread the cause, share with others the good things they enjoyed, and lessen the number of victims of drink.

ONE FAITH, ONE CHURCH.

Eloquent Discourse by Father Gaffne, O.P., in the Church of Notre Dame.

On Sunday last, in the Church of Notre Dame, the Rev. Father Gaffne, O.P., the eloquent Dominican preacher from St. Hyacinthe, delivered the second of his Lenten course of sermons on the subject: "One God, One Faith, One Church."

Not only in the outside world is the anniversary of Ireland's patron saint celebrated; but in our institutions of education the young generation is taught to look upon this day as one of religious as well as national importance.

ST. PATRICK'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society was held on Sunday afternoon, last evening. The meeting was opened with religious exercises in St. Patrick's church.

MOUNT ST. LOUIS INSTITUTE.

The Pupils Celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Monday, the 11th.

At half-past three on Monday afternoon the hall of the Mount St. Louis College was thrown open, and about eight hundred to a thousand people thronged in to attend the splendid literary, musical and dramatic entertainment given by the pupils for Ireland's national festival.

The following was the splendid programme—a real literary and musical menu—that the Brothers and pupils presented. Great credit should be given the committee of arrangements for the efficient manner in which every detail was carried out.

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(BY GEORGE GREEN.)

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DEAFNESS ABSOLUTELY CURED.

A Gentleman who cured himself of Deafness and Noise in the Head of 11 years standing by a new method, will be pleased to send particulars free.

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Parting Interview with Emmet.

A Touching Scene that has become Historical.

THE evening before his death, while the workmen were busy with the scaffold, a young lady was ushered into his dungeon. It was the girl whom he so fondly loved, and who had now come to bid him her eternal farewell.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS ITEMS.

The Church in South Africa is making wonderful strides. It is hoped the Holy See will soon establish a South African hierarchy.

There are 800 Catholic Truth societies already established throughout the country. The number should be increased two-fold during next year.

A leading and popular Portuguese actress, Lucinda Simoes, has recently abandoned the stage and entered a convent of the Sisters of Charity.

There are forty-two head centres in the League of the Sacred Heart, forty nine thousand five hundred and one local centres, and a membership of twenty million.

As a result of the influenza, several of the most important archiepiscopal sees in Europe are vacant. Among them are Westminster, Amiens, Toledo, Genoa, Venice, Milan and Besancon.

A statute of St. John the Baptist, imported from Lyons, France, costing \$500, and recently placed in the Church of St. Jean Baptiste, Marquette, Wis., was blessed on Feb. 25, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Verin.

Our missionaries in setting foot on the Japanese soil, after nearly three centuries of exile, found a compact and solid nucleus of 10,000 Catholics as a solid foundation for the church they had come to rebuild.

Rev. Father Ryan, for several years stationed in Loyola College, Baltimore, has resigned from the Society of Jesus on account of ill health, and has been appointed rector of the Cathedral, Toronto, Ont.

Rev. J. C. K. Laflamme, D. D., of the Seminary of Quebec, Canada, has been appointed Bishop of Chicoutimi, succeeding Bishop Babin, who was lately appointed coadjutor to Cardinal Taschereau of the Archdiocese of Quebec.

The authorities of Georgetown College at Washington, D.C., have purchased the valuable library of the late Dr. John Gilmary Shea. The collection contains 10,000 or 12,000 books and a large number of very valuable manuscripts.

Bishop McQuaid, of Rochester, has written as follows to the committee of clergymen who are endeavoring to secure shorter hours for clerks and others on Saturday evenings: "An effort to shorten the hours of work for clerks and others in our large establishments on Saturday evenings is most commendable. Many lose their health by such prolonged hours of labor, and are little fit for Sunday duties from fatigue and exhaustion. I trust that you will meet with deserved success in your philanthropic work."

Rt. Rev. Bishop Ludden of Syracuse, N.Y., in his Lenten Pastoral makes some severe strictures upon dancing. Among other things he says: "Dancing is not in itself an evil, and cannot be universally condemned as such. But since it is most certainly a profane and dangerous amusement, because of its accompanying fashions, forms and familiarities, the Church forbids it in connection with any Christian, charitable or Catholic name. And no society honored with the name of Catholic can honestly or lawfully bring the name into dishonor by connecting it with a ball or dance."

Rev. C. H. Colton, pastor of St. Stephen's Church, New York, lately received a splendid set of vestments from Mrs. Theodore Haveneyer, the wife of the wealthy sugar refiner, as a token of her regard for the church, which her father, the late Consul-General of Austria, attended. Mrs. Haveneyer found the vestments in an out-of-the-way place in Paris recently, and it cost her \$1,300 to get them and \$700 to have them cleaned. They are very old and said to be the style of the time of Louis XIV. There is so much gold on the front and back of the garments that they are too heavy for comfort and an almost insupportable. The dazzling vestments will be worn for the first time by Father Colton and the celebrant of the Mass on Easter Sunday, and in the meantime they will be carefully kept in the rectory.

McIntosh, Williams & Co., are introducing a new article for coverlets that will give a brightness to bedrooms, that so many housewives prefer to the whiteness of coverlets so generally used. As these covers are light, wear well, and are attractive to the eye, they will doubtless command a large sale, especially as they are being placed on sale at economical prices.

It Leads the Leaders. The foremost medicine of the day, BARK BLOOD BITTERS, is purely vegetable in its composition, possessing perfect regulating powers over all the organs of the system and controlling the secretions. It so purifies the blood that it renders all humors and diseases from a common source to the worst, scrofulous sore, and this combined with its powerful purifying, cleansing and purifying influence on the secretions of the liver, kidneys, bowels and skin, render it the most valuable medicine for the cure of all diseases of the blood and skin, such as eruptions, pimples, blotches, nettle-rash, scurf, tetter, and all the simple forms of skin disease. From two to four bottles will cure with rhum or eczema, shingles, erysipelas, ulcers, abscesses, running sores, and all skin eruptions. It is indicated that sufferers from skin diseases are nearly always aggravated by intolerable itching, but this quickly subsides on the removal of the disease by B.B.B. 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