

CANADA AND THE IRISH PARTY.

The following article appreciative of Toronto appeared in the *Freeman's Journal* of the 24th ult.

The strong hold which the statesmanship exhibited by the present Irish leaders in their conduct of the National cause has established upon the intelligence and sympathy of the Ireland beyond the seas is once again shown by the remarkable evidence of Canadian approval which our columns exhibit to day. From the three great centres of Canadian life—Toronto, the capital of British Canada; Montreal, the city of the French Canadians; and Ottawa, the Capital of the Dominion—come three substantial subscriptions in aid of the funds of the Irish Party. Toronto, which used to be the Belfast of British America, sends the largest subscription, £1,017, and this is but the first instalment of the fund that is being raised there. Ottawa and Montreal send first subscriptions of £800 and £270 respectively. Toronto's subscription is the second of over £1,000 received for the same purpose from that city within less than a year and a half. The subscribers include Irishmen who have risen to the very highest positions under the Home Rule institutions of Canada, and who unite with a determined and ineradicable loyalty to the cause of Irish Nationality the sentiment of an equally devoted loyalty to the British Empire. Their practical co-operation in the Irish National movement will be interpreted by all intelligent Imperialists as significant of the fact that the concession of Irish self-Government, instead of imperilling, would inevitably strengthen and consolidate the Empire.

More instructive even than the action of these Irish Canadian statesmen is the letter addressed by his Grace the Archbishop of Toronto to his clergy and people, appealing to them to support the Irish Party, and appointing a day for a collection in all the churches of his diocese in aid of the home organization. The Archbishop of Toronto is a patriotic Irishman. His love of Ireland is as fresh and keen as when he left his native diocese of Ossory to take up the sacred duties of a missionary among the Irish Catholic exiles in Canada. In this devotion to his native land he is but representative of the people over whose spiritual concerns he has been placed. He and they realize the opportunities of the present hour. They see that Ireland never had such a chance of regaining its liberty, and that it only needs the union and co-operation of all Irish Nationalities at home and abroad to carry to success the struggle in which so many sacrifices have been made. They are resolved that they shall not be open to the reproach that they failed in their duty to their country at this crisis of her fortunes. "For us to fail now in reaching out a strong helping hand to the sacred cause of Irish self-Government and rightful liberty, would be," declares the Archbishop of Toronto, "to throw up our arms on the eve of victory, to render useless the sacrifices and struggles of the past, to abandon poor Ireland to the want, misery, and suffering that have made her the *mater dolorosa* of the nations, and to condemn her to the shame of failure and the agony of despair. No, please God, this shall never be said of us."

The spirit of resolute patriotism that inspired these words is the spirit that should fill every Irishman to-day. His Grace's appeal should move not merely the exiles of Toronto to fulfil their parts like generous Irishmen, but should also arouse their fellows in every land to imitate them. Would that all Irishmen realized as fully the truth that the future of Ireland for generation to come will be shaped within the next few years; and that it depends on them whether the future shall be one of liberty and peace or a weary repetition of the misery, the sufferings,

and the bitter war of the past. The Archbishop of Toronto has shown the example of a true Irish patriot in his action. His approval of the policy of the Irish Party, his tribute to their services and their sacrifices, and his ready sympathy with their difficulties, coming as it does from one whose genuine Irish Nationalism is not less manifest than his worth as a Catholic prelate, is one of those encouragements which compensate the Irish Party for all the unworthy aspersions and imputations of which they have been made the target. One word of such encouragement would outweigh whole columns of such vilification as has been poured upon them. His Grace's letter and the response that it will evoke from his people will not as a tonic on the determination of the Party to persevere to the end. It is an unquestionable proof that not only the vast majority of the Irish people at home approve the National policy, but that it commends itself to the mass of greater Ireland as well.

There is one Irish representative to whom no small share of the credit of this Canadian demonstration on behalf of Ireland and its cause belongs. Mr. Blake, M.P., has been made the intermediary between the chosen treasurers of the Canadian Nationalists and the National trustees. That his personal example has borne good fruit in Canada the Archbishop of Toronto's letter indicates. Such fruit is only part of the happy result that has followed from Mr. Blake's enlistment as a worker for the emancipation of the land of his forefathers. His services are prized and treasured in memory of a not ungrateful nation. We commend his efforts and the efforts of his compatriots to the example of Irishmen at home and abroad.

The Bishops on the Ballot.

Representatives of the press have recently waited upon their Lordships the Bishops of Peterborough and Hamilton, to obtain their views re Mr. Connors' Bill, now before the Legislature, making the use of ballots permissive to supporters of Separate Schools.

BISHOP DOWLING.

Bishop Dowling expressed himself as follows: "If our people want the ballot they can have it. We want to preserve our schools and other rights we have, and as naturally we object to men who would deprive us of these rights and abolish these schools, dictating to us how we shall manage them. His Lordship had also this to say: "I have no objection to the teaching in the Public Schools, except that it does not go far enough. We believe that religious instruction should be mingled judiciously with secular education. If it is crowded into one day of the week, the children acquire a feeling of repugnance for that day and for the teaching imposed on them in it, and that feeling they sometimes never overcome. It is for that reason we wish to maintain our Separate Schools, and it is only natural that we should object to the ballot being forced upon us by our opponents."

BISHOP O'CONNOR.

Bishop O'Connor said he had not read the Bill, and did not care to pronounce an opinion upon the subject. He, however, stated in effect that he had no objection to the ballot, "per se," but he did object to the enemies of Separate Schools, apparently from ulterior motives, thrusting the ballot upon those who were able to ask for it if they desired it; the tendency, if not the object of the agitation in favour of the ballot in the present case was to secularize the Separate Schools, and to stir up hostility between the clergy and laity. Personally he would prefer the open vote, as it obtained in the British and Canadian Parliaments and Legislatures. Voting was a responsibility which should not be evaded, and the voter should have an opportunity of discharging his conscience openly, as well as in relation to a higher power. Open voting showed the character of the man, whereas the secret vote—the ballot favoured the practice of hypocrisy the promising one thing and doing another. Our constitution protected every man in the exercise of his rights and none need be afraid of being coerced by anybody into voting against his convictions, for he enjoyed the protection of the law. When a majority of Separate school supporters were in favour of the ballot, he would willingly, for his part, respect their wishes.

When persons take an aversion to those who are to help and guide them as to their salvation, they will rush headlong into all excesses.

Home Rule Collections.

ONTARIO.

Rev. Father Duffy, \$5; Thomas Mulcahy, 25; James Naughton, 5; John Regan, 5; N. J. Frawley, 5; P. McAuley, 3; Wm. Joyce, 2; Patrick Keenan, 2; Wm. Healey, 1 50; C. Moore, 1; Miss Ross Gallagher, 1; P. Coleman, 1; Mrs. O'Hara, 1; P. Burns, 1; Ed. Chappelle, 1; Wm. Regan, 1; Wm. Thompson, 1; Jos. Murphy, 1; Patrick Bennett, 1; Dr. McDonnell, 1; Dr. Brown, 1; Wm. Kyle, 1; Jeremiah Sullivan, 1; Miss Sullivan, 1; Miss O'Neill, 1; Owen Duffy, 1; John Kennedy, 1; Joseph Connolly, 1; John Fox, 1; R. A. Lynch; R. K. Slaven; John Mulcahy, 1; Teefy Mulcahy, 1; Chas. Mulcahy, 1; Patrick Sheridan, 1; Patrick Sheehar, 1; Wm. O'Connor, 1; John Sullivan, 2; Jeremiah Sullivan, 1; James Young, 1; John Naughton, 1; John Mollugh, 1; Miss McNamara, 50c; W. Cavanagh, 50c; John Thornton, 50c; Mr. Noble, 50c; Frank Wilson, 50c; Patrick Cudaico, 50c; P. Coffey, 50c; Mrs. Murphy, 50c; Mrs. Gallagher, 50c; Miss Meehan, 50c; Mrs. Nora O'Connor, 50c; James Callaghan, 50c; P. McSweeney, 50c; Frank Frawley, 50c; Miss Kate Connor, 50c; Miss Bennett, 50c; Mr. Malone, 50c; A. Black, 50c; H. Thornton, 50c; Mrs. L. McDonald, 50c; D. McCaffrey, 50c; Miss Bayo, 50c; John Madden, 50c; Mr. Lawlor, 50c; John Finn, 50c; Mrs. Patino, 50c; Jas. Madden, 50c; John Welsh, 50c; Patrick Welsh, 50c; Judd Regan, 50c; Daniel Enright, 50c; Daniel O'Connor, 25c; Patrick Welsh, jr., 25c; Patrick Cashman, 25c; Patrick Thornton, 25c; Joseph Thompson, 25c; James Thompson, 25c; Patrick Connor, 25c; Mrs. Miller, 25c; Mr. Boyle, sr., 25c; Mrs. Thornton, 25c; Miss Regan, 25c; Mr. McNeill, 25c; Mrs. Owen Daffy, 25c; Mr. Birchard, 25c; Mr. Mangau, 25c; P. Smith, 25c; Mrs. O'Brien, 25c; Mrs. Sheehan, 25c; Miss Doyle, 25c; Miss Glynn, 25c; Mrs. Innalides, 25c; F. Clarke, 25c; Mr. Burke, 25c; Mr. Connor, 25c; M. Carroll, 25c; J. Quigley, 25c; Mr. O'Brien, 25c; Mr. Crowley, 25c; Miss Bayo, 25c; Miss Sheehan, 25c; W. Moore, 25c; Mrs. Coffey, 25c. Total, \$111 00

UPPERMERE.

Rev. James Hopan, \$5; John Haraby, 2; F. J. Gillespie, 2; Thomas McDermott, 2; Henry Heavener, 1; Martin Healy, 1; Thos. Hannan, 1; Mr. Hart, 1; Patrick Clarke, 1; John Fox, 1; Thomas Mulvihill, James Mahoney, 1; Marcus Healy, 1; Timothy Cahill, 1; Bernard Duffy, 1; Maggie McDovite, 1; Peter McGovern, 1; John Doyle, 1; Martin Timlin, 1; Joseph Fox, 1; Edward Lunigan, 1; Patrick Davlan, 1; Hugh McDermott, 1; William McDermott, 1; Mrs. Gaudaur, 1; Mr. Jas. Duffy, 1; John Thumpano, 1; James Doyle, 1; Michael McIntaugret, 50c; Neil O'Connell, 50c; Atty McDonald, 50c; Ned Gettings, 50c; John Corrigan, 50c; John Hannan, 50c; Martin Kelly, 50c; Owen Healy, 50c; James McGauvran, 50c; Patrick Clarke, 50c; Mrs. Dumick Healin, 50c; Mrs. Cox, 50c; Jos. Kenney, 50c; Mrs. McDermott, 25c; Alex. McDonald, 25c; Fred Grey, 25c; John Healy, 25c; Mrs. Creigh, 25c; John Clarke, 25c; Widow Clarke. Total \$44 75

WELLAND.

Rev. J. J. McEneaney, \$5; F. Brown, 5; James O'Brien, 5; Sheriff Smith, 5; Walter Smith, 1; George Smith, 1; Thomas Roach, 1; James Kilty, 1; Michael Hoban, 1; Mrs. Cafferty, 1; Mrs. J. W. Lohan, 1; John H. Dowd, 1; Miss Mary McCorney, 1; John Coughlin, 1; Mrs. J. Valencourt, 50c; Hubert Reuter, 50c; Henry Carpenter, 50c; Mary A. Dalton, 50c; Friend, 15c. Total, \$32 65.

PORT COLBORNE.

Aug. Bath, \$1; Edward Brown, 1; Mr. Bush, 1; Adol. Boyer, 1; James Twohey, 1; Thos. C. Ryan, 1; John Keenan, 1; A. Friend, 1; Patrick Fahy, 1; James Madden, 1; John Butler, 1; John Rao, 1; Miss Mary Dietrich, 50c; Rose Dietrich, 25c; James Hayden, 50c; Miss Ella Redin, 50c; Mrs. Thomas, 50c; James Ryan, 50c; Martin Han'ey, 50c; Thos. Helfron, 50c; Aug. A. Barth, jun., 25c; Mr. Ablorucus, 25c; A. Friend, 15c. Total \$16 35.

FLOS.

The following is a list of those who gave \$1 and over: Terrance O'Neill, \$2; Michael McVeigh, 2; Bernard O'Neill, 1; Henry O'Neill, 1; Thoms Brazzil, 1. Total, \$16 00.

BELL EWARD AND BRENTWOOD.

William Cronan, \$1; Mr. Leano, \$1; Jeremiah Desbourdies, \$1. Total, \$3 00.

The following are the totals of amounts collected for the Home Rule Fund as received up to date: St. Michael's \$136 35; St. Basil's, \$108 10; Our Lady of Lourdes, \$80 25; St. Patrick's, \$150 00; St. Mary's, \$111 33; St. Paul's, \$100 00; St. Joseph's, Leasideville, \$60 00; Collingwood, \$52 00; Brechin, \$18 75; Barrie, \$14 00; Fort Erie, \$11 75; Stayner, \$20 00; Pickering, \$25 00; Colgan, Adjara, \$112 00; Alliston, Adjara, \$17 00; Falls View, \$5 50; Orillia, \$11 00; Uptergrove, \$44 75; Belle Eward & Brentwood, \$5 00; Flos, \$16 00; Niagara Falls, \$27 50; Dixie, \$12 00; Caledon, \$11 00; Thornhill and Richmond Hill, \$41 00.

Forty Hours' Devotions.

On Saturday last at nine o'clock the devotions of the Forty Hours were opened at St. Joseph's Convent by his Grace the Archbishop. The Rev. Father Teefy, Superior of St. Michael's College, sang the Mass, the Rev. Father Murray being deacon, and Mr. McDonagh being sub deacon. The Very Rev. Father Marjion, Provincial, and Father Fracon assisted his Grace, who occupied his throne in the sanctuary. Immediately after Mass the Archbishop preached a most appropriate and touching sermon on the Blessed Sacrament as the light and food of the soul. Nothing could be more simple, more sublime and more deeply pious than the words addressed to the Sisters and the pupils by his Grace upon the occasion. When the sermon was finished the Blessed Sacrament was duly exposed, and the Hailmas and prayers recited. The Altar, always beautiful, looked its best, adorned as it was with numbers of lights, and vases of natural and artificial flowers. As soon as the prayers were over the pupils walked two by two to the altar railing, and there in adoration made an act of faith in the Real Presence. The Blessed Sacrament remained exposed day and night until Monday morning, when the exercises closed with solemn High Mass, which was sung by Very Rev. Father Marjion.

League of the Cross.

The St. Paul's Sodality of the League of the Cross held its regular meeting on Sunday afternoon last in their Hall, Power street. The President, Mr. Geo. Duffy, occupied the chair. Next Sunday, the second Sunday in the month, is business Sunday, and all members are requested to be present. An excellent programme was taken part in by the following gentlemen: Messrs. Frank Richard, M. Toppigue, J. C. O'Brien, P. Kennedy, A. O'Leary and D. Hayes. These programmes are always in keeping with the day, and consist of readings, recitations and speeches, all of which, more or less, refer to total abstinence.

An interesting paper was read by Mr. A. O'Leary, entitled "The First Stroke is half the Battle," which will appear in our next issue.

St. Patrick's School.

The following is the honor roll for the month of February:

Form IV—Excellent—Jas. McCandlish, Louis Meyer, Robert Burns, Charles Cummins, Good—Charles Fraser, Francis Helferman, Samuel Beck, Wm. Bradley, James Walsh, John O'Hearn, Joseph O'Leary, Jos. Hanley.

Form III.—Excellent—S. O'Toole, G. Brake, Peter Coll, F. Robson, Patrick Flynn. Good—Patrick Flanagan, P. Bradley, Wm. Kenny, John Cronin, J. McCandlish.

Form II.—Excellent—J. Costello, G. O'Leary, P. Murphy, M. Dumphy, J. Kerr. Good—G. O'Donnoghue, W. Doyle, A. Hodgins, J. Doyle, F. Emmott, J. Kitchner, W. Tobin, E. Hebert.

St. Michael's Cathedral.

A lecture will be given by Rev. J. R. Teely, Superior of St. Michael's College, for the benefit of the St. Nicholas Institute in the above church on the evening of March 11th at 7 o'clock. The Musical Vespers of Aligando, will be given by the choir, assisted by the following ladies and gentlemen, who have kindly consented to sing: Mrs. J. C. Smith, Mrs. C. M. Gann, Mrs. J. M. Gann, Misses Elliott and Horson, Messrs. Anglin, Stock and Egan.

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We invite attention to the Spring announcement of this well known firm, which appears in another page of to-day's REGISTER. The motto of the house—"We always lead"—is well sustained, as there is nothing in the best qualities of dry goods in which they are not up to date. Our readers doing business in that line will find it to their advantage, when about purchasing, to give Samson, Kennedy & Co. a call.

In a Scotch asylum there is a woman one form of whose insanity before she was incarcerated consisted in having her horse's shoes of solid gold with gold nails, each set of shoes and nails costing £500.

Little Queen Wilhelmina of Holland lives in a stately but rat-haunted palace, once the Town Hall of Amsterdam. She doesn't have a very good time as a girl, and one of the apocryphal stories of her is that she scolded her doll this way: "Now be good or I'll turn you into a queen, and you won't ever have any more good times."

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