

News From England.

How St. Patrick's Day Was Celebrated in the Sister Isles.

Mr. Redmond Hopeful.

(From a London Correspondent.) London, March 17.—To be quite in harmony with this letter should be written with emerald ink, on green paper, surrounded by a graceful border of shamrock.

For St. Patrick's day has set its seal on London this week and marked her for its own. The papers glow with wonderful accounts of the Irish Industries pageant, which took place in Dublin Castle on Monday, and was repeated in the University Hall on Tuesday.

A DAZZLING ARRAY.

It was a dazzling array of industries, personified by Irish ladies of beauty and wit, who marched past the Viceroy in the rich glow of innumerable colored lights. But it was in the dances that followed that the beauty of the various sections was most apparent.

THE DAY IN LONDON.

But although these gaieties took part in the capital of the Green Isle herself London was not to be outdone. From an early hour Covent Garden Market showed unusual activity for an off day like Wednesday.

A DUBLIN PREACHER.

But this year there was almost as large a crowd at the little church of Corpus Christi just off the looming Strand, and where the "world motif" of a theatrical rehearsal often breaks in upon the solemn strains of the organ, for here Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross, County Clare, sang solemn High Mass at noon, and deep interest was evinced in the celebrated preacher of Dublin, Father Kane, who delivered a magnificent discourse on "The Honour of Ireland."

ago. But one of the sights of the day was that witnessed at Wellington Barracks early in the forenoon, when under a bright blue sky and slanting rays of frosty sunlight illuminating their acoutrements, the Irish Guard paraded in full strength to receive from the hands of Lord Roberts, beloved of the British soldier, the little clusters of "the Queen's Shamrock" sent by her Majesty for every man in the regiment, and proudly worn upon breasts which a few years ago beat with indignation at its absence, for then they dared not decorate the red coat of loyalty with the green emblem of patriotism and faith.

FASHION OBSERVED THE DAY.

And if ecclesiastical, military and humble London were engaged in honouring the day, no less was fashionable London busy with the same object. Devonshire House, that solemn Georgian mansion which looks out with stolid eighteenth century gravity on the changing glories of Piccadilly, and can afford to remain substantial and shabby amidst gigantic hotels and palaces of marble flats—because it is the scene of the greatest political salon in the Metropolis, was turned into a Kerry fair by the kindness of the Duchess and the enterprise of the Royal Irish Industries.

THE IRISH CONCERTS.

And of course in the evening there were Irish Concerts, both at the Albert and the Queen's Halls. At the former such artists as Alys Bateman, Mme. Kirkby Lum, Mr. Ivor Mackay, Watkin Mills, and others contributed Moore's ever glorious and inspiring Irish melodies to a long programme, which included selections by Dr. Churchill Sibley on the great organ, and by the Band of the Irish Guards. But the official ballad gathering of the Gaelic League took place at Queen's Hall, where the "Comradh na gaeilge" was participated in by such national favourites as Kate Rooney, May Coleman, J. C. Doyle, Susanna Clandillon, Soosamh MacCathmhaoil, and the Choir of the Gaelic League itself. Messrs John O'Brien and Willie Murray supplying the ever popular feature of step dances, to the accompaniment of a band of war pipers, and the time beating of a very enthusiastic audience.

MR. REDMOND HOPEFUL.

Although they have many odds to fight against, and cannot rely on either political party save by the strength of their voting capacity there was hope for the future of Ireland in Mr. Redmond's speech, and hope, too, and better still determination, for the attainment of that goal towards which United Ireland ever aspires.—Home Rule. And well there may be hope. This feast of St. Patrick in the year 1909 is surely most marked in its overflow of sympathy, and helpful sympathy, towards Dark Rosaleen and her heavy load of sorrow and of care. From the Shamrock League, which advertises its dainty boxes of the little plant weeks beforehand and pays the proceeds to the most distressed families in the country, to the bright shops decked out in green and white which all over the Metropolis mark the advance and recognition of Irish industry, this spirit of helpfulness and service is everywhere apparent, and that despite all the "endeavours" which are still made in certain quarters to vilify Ireland and her inhabitants and to represent her as the seat of tyranny and lawlessness. And as one passes homeward through the busy streets of this great city, now silent and forsaken in the few quiet hours when London, sleeps, the words of the grand old hymn to St. Patrick sung by hundreds of voices, from childish trebles to harsh, unpractised basses, in our churches today,—seem somehow to linger in the

crisp night air with its haunting cadence of beseeching sweetness:

Ever bless and defend the sweet land of our birth Where the shamrock still grows as when thou wert on earth And now thou art safe in the Mansions above On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love." PILGRIM.

Perils of the Sea.

Two Hundred and Twenty-one Persons Lost on Atlantic Coast. The Winter's Record.

To them that go in ships the sea is ever a treacherous jade, and not all the inventions of man can tear the precious prey from the engulfing waters.

Two hundred and twenty-one persons perished by shipwreck and 89 vessels met with disaster off the New England and British North American coasts or while engaged in the New England or Canadian trade during the fall and winter season of 1908-09, which ended Sunday night. Of the 89 vessels cast ashore or lost at sea, six steamers and 56 sailing craft were total wrecks. The financial loss exceeds \$3,000,000.

One hundred and sixty-five persons were drowned in the series of storms which prevailed from Nov. 17 to Dec. 5. During this period four steamers and 35 sailing craft were lost. The greatest disaster so far as public interest was concerned was the destruction of the American steamer Soq City, which foundered off the southwest coast of Newfoundland, with all on board—28 men. It is supposed the steamer went down in one of the fiercest storms which swept over the Gulf of St. Lawrence during the latter part of November. The hull was never located, but much wreckage marked "Soq City" came ashore near Cape Ray, N. F.

NOTHING HEARD FROM HER. Another steamer which undoubtedly foundered in the North Atlantic during the latter part of November was the Norwegian steamer Stickelstad, which left Glasgow Nov. 23 for Sydney, N.S. The Stickelstad, which carried a crew of 30, never reached port. Like the Fabre line steamer Novstria, which left New York Oct. 27 for Marseilles, nothing was heard from her after sailing.

On Dec. 23, barge No. 101 of Boston foundered in a gale off the southern coast of Nova Scotia, while in tow of tug James Hughes from Boston for Halifax. Seven men lost their lives. The French bark Artere, St. Malo for St. Pierre, Miq., and a number of Newfoundland vessels bound from Spanish and Portuguese ports were never heard from, and it is probable the crews were lost. The bark had a crew of 17.

During a gale on Dec. 2 and 3, a dozen fishing vessels were wrecked on the Newfoundland coast, and 17 men were drowned. Twenty men were lost from half a dozen St. Pierre vessels in the same storm. The British warship Brilliant, during her run from St. John's, N.F., to Halifax, was damaged by this storm, and one of her crew fatally injured.

On Oct. 6 the French fishing schooner Juanita, carrying a crew of 20, foundered on the Grand Banks. All perished except the captain. Seven seamen belonging to the French warship Admiral Aube, while on their way from the cruiser, anchored in the St. Pierre roadstead to the town, were drowned by their launch capsizing in a gale on Dec. 14. A collision with a scow off Boston harbor on Nov. 21 sunk the British schooner Hugh G., from Harvey, N. B., and cost the lives of five of her crew. The accident was due to fog.

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A NORTHERLY DISASTER. The long list of marine casualties was lengthened on March 10 by the loss of the steamer Horatio Hall, sunk by the H. F. Dimock in Pollock Rip Slue. The steamer Massachusetts, which went ashore the same day in Vineyard Sound, was saved. There was no loss of life in these accidents.

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A Good Work.

Knights of Columbus Aid Missions to Non-Catholics. Project is Big.

It is not a bad sign of the growth of the non-Catholic mission-work to see the interest taken by the local bodies of Knights of Columbus in carrying on missions to non-Catholics. There is going on at present in the great auditorium in Denver, Colorado, under the direction of Father Carrigan, of St. Patrick's Church, a great city mission for non-Catholics. It is being carried through by the Denver Council, No. 539, Knights of Columbus, and the gentlemen who constitute the committee are: John B. McGauran, H. C. Fairall, M. E. Malone, Charles A. Nast, J. J. McFeeley, David O'Brien, J. R. Riordan, John H. Reddin, Joseph F. Beardon. It must have cost a large sum of money to secure this large auditorium and to lecture there during six nights. Moreover, as an additional attraction a picked choir of four hundred voices, under the direction of Charles A. Nast, have been secured. The great big plan on which the mission is organized and the spirit and purpose with which the mission is carried along are worthy of a large committee of leading Catholic laymen.

Father Sutton, too, reports that in all his missions in Southwestern Kansas he has had the immediate cooperation of the local Knights. They have not only met his expenses, but they have given what is equally as important, the moral support of their standing in a community and their reputation for good citizenship. The same sort of work is being done in many other places, where the public-spirited Knights of Columbus realize the opportunities of the non-Catholic mission work and rise to them. The Knights have very many calls on them for local charities, but no work is so much akin to the purposes of the organization as the missions that command the doctrines and practices of the Catholic Church to the non-Catholics of America.—The Missionary.

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A fair little girl Sewing as long as she see. Then smoothed her hair. And said, "Dear Such a number of Crying 'Caw! caw! to bed, She said, as she little flight, "Little black good-night!"

The horses neigh lowed; The sheep's "Bleat over the road All seeming to sa light, "Good little girl, night!" She did not say night!" Though she saw ball of light; For she knew he All over the world sleep.

The tall pink fox head; The violets courted bed; And good little And said, on her prayer; And while on the lay, She knew nothing was day, And all things sa sun, "Good-morning! work is begun TWO PE

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