



THE OLD CAUSE.

By T. D. SULLIVAN.

Here's to the old Green Land once more! Here's to the dear old country that Good men have pledged the toast before In deeper moods of redder rain. Their fight is fought, their duty done; But, all the day long, when the night falls, We'll hear the grand old banner on some distant yet before we die!

THE ANCIENT DRUIDS.

AN INTERESTING ESSAY, BY HENRY COYLE.

The History of These Ancient Priests—The Origin and Peculiarities of Druidism.

The Druids were a remarkable race of priests who came into Europe with the Celts, the first settlers of that part of the globe, and who seem to have exercised almost unlimited sway in civil and religious matters. Of their origin and history very little is known; but the early writers have given such accounts of them as to make it evident that their influence among the Gauls and Britons was very great.

might be credited, these mystic groves were frequently shaken by some unearthly influence, and dreadful sounds issued from the caverns and hollows which abounded in them. Some times, we are told, the woods would be wrapped in a flame of fire without being consumed, and sometimes the oaks would be twined round with monstrous dragons. At the hours of noon and midnight the priests entered these gloomy places to celebrate their mysteries with trembling and terror. Such appalling accounts of these services doubtless originated with the Druids, themselves, who wished to deter the people, by such means, from penetrating into the secrets of their superstitious practices.

some 400 or 500 extra seats have been carried into the church, and at the night services standing room is at a premium. By Easter Sunday night, when the young men's mission will close, the Missionaries expect that nearly 10,000 people will have approached the Sacraments. The congregational singing that has been introduced at the young women's mission is already an assured success. It is a spectacle rarely witnessed in any of our churches to see 3000 women in one grand chorus singing the devotional hymns of the Church.

MONASTIC MANORS. EXTRACTS FROM ANCIENT ENGLISH RECORDS. How the Abbots of Peterborough Managed Their Members of That Domain—Peculiar Laws and Odd Restrictions Placed Upon the People. Our ancient manorial records after having been permitted to sleep for centuries, are at length attracting the attention of historic students. Our experience leads us to think that as investigation becomes more thorough and complete, a marked difference is seen to have existed between those belonging to lay lords and those which were in the hands of monastic or other religious corporations, says the London "Tablet."

person. In 1558 an order was made which we think will be intelligible to many of our readers. A small fine was imposed on every one who did not fill up his "firstwork holes." Scotter Common, like those in many parts of Lincolnshire, was in a great measure composed of peat moss, in which fir trees are buried in great numbers. These it was the practice to dig up for making into gate posts and for firewood. If the holes were not at once filled up they became pools of water in which the cattle on the common were in great danger of being drowned.

ARCHBISHOP FABRE. NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS CONSECRATION. Mount Saint Louis Institute the Scene of a Magnificent Celebration. No more fitting place in Montreal could have been chosen for the splendid celebration of the nineteenth anniversary of the consecration of Archbishop Fabre than the beautiful chapel of the Mount St. Louis Christian Brothers' College. On Friday, the first of April, His Grace, assisted by the Rev. Vicar-General Marechal, with Canons Racicot and Archambault, as deacon and sub-deacon of honor, and the Reverend Messrs. Laforce and Viau, as deacon and sub-deacon of office, celebrated Pontifical High Mass for an audience of over a thousand people.