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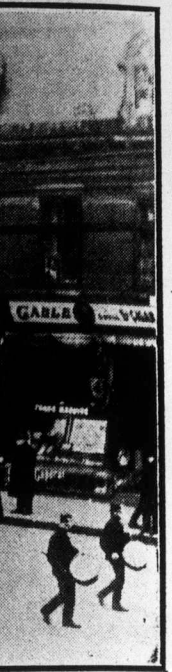


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many others had admitted the jus- tice of the Irish claim; but prejudice stood in the way. However, Catho- lics would win the day in this mat- ter.

Mr. Devlin dealt at length with the Land Bill, insisting that if properly administered and approached in a fair spirit by the landlords that it would prove a measure of immense benefit to and relief for Ireland. But after all, it would only settle the land question.

There remained the great, always the first question of Home Rule. Ire- land will never surrender her nation- hood. The aim of the Irish party is to secure the regeneration of Ireland and they are giving to that object all their energy, their time, their life. The triumph will be won, but it is only fair that the Irishmen of Canada should help in this great work—and he strongly appealed to his countrymen to do their best in this respect.

Hon. Dr. Guerin moved, seconded by Mr. C. A. McDonnell, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Devlin for his magnificent address, which was adopted with cheers.

The second part of the programme opened with "Descriptive Irish Melodies," by Mr. Thomas Flood, which were much enjoyed. Mr. Frank Feron, Montreal's popular baritone, gave with much fervor and sweetness the "Wearing of the Green." Then fol- lowed selections by pupils of St. Ann's Boys' Choir, in which Masters Emmet, Harney and Percy Dunphy, were the soloists.

One of the most enjoyable Irish gatherings was then brought to a close by singing "God Save Ireland" which was taken part in by the au- dience.

## Happenings in Scotland

Under the heading "First Catholic Magistrate Since the Reformation," the "Catholic Times" says:—The election of Councillor O'Hare to the dignity of the magisterial bench brings out the fact that he is the first Catholic in the Glasgow Town Council since the "Reformation" to be raised to such a position. Councillor O'Hare, who has served the city faithfully for a number of years, was, we understand, long ago offered the honor now conferred, but at the time declined its responsibilities. By every section of the community worth considering the new Bailie is held in the highest esteem.

COWCADDENS WARD.—Mr. D. J. M. Quin, the unanimously selected candidate of the above ward, has been unfortunately defeated in the recent Town Council election, a correspond- ent of the "Times" says: The forces of bigotry, beer, and bluff have for the time being triumphed; but a good purpose has been served by Mr. Quin's candidature. It brings out the fact that Mr. Quin's creed, coun- try, and calling are still prejudicial in the eyes of a considerable section of the community to his speedy ad- vancement in civic life, and that in order to silence this section and render it through time powerless the Catholic and Irish forces of Glasgow must become more united, strength- ened, and consolidated.

A NEW CHURCH.—The new Catho- lic Church at Renfrew, which was last Sunday solemnly blessed and dedicated by Archbishop Maguire, who also preached for the occasion, provides accommodation for a con- gregation of 700.

HIS MEMORY GREEN.—The pastor and parishioners of St. Patrick's Church, Anderson, cherish the mem- ory of their late pastor. The best evidence of this fact is the following report of a recent meeting held to devise ways and means of erecting a suitable memorial:—

At a large, enthusiastic and repre- sentative meeting of St. Patrick's congregation, Anderson, held last week, and presided over by Rev. Dr. Mullin, it was unanimously resolved to erect a grand memorial altar to the late Very Rev. Canon Condon, and at the same time to add other needful ornaments to the handsome church, which their late beloved pastor had been the means of building. Subscriptions at this meeting were intimated to the extraordinary ex- tent of \$8,500, and a few days later it was intimated that other parish- ioners who could not attend the meeting had also sent their subscriptions, bringing the sum up to the generous figure of \$5,500. Dr. Mullin has much reason to feel proud of his wealthy and generous congre- gation.

## OUR TORONTO LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

A rather curious fact forces itself upon one when engaged on these short sketches of prominent young men of Toronto, and that is that the majority are the product not of our beautiful Queen City or any other metropolis, but are principally from outside districts. This does not apply in all cases, as we have shown, but it appears to be applicable, speaking generally. Were the occasion opportune one might ask the cause, is it that city life with facili- ties near to hand, has a tendency to destroy ambition, or have the better part of the young men born in our midst taken themselves to still more ambitious and wider fields. It seems a question worthy of solution.

Mr. Andrew J. McDonagh, L.D.S., is one of those who have come to us from outside, and has won for him- self a conspicuous place in the pro- fessional life of our city. He is an Irish Canadian, his father being an Irishman, Patrick Michael McDonagh and his mother a McDonnell, Cana- dian by birth. Not many years ago there lived a loved and venerable priest who was Vicar-General of the diocese and parish priest of Perth; this was Very Rev. Father McDonagh, about whom was written the pathetic poem "God rest the soul of the priest of Perth;" this gentleman was the uncle of Mr. Andrew J. McDonagh; a brother of Mr. McDonagh, was Father McDonagh, the genial parish priest of Hastings, who died four years ago, but whose memory is still a fresh and loved reality in the hearts of his people.

Mr. McDonagh was born near Perth, but at the age of eight years moved to Nanaimo; here he attended the primary and high schools, and obtained a second class departmental certificate; he then decided on den- tistry as his life-work, and to equip himself he attended the school of den- tistry, and the Royal College of Dental Surgeons. Sixteen years ago he came to Toronto, where, without any exaggeration, it can be said, he is now one of the leading men in his profession. His knowledge of his subject has been shown in his late professorship of "Crown and Bridge Work" at the Royal College; outside places too have had the benefits of his lectures, and it is known that he has refused invitations to address important bodies, on account of pressure of work at home. He is connected with all the leading socie- ties relating to his work, being on the executive of the Canadian Den- tal Association, and on the commit- tees of the Ontario Dental and To- ronto Dental Society. In Catholic circles Dr. McDonagh made himself felt almost immediately on his com- ing to the city, and when St. Mary's Truth Society was established he was chosen its first president; he is still its honorary past president. The two years active presidency of Mr. McDonagh with this branch did a great deal towards making it the power it became for good; and the position it holds as first of its kind in the city is due in no small mea- sure to the zeal he displayed while at its head.

The "Impartial Witness," a paper published and distributed free throughout the western part of To- ronto during the presidency of Mr. McDonagh was in part, though not altogether, a result of his endeavors; he was one of its editors, and one of the several who ventured money—and lost it—in the cause of propa- gating Catholic Truth amongst the non-Catholic residents. He is also a member of the present active Cana- dian Catholic Union.

Doctor McDonagh does a large practise at his offices on Spadina Avenue, where he also resides. He is married to Miss O'Byrne, daughter of Mr. Lawrence O'Byrne, one of To- ronto's widest known and most re- spected Irish Catholic citizens.

A NEW CHURCH.—A meeting was held a few days ago, at which plans for a new church were submit- ted to the parishioners of St. Pe- ter's, by Mr. J. P. Hynes, architect; the plans included a basement hall, which is a most useful addition to any church. The proposals and ideas generally were well received, and when carried out, as they undoubt- edly will be in the near future, will fill a long felt want in the north- western portion of our city.

St. Peter's as at present constitu-

ed, is the last remnant of what may be called pioneer days in Toronto. That such a thing is still existent in so progressive a city as ours is al- most a wonder, and to find exact reason for things as they are would be a not altogether easy task. For nearly a quarter of a century St. Pe- ter's Church was merely a poor frame building representing part of the large parish of St. Mary's. It did double duty as church and school; seven years ago it was made an in- dependent parish, and the energetic parish priest, Rev. Father Minnehan, with the hearty co-operation of his parishioners, set to work on develop- ments. New ground was bought, a substantial and well equipped school- house was built, a fine parochial re- sidence raised its head, and the old frame church was renovated and beautified in such a way as to be scarcely recognizable in its new out- fit. Now the time seems opportune for crowning the work by erecting a church befitting its mission and in keeping with the new accompaniments and the ever-expanding conditions of the part of the city in which St. Pe- ter's is situated.

Even when laboring under the dis- advantages of remoteness from busi- ness centres and the disabilities of poor church and school accommoda- tion, the people of St. Peter's have been prominent amongst the other parishes for the energy with which they entered into all works whether local or general in which Catholic in- terest were concerned; perhaps these very disadvantages made them thoughtful for others; whatever the cause they were never behind and the entire atmosphere of the parish is that of an all-alive and healthy vital- ity.

It is safe to predict that when the new Church is started, that every as- sistance will be given the zealous pastor of the parish by the always ready parishioners, and that the thoroughness they have heretofore displayed in recent improvements, will make itself felt in the building of the new Church, making it when completed something to which the people of St. Peter's and Catholics of the city generally may look with pleasure and pride.

A PRESENTATION.—The regular weekly meeting of the Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Association was held on Monday evening last at the home of Miss Hart, Northcote Avenue. In the unavoidable absence of the president, Miss O'Donoghue presided. The study of Ulysses under the direction of Mrs. O'Neil, was continued, and a most interesting paper, containing much instructive matter bearing on the Hundred Days incident in the history of Napoleon, was read by Miss K. O'Donoghue. Variety was added to the proceed- ings by a presentation to Mrs. W. J. Fulton, who as a member of the as- sociation for some years before her marriage, had earned the recognition of the associates, on account of her share in the work of carrying on the society.

Miss O'Donoghue in a short and happy address spoke on behalf of those present, acknowledging their indebtedness to Mrs. Fulton—then Miss O'Rourke, B.A.—for the able manner in which she had led the members through the different phases of "Dante," a work which the leader's knowledge of the poem in the original, had so well fitted her for. The Society could not allow the occasion of Mrs. Fulton's marriage to pass—though the holidays had caused some delay—without giving some expres- sion of gratitude and congratulations on the event.

The recipient was genuinely sur- prised and expressed herself as such; she, however, was delighted at the expression of the Society, and ac- cepted the gift—a pretty brass kettle with spirit lamp and fixtures—with pleasure. Mrs. Fulton intends to continue her connection and interest with the Association.

Coffee was then served, and music and song ended a very pleasant evening in the history of the C.Y.L.L.A.

## Be Sure of Prayer.

If you are young look onwards to the opening trials of life. If you de- sire to find yourself strong in God's grace and established in holiness you must be sure of prayer. If you are middle aged and not so holy as you feel you should be and look on to old age and its peculiar difficulties you must be sure of prayer. If you are old and look on to the death, etc., be sure of prayer. Let us all look into the bright heaven above us. Are you to be there? Is it to be your everlasting home? Be sure of prayer.

## NOTES FROM ENGLAND

CATHOLIC UNION.—On a recent occasion His Grace the Archbishop of Westminster, says the "Universe" of London, expressed a wish to see in the near future a consolidation of Catholic forces on both sides of the Thames. His Grace has viewed with pleasure the solid work done by the South London Catholic League in safeguarding the interests of the Catholic body generally in the South- ern missions.

At the meeting of the South Lon- don Catholic "Five Hundred" on Monday evening, an attempt was made to give practical form to the suggestion of His Grace, and with a view to this end Mr. P. J. King, one of the Vauxhall delegates proposed the following resolution:—That our secretaries, the Rev. W. F. Brown and Mr. Councillor O'Neill, be, and are hereby instructed to take the necessary steps to bring about a con- ference between a committee to be now appointed by this body and re- presentatives from the other Catho- lic organization in North London, with a view of forming one associa- tion to look after Catholic interests in the whole of London, in accord- ance with the expressed wish of His Grace the Archbishop of Westmin- ster. That the committee for the Catholic "Five Hundred" consist of the Very Rev. Canon Murnane, the Rev. Father Buckley, one of the Franciscan Fathers from Peckham, Messrs. Shevlin, O'Byrne, McCarthy, MacHugh, and our hon. secs. Mr. King, in briefly moving the adoption of the motion, said the Catholic As- sociation was very much in favor of the scheme. A letter had been writ- ten to another Catholic association on the matter, but the secretary had not deigned even to reply.

GAELIC LEAGUE.—The Gaelic League's local schools are now in full working order throughout Lon- don, and there is a considerable in- crease in attendance in many quar- ters, while an added interest is notice- able generally. The Clapham school, which meets on Thursday evening at the Assembly rooms, outside Clap- ham station, is proving one of the most active of South London cen- tres. Its teachers are Messrs. Fahy, King, Grehan, and Murphy. The new school for the Tower Hill district meets on Friday evenings at the Catholic schools, Great Prescott street. The children's classes in va- rious districts are amongst the most interesting features of the League's work. A large number of new mem- bers have joined the League since the session began, and it is found neces- sary to open yet another class for beginners at St. Andrew's Hall. This begins on Monday evening, Novem- ber 16th.

The League's musical festival at the Queen's Hall on Tuesday even- ing was an unprecedented success from an attendance point of view, every available seat being filled, and many being unable to gain admis- sion. Of the programme we need not speak in detail. It will suffice for our purpose to mention the names of Messrs. Denis O'Sullivan, Joseph O'Mara, Plunkett Greene, Patrick O'Shea, and Miss Kate Rooney and Miss Marie Narelle to show the class of talent which was provided for the occasion, not to speak at all of the instrumental music and the exhibi- tion dancing. Truly the League cele- brated "Samhain" in a purely Irish manner. Of course the programme was not all that Irish enthusiasts could expect. The League, however, knows its own business best. As a musical festival it is without a paral- lel. The Dublin war-pipers were an attraction in themselves. They got a hearty reception. The audience was delighted, and showed its appre- ciation by the vociferous applause with which each artist was greeted. Irish London expected much from the Gaelic League, and it was not disap- pointed.

POOR HOUSES.—Under the cap- tion "Chorlton Union Workhouse," the "Catholic Times" says:—

At a meeting of the Chorlton Board of Guardians, held in Man- chester on Friday afternoon, it was reported that the Chorlton Union Workhouse was overcrowded to a serious extent. Last week the inmates numbered 2,818, an increase of 257 on the corresponding week of last year. At the meeting the clerk re- ported that he had been seen by Mr. Hill, of Salford, who said that the Salford Catholic Rescue Society was unable to find accommodation for the fifty Catholic children in the workhouse, and he suggested that application should be made to the Local Government Board to renew the full certificate to the Tottington schools in order that they might be

able to take the Catholic boys from the workhouse between the ages of two and eight years. Mr. Michael Bushell (Catholic) moved that the Chairman and Dr. Rhodes be ap- pointed to wait upon the Local Gov- ernment Board in London and en- deavor to get the suggested certifi- cate issued. The present overcrowd- ing of the workhouse made it neces- sary, he pointed out, to attend to this matter as soon as possible.

The Chairman (Mr. W. Ramsden), said there were fifty Catholic chil- dren in the workhouse, and 119 Pro- testant children, and that the build- ing at Styal was overcrowded by about forty. They had been accused by municipal candidates of being a very extravagant Board. A candidate in North Manchester said that the rates in North Manchester were very much smaller than in South Man- chester, and he did not hesitate to say this was the fault of the extra- vagant Board of Guardians. "I deny that this Board is extravagant," the chairman said. "I maintain that the Board is efficient, and if you are go- ing to have efficiency you must pay for it." The increased number of paupers necessarily involved increas- ed expenditure, and he did not think the Board had spent one penny more than was absolutely required. It would evidently be necessary before long to provide additional accommoda- tion at the Workhouse.

Dr. Rhodes said there were reasons for an increase of pauperism in that district. The Ship Canal and the large works in Trafford Park had brought much unskilled labor into the district. A large number of those employed at the docks lived in Hulme, and when they were sick and out of work they came on the books of that Union. It was also said that the Board did not give a suffi- cient proportion of out-relief. But in Manchester they were bound to have a greater amount of indoor relief than other Unions. There were a large number of unmarried laborers to whom it would be absurd to give out-door relief. The resolution moved by Mr. Bushell was carried.

SANTA CLAUS FOR POOR.—A movement is being started in Liver- pool to provide the poor children of the courts and alleys with a warm garment, a doll or toy, and a bag of oranges, sweets, and biscuits, on Christmas morning. The children are first selected, and then those in charge of the movement see the child on Christmas morning and give it its present. It is called the "Santa Claus" scheme, and is successfully working in other towns. Mr. E. C. Gerosa, of 12, Buckingham road, Tuebrook, Liverpool, is the hon. treasurer of the fund, and the com- mittee appeals for gifts in money, material, or toys, to make Christ- mas Day brighter for the most wretched of our children.

A CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.—There was a crowded gathering at the fifth of the public meetings on the Town Hall Square on Sunday evening, held under the auspices of the Bolton Catholic Defence Associa- tion. The chairman on the occasion was Mr. T. Dobson, and the speaker Mr. Chas. Unsworth. In his opening remarks Mr. Dobson said a few weeks ago one of their Protestant League friends threw out the taunt that they (the Catholics) dare not bring out the Catholic religion into the open; he said it could not stand the open air. Well, they had brought it out, went on the speaker, and hardly had they done so than the Protest- ant Press Agency were howling for them to take it in again. But they had taunted them too far this time, and they meant to see it through. Mr. Chas. Unsworth then proceeded to deal with the arguments advanced by Mr. Limerick the previous even- ing, who had contended that the his- tory of the "Reformation" only went to prove that the institution of the Protestant religion three hundred years ago was not the commence- ment of a new religion, but the re- vival of the old faith in England. Mr. Unsworth made a spirited reply to the charge. The usual Catholic hymns were sung at the meeting, and at the close the Catholic Truth Society publications were distribut- ed.

The essential elements of giving are power and love—activity and affec- tion—and the consciousness of the race testifies that in the high and ap- propriate exercise of these is a bless- edness greater than any other.

They say that at the sign of the Apollo the body erects itself and as- sumes a more dignified attitude, in the same way the soul should feel it- self ennobled by the recollection of a good man's life.

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