

THE CONNAUGHT RANGER'S CORNER.

A PLUCKY WOMAN.—Time and again have I suggested to the readers of the "True Witness" to patronize those who advertise in its columns. To what extent my suggestions have been acted upon I do not know, but recently I had an occasion to visit a retail dry goods store on Craig street, to make a little purchase for the "youngsters." Having settled for some I was about making my exit when a good old Irishwoman accosted me, saying in this Mr. ———'s store? I answered in the affirmative, when she said: "I see by the 'True Witness' there is a good stock of ——— at good bargains, and I want to buy the 'old man' one before they are all gone." I accompanied her to the counter where she had bought more than she had intended, and she was not ashamed to remark when she was thanked by the clerk: "Oh, you may thank the 'True Witness.'" How many of our good women do the same?

A WORD TO SOCIETIES.—Many of our Societies are not backward in sending lengthy resolutions of condolence to the "True Witness" for publication, and this in fact, is about all the patronage the paper receives from them; when it is necessary to advertise or to have any job printing done, the daily papers, or one of the other printing establishments get the work. Not many weeks ago, a branch of one of the Catholic Societies had an excursion and game, and notwithstanding the fact that a certain amount of the advertising was to go to this paper, the committee for reasons best known to themselves, gave it all to the daily papers. Recently a member of the branch died, resolutions of condolence were adopted and copies ordered to the press for publication, the result being that the daily papers ignored them and the "True Witness" published the resolutions as received.

THE GAELIC CLASSES are once more in full blast in this city. The meeting of the parent class, on Tuesday evening, in the Hibernian Armory, was a grand success, and the instructions under the immediate supervision of Mr. Lavelle, lasted two hours. At the close of instructions several short addresses of an encouraging nature were given by Messrs. O'Neill, O'Connor, Keane, Clarke, Stanton, O'Neill and McCarthy. During his vacation last month, Mr. McCarthy visited New York, and attended several meetings of Gaelic classes there. The New York members are loud in their praise of the progress made by the local classes. Major McCrystal, one of the executive members of New York, said that the good work done by the "True Witness" for the cause, was highly appreciated by the members of the Gaelic League.

Before adjournment the following resolution of condolence was tendered Mr. P. McHugh, one of the principal teachers and the supervisor of the Ladies' class. It may be mentioned that this is the fifth death in that worthy gentleman's family since he became from the green hills of Wexford, six years ago.

"Whereas, it pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst by death, Miss Ellen Mary, the beloved daughter of our esteemed member Mr. P. McHugh; Therefore, be it resolved that we tender our sincere sympathy to Mr. McHugh and his family in their hour of affliction, and be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mr. McHugh, and to the "True Witness" for publication.

THE LADIES GAELIC CLASS will meet on every Monday evening in Miss Cronin's Academy, St. Antoine Street, and the energetic work of Miss Stafford, Mrs. Harding, Miss Katie McCall, Miss Scully, and several other young ladies will be highly appreciated by the lovers of Erin the world over. May God bless those noble women.

DIVISION NO. 4, A. O. H., held a rousing meeting on Monday evening, in St. Mary's C. Y. Men's Hall, Provincial Treasurer Kearns presiding. Five new members were initiated and three proposed. Owing to pressing business the financial secretary and treasurer resigned, and Bro. Thomas Mitchell was elected financial secretary, while Bro. Martin Breslin, one of the most popular and hard working members of the branch will keep the keys of the treasury. County President Rawley was present, and gave the quarterly communications to the members, and delivered a short address on the aims and objects of the Order. The committee having in charge the Halloween concert met afterwards and transacted quite a large amount of business.

NEW BY-LAWS.—The members of the Provincial Board of Directors met on Monday evening in the Abbot Hotel to approve of the new County By-Laws, recently adopted at a special meeting of the County Board. Provincial President Reynolds reports

great progress of the Order in the Ancient Capital.

THE HIBERNIAN KNIGHTS held their regular weekly drill in the Bonsecours Market on Sunday afternoon. The principal feature of interest was the instructions, numbers, and words of command, being given in Irish by Captain Keane. Before the exercises were over, all the members of the company present were able to repeat the numbers and fully understand the commands, in the grand old tongue. It was also pleasant to notice the enthusiasm which our young Irish-Canadians manifested, in being instructed in the Gaelic. On every Sunday until they visit Boston, the Irish language will be used in the drill. What an example those young men are setting and what an encouragement it gives those interested in perpetuating that grand old language. A visit to the Bonsecours Market Hall, any Sunday afternoon will be well repaid.

COUNTY BOARD.—A special meeting of the County Board of Directors of the A. O. H. was held on Friday evening in the Hibernian Armory, Notre Dame street, County President Rawley in the chair. The meeting was called for the adopting of the County By-Laws, as drafted by a sub-committee consisting of three members of the pioneer Division, with one or two exceptions they were adopted. They are now in the hands of the Provincial President, for his acceptance. It is safe to say, that they will compare favorably with the rules of other organizations in the United States. There are many interesting clauses which the members should commit to memory. It is expected that they will be ready for distribution about the 1st of November.

PIONEERS AT WORK.—The quarterly meeting of Division No. 1, A. O. H., held Wednesday evening in their hall, Place d'Armes St., was very numerously attended. President Hugh McMorrow, presided. A motion to reduce the initiation fee of the Division was defeated. The concert committee reported progress, and are making extensive preparations for the 23rd. The treasurer's and financial secretary's report for the quarter ending the 30th of September were presented and accepted.

INITIATION FEES.—A matter seriously affecting many of the local Divisions of the A. O. H. is the initiation fee. There should be some action taken in this matter at next meeting of the County Board; a uniform rate established for the county is required.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.—At a recent meeting of Division No. 2, A. O. H., Vice-President M. A. Daly in the chair, a resolution conveying the sympathy of the members was passed to Mr. P. Doyle, on the death of his much esteemed wife. A similar resolution was also adopted and ordered to be sent to Mr. Thomas Leahy, whose sister recently passed to her reward.

NUMBER SIX.—The quarterly meeting of Division No. 6, A. O. H., was held in the Barry Hall, on Wednesday evening, President J. B. Lane, presiding. Five new members were initiated. The quarterly reports of the financial secretary and treasurer were presented and considered satisfactory. The qualified membership of the Division is now two hundred. County President Rawley attended, and distributed the quarterly communications. The County President was accompanied by Provincial President Reynolds, of Quebec, who delivered a stirring address on the cardinal principles of the Order. The Provincial President was very much pleased at the progress the "North End boys" are making. Mr. W. J. Clarke, of Division No. 9, was present and sang the Irish National Anthem at the close.

CATHOLIC SAILORS.—The concert at the Catholic Sailors' Club this week was given under the auspices of St. Patrick's Court, C.O.F., Mr. John Davis, past D.H.G.R., occupied the chair. The programme was of a high order of merit, some of the best local talent in the city taking part in it. During the evening Mr. M. J. P. Quinn, Q.C., M.P., delivered an address in which he eulogized the bravery and manliness of Catholic seamen, of whom there were thousands scattered over the different ports. The Sailors' Club has had a most successful season.

A COMING CONCERT.—The first entertainment of Division No. 7, A. O. H., will take place in the Sarsfield Hall, on Tuesday evening. A splendid programme of vocal and instrumental music has been prepared for the occasion, and the Hibernian quartette will make their initial bow to a Montreal audience. A feature of the affair will be an address by Bro. M. J. F. Quinn, Q.C., M.P. I sincerely hope the first entertainment of the West End boys will be a grand success.

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several years on the board of directors of the Montreal Horticultural Society and Fruit Growers' Association of the Province of Quebec.

"Mr. McKenna was one of the organizers of the Montreal Gardeners' and Florists' Clubs, serving two years as president and ten years on the executive committee. For two years he was vice-president of the Society of American Florists for the Province of Quebec. Mr. McKenna is an ex-alderman of Cote des Neiges, having occupied a seat in the council for nine years."

In perusing the various able speeches delivered on that occasion, we were forcibly attracted by some very elegant and practical remarks that fell from the retiring president, Mr. William Gammage, of London, Ont. Speaking of the culture of flowers and the influence it should have for good upon the people of Canada, the President said:

"The whole floricultural world is before us, to be talked about and to be written about, for we are yet in the kindergarten of horticultural knowledge. The practical and interesting subjects will attract members to our meetings. Let our proceedings impress the public with the nobility and dignity of our profession, for our prosperity is largely in our own hands. If we do not educate the public we cannot expect to have the demand. It is by experience that we regulate the future. With these prosperous growing times in Canada, this wave of prosperity brings with it an increased demand for our productions. What were luxuries become necessities, and so it goes on. Year by year we increase our capacity, year by year we improve our quality, and yet, year by year do we not copy our neighbors? How many of us have the courage to carry out the conceptions of originality we form? The love of flowers is so well high universal that every season the wonder grows that more originality is not displayed in choice and selection. There is a bright and prosperous future for those of us who will get out of the rut of conventionality."

This is simply investing an ordinary business with a dignity that lends a charm to its development. It is the stopping out upon a higher and a refining level and imparting a fresh impetus to all who have to deal in this beauty-creating trade. It is an encouraging sign of the times to find men taking such a high stand and elevating their business to the rank of a profession, adorning it with a halo that makes it akin to art. We can congratulate our friend Mr. McKenna, the new President, upon the signal honor conferred upon him by such an association, and we can confidently express the assurance that he will prove a worthy successor of the man who gave expression to such admirable thoughts.

OBITUARY.

It is always a sad duty for us to express our condolence with friends when it has pleased God to visit their homes and to create therein those voids which time can never fill. But when Death's Angel strikes repeated and rapid blows in one household, the sentiment of grief which overwhelms its members is not easily translated into language, and the feelings of sorrow and sympathy which we experience, appear embodied when set in cold type. If we cannot allow another issue of the "True Witness" to go forth without conveying to our esteemed, talented, and universally admired fellow-citizen, Mr. James Martin, the humble but inadequate expression of our condolence on the double affliction that has so recently befallen him. All who have read Mr. Martin's beautiful poems, magnificent dramas, and numerous other contributions to Canadian literature, must be able to form a faint idea of the intense suffering such a fine nature must have experienced, when, in one week, a dearly beloved mother and a cherished sister were summoned away to eternity. These are sorrows too sacred for common-place expression; and frequently the deep sympathy of a faithful scribe is the most sincere and acceptable tribute that can be paid to the memories of the departed and to the affliction of the surviving bereaved. We do not wish to intrude with any harsh phrase upon the gloom that has gathered around that honest, noble, and accomplished man, but we are incapable of imparting, we merely desire that he should know how truly his great double sorrow is respected and regretted, and that we may be allowed to join with the church which his departed dear ones so loved and served, in breathing a prayer for the repose of their immortal souls.

The Congregation of Notre Dame have purchased another beautiful Karm piano for use in St. Paul's Academy, corner of Greene avenue and Sherbrooke street. On account of their durability and their musical qualities, Karm pianos are fast becoming favorites in the convents of Quebec Province. A fine stock of these instruments are always to be seen at the warehouses of The D. W. Karm Co., Ltd., Karm Hall Building, St. Catherine street.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

A very beautiful anniversary was celebrated at Cote des Neiges on the 1st instant. On that day Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McKenna completed the fiftieth year of their married life. Although living in Cote des Neiges, Mr. McKenna has always been a pew holder in St. Patrick's Church, Montreal, and consequently is well known by all the parishioners. The first of October this year was a glad day for the family, and the venerable bride received many beautiful tokens of respect and love. Owing to the recent bereavement in the family, the celebration was kept strictly private, only the nearest relatives being present.

NOTES OF LOCAL INTEREST.

One of the principal social events of the month of November, will be shortly held in St. Gabriel's Church Hall. It will be a novel form of entertainment that will afford every opportunity to the people of the city to meet their friends in St. Gabriel, in a pleasant and informal manner. It will be under the direction of the Rev. Father O'Mara, who is indeed indefatigable in his efforts to lessen the heavy debt upon the church, which is without a doubt a gem of architectural beauty and a monument which the people of St. Gabriel can well feel proud of. The Rev. pastor will be ably assisted by the ladies of the congregation, who will spare no pains to make the affair one of the most successful social events of the year.

During the entire month devotions are held in St. Gabriel's Church. At 7.30 each evening there is the recitation of the Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Rev. Father O'Meara and his assistant Rev. Father McDonald, commenced the pastoral visitation on Monday last. The object of the visit is to ascertain the number of persons, communicants and non-communicants, in the homes of the parishioners.

The readers of the "True Witness" will regret to learn of the serious illness of an old and respected member of St. Gabriel's congregation—in the person of Mrs. D. Donahue.

It would be hard to locate a brighter or happier lot of children than those in attendance at St. Gabriel schools. They have entered upon the work of the year with zest, and are giving due satisfaction to both teachers and pastor.

It is rumored that a prominent young lady who has always taken an active interest in Church matters, is to be united in the bonds of matrimony at an early date. If the rumor be true this estimable lady will have the congratulations and good wishes of a wide circle of friends.

The devout clients of the Sacred Heart are very numerous in St. Anthony's parish. It was indeed very edifying to see so many members of the League approach the Sacraments on Sunday last. God's blessings must certainly rest on the heads of those whose hearts are purified by prayer and whose souls are strengthened by the sacraments.

Rev. Father J. P. Kiernan, of Sheenboro, Quec., and Father Dunn, of Gloucester, Ottawa, were visitors at St. Mary's Rectory during the week.

Miss M. E. Gamble, an estimable lady and a very worthy member of St. Patrick's congregation, entered into her reward on the 2nd instant, after a prolonged illness. The remains were brought by train to Quebec, and interred in the family plot in the cemetery. Her mother, who has been an invalid for years, and her sister who reside at No. 16 Union Avenue, have the sincere sympathy of a very large circle of friends.

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

The monthly meeting of the St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society, which was held on last Sunday afternoon in St. Patrick's Hall, was one of unusual interest and importance for a two-fold reason. Firstly because it was the occasion of the installation of Rev. Father Hallisey as the new Spiritual Director of the Society, in succession to Rev. Father McCallan; and secondly, on account of the unexpected presence of Rev. Father Kiernan, P.O., of Pembroke, Ont., who, seventeen years ago, was Spiritual Director of this, the pioneer Temperance Society of Canada.

At the instruction which is given in the church previous to the regular business meeting, Father Hallisey made a few introductory remarks, in which he expressed the hope that every member of the Society would co-operate with him in the future, (as they had so zealously done with Rev. Father McCallan in the past), to spread the cause of temperance throughout the parish and even the whole city. He then introduced their former Director, Father Kiernan, who is a native of Montreal. Father Kiernan expressed the pleasure he felt in visiting St. Patrick's once more, especially as it was in that church that he had received his First Communion and celebrated his first Mass. It gave him great joy to again address after so many years, the members of St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society; and he was pleased to notice so many familiar faces. He described the many evils of intemperance, and advised his hearers to induce as many young men as possible to join their ranks, as the demon lays his traps

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

EXTRA

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, Oct. 23.

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"THE CHRISTIAN."

PRICES: — 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, and \$1.50. The sale of seats will begin Thursday, October 19, at the Academy of Music.



Perhaps the greatest demonstration on the part of the audience witnessing "The Christian," which comes to the Academy of Music week beginning Oct. 23rd, with matinees Saturday and Wednesday, occurs in the great scene in the third act, where John Storm, driven to the verge of madness by the belief that Horatio Drake is conspiring to the moral destruction of Glory Quayle, and, frenzied by jealousy, attempts to kill her. The acting in this situation is intensely realistic and thrillingly effective. The end of this scene finds Glory Quayle on her knees, with a crucifix raised, praying for the safety of John Storm, who had left her and had been attacked by a mob in the streets. As the curtain falls, the shout of the mob is heard, which greatly adds to the realism of this remarkable situation.

Notwithstanding the force of this incident, and the great scene at the end of the second act, where John Storm saves Lord Robert Ure and Horatio Drake from the attack of his parishioners, it is the opinion of very many people who have seen the play that the most touchingly effective situation of all occurs just before the curtain falls, when Horatio Drake clasps the hands of Glory Quayle and John Storm, and leaves them reunited with a fervent "God Bless You." In the book, Mr. Caine had a set and definite purpose. In the play, he has a motive and moral. In the play, as he himself says, he took the two principal characters in the novel, as well as the motive of their relation to each other, and made an independent drama of new incidents and fresh surroundings—just as he might have taken two characters from history, and constructed about them a play, which could otherwise have no claim to Historical truth. This is the distinction that Mr. Caine personally makes between the book and the play.

Shamrock Lacrosse Club.

EXCURSION TO OTTAWA, via C.P.R., Shamrocks vs. Cornwalls, SEMI-FINAL GAME TO DECIDE CHAMPIONSHIP. SATURDAY, - - 14th October, 1899. Fare for the Round Trip, - - \$2.25.

Tickets, good for all trains on the afternoon of the 13th from Place Viger and Windor Stations, good to return until the 15th. Trains leave Place Viger on the 13th, at 5.45 p.m.; Windsor Station 1.05, 5.15 and 11.40 p.m. Trains leave on the 14th, Place Viger 3.30 a.m., Windsor 3.30 and 10.00 a.m. Special leaving Windsor Station 11 a.m. Returning 7.30 p.m. H. J. TRIHEY, Hon. Sec.

SOMETHING NEW. Recently there was invented a new system of glazing for ornamental glass. Most people are familiar with the ornamental glass panels as used in front doors, and with the unpleasantness of the glass working loose—due to the jarring of the door—and the softness of the leading glazing. The new system of glazing referred to substitutes copper for lead and replaces the white lead joint with a small copper strip about one-sixteenth of an inch wide. It is by this system that the Luxfer Prism Company glazes its prisms, and which they are using in putting ornamental glass together, guaranteeing a perfectly weatherproof joint that will not work loose. At the Company's office, 1833 Notre Dame Street, some very pretty samples are being exhibited.—Gazette, Oct. 12.

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CANADIAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

MR. JAMES McKENNA ELECTED PRESIDENT.

At the recently held second annual Convention of the Canadian Horticultural Association, which took place in Ottawa, one of our most highly esteemed Catholic young men of Montreal, was elected president for the coming year. The name of Mr. James McKenna, of the well-known firm of P. McKenna & Son, florists, of Cote des Neiges, is familiar to the majority of our readers on account of his deep interest in every national move-

ment and his intimate connection with various societies in this city. It is thus the "American Florist" speaks of him: "Mr. McKenna was born at the above place in 1851, and entered as a partner in his father's business in the year 1872. He has always taken a lively interest in horticulture and has been associated in various ways with the promotion of floriculture in his native province, having served