

AN EPOCH IN IRISH HISTORY.

Very Rev. J. J. McCann on the Coming of St. Patrick and His Work.

The *Empire* of Monday says: Last evening St. Michael's cathedral was packed to the doors, the occasion being a charity lecture by Very Rev. J. J. McCann in aid of the St. Nicholas Home for Working Boys. The sisters of charity superintend the institution. They shelter and feed the boys of the street, as well as give them the rudiments of an education. The efforts of these good women have been appreciated, as demonstrated by the support given them last evening. Father McCann mounted the pulpit at 7.30 o'clock, and for an hour held the attention of a deeply interested congregation. His text was as follows: "Declare His glory among the gentiles, His wonders among all people."—Psalms 95, verse 3. He said that but a day back and this cathedral was filled to overflowing and hymns of praise ascended Heavenward and joy and gladness filled every heart. And why this? It was because the church was honoring one of her devoted sons, one who had achieved a wondrous victory, one who had converted a nation, and gained an immortal crown in the glad city of the living God. It was because she celebrated the feast of St. Patrick, the great apostle of Ireland. That night he would draw attention to a bright page in the history of the church founded by St. Patrick in Ireland; a glorious era in the life of the Irish race. It is a sunny scene, that stands out in bold relief against the long succeeding centuries of gloom, sorrow and strife to which she was doomed by fierce and unrelenting enemies.

He referred to the period which elapsed from the time of Ireland's conversion to Christianity to the invasion of the Danes, when she attracted the attention of the world by her Christian virtues; when she shone amongst the nations as a beacon light, and held the literary supremacy of the western world. The later history of Ireland has so clouded this glorious epoch that it is too often lost to view. Yet it is well for the children of Erin to remember the days of old. Glorious, indeed, was her history when Malachy wore the collar of gold; where after centuries of conflict Brian Boru, with crucifix aloft, swept the fierce Danes from the land. Glorious was her contest against the invasion of feudalism, and after 400 years signal was her triumph; glorious her courage and constancy in resisting the efforts made to wrest from her the ancient faith, which she prized more dearly than possessions or life, and which must ever be the brightest jewel in the diadem of glory that decks her brow. But at the period he referred to no hostile foe invaded her peaceful shores. Religion and science walked hand in hand, and shone with surpassing radiance amidst the gloom and chaos that had settled on the greater portion of the world. To understand this they must take a glance at the history of the world at this time. Rome had subjugated the known world with the exception of Ireland; her soldiers were in every land, her laws on every people. Literature and arts had reached their meridian splendor in the days of Augustus.

But now a terrible change was at hand. The fifth century sounded the death knell of letters. The literary treasures of ages and the monuments of man's genius were swept away by the barbarian invasion which came sweeping down from the north. Science was unrecognized and found a shelter only in some secluded cloister. A night of darkness settled down on western Europe. Rome, the proud mistress of the world, the home of the fine arts, of wealth, culture and refinement, was four times taken and sacked by the Goths, Vandals and Lombards. The great library of Constantinople was destroyed in the fifth century. The east found in the Mahometan invasion a counterpart of the barbarian invasions in the west. In the seventh century the Caliph Omar applied the torch to the celebrated Alexandrian library. Rome fallen, the countries she had governed became a prey to invading and savage nations, and ruin and desolation covered the land, temple and school alike disappeared. For centuries all was strife and confusion. During this time, Ireland presented a glorious spectacle of peace. The Irish were the only people in Europe who remained untouched by what is called Roman civilization, never having seen a Roman soldier on their shores. They never saw among them Roman judges, or pro-consuls, with decrees against Christianity, and hence Christianity came without opposition and bloodshed amongst them.

In the year 432 St. Patrick landed on the island. Paladus had made some converts previously, but Ireland was in the same state it had preserved for 1,000 years. The Druids were in possession of religious and scientific supremacy. The people though often in the midst of strife, were yet happy on their rich soil, and cheered by their bards and poets an abundance of food everywhere. Superstitions of various kinds there were, but none of a demoralizing character. There were no revolting statues or obscene emblems of religion as in other lands to confront Christianity. The people preserved a deep affection for kindred. Such was Erin when St. Patrick landed and advanced to-

wards Tara, so famed in song and story. Patrick made known the true God and many believed. His fame was immediately wafted over the country and converts flocked from all sides. Within three generations after his time there was not a pagan to be found in the whole land. The idea of paganism seemed to have vanished from the minds of the people. What never had been witnessed in any land, the great multitudes seemed to wish to consecrate themselves to God. This continued for centuries. In the eighth century great numbers went forth from the Isle of Saints to bear the sacred fire to other lands. During this period Ireland held the supremacy in letters. Monasteries and schools filled the land; students came from many distant climes. These schools numbered thousands of students. McGee has said: "When two or three thousand students went out in early morn into the silent streets, and wended their way to the lighted church to join the matin prayer, mingling the tongues of the Pict, Cimbri, Frank, Gauland the Briton, or hailing each other in the universal language of the Roman church, the very angels in heaven must have looked down with joy upon so much piety and perseverance." These students, on returning to their homes, published the wondrous learning of the Irish saints, the earning and virtue of the priesthood and the wisdom of the rulers, until from the various nations there came a voice proclaiming Ireland to be a land of heroes, of saints and of sages.

Forty Hours at St. Joseph's.

This touching devotion opened at St. Joseph's Convent on Saturday morning last, when Father Teefy of St. Michael's College sang the Mass, with Father Goudreau of St. Michael's College as deacon and Mr. M. J. Maguire as sub-deacon. His Grace the Archbishop who was present, preached a very touching sermon. He treated upon the Blessed Sacrament as the great school of humility, without which we could have no virtue in us. As the little child in its weakness is the strongest bond of affection and energy on the part of the parents, so if we only put our weakness and our misery upon God we too shall have a strong claim upon His mercy and love.

Father Frachon, the revered chaplain of the Convent, was also present.

The services closed on Monday, St. Joseph's Day, when the Very Rev. Father Marjion sang High Mass, with Father Frachon as deacon and Mr. McGuire as sub-deacon. The sermon suitable to the occasion was preached by Father Teefy. Father Murray assisted at the Mass.

The Blessed Sacrament had been exposed day and night while the devoted Sisters and pupils took their turn in continual adoration.

The World's Fair.

The Editor: *Catholic Register*.

In your issue of last week I read with pleasure the notice you gave of the work done by the Christian Brothers' classes for the Columbian Exhibition. I saw the specimens referred to, and can assure you that they deserve all the praise you have given them—perhaps more. But these do not include the whole contribution of the Toronto Separate Schools. Your readers will be glad to learn that the Sisters' classes—chiefly girls—have also sent an extensive and varied assortment, which, on account of its excellence and the amount of care and attention the ladies bestowed upon it, is certainly worthy of public mention. Their collection includes fully a thousand pieces, comprehending all the usual varieties of drawing, penmanship, examination papers, book-keeping, business forms, phonography and type writing—all performed with artistic skill, arranged with admirable taste, and strictly representative of the regular work of the schools.

The same remarks are true of the work received from the Separate Schools of the other cities and towns which, as well as Toronto, were recently referred to by your contemporaries the *Hamilton Times* and *London Record*. Yours truly,

CORNELIUS DONOVAN, Inspector.
Toronto, March 17th.

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Condolence.

At a regular meeting of Division No. 1, A. O. H., the following resolution of condolence was put before the meeting and unanimously passed:

Resolved, that the members of this Division, having heard with deep regret that it has pleased Almighty God to call to Himself Mrs. Hastings, late of Mount Forest, the beloved mother of our esteemed Brother, Peter Hastings.

Be it resolved that this Division do hereby tender its sympathy and condolence to Brother Hastings and other members of his family in their sad bereavement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Brother Hastings and inserted in the minutes of this Division, and also published in THE CATHOLIC REGISTER and *Catholic Record*. T. McKEAGUE, R. Sec.

The following resolutions of condolence were passed by a regular meeting of St. Patrick's Branch, No. 7, E.B.A., held on March 2nd.

Resolved that we, the members of Branch No. 7, E.B.A., desire to place on record our respectful feeling of sorrow and regret at the demise of our highly esteemed Brother, Michael C. O'Neill. By his death this Branch has lost a member who had endeared himself to us all by his kindly manner and the estimable qualities that governed his conduct through life.

Resolved that we tender his wife and family, and his brother, Mr. William O'Neill, our deep, sincere and heartfelt sympathy at the loss they have sustained by the death of a considerate and affectionate husband and brother.

Be it further resolved that the Charter of this Branch be draped for the space of one month as a mark of respect for the memory of our deceased Brother.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions, with the seal of the Branch affixed, be sent to the wife and family of our late Brother, and also to Mr. William O'Neill; and that copies be forwarded to the Grand Secretary for publication in the official organs of the Emerald Beneficial Association.

Signed on behalf of Branch No. 7, E.B.A. S. J. Black, President; Martin Madden, Vice-Pres.; D. A. Caroy, Treasurer; S. H. Mullard, Fin. Sec.; M. J. Madden, R. Sec.

At the meeting of St. Paul's Catholic Young Ladies Literary Association held on the eve of March 5th it was moved by Miss J. O'Connor and seconded by Miss Katie Kelly, that a letter of condolence be written Miss Mary Hallinan, expressive of their sympathy for her in the great loss she has sustained, and assuring her that her dear grandmother's soul will ever be remembered in the prayers of the Society. It was also moved by Miss Langford and seconded by Miss Delaney, that a similar letter be written Mrs. Isabella and Miss O'Connor, who have just lost a beloved sister. May their souls rest in peace.

EVA O'HAGAN, Secretary.

At the last meeting of the Federation of Catholic Societies the following resolution of condolence was unanimously adopted:

Whereas we have learned with deep regret of the death of our esteemed Brother, M. C. O'Neill; and whereas by his death the Federation has lost a faithful and earnest member, the family a kind husband and a loving father.

Be it therefore resolved that, while we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, we extend to the family of our deceased brother our most heartfelt sympathy in the hour of their sad affliction; and we pray that an all-wise Providence may give them the grace to bear with Christian fortitude the severe loss sustained.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of the deceased, to THE CATHOLIC REGISTER, and that the same be placed on the minutes of the meeting.

B. McGuffin, President; R. Smith, Vice President; A. McDonald, Treasurer; J. J. Nightingale, Secretary.

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FRIDAY, the 21st day of April next, will be the last day for introducing Private Bills.

THURSDAY, the 4th day of May next, will be the last day of receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
Toronto, 11th March, 1893. 12

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