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Anniversary of the Great Irishman Honored

By the Catholic Order of Foresters of Quebec - Brilliant Lecture by Rev. J. A. McCallen, of Montreal _An Enthusiastic and Magnificent Gathering of the Irishmen of the Ancient Capital.

[SPECIAL TO THE TRUE WITNESS]

QUEBEC, Feb. 15.-To say that the lecture last Monday evening at the Academy of Music, Quebec, given by Rev. J. A. McCallen, S.S., of St. Patrick's. Montreal, was a decided success in all its features, would still be a weak way of putting it, for it meant more than what is understood by a crowded hall and large door receipts. These material results were highly satisfactory in themselves, but the intellectual and moral effects were of far higher importance. The subject chosen is one that is always dear to the Irish heart, and having been given in honor of Emmet's Anniversary only added enthusiasm to the occasion. But after all the main factor in the success of the affair is the wide same of the able lecturer. The Irish Catholics of Quebec had heard Father McCallen before, and they knew how to appreciate his scholarly and patriotic worth on the platform; hence it was that they crowded the Academy of Music on Monday evening, to hear him discuss, in his forcible and eloquent manner, a subject that appeals so directly to the Gael no matter in what land his lot may have been cast. Then there were stereopticon views of Ireland unfolded in a way so vivid and life-like as to cause the mind and memory to re call the places and scenes that were dear in boyhood's days, and if enchanted spots in Erin had never been seen by those of the Celtic race born in Quebec. they at least had heard them described by fond parents or relatives familiar with the well beloved and dearly remem-

bered places. Of course the chief credit of the financial result of the grand entertainment is of Destiny, Glendalough, Mucross Abbey due to the officers and members of the and the Lakes of Killarney, the Gap of Order under whose ausnices it was organized. Messrs David O'Sullivan, Chief Ranger: Alexander Kirkwood, Vice-Chief Ranger: William Thompson Recording Secretary; James Collier, Financial Secretary; and J. J O'Sullivan, Treasurer, comprise the active officers, who left nothing undone that could ensure the entire success of the lecture and all its incidental aids. In fact each of the above-named officials dropped their own daily occupations so as to be able to give their time to the work of completing the task they undertook. They were careful to see that everyone having a hand in the preparations did their duty and that the citizens were well advised of the great intellectual treat in store for

THIS FORETHOUGHT IN THE PROMOTERS

had its beneficial results, for the Irish Catholic Quebecers needed but to know that Father McCallen was coming to address them, and that fact alone would cause them to fill the largest hall in the city. And this is what they did, for the Academy was literally packed from floor to ceiling with a very select assembiage, who looked gay and happy under the conviction that an evening of real enjoyment was at hand. The able and polite officers on duty did their utmost for the comfort of the audience. In the boxes set Hon John Sharples, wife and farily; Felix Carbray, Eq., M.P.P., and family; Alderman Madden's family and friends, and others whose names I cannot recall. In front of the reserved seats sat Revs Father Eustace Magnire, Sillery; Father O'Leary, Father Fahey, and several French priests from the Seminary.

Chief Ranger, Mr. David O'Sullivan, introduced Rev. Father McCallen in a very judicious speech, which was pithy, well constructed and highly appropriate. He neatly traced the conception and birth of the C.O.F. in Quebec, and modestly rejoiced in its growth and prosperity, although it is only a little over a year old. He spoke fluently and told the people they were about to be addressed by an eloquent priest, who would put them under his control in less than ten minutes. This is the apt way he spoke of the lecturer of the evening, whose appearance drew from the audience a very warm burst of cheering and applause. In his opening remarks Father McCallen expressed his pleasure at seeing so large and enthusiastic an assemblage present, and then he turned to the discussion of the stirring subject of the evening's lecture, and had not spoken ten minutes when his audience were under his control.

Erin's Past History

centuries before Christ, but the dis when she schiaves her destiny and takes course gained in interest and pathos as her rightful place among the regeneratthe lecturer advanced to the period of ed nations of the earth. Ireland's conversion to Christianity. Estimated in all its phases, Father that she immediately placed at check for \$500 to her credit on the Tara's Hall and king surrounded by his elequent and instructive, perhaps, ever chiefs and bards clearly illustrated the given in Quebec. His are soul inspiring

kind of assemblage St. Patrick had to face in introducing the law of the Gospel and the Cross. At this point the forceful speaker dwelt upon the unique case of Ireland accepting the true faith almost spontaneously and without the loss of a drop of blood. England and Scotland and other lands had fallen under its influence gradually, whilst Erin had accepted it with alacrity and religious joy. He then dealt powerfully with the fidelity in which St. Patrick's has a with Rev. Father Fahey, and left for Montreal by the C. O. F. to St. Patrick's Church, where he celebrated Mass, and remained at the Presbytery till after dinner time. In the evening he had been with Rev. Father Fahey, and left for Montreal by the Line. own, have cherished the sacred in-heritance of the Catholic faith bequeathed by virtuous ancestors. The reign of Ireland's glory in that period when she was called the Island of Saints and Scholars was graphically described, and her great universities of Lismore and Armagh, from whence theusands of learned ecclesisatics issued to carry the Gospel truths abroad, were painted in fervid colors which caused a feeling of pride to warm the Celtic hearts of his hearers and to make them thank God that they belonged to such a race and land, although their present lot is cast in a Canadian city,

This was perhaps the most inspiring part of the lecture, because its theme derived its inspiration from a sacred religious truth, the good fruits o' which are everywhere visible down to this day among Celtic Catholic people.

As the entertainment proceeded the audience were made aware that they were listening not only to a priest of rare eloquence of speech, but to one who combined in himself strong elocutionary and vocal musical powers.

The returning Irish exile's salutation to his native land, "Erin, I wish you the top of the morning," was delivered with pathetic force and in harmonious vein, and in the "Dear Little Shamrock of Ireland" he displayed a rich musical voice. These are mere typical examples, for throughout the evening the lecture was seasoned with other selections Crawford, will inaugurate the lecture equally good, and when it is known that the accompaniments were played by such an artist as Professor Fowler, the well known organist of St. Patrick's Church, Montreal, the treat of hearing Erin's richest melodies interpreted by such a master may well be imagined. As the lecture went on

The Stereouticon Views

flashed upon the canvas at the right moment to give illustrative force to the lecturer's words, and as these vivid scenes appeared involuntary exclamations of pleasure could be heard from among the people. Among the views exhibited were emigrant ships in Queenstown harbor; Blarney Castle and the far-famed Blarney stone; Round Towers, the Stone Kerry, the Parliament House in College Green, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin: O'Connell's grave, the Armagh Cathe dral, inside and outside; the views of the venerable Franciscan Abbey in Donegal, wherein the Manks produced that historic publication called the 'Annals of the Four Masters'; a picture of the female personage so renowned in Irish history, she of the coatly gems. The scene of the ship dashed by waves in the thundering storm, accompanied by the plaintive rendering of the Ave Maris Stella, was touching in the extreme.

At different stages the images of Grattan, O'Connell and Emmet appeared on the canvas, and the names of those eminent Irish patriots stirred the hearts and feelings of the audience.

In the succession of events the lecturer arrived at the unhappy period when the withering plague of heresy began in England and threatened to overspread Ireland. It is called in history the Protestant Reformation, but that is a per verted title, and it appeared hideous last evening as the rev. lec urer portrayed in burning words its cruel and inhuman enactments. Had there been no Henry VIII, no Queen Elizabeth and no Cromwell, the story of Ireland's history would be far different to-day. The very mention of those historical monsters, as they were depicted last evening in their treatment of the Catholics in Ireland, produced a painful sensation in the breasts of the lineal descendants of those who suffered such tortures at their hands.

In dealing with this branch of his subject the Rev. and learned gentleman was deeply moved, for he exposed with remarkable force and vigor the utter brutalities of Ireland's persecutors and their atrocious cry of Irish illiteracy and ignorance, whereas an imperative ban was put upon education in Ireland and it was criminal for Catholic parents to give scholastic instruction to their

children. THE DREAD FAMINE YEARS

of '46. '47. '48 were touched upon, and the shameful greed of Irish landlordism was held up to the scorn of humanity for its acts of rack renting in woeful days when a million of God's poor died from sheer starvation.

Ireland's present and future were dealt with in masterly fashion and lessons of worth and wisdom inculcated. The divison of Irish interests and activities was deplored and brilliant quotations were made from the late lamented Father Tom Burke to show the need of unity among Irishmen at home and was first reviewed, and this carried the abroad, and a gloomy portrayal was mental vision back to the remote made of what freland may become

words, and then he is many sided in his attainments, powerful as a straight speaker, equally so as an elecutionist and singer, and withal a keen Irish wit, bright flashes of which show through his discourse from beginning to end. He arrived early in the morning from Mont and left for Montreal by the 11 pm. train. He spoke for two hours and a quarter, but the fascination of his speech made it appear not over one hour. He was raptuously cheered at its close and tendered a hearty vote of thanks through the chairman, Mr. David O'Sullivan, to which he feelingly replied, and also acknowledged the courtesy of the Rev. Redemptorist Fathers of St Patrick's and all others who had been kind and attentive.

The Chief Ranger and officers and members of the C.O F. are gratified with the results of the entertainment, and so are the Irish Catholic citizens who thoroughly enjoyed the intellectual, musical and pictorial treat. The Rev. Father McCallen is always sure of a warm welcome in Quebec.

WM. ELLISON.

Notes on Gatholic News.

From gay to grave is the order of ener ainment promised at New Orleans. Following closely upon the gorgeous and mirth provoking pageants and spectacles of Mardi Gras (February 22) comes the third session of the Catholic Winter School of America. On Thursday, Feb. 24, that eminent literateur, Marion course (his theme being of universal interest and one in which he has won conspicuous distinction, "Leo XIII"), Mrs. Frances R Hayward, Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, D.D., Charles Sprague Smith, Rev. J. F. Mullaney, Prof Alcee Fortier, Henry Austin Adams. Frank Gordon, Rev. Albert Biever, S. J., and Hon. Patrick Walsh, of Georgia, succeeding him in the order named. This list presents a splendid array of talent, and it is most happily diversified in quality and kind—as should be the case to satisfy popular tastes. The Catholic Winter School is a growing power in the work of higher education.

The case of Bartkowiak versus one Rev. Anthony Bogacki has created much gan and other parts of the Union, and general sitisfaction will be felt by those who know anything of the circumstances, that a verdict in favor of the Reverend gentleman was given by the presiding judge A local paper says:— The plaintiff sued for \$10,000 damages, claiming the priest was the person who shot him at the time the Polish parsonage was stormed by angry Poles. The plaintiff was on the stand, and under cross examination admitted that he was one of the members of St. Stanislaus' Church who were included in the injunction to restrain the dissenting faction from trespassing upon the society's grounds. He had been convicted of contempt of court in violating the injunction, but owing to his precarious condition at the time, sentence was not imposed. Judge Maxwell held that the plaintiff could not seek redress from the circuit court until he had purged himself of the contempt proceedings. The judge also said that if the papers in the injunction case had been returned by the supreme court, he would sentence Bartkowiak forthwith. The judge ordered that the costs in the case be paid by the attorneys of the plaintiff within four days.

During the Lenten season, the pulpit of the parish church of Notre Dame will be occupied by the Rev. Pere Hébert, of the Dominican Order. As the Reverend Father is one of the most accomplished pulpit orators in France, a rare intellectual, as well as spiritual, treat is in store for not only the congregation for which his services have been especially enlisted. but for the Catholics of the city generally. The Reverend gentleman's eminence as a preacher may be judged from the fact that he is one of three whose names were submitted to the Archbishop of. Paris in connection with the selection of a Lenten preacher for the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris.

A RICH WOMAN'S UNIQUE CHARITY.

A San Francisco doctor performed a successful operation for a rich woman, and when asked for his bill presented one for \$50 The woman smiled and said, 'Do you consider that a reasonable charge considering my circumstances?'
The doctor replied, 'That is my charge for that operation; your circumstances have nothing to do with it. The laly drew a check for \$500 and presented it to him. He handed it back, saying, 'I cannot accept this. My charge for that operation is \$50.' 'Very well,' the woman replied. 'Keep the check, and put the balance to my credit.' Some months after she received a lengthy itemized bill, upon which were entered charges for treatment of various kinds, rendered to all sorts of odds and ends of humanity, male and female, black and white, who had been mended at her expense. She was so delighted at it that she immediately placed another check for \$500 to her credit on the same terms, and it is now being earned in the

A Catholic Association for Birmingham

Handsome Bequests to the Diocese of Liverpool--Lord Aberdeen's Successor Again Discussed--An Active Campaign to be Inaugurated By Local Catholic Organizations for Representation on the Board of Guardians -- Engineer's Strike Ended Other Matters.

LONDON, F. b. 5.-At the forty-third annual Catholic reunion, held recently, at Birmingham, the chair was occupied by Professor Windle. Bishop Isley, in introducing that gentleman, remarked upon the fact that the previous day had been the 15th anniversary of his reception into the Church, and said he had proved himself one of its most loyal sons. The chairman acknowledged His Lordship's kind remarks and delivered an address, which he closed by a strong appeal for the formation of a Catholic association, which should be non political, though that fact should not preclude them from taking part in elections. It should be a Catholic association first and a political one afterwards, with 'Defence, but not Defiance,' for its motto. There were rights due to them that had not yet been secured, and an object of such an association as that proposed should be to look to such matters ami obtain for the Catholics all they are entitled to from the State. He moved a resolution to the effect: That in the opinion of this meeting it is advisable that steps should be taken for the formation of a Catholic Association for Birnangham, and that His Lordship the Bishop be respectfully requested to convene a meeting for that purpose, (Cheers.) The Rev. Canon O'Hanlon seconded the reso-Intion, which was ununimously carried.

A Catholic's Generosity.

The diocese of Liverpool has penetited materially by the will of the late Mr. lames O'Byrne, an architect of Liver pool. The testator's unique collection ties, and art furniture, is bequeathed to powerful association of Catholic the Catholic Bishop of the diocese of Guardians, of which Cardinal Vanghan interest throughout the State of Michi- Liverpool (Right Rev. Dr. Whiteside) is president, and the work of this organi so that it may form a nucleus for a museum at the Catholic Diocesan Seminary of St. Joseph at Walthew Park. near Upholland. The total value of the collection is said to be about £20 000 The residue of his estate Mr. O Byrne has left to Bishop Whiteside absolutely. The personal estate, inclusive of the nistorical collection, is expected to amount to something like £105 000; and the residue, with the freehold property, will, it is believed, be between £40,000 and £50,000. Although the last-named. amount is left to the Catholic Bishop absolutely, it is understood that it will be devoted to the advancement of the Courch of which he is the head in that diocese. Mr. O'Byrne, who was 62 years of age, died at his residence on the 6th October, 1897, and for many years he practised as an architect in Liverpool, the bulk of his work being in connection with the erection of Catholic schools in the diocese, after the passing of the Education Act of 1879.

(Chamberlain Speaks.

From the tone of Mr. Chamberlain's Birmingham speech, the belief is encouraged that the Government are thor oughly in earnest in the matter of the Irish Local Government Bill, and if the character of the measure realizes the anticipation ministerialist utterances have served to create, it is thought the principle of the Bill will receive the undivided support of the Irish members, who will of course be free to suggest and press any details they may think necessary.

Engineers Resume Work.

The voting of the striking engineers upon the terms offered by the Federated Employers resulted in 25,588 year and 13,727 nays.

In accordance with the decision arrived at and supported by such a large majority, work was resumed at 6 o'clock on Monday, 31st January. One regrettable feature is observable, viz., that preference is being given to the younger men and that elderly men who have given their best days to the service of their employers and who were merely kept on from personal regard and a desire not to throw them over are now being replaced by younger men, their employers considering that by their action they had forfeited all claim to special consideration.

Lord Aberdeen's Successor.

The rumor is revived that Lord. Aberdeen's position will fall to Lord Ashbourne, in which case the Lord Chanceltorship, it is thought, will be given to Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, who will probably be succeeded by the present attorney general, Mr. John Atkinson.

The Chinese Loan.

The wily "Pigtail" seems to have and Russia are seeking the privilege of maker.

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being his bankers and are actively thrusting their money upon him Both countries threaten their sternal displeasure if he refuses the money of the one and accepts that of the other, and John Chinaman entely proposes to take Smillion from each Power on the terms on which the whole loan is offered. This, however admirable is may be in theory, does not commend itself to the acceptance of either England or Russia.

Presentation to the Duke of Norfolk. On Thursday, 3rd February, the Dake of Norfolk was presented at Arundel Castle with an illuminated album and an address in morocco from the employés on the Sassex estate, congrainlating bim on the attainment or his 50th birthoay. This event, though only celebrated on Thursday, took place on the 27th of last month. The cere mony was held in the great apartment on the side of the Old Baron's Hall, part of the extensive additiona which are being made to the castle. Over 500 tenants attended the function, and the presentation was undertaken by Mr. Gardiner, the oldest servact on toestate, who has lived there since 1843 agent, Major Mostyn. The whole ex tent of the castle was thrown open to the visitors-a rate privilege, greatly with his grace. The Duke's popularity playes. No dake or commoner stands higher in the estimation of Eighand's Catholics than be who helds the position of First Peer of the Realm, and with one voice they will echo the congratulations of his temen's on the occasion of his golden jubilee birthday.

Representative on Board of Guardians In the course of a few days an active cam aign will be commenced by the Catholics of London in connection with the fortherming Guardians' election. it is their desire to secure as area possible (says a contemporary) the return of at least one Catholic in each division. On several of the b ands at the present time Calholica are represented but such representation is district to be totally inadequate. In South London partien arly the vote is theroughly arganized and recently a canva-s or the various districts was made by the Hicials of the Catholic League of South London. In those districts where Catholics will not stand candidates irrespective of creed or politics, will be surported only who guarantee to safe of books, coins, arms, pictures, mezzo | guard the interests of the Catholic tints, engravings, photographs, curiosi- poor. There is already in existence a z ation will be considerably strengthened during the centest by the South London Catholic Five Hundred.

Connu Doyle's New Book.

The prolific pen of Dr. Conan Doyle is again to the front with a new book, the scene of which is laid in the Scudan, of whose desert life he gives some graphic pictures, one of the princepel characters being an Irish Catholic. He has also drawn a stirring picture of the gallant conduct of the Irish brigade in the defence of Cremona in some verse in a late issue of MacMillan's Magazine.

HORRORS OF THE PLAGUE.

Nearly 60,000 Deaths — From 1,500 to 2.000 a Week Reported to the Goverument in the Bombay Presidency.

The Bombay Gazette, of Bombay, Indit, says that the opining of the year 1898 finds the Bombay Presidency in the grip of the plague to such an exent that the deaths reported to the Government each week have for some time past ranged between 1 500 and 2,000-totals only exceeded in the worst days of April and May last.

At the end of June the deaths fell to 107 in a week, and the lull continued well into July, when fresh areas of infection were reported, and since then the mortality has steadily increased. From September 1896, to December 31, 1807, the Gazette says that, according to

Government reports, there were 58.174 deaths from the plague in the Empire, as follows: Imported Inligenous.

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Total of mortality......58,174 Out of the total of nearly sixty thousand deaths there have only been twentytwo fatal cases among Europeans, sixteen of which have occurred in Bomba, two at Karachi, one at Cutch Mandvie. two in Poons Cantonment and one in Kirkee Cantonment.

The claims of the Irish evicted tenants were brought forcibly before the public by the remarkable Convention which has just been held at Portumna. Chief among those who fought and suffered that the tenant formers of Ireland might be freed from the tyranny of felonious landlordism were those whose fate placed them under the thumb of that distinguished evictor the Marquis of Clanri-

Preparations for the Coming Consistory.

Pilgrimages on the Occasion of the Twentieth Anniversary of Pope Leo's Pontificate -- Other Interesting Features of News.

ROME, February 5.

Preparations for the forthcoming Coneistory engrees much of the Holy Father's time and thought, but, nevertheless, he receives numbers of distinguished persons in audience daily, and on Sunday fast he admitted a number of pilgrims to his private Mass It is announced that, if the weather permits, he will descend to St. Peter's on Sunday week, (13th February) to celebrate The deputation was introduced by the Mass and to receive the pilgrims who are coming to Rome to honour the twentieth anniversary of his Pontificate. The pilgrims are coming in such numappreciated-ind the terants took tea hers that no hall in the Vatican would be large enough for their reception and is not confined to his tenantry or em- the Holy Father finds himself obliged to meet them under the great dome of St. Peter's. This pilgrimage alone is a vivid illustration of the deep rooted affection for the Sovereign Pontiff, and vet it is only one of very many which, though not on such a large scale, are all actuated by the same ruling motion of a desire to pay the homage of their pre-sence to his Holiness. For this they come from all parts, and many at great wat of time and money. To have seen the Pope, to have been blessed by Lim in person, to have had a word from him. these are as more than connectation for any experse or inconvenience in mired. A Swiss pilgrimage announced to arrive in March is for the purpose of thanking the Holy Eather for the Encyclical letter upon Blessed Canisius and to celebrate the happy admiversary of his coronation. Count de Courtes, whoe nametads the Swiss Guard at the Vatiern Palace, is the moving spirit in this.

> An important discovery has been made on the Palestine Hill, being a rough drawing by Signer Marnechi, disciple and successor on the great Christian arci e dogist, Giovanni Bittista do Ressi, lately deceased, while attached to the Papal service. It was found on a wall of the chamber in the Palice of the Emperor Tiberius, and represented a scene in the Crucifixion of our Lord. There the cross is surrounded by soldiers, and under each is inscribed the name in Latin. The picture appears to have been the work of the men present at the Crucifixion.

> This is the height of Rome's gay season and much public and private hospitality is being dispensed. In this respect few have entertained on as bandsome a scale as the American Ambassador and Mrs. Draper. At a reception given at the Embassy on Thursday last they opened their magnificent apartments to all that is most brilliant in the Italian diplomatic and aristocratic world, and dazzied their guests by the summinous. ness and elegance of New World methods of entertaining. Mrs. Draper, who is a lady of great personal charm, was very richly dressed, and won highly flattering opinions for her quality as an hostess. The success of this social function will be sure to give satisfaction in the United States, General and Mrs Draper have there a widely varied circle of admirers and well wishers, being bound by ties of triendship, not only to the President of the Republic, but also to the noted Archbishop of St. Paul, Monsignor Ire-

The Association of Prayer for the Conversion of England, recently founded in France, was established by the Pone's desire at the Church of San Silvestro, Rome, on Wednesday, by the Cardinal Vicar, Cardinal Parocchi, who spoke in a most appreciative way of the English character and national greatness, and asserted that the Catholic religion would not diminish, but enhance the true glory of the country. Besides many English residents, ecclesiastical and lay, there were present the bishop of Nimes and the Abbé Duchesne * *

The nuns of the English Convent, via San Sebastiano, Piazza di Spagua, have brought out a second edition, enlarged and revised, of their excellent and useful Catholic Pilgrims' Guide to Rome;" which no one visiting or intending to visit should be without. It is dedicated to the Cardinal Vicar, Cardinal Parocchi, as a slight expression of deep gratitude for his fatherly kindness and constant encouragement during the twelve years of their loundation in Rome, and his Eminence has given his blessing to the work of these nuns, the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, which they carry on in their public church, in their admirable school, and among the poor who atound in this city.

Owing to the scarcity of work and dearn as of bread great distress exists. amongst the laboring classes and much anxiety is felt by the authorities. On Sunday, 80th January, a public demonstration was to be held, and troops were drafted in from the neighboring towns, The trouble about a self-made man is which act excited great excitement and The wily "Figtail" seems to have the trouble about a self-made his construction, as the city had the applicable discards well, for both England that he very seldom ceases to praise his construction, as the city had the applicable of his construction. nearance of being in a state of siege.