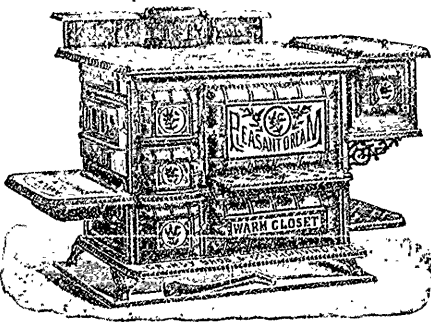


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HAMILTON NEWS.

Bishop's Reference to the Catholic Battle for True Education—School Trustees.

HAMILTON, Dec. 27.—At St. Patrick's church last night His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Dowling preached a sermon on the birth and childhood of Christ. The church was crowded. Speaking on the proper mode of bringing up the little ones, he said:

"Is it not continually cast up to us that the Catholic church looks more after the religious than the secular training of its children?" Their forefathers in Ireland fought, and fought courageously, for the maintenance of their civil rights to educate their children as they saw fit, so they of the present generation in turn would fight, if need be, for this God-given privilege. "To the end of the world the Catholic church will ever defend the rights of its adherents in matters of education. I do not despise intellectual attainment; God forbid that I should. That is not enough; something more is wanted, and this the Catholic church believes in supplying. An intellectual man, without the guiding influences of Christianity, is oftentimes a dangerous person to society and the world in general. Hence, it is that we value so highly our present mode of educating our children in order that they may become law-abiding citizens and faithful Catholics. I did not intend speaking on this subject, but the presence of such a large congregation and the knowledge of many misunderstandings of it almost forced me to do so."

In conclusion the bishop thanked the choir for its excellent music, and gave the papal benediction. To Mr. Morrissey is due a special word of praise for the excellent music furnished by the choir, assisted by an efficient orchestra. The solos were all well sung, particularly those of Miss Tessie Stewart.

The separate school elections were held in seven wards today to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the term of one member in each and went by acclamation. In wards 1, 4, 6 and 7, W. A. D. Baby, H. N. Thomas, Thomas O'Dowd and Patrick Roman were re-elected. In wards 2, 3, 4 and 5, A. O'Hair, F. J. Harris, Charles Leydon and W. Kavanagh retired and were succeeded by A. J. Coffey, Thomas Collins, P. J. Galvin and Christopher Conley.

FROM LONDON.

Christmas in St. Peter's Cathedral—Nomination of School Trustees.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The special Christmas services in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Cathedral were very impressive. His Lordship Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor celebrated Pontifical High Mass at 6 o'clock, and was assisted by Rev. Fathers Tiernan, Tobin, Noonan and Valentine. Hundreds received holy communion. The High Mass at 10.30 o'clock was also celebrated by the Bishop, with Rev. Fathers Tiernan, Tobin and Noonan as assistants. The forty hours' devotion ended at 12 o'clock, noon, and the event was marked by a procession through the aisles of the Cathedral of those who had participated in the devotion. The papal benediction was read by the Bishop. The special music was a feature of the services, and was furnished by a large choir under the direction of the organist, Mrs. Crickshanks. The soloists were Miss Annie O'Keefe, Miss Mullins, Miss Dibbs and Miss Mulholland. Mr. Thomas Banahan, Mr. J. D. LeBel, Mr. J. Leitch and Mr. J. Coates Lockhart. The decorations of the Cathedral were very artistic, the Grib being very beautiful.

Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Hill street, at 10.30 a. m., by Rev. Father McCormick.

At the nomination of Separate School Trustees to take the place of the six retiring members. Mr. Patrick McKernan was appointed returning officer, and the election took place by aclamation. Mr. P. F. Boyle, who for years has been Secretary of the Board and a Trustee, wrote declining re-election. Mr. Philip Pocock was re-elected in No. 1 ward; Martin Sullivan will represent No. 2 ward; John Forester was re-appointed for No. 3 ward, and James Ward takes the place of the late Findlay McNeil in the same district. Robert Tiernan will continue to represent No. 4 ward, and Mr. J. B. Murphy takes the place of Mr. J. Laughlin in ward 5. Mr. W. P. Regan will again represent No. 6 ward.

MR. JUSTIN MCCARTHY.

On the Proposed Convention of the Irish Race at Dublin.

In a speech in London on the 10th Mr. Justin McCarthy made the following reference to the proposed convention of the Irish race:

There is one thing which above all others we must endeavor to do, and that is to bring about a thorough unity and a thorough reconciliation in the ranks of the Irish Parliamentary Party (cheers). Without that, ladies and gentlemen, I tell you most distinctly, and with a perfect view of the meaning of my words, if we cannot do that, then give up any idea of Home Rule for the present generation. As to giving up the idea of Home Rule for ever or for a very long time, that I, for one, never shall do (cheers). I have the most absolute faith and conviction that the principle of Home Rule is the only settlement which ever made Ireland a contented part of the British Empire (cheers). The fact that we have not Home Rule now is the reason, the only reason, why in the whole of the British Colonial Empire the one region where there is discontent is the region that is washed by the sea around the Irish coast—a country where we feel that we are as well entitled to Home Rule as Canada or Australia (cheers), but that, as some newspapers tell us, we are never to get. Much I care about the "Never" of the Tory newspapers. We shall go it, though, we have to wait for a generation more forbearing, more brotherly, and more conciliatory. Then we shall form again the Irish Parliamentary Party, and faithfully bound by its laws and its pledges, such a party shall fight the battle out to the end (cheers). What is the difficulty now? I may say that we are making a final effort, not a forlorn effort, but a hopeful effort, to settle the whole question by a new and great movement in Irish National affairs. We hope to call a great convention—I may call it a great international convention of the Irish race at home and abroad in Dublin within a few months (cheers). We hope to have there representatives of Irishmen in Ireland, in Great Britain, in Scotland, and in Wales, representatives of Irishmen in the United States, in Australia, in New Zealand, in the Cape of Good Hope, in South America. From wherever the Irish race has planted its foot we hope to have representatives in the great international convention (cheers), and to that great international convention we shall submit the cause and the hopes of the country for our generation. That international convention will be charged with the duty of expressing its opinion and announcing its authority in regard to the constitution of the Irish Party and the discussions which may have occurred, and may yet occur.

Whatever it decides to do, our hope and belief is that once that declaration has been made the Irish member or the Irishman who dissents from it shall be blotted out of Irish politics (prolonged applause) by the enthusiastic proclamation of the Irish people from all lands in the world (renewed applause, and a cry of "Never"). A gentleman interrupts. (A voice—"He misunderstood you"). He may have misunderstood you, but that decision of that convention goes for example against me, I shall accept that decision (hear, hear); and shall consider myself blotted out of Irish politics. All we want is to get the opinion of the great majority of the Irish race, and by that opinion we will stand or fall (cheers). What has been the trouble in the Irish Party of late? You all know that recently in Dublin we had to take some steps which we were really compelled by the force of events to take. We had to remove from prominent positions in the Council of the party and the Council of the Irish National Federation, to which we all belong, certain members who seemed to have made it the work and the business of their lives to prevent anything like united action in the party. I was deeply grieved myself that that had to be done, but I am satisfied that that step had to be taken unless we gave up the whole struggle and the whole cause.

Nomination of School Trustees.

The annual nomination for Separate School trustees took place on Thursday last. The following names were submitted: candidates in Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 being returned without opposition.—Ward 1, Rev. Father McEntee; Ward 2, P. J. Mulqueen; Ward 3, Rev. Father Rohleder; Ward 4, Wm. Roy; Ward 5, C. Flanagan; Ward 6, Rev. Father Cruise and Daniel Donovan. Mr. Donovan subsequently retiring from the field the election went to Father Cruise by acclamation.

No. 2 A. O. H. Elections.

The election of officers of No. 2 Division of the A. O. H. of this city took place on Monday evening, 16th inst., all the members being present. The following are the successful candidates:

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