

A DECLARATION OF PEACE

Sent to the Powers by the New Czar of Russia

ST. PETERSBURG, November 12.—M. de Giere, minister of foreign affairs, sent on Saturday this circular to Russian ministers and ambassadors:—"Our illustrious sovereign, upon assuming the supreme power conferred upon him by the inscrutable decrees of Providence, is firmly resolved to take to himself in all details the exalted task which his beloved father of imperishable memory undertook. His Majesty will devote all his strength to the development of the welfare of Russia. He will deviate in no way from the completely pacific and loyal and firm policy which has contributed so greatly to the general tranquillity of the world.

"Russia will remain faithful to her traditions, and will endeavor to maintain friendly relations to all powers recognizing, as hitherto, the respect for right, law and order, and guarantee the safety of the nations. At the opening of the glorious reign which now belongs to history, the ruler's goal was simply the ideal of a strong and happy Russia, having proper regard for her own good, but at the same time without intending to injure anybody. To-day, at the beginning of a new reign, we avow the same principles with equal sincerity. We implore the Lord's blessings that these principles may be executed with out modification for many years, and may produce invariably the expected blessings."

The circular ends with the request that its text be laid before the Government to which the recipient is accredited.

IRISH CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the monthly meeting of the above society the report of the past six months presented to the meeting was excellent. After general business the election of officers took place with the following result:—President, Mr. Thomas Kinsella; first vice-president, Mr. Daniel O'Neill; second vice-president, Mr. William Grace; secretary-treasurer, Mr. James McVey; assistant-secretary, Mr. William Inskip; collecting-treasurer, Mr. John Davis; grand marshal, Mr. John Dwyer; assistant-marshals, Mr. John O'Maly and Mr. William Burke. Auditors: Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. Patrick Corbett, Mr. Joseph McCann.

ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT.

A. O. H. COMMEMORATE THE MANCHESTER MARTYRS.

On Thursday, November 22, the Ancient Order of Hibernians will hold a grand entertainment in commemoration of the Manchester Martyrs, Allen, Larkin and O'Brien. The entertainment will take place in the Windsor hall, and the very best talent of the city will give their assistance. Among the many interesting items on the programme are: Songs by Miss Marie Hollinshead; recitation by Mr. Thos. Sullivan of a poem entitled "The Manchester Martyrs," specially written for the occasion by Dr. J. K. Foran, L.L.B.; the Irish Minstrel quartette, banjo playing by Prof. W. Sullivan, and dancing Irish jig, accompanied by Irish pipe playing. There are many other attractions in the way of music and singing. Short addresses will be delivered by Mr. Geo. Clarke and Rev. Father J. McCallen, S.S. This is the second annual entertainment of the Order, which is perhaps the most progressive and thoroughly Irish of the city. Their entertainment is perhaps the most patriotic and inspiring of all the Irish entertainments given in Montreal.

NINE O'CLOCK SERVICE IN ST. ANN'S CHURCH.

The nine o'clock service in St. Ann's Church is attended almost exclusively by the school children. The service is rendered interesting and imposing by the singing of hymns by the boys. Last Sunday Prof. R. McGuirk sang an Ave Maria composed by J. A. Fowler, and although suffering from a severe cold, his rendition was highly pleasing and effective. Prof. R. McGuirk has an excellent voice, and his skill in music enables him to use it to the best advantage. He is one of the few Irish-Canadian

young men of the city who have mastered the violin—that most difficult of instruments. Our Irish youth should give more attention to the culture of music. Their rich musical talent is a special inheritance of the Irish race. Mr. M. Guirk is a devoted and obliging young man and deserves great credit, and all the encouragement we can give him.

O'ROURKE'S TRIUMPH.

REPRODUCTION OF A SPLENDID PLAY.

On Tuesday evening, the 20th inst., in St. Ann's Hall, will be reproduced that famous and splendid Irish drama, O'Rourke's Triumph. It will be remembered that last March the same piece was twice produced and each time evoked the heartiest approbation of all present. Mr. James Martin, the talented author of the play, has made several beneficial alterations in it and it is expected that it will now be presented in as perfect a form as possible. No person should miss seeing this play. We had already occasion to deal with its perfection and the splendid acting of those connected with its reproduction, and we can fairly promise something as yet unsurpassed in Irish drama in this city.

SHAMROCK VS. NATIONALE.

A GRAND CONTEST AT THE MONUMENT NATIONALE BAZAAR.

During this week the bazaar of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame will be enlivened by a contest for votes between the Shamrock Lacrosse Association and Le Nationale Lacrosse Association. It is the first time that a young organization, like the latter, has ever come into competition with a standard organization, such as the former. It will be for the friends of Le Nationale to strive to carry off the prize in behalf of the junior association in the competition; and it will be the duty of all the friends of the Shamrock Association to put forth every effort in order to retain for the older organization that victorious reputation which has been gained on the field as well as in the arena. We trust that no pains will be spared to make this a most keenly contested battle, and no matter to whom the success of the final counting may belong, the spoils of the victory will fall into the lap of a grand cause and the garland of triumph will be entwined with that which shall be woven for the resurrection—from its ashes—of the noble institution at Montreals. There is every reason to anticipate that the bazaar will be a grand success, and that the competition will be as keen as any that has ever taken place in Montreal.

SELLING ON SUNDAY.

NO COMPROMISE WITH DRINK.

The subject of Father McCallen's instruction before the members of St. Patrick's Temperance society on Sunday afternoon was: "No Compromise." Victims of the drink habit, he said, instead of profiting by the terrible lessons they had received by over indulgence, too frequently resorted to compromise. A pledge for a year, or a resolution to use liquor once a day, or some other similar compromise, never yet cured an inebriate. Total abstinence was his only salvation. "His observations as a priest for the last twenty-three years," continued the speaker, "have proved that any compromise, in matter of indulgence in intoxicating drink is necessarily fatal to any man who has even once in life been intoxicated. He has to leave liquor alone in sickness and in health if he desires to remain a sober man. The same observation holds good for the inebriate who binds himself by pledge for one year or five years, experience on his part and observation of everyone who has had to deal with the inebriate proving that the slightest indulgence brings back the old habit with a celerity that is simply astounding. No compromise must eventually become the motto of every lover of the temperance cause in dealing with the liquor traffic. The great archiepiscopal standard-bearer of temperance in the United States, Most Rev. John Ireland, of St. Paul, gives the reason when he regretfully acknowledged that those engaged in the trade, instead of freeing it from its objectionable features, only hurl defiance at all who attempt to prevent them desecrating the

Lord's Day, selling to well known drunkards, and disregarding every law, human and divine, in their eager thirst for blood money. If they refuse to second the efforts of temperance men to reduce the liquor evil to its minimum, they will only hasten the day when, with the cry, no compromise, the increased hosts of temperance advocates will drive them out of business.

Mr. J. J. Costigan presided over the business meeting. Several new members were admitted and considerable other business transacted.

OBITUARY.

THE LATE MR. ANDREW MAGUIRE.

On Monday night last the eternal summons came somewhat unexpectedly to one of our worthy citizens, Mr. Andrew Maguire. Still young in years and robust of constitution, it was little expected that death was so near at hand. He was only ill since last Friday, and finally his strong constitution gave way before the stern grip of consumption. Mr. Maguire leaves a widow and two children to mourn his early demise. He has three brothers left, amongst whom is Mr. Frank Maguire, of THE TRUE WITNESS staff of compositors. The deceased was a genial and kindly gentleman, one who had won the esteem of all who knew him, and the sad event has evoked universal sympathy amongst his friends. We join in the general condolence expressed and hope that his noble Catholic death may be the precursor of a happy and unending life of bliss with God.

THE LATE MRS. SHARKEY.


We grieve to announce this week the death of Mary Dolan, widow of the late Patrick Sharkey, and beloved mother of Mr. Michael Sharkey, superintendent of harbor dredging. The sad event took place on Sunday, November 11th, and the deceased was in her 78th year. The funeral takes place to-day, to St. Patrick's Church, and thence to the Cote des Neiges cemetery. In expressing our sorrow we desire to convey to the relatives of the deceased lady our heartfelt condolence, and to join in the Church's sublime prayer that her soul may rest in peace. A tender wife, fond mother and noble sample of true womanhood, we are confident that she is the recipient of that reward which is the part of the "Good and faithful servant" in the halls of God's eternal glory.

IN MEMORIAM OF THE REV. S. P. LONERGAN.

A solemn requiem Mass in honor of the ninth anniversary of the death of the Rev. S. P. Lonergan, first pastor of St. Mary's, was celebrated on Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock, in St. Mary's Church, corner of Craig and Panet streets. The service was attended by a number of the local clergy and a large contingent of friends and relations from Ste. Therese, where the deceased lived and labored for years. Rev. James Lonergan, P.P. of St. Bridget's, and brother to the deceased, acted as celebrant, and was assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. The singing was under the direction of Mr. James Wilson, organist, and J. B. Paquet, conductor.

All men's faces are true, whatsoever their hands are.—Shakespeare.

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FAREWELL CONCERT.

LAST CONCERT OF THE CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

The farewell concert at the Catholic Sailors' Club took place on Thursday evening last. There was a very large attendance and the concert was one of the best and most enjoyable of the season. The hall was very comfortably warmed with a stove. Among the first-class items on the programme was the singing of Mr. Frank Butler, who has perhaps the finest voice of any one who ever sung there and would be an acquisition to any society who desire a first-class singer for their concerts. Mrs. McCarthy who had promised to attend was unavoidably absent. But she was not forgotten by the audience, and a very handsome bouquet was sent to her. A most attractive feature on the programme was the Clarinet solo by Mr. Doyle. The concertina selections by Mr. F. O. Gray, were received with the heartiest applause. The other ladies and gentlemen who contributed to the evening's enjoyment were:—Messrs. Holland, Page, Clarke, Hunt, Greenwood and others.

FATHER SALMON.

Mr. Richard Milloy, of Montreal, now touring in Mr. Joseph Haworth's Dramatic Company, writes that he passed recently through Framingham, Mass., and was entertained by the Rev. Father Salmon, formerly parish priest of St. Mary's parish of this city. The Rev. Father Salmon was very well in health and expressed great interest in all matters connected with Montreal.

DIED.

MAGUIRE.—In this city, on the 13th inst., of pneumonia, Andrew Maguire, third son of the late John Maguire, of Omagh, County Tyrone, Ireland. Funeral from his late residence, No. 40 Queen street, Thursday morning, November 15, at 7 o'clock, to St. Ann's Church, thence to Cote des Neiges cemetery. Friends and acquaintance are respectfully requested to attend.