

THE ATHLETIC SHAMROCKS.

The Annual Meeting—The President's Report—A Most Able and Satisfactory Statement.

The Shamrock Athletic Association held their annual meeting last Monday night, and the progress shown was of the most encouraging sort, a balance of \$10,000 in round numbers being shown. Mr. T. P. Crowe, Vice-President, occupied the chair during the reading of the annual reports. Previous to calling upon the Secretary-Treasurer, he delivered a neat speech, urging upon the members the necessity of increasing their efforts to make the coming year one never to be forgotten by the lovers of lacrosse. Following is the annual report:

GENTLEMEN.—I have very much pleasure in presenting the annual report of the operations of the association, affiliated clubs and other clubs connected with it.

Although the work of organization of the association has been completed, and the noble undertaking of securing a permanent home at St. Louis de Mile End has been achieved several years ago, it was only during the month of April, 1893, the opening of the present season, that your association became an active and important factor in the cause of physical culture.

During nearly three decades the members of the Shamrock Lacrosse club have striven earnestly and zealously in the endeavor to awaken a spirit of enthusiasm among young Irish-Canadians, not alone for the great national game of lacrosse, of which it has ever been a staunch and earnest promoter, a true and foremost exponent, but also for all other branches of physical exercises which are calculated to impart strength and vigor to the manhood of our country.

In view of the fact that this report is the first regular one since the adoption of the present constitution of the association, I have deemed it eminently fitting to place upon record our appreciation and admiration for the splendid manifestations of generosity and co-operation evinced by the citizens of Montreal during the progress of the Shamrock bazaar, to the ladies who kindly assisted in its administration, and to the members of the club for the noble enthusiasm they aroused during its progress. The magnificent financial result of the bazaar, together with the enterprise displayed by several members of the executive committee, enabled the provisional directors to lay the foundations of a home and recreation grounds for the association and its affiliated clubs, which will always stand as a monument bearing testimony to the prowess of the Shamrock Lacrosse teams of the past thirty years, of the unswerving devotion of the members of the club in their endeavor to maintain an interest in manly sports, as well as an evidence that under the direction of the new organization the name of the club will be assured for the future.

During the year just closed your directors, having in view the early occupation of the grounds at St. Louis de Mile End, entered into contracts for the ploughing, rolling, seeding, draining and fencing, and the erection of suitable entrances and ticket offices. The sum of \$8,037.75 has been expended for that purpose. The plans for the grand stand and other facilities for the public at the new grounds, together with the specifications, have been prepared and adopted by your directors, who are now asking for estimates for the material and workmanship.

In connection with the question of transportation from the city to the new grounds your directors have entered into a notarial contract before A. Brogan, N.P., with the Montreal Park and Island Railway Company, by which they guarantee to double track the distance between the city and the grounds and equip a service during a period of ten years.

Your directors were also obliged to give a corresponding guarantee that the association would occupy these grounds during the same space of time.

The company have also purchased eight lots of land fronting on Shamrock avenue, and immediately adjoining the entrance, upon which they are obliged to erect a substantial and suitable depot for the general public.

During the year just closed the directors held 31 meetings, 10 of which was held at the Young Irishmen's Hall and 20 at the office of the secretary-treasurer, and the attendance was as follows:—

F. O'Reilly.....31	J. P. Clarke.....26
P. McKeown.....29	D. Gallery.....25
T. P. Crowe.....28	P. H. Bartley.....25
E. Halley.....28	R. J. Cooke.....18
F. Loye.....27	W. J. McKenna.....18
A. Demers.....18	

I desire to say in justice to two members of the board of directors—Messrs. W. J. McKenna and P. H. Bartley—that the former was obliged to leave for Colorado for his health during the month of October, and the latter was ill during seven weeks and had given notification to the secretary.

At the close of the season your directors tendered the Shamrock Lacrosse team a public dinner in order to give some manifestation of their approval and appreciation of the splendid struggle they made to uphold its colors and maintain their reputation in the front rank for championship honors.

The event was a new departure and proved highly satisfactory in point of attendance and in its financial result.

We also submit statements showing the financial position of the association, the receipts and expenditures, auditors' report, reports of the secretaries of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club, Young Shamrock and Junior Shamrock Lacrosse Clubs.

The approaching year is one of momentous importance to the future of the association and all clubs in connection with it, because that portion of the equipment of the new ground, which involves the largest outlay, will have to be entered upon. The estimated expenditure for the proposed grand stand and accessories will reach a figure not less than \$15,000.

The association is therefore in need of the earnest co-operation of not alone all its present members, but of all its supporters, who should regard it as their duty to have their names inscribed upon its membership roll. Its foundations have been laid broad and solid by the hands of the energetic, zealous and successful promoters of that physical culture which is the mainstay of a nation; it remains for the men of the present, who are walking so valiantly in the footsteps of their predecessors,

to carve out and erect a superstructure that will stand perfect in its form, attractive in its proportions, lofty in its stature, as a beacon light of encouragement to the young men of the next generation and a model whereby they may learn to cultivate that fraternal and magnanimous spirit which will crown their victories on the grand field of lacrosse, and firmly establish in its home and in its equipment an institution which will become an effective auxiliary in the future progress and development of our great Dominion.

The whole respectfully submitted.

J. P. CLARKE, President.

The finances showed assets \$12,434.76, and liabilities in all \$1,654.51, leaving a balance of net capital of the Association \$10,780.25. The auditors' report was as follows:—

To the President, Board and Members of the Amateur Athletic Association:

We, the undersigned auditors of the association, hereby certify that we examined carefully the books and annual statement of the association and find same to be correct.

We wish to draw your attention to the satisfactory manner in which the books of the association are kept. We find that, with a few exceptions, such as payments to visiting teams, etc., the cash receipts have been deposited with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and that the expenditure of the association was met by 271 cheques on that bank.

We wish to express our satisfaction at the manner in which the secretary-treasurer, Mr. McDonnell, has arranged the books and vouchers of the association, and that with the system now adopted and with the hearty co-operation of the affiliated clubs and an economical administration of affairs, we are confident, and desire to express our confidence, in the ability of the association to place its finances upon a firm and permanent basis.

A. DEMERS, Auditors.

P. H. BARTLEY, Auditors.

Montreal, 12th April, 1894.

The election of directors was then proceeded with, the vice-president giving place to Mr. J. P. Clarke, president of the association, in the chair.

The directors elected were: J. P. Clarke, E. Halley, T. P. Crowe, R. J. Cooke, P. H. Bartley, P. McKeown, F. O'Reilly, W. J. McKenna, D. Gallery, T. Butler and Joseph McCay.

The board of directors will meet at the office of the secretary-treasurer on Thursday next to elect the president and vice-president from their number.

At the suggestion of the president, to the meeting, it was moved by G. A. Carpenter, seconded by John Kavanagh, that Sir Donald A. Smith be elected a life member of the Association.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the retiring directors, and the annual report, for the first time in the history of the Association, was put in printed form before the members, and the pamphlet, issued by THE TRUE WITNESS, was greatly admired for the neatness with which it was prepared and gotten up for circulation.

ST. ANN'S PARISH NOTES.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Arch Confraternity of the Holy Family in St. Ann's Church on Monday evening last, the Director, Rev. Father Godts, C.S.S.R., announced that the Golden Jubilee of the Association would take place in the month of May, and that the celebration would be conducted on a grand scale, particulars of which will be announced later.

Rev. Father Catulle, C.S.S.R., Visitor of the Redemptorist Order in Canada, who went to Rome a few months ago to assist in the election of a General of the Order, is still in the Eternal City, and is expected to return to Montreal about the end of May.

Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., is still in his native land, Belgium, and his numerous friends will be glad to learn that his health is much improved, and that he expects to return in the month of May.

The Jubilee of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family will be celebrated in St. Ann's Church by a three days' devotion,—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of May. At 7.30 p.m., special sermon; reserved seats for the men; Saturday, confessions. Sunday, at 8 o'clock, general communion for the men. At 2.30 p.m. sharp the men of the Holy Family will gather in St. Ann's Church, walk in procession to Bonsecour Chapel of the Holy Family. In the evening, at 7, closing sermon by the Rev. Father O'Donnell, pastor of St. Mary's, and solemn Benediction.

At High Mass, on Sunday week, the pastor of St. Ann's, Rev. Father Bancart, C.S.S.R., made a feeling reference to the late Bishop O'Farrell, of Trenton, N.Y., who was for many years the pastor of St. Ann's, and who was so universally beloved by his parishioners.

He announced that in token of their affection for him, a Solemn Requiem Mass would be offered up for the repose of his soul on the following Wednesday morning, and he invited all who could be present to attend. In compliance with Father Bancart's request, St. Ann's Church was completely filled on the occasion, many of the worshippers being visibly affected, the many amiable traits in the character of the deceased being still fresh in the memory of many of the older parishioners, as well as in that of large numbers of the rising generation, who were children in the days of Father O'Farrell's pastorate of St. Ann's. Another Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was offered up in St. Ann's Church yesterday morning, and was also largely attended.

We are pleased to have to record that the circulation of THE TRUE WITNESS in St. Ann's Parish is increasing rapidly, thanks to the untiring efforts of the good Redemptorist Fathers, who have repeatedly urged their parishioners to subscribe for the only journal which they have to defend their cause.

OBITUARY.

THE LATE DR. J. C. TACHE.

The following despatch comes from Ottawa:

OTTAWA, April 16.—Dr. Tache, ex-Deputy Minister of Agriculture and brother to Archbishop Tache of Winnipeg, died at water Street Hospital late last evening. Deceased had been superannuated for about ten years. He was 74 years of age, and represented Rimouski in the Canadian Assembly from 1854 to 1857. He was appointed Deputy Minister in 1864. He has been an invalid for years past. He was the author of various works on Canada and Canadian interests.

THE LATE MRS. CHARLES MARCIL.

The death is announced of Mrs. Charles Marcil, widow of the late Mr. Charles Marcil, advocate, and mother of Mr. Charles Marcil of the Star. Her demise, which took place at her residence on St. Andre street, was caused by heart failure. The deceased lady leaves four sons. She was a sister of the late Lieut.-Col. Doherty, of St. Hyacinthe; of the late Mr. Michael Doherty, of this city, and of Major E. P. Doherty, of New York. The funeral is to take place on Wednesday morning, to St. James Roman Catholic church. The deceased was a sister of Major Doherty, who commanded the company that ran down and killed Mr. J. Wilkes Booth. [THE TRUE WITNESS extends to Mr. Marcil the expression of a sincere sympathy in the hour of gloom and sorrow, and prays that her soul may have eternal repose.]

THE LATE MR. FAHEY, OF QUEBEC.

It is with deep sorrow that we learned of the death, last week, of one of the most highly respected Catholic citizens of Quebec, in the person of Mr. Fahey, father of the Rev. Father Fahey of St. Patrick's. The funeral, which was largely attended, and obsequies that were most imposing, took place at St. Patrick's Church, Quebec, on Monday last. The Rev. Father Fahey attended, and for a second time, in almost a year, performed the sad offices over a beloved parent. Last year his mother, this year his father; the sympathy of his numerous friends and admirers in this city goes forth to the good priest and bereaved son. THE TRUE WITNESS desires to convey its expression of grief, both to Father Fahey and to the other members of his family. For over three years he has been attached to St. Patrick's here, and by his zeal, devotion to duty, kindness to all, and eloquence and fervor, he has won the affection of a vast congregation, each member of which will feel in part the sorrow that has come to him. Mr. Fahey, the deceased, was a model Catholic, a good citizen, a fond father and a noble husband. He did not long survive the partner of his life; but loaded with good deeds and amidst the prayers of all who knew him, he went to join her in the land beyond, where God keeps ever ready the rewards that He has promised to the "good and faithful" in this life. May his soul rest in peace and may the Almighty console those whom he has left to weep his loss.

THE LATE MR. JOHN QUINLIVAN.

We have this week to record the sad news of one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the Stratford, Ont. district, in the person of the late

Mr. John Quinlivan. The deceased was an uncle of the reverend and beloved pastor of St. Patrick's church, Father Quinlivan. He was in his seventy-fourth year when the summons, calling him away to the reward that is promised to all "good and faithful servants," came. Mr. Quinlivan was the eldest of a family of five—three brothers and two sisters—who came to Canada from Ireland in 1842. For over half a century he has resided near Stratford, where he built up a home for himself, created a future for his family, and secured the respect, admiration and esteem of all his fellow-citizens. Needless to say that he was a fond husband, a kind father and a practical and deeply devoted Catholic. Last week Rev. Father Quinlivan left for Stratford, where he performed the melancholy duty that, in his two-fold capacity of priest and relative, fell to his share. The sorrow throughout the whole district was heartfelt and the sympathy for the family of the departed was most universal and sincere. Mr. Quinlivan had been ailing for long years—a prey to a continued dyspepsia—but during the past few months he had enjoyed comparatively better health. The immediate cause of his demise was a severe attack of pneumonia. It was Gavin Duffy who wrote, in referring to Thomas Davis, "great men and kindly men may be rare; but good men and true men are numerous." There are many such who move quietly and unostentatiously, like a spirit in the bosom of society. They spread a happy influence around them, and their lives are perpetual models for all who come within the circle of their sphere. And of these the late Mr. Quinlivan was certainly one. THE TRUE WITNESS desires to convey to his family and relatives the sincere expression of a true sympathy, and to the Rev. Father Quinlivan—our own pastor and good friend—we offer that condolence which he so well knows is from the heart. For the departed gentleman we can only say, with the Church he loved and obeyed so well: "May his soul rest in peace."

GRAND ORGAN RECITAL.

On Monday night Mr. Charles A. E. Harriess presided, in a masterly manner, at the grand new organ in St. Anthony's Church. His selections were very felicitous. The grand overture to "Samson" brought forth the capabilities of the instrument. Guilmant's variations on "Two Christmas Themes" was thoroughly in that well-known French composer's style, the "Adeste Fideles" receiving a very happy treatment at both the composer's and player's hands. A very pleasing solo was that in which Mr. Harriess utilized the "vox humana" stop on this organ, which stop is a very beautiful one. He played "Oh Rest in the Lord" on it in such a manner that the audience appreciated the peculiarly devotional feeling which such music produces. His other selections were from the masterpieces of Handel and Haydn and he concluded with a splendid march of his own composition which compelled the audience to remain in their seats to the end. Apart from the organist and the instrument a good deal of interest was naturally felt about the boy singer, Master Turnbull Sinclair. His sweet boyish voice has never been heard to better advantage than it was last night, when he sang "Oh, for the wings of a dove," and Rossini's "Inflammatus," the latter especially being wonderfully sung by the gifted boy. He also sang "I know that my Redeemer liveth" in such a sympathetic manner that brought many lumps in the throats of his hearers.

Mr. Stewart Blanford was in splendid voice, and by his singing of "If With All Your Hearts" and "Every Valley" showed that Montreal possesses a tenor who is a great gain to the city in being able to sing and appreciate the difficult works of oratorio. Mr. A. G. Cunningham sang splendidly and showed the acoustics of the new church to great advantage. His selections were "Why do the Nations," "Now in Heavens" and "The Trumpet Shall Sound." All these solos were sung in a manner which brought out Mr. Cunningham's beautiful voice to perfection and showed that his method is improving every day.

The Rev. J. E. Donnelly, the parish priest of St. Anthony's, may well be congratulated on the success of Monday night's concert, not only for the crowded audience, but for producing such an excellent classical concert which will be remembered for a long time as one of the best of the season.