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EASTER

The mourning of the Church for her
Divine Spouse which pervaded Holy
Week in an increasing degree, until
on Good Friday, we saw the Sacred
Passion so impressively typified,

The fathers of the Church have
spoken on this glorious day of purified
and supernatural life in terms
which are deeply illuminating to the
eyes of faith. It is the "Sublime
Feast," the "Feast of Feasts," the
"Resurrection of the True Light,"

This is the morning when the weep-
ing Magdalen, who knew not where
they had taken her Lord, was con-
soled by His very presence. The Gos-
pel of the day thus declares the feast
in the first place to be the peace of
repentant sinners. The whole Church,
accordingly, having accomplished a
long and arduous journey with sor-
row, suffering and penance, receives
on Easter morning the joyful mes-
sage of reconciliation.

The mystery that has passed before
the faithful on this journey is clearly
manifested in the practices of the
Church, which wholly forbid both
formalism and doubt. Whilst the
world with its customs, not all de-
void of the spirit of piety, commemo-
rates the passing of a season of auster-
ity by utilizing in the interchange
of gifts certain articles of food and
decoration, such as eggs and fair
flowers like the lily and the rose,
that were inappropriate of forbidden
luxuries in the days of darkness sur-
rounding Calvary, the solicitation
and example of the Church to all the
members of her household, is that
they should have a holy hunger and
thirst to receive the Lord Himself
in the Sacrament of His love.

This, to be sure, is the "breaking
of the Bread," which our time-hon-
ored social and family customs more
or less distantly typify. And though
each and every custom that typifies
the faith of Christians is appropriate
to the happiness of Eastertide, those
will have forgotten the Saviour who
neglect to approach the Sacrament
in which He ever does reveal Himself
to His faithful children.

Therefore is the Holy Eucharist at
Easter time necessarily a sacrament
of unity. In vain would Christ have
died had He not left us this blessed
memorial of His Passion, which was
"vermore to show forth His death
until He came."

The Church in her tender mercy has
extended the time for performing the
paschal obligation to Trinity Sun-
day; but due contemplation of the
blessed spirit of Easter cannot fail
to impress upon all practical Catho-
lics the propriety of complying with
the duty of partaking of the sacra-
ment of unity, thanksgiving and love
as near Easter as possible.

THE POSTER SCANDAL

A sort of war is again in pro-
gress against the blanketing of the
dead walls of Toronto with indecent
theatrical posters. This is an old
evil; and from oft-repeated experience
with the Board of Police Commis-
sioners, those who keep on demanding
reform can have but little hope of
success. Toronto has a form of police
government that might be consid-
ered modern in Russia or Turkey.
The daily treatment alike of the
evil and the innocent of the young
and old in this city to pictures that
are conceived in the genius of mur-
der, debauchery, licentiousness and
obscenous vulgarity is surely a mat-
ter that the authorities should not
require to have pressed upon their
notice. The reformers as a matter
of fact are going to the wrong door
looking for abolition of the poster
scandal when they go to the local

police authorities. It seems to us
that the surest and the best method
of gaining an advantage is to carry
the grievance to the Government at
Ottawa. Let the Minister of Justice
give the desperate case of Toronto
ten minutes' attention and he will
suggest such an exclusion or investi-
gation of pictorial advertisements
coming in from the United States
that will entitle him to the gratitude
not only of this but of all other citi-
zens on the theatrical circuit. All
these posters are printed on the other
side. The Police Commissioners of
Toronto will not move unless com-
pelled to do so, and there is no com-
pelling power vested in public opin-
ion in the present condition of the
law. By all means carry this case
to Ottawa, where it will get a rea-
sonable hearing from the present Min-
ister of Justice.

MR CHAMBERLAIN'S REPUTA-
TION

Not much editorial comment of the
Chamberlain press has appeared over
the exciting parliamentary incident
of last week when Colonial Secretary
and Mr. John Dillon. The cable
correspondents considered the matter
worth a column despatch, but even
on this side of the Atlantic there is
little disposition shown to discuss it.
The facts together with the charac-
ters of the two men indeed did not
invite the journalistic admirers of
Mr. Chamberlain to indulge their
taste for lecturing the Irish members
on manners. Mr. Dillon is one of the
most refined and reserved gentlemen
in the House of Commons. Mr. Cham-
berlain's manners need not be de-
scribed. The man is simply the oppo-
site of Mr. Dillon. He has clever-
ness enough to veil the personalities
that are his habitual weapons of de-
bate, but when he made the direct
insinuation of treason against Mr.
Dillon last week he assumed a de-
gree of latitude that in the mouth
of an ordinary member of the House
would have earned the instant re-
proof of the Speaker. Mr. Dillon was
very deliberate. He is not a man to
lose his temper, and when he asked
for an apology through the chair it
was evasively denied him. He then in-
formed the House that Mr. Cham-
berlain was a liar, putting in an ad-
jective of elastic meaning literally
inapplicable to the living. It was
very unlike Mr. Dillon; but a divi-
sion of the House upon a motion for
his suspension disclosed the fact that
the sentiment he uttered was shared
by some fifty others present. The
suspension was for one week. Mr.
Chamberlain, who at the present
time is maraballing all his hired men
on the press to boom him for the
Premiership, will not find his pres-
tige improved by a minority vote on
his reputation for lying. Of course,
such a vote does not increase the
fund of public information concern-
ing Mr. Chamberlain, but as a vote
it is a fact and a record.

IS IT TO BE PEACE?

For the moment an armistice in
South Africa gives some room to
hope for peace, and the newspapers
are filled with rumors, the effect
of which is probably confined to the
stock market. But it is strange that
the censorship was never more rigid.
This is not a good sign, inasmuch as
it leaves the motive for the armis-
tice undiscovered by the British pub-
lic. On the one hand we have the
spokesmen of the British war party
declaring that the armistice was asked
for by Acting President Schalk
Burger with the view of proposing
conditions of surrender, whilst the
boer authorities in Europe proclaim
that the negotiations were initiated
by General Kitchener. Not too much
can be expected from a conference
governed on both sides by notions of
militant pride. As Mr. Morley said
the other day, the present is no time
for etiquette, and if peace is to be
brought about in the Republics and
in Cape Colony it can be accomplish-
ed only by the generals in the field
assuming all the functions of states-
manship. Mr. Chamberlain and the
Government in England, as well as
Lord Milner in Cape Town, are not
only hated by the Boers but are dis-
trusted by every outspoken friend of
peace in the British Islands. Just
now they are begging Canada and the
Australian colonies for more contin-
gents, and if they succeed again,
as they have succeeded in the past,
they will play the colonial card once
more for selfish party ends, asserting
that the loyalty of the colonies
would be attained if other terms than
unconditional surrender were made
with the Boers. It is a great pity
that there is not more of the heaven
of independence in the loyalty of the

colonies. When their aid is begged for
their advice should be taken; and of a
certitude the voice of Canada would
not be for any prolongation of the
war. It seems to us that the smart
politics of the Chamberlain school
will before long appear in a different
light to colonial eyes. The tribute
of money and blood which Canada
and Australia are paying is used by
the Colonial Secretary deliberately
and solely to sustain the fires of war
and avert the return of peace and
the dawn of reckoning which it must
bring to the incompetent and criminal
administration.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Colossus of Rhodes is reported
to be dying in Cape Town. This
is another of the tragedies of the war.

Capt Wymer, of the Cameron High-
landers, has been received into the
Catholic Church by Mgr. Vaughan in
London.

Generals Botha, Delarey and Dewet
are getting their last chance. If
they fail to agree to the terms of
peace now offered Col. Sam Hughes
will be prepared to take over the
command in South Africa from Lord
Kitchener and with a side of his
own selection clear up a retro-
spective iniquitous.

Lord Rosebery could not stand the
strain of political state cleaning. His
Lordship is easily tired, and his
recent exertions entitle him to a
prolonged rest. The public are also
relieved by the suspension of his
loquacity.

The Weekly Register, one of the
oldest Catholic papers in England,
has suspended publication. This is a
matter for regret, as the paper was
written with an ordinary ability and
was influential with an educated class
outside the church. It failed to find
support among Catholics themselves.
Such men as Henry Wilberforce, Wil-
frid Meynell and Mr. Holand, M. P.,
have been in turn its editorial writ-
ers. The loss of such a paper should
give Catholics food for reflection up-
on the need of greater liberality and
encouragement to their journalists.

A. O. H. CONDOLENCE.

At the last regular meeting of the
County Board A. O. H. the following
resolution of condolence was unani-
mously passed:
Whereas, we the officers and mem-
bers of the County Board of the A.
O. H. of York County, have learned
with inexpressible sorrow of the sud-
den demise of our beloved friend, the
Rev. Father Ryan,
Resolved, that this Board besides
giving expression to the deep and
abiding sorrow its members feel for
the loss of so cherished a pastor and
friend, who was at the same time so
bright an ornament of our Holy
Church, also tender its sincerest sym-
pathy to the Archbishop of Toronto
and the Chancellor of the Diocese.
Resolved, that this resolution be
entered on the minutes of this Board
and sent to the Catholic press for
publication.

Whereas, we the officers and mem-
bers of Div. No. 1 A. O. H., in meet-
ing assembled, record with profound
regret the death of the Rev. Father
Ryan, chaplain of this division;
That, whereas, by his death our
Holy Church has lost one of her
ablest sons, one who was possessed
of the greatest qualities of head and
heart, which adorned his exalted po-
sition. He was a wise and trusted
councillor of his Church, whose
works and deeds remain to be cher-
ished in the memory of his people for
years to come. Not alone in church
circles was the great Father Ryan
prominent, but also in the Irish cause
in which he was one of its foremost
workers to promote every laudable
object for its welfare.

Resolved, that in the death of Rev.
Father Ryan the A. O. H. has lost
a fond and loving friend, who was
a faithful and most zealous support-
er of its principles.
Resolved, that we convey to His
Grace the Archbishop our sincere con-
dolence for the loss sustained by the
death of Rev. Father Ryan, and cop-
ies of same be published in the Cath-
olic press, and entered on the min-
utes of this meeting.

MR. FRANK SLATTERY AND THE
A. O. H.

At a largely attended meeting of
Div. No. 1 A. O. H., held in Society
Hall, corner Queen and McCarl
streets, on Monday evening, March
24th, the following resolution was
unanimously adopted:
Resolved, that we, the officers and
members of Div. No. 1, A. O. H., of
York County, in meeting assembled,
do hereby express our hearty ap-
proval of the sentiments expressed by
Bro. Frank Slattery on the occasion
of our annual concert held in
Massey Hall, on St. Patrick's night,
March 17th, 1902, while acting in the
capacity of chairman, and we further
express our sincere thanks to him
for the able and efficient manner in
which he represented and did honor
to our Grand Old Order on that as-
tounding occasion.
Resolved, that we further pledge
to him our hearty support, co-opera-
tion and influence for the patriotic
stand he has taken and pray that he
may long be spared to labor with us
hand in hand for the cause of dear,
native Ireland.

Signed, on behalf of Div. No. 1,
W. E. Ryan, Sec. Pro.

The New St. Michael's College

The ceremony of turning the first
stone for the new wing of St. Mich-
ael's College was witnessed on Tues-
day afternoon by the college students
and a few of the parochial clergy, in
addition to the members of the com-
munity of St. Basil. It was a quiet
and short proceeding. Rev. Dr.
Teely, president of the College, said
a prayer, the response to which was
made aloud by all assembled. Then
Very Rev. Father Marlin, Provincial
of the Order, took the spade and
deftly turned up a sod, in which
the new grass of the dawn-
ing spring showed its green, emblematic
of the new life, bright future and
certain fruit of the College. The
boys raised their college cheer as the
sod was turned, whereupon Fathers
McEntee, F. Walsh, Ryan, Murray
and Mr. John Hanrahan followed the
Provincial in his workmanlike per-
formance. The boys were given a
holiday in honor of the occasion.
Dr. Teely says the work will be
pushed on as rapidly as possible. It
is expected that the walls of the
new wing will be cut/ completed
in time for the Jubilee celebration,
and the building will be occupied by
the students before the end of the
year.

ST. PATRICK'S, MONTREAL.

A Montreal correspondent says: Rev.
Martin Callaghan, P. S., will be
the fourth parish priest of St. Pat-
rick's Church. The official announce-
ment was made at the Mass Sun-
day, the appointment having been
made by Very Rev. the Colln, Sac-
rator of the Sulpician Congregation,
and ratified by His Grace, Archbishop
Brecheux. Connected with the church
since 1875, he is presently qualified
to assume the charge of the largest
English-speaking congregation in
the diocese, and has received his
training under Rev. Henry Dowd and
Rev. Father Quinlan, will undoubtedly
prove a worthy successor to them.
Born in Montreal in 1848, he
received his elementary education at
St. Lawrence School, then the Chris-
tian Brothers, and subsequently pur-
sued his classical education at Mont-
real College. At the end of his phi-
losophical course attended the Grand
Seminary and was ordained to the
priesthood in December 1872. For a
year he acted as par at St.
Bridget's parish, and the advice
of Rev. Father Dowd, who was then
in charge of St. Pat's, decided
to become a member of the Sulpician
Congregation. After spending a year
at the novitiate of the congregation,
at Issy, France, he returned to Mon-
real, and became assistant priest at
St. Patrick's. Since that time he has
devoted himself entirely to his
work, connected with the church,
his life has been a very busy and
religious one. For a number years
he was in charge of the Holy Men's
Society of the Total Abstinence and
Sobriety Society, and of the Catechism
classes, held every Sunday in the
church. He has also filled office
of almoner of the poor of parish.
At all times he displays active
interest in the many institutions
of the parish. Having discharged the
duties of so many offices it is sur-
prising that his superiorly ap-
pointed him to his present im-
portant position. As parish priest will
become a member of the board of
the Catholic High School and repre-
sentative of the Archbishop and
Board of School Commission. Rev.
Father Callaghan is a brother Rev.
Canon Luke Callaghan, of Arch-
bishop's Palace, and the Rev.
James Callaghan, for many years
chaplain of the Hotel Dieu.

THE ART OF LETTING

We hold on to a great many things
last year which we should let
go - shaken, or entirely, let us
place, we should expel from our
mind completely the things which
trivial occurrences which irritate
or humiliated us. This
then not only does no good, it
robs us of time and comfort, the
art of forgetting useless things is
a great one, and we should let
at any cost. It is just as impo-
sible to learn to let go as to hold
things that cannot help us on
and up in the world; anything is
a drag, a stumbling-block, dan-
gerous should be expunged from
memory. Many people seem to
have a positive pleasure in recalling
mistakes, sufferings and
troubles. They dwell upon such
experiences and the pictures upon
their mind becomes melancholy and
sad. If they would only learn to
let them out, and banish their
troubles, and return, as they would
be a thief from the house, those
thoughts would cease to
trouble them. We want all we can
get of sunshine, encouragement, and
joy. Life is too short to dwell
on things which only hinder one.
If we keep the mind filled with
hopeful pictures and with
thoughts - the only things which
help us on in this world - we
make infinitely greater progress
by burying ourselves in glow-
ing prospect.

REGAN BROTHERS.

Mr. Joseph L. Hancock has
been admitted to the partnership of
Regan Brothers, merchants,
whose advertisement is seen
elsewhere in this issue. The business
will be carried on at 101 1/2 King
Street.

BOOK REVIEWS

The Nineteenth Century: "Progress
in Canada." By J. Castell Hopkins.
The Livewort Publishing Co., London,
Toronto, Philadelphia.

This handsome volume is the ninth
number of the series edited by vari-
ous Canadian writers of the hour.
Its scope and form decide its place
in the historical literature of Can-
ada, and Mr. Hopkins has given it
that character for impartial narra-
tive interest that most of all chal-
lenges Canadian popularity. Freedom
of view is an essential of the popu-
lar treatment of Canadian history.
The adjective is used in its best
sense, on account of the distinction
in this regard between English,
Scottish or Irish history and our own.
There, where every person able to
read is acquainted at least with the
history of his part of the United
Kingdom in outline, the essay or
commentary may assume the form
of a bulky volume without losing in-
terest for the average reader. But
here, where comparatively few are
able to trace the outline of history
back beyond Confederation or the
Constitutional Act, the essay is but
an imperfect popular form, and nar-
rative asserts itself as the happy
compromise obviating recourse to the
detailed story. Mr. Hopkins' strength
is in the easy flow of his narrative,
through which we look into a natu-
ral perspective, without big gaps or
narrow places. Too many of our En-
glish writers of Canadian history have
been lamentably narrow in their view
of the Catholic Church, for instance.
They have posed as critics of her
influence in French Canada. Mr. Hop-
kins is not so self-satisfied. While
noting what the late Dr. Strachan
and others had to say with regard
to the old religion he writes "Mean-
while it (the Church) had done its
fullest religious duty by the people
of the parishes of Lower Canada. Ev-
ery little village had its building,
every habitant had religious facilities
close at hand, every isolated settler
was visited from time to time in all
weathers and at all seasons by some
devoted priest. Each succeeding
bishop of Quebec promoted education
by means of Church schools or ec-
clesiastical seminaries, while lofty
and costly religious edifices rose in
Montreal and Quebec, in Halifax
and Toronto to mark the growth of the
doctrines of the Church."

The author towards the close of his
work, which he brings down to the
end of the 19th century, is more tak-
en up with the material progress of
the Dominion; but even in this prac-
tical field he succeeds in maintaining
the standard of interest, and the
reader will put down the book satis-
fied that the work has been well
and conscientiously performed.

A TEST

In perusing the columns of our
paper this week will be found the ad-
vertisement of our friend, Mr. J. T.
Brown. Mr. Brown's company sells
either for cash or credit at prices
that equal and very often go below
any of the much-advertised bargain-
day cash sales run by the depart-
mental stores.
Mr. Brown this week is testing the
merits of the advertising columns of
our paper in a very direct manner.
To the readers of The Register he is
making a special bid. Look over his
advertisement, cut it out and com-
pare his prices with any department
store in Toronto and you will find
that you can obtain from him for
cash or credit the goods advertised
cheaper than anywhere else in To-
ronto. Be sure and cut his adver-
tisement out and bring it with you
when you call to see his goods. In
doing so you will help to show Mr.
Brown the merits of The Register as
an advertising medium.

A NEW IRISH LAND BILL.

London, March 25.-The Chief Sec-
retary for Ireland, Mr. George Wynd-
ham, introduced the Irish land bill
in the House of Commons to-day. The
main provision of the bill authorizes
the Land Commission to take over
the whole or any part of an estate
whose owner is willing to sell. The
commission will then resell it to the
tenants. But, the assent of three-
quarters of the number of tenants is
necessary to purchase the land before
the commission will undertake to
transfer any part of an estate.
The Irish members evinced little en-
thusiasm over the bill. John Red-
mond, the Nationalist leader, said he
proposed to reserve his judgment un-
til he had studied the provisions of
the bill carefully. He warned the
Government that universal compul-
sory purchase must be the ultimate
solution of the problem, as nothing
else would be acceptable. Timothy
M. Healy (Nationalist) said he be-
lieved the bill would do something
towards settling the question, but
that much depended upon the consti-
tution of new estates and the com-
mission.

St. Patrick's Day at Brantford

(From The Expositor.)
One of the most delightful comedy-
dramas ever given in Brantford was
presented in the Opera House last
night. The St. Basil's Literary So-
ciety has a great array of talent of
a very high order, and in the presen-
tation of "Colleen Bawn" they de-
monstrated it beyond a doubt. The
house was crowded to excess, indeed,
there was not a vacant chair in the
whole building.
The amateurs were under the direc-
tion of Miss Marie C. Strong, and
their acting and interpretation did
their talented and accomplished di-
rectress very much credit indeed. The
choice of that ever green, old play,
its charming associations, its frag-
rant memories and its uproarious
mirth, was an exceedingly wise one.
The story of the "Colleen Bawn" is
more or less familiar to all theatre-
goers.
Miss Strong had been at great pains
to choose a suitable and effective
cast, confining herself almost exclu-
sively to the members of the society.
In this she was more than usually
successful, as will be seen from the
following cast of characters.
Myles Na Coppaleen - Mr. J. A.
Whiting
Hardress Cregan - Mr. C. Crowley
Danny Mann, a Hunchback - Mr. C.
Brohman
Kyrle Daley - Mr. P. J. Padden
Father Tom - Mr. A. I. McIntyre
Mr. Corrigan - Mr. M. P. Corcoran
Bertie O'Moore, Magistrate - Mr. J.
A. Hartman
Hyland Cregan - Mr. N. A. McIn-
tyre
Servant - Mr. W. Jacques
Corporal - Mr. F. Mullaney
Ann Chute - Miss K. McKinnon
Mrs. Cregan - Miss Nellie McGau-
ker
Sheelah - Miss Gertrude Hawkins.
Kathleen Cregan - Miss Carlin.
Ducie Blennerhasset - Miss Kate
Haffey.
Eily O'Connor, Colleen Bawn - Em-
ilie Webber Barron.
Bridesmaids, Wedding Guests, Sol-
diers, Servants, etc.
The ladies in the play easily carried
off the honors, the Sheelaha of Miss
Gertrude Hawkins being equal to any
professional work seen in this city in
that part for a long time. Miss Nel-
lie McCusker made a dignified and
impassioned Mrs. Cregan, playing with
strength and force in many difficult
situations. Miss Kate McKinnon
made a charming Ann Chute and took
the aristocratic Irish heiress tone to
the life. She acted with charm-
ing simplicity, while her costumes sel-
half of the audience wild with envy.
Mrs. Barron took the part of Eily
O'Connor, the Colleen Bawn, and
looked and acted the part delightfully.
Her work was a very excellent
presentation of the bright, pretty and
happy peasant girl, while her singing
was marked with great sweetness and
feeling. The subordinate parts of
Kathleen Cregan and Ducie Blenner-
hasset were taken by Miss Carling
and Miss Kate Haffey, respectively,
and were in excellent hands. Miss An-
nie Donaldson and Gracie Kew were
pretty bridesmaids.
Mr. J. A. Whiting took the difficult
role of Myles, and took it well, al-
though at times he was not so ro-
mantic as he might have been. Mr.
Coleman Crowley made a gentleman-
ly Hardress Cregan, playing through-
out with considerable spirit and finish
in his work, and in the scenes
with Eily he was particularly strong.
Mr. P. J. Padden as Colonel Kyrle
Daley acted very well indeed, taking
to the part of the lover with uncon-
scious naturalness. Mr. P. A. Cor-
coran, in the difficult part of Mr.
Corrigan, gave a splendid account of
himself. Father Tom was presented
by Mr. A. I. McIntyre with quiet
reserve and proper dignity. Mr. Ber-
tie O'Moore, the magistrate, was in
the hands of Mr. J. A. Hartman, who
gave a good account of it. Mr. C.
Brohman took the difficult part of
Danny Mann and played with much
spirit and sagacity. He was never
too loud nor offensive, but seemed to
understand that the feeling of affec-
tion between himself and his master
was the point upon which the part
really hung. In the death scene be-
tween Danny Mann and Sheelah his
work was of a very high order and
was highly applauded. The other
subordinate parts were very well tak-
en up by Hyland Cregan, N. A. McIn-
tyre, servant, W. Jacques, corporal,
F. Mullaney.
It only remains to congratulate
Miss Strong and the society upon
their very excellent programme, pro-
vided for St. Patrick's evening.

BARRIE

On Sunday evening First Vespers of
St. Patrick's feast were sung in St.
Mary's Church, Barrie, Rev. Father
McLachlan being celebrant. The mu-
sic on the occasion was of an unusu-
ally high class. Those taking part
were: Messrs. O'Meara, Powell, Ward
and Firth. The ladies were: Misses
Ryan, Byrne, Graham, Mahony,
Powell, McDonald, Hart, Cameron,
Sowles and Logue.
The church was crowded to its ut-
most capacity. Dean Ryan was the
speaker of the evening. He said in
part that according to the most au-

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sively to the members of the society.
In this she was more than usually
successful, as will be seen from the
following cast of characters.
Myles Na Coppaleen - Mr. J. A.
Whiting
Hardress Cregan - Mr. C. Crowley
Danny Mann, a Hunchback - Mr. C.
Brohman
Kyrle Daley - Mr. P. J. Padden
Father Tom - Mr. A. I. McIntyre
Mr. Corrigan - Mr. M. P. Corcoran
Bertie O'Moore, Magistrate - Mr. J.
A. Hartman
Hyland Cregan - Mr. N. A. McIn-
tyre
Servant - Mr. W. Jacques
Corporal - Mr. F. Mullaney
Ann Chute - Miss K. McKinnon
Mrs. Cregan - Miss Nellie McGau-
ker
Sheelah - Miss Gertrude Hawkins.
Kathleen Cregan - Miss Carlin.
Ducie Blennerhasset - Miss Kate
Haffey.
Eily O'Connor, Colleen Bawn - Em-
ilie Webber Barron.
Bridesmaids, Wedding Guests, Sol-
diers, Servants, etc.
The ladies in the play easily carried
off the honors, the Sheelaha of Miss
Gertrude Hawkins being equal to any
professional work seen in this city in
that part for a long time. Miss Nel-
lie McCusker made a dignified and
impassioned Mrs. Cregan, playing with
strength and force in many difficult
situations. Miss Kate McKinnon
made a charming Ann Chute and took
the aristocratic Irish heiress tone to
the life. She acted with charm-
ing simplicity, while her costumes sel-
half of the audience wild with envy.
Mrs. Barron took the part of Eily
O'Connor, the Colleen Bawn, and
looked and acted the part delightfully.
Her work was a very excellent
presentation of the bright, pretty and
happy peasant girl, while her singing
was marked with great sweetness and
feeling. The subordinate parts of
Kathleen Cregan and Ducie Blenner-
hasset were taken by Miss Carling
and Miss Kate Haffey, respectively,
and were in excellent hands. Miss An-
nie Donaldson and Gracie Kew were
pretty bridesmaids.
Mr. J. A. Whiting took the difficult
role of Myles, and took it well, al-
though at times he was not so ro-
mantic as he might have been. Mr.
Coleman Crowley made a gentleman-
ly Hardress Cregan, playing through-
out with considerable spirit and finish
in his work, and in the scenes
with Eily he was particularly strong.
Mr. P. J. Padden as Colonel Kyrle
Daley acted very well indeed, taking
to the part of the lover with uncon-
scious naturalness. Mr. P. A. Cor-
coran, in the difficult part of Mr.
Corrigan, gave a splendid account of
himself. Father Tom was presented
by Mr. A. I. McIntyre with quiet
reserve and proper dignity. Mr. Ber-
tie O'Moore, the magistrate, was in
the hands of Mr. J. A. Hartman, who
gave a good account of it. Mr. C.
Brohman took the difficult part of
Danny Mann and played with much
spirit and sagacity. He was never
too loud nor offensive, but seemed to
understand that the feeling of affec-
tion between himself and his master
was the point upon which the part
really hung. In the death scene be-
tween Danny Mann and Sheelah his
work was of a very high order and
was highly applauded. The other
subordinate parts were very well tak-
en up by Hyland Cregan, N. A. McIn-
tyre, servant, W. Jacques, corporal,
F. Mullaney.
It only remains to congratulate
Miss Strong and the society upon
their very excellent programme, pro-
vided for St. Patrick's evening.

thentic accounts, St. Patrick was
born in Britanny in France, and at an
early age was brought a captive into
Ireland, where he learned the lan-
guage of the people, admired the pur-
suits of their manners and their gener-
ous hospitality. They were virtuous
as pagans, what would they not be
as Christians? The hand of God re-
leased him from bondage and restor-
ed him at length to his friends, but
the love he had conceived for the
pagan Irish haunted him, and in heav-
enly visions, the children of Ireland
called him back to them. He visited
his uncle St. Martin of Tours, stud-
ied in the most celebrated monas-
teries of France and Italy, received
Episcopal consecration, and from the
hands of Pope St. Celestine, the mis-
sion of carrying the glad tidings of
the gospel to his dear green island.

It appears that the Irish were of
old, even as they are now, a people
pre-eminently reverential, a people in
whom the grossness of paganism was
tempered by national virtues, and
whose souls by comparative refine-
ment were peculiarly susceptible of
religious truth. The soul of Erin
had never known the tread of a Ro-
man Proconsul. She was, therefore,
unlabeled by the orgies and corrup-
tions of ancient pagan Rome, hence,
when the Christian faith came before
her, she was not hardened against
it by vice and profanity.

And Ireland, perhaps, of all the
Christian countries on earth, was not
baptized in martyr's blood. The
glory of martyrdom, it is true, was
not to be withheld from her, but it
was not till the 18th, 17th and 18th
centuries that hereby demanded of
her the noble testimony of blood,
and then we know with what heroism
she gave it.
The centuries during which the rest
of Europe was plunged in ignorance
and barbarism, Ireland had become
the peaceful home of sanctity and
learning. Schools rose up on every
hill and in every valley; every city is
an immense school. Students from
every clime of the civilized world, the
German, the Frenchman, the Italian,
the Saxon, are all mingled together
speaking this language of the Church,
Rome's old Latin. They have come in
thousands, and in tens of thousands
to hear from the lips of the world-
renowned saints all the lore of an-
cient Greece and Rome, and to study
in the lives of these saints the high-
est degree of Christian perfection.
And these men who have come from
every clime, to the university of the
world, go back to their respective
countries, and they tell the glorious
tale of Irish strength and Irish val-
or; they tell of the wisdom of her
princes and rulers, the learning and
saintliness of her priesthood, the pur-
ity of the Irish maidens, the gener-
ous hospitality of the Irish people,
till at length there comes from the
recesses of history the voice of an
admirer world, proclaiming Ireland,
in that happy epoch, "the island of
heroes, saints and sages."

Then the Dean went on to describe
the progress of the Christian faith in
Ireland, the zeal of the princes and
chiefs and the terror of the new con-
verts. The absence of warfare pro-
vailed. The peaceful triumphs of re-
ligion succeeded in suppressing the
bloody scenes of the battlefield, and
princes and princesses were seen to
exchange the pomp and power of the
Court for the poverty and simplicity
of the cloister. He went on to tell
how the monastic, this contemplative
people, bears also within its heart
the sacred fire of the apostolate, and
is eminently a Missionary people.
How this spirit impelled them to
convert unbelievers, to rekindle the
almost extinguished lamp of science
and learning and carry in every direc-
tion the light of science and faith.

He spoke of the struggle the Irish
had, in maintaining their faith, and
gave a brief sketch of the present so-
cial and religious condition of Ire-
land. The lecture was a rare treat.
The ladies of the Altar Society took
up a collection, which amounted to a
good figure.

A large congregation attended High
Mass at 9 a. m. on St. Patrick's
Day.

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