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A DAY OF DEMONSTRATION.

Most Enthusiastic Observance of St. Patrick's Day in History of City.

No fairer day could have been

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ore enthusiasm been shown on St. Patrick's Day.

Springtime and St. Patrick's day are synonymous terms, and the real break with winter comes about the seventeenth of March. True to local traditions the Sunday broke dull. But the wet morning hours were folowed by charming spring weather, and in turn that gave way to an other delightful day, so that for once in many years the societies were blessed with a glorious springtime Towards 9 o'clock along every main thoroughfare in the city long processions wended their way to St. Potrick's Church. The church was filled to overflowing. All seats were taken, and the crowd met in the eisles and even to the steps of the sanctuary.

His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi had wished to attend the service, but as it was necessary for him to go to Manchester, N.H., to attend the consecration of Bishop Guertin, this was

Mgr. Racicot acted as celebrant In the sanctuary were seated the allowing clergymen: Rev. Father Martin Callaghan, pastor of St. Patrick's; Rev. Father Flynn, C.SS. St. Ann's; Rev. Father Brady St. Mary's; Rev. Father Donnelly, St. Anthony's; Rev. Father Casey, St. Agnes; Rev. Father Holland, C. SS.R., St. Ann's; Rev. Father Albert, superior of the Marist 'Fathers; Rev. Father Condon, C.S.C., St Laurent College; Rev. Father Fahey, St. Gabriel's; Rev. Father Elliott, Rev. Abbe Lecoq, superior of St. Sulpice; Rev. Abbe Robillard; Rev. Abbe Silvestre; Rev. Father Thomas Heffernan, of St. Anthony's; Rev. Father Shea, Rev. Father E. A. Callahan, Rev. Father Polan and Rev. Father O'Bryan.

THE SERMON

Rev. Father Peter J. Hefferna preached a most eloquent sermon, taking as his text "And the memory of Him shall not pass away," part as follows:

The Irish heart throughout world, as well as in its own native thanksgiving to the Triune God, in gratitude for the gift of faith which year the Irish people renew their enduring affection, as a sign that their undying gratitude and fond reverence still lives, and God grant

that it will ever prevail. St. Patrick's mission to Ireland was a miraculous intervention of the Providence of God. He was brought captive to the land and served as a simple shepherd, tending the cattle upon the hills. But God intended that he should care for other sheep his own human souls. God called im away from his captivity and he left Ireland. But he had been long enough there to learn to love the land of his exile. He tells us of his anxiety about the salvation of the souls of the Irish, who were given up to false gods. Then came miracle. He was mysteriously trans planted in a beautiful valley.

angel spirit unrolled a scroll before
him on which was written, "The
voice of the Irish." At the same M voices was heard crying: "We en-reat thee to come amongst us." In the year of our Lord 432, he was

During this time he was constant- Ireland has suffered. They call her many obstacles, but they were all overcome. Kings and chieftains retired from worldly lives to sanctify themselves in monasteries. St. Pat. rick forged a bond between Ireland and Rome, which has been unhurt by centuries of persecution, and please God will never be broken. The heart of Ireland was bound to the successor of St. Peter, and through him to Christ.

The Gospel that Jesus Christ taught to His Apostles overcomes all obstacles, and the faith implanted by St. Patrick is still unsullied in the hearts of the Irish people.

Ireland became Christian, schools of piety and learning were established all over the country. When hordes of barbarians devastated the convents of northwestern Europe, it was from Ireland that good monks came to repair the breach made England, France and Germany all owe a debt of gratitude to those saintly men, and through them to St. Patrick.

Now when a man is going on journey he likes to find out a little about the country to which he going, its climate, nature, qualities and peculfarities. So every reasonable man wants to know about God, heaven, his future home, and the truths of holy religion. Now man's reason will not give him all he wants, such mighty forces are beyond his conception. What is a man to do, then. He must realize that his own reason is limited, that there are some things beyond him. Is he to say that is further than my reason takes me, I cannot go, more than that I cannot see? Is he to go no further than his own limited reason, and accept nothing beyond? s he to weigh all truth in his own little reason? To do this is to put our own limited mind on a level with the clear vision of Almighty God. And you know that som such people exist with us to-day.

But it is not so with the children of St. Patrick. They have faith. And how they have suffered for it! They have been robbed of their heritage because they adhered to it. They have had everything against them. It has been a crime to be a to know how to read and write. All marked than that of the older soatholic, and a crime for a Catholic world, as well as in its own hand to hard have been barred to cleties. them. They have been considered an inferior people, treated shamefully der, the Young Men's Society look-dote and concluding with his latest has bestowed upon Ireland. Each and every attempt made to repress their religion. But the faith has your the Irish people renew then the remaining the remaini iron-like grip around the heart of surviveu, untouched part. Ireland's patron saint, with ever has only made it purer. What The real feature of their turnout was temptations they have had, but the spiritual advantages they have gained have compensated for it all. shrill pipe and resonant drum. It The faith has been handed down takes the music of the piping piccole from father to son, sometimes the only possession left.

Perhaps some of you may know what it is to have suffered for your faith, to have been insulted

outraged. Jesus Christ Himself taught us to rejoice at such persecution. It is the truest test of the reality of our faith. We all know the story of the priests who ministered to their flocks in persecuted times and made their way by doing the most menial kinds of labor. Did they degrade their sacred profession? No, intheir sacred profession? No, in-deed. They raised an enduring monument in the hearts of the Irish

people and the Irish daily give praise to Gad for the heroic spirit they dis-

ca. Ireland has evidenced persecu-tions here. Many of you have seen the sign. "No Irish need apply." This was not directed against the small minority of Irish non-Catho-

Irish love their priests. They know what they have done for them in Michael Fitzgibbon, Dr. Kennedy, times of storm and stress. It is for Chief Justice Tait, Mr. Justice Curwhat they have done for us in the ran, Mr. F. S. Maclennan, of past that we love them so much.

In his peroration Father Hefferthe aspirations of the Irish race of the St. David's Society; Rev. should soon be realized. The same Father Donnelly and Rev. T. Heffershould soon be realized. The conGod which had rewarded their conher restoring their reliPror to proposing the health of the spectacle of a truly Catholic nation, firm in the faith and practice of religion. This was blessing which he implored for all of them from Christ the Saviour of nations, and he asked His Lordship Bishop Racicot to impart to those present his Apostolic benediction.

ANNUAL PARADE A PICTUR-ESQUE SIGHT.

After Mass the various societies proceeded to their places of meeting and then formed in parade order by way of Victoria square, finally leading off in an easterly direction on Craig street. The parade continued to Papineau, thence north to St. Catherine, and returned to St. Patrick's Church by way of this thoroughfare and St. Alexander street. Ald. Thomas O'Connell acted as narshal-in-chief.

Preceded by a squad of mounted policemen, the parade was soon under way and off on its march. All the societies of the various Irish men walking.

uniformed knights made a fine apalong, and their well set style evok-ed favorable comment.

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St. Gabriel's Young Men's Society followed. This is a fine body of young men, under the presidency of speaker, had produced such character Dr. Conroy. They formed the youngest organization in the march. In responding to the toast, but their enthusiasm was no less

Young Men were next, all fine strapfurnished by the boys. These lads and many a cheer greeted the lads as they marched along with their tooting fifes and rolling drums.

The Young Irishmen made a brave appearance, and they were foilowed by a score of boys attired in a smart uniform of West Point grey, and they too raised enthusiasm by the music

of a fife and drum band. Afterwards the fine band of Moun St. Louis College furnished splendid martial and national airs. The boys in the natty uniforms strode along quite conscious that they were par-

ticipating in a great day's work.
St. Patrick's Society followed, and brought up the rear of the parade. They were led by Mr. James Milloy

THE BANQUET AT WINDSOR

The banquet of St. Patrick's Sc The banquet of St. Patrick's So-ciety at the Windsor Hotel Monday night was one of the most success-ful in the history of the society. Covers were laid for 200. During the evening fraternal greetings were received from societies in other cities and announcement was made of the receipt of communications of regret at inability to attend the banquet from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Mr. R. L. Borden, M.P., Mr. F. D. Monk, M.P., and Mr. C. R. Devlin.

On the right of the President, Mr. F. J. Curran, was seated Chief Justice Taschereau, and on the left Mr. Thos. Gilday, representing the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, and among others at the table of honor Ex-Justice Doherty, Mayor Ekers, Mr. L. G. A. Cresse, of the No fairer day count and Montreal did herself by preaching the gospel to the people servile and prest-ridden. The people servile and prest-ridden. The St. George, of the St. George's Society; Mr. J. P. Dunne, Ottawa; Mr. St. Andrew's Society; Mr. William nan offered his heartfelt prayer that Dr. W. H. Drumimond, Mr. Roberts, McNab, of the Caledonian Society;

gious liberty would restore their civil "The King," the president extended freedom. Their day was at hand, the a caed mille failthe to the gathering dawn had already broken and they would soon be restored to their started a year arg of obtaining subrights to make their own laws and scriptions towards endowing a cot ever should they stand by the faith Notre Dame de Grace had resulted in of St. Patrick, and give the world securing a cot for the space of ten years, and it would be open patients recommended by St. Patrick's Society. He made reference to the death of Sir William Hingston, whose memory, he said, would ever be fondly cherished in the hearts of

Mr. J. P. Dunne submitted the toast of "Ireland." He remarked that the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal was known throughout the Dominion, and went on to refer to Irish legendery lore, showing the marvelous transformation of the Irish from a pagan to a Christian last moment of the struggle, as we people. The Christian world, he said, flad nothing like it, the records of Christianity had nothing to show comparable to the conversion of Ireland. If the celebration that day stood for anything, it was for that most remarkable change of an entire people passing from the dark ness of paganism to the light and influence of Christianity. Pope had said: "The true study of man man." He (Mr. Dunne) was ra

parishes were in line, probably 6000 ther inclined to agree with Mr. John Morley that "the true study of man Members of the Ancient Order of is character." That gentleman, in a Hibernians led the way, and the speech delivered in Toronto, when he was visiting Canada, said that pearance. The men performed varit the whole essence of education was ous evolutions as they marched summed up in two or three sentences sect, the difference between and wrong, and character. What nation in the world, exclaimed the

as the little isle beyond the sea! Drummond humorously touched upon what he termed "the great virtues, St. Ann's poem, "A Greeting to St. Patrick's

Ex-Justice Doherty also responded to the toast. In speaking of the Ire land of to-day, he said it was an in green made glad the hearts with Ireland that, after years of struggle for the assertion of her national entity, now stood waiting expectantand the softer flute to stir the spirit ly the termination of that struggle waiting the recognition of her tional entity and her right to na-tional self-government. That strug-gle, under one form or another, un-

der one leader or another, had gone on for centuries, being handed dow from generation to generation, until perhaps the greatest leader Ireland ever had had inaugurated the latest phase of that movement. That inauguration was within the memory practically of all present at that banquet. The leader had passed away, but he had found successors, and the novement had gone on, until now they could say their hopes stronger and were based on no less than two speeches from the throne. When Ireland's representatives stood up to claim for her the right of selfovernment, they stood not as the representatives of a suppliant pro-vince asking for the doling out of

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foreign Irishmen or pure and simple born Canadians-with the love the liberty we had enjoyed in such whole measure by this home rule of Canada, could send forth to that nation which was claiming the recognition of nationhood, and stood on the threshold of the granting of the demand, our sympathy in this the had extended it to her in the darker days, when the thing seemed fur

ther away. Mr. J. C. Walsh gave the toast of "Canada," which was responded to by Chief Justidce Taschereau. who remarked that the Irish had spread all over the world, and had invaded all the spheres of indusous success. It had furnished fam- And still, tho' far from fatherland, ous soldiers, and to Church State it had given famous dignitaries and statesmen. Providence had given to the Irish all the intellectual gifts which could be bestowed on one single people. God had blessed the Irish nation, and He would bless it to the end, because it possessed to an eminent degree the two chief virtues of a people beloved of Godfaith and chastity. Upon this Canadian soil, he said, we were all Cadian son, he said, we had the voice of Kith and Kip.

Scotch fellow-countrymen, we had He hears the tales of old, old days, contrived to blend together the splendid qualities and virtues of each distinct nationality, in order to constitute an ensemble which compelled the admiration of the Mother Counbors, and of the entry, of our nei tire world. Might this splendid spirit of union ever prevail.

"Our Guests" was eloquently proposed by Mr. Justice Curran, was responded to by representatives of the several societies present and by the Mayor.

The remaining toasts were: "The Ladies" and "The Press."

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WE'RE IRISH YET

(Composed by Dr. W. H. Drummond for St. Patrick's Banquet.)

What means this gathering to-night What spirit moves along The crowded hall, and touching light Each heart among the throng, Awakes as tho' a trumpet blast Had sounded in their ears The recollections of the past, The memory of the years?

O! 'tis the spirit of the west,' The spirit of the Celt, The breed that spurned the alien breast.

And every wrong has felt-We never can forget To tell ourselves with heart and

hand, We're Irish yet! We're Irish yet!

And they, outside the Clan of Conn Would understand, but fafl, The mystic music played upon The heart-strings of the Gael-His ear, and his alone can tell The soul that lies within, The music which he knows so well,

Of battle fierce by ford and bill, Of ancient Senachie's martial lays, And race unconquered still-It challenges with mother's pride And dares him to forget o' he cross the ocean wide

He's Irish yet! He's Irish yet!

His eye may never see the blue Of Ireland's April sky, His ear may never listen to The song of lark on high, But deep within his Irish heart Are cloisters, dark and dim, No human hand can wrench apart, And the lark still sings for him.

We've bowed beneath the chastening

We've had our griefs and pains But with them all, we still thank God. The Blood is in our veins:

The ancient blood that knows no fear.

The Stamp is on us set, And so however foes may jeer, We're Irish yet! We're Irish yet!

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