IRISH IMMIGRANTS

ELOQUENT TRIBUTE BY RIGHT REV. THOMAS J. SHAHAN

Eloquent tribute to the part which Irish immigrants played in the upbuilding of America was paid by Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the Catholic University, in speaking be-fore the members of the American Irish Historical Society, who held their annual banquet at Dalmonico's, New York. Bishop Shahan's subject was "The Future of American De-

THE IRISH IN AMERICA

What part will the American children of Ireland play in the future of western democracy? Judging from the past and from the nature of the race, their role will not be insignificant. Every section of the United States of America acknowledged the service of countless men of Irish race. That service is comparable to the conquest of primeval nature, the hard and parilous ouslaught on the unknown and various hostile depths of a continent. They were among the first pioneers along every far western trail; they blazed their way through a thousand forests, threaded our countless rivers, crossed our great lakes and climbed our great mountains. The place names of the nation betray their presence where-sver in the last century the secial opened up the great modern ways of prolific race sarned richly the grati-tude of the American people for its share in the building of the railroads accommon social and political, that acquire merit toward the Church and and canals which made it possible at aim equally at the ruin of religion their mother country than by work and canals which made it possible at an early date to transport the teaming riches of the western prairies and mines and to provide for the safety of the State against hostile All honor to that humble but vest multitude of the shovel and the pick, in no small measure the rude creators and fore runners of modern American civiliz-

With their numbers they enriched the same civilization, whether we consider the vast outpouring of the eighteenth century whose details the historical skill and the patient indes try of Mr. O'Brien have revealed, or the great exodus of the nineteenth century when all Ireland seemed to arise and fly from the inhuman conditions of life on its sail.

FIND REFUGE IN AMERICA

These thousands, nay these milancient seat of power and happiness, across a wide and unknown ocean, stood with open arms to welcoms and comfort these exiles of Erin. Historians and statesmen, philoso-phers and poets and artists have dealt in their own way with this great human fact, but no one has yet risen to give adequate expression to the gratitude of the Irish race the world over and through all time so much an element of our every day for this priceless boon of freedom, life, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, literally immense and without price. As a faint index of their teslings of 'The Irish Emigrant," published at Winchester, Va., in 1817.

"'Hail Columbia, happy land!' May the genius of freedom which presides over thee remain until the wreck of matter and the crash of Worlds. May you still continue children of Ireland in the New World the land of the free; may you still grant who, after having experienced where virtue reigns triumphant and where man becomes a candidate for heaven in the way which he thinks proper without molestation. Oh, my country! Oh, theu Emerald Isle, on which nature has so lavishly distributed her bounty, would to God that thou couldst take the wings of the morning and fly to the West, there to behold the difference, the great dif ference, between liberty and slavery ; there to behold the degradation of thy bondage; there to behold the thraldom in which thou hast been held, and lastly there to taste the sweets of freedom which to thee would have a doubly pleasing zest."

been gathered to his fathers, but his gratitude to the eriginal refuge of his persecuted forebears remains in American of Irish race, is ingrained in his being, and given his loyalty and intelligence, is one of the most secure guarantees of Amer-

SERVICE TO THE REPUBLIC

In the annals of patriotism, the American Irish rank second to no element of our people, and in every war have borne gladly their share or more than their share of good will, devotion and peril. Physically and mentally they are ideal soldiers, nor have they tarnished in the late War their splendid record of nearly one has its own significance when we remember that today not less than onetenth of the American people is of Irish origin, and that they are ultimately interwoven with the texture of American society. An observant Englishman has said recent. ly that they move as a vehement stream through the centused and tumultuous life of the nation, permeating the whole structure of Amerin law, in literature, in the sciences.

Naturally the patriotism of so large an element of its population is of supreme importance to the Ameri-can State, not alone in the hour of conflict, but amid all the vicissitudes of public life which in the past have culminated so often in the horrors of war. Kelly and Burke and Shea have never yet failed to respond when the call of duty resounded in the graves at Arlington it struck me Dead," the sciemn stanzas of his ciliation, and begging especial immortal dirge proclaiming on every assistance of all side the fidelity unto death of so tian peace" and

republic. and Christian civilization.

*AMERICA'S DEBT TO IRELAND large a percentage of the American-Irish is no small advantage to Amereconomic, social and political, that and of the American States as now ing for the correction of corrupt constituted. No one doubts the customs." merits of our children of Erin along In letters; music and the arts, in carly wished that the Tertiaries oratory and journalism, they have should distinguish themselves by pursued, despite some disadvantages, an ever ascending course, and have pracept, says the Encyclical, which impressed their genius not unfavorably on the nation at largs.

On the other hand, American democracy owes no little to its citizens of Irish descent in the way of humor mavaged in the late War. It is even and sport. National humor is, rough. more so now, when very grave ly speaking, the kindly criticism, pungent and corrective, of a pasple's oddities, defects, or peculiarities; the public exhibition of them on some broad stage, dramatic, pictorial or literary, where all may see themselves as others see them. It is a tradition lions, were the finest raw material of al feature of democracy from ancient Rome and Athens to Naw York, pro-American democracy, a gifted, intelligent, Christian, English-speaking toundly equalitorian, sparing none driven whelseals from its and exercised by all, a kind of rade popular teaching by way of castigation, and incidentally a school but on whose shores freedem herself | better manners, popular justice, and mutual teleration. It is scarcely necessary to say that since the Civil War many of its leaders have been American Irish, or that these gifted men have mightily relieved life's daily burden in our country from

ocean to ocean. As to sport their national record is that it did not fail to arrest the attention of the gifted English corresjoy and gratitude, I venture to quote pondent, A. G. Gardiner, as a strong from an humble little tale entitled sidelight on the extent to which on its highest level, American democracy had absorbed an immemorial feature of the social life of Ireland.

> IRISH ARE BORN DEMOCRATS It amounts to this, after all: The

are natural born democrats, or recontinue the hame of the brave emi publicans, if you will, first, because they are such by choice, then all that oppression could devise or unjust policy dictate, finds on shores a hospitable reception monarchy and aristocracy and oligarchy, their only resources being in themselves, and finally because God's own time He cast multitudes of them on the soil of the United States just when they were needed to turn the tide of battle in favor of American democracy, and secure, the revolution which the loyalist majority were gravely imperilling. "America was lost by Irish emigrants," said Lord Mountjoy before the parlia-ment committee on the causes of England's final defeat. Let it stay at that, or rather let it be said that America was won by Irish emigrants, won through gratitude for a new, immense and glorious fraedom, wor through hatred of oppression and Poor Owen McDermott has long injustice, won for the struggling cen gathered to his fathers, but his minority of brave men who followed Washington through all the dark vicissitudes of his military career, won for all humanity, for all the millions who since that day have entered fearlessly through the gates which Irish valor held open until Divins Providence secured them with its blessing and its protection.

No wonder that Benjamin Franklin was deputed by Congress to express the sympathy of America for Ireland and to pledge its aid to her struggling people. Alas in the century and a half that intervened between the words of hope which Franklin in 1778 addressed to "the good people of Ireland on behalf of Amerand the prostrate and bleed tary service of the republic. This ing Ireland of today the aid promised though the records of tyranny offer no parallel to Ireland suffering in these fateful years "a record," said Mr. William H. Taft, twelve years ago, in this city, "with but few intervals, of misgovernment, intolerance. selfish exploitation and confisea-tion."—Catholic Standard and Times.

THE POPE'S PEACE PLEA

Pape Benedict XV., on the occasion of the seventh centenary of the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi, of which even persons living in the world, not gathered in community and not wearing the religious garb, the land. Wandering one day among may become members, addressed an Encyclical Letter on January 28 to as quite fitting that those glorious spaces should be consecrated by Theodore O'Hara's "Bivouac of the world, calling on all mankind to work for peace and Christian reconthe world, calling on all mankind to pose. children of Chrisside the fidelity unto death of so tian peace" and those belonging to many of his race in every war of the the Third Order of the saintly patriarch of Umbria. True peace, American democracy stands in no says the Pape's Encyclical, is impos-tear of monarchistic temper or reac-tion now particularly that the world of scul. Therefore Christian virtua is running to republics. But it right- is necessary. The Holy Father then ly fears the growth of certain savege annestly begs the "Tertiaxies," as and monstrous theories of Government, rooted in the evil philosophy St. Francis are called, to spread of materialism, and bred in a satanic everywhere by example and by word atmosphere of hostility to religion the genuine spirit of Christ, and to oppose the two worst svils of our times, the insatiable passion to possess the goods of this world and In this respect the deeply religious | the unquenchable thirst for pleasure. training and severe discipline of so These evils, His Holiness continues show themselves in the perpetual contest between the proletariat and ican democracy. It will never need the rich, as well as in the immedesty to appoint a committee to root out of women's dress and in modern sver in the last cantury the social order cast its nawest roots. They were a long timethe man power which substitute the contract of the canture to secure from them respect for and the example and the teaching of St. Francis of Assisi, "whose contracts the contracts of the contract of the contracts of the contract of the contracts of the contract of the Among these citizens the philosophy stant desire was to make himself communication and this small but of life is fundamentally Christian, Christ-like in poverty, humility, and

> The Pontiff then recapitulates the the higher ranges of American life, history of the foundation of the the imaginative, romantic, emotional Third Order. He strongly empha-side of our growth in the last century. was so useful amidst the civil discords of the Franciscan epoch, was a source of inspiration to the Pope himself, when the whole world was more so now, when very grave internal discords disturb so many countries. The Pontiff concludes the Encyclical by urging the Bishops throughout the world to revive and increase the associations of Tertiaries in their diocese. - America.

acquire merit toward the Church and

OPPORTUNITIES LENT OFFERS

The emphasis which almost uni versally at the present time the leaders of the nation are placing spon the need of spiritual regeneration as a remedy for even the most grievous of the ugly evils now showing themselves in this land, cannot fail to result in peculiar insistence on the apportunities offered to the

individual during the season of Lant.
A time of prayer and fasting, mitigated as this last now is, cut of con-sideration for the climats and the nature of the work we do, will, if faithfully observed, bring us to a serious consideration of real values. We grow so accustomed to accepting the false values of the world around us : indeed we seem so forced by the necessities of everyday life to use those values, that one can readily understand how easily our spiritual sense is obscured, and we grow accustomed to prizing what the so occupy our minds that we are

practically all the time. It is at a time such as Lent furnishes that we must seek the opportunity to recall the value of higher things; that we remind ourselves of the nebility of truth and honor and honesty and of the small value of all success and of all wealth and of all power, if in the winning, we less the nobler things. Lent is a time of spiritual stock-taking, during which we should come to know again the real riches and to see that these are saleguarded, even in the herry and worry of daily tasks .- Catholic Standard and Times.

> ARCHBISHOPS' VIEWS ON PROPOSED BLUE LAWS

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Several eminent Catholic Prelates, notable among them Archbishop Patrick Hayes of New York and Archbishop John J. Glennon of St. Louis, have contributed to the discussion of

Independent. Sanday should not be a day of gloom and unnatural repression, but dead bodies unrecognizable, one of godly gladness and human declared Archbishop Hayes. and not man for the Sabbath.'
(Mark xi, 27.) The Church never designates Sunday as a day of fast-

form of decorum and restraint essentially different from the other days and a day's power to sell one's of the week. of the week.
"Industrial, commercial, agricul-

be limited to carriage of passengers. I pray that, for the welfare of America, our Sunday will be pre-served, not in gloom, but in the joy that springs from reverence and re-pose. Then God and man will be

Archbishop Glennon, in discussing the proposed Sunday laws, declared:
"I wish to say that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of worship and a day of rest, but we cannot by law define it as a citizen's duty to worship on Sunday or any other day. because freedom of worship on the part of the individual is an essential

feature of our national life.
"As regards a definition of 'rest there are various opinions. It would appear as if it excluded servile labor, except when same was necessary but it should not exclude legitimate amusement, even with a conce of a moderate payment to the few that may be necessary to legitimate amusement. I think it is week previous, on returning from a preper because an ethical interpresation of rest, that legitimate amusement be included.

WELL-KNOWN JESUIT PRIEST DIES IN GUELPH

Guelph, Feb. 10th.—The death occurred at St. Jeseph's Hospital been ill for several years. Father Gagnier was born in Toronto, received early education at St. Mary's Cellege, Montreal, and entered the Society of Jesus in 1887. He was twice a director of Loyola College, Montreal, and also was parish priest at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., for two years. He was twice assistant pastor at the Church of Our Lady in Guelph. He leaves one brother, Rev. Wm. Gagnier, S. J., who has been a missionary among the Indians for 40 vears, and whose headquarters are at St. Sault Marie, Mich. He will be buried Saturday morning at the Jesuit Novitiate here.

THE APPEAL WOULD BE IN VAIN

"I wish there were a Havristt Beecher Stowe to write an 'Uncle widow and four sone, Edward J. and Tom's Cabin' about Ireland in 1921," Francis X. of Chicago, Matthew, Jr., says Robert Lynd, a Protestant of a student at Marquette University at Belfast, in a recent issue of the Milwaukse and John Paul at home. other way of bringing home to the Daniel and Richard of Dover, Canada, average English man — or English and one sister, a member of the woman—the fact that England is Ursuline Order of Sisters at now ruling Ireland in the spirit of Chatham, Canada. The latter two year. May his soul rest in peace. the torturer.

The runaway slave, pursued with whip, dog and gun, got your tears," he says, "half a century ago! The Sinn Feiner 'on the run' today is Immaculate Conception church, and tracked down by the same mercliess means." He admits, in making the order of Foresters, of which he was comparison, that "Uncle Tom's a member, attended in a body. Cabin" contains exeggerations; be Requiem Mass was celebrated by admits, too, the possibility of exag Father Walsh and Rev. Vincent gerating the British atrocities in Ire-But," he adds, " the only land. people who have a right to complain of exaggeration are those whose imaginations already realize to the last detail what life means in a country where one day a little girl of eight is shot by passing soldiers and greater possession. The struggle to another day a pregnant woman with greater possession. The struggle to make ends meet, responsibility for the welfare of other lives than our own, the anxiety of providing for those dependent on us, these things midnight, and fathers, like you Hog so occupy our minds that we are compelled to be busy about them lish fathers, are threatened with death because they will not betray their sons; where two lord mayors have died in the flower of life, died of that fatal disease, the love of Ireland, and a third lord mayor is thrown out of an English prison s ruin and a walking ghost for the rest of his days; where, as a Peace with Ireland Council pamphlet tells us, when the body of a dead patriot is discovered it is the custom for the relatives to examine it for marks of torture : where midnight murder and drunken savagery and streets aflame are events that have ceased even to surprise. Is there any exaggeration that can come up to the truth? All the exaggerations I have yet seen are mere timid under-statements of the facts of the persecution now in full

swing in Ireland. How is it possible to bring home to Christian men and women in England what it all means—this influte pattern of pain now being written across the face of Ireland? An Irish landlord in the Nation has recently been recounting the daily epic of an proposed legislation known as the Sunday "Blue laws" which is cen. Irish countrysids—women as well as sunday "Blue laws" which is cen. tained in the current issue of the villages living at the mercy of the uniformed highwaymen, boys mur. dered by 'Black and Tans' and their ing as if they had been dragged after thelorry. 'The flesh was as if torn off He is perfectly

"The poor mother! That poor mother is Ireland. Why must she be made to suffer? Why must the dash be to suffer? Why must the shevist." Bolshevism is but Czarism be made to suffer? Why must the sheviet." Bolchevien is but Czarism in the sheviet of the sheve of the sheviet of the sheve of the sheviet of the sheve of be so multiplied as to force a very notable percentage of professional and working people to provide recreation for others. Public amusements should not take on the character of laxity, indulgence or dissipation that the persecution is a sention. To and the percentage of the percentage of the percentage of the persecution is a substitute a form of communication persecution is a substitute a form of communication. have in the public eye an outward escape from it. To inflict persecu- if actually carried out, naturally

tion is for the sake of a day's cruelty

This touching appeal to the hearts tural and judiciary activities should of the English people is but one of be silent on Sunday, except where the many entreaties which the writer absolute or grave necessity demands has addressed to them in behalf of otherwise. Transportation should his country. But, as far as any practical results are concerned, his words have had no more effect upon them than they would have had upon the waves of the sea if trumpsted from the chalk cliffs of Kent. ous bodies of Englishmen have protested, it is true, against the atrocities of the Government, but the English people, as a whole, are culpably callous to the crying miseries of Ireland.—Catholic Union and Times.

OBITUARY

DR. M. J. COVENY Spring Valley Gazette, Feb. 3

A long and useful professions career came to a close, whan Dr. M. J. Coveny, a medical practitioner of Spring Valley for more than thirty years, breathed his last at his home on January 27, 1921, at 3:30 p. m. He had been sick but seven days. night call to Seatonville, he com-plained of being chilled. A severe cold developed into pneumonia and he gradually grew worse, and although every effort known to modern medical science was exerted, he finally passed away.

He was a physician of more than rdinary ability and had a wide practice in this section of the State. He was friendly and courteous, upright and honest in all dealings, and a early this morning of Rav. Father and honest in all dealings, and a faithful and sincere member of his

church. Dr. Coveny was born at St. Thomas, Canada, November 4, 1860. His boyood days were spent on a farm near Chatham, Canada. He received his early education at the Chatham High School and Assumption College, Sandwich, Ont. He took up his medical studies at Detroit Medical College and a post graduate course at the Naw York Polyclinic. After practicing at Emmett, near Port Huron, Mich., fer a short time he came to Spring Valley in the latter part of 1888, and has remained here ever since. In 1895 he married Marie Teresa Simmons at Texaskans Texas.

Sincere regret was expressed on account of such a good man being called to his Heavenly home, and the bersaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

The deceased is survived by a London Daily Naws. He sees no There are also three brothers, John, were unable to attend the funeral.

The funeral was held Monday merning at 9 o'clock from the family home on East Cleveland street to the was largely attended. The Catholic

in the sanctuary. The active pallbearers were bis close professional associates. Dr. Burke of La Selle, Dr. Dunn of Ladd. Dr. Franklin, Dr. Schurtz, Dr. Ream and Dr. Rummell of Spring Valley. Honorary pallbearers chosen from the Knights of Columbus acted as a

LEAVES PARTY

Dr. C. E. Barewald, elected on the Socialist ticket by one of the largest majorities ever accorded a mayoral y candidate in Davenport, Ia., recently resigned from the Socialist party. Six years of practical experience convinced him that Socialism was in reality a serious danger to the nation. In a special despatch to the New York Herald he says :

"Today radicals of the most violent type, men who are a menace to society and who should be confined in asylums as monomaniacs, control the councils of the party and dominate the members to the detriment of the latter. In any case where the Socialist extremists have obtained power in government disaster has been the price paid for the experi-ment and it has taken years to recover from the effects.

"Whether Socialism is losing strength throughout the country is a matter for conjecture, but wherever it has been tried there is no doubt about it, and adherents who flocked to the party lured by the honeyed that all that glitters is not gold. These, disappointed, are gradually

He is perfectly correct in his con The Sabbath was made for man their bones. God help the poor clusion that it is but one step from ardent Socialism to rabid Bo

ican society, established in the seats of the mighty, powerful in finance, advice when they are too old to set



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according to the Socialist spell-binder, mean the immediate annihilation of personal ownership of capital. Annihilation of the family and eventually of civilization would follow as a matter of course.

Socialistic principles of free love are not adopted by the devotes through accident, but by the sequence in which the teachings are propounded and absorbed by the novice. The movement that no man shall have the right to what he cwns proceeds naturally from material property to ethereal emotion."

Dr. Barewald keenly analyzes the Socialist movement when he says that Socialism is merely individualin disguise: "Nearly every Socialist, while declaiming that he is an apostle of socialization, is in reality an individualist of the rankest He speaks loudly of humanity type. and thinks first of himself." Socialism, Dr. Barewald concludes, can beat be fought by ignoring it, by registering a determined protest against all social injustice, and finally by supplying adequate correct ives to the present-day evils, creating so far as possible, equal opportuni ties for all that they may display their true worth and reap a fixting

IN MEMORIAM In loving memery of Michae

Healy, Victoria Road, who died February 10, 1916. May his soul rest in peace. -WIFE AND FAMILY.

BRANNEN -At Hawkesburg, Ont. on Wednesday, February 2, 1921, James Brannen, son of Mr. and Mrs Hugh Brannen, in his seventeenth

McDonald .- At the family residence, Hermanville, P. E. I., on January 30, 1921, Nancy McAulay, relict of the late Herman McDonald, in her eighty-pinth year. May her soul rest in peace.

Endne us. O Lord, with the virtues of Thy most Sacred Heart, and Huber of St. Bede's College presided enkindle in our own hearts the love with which it burns, that thereby we may be transformed into the lkeness of Thy goodness, and may become worthy to have place among those whom Thou has redeemed.

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