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ENGLISH-IRISH LITERATURE.

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A lady once entered the office of the late Richard Coe, the American literature and publisher of Philadelphia...

The other day I chanced upon a school book, entitled "English Literature" and I was surprised to find Goldsmith, Burke, Sheridan, Swift...

How comes it, then, that rarely, if ever, the Irish race gets full credit for the achievements of real Irishmen in the domain of English literature?

This is a subject that may be readily brought home to the people of every land. What would the American people think of having Longfellow, Holmes, Whittier, Poe, Bryant, or any other eminent American poet classed as an ornament in English literature?

letters. Of course it is a compliment to our writers when time that such an appropriation is made, but we do not relish the honor we prefer that our literature be known as Canadian.

We have, in this Dominion, a still more striking example of that which I am seeking to illustrate. Proportionately speaking, there is no people in the world that possess a finer literature than the French-Canadian.

ST. MARY'S C. L. & A. A.

There was a good attendance at the last regular meeting, the choir being taken by the President, Mr. C. J. Read. After the reading of minutes and transmission of other business, some time was spent in revising the constitution.

On Tuesday evening the first debate of the Inter-Catholic Club Debating Union series was held in the rooms of the Association. In the unavoidable absence of representatives from St. Joseph's, Leaside, Messrs W. Kelly and J. J. Murray volunteered their services.

Messrs H. A. Stuart and J. J. Murray supported the affirmative side of the question "Resolved, That Departmental Stores are detrimental to the Community." and Messrs J. T. Loftus and E. J. J. Kelly the negative.

On next Tuesday evening, 11th inst., the annual dinner will be held at Webb's, when it is expected a great many of the members and their friends will attend.

stood over since by the attitude it took at that time.

The local council of the Knights of Columbus are much exercised over the bishop's ultimatum in this matter, but The Catholic Sun is of the opinion that the recent fall of the Knights of Columbus did not in any manner inspire the bishop's present remarks.

The bishop says that hereafter no matter in what parish a Catholic society holds such affairs, permission must be obtained from him first. He has been exploited to the utmost degree of those who feed upon the details of crime. It is useless for men to pass judgment on the dead. Besides, it is impossible even in the face of the most relentless human judgment, to overlook the omnipresence of divine mercy.

Peace Negotiations Fail.

London, Feb. 5. - The peace proposals of the Dutch Government were manifestly inspired by Lord Rosebery's Chesterfield speech. He had cited precedents for treating directly with the Boer delegates in Holland whenever overtures should be made.

Lord Lansdowne's reply as now printed is a model of courtesy and good sense. While the request was declined, the door was left wide open for the Boer delegates to approach the British Government directly, or for the guerrilla leaders to make terms with Lord Kitchener.

The feeling prevailing in Parliament yesterday was that the ministers had forestalled the further action of any foreign Government. The Dutch Government had exhausted the resources of mediation in proposing that combatant Boers and non-combatant Boer delegates should be enabled to confer.

WELCOMED THEIR PASTOR.

(From The Lindsay Post.)

Venerable Archdeacon Casey, recently appointed rector of St. Mary's Church by H. Lord-Bishop O'Connell, arrived from Peterborough, accompanied by Rev. Dr. O'Brien of the Cathedral choir. They were met at the station by twenty or more of the prominent members of the congregation, and escorted to the presbytery, where St. Mary's new pastor received the hearty greetings of the members of the deputation representing the congregation.

OPENING OF ST. PATRICK'S HALL.

Ottawa, Feb. 5. - The formal opening of the new St. Patrick's Hall on Maria street last night was quite a notable function and a marked event in the annals of the Irish community in Ottawa. The ceremonies were in every way in keeping with the fine building erected primarily as a home for St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Association, but likewise the headquarters of the various Irish Catholic Societies of Ottawa.

Students in Separate Schools. Attended by 12,000 scholars. 133 continuation classes attended by over 20,000 scholars. The 6,000 schools altogether were attended by 750,000 scholars. It was of the utmost necessity that teachers should prepare to equip themselves well. Their profession was second only to one on earth and that was the pulpit. Last year 1,871 teachers were trained professionally. Over and above this equipment there were colleges and universities in Ontario attended by thousands of pupils.

In addition to the schools, colleges and universities in Ontario there were 407 public libraries in the province, one-half of these were absolutely free. In all the libraries there were 940,000 books. The people of Ontario were not niggardly in the matter of education and were generous in all that pertains to the school system of the province.

Societies such as St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Association were needed. Boys on leaving school at the age of 14 years and thereafter should be invited to join literary and debating societies. It would be a good thing for the habits of reading formed by youths determined their lives more than did the schoolmaster. The facilities of libraries, lecture rooms, etc. were sufficient to give a post-graduate education to the young man after he has left school.

In closing, Mr. Harcourt alluded to the boundless capabilities for good of the St. Patrick's building, and asked the young men of the Irish race to make the best of the opportunities afforded them.

Hon. R. W. Scott, who was the next speaker, made a comparison between the frame building St. Patrick's Society had in 1854 and the splendid hall it had at present. Canada, he stated, was passing on a great era of wealth and prosperity, and the young men of the present day should make ready for their opportunities. They would have many trials in the race, but they would be equipped if properly equipped. In Ireland during the forty-six years much improvement had been made, and he hoped that many of those in the hall would see the day when Home Rule would be granted to that country.

Both political parties in Canada had spoken with an uncertain voice in favor of Home Rule for Ireland. British statesmen were nowadays relying much upon the colonies, and Canadians should make the stipulation that Home Rule be given to Ireland. Men made much better improvement when freedom was granted them. There was no reason why Ireland and even Scotland and Wales should not have local self-government.

Mr. Denis Murphy made a few remarks, in which he wished for the prosperity of St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Association. Hon. Mr. Latchford, Minister of Public Works for Ontario, was to have spoken, but he could not be present.

After the speechmaking an enjoyable programme of vocal music was given, those contributing being Miss Gertrude Harvey, Miss Jennie Reid, Messrs H. O'Connor, Jos. Lyons, J. J. O'Connell, P. J. McCaffery, Mrs. D'Arcy Scott was accompanist.

A vote of thanks was moved to Hon. Mr. Harcourt by Dr. Freeland, and seconded by Jas. Bennett. And then proceedings came to a close and the new St. Patrick's Hall had been auspiciously started in its existence.



VENERABLE ARCHDEACON CASEY

the warmth of his reception went to establish the correctness of the information.

OBITUARY.

MRS. GIRARD, GRAVENHURST

At Gravenhurst on Thursday morning, Jan. 30th, 1902, death claimed after an illness of two weeks' duration with pneumonia, an old and respected resident, in the person of Mrs. Girard, she having attained the great age of 81 years. With true Christian forbearance she bore her illness, and when Death's Angel came, he found her willing to accompany him to eternity, where we trust she is enjoying the reward promised to those who love and serve the Heavenly Father. The funeral took place on Sunday, February 2, at St. Paul's Church, and thence to St. Paul's Cemetery. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the attendance at the funeral showed to some extent, the esteem in which the deceased was held. Reverend Father Collins officiated at the service, and after the ceremony he made some touching remarks referring to death. Mrs. Girard leaves to mourn her loss four children: Mrs. Louis Talbot, Gravenhurst, Mrs. Weekly, Zephyr, Mr. Louis Girard, Midland, Mr. Harry Girard, Gravenhurst. To those sorrowing friends, we would say that it is a hand of a Heavenly Father that allows affliction and sorrow to befall us, and therefore we should believe it to be the best for us, because it is His Will. The pallbearers were John Clancy, Patrick Shea, Patrick Gallagher, Harry King, Peter Hanson and L. Brooks. Requiescat in pace.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

On Monday, February 3rd, during the Feast of St. Blaise, the Reverend Father Collins came to Gravenhurst to bless the throats of those who desired it. At 2:30 p. m., in St. Paul's Church, a number of the congregation attended and received the blessing, after which Reverend Father Collins exhorted them to persevere in their faith, and to pray to St. Blaise asking him to intercede to God for them in their needs. He also explained the reason why this ceremony was performed in the Catholic Church and that the Church had always recognized the Feast Day.

and its attractive settings combined in doing much credit to the new building.

The speakers of the evening included Hon. R. Harcourt, of Toronto, Minister of Education for Ontario, and Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State.

Seated on the platform were D'Arcy Scott, president of St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Association, Dr. A. Freeland, Rev. Father W. Murphy, Rev. Canon McCarthy, Dr. J. A. MacCabe, John Heney, Denis Murphy, J. B. Hayes, William Kehoe, J. P. Dunne, Jos. Rowan James Bennett, M. J. O'Farrell, W. J. Kane, Vincent McCullough, J. A. Phillips. At the rear of the stage a place was occupied by the handsome banner of St. Patrick's Society, and at the right side of this was the Irish flag, and at the left side the Union Jack. Directly above was a white streamer bearing the words, in green lettering, "O'ed - 'Nille Faillte" (a hundred thousand welcomes). A large picture of Daniel O'Connell, the Irish Liberator, was placed in one side of the stage and on the other was a banner of Emerald Court, Catholic Order of Foresters.

Mr. D'Arcy Scott, in opening proceedings, referred to the work leading up to the building of the hall. He presented the two flags on the stage, the Irish flag and the flag of Canada, to St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Association, and in so doing said he hoped that the people in Ireland would receive the justice to which they were entitled, and that a branch of the United Irish League would be formed in Ottawa to further the Irish cause.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt, the principal speaker, then came forward and gave a masterly and interesting address. He spoke at earnest words of congratulation to the committee and the friends of St. Patrick's Society over the fact that the idea of building a hall which had been talked of for years, had been so successfully realized. All literary and scientific societies, he pointed out, were valuable adjuncts to education. He was of Irish descent and was proud of that fact and he was glad to accept the invitation to be present to open the new hall. Moreover, he was born on St. Patrick's Day. As the work of St. Patrick's Society was to some extent of an educational nature, he would speak of education and the educational equipment of the Province of Ontario. There were in Ontario 5,665 public schools, attended by 428,000



THOMAS O'HAGAN, FR. D. L. D.

What would you style that masterly effusion?

It is not English literature, because it is in the French language. It is not French literature, because it belongs to Canada, it is not French-Canadian literature, because the author was not a French-Canadian (save in sympathies and education). I claim that Donnelly's address to Erin is simply Irish literature. It matters not in what language it is written. If it were translated into English it would be no less intensely Irish, if he had written it in Spanish or German, it would be equally a magnificent contribution to the literature of Ireland. It came from the pen of one whose parents, whose forefathers for long generations were Irish, who was born in Ireland, who loved his native land beyond expression, and who sang her woes and glories in verse more stately and more touching than many of the more renowned French poets have ever framed.

Hence it is that I feel it proper to draw attention to the fact that when ever Irish writers are duly honored for the work they have done, it is but just that their race should get credit for the addition that has been made to the grander and more beautiful things of this life.

IRISH HARVESTER IN ENGLAND

Over here, in England, I'm helpin' w' the hay, An' I wish I was in Ireland the live-long day; Woary on the English hay, an' sorra take the wheat! Ochl Corrymeela, and the blue sky over it.

The people that's in England is richer nor the Jews, There's not the smallest young gusson but thravels in his shoes! I'd give the pipe between my teeth to see a barefoot child, Ochl Corrymeela, an' the low south wind. -Volca O'Neill.

An Evening With Dickens.

The announcement of an evening entertainment in St. Michael's College Hall, the proceeds being intended for the new building, and appears on another page. An unusually attractive programme is promised. Dr. O'Hagan's well-known graces as a lecturer need no appreciation in Toronto. With Dickens we may confidently expect to find him at home, and the audience making their company will certainly have a delightful and profitable experience. Dr. O'Hagan has well chosen as theme, which blends the literary and the popular more happily, perhaps, than any other subject that the lecturer could have selected. The programme will be varied and rounded off by several well known singers, among them M. Ruchereau de la Sabliere, Mr. Frank Fulton, Mr. Adam Dockray and Mr. W. J. Kennedy.

These names should draw a crowded house at an admission double the popular prices announced. Many will go to aid the good work in view. Remember next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Dancing and Drinking for Charity.

(From The Syracuse Catholic Sun, Jan. 24.)

Bishop Ludden requests The Catholic Sun to announce that hereafter no party in this diocese, at which dancing and drinking prevail, shall be allowed for any Catholic charitable institution. Dances, balls and festivals must be eliminated, he says, altogether.

The bishop is also indignant with regard to the fact that some of his priests, both in the country and in the cities of his diocese, are in the habit of advertising such fantastic functions as festivals, fairs and dances.

Bishop Ludden is acting consistently in this matter, for twelve or thirteen years ago he denounced from his pulpit a charity ball which was to be held by the so-called Catholic aristocrats of this community. He has

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