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ENGLISH-IRISH LITERATURE.

(Written for The Catholic Register) A lady once entered the office of the late Richard Coe, the American litterateur and publisher of Philadelphia, and having conversed for a while on general topics, Mr Coe remarked "How very queer, that you Irish people, who are so full of wit and imagination, never had but one real poet-Tom Moore" The lady tock up The Morning Ledger of that day, and turning to a poem entitled "The Dying Girl," by Richard Dalton Williams, asked Mr. Coe to read it. He did so, his eyes sparkled with enthusiasm, and he asked her who it was that wrote that beautiful production She made reply "The author of that was a Munster boy, that is only one fem out of the casket of Williams' verse, and he is only one star in the galaxy of Irule literature "

The other day I chanced upon a school book, entitled "English Literature," and I was surprised to find Goldsmith, Barke, Sheridan, Swift and many other cioinent Irish writers and orators were ranked as Englishmen. But what more surprised me was to discover in the list of English poems "Summer Longings," by D F McCarthy, "Jacques Carther," by Mo-Gee, "Old Times," by Gerald Griffin, and "The Forging of the Anchor," by Samuel Ferguson There appears to be an unwritten agreement amongst certain critics and authors that everything written in the English language must be credited to Englishmen. At least this seems to be the case in as far as Ireland is concerned. No person would over dream of calling Burns or Scott an English poet, yet they both made use of the English language as the medium of conveying their thoughts to the world.

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* The poets of the "Nation." for example, made use of the English language, for the very good reason that their own tongue had been so long proscribed that were they to utilize it their efforts would be fruitless—as far as concerned their real aim. They enriched the English language and the literature thereof with some of the most charming and masterly productions of the nineteenth century let, if ever they get credit for their work, it is by having it referred to as unit lish literature in other words, the individual writer gets credit for what he has produced, but his race is ignored and his country is left out of consideration Surely, this is not as it should be.

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? Yet they all made use of the English language. Take Canada, for example. We have our Canadian literaturo, which is very distinct from that of any other land on earth. Yet we do not wish to have our Canadian authors considered otherwise than Canadian Our cousins to the south of is are sometimes not over scrupulous a designating as American that which purely Canadian in the realm of

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Gerin-Lajoie, Chapman, Lemay, Sulte,

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any of the other Canadian bards as

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they are Canadian. They make use of

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

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

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, Lesheville, Messes W. Kelly and J J Murray volunteered their ervices

Messis H A Stuart and J J Murray supported the affirmative side of the question "Resolved, Trat Departmental Stores are Detrimental to the Community," and Messre J T Loftus and E J J Kelly the negative The decision of the judges, Rev. Dr Teels, Frank A Auglin and Ald With Burns, was in favor of the negative Rev Dr Tecly congratulated the club on the formation of the debating union and pointed out the advantages to be derived by young men from such societies Mr F A Anglin and Ald Win Burns also made congratulatory addresses Mr. J. O. O'Donoghue acted as chairman

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

took at that time, The local councils of the Knight. Colombus are much exercised over the bishop + altimatum in this matter, but The Catholic Sun is of the opinion that the recent hall of the Knights of Columbus ded not in any manner aspire the bish ip's present re-

The bishop says that bereafter no matter in what parble a Catholic society holds such affairs, permission must be obtained from him first

The shocking end of the condemned Biddle hiothers near Pittshurg has been exploited to the utmost desire of those who feed upon the details of crime It is uncless for men to pass judgment on the dead Besides of impossible even in the face of the most relentless human judgment to overlook the empipresence of divine mercy These men took their lives in their hands, they were pursued by of ficers who had no wish to capture them alive, and. If the statements made be true, they themselves deliberately attempted self-destruction They did not oppose the police at the end but shot thomselves, the officers again shooting them on the ground But withal they had the strength and consciousness left to ask for a priest Judgment is silent here. The liternal Judge knoweth all things:

Peace Negotiations Fail-

London, Feb 5. - The peace proposals of the Dutch Government were maifestly inspired by Lord Rosebers's Chesterfield speech. He had cited precedents for treating directly with the Boer delegates in Holland whenever overtures should be thade. The Dutch Government, in suggesting that those delegates should be armed with safe conduct for conferring with the leaders of the Boer forces still in the field. acted upon Lord Rosebery's vague hint The proposal was nulified at once by the Boer nelegates at The Hague and at Brussela, who fairly tumbled over one another in their eagerness to disclaim re-ponsibility for any negotiation and and upon national independence

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 guerilla leaders to make terms with Lord Kitchener The Ministers themselves have profited by Lord Rosebers's speech, for they are carefu to maintain the right attitude, stooping forward with hands behind ears, eager to catch the first whispers of

peace from any trustworthy source The feeling prevailing in Parliament yesterday was that the blinisters 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 Radical extremists expressed regret that the safe conduct was not granted, and asserted that peace would be deferred so long as the co-operation of the Boer Generals and diplomats remained impraticable. The more closely reasoned official military view is that fighting will continue until the alliance between the Transvaal and Orange Free State Boers is broken off by the capture of Steyn and Dewet, and Botha, Delarcy and Schalk Burger are released from the obligation to keep up hostilities in one form or another

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WELCOMED THEIR PASTOR. (From The Lindsity Post)

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Venezable Archdeacon Casey, recently appointed to for or St. Mac.'s Church by H. Lordship Bishi p O'Connor arrived from Peterborough, ic-Cathedral clogs. They were met at the station by twenty or more of the prominent members of the convegation, and escorted to the Presbytery. where St. Mary's new pastor incrised. Congregation Seneratic Schileacon Casey returned thanks in a neat speech, saving he had heard much conterning the piets localty and gener-

OPENING OF ST. PATRICK'S HALL. Another 30's Separate whools are Office beb f -- The formit open ing or the new St. Petrick. Hall on Morea street last bight was juste a forer 20,000 scholars. The 6,000 schools mutable too toon and a marked event in the armals of the Iti lines of Offawa The ceremonies were in every way companied by Res. Dr. O Brien of the in keeping with the fine building creeted primarily - a home for St able five hundred ladies and gentlethe hearty greetings of the members they were not by any means restrictof the deputation representing the fed to people of trish birth or extrac-

tion was evoud only to one on earth. and that were the pulpit Last year 1,671 tenchers were trained profes-Patrick Enteracy and Scientific Association but bleave the feadsionally. Over and above this equipquarters of the various Irish Catholic nient there were colleges and universite Societies of O'town. There were probtion, for a number of representatives were there from other nationalities The formalities consisted of a number of addresses as well as a musical programme and all this, in addition to usity of the people of St. Mary s and I the splendid appearance of the half

ties in Ontario attended by thousands Pleque le In addition to the schools, collegen 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 \$50,660 books The people of Ontario were not niggardly in the matter of education and were generous in all that perfains to the school system of the Societies such as St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Association were needed Boys on leaving school at the age of 14 years and thereabouts should be invited to join literary and debating societies, it would be a

The facilities of libraries, lecture rooms, etc., were sufficient to give a post-graduate education to the young man after be 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 af-

Hon R W Scott, who was the next speaker, made a comparison between the frame building St. Pateick's Society had in 1854 and the splendid hall it had at present. Canada, he stated, was opening on & great era of wealth and prosperity, and the young men of the present day, should make ready for their opportunities. They would have many rivals in the race, but they would suocred if properly equipped. In Ireland during the forty-six years much improvement had been made, and bo 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 to uncertain voice in favof 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.

Hop Mr Latchford, Minister of Public Works for Ontario, was to have spoken, but he could not be pro-

After the speechmaking an enjoyable programme of vocal music was given, those contributing being Miss Ger-trude Harey, Miss Jennie Reid, Messis H. O'Connor, Jon. Lyons, J. J O'Conrur, P J McCaffery, Mrsg D'Arcy Scott was accompaniet

A vote of thanks was moved to Hon. Mr Harcourt by Dr. Freeland, and seconded by Jas Rennett And then proceedings came to a close and the new St Patrick's Hall

had been auspictously started in its

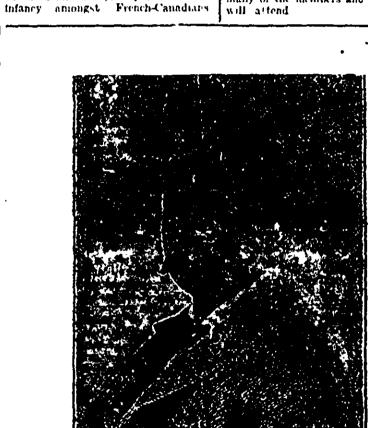
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It is not English literature, because not French literature, because it be-Canadian literature, because the au-(save in sympathics and education) [is sumply Irish literature. It matters not in what laguage it is written. If had written it in Spanish or German, tribution to the literature of Ireland It came from the pen of one whose generations were ltish, who was both 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.

lience it is that I feel it proper to draw attention to the fact that whenever Arish 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' wi' the hay, An' I wisht I was in Ireland the livelong day:

Weary 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 gossoon but thravels in his shoes?

I'd give the pipe between my teeth to see a pareful child, Ochł Corrymeels, an' the low south

- - Noice O'Neill.

An Evening With Dickens-

The appropreement of an evening entertainment in St Michael's College it is in the French language, it is Hall, the proceeds being intended for the new building fund, appears on longs to Canada, it is not French- another page. An unusually attractive programme is promised. Dr O'llagthor was not a French-Canadian an's well-known graces as a lecturer need no appreciation in Toronto claim that Donnelly's address to Erin With Dickens we may confidently expect to find him at home, and the audience making their company will cerit were translated into English it tainly have a delightful and profitable be none the less intensely Irish, if he l'experience. Dr O'llagan has well chosen his theme, which blends the litit would be equally a magnificent con- erary and the popular more happily, perhaps, than any other subject that the lecturer could have selected. The parents, whose forefathers for long programme will be varied and rounded out by several well known singers, among them M Rochereau 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

Dancing and Drinking for Charity-(From The Syracuse Catholic Sun, Jan. 24.)

Bishop Ludden requests The Catholie 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 climinated, he says, alto-

The hishop 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 hebit of advertising such fantastic functions as festivals, fairs and

Bishop Luiden is acting consistently in this matter, for twelve or thirteen years ago be denounced from his pulpis a charity ball which was to be hold by the so-called Catholic aristocrate of this community. He has

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MRS. GIRARD, GRAVENHURST At Gravenhurst on Thursday mothing, Jan. 30th, 1902, death claimed atter an illness of two week's duration with pheumonia, an old and respected resident, in the person of Mrs Girard, she having attained the great age of St 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 entoring the reward promised to those who love and serve the Heavenly Father The funeral took place on Sunday, February 2, to 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 chil-

dren Mrs Louis Talbot, Gravenhurst, Mrx Weekly, Zephyr, Mr Louis Girard, Midland, Mr. Harry Girard. 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

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE On Monday, February 3rd, being the Frast of St Blasse, the Roverend Father Collins came to Gravenburst to

and L. Brooks. Resquiescat in pace.

At 2 30 p m, in St. Paul's Church, a number of the congregation attended and received the blessing, after which Revorend Father Collins xhorted them to persovere in their faith, and to pray to St. Blaise ask ing him to intercede to God for them in their needs. He also explained the reason why thin coremony was performed in the Catholic Church and that the Church had always recog-

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

A. Freeland. Rev Father W. Murphy. Rev Cauon McCarthy, Dr J A Mac-Cabe. John Hency, Denis Murphy, F. Dunne, Jos Rowan James Bennett, M J O'Farrel, W J Kane, Vincent McCuilough, J A Phillips

Scott, president of St. Patrick's Lit-

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, "Caed "Mille Faillthe" (a hundred thousand welcomes) A large picture of Daniel O'Connell, the Irish Liberatof was placed in one side of the stage and on the other was a banner of Emerald Court. Cathoho Order of Foresters

Mr. D'Arcy Scott, in opening procoedings, referred to the work leading up to the building of the half. 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 Gravenhurst To those sorrowing 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

Hon. Mr Harcourt, the principal

VENERABLE ARCHITECON CASES

OBITUARY.

erary and Scientific Association. Dr B Hayes, William Kehoe, J

speaker, then came forward and gave a masterly and interesting address He spoke an earnest word 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 realizbless the throats of those who desired ed. All literary and scientific societies, he pointed out, were valuable ad-

juncts 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 extens of an educational nature, he would speak of education and the educationall oquipment of the Province of Ontaric. There were in Ostario 5,668

good 'hing for the Habita of reading formed by youths determined their life more than did the schoolmaster, forded them