THE STORY OF AN IRISH EXILE.

(By An Occasional Correspondent.)



Regarding the late William O'Neil, concerning the death of whom an article appeared in last week's issue of your paper, permit me to add a doubtedly will be read with pleasure by many who had the pleasure quaintance with this excellent exiled son of the Emerald Isle.

William O'Neil left his home Cratlee Castle, Co. Clane, Ireland, at the age of twenty years, two years previous to the rising of '48. six years he worked at farming and lumbering with his father in the County of Ottawa, in what was then known as the Province of Canada East, or Lower Canada.

At the age of thirty he went to New York City and took passage there on a sailing vessel for Australia. and after a voyage of one hundred and four days, arrived in Melbourne. He gave a most interesting and realistic account of this journey and its accompanying wonders: the magnificent tropical nights in South Atlantic, with their grandeur of the 'Southern Cross after equator was passed, and the awful storms of thunder and lightning so frequent in those parts. With sixteen shillings in his possession he set about a hunt for fortune in the town of Melbourne, a place then fillwith all kinds of adventurens. What is now the centre of that city could have then been purchased for a trifle. The day after arrival there be set out on foot for a journey of one hundred miles. This accomplished, he found work at five dollars per day, and after a little threw up his job and went prospecting for himwith varying success. When the rush and excitement were at height he was there on the Turon, Bendigo and Ballarat diggings. He was one of the first men on the Ballarat field, where four thousand men swarmed in the space of one month In those days mounted police armed to the very teeth preserved order, and weeded out the desperado gangs who were sent to Melbourne

Mr. O'Neil's accounts of the daring robberies and hold-ups of the gold laden stages would remind one of the romantic days of Spanish adventures in old-time golden Mexico and Peru On one occasion he, at the head of a party of miners, to reach a new field, under the burning topical sun, accomplished a fourney of two hundred miles across a barren desert four days. On this journey he saved the life of a young Itish emigrant.

O'Shaughnessy, O'Neil's maternal uncle, was at this period exercising his official functions in New South Wales, and here we have an instance of what Irish brain and wit can rise to when not hampered by the artificial trammels of bad governments. After three years in the gold dig-

gings, during which time he never slept in a house, Mr. O'Nail left Victoria and went to New Zealand to a place called Christchurch, then a hamlet but now a flourishing city.

There he gladly availed himself of an opportunity to fulfil his religious duties, and went to confession Communion to a French Jesuit Fa ther who, with one companion, had just arrived there and arranged a temporary place of Divine worship in a little hut. He spent two years in

New Zealand cattle ranching. A note-worthy experience in this South Sea land was his being imprisoned in a mountain valley for six months, all alone, by an avalanche of snow. With the closing of a two year solourn in New Zealand, he turned towards his old home to visit once more his aged and beloved mother before her demise. He was her favorite son. He passed by the Cape of Good Hore and was in London in the year of the World's Exposition, 1861, and

saw the wonderful sights of that I great event. Among the great nota-bles to visit the world's metropolis at that time was Napoleon III.

Mr. O'Neil then finished the cir-

cuit of the earth by crossing over the Atlantic on the steamer Canada to Quebec, with the anug fortune of \$10,000 made in Australia. At the age of twelve years it was, he said, his proud privilege to take the total nce pledge from the great Father Matthew, and on the same day was presented to the great liberator, Daniel O'Connell, in the old city of the broken treaty, Limerick. also felt it a distinction worthy of special mention that he had heard the great O'Connell speak during tha famous Clare election. The present Lord Dunraven's father. Mr. Quinn lived across the Shannon from Crat loe Castle at Ayr. Mr. O'Neil witnessed the awful ravage of the famine in the "forties." ways true to his nace and kin. In the days of Parnell he infused a spirit of patriotism into his com patriots around Buckingham, ucceeded in raising a respectable donation for the old cause. His two sons in Buckingham to-day not only continue his mercantile business bu also perpetuate his patriotic example At the time of his demise his young er son, John Louis, was living in Seattle, and the funeral was delayed for six days by the family so as to allow their absent brother the sac and sacred privilege of beholding

embrace of death. "He died but lives, and living hope to see him.'

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IRELAND'S DAY AT WESTMOUNT

The solemnity of the Feast of St. Patrick was celebrated by anticipation on Sunday last at the Church of St. Leo, Westmount.

High Mass was sung by Rev. Oscar Gauthier. After the Gospel, the Pastor, Rev. Father Perron, speaking of the recurring feast day, urged the English speaking members of his flock to celebrate with due piety and patriotism, Erin's national festival.

He then announced the preacher the day, Rev. Gerald McShane, of Notre Dame Church, who took "Therefore have I raised thee, that I may show my power in thee, and that my name may be spoken throughout all the earth.'

The speaken pointed out the realiza tion of these words, by the nations who throughout the Church's history had been God's instruments in spreading of His holy Name. To Ireland and Ireland's people has been confided the mission of bearing the Light of Truth to many lands

If we claim to descend from such race of stalwart Apostolic Christians we should not be degenerate children but maintain the traditions of religi ous zeal and holiness handed down to us by our forefathers in.

RECENT DEATHS.

very eve of preparation for the Len-Pathone in St Patrick's Church this city, Mr. John F. Mullin, manager of the Canada Cold Storage Company and son of our esteemed fellow-coun tryman, Mr. Patrick Mullin, was sud denly attacked with a severe illness which lasted through the week ended in death on the day of the close of the Mission, Sunday last.

Mr. Mullin has been a parishioner of the mother Irish parish during his ted in schools within the shadow o the sacred edifice, where all the mem bers of his family have long worshipped.

At the time of his demise he had only reached a period of life which may be termed the evening of young manhood, being only 29 years of age In his particular calling his pros pects were of the brightest, occupy ing the responsible position of manager of one of the largest establishments of its kind in Canada, and enjoying the confidence and esteem of all with whom he had business rela-

of our race. A few years ago married Miss Conway, daughter Mr. John Conway, for long years member of the staff in connect with the Lachine Canal. The funeral, which was held on Wednesday morn-

a solemn Mass of Requiem was chan-ted, was largely attended by citizens of all classes. The sacred edifice was deeply draped in mourning, and re-presentatives of hundreds of the households occupied the pews to show their sympathies for the bereaved families.

To Mrs. Mullin, the widow, to the aged and venerable father of the deceased, and to the other members of the two households in mourning, the LOS ANGELES,

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IRISH PARTY IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The news of the defeat of the British Government, on last Monday, by a vote engineered by the Irish N tionalists, came as a surprise many. Of course the subject of the motion moved by Mr. Redmond was of minor importance, the House was thin, and it could not be expected that the Government should resign upon an accidental vote of the kind But all the same it goes a long way to prove the power of the combined Irish party.

Mr. Redmond's motion was for reduction of the Irish Education timates. There were two hundred and seventy one members in the House at the time. Scarcely had the discussion commenced than the Nationalists ceased speaking, a vote was called, and the Government was defeated by 11—the vote standing 141 for the motion and 130 against it. At once Mr. Redmond moved to report progress; but by that time the Government whips had mustered enough members to give them a majority of twenty-five, the vote being 171 to 146. This saved the situation, but not before Mr. Redmond was able to say to the Government, "We

Our Ottawa Letter

(From our Own Correspondent.)

PARLIAMENT is at last open and a session is in full swing. While the coming on of a session in Quebec, and the closing of one in Ontario, are attracting attention in different local sections, the entire eyes of the Dominion are centred on the scenes that are being enacted at Ottawa. As your correspondent foreshadowed in the letter of last week, there is very little as yet to tell, and the gramme is so meagre that it would be difficult to predict the possible duration of the session. On account of the amendments to the Grand Trunk Pacific project, and the ratification of the various alterations in the contract, it had been expected that the session would last several months. major importance before the House, and as it has been threshed out last session, in a very protracted debate, and is in every shape now ready for the House to consider it, there not much likelihood of the session lasting beyond the end of May.

On Monday the Address was moved by Mr. Grant, of North Ontario, and seconded by Mr. Rivet, of Hochelaga, ten Mission conducted by the Paulist Both gentlemen made very favorable impressions, and it can be truly said that they were appreciated all the more, in as much as they displayed no very special partizanship, but rather gave credit all around-wherever credit was due. It may also be noted as a sign significant of the session's probably short duration, that the Premier, in reply to criticisms of the Leader of the Opposition, confined his remarks mostly to a justification of the appoint manship of the Railway Commission. There was, of course, a reference to the G.T.P. scheme, and also mention of the taking of Newfoundland into the Confederation, and of granting Provincial autonomy to the North-west Territories; but all that does not constitute a "menu" that would ake more than ten or twelve weeks

to digest. The number of private bills is quite limited; many of them are for either divorces or the extension of time for construction of railways, or the incorporation of minor companies; and all these will not occupy much time, and can be pushed in committee while the House is proceeding with other matters. In a word, "there is nothing new before us to-day," as The number of private bills is quite

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY:-We could not have a better transition, from consideration of the political field to that of the patriotic efforts to celebrate the feast of Ireland's National Saint, than by drawing attention to the fact that Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick, Minister of Justice, has just succeeded in placing three Irish Ca tholics on the Bench in one move They are Mr. Dowling, of Ottawa, who goes to Perth; Mr. O'Meara, of who comes to Ottawa, and Mr. Donahoe, of St. Thomas who goes to Pembroke. The new system of appointing judges to districts in which they have never practised as lawyers, is being adopted and is looked upon with great favor -and for reasons that must be obvious to every person. The general preparations for St. Patrick's celebration are being completed as I write, and, as they will likely carried out to the letter, it is as to mention what they are. In the first place a procession will leave the new St. Patrick's Hall, and proceed to St. Bridget's Church, Lower Town, where High Mass will be sung, at which His Grace Archbishop Duhamel will pontificate. The sermon will be preached by Rev Father William Murphy, pastor St. Joseph's. After the Mass th procession will take in all the prominent streets, and finally will wind up at the Hall. Meanwhile Father Whelan, of St. Patrick's, will have the usual nine o'clock Mass for the children, and Mgr. Sbarretts, the Apostolic Delegate will both preside at the throne and preach to the young people. In the evening the Russell Theatre will be used, and a splendid concert will be given; the grand feature of that event will be an address by Hon. Bourle Cockran, of New York, on "Ireland in the Twentieth Century." Mr. Cockran's

be remembered by the Irish people of Ottawa. OTHER EVENTS :- On next Monday night the lecture to be given by Mr. John Francis Waters, M.A., under the auspices of the d'Youville Reading Circle, Rideau St. Convent on the reign of "Queen Mary the First," promises to be a great treat. Your correspondent will make an ef fort to secure a fair report of the lecture, for all that is written, or lecture, for all that is written, or spoken, by Mr. Waters bears the seal of scholarship, and a genuine spirit of the purest Catholicity permeates his

great oratorical powers have pre-

tion, and it is confidently expected that his speech will be one ever to

ded him as an echo of his reputa-

every effusion. It would seem that considerable It would seem that considerable progress is being made in the preparations to rebuild the Ottawa University. Already the contract has been given out—for \$1100—to remove the debris and the roined walls and the work of demolishing has already been commenced. Some weeks ago a pian of the new proposed University building was published. In how far that plan, in its details, will be adhered to is more than we can S. CARSLEY CO.

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tion presents an appearance not unlike the Capitol at Washington. It is to be in the purest Greek style, numberless Corinthian pillars, and surmounted by a dome that is to be a reproduction, on a smaller scale, these plans are fully carried out it will cost at least a quarter of million dollars. But it need not be expected that the institution will spring, phoenix-like, from its ashes in a day, or a month, or a year. It will talm time to repair the damage caused by the conflagration—years to rebuild what an hour sufficed to destroy

THE EASTERN WAR.

The reports that have come to us throughout the past week concerning the struggle going on in the Far East between Russia and Japan, have been so meagre, contradictory and vague that it is not possible to form any new estimate of the actual chances on either side. Some weeks ago we gave our opinion regarding the probable outcome of the entire conflict bable outcome of the entire conflict, and as conditions have not materially changed since then, we see no reason to alter our views. While Russia simply allows to go forth to the world that which suits her purposes, there is no doubt that the Japanese

mystications-we can perceive that a tacit truce has been permitted to go on. Japan has evidently been seek-ing to get behind the Russian lines, to come in rear of Port Arthur, and to steal her way across the Yalu. In the meantime Russia has been equally desirous of uniting her two fleets, that at Port Arthur and that at Vladivostock: And she, too, would like to perform that operation in a silent manner and as if by stealth. It plan is to rush the Port Arthur fleet through the Corean Straits and go up to Vladivostock, or to bring the former, Judging from this distance, it would seem that as the Vladivostock fleet is still surrounded by ice, and as that port is far more mportant now than Port Arthur, the ormer course would be the

former course would be the more likely. But who can tell?

The great silence and inactivity that reign at Port Arthur would indicate a movement of this character in progress. Meanwhile, they are working the Trans-Siberian Railway with all their power, to get their forces to the front. Already the Commander in Chief, Kourapatkin, has reached the scene of operations, and no doubt there is an activity all along that line. such as the vast along that line, such as the vast steppes never witnessed in all the

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of telling my experience the war news from the will be remembered tha example of how very people knew about the South Africa when the E menced, and of how muc known by a goodly num distances and situation Corea and Eastern Rus week I desire to record s tions concerning the tac by the belligerent partie sent struggle. I will s two incidents.

A FRIEND OF RUS week, while travelling do West, I met with a gent was an enthusiastic prothe course of our conver fell upon the subject of t fore long we were launch question of tactics, N absolutely ignorant on pertaining to military s especially to active serv was the audience and he He began by telling me th sians had purposely alle to succeed in the beginning the better to crush the tively smash their entire fow months. So well he planned that had the Ja blown up the Russian m Port Arthur, the Russian would have been deeply g same tactics were used b tish in the Boer war; the Boers every opportunity the first engagements, so ly play them out and for that I had never dreamed must admit that it has it pect. They my new frier describe the entire line from the Vladivostock, and the line to Port Arthur. Af spoken for an hour on t imparting what I deemed very best of information, to ask him how long he in Russia. To my surpri formed me that he had n there, not had he ever re about it. But he had a map of the Trans-Siberian had read Fred. Burnel to Kiva." I came to the that he was a second editio Verne, or more properly of Munchausen.

A PRO-JAPANESE- A ago I had the pleasure of sation with a gentleman, a Japan, who gave me a dea He said, amongs bright things, that if Japa only to "take no chances strike at the right moment, prevent Russia from gainir advantage—even the most there could be no doubt as sult of the war. He was under such circumstances, pan would come out victor was perfectly in accord with fact under the conditions as cribed them, there could not slightest doubt that Japa

A QUESTION OF III

(By a Regular Contribut

The week before last, at nsiderable importance was the press and otherwise to resolution moved by Rev. Non, at an Assembly of distinguished the second the headings in the press and borate preface with which the esolution was introduced, as the serious manner in whi commented on, one would be expect something very new. In reading the first column of the work, which led up to the experiment of the reverse theman men, a person was prepared to home-shell anno owever, when the whole is blied down and the idea of Kittson was expressed, with amounted to this: the cessary to establish an in attonal unity between Protestant Churches of