

The Catholic Witness

If You Believe
In the principles we advocate kindly pass the paper to your neighbor and ask him to subscribe

IRISH-CANADIAN FAREWELL TO THEIR EXCELLENCIES.

A striking evidence of what can be accomplished in the way of influencing public opinion—of the force which has been permitted to remain too long in a latent condition—when the English-speaking Catholics of Montreal, and especially those of them who are of Irish birth and descent, are united by some common purpose which appeals to their sense of justice, of right, or of gratitude, in matters connected with their faith or their nationality, was placed upon imperishable record by the really magnificent farewell demonstration which was organized by the Irish Canadian citizens of Montreal, in honor of their Excellencies, Lord and Lady Aberdeen, and of which the Windsor Hall was the scene on Wednesday evening. Every section of our race was represented, and worthily represented, at the great gathering.

The first objects of interest which greeted the gaze of the spectator as he entered the spacious hall, were the large aggregation of boys and girls, with bright and cheerful mien and neat attire, which represented St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, and the fine specimens of the rising generation of which the Cadets of St. Ann's Parish, in their attractive, green-trimmed uniform, constituted a conspicuous example. These cadets reflected no small credit upon those who suggested the idea of the formation of such a corps, as well as upon the Parish of St. Ann as a whole. On scrutinizing a little more closely the vast audience which filled the building in every part, so that at 7:30, an unusually early hour for such a large demonstration to be held, which was owing to other engagements of His Excellency for the same evening, the observer could not help noticing how well and worthily and fully the Irish people of this city were represented there by occupants of the judicial bench, by members of other professions, and by men prominent in the trade and commerce of Canada's mercantile metropolis. Another gratifying feature which would have forced itself upon his attention was the presence of several of the leading members of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, which recalled pleasant occurrences of years gone by.

It was a happy thought, the fitness of which is obvious to our readers, which prompted the presentation of two separate addresses to their Excellencies, the text of which we publish. That which was presented to the retiring Governor-General was read by Dr. E. J. C. Kennedy, the president of St. Patrick's Society, and the other, which was presented to the Countess Aberdeen, was very fittingly read by the Rev. Father Quinlivan, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, the parent Irish Church in Montreal. His Excellency's reply, which we give below, was just what we should have expected that it would be—full of earnest sympathy with the objects which Irishmen, both in Canada and in the Green Isle, which is the cradle of their race, seek by constitutional means to attain—and it was deservedly cheered at frequent intervals.

Father Quinlivan's ascent to the platform, to read the address to Lady Aberdeen, was the signal for loud and prolonged applause—a proof both of his own personal popularity and of that of the gracious and kindly lady to whom the address was to be read. Her Excellency's reply was a surprise to many of those present, who were not aware of her rare gifts of rhetoric. After having referred to the many evidences of gratitude and affection which she had received at the hands of the Irish people in Montreal and elsewhere, her ladyship entered into a luminous

exposition of the different movements, industrial and literary, which are now going forward in Ireland. Lady Aberdeen is graceful and fluent of speech and cogent and clear in argumentative illustration. In her address there was a touch of genuine Hibernian wit, which bore ample testimony to the truth of the statement which she reportedly made during her memorable tour through Ireland a few years ago, that she is of Irish as well as of Scottish descent. A noteworthy feature of her address was that portion of it in which she asked the audience to accord to her the privilege of carrying to their compatriots in Ireland the message that they (her hearers) were prepared to aid, in a practical manner, the meritorious movements to which she had referred. No sooner had her ladyship expressed this sentiment, than the audience enthusiastically replied in the affirmative by rising to their feet and enthusiastically applauding, amid the waving of handkerchiefs. The scene was a most impressive one and it was patriotically inspiring, as it was impressive.

Many have been the demonstrations to Lord and Lady Aberdeen in Montreal, and the other large cities of the Dominion; but it may be safely said, without any trace of exaggeration, that none have equalled, not to say excelled, in spontaneity, heartiness, or enthusiasm, that which was held in the Windsor Hall, in this city, on Wednesday evening.

Their Excellencies accompanied by the chairman of the evening, Sir William Hingston, entered promptly at the hour appointed.

The party accompanying their Excellencies were—Lady Majorie Gordon, Major Denison, Toronto; Col. H. R. Smith, Ottawa; Sergeant at Arms, House of Commons; Mrs. Erskine. Seats were reserved in the front of the hall for the clergy, members of parliament, judges, leading business men, and the presidents and secretaries of the various Irish national, benevolent, literary, and temperance organizations of Montreal.

When their Excellencies had taken their seats, Dr. E. J. C. Kennedy, president of St. Patrick's Society, in clear and ringing tones, read the following address to Lord Aberdeen:—

To His Excellency, The Right Honorable Sir John Campbell Gordon, Earl of Aberdeen, P.C., L.L.D., Governor-General of Canada:—

May it please your Excellency,—While all classes of the citizens of Montreal have joined in an address to your Excellency, the children of Ireland, here represented by the various national, charitable and benevolent societies, are desirous of conveying to your Excellency, in an especial manner, the assurance of their heartfelt gratitude.

When Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, your Lordship endeared yourself to its people, by your sympathy with all that concerned their welfare. Your Excellency must have rejoiced to recognize that the affection of a generous and sympathetic people is the surest source and guarantee of order and goodwill.

We of the Irish race, in this free and prosperous Dominion, viewed with cordial approval the recognition of those qualities which endeared you to the people of the Old Land, and on your arrival in Canada, we hailed you, not only as Canada's Governor, but also as Ireland's friend, with a "Caed Mille Failte;" and we now anticipate your departure from amongst us with a feeling of the deepest sorrow.

Since your Excellency's appointment to the high and responsible office of Governor-General of Canada, your energies have been devoted to promoting the welfare and happiness of the people.

True to your high mission, zealous in the discharge of your duty, anxious to smooth every difficulty, your Excellency has been successful in winning all hearts. Now that you are about to leave our shores, accompanied by

the distinguished Lady who has so nobly aided you in every work of philanthropy, benevolence and charity, we tender you our sincere regret on the occasion of your departure. Long will the remembrance of your Governorship linger with us, and to whatever high office you may be called in the service of the Empire, we sincerely pray that success may attend you, and that all hearts may be drawn to you, as they have been in Ireland and Canada.

His Excellency, in rising to reply, received an ovation and the applause that resounded throughout the hall lasted several minutes. When the outburst of enthusiasm had subsided, he said:—

I cannot find words to express my thanks to you for this demonstration. For, my friends, this address is much more than gratifying, it is touching and stimulating. Touching because it is the generous expression of the heart, and stimulating because one must feel that the sentiments expressed this evening are more than mere expressions. It is also encouraging, because these generous words show a discrimination and good will.

We had many opportunities of studying the Irish people as a class and such of them as we have come in contact with, we have found most deserving of applause. We have been around the world, and in the course of our travels we have met Irishmen that have manifested the same sentiments as those this evening, and you can be assured that experiences of this kind remain ever in our memory and are engraved on our hearts.

I wear here the Star of the Order of St. Patrick, and am proud to wear the old Irish blue of this Order; that particular color and material which Lady Aberdeen, by singular coincidence has selected for our family.

Our time in Canada will not be long, but when we go away we will feel not only memories of the land, but, what is more, of the heart and all though we may never return here, we will always remember the hospitality we have received in this city of Montreal, but especially the demonstration of this evening. This magnificent assemblage is the best proof of the friendship and love of the Irish people. We believe also this evening visible signs and proofs of progress. We see the St. Ann's Cadets, who are trained in military exercises, and we also see the orphans, who give evidence of the education they receive at the hands of the good sisters. I regret that lack of time will not allow me to stay longer, and I am compelled to leave you to Lady Aberdeen.

His Excellency's remarks were greeted by tremendous applause, and as he left the hall immediately after his reply to keep another engagement, the audience cheered him.

The children of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Monk, who were seated on the stage, sang a chorus in a manner which won all hearts. This was followed by a song, "Green Isle of Erin," rendered by Miss Frances Murphy, of Newfoundland, in a finished manner, and which was deservedly applauded. The Bedouin Love Song was also contributed by Mr. George Washington Stephens, jr.

Rev. Father Quinlivan, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, ascended the platform and was greeted with great enthusiasm as he prepared to read the following address to the Countess of Aberdeen:—

To Her Excellency, The Countess of Aberdeen:—

May it please your Excellency—The Irish citizens of Montreal, represented by their national and charitable societies, view your approaching departure with sincere regret.

Long before your Excellency's arrival in Canada you had, when at the Vice-Royal Court in Dublin, endeared yourself to the people of Ireland, by your sympathy for her poor, and by your successful efforts to ameliorate their condition, by the establishment of home industries.

The sorrow experienced at your leaving was manifested in a thousand ways characteristic of a generous and warm-hearted people.

The Irish race in this favored land fully realized the benefits you had conferred upon Ireland, and sympathized with its people in the loss they had sustained by your departure from amongst them.

On your arrival in Canada you could not have failed to notice the warmth with which His Excellency the Governor-General and yourself were welcomed by them.

Your Excellency has continued the work of philanthropy in this hemisphere, by placing on exhibition at the World's Fair at Chicago, and making extensively known the skilled and dexterous handicraft of the Irish peasant; and by establishing in Montreal,

and elsewhere in Canada, marts, for the sale of the products of their industry.

Your Excellency has wisely recognized that emigration is not always the best remedy for the ills of a people, but that fair and remunerative employment in the land of their fathers is more likely to be promotive of moral and material good.

On occasions, when opportunity afforded, your Excellency has ever given expressions to words of kindness to, and sympathy with, the people of Ireland; expressions which have secured to you in return, their respectful homage, their gratitude and love.

Your extensive acquaintance with Irish literature, and your intimate knowledge of ancient Irish history, could only have been acquired by one who had taken the deepest interest in our people.

All your recollections have been vividly recalled. His Excellency the Governor-General, during his sojourn in Canada, and in the course of his travels, has witnessed the widespread poverty.

I have a great pleasure in being able to express to you, in part, the gratitude which is felt by the Irish people in this city, for the many favors which you have conferred upon them.

We ask you to remember us with warmest wishes, and we earnestly pray, that whatever you may do in this city may be successful.

Her Excellency in rising to reply was greeted with cheers. She said in part:—It gratifies me greatly, that this address comes as it does from the Irish citizens of Montreal, without distinction of class or creed, and I cannot attempt to find words to tell you how much I thank you for the memory of this evening will be most gratifying to me in the future. I would like to think that you look upon me tonight as a messenger who will give a message to your friends in the Old Land. And what would I say? There is a link which unites us to Ireland, and all that appertains to her welfare. Such words of appreciation expressed tonight to me are very pleasing, especially now that we are about to bid you adieu in the Old Country, that the Irish in Canada are the same as the Irish all over the world. And the words of His Excellency, which I have just heard, have ever thought of the Irish people.

I will also tell them that whilst you are here in Canada doing your part to build up the empire, that you don't forget the Old Country—the country of your birth, or of your forefathers; and your devotion to that country only lends force and strength to what you are doing for your dear adopted country.

But there are other messages I would like to be the bearer of. I know that I can assure the people in Ireland that you are deeply interested in the work of the Irish Industries Association which has been instituted to promote their welfare. In your kind address you referred to this work from which we expect so much. I will only speak to you of the home industries, as that is the work with which I have been more intimately associated. Anyone who has travelled through Ireland cannot fail to be impressed with the skill of the people and the fine work they can do when given an opportunity. Here Her Excellency reviewed the many difficulties which had to be surmounted. The beginning of the operations of the association in exhibitions of the work, her ladyship proceeded to say, was at Chicago World's Fair. Referring to the practical results, her Excellency gave some interesting figures to show the great strides of progress made.

There is still another movement of importance, said Her Excellency, that I would like to speak of—the revival of Irish literature; and I would like to get the whole Irish nation interested so as to make the study of the old Irish language and literature a success. It is curious that this subject should in the first place be revived by the scholars of France and Germany, to whose early efforts are due the present revival.

Lady Aberdeen closed by extolling the work of Charles Gavan Duffy, who had made a noble effort to advance the study of the Celtic language.

The Orpheus Male Quartette contributed a number and was twice recalled. Miss Frances Murphy sang with pleasing effect, and was twice recalled. She was afterwards complimented by Her Excellency upon her renditions. After the drill by the children, and a few further remarks by her Excellency, Sir William Hingston made a brief, but eloquent speech. This brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

The following is the programme in full of the instrumental and vocal selections and fancy drill:—

1. Overture, "Irish Airs," Orchestra, Prof. Sullivan; leader.
2. Grand Chorus by the Orphans of St. Patrick's.
3. Song, "Green Isle of Erin," Miss F. Murphy.
4. Bedouin Love Song, G. W. Stephens, jr., Mrs. Turner, accompanist.
5. Moore's Melodias, Orpheus Male Quartette; Messrs. W. J. Murphy, M. Mullarkey, J. Penfold and E. Quinn; Prof. P. J. Shea, accompanist.
6. Song, "Angus McDonnell," Miss F. Murphy.
7. Fancy March, Orphans of St. Patrick's; Mrs. E. C. Monk and Prof. E. Varney, instructors.

NOTES ON CATHOLIC NEWS

The news from the various parts of the world is full of interest. The British Government has just announced that it has decided to send a large contingent of troops to the East. This move is expected to have a beneficial effect on the situation in that region. The Irish question is still a subject of much discussion in the House of Commons. It is believed that the Government will soon announce its policy on this subject. The recent election in the United States has resulted in a victory for the Democrats. This is expected to have a far-reaching effect on the relations between the two countries.

The news from the various parts of the world is full of interest. The British Government has just announced that it has decided to send a large contingent of troops to the East. This move is expected to have a beneficial effect on the situation in that region. The Irish question is still a subject of much discussion in the House of Commons. It is believed that the Government will soon announce its policy on this subject. The recent election in the United States has resulted in a victory for the Democrats. This is expected to have a far-reaching effect on the relations between the two countries.

NOTES OF LOCAL INTEREST.

On next Thursday evening, the 17th inst., and the following Thursday evening, the 24th inst., the Orphans will give two of their charming entertainments in St. Patrick's Hall, St. Alexander street. It is always a pleasure for our people to be present on these occasions. Their hearts are touched at the sight of these little ones and a sweet emotion of affection is stirred within their breasts at the sound of the innocent voices of these lambs of the flock.

Branch 54 held a very enjoyable euchre party on Wednesday evening, Nov. 2nd, in St. Mary's Hall, corner Craig and Panet streets. The president, J. D. Ogan, assisted by Secretary Francis D. Daly and Chancellor O'Brien, did everything in their power to make it a success, and they succeeded beyond their most sanguine expectations. Among those present we noticed Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Castigan, Mr. Sharkey, Deputy Reynolds and Mrs. Reynolds, the Misses Reynolds and Mrs. C. O'Brien, the Misses O'Brien, Mr. B. Tansey, Deputy T. P. Tansey, Mr. E. Brennan, Mr. W. J. Brennan, Principal St. Mary's School, Mr. J. O'Connell, Mr. T. E. G. Curran, Mr. T. McDonnell, and several others, all accompanied by their ladies. A fine opera glass was won by Miss Reynolds. There were several other good prizes distributed also. A refreshment supper was given, and after several hours of genuine fun one of the most enjoyable evenings ever given by this Branch was brought to a conclusion.

It is learning music that many youthful hearts learn to love.

Never step over one duty to perform another. Take them as they come.

ST. MARY'S PARISH.

The parishioners are manifesting great enthusiasm in connection with the coming Bazaar, which will open on December 5th and continue until the 17th. Our parish, remarks the Calendar, has had signal success in all undertakings, and the coming bazaar will lead in the list, judging from the earnestness of the workers. We do not know, of course, how much we are going to realize in money; but this we do know from those who are familiar with its objects—viz., the decoration of our church, that the results will be good. The Entertainment Committee is working steadily, and hopes to have a series of tableaux family drills and other features which will prove an attraction. The bazaar will be put in place and the tables according to the taste of the ladies in charge.

A grand lot of work has been done by the Sisters of St. Ann's Parish, in the preparation of the Bazaar, which will open on December 5th. They are preparing a series of tableaux and other features which will prove an attraction. The bazaar will be put in place and the tables according to the taste of the ladies in charge.

The following is a list of the ladies presiding at the different tables:

- Entrance table—Mrs. J. Scott and Mrs. P. Ryan.
- For sale table—Mrs. T. P. O'Brien, C. M. B. V. table—Mrs. C. O'Brien, House table—Mrs. F. Lawlor.
- Children's table—Mrs. J. Curran, Play table—Mrs. J. Schultz, and Mrs. Mary Smith.
- W. of Fortune table—C. V. M. Society.
- Table—Mrs. J. Lawlor, Mrs. P. Ryan, Mrs. C. O'Brien, House table—Mrs. F. Lawlor.
- Children's table—Mrs. J. Curran, Play table—Mrs. J. Schultz, and Mrs. Mary Smith.
- W. of Fortune table—C. V. M. Society.
- Table—Mrs. J. Lawlor, Mrs. P. Ryan, Mrs. C. O'Brien, House table—Mrs. F. Lawlor.
- Children's table—Mrs. J. Curran, Play table—Mrs. J. Schultz, and Mrs. Mary Smith.
- W. of Fortune table—C. V. M. Society.

ST. ANN'S TOMBOLA.

The date of the drawing in connection with the grand Tombola in aid of the poor of St. Ann's parish has been postponed until November 30, at the request of the ladies of the parish, who are working enthusiastically in distributing the tickets and arranging in order the magnificent array of costly prizes which have been donated to the work by project from all quarters.

Rev. Father Strabbe, who is the energetic and enthusiastic leader in the undertaking, in an interview with a representative of the True Witness on Thursday, referred to the unusually early appearance of the winter season, as well as evidenced by the terrific snow-storm which swept over this city on Wednesday. He said the poor of the parish were not prepared for such an early approach of winter, and in many cases there was much distress. He hoped the people of the city would contribute their mite to the Tombola and help them to alleviate the distress.

Let those whom God has blessed with even a sufficiency for their wants think of the many homes where no fire burns during this stormy weather. In hundreds of cases these are not the homes of the professional poor, but of those who are powerless to work and still more powerless to beg. The St. Ann's Tombola should be supported by Catholics generally, as should all undertakings in aid of the poor by other parishes.

MR. HUGH RYAN ILL.

There is not in Canada one person who knows Mr. Hugh Ryan but will hear with profound regret of his serious illness. It is not more than the truth to say that the community holds no more charitable, generous and big-hearted man. The city of Toronto has been greatly advanced by his public charity; but few are aware of the extent of the private aid and relief he has constantly afforded since he took up his residence here. It would not perhaps be in place to enlarge upon this matter when his own example is most unobtrusive. It is only to be hoped that his life may be spared for some time yet. It has been learned that his condition has for some days been very serious; but his physicians have hopes of bringing him through the stage of his illness which now confines him to his room and forbids him seeing any one but his attendants.—Catholic Register.

Never take a step without asking God to lead you.