

THE CONNAUGHT RANGER'S BUDGET.

Gaelic Society.—The annual concert of the Gaelic Society brought many new members to the classes. This was very evident by the large number of young members enrolled for studies at the regular classes on Tuesday evening.

County Board.—A special meeting of the County Board was held Sunday afternoon, in the Knights' hall, for the purpose of hearing reports, and making final arrangements for the due celebration of Ireland's National Day. The different divisions will assemble on St. Patrick's morning at the Hibernia Hall. Mr. J. O'B. Kennedy will be the guest of the Order while in this city, and will take part in the demonstration. In the evening a splendid programme has been prepared for the annual entertainment in the Windsor Hall. A crowded house is assured.

Division No. 2 held a fine meeting on last Friday evening. President Lynch presiding. Two candidates were initiated, and the applications of several received. Like on all national occasions, the boys of Father O'Meara's Parish are making great preparations for St. Patrick's Day. County President Rawley was present, and delivered a brief address. There are several eloquent debaters in this branch besides some of the sweetest singers in Montreal. A visit across the Canal to No. 2 is well repaid.

Personal Mention.—Mr. M. P. McGoldrick has, on account of ill-health, resigned from the Vice-Presidency of Div. No. 3. In his retirement, the Division has lost its ablest representative on the Board. The election for his successor takes place at the next regular meeting.

Division No. 8 held a rattling meeting on Friday evening. President H. J. Aumond, presiding. A large amount of important Division work was transacted.

President McNichol. of Division No. 5, is a good hustler. He is making great efforts to build up his branch.

Ship Fever Victims.—One of the most important matters to be discussed by the National Convention of the A.O.H. in May is the erection of a monument in memory of the victims of ship fever in Grosse Isle. The history of those unhappy victims is too well known to be retold in these columns. Let us hope that our Quebec Brothers will be successful in their efforts.

Curbstone Critics.—How many members of our societies will hold possession of the sidewalks on St. Patrick's Day? Why to the sidewalk paraders generally dictate what is supposed to be for the interest of the organizations.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

A Peculiar Incident.—The truth of the saying that little things may oftentimes play an important part to men's affairs when the men least expect it was illustrated one day recently.

"See that young man over there," remarked an insurance friend of his, pointing to one of his clerks working away industriously at a desk in another room. "Well, he got his place in my office through the striking of a match, although he doesn't know it."

"I was standing at the entrance of this building about a month ago waiting for a friend to come down the elevator, when that young man approached me with a letter of recommendation and an application for employment. I had made it known a few days before that I needed another clerk, and he had heard of it. However, I had almost made up my mind to take on a young man who had been to see me the day before, and was about to tell the last applicant so, when he pulled a match from one of his pockets to light a cigar he had been smoking, but which had gone out."

"Sorry, sir," he said, balancing himself on one foot, while he tilted the other so as to admit of his striking the match on the heel of his shoe. "Sorry, for I would like very much to work for you, and I think I would have made you a good clerk."

"The match striking incident made me think so too. Right at the young man's elbow was a great Italian marble column, upon which were the marks showing where many matches had been struck by vandals too utterly indifferent to the rights of others to refrain from ignominiously stamping their vandalism upon property to restore which would have cost hundreds of dollars. It would have

Division No. 6 A.O.H.—At their meeting on Thursday evening, completed arrangements for St. Patrick's Day. President J. B. Lane presided, and initiated two new members. The North End boys will uphold their old time reputation.

Division No. 8 held a special meeting on Wednesday evening, and was honored with a visit from County President Rawley, who was received with much applause. The Division has perfected all arrangements for St. Patrick's Day, and with a few exceptions expect to parade in force.

The Foresters.—The different English-speaking courts of the Catholic Order of Foresters, in the Province of Quebec, will, at the next Supreme gathering of that organization, endeavor to have an English-speaking Provincial Court with plenary powers. The English-speaking Foresters were the most assiduous workers in the organization when first started in Montreal. They were the principal supporters of the Supreme body in this province for years, and their views in this regard should be seriously considered at the next convention.

The Pioneers of the A.O.H. completed arrangements for the celebration on Wednesday night. It was without doubt the finest meeting held for some time. President McMahon presided, and after initiating three new members, read the report of the National Directors, and the reference to the Grosse Isle monument was received with loud applause. Mr. M. Lomeragan will marshal the members on St. Patrick's Day. He is a great favorite with the boys.

The Hall of the Division on Place d'Armes Square was beautifully decorated on St. Patrick's Day. At the meeting of the Division, on Wednesday evening, a committee was appointed for that purpose. Amongst the decorations will be a beautiful green silk flag, made in Ireland for the Young Ireland party, fifty-five years ago.

A.O.H. Visitors.—Mr. James Melver, County Secretary of the A.O.H., has received a letter from Geo. H. Sheehan, editor of "The Hibernian," of Boston, stating that he would be present at the celebration of the national festival in this city, to tender the greetings of 27,000 Hibernians of Massachusetts to their Montreal brethren. Mr. Sheehan will be accompanied by Dr. William Welch, of Milford, also a prominent member of the Order.

Where are you going on St. Patrick's night? Why to the Windsor Hall, of course, everyone is going.

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tude is developed into effective ability can be obtained by every youth. No man can hope to be the best in any field of labor, but everyone can hope to be among the best. Time occupied in worrying about opportunities, openings, and starts, is time wasted, because, to every capable man, a "start" and an "opportunity" are always furnished by the necessities of all other men.

CONFIDENCE.—If you would succeed up to the limit of your possibilities, hold constantly to the belief that you are success-organized, and that you will be successful, no matter what opposes. Never allow a shadow of doubt to enter your mind that the Creator intended you to win in life's battle. Regard every suggestion that your life may be a failure, that you are not made like those who succeed, and that success is not for you, as a traitor, and expel it from your mind as you would a thief from your house.

A man's greatest enemies are his doubts. Resolutely refuse to surround yourself with an army of doubts, fears, and anxieties. Vigorously dispel these foes of your success and happiness, or they will undermine your future. Be firmly convinced that you were made in the image of perfection, designed for success and happiness, and that you have the power to strangle the evils which would thwart you.

MOUNT ST. LOUIS COLLEGE.

On Tuesday evening His Excellency Mgr. D. Falconio, the Papal Delegate, visited Mount St. Louis College, and presided at the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration of the Institute. The academic hall was profusely decorated in an artistic manner with green flags, the Papal arias, bunting, etc. Among those present besides His Excellency were: Mgr. Racicot, Vicar-General; Rev. Father Struble, C.S.S.R.; and Rev. Father Flynn, C.S.S.R., of St. Ann's; Rev. Father Donnelly, of St. Anthony's; Rev. Father Casey, of St. Jean Baptiste; Rev. Father Turgeon, S.J., Rector of St. Mary's College; Rev. Father Hallissey, of St. Patrick's; Rev. Father Columban, O.S.F.; Rev. Father Dominic, O.S.F., of the Franciscans; Rev. Father Therrien, Chaplain of Mount St. Louis; Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan, of the Cathedral; Rev. Leo Edvard, Provincial of the Christian Brothers; Rev. Bro. Symphorien, Director of Mount St. Louis; Rev. Bro. James, Principal of St. Patrick's School; Mr. Justice Curran; Hon. Dr. Guerin, M.L.A.; Dr. E. J. Kennedy, President of St. Patrick's Society; Mr. M. J. Morrison, B.C.L.; and many others.

The main feature of the programme was the production of a dramatic play in four acts entitled: "The Fratricide." The creditable manner in which it was portrayed, showed once again to advantage the histrionic ability of the students and the excellence of their instructors. Messrs. W. Kearney, J. Hayes and W. Warren, deserve special mention. The other items of the programme were: musical selections by the Mt. St. Louis band and orchestra, a violin solo, by J. J. Shea, a bugle chorus by the pupils of the Intermediate Division, and a recitation by Master Lamoureux. Upon the conclusion of the drama, addresses to His Excellency were read in English by Mr. J. Rogers, and in French by Mr. Giroux. They expressed the honor and pleasure all felt in welcoming the chosen representative of the Sovereign Pontiff Leo XIII., and paid a tribute to the Order of St. Francis, of which Mgr. Falconio is one of its most distinguished members. His Excellency replied first in French, and then in English. He thanked them for their expressions of filial love and reverence for the Holy See, eulogized the early missionaries, who first brought the Faith into Canada, and the worthy ancestors of the pupils who preserved that faith. He concluded by exhorting his hearers to imitate the example of the missionaries by following in their footsteps.

ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT CELEBRATION.

As usual, after the religious ceremonies and procession of the morning, the sons and daughters of old Erin will celebrate the evening of the 17th of March, by holding various entertainments. This year the attractions are singularly good. The St. Patrick's Society will hold the annual dinner at the Windsor Hall.

The Young Irishmen's L. and B. Association, has prepared a new and very beautiful Irish drama entitled "Eileen Oge," (The Rose of Limerick), in four acts at Her Majesty's.

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The Ancient Order of Hibernians met with a mishap in the burning of the Theatre Francaise, which they had taken for the occasion. But the unconquerable Irishmen altered their programme to suit circumstances and engaged the Windsor Hall, where they will give a magnificent entertainment, consisting of Irish songs, and stereoscopic views of the Old Land. The speech of the evening will be delivered by Mr. E. O'Brien Kennedy, better known as Timothy Fenestherstone. His subject will be "Sixteen years in English Prisons." Success to the A.O.H.

ST. ANN'S PARISH NOTES.

The St. Ann's Young Men's Society have been preparing, with care and energy, a magnificent drama for St. Patrick's night. "The Hero of Limerick" is not only a model play in every sense, but from a national point of view, it is one of the strongest condemnations of the anti-Irish Irishman, whose presence has been too general of late years. The author of this new drama is Mr. James Martin, whose name has already been made as a dramatic writer of great promise, and of considerable achievement. No expense has been spared in matters of scenery, costumes and all the accessories of staging and we are confident that as great, if not a greater success, will be attained than upon all previous occasions. The advance sale of tickets, under the direction of Rev. Father Struble, Tom O'Connell and Andy Thompson, has been very great.

On Monday, 19th March, (Feast of St. Joseph), His Excellency, Mgr. Falconio, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, will pay a visit to St. Ann's parish. Great preparations are being made for the occasion. The reception will take place at 8 o'clock in the evening, when an address from the parishioners will be read by Ald. D. Galtrey.

On Thursday next, 22nd March, the anniversary mass for the soul of the late Rev. Father Catulle, at one time parish priest of St. Ann's, will be sung at 8 o'clock in the morning. A large attendance of parishioners is expected.

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MEN, WOMEN AND HINGS.

Under the caption "Curiosities of News," the "Catholic Columbian" says:—"A curious surgical operation was performed at St. Joseph's Hospital, Baltimore, the other day, when a steel chisel, four and one half inches long was removed from a man's head. The chisel was driven into his head by a wood-working machine which he was operating, with such force that its presence was not known, the wound being such a small and clean cut one. Paralysis finally setting in, the doctors decided the chisel must have entered the head and operated, successfully removing it. The man will recover."

Mrs. Isabella J. Hendrix, a widow, aged 50 years, was found dead on the floor of her room, at New York, on Feb. 8. It had been supposed for a long time that she was in strained circumstances. Her room, for which she paid only \$8 per month, was poorly furnished, and she took her meals in cheap restaurants. She was buried at the expense of members of the West Presbyterian Church, in West Forty-second street, of which she was a member.

It has been discovered by the city authorities that instead of Mrs. Hendrix being penniless, she was wealthy. It has been ascertained that in an old trunk, which was in her room at the time of her death, and which was taken possession of by the authorities, \$25,000 worth of United States government bonds were hidden away among a quantity of old paper.

She was very religious, and a few months after her arrival became a member of the West Presbyterian Church. She made but few friends,

and kept very much to herself, although it is said she confided more freely in the Rev. Anthony Evans, the pastor of the church, than in anyone else.

The Dublin Fusiliers, which began the campaign in South Africa, 850 strong, now musters on parade only from 100 to 200 of its original numbers.

German industries are in a critical and ominous condition according to Consul General Mason at Berlin. This is owing to a great coal famine which prevails not only in Germany but throughout the continent. Numerous manufacturers are shutting down for want of fuel. Great Britain, which last year sold Germany 5,000,000 tons of coal, can this year spare but 2,000,000 tons, and there must be a reduction of steel and iron manufactures in Germany in consequence. Russia is in the same plight and has removed a tariff on coal.

The Venetian pilgrimage, which reached Rome on the 11th inst., consisted of 15,000 persons. It was under the direction of the Cardinal Patriarch.

According to the "Catholic Times" of Liverpool, the Bishop of St. Albans has threatened that unless the use of incense is discontinued at the mission church of St. Philip, Plaistow, he will close the building. The congregation has decided to obey the Bishop's order until such time as it has erected a church of its own, when it will be able to conduct Divine service after the desires of minister and people. The Ritualists certainly understand the meaning of "economica."

The story that General Joubert's wife "accompanies him everywhere, and insists on personally providing for her husband's table," will not surprise those who know something of that energetic lady. She has repeatedly gone to the front with the Commandant-General in his native campaigns, and had a wonderful experience of fighting in the early years of the Transvaal Republic, when with other women she met bullets for the men-folk.

The students of Glasgow University made things rather lively for one of their professors recently. An exchange gives the following report of the affair:

Professor Alexander Tille, the German professor, had written in "Die Woche" some criticisms of the British volunteers. Three hundred students waited for the German teacher to enter the lecture-room. At a signal given he was surrounded by a howling mob.

Cries of "Duck him in the Kelvin" were raised, and while a move was made in the direction of the river, the lecturer's hat was seized and his clothes nearly torn off his back. While the students were moving on towards the Kelvin Professor Murdoch Cameron arrived on the scene, and endeavored to allay their excitement. Soon after the principal himself arrived, and joined his colleagues in protecting Dr. Tille. The principal's remark "that Dr. Tille could not be expected to apologize to a mob," served to revive the indignation, and, setting law and order at defiance, the principal, professor and lecturer were roughly hustled into the class-room and imprisoned there. Ultimately the students quieted down.

There are hundreds of our readers who are strong believers in the cause the "True Witness" advocates, but are doing little to aid its circulation. Their co-operation in this direction would be a mutual benefit.

THE SHIP FEVER MONUMENT.

To the Editor of "True Witness."

Dear Sir,—It was with feelings considerably relieved that your Quebec subscribers read in a late issue Mrs. Sadlier's most opportune and effective protest against the proposed desecration of the Irish Immigrant Graveyard in Montreal. Mrs. Sadlier's letter gives the key note of Irish Catholic sentiment, interested and misleading newspaper reports to the contrary notwithstanding. In the Montreal daily press, we read of prominent persons giving their approval to it, that the Irish societies were not opposed to it, that the priests of the Irish parishes had met to con- sider upon the matter, and had come to a decision in the same sense. This last was, however, denied from the pulpit of St. Patrick's. Still, while refusing to believe, we, of Quebec, were uncertain and uneasy. It boded ill for our cherished project of a monument on Grosse Isle over the graves of Irish immigrants there, if our Montreal brethren had such scant reverence for the ashes of those who died on their shores.

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upon the counsels of the Irish Catholics of Montreal, I should say that it looks as though they were being made a cat's paw of to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for somebody else, by their being made to share the responsibility for this unsavory business. There ought to be no responsibility where there are no rights, and it would appear that in this matter the Irish Catholics have no rights which they can legally enforce. The Anglican Bishop of Montreal, the legal owner of the land, has for many years strenuously resisted the importunities of the G. T. R. in regard to it. He has thought it proper to consult the feelings of you, Irish Catholics. Can you in such a matter be less scrupulous or concerned than is His Lordship Bishop Bond? Strengthen his hands rather, by a plain protest against this attempted profanation of a holy place, blessed by the prayer of the Ritual over every grave, and hallowed by the ashes of those who, as Mrs. Sadlier says were "Confessors of the Faith." Content with this, it were wise to stand aloof and cease to haggle about terms, of dubious expedience at best, and of which you cannot enforce the execution. There is certainly danger of such compromise being taken for a satisfactory arrangement. His Lordship Bishop Bond is really the only one who can save the burying ground; it lies with him to prevent its being turned into a G. T. R. cattle yard or what not, and I have small doubt but that, in view of a straightforward expression of Irish Catholic feeling, His Lordship will, as in the past, sustain and execute the will of those who gave the ground into his hands for safekeeping, as that will stands out deep in the monument-stone they erected to protect from desecration the remains of Irish immigrants.

In spite of newspaper reports, we refuse to believe that the sentiments of our brethren of Montreal are not those expressed in Mrs. Sadlier's timely and elegant contribution, which has elicited this commentary as a tribute of gratitude from

Yours gratefully,

A. E. MAGUIRE, S.S.

Quebec.

Sillery, March 12th 1900.

ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT REFUGE.

Report for week ending Sunday, 11th March, 1900.—Males, 333; females, 37; Irish, 199; French, 98; English, 33; Scotch and other nationalities, 45. Total, 370.

Good fortune sometimes comes to us in a very shabby-looking carriage.