

IRISH HEARTS AND IRISH HANDS.

Who casts a slur on Irish worth, a stain on Irish fame,
Who dreams to own his Irish blood or wear his Irish name,
Who scorns the warmth of Irish hearts, the clay of Irish hands,
Let us but raise the veil to-night and shame him as he stands!

The Irish hand! It rests enshrined within its own proud fist!
Wherever sword or tongue or pen has fashioned deed of might,
From battle charge of Fontenoy to Grant's thunder tone,
It holds its storied past on high, unrivalled and alone.

The Irish hand! It craves on tide has watered hill and plain
Wherever there were wrongs to crush or freedom's rights to gain;
No distant thought, no coward fear has held it tamely by,
When there were noble deeds to do and noble deaths to die!

The Irish heart! The Irish heart! God keep it fair and true,
The fulness of its kindly thought, its wealth of honest glow,
Its generous strength, its ardent faith, its uncompromising trust,
Though every worshiped idol breaks and crumbles into dust.

And Irish hands, ye lift them up; embrowned by honest toil,
The champions of our Western World, the guardians of the soil;
When flashed their battle swords aloft, a waiting world might see
What Irish hands could do and dare to keep a nation free.

So when a craven faint would hide the blight-mark of his race,
Or slightly speak of Erin's sons before her child,
Breath to weak word of scorn or shame, but crush him where he stands
With Irish worth and Irish fame as won by Irish hands.

The C. Y. M. S.

The Catholic Young Men's Society of Montreal originated A. D. 1865. It claims an uninterrupted existence of twenty-five years. The presidential chair has been, within that term, honored by young gentlemen whom merit and fortune combined have promoted to a more advanced age in every department of life. The Association holds out to Catholic youth the brightest prospects. Its past history is a security for its future. It has ever encouraged the study of chaste literature and the



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practice of Christian morality. It has a circulating library whose shelves are filled with ancient and modern classical volumes. Its reading room contains a very valuable collection of papers, journals, periodicals, magazines of the times. Adjoining the library and reading apartment is a large, spacious hall, 92 St. Alexander street, the generous gift of Rev. P. Dowd, (1889), at a cost of \$5,000, where are held weekly the Academic Conferences so highly applauded by the public voice.

A gymnasium occupies a lower flat, and apart from other minor advantages has a special virtue in strengthening the human mind by adding to the well being of the physical man. In this qualification alone it forms a part and portion of education. In accordance with this principle it meets with the approval and patronage of the association. Amusement alone does not constitute, however, the essential basis of a Catholic society. Religion is deservedly entitled to the most prominent position, and



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ought to regulate even the minutest details of the proceedings. As a wise precaution against any temptation to misappropriation of funds, they are invested in the responsible hands of a Rev. Director. Experience goes a step further. As a young men's hall would shortly be converted into a dangerous assembly place unless some means were adopted to prevent such a calamity, monthly confession and, as much as possible, monthly communion have been chosen by the original founders and legislators of the Catholic Young Men's Society as the union-links to bind the

members into one common family, and to join the candidates to the governing council, presided over by the man of their confidence, and directed by a reverend clergyman chosen each year by the very Rev. Superior of the Seminary. The election of officers takes place once a year. A complete list of 1891 is hereto appended:

J. J. Ryan, President.
A. C. Coleman, 1st Vice-President.
F. A. Butler, 2nd Vice-President.
N. J. Brittain, Financial Secretary.
Jas. Neils, Recording Secretary.
J. M. Gorman, Assistant Secretary.
M. Britt, Librarian.
J. Lee, Assistant Librarian.
A. A. Barry, Assistant Marshall.
D. O'Leary, Chairman Counsellors.
J. D. McKay, do
J. E. McEneaney, do
W. F. Wall, do
P. Logan, do
A. A. Terroux, do

Wm. O'Brien Branch, Irish National League.

The crusade which that staunch Irish patriot, Mr. William O'Brien made against Lord Lansdowne, better known as the evictor of Luggacurran, in Canada in 1887 will be easily remembered by all. It was in part due to this crusade and to the visit among us of William O'Brien himself that a new society of an Irish character was established in Montreal. It was, and is now, known as the William O'Brien branch of the Irish National League, and was formed, under the most favorable auspices on the first Sunday after the distinguished Irish journalist and parliamentarian took his departure from Canada. The meeting for the purpose of organization was called through the press and announced at every mass in St. Ann's Church on that Sunday. It was announced to be opened at 3.30 o'clock, but long before that hour the commodious hall of the St. Ann's Young Men's Society was taxed to its utmost capacity by the large numbers who flocked to the building for the purpose of joining the new organization. On motion Mr. Thomas Davis took the chair amid loud applause and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed. When order was restored he briefly addressed the gathering in which he stated that the object of the meeting was to form a branch of the Irish National League in Wm. O'Brien's name to commemorate the good which he had done for the cause which all had so much at heart. The meeting then set to work with much enthusiasm to discuss the details of organization and elect its first officers who were as follows: President, Mr. Thomas Davis; Vice-President, Mr. T. O'Connor; Secretary, Mr. P. Rielly and Treasurer, Rev. Brother Arnold. The new society prospered from the beginning and on several occasions since its establishment has given tangible proof of its love for the old land by sending handsome contributions to assist the Irish party in the noble fight which they were so manfully fighting. The association is, today, filled with as much vim and enthusiasm as on the day of its establishment and its officers are equally as attentive in enlisting new members and retaining the old, so that it is now in a very flourishing condition. The present board of officers are: President, Mr. T. O'Connor; Vice-President, Mr. John Quinn; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Patrick McDevitt.

The Day at Rigaud.

There was a grand entertainment, musical and dramatic given last night at Bourget College, Rigaud, P.Q. The attendance was very large, both the clergy and laity turning out in large numbers. The performance was excellent in every respect and a great success. The following was the programme:

St. Patrick's Day (quickstep).....Ripley College Band.
Confederation (An operetta accompanied with piano).....Thomas Conway and Harry Acton.
Belshazzar (Duet of comical songs).....Samuel Bouch and Patrick Mason.
I Am Going Home to Glace (accompanied with piano).....College Choir.
Three Crocodiles (Patriotic).....Winnick College Band.
L'Hallure et les Plaudes (a comic trio accompanied with piano).....Charles McDevitt, John McDonald and F. Hanton.
Gloria.....College Choir.
Galop (with imitation of bells and triangle).....College Band.
Paddy McGuire's Introduction to Mr. Bruin, a recitation, by Michael Skelly.

WANTED: A MALE COOK.

A Comedy in one act.

CHARACTERS:
Mr. Heart well (Ann old bachelor).....John McSorley
Joshua Slovicin (From Greenville, Me.).....Martin Golden
Teddy Ryan (A married man).....Michael Skelly
Francis (A French cook).....Patrick Mason
Doctor Singer (A physician).....Thomas Conway
Doctor Spenser (The assistant).....Donald Kennedy
Sylphus March.....Buchanan
La Pette de Jean Crespi (les Pincettes (comic song accompanied with piano).....C. Amoy, of Montreal.
Henry Gratiaux's Recitation of "Irish Rights" (Speech).....Patrick Mason.
Comic Choir (accompanied with piano).....College Choir.
The Sleepers' Valse.....T. Dubois
Miss Brady's Piano For-Two (Comic Song).....College Band.
Patriotic McCutcheon.

A CLOSE SHAVE, (COMEDY.)

Crusty.....Samuel Bouch
Tonsor.....Patrick McDevitt
Mickie.....Michael Skelly
Zeb.....Leo Prevost
Henryface.....Donald Kennedy
Simpor.....Eugene Menard
Le Canardier.....Colin A. Hurd

Tableau Vivant of St. Patrick.

Pride of Ireland (quickstep).....Ripley College Band.
GOD SAVE IRELAND.

Give me the eye which can see God in all, and the hand which can serve God with all, and the heart which can bless Him for all.—Gecker.

It is better to fight for the good, than to rail at the ill.

Blame no man before having made inquiry, and when thus hast done that, reprove him according to justice.

Educational Establishments of St. Sulpice in Montreal.

Visitors to Montreal consider their trip incomplete till they have gone out to the Seminary Ecclesiastical buildings, situated on Sherbrooke street west. Two antique turrets, built in the primitive days of the colony by the French for their protection against the invasions and inroads of the Iroquois, still remain standing in front of the Grand Seminary. One of these has been converted into an oratory and contains the saintly bones of a young Indian girl, who upon leaving the camp of the red men became a Catholic, and devoted herself to the educating of her own race.

The Grand Seminary faces the St. Lawrence, and to the right are seen at a distance the heaving and foamy waters of the Lachine Rapids. On a calm day the roaring of the Cascade may be distinctly heard from the highest story. The Grand Seminary has been raised to the dignity of the Theological Faculty of Laval University within the last year, and thus confers, as the parent university in Quebec, the degrees of bachelorship, licentiate, and doctorship, in theology. The grounds in the neighborhood are vast and extensive and charmingly diversified. They form a delightful garden-plot in the front enclosure, and behind to the west a beautiful lake of fresh clear water, used for boating purposes in summer and for football exercises and the like in winter. Each bank is covered with tall oaks, with their shadows projecting over the bosom of the lake and forming thus a magnifi-



REV. P. DOWD, PASTOR OF ST. PATRICK'S.

cant green canopy reflecting in the waters beneath. Dogma, Theology, Canon law, the Sacred Scriptures, Liturgy, constitute the chief departments of study. Latin and Hebrew are the two languages most cultivated and patronized. Each department has its professor. The following is a list of the masters for 1890:—M.M. C. Levesque, Director; H. Roussel, J. T. Parent, J. D. Bray, A. Sorey, E. Duguay, Ed. Girard, J. F. Driscoll, J. A. Bastien, P.S.S.

The staff of professors is as follows:—M.M. J. Delavigne, Director; E. M. A. Roussel, P. H. Crique, L. N. Lepouton, P.S.S.

Montreal College, or the Little Seminary.

A step lower and a new department of studies is revealed to the observation of the inquirer. A thorough knowledge of the ancient Greek and Latin classics is communicated there to those young minds, which when once perfected in the branch will devote their energies to a higher order of proficiency. The institution has six classes and claims a yearly average of 375 pupils. Its professors apply themselves particularly to discover in their youthful students any seeds of a calling to the priesthood, and when successful spare no pains in cultivating those young plants, which later on will enrich and beautify the garden of God's Holy Church with the choice fruits of knowledge and piety. The colleges have first-class ball-fields and play grounds and excel in cricket and baseball, and are by no means deficient at billiard play. An exquisite band of music discourses from time to time sweet enchanting music. Concerts and entertainments help to break up the monotony of college life. St. Patrick's night is a gala night.

Happiness reigns throughout the juvenile community and is fostered and encouraged in every way by the devoted professors of 1890-91:—M.M. F. Leblond, Director; P. DeFoville, A. Schlick, F. Laliberte, F. H. Dupret, R. Porter, S. Charrier, L. Denis, J. Mouly, H. J. Labelle, J. St. Jean, L. Dimberton, H. J. Gauthier, P.S.S., Z. Carlin, C. Lafore, H. Desrochers, L. Callaghan, J. Forbes, E. Brien, A. Larue.

It is by living in our plain path of duty, but with an habitual remembrance of the coming of Our Lord; by using the world as we use our daily food, not so much from choice as from necessity, and yet with no unthankful silliness, but with gladness, and singleness of heart; by being ever ready for the coming hour of Judgment;—by this twofold discipline of self a true Christian is so prepared that the day of Christ can neither come too late nor too soon for him.

The true peace of God, penetrating the inmost soul, brings with it all the aids and gifts of grace necessary for working out one's salvation and reaching eternal life.

I. C. B. S.

The Irish Catholic Benefit Society was established in the year 1869, for the purpose of aiding its members in sickness or incapacity through accident and, in case of death, the interment and funeral attendance at the funeral. By a weekly sum paid during the illness of



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the members together with the doctors attendance and medicine, the great annoyance and expense attendant at such time, is greatly reduced. The widow or widowed mother is looked after and the sum of \$200 is paid to help her, and the orphans receive a weekly sum until they attain their fourteenth year; if deprived of both parents, the society, as guardians, see they are taken care for, and a sum is advanced for their proper care and instruction. Its object is strictly benevolent, and under the direction of the Rev.

wants. By educating the deaf-mutes and gaining access to their souls, the good Sisters perform one of the highest spiritual works of mercy. Without their aid these poor creatures would be incapable of knowing God or working for their own salvation. The number of these unfortunate is ever increasing, and there are many Irish and English speaking children amongst them. It becomes, therefore, a duty, as it is a duty to the charitably disposed, to contribute even a mite towards this great work. The entertainment in its behalf, will be held in the hall of the Institute, 401 Upper St. Denis street. Admission, 50 cents.

The Christian Brothers.

An entertainment of a very successful character was given on Saturday afternoon by the boys of the Christian Brothers' school in St. Ann's Hall. Among the audience were His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. McShane, Mr. J. J. Curran, Q.C., M.P., Mr. C. J. Doherty, Q.C., and Ald. P. Kennedy. The musical programme was opened by an overture on violins by three of the pupils, and afterwards the song and chorus "Cruiseen Lawn" was well rendered by a number of the pupils. Recitations, songs, etc., were given in a very clever style by Masters T. Murphy, T. Donnelly, P. Bolan, O. Tansy, J. Smythe, J. O'Hara, and J. Leahy, all pupils of the school. The songs and choruses "Three Leaves of Shamrock" and "My Dear Irish Home" were well rendered by the pupils, J. Smythe singing the solo part in the first and Mr. O'Farrell in the second song. Speeches of a congratulatory nature were delivered by Mayor McShane, Mr. J. J. Curran, M.P., and Mr. C. J. Doherty, Q.C., all of whom spoke very highly of the school. Mayor McShane offered a gold medal to be given to the most diligent and best behaved pupil, and asked Brother Arnold to give the boys a holiday after Easter Monday. This was granted and, needless to say, the boys manifested their pleasure with no uncertain sound. The entire performance was most successful. Following is the

PROGRAMME.

Overture.....On violins.....Pupils
Song and chorus—"Cruiseen Lawn".....Pupils
SOLO.
Song.....T. Murphy
AMUSEMENTS IN GEOGRAPHY AND ARITHMETIC, BY LITTLE BOYS.
Recitation—"The Croppy Boy".....T. Murphy
Ireland.....Map.....by Junior Pupils
Dialogue—"The Wonderful Spider".....T. Donnelly, P. Bolan,
Song and chorus—"Three Leaves of Shamrock".....J. Smythe
Solo.....J. Smythe
Recitation—"Battle of Dundalk".....O. Tansy
Song—"The Harp that Once".....Pupils
Recitation—"Red Jacket".....J. Smythe
Contest in Mental Arithmetic for a prize (Webster's Dictionary), presented by the Rev. Father Catulle, Rector St. Ann's Church.....J. Smythe
Solo—"Where the Grass Grows Green".....J. Smythe
Recitation—"Downfall of Poland".....J. Smythe
Song and Chorus—"My Dear Old Irish Home".....Solo, M. O'Farrell; Chorus, Pupils
Recitation—"Vision of King Brian".....J. Leahy
Address.....J. Leahy
Selection of Irish airs.....Violin
Solo Save Ireland.....by 500 Pupils

NICOLET COLLEGE.

A Celebration in Honor of Ireland's Patron Saint.

On Wednesday evening, March 11th, the Irish students of the College of Nicolet, gave a grand dramatic and musical entertainment in the College hall, in honor of the feast of St. Patrick, under the direction of the Rev. Frank C. Kelly, Professor of English. The following were the cast of characters for the first piece on the programme, Carleton's great drama, "More Shinned Against than Shining":

Squire Hiltion, who comes of an illustrious family.....A Gaudet
Marquise, his son, called "The Duke".....Joseph Desautels
Alpha Belhaven, a characteristic Irish landlord.....H. J. Desautels
Major Lookout, a jolly good fellow "ye know".....C. E. Lambert
Teddy O'Neill, a rare sprig of the old school.....J. W. Ryder
Dick Harvey, an unscrupulous villain.....George Moore
Captain De Balzac, a renegade of the Empire.....A. Mondoux
Andy.....Jas. McCaffrey
Tom.....J. Delaney
John Lemmon, a waiter.....Arthur Dumais
Officer.....A. Camrand

The drama was excellently well rendered. Particular attention must be made of Mr. James W. Ryder of Anvers, Mass., who rendered a part of *Teddy* true to life, bringing down the house every time with his Irish wit. Mr. H. J. Desautels as the land agent, was much praised. The young gentleman suited his part and the part suited him. Mr. C. E. Lambert, of Montville, R.I., as *Major Lookout*, was a grand favorite with the audience. Mr. Lambert deserved his applause, for he performed his part splendidly. Messrs. Moore as *Dick Harvey*, Gaudet as *Squire Hiltion*, and *John Lemmon* as *Officer* were excellent, especially Andy.

The drama over, Mr. Alpha Gravel rendered in a creditable manner, Robert's beautiful poem on "La Harpe d'Eryia." Mr. Gravel merited and received a long round of applause. The American Master of the success of the night. Mr. Ryder as *Duke* kept the audience in rous of laughter, and he was ably seconded by Mr. Lambert as *John*. The play, under the direction of the Rev. George Kelly, was very beautiful, and showed careful training. Messrs. Moore and Leahy gave fine solos, and the chorus was well sustained by Messrs. Mauduit, Marley, Lemire, Dumont, Chailion and Blondin. The entertainment terminated with national airs by the band, led to the general success. The accompanists were Prof. G. H. de Chailion and J. E. de Harard. It was a pleasure to say that both violin and piano were made to sound their best. Amongst the audience we noticed His Lordship Mgr. Gravel, V. G., our Very Rev. Superior Father Proulx, his Honor Mayor Ball, and many other gentlemen of the clergy and laity and quite a number of ladies.

It is faith in something and enthusiasm for something, that makes a life worth looking at.

Prayer is the bridge over temptations, and the death of sadness and the token of future glory.

He who is perfumed with the odour of charity may present himself with joy before the Throne of God.

True grief hath over something sacred in it; and when it visiteth a wise man and a brave one, is most holy.

Selfishness crushes out love, and most of the couples who are living without affection for each other, with gold and dead hearts, with ashes where should be a bright and holy flame, have destroyed themselves by caring too much for themselves and too little for each other.

The Y. I. L. & B. Association.

The above is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, of our Irish Catholic young men's societies now extant. Its organization dates back as far as 1874, when it was formed for the purpose of advancing the study of literature among the young men. From the moment of its establishment the association became very popular, and its popularity continued increasing annually, until now it is recognized as one of the largest and most influential of our Irish Catholic societies. Its first meeting place was on the top flat of Mr. Theodore White's building on St. Joseph (now Notre Dame) street, but these quarters were quickly found to be too inadequate and more commodious ones were found a short distance westward on the same street, over the tailoring establishment of Mr. J. J. Milloy. In its beginning the Shamrock Lacrosse club found within the walls of the institution a home for



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the winter months, with all kinds of innocent recreation, such as games, library, reading room, etc. In 1875 the Shamrocks withdrew, and the same year witnessed the incorporation of the Y. I. L. & B. association. Ever since then the annual expenses amount to between \$1,200 and \$1,500. In 1888 the funds of the association had increased to such large proportions as to enable it to purchase the old Ebenezer Methodist church on Dupre lane, which cost, after being altered and repaired, about \$5,000, which amount the society managed to clear off in about five years. On the first floor is found a large amusement room, with billiard tables, checkers and other games, and adjoining this is a small reading room, where the principal literary and scientific magazines and Irish national journals are kept on file and carefully read by the members. Over these rooms is found a thoroughly equipped gymnasium and stage, the hall at times being used also for small complimentary entertainments given by the members. Adjoining this building is another of smaller dimensions, containing a well stocked library, which is liberally patronized. However, the annual influx of new members to the ranks of the society has become so great of late years that it is felt the association will shortly have to look for larger quarters. In fact an agitation has already been started in favor of a more commodious building, and it is to be hoped that the new idea will not fail in its accomplishment and execution. The members enjoy great advantages in point of social happiness. Their benefit branch is calculated to confer great help upon the needy. Their debating club has sent out a brilliant galaxy of intellectual champions. Their complete gymnasium tends to develop the physical man. Their dramatic section brings out the eloquent abilities of the individual members. Their library and reading room are open to the knowledge seekers. In a word, they possess what any reasonable young man can desire in this



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regard. It may also safely be argued that the Young Irishmen have contributed in no small degree to chasten the literary taste and elevate the standard of public opinion of the Irish classes of Montreal by expunging from their solaces all forms of vulgarity and caricatures of Irish character, and securing superior talent in song and in music. Their dramatic section particularly has made great strides in the character of their performances. It also possesses among its members some actors of great promise, and their dramatic entertainments on St. Patrick's Day are always looked forward to with much satisfaction by their numerous admirers. Notwithstanding their heavy expenditure, the Young Irishmen have never forgotten the claims of suffering Ireland upon their charities, and have ever been foremost in vindicating the rights of the Irish widow and orphan. On the occasion of the visits of O'Brien, Davitt and other patriots, they were among the first to accord them a cordial "Cead Mille Failte," and among the last to bid them farewell and a safe return to their suffering country. In public professions they are always looked for with much pride by all our Irish citizens. Their respectable bearing, steady marching, and uniformity in attire, reflect credit on themselves as well as upon the race which they represent. The Y. I. L. & B. presents a record of presidents second to none in the city. We might mention among them: Messrs. Morgan, O'Connell, T. Muleair, James McGarry, Wm. Doherty, P. H. Shea, J. Brennan, W. P. McNally, J. Davey, B. Lane, Edward Tobin, O. McDonnell, Edward Halley, T. J. O'Neill, J. G. Halley, M. J. Shea, Michael Moran, and W. H. Hinchey.