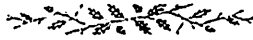


an encore. A Greek dialogue by Messrs W. Walsh and J. Holland was the last item.

His Excellency once more arose and made a few happy remarks regarding the "Green Isle" and the noble efforts in behalf of Irish industries made by Lady Aberdeen at the World's Fair. He would be pleased, he said, to follow the example of his predecessors, and annually present two medals to be competed for in the manner determined by the Very Rev. Rector. He remarked that the presence

of Lord Ava, at this reception, recalled the fact that his distinguished father, the Marquis of Dufferin was the first of Her Majesty's representatives to present a medal to the University of Ottawa. A mighty cheer greeted His Excellency when he announced, that, at his request, the University authorities would accord a holiday.

The orchestra struck up the strains of the National Anthem, and the happy gathering dispersed.



NOTES AND COMMENTS.

President Cleveland has signed the act passed by Congress allowing the State of Illinois to place a statue of the heroic French missionary and explorer, Father Marquette, in the Capitol at Washington, where space is allowed each state for the statues of two of its most illustrious citizens.

Travellers can now go from Joppa to Jerusalem by rail. The train stops on the west of the road to Bethlehem about half a mile outside of the city on the side opposite Gethsemane and the Mount of Olives.

The *Toronto Mail* of the 20th of November, contains the following hint which applies to rich Catholics as well as to rich Protestants in Canada. "There is one redeeming feature about the average American millionaire, namely, he occasionally comes down handsomely to found a university, or to increase the usefulness of such an institution. Wealthy men in Canada might do well to pay more attention to our higher institutions of learning. Some of them do their duty, but they are few in number."

Mgr. Ropert. of the Picpus Congre-

gation, who was recently appointed Vicar-Apostolic of the Sandwich Islands, and was consecrated at San Francisco, by Archbishop Riordan, has been received with remarkable enthusiasm by his flock. The crowd which gathered around him was so great that he was able to make his way only with the utmost difficulty. Of the 90,000 inhabitants of the Sandwich Islands 25,000 are Catholics. The best known mission in Bishop Ropert's diocese is the leper station, Molokai, the scene of Father Damien's heroic labors.

Mr. James Redpath, the great Canadian sugar millionaire, has donated to McGill University a new building known as The Redpath Library. The building which cost over \$100,000, was opened by His Excellency Lord Aberdeen, on the 31st of October.

Harvard University has just established the highest meteorological station in the world according to word just received at Cambridge from Prof. S. J. Bailey, in charge of the astronomical station at Arequipa, Peru. It is located on the top of El Mistó, a nearly extinct volcano of the Cordilleras, 19,200 feet in altitude, or almost 3,500 feet higher than the station of the French Academy on Mount Blanc.