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D'Youville Reading Circle deau street Convent. The lecturer, two years ago. the Rev. Dr. O'Boyle, spoke most The charter

ly meeting on Tuesday evening with the usual large attendance.

closed by the relating of the beau-tiful legendary beginning of that famous intellectual centre; that is to closed by the relating of the beausay, the story of Frideswida, a Sax- vorable comment. That suggestion Daniel McLaughlin, John Forgie and on princess of Wessex was told, showing that Oxford, the cradle of English learning, as a place of study and religious retirement owes its beginning to a woman. Frideswida belonged to the end of the 7th century. Her death occurred in 735, the same year that marks the death of Ven. Bede. Her story tells how she was pursued by Algar, a sub-Regulus of Wessex, who was determined to capture her even if he must use violence of the most violent na-

She rowed ten miles up the River Thames and then found in a dense forest of oak trees matted with ivies, a nook where she thought herself secure. Algar and his suite followed fast, overtook and were about to lay hands upon her, when in response to her prayers to her patron saints, Cecelia and Catherine, for protection, both the pursuer and his suite were stricken with blindness. On the spot of her deliverance she founded the famous abbey over which she presided till her death. It continued to be a devotional shrine for pilgrims as late as the 13th century, with this peculiarity that the kings of England dared not go to Oxford for fear of what would happen to any royal truder, so great was the awe inspired by the punishment of Algar, who, by the way, recovered his sight when he professed his willingness to give up his pursuit of the princess. Henry III. of England was the first to break the spell, but even he attributed the misfortunes of his reign to his tem-

This school for saints passed under the control of a chapter of canous, and became in the 13th century the first real Oxford College under the name of Christ Church. Later, when the "new learning" compelled changes, Cardinal Wolseley made vast improvements and this is why to-day this particular college is also spoken of as Cardinal College. In the reign of Elizabeth the tomb of the learned and saintly abbess was desecrated, her ashes mixed with those of a wretched apostate, the epitaph changed to "which is saint and which is sinner?" and yet, after all, the blessed spot is still known and pointed

This, too, is where Dr. Pusey lived and ruled. Some of England's most famous churchmen, statesmen and scholars claim Christ Church College as their Alma Mater. Lords Elgin and Dalhousie, Sir Robt. Peel, Canning, Gladstone, Locke, Ben Jonson, Sir Philip Sydney and many others, whose careers make up much of English history, were of this college. His Majesty King Edward VII., was entered at Christ Church in 1859, and be left a creditable record of a studious and exemplary stay there.

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It seemed but right to give woman her due by telling this legend of Saint Frideswida before closing the very interesting study of one of the world's greatest centres of interest.

The mention of that legend recalls another beautiful one, in connection with the same princess Frideswida. ?t is to the effect that while walking one day near the edge of a forest she was terrified at the sight of a leper who came towards her, his arms extended, and begged her in the name of Jesus Christ, Who was so merciful to the afflicted, to kiss him in the name of Christ, and for His sake. She conquered her terror and repugnance, and gave him a sisterly kiss, and the legend says that he was immediately The Irish, too, have the distinction. The annual report and balance sheet cured. A miraculous spring marked the spot, which continued to be a

shrine for many ages. Current Events were summed up as usual, attention inevitably centering in the east.

The second part of the evening was given to the Oriental study. The "Light of Asia," was begun, Miss Beatrice Hodgson reading. This book snows the prince in the act of the land's golden age. Their first reli- its origin, and he has been its conwide world, where he hoped to find truth and wisdom.

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CHEVALIER HENEY (Continued from page 1.)

ously until 1890. Thirty-seven years a member of the corporation board is a unique record, which won for him the title of 'Father of the council.' For several years he was chairman of the board of works and held that position the year Dufferin bridge was built.

Chevalier Heney is the only representative of the council that presented the address of welcome to our present King, when as Prince of Wales he visited Ottawa. He was a member of the reception committee to the Prince and was present at the the laying of the corner-stone of Parliament Buildings. He has met the subject of Gaelic Revival, in connection with the lecture to be given and remembers every Governor-Genon Monday, 27th inst., by Rev. Fa-ther O'Boyle, O.M.I. The talk was tion. we have had since Confedera-

with a view to show the extent When the board of trade was formthe movement has made in the last ed the Chevalier was one of the first members and since that time has been connected with it. The board The next meeting will be held on was formed in 1857 and although Mr. Heney was not amongst those who applied for incorporation he joined it the same year. He and Mr. Geo. Hay, president of the Bank of Ottawa, are the only surviving members On the afternoon of Monday, Feb. of that year's board. Mr. Heney is 27th the usual monthly lecture under the auspices of the d'Youville then and has been so ever since, for Reading Circle was given in the Ri- Mr. Hay retired from the board about

The charter members of whom Mr. eloquently on "The Gaelic Revival." Hay is the sole survivor, were: Geo. D'Youville Circle held its fortnight- For many the subject had the charm Hay, John Bower, Lewis, Edward of novelty, but before very long Dr. Griffin, James H. Burke, James Por-O'Boyle claimed attention on his own ter, Edward McGillivray, James account. His was a clear, concise, Brought, William Hart Thompson, The historical study of Oxford having reached the turn which is called ing reached the turn which is called Gaelic movement stands for in connection with Ireland. One could not Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Agar Yielding, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearson Harris, John Durie, Alexander Workman, Joseph Pearso fail to be impressed by the convincing eph Aumond, Alexander McKay, of reserved strength which lay be- Peter Egleson.

hind the wise, interesting things he Another line of activity in which said constituted half the charm of the Chevalier has taken an importthe address. It is a pity such a ant part is the temperance work in lecture should not be better known; Ottawa. He took the pledge from the d'Youville feels justly proud that Father Matthew in 1841 and in 1845 its initial delivery should have been was instrumental in establishing the given before their society and hopes Irish Catholic Temperance Society that a lecture so well worthy of Ire-land and of Ireland's cause will ob-valuable services in the cause of temperance he received from Pope Leo Dr. O'Boyle, speaking of the signi- XIII. a gold medal and the title of ficance of the movement which is now Chevalier of the Holy Sepulchre.

attracting so much attraction, said In religion the subject of our sketch that it stands for the passing of is Roman Catholic, staunch in his snobbery, the conserving of national allegiance to his church, but with industries, the defeat of West Briton tolerant views towards those difeducational matters, the fos- fering from him. He has always tering of an anti-emigration policy, been a generous supporter of the inbut above all for the reliance on stitutions connected with his reliself-help from within and for the re- gion, being at present a member of tention of the buoyant ideals of the the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Celtic people in control with the sor- a life member of St. Patrick's Orphan did utilitarianism which seems to be Asylum. the portion of the rest of the

world. The language phase of the movement he declared to be first in tions issued, and now rhere are order though not necessarily the 500 leagues in existence, each in a most important. The modern man flourishing condition. The clergy is apt to condemn as reactionary were behind the movement, the polieverything he does not understand, ticians soon lined up and even Trinity and such epithets as "fad," "hobby," College joined the ranks. With the "crotchet" are, by him, applied to revival of the language all the old the study of Gaelic. Something may traditions seem to be coming back. be said in its favor the contrary Dr. O'Boyle gave a very interesting notwithstanding. Dr. O'Boyle point- account of a Feish which he attended ed out the place of Gaelic in the last summer in Galway in proof of great family of languages, then said this statement. He characterized that is worth studying from a philo- the work the Gaelic Society is doing logical point of view, being vener- as a praiseworthy one, and of incalable, pure and admirably suited to culable benefit to Ireland. They the gymnastics of an Irish mind. seem to have prevented just in the It has a plurality of 30 sounds over nick of time the bartering of a na the English tongue and what might tion's soul. The success of the be called an immense capacity for sy- industrial movement, which they set nonyms. The ordinary vocabulary on foot is attested by the exhibits consists of 5,000 words. A univer-sent to the Buffalo, Cork and St sity man, in the course of a speech, Louis expositions. Their best ef Their best efseldom uses more than 3,000 words, forts have been directed towards while a peasant in any of the contin- stemming the tide of depopulation, ental tongues scarcely ever has and in spite of the cut-rate war command of more than 300 words. waged between the two steamship In Gaelic an Irish peasant can use companies last summer, the emigra-5,000 words, a powerful plea for the tion rate was one-quarter less than strength and adaptability of the lan- that of the preceding year. They de-Cardinal Logue has said sire above all to conserve the that if one wishes to convey the tional type in art, literature, music most delicate shades of thought and and industry, a type that is necessary feeling in such a way as to reach humanly and religiously speaking. the heart one could not have a better They are probing systematically medium than Irish. But above and that inertia" which is termed by beyond this the language is worth some "Ireland's disease," a disease studying because it has a literature caused, said the lecturer, by landcontinuous from the commencement lordism, absentee landlordism at that, of our era, picturing to us the Pro- prohibitive industrial expansion and Roman world. In fact the only au- the appalling poverty of the country thentic records we have of that per- He struck a note of particular interiod are written in Gaelic. Their li- est to Canadians when he said that terature is divided into history and while building up a new and modromance, the latter having two dis- ern nation in what might be called tinct planes, the Laga and the Epic. the solid concrete form, we should The bards who formed the fourth es- never forget that the rugged foundatate in the government are respon- tions came from the characteristics sible for the Saga. They were liter- inherited from our Irish, Scotch or ature and story. Tellers rather than English ancestors. In conclusion the musicians. They kept the genealo- lecturer pleaded to make Ireland Irish gical annals, which next to those once more by giving her the habit of of the Jewish people, are the most work, the habit of freedom of govreliable; they also forced culture by erament according to the traditions. the mere reason of their own culmanners, customs and rights of the

Dr. Anthony Freeland, President of persevered, among them the tales of the Gaelic Society of Ottawa, moved the Red Branch Knights, the exploits the vote of thanks eloquently and ap-Finy McCool (?) and the rhymes preciatively. Dr. O'Boyle, in reply Ossian. Milton is believed to ing, took occasion to congratulate have borrowed some of his ideas the Reading Circle on a very successfrom the first Christian epic. "The ful year's work.

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