

THE SIEGE OF LIMERICK.

The Initial Performance of the New Irish Military Drama by St. Ann's Young Men a Great Success.

It is no exaggeration to state that there could not be found anywhere a more enthusiastic audience on St. Patrick's night than that which gathered in St. Ann's Hall to witness the first presentation of the patriotic and soul-inspiring drama, "The Siege of Limerick," by the Dramatic Section of St. Ann's Young Men's Society.

The plot of the play is as follows: Dermot O'Gorman resolves on joining the Irish forces under Sarsfield, notwithstanding the fierce opposition of his father, who has espoused the cause of King William, and who has sworn eternal hatred against everything Irish and Catholic, going so far even, in his wrath, as to endeavor to effect the death of his own son.

The hero, Dermot O'Gorman, who had been wounded in a previous engagement with the enemy, was unable to participate in this last struggle, but his father, who, by an extraordinary intervention of Divine Providence, had become reconciled to his son, had been converted to the patriot's side and valiantly took Dermot's place, and through his heroic efforts was the means of winning the day at the fight on the bridge, which assured the ensuing victory for Ireland.

The author of the drama, Mr. James Martin (who is a member of the Society) deserves the heartiest congratulations on his latest contribution to Irish National literature, and Irish Canadians should feel proud of having such a talented and successful dramatic author in their midst.

- At St. Anthony's Parish. The parishioners of the thriving and prosperous parish of the West End, St. Anthony's, upheld their reputation this year by the measure of enthusiasm they displayed in assisting at the splendid entertainment prepared for them by the members of the Young Men's Society of the parish.

- At St. Anthony's Parish. The following programme was skilfully carried out, each performer being warmly applauded and encored. The St. Anthony's Young Men's Society have every reason to feel proud of the manner in which they honored the day.

- At Bourget College. At Bourget College, Rigaud, P.Q., the usual celebration of St. Patrick's Day was held by the presentation of a drama entitled "The Black Prince," which was interspersed at intervals with recitations and instrumental and vocal music.

We understand that the Society, with its usual generosity, intends to repeat the performance in Easter week, for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, in aid of the poor of St. Ann's parish, when we trust another bumper house will greet the St. Ann's Young Men, there being a two-fold incentive for such a desirable result, viz, the laudable object for which the entertainment is given, and the intrinsic merit of both the play and the performers.

An interesting and pleasing incident occurred after the close of the third act. Hon. Mr. Justice Curran ascended the stage, his appearance being the signal for a loud burst of applause, showing that he continues to hold a warm corner in the affections of his fellow-countrymen in old St. Ann's. After referring to the grand success which had attended the celebration of the National Festival in Montreal that day, and the magnificent manner in which the St. Ann's Young Men had brought it to a close that evening in the rare treat which their Dramatic Section had afforded them, Judge Curran stated that he had been requested by the President of the Society to perform a duty on behalf of its officers and members, which was to him a source of infinite pleasure.

At Bourget College. As was to have been expected from such a capable body as the dramatic section of the St. Ann's Young Men, the various characters in the play were admirably portrayed, but, without doing injustice to the others in the cast, special mention should be made of Mr. T. F. Sullivan, whose impersonation of the hero, Dermot O'Gorman, could not be surpassed; Mr. R. J. Byrne, as Harry Nugent, was good; Mr. Ed. Quinn made an ideal Sarsfield; Messrs. John Morgan and Morgan J. Quinn, as Micky Cassidy and Tim Brannigan respectively, were evidently most popular with the audience, judging by the roars of laughter and applause which greeted them; Mr. M. Kavanagh's presentation of the Frenchman in Ireland, Beaujacques, was very clever, and the hot water into which he got himself so frequently in trying to conciliate all parties was very amusing; Mr. H. P. Sullivan as the English Col. Breckenridge, acquitted himself well; and Mr. T. M. Jones, as Sergeant Blakely, and Mr. M. Doheny, as Corporal Dingley, performed the parts assigned to them in a creditable manner. Mr. John Quinn, as Barney O'Reilly, the blacksmith, proved himself to be quite an expert in the art of pike-making.

- Stan slaus—King of Sarmatia..... Mr. F. Durocher. Edmond—The Blind Boy..... Mr. C. Thivierge. Prince Rodolph—The Presumptive Heir to the Throne..... Mr. C. McKay. Oberto—A Farmer..... Mr. J. Leehy. Elvino—Son of Oberto..... Mr. M. Gorman. Starow—A Villainous Confidant of Prince Rodolph..... Mr. M. Decaire. Kalig—A Reduced Gentleman..... Mr. L. Lapointe. McIlino—A Villager..... Mr. J. McIntyre. High Priest—Bishop of Warsaw..... Mr. H. Murphy. Lida—Duchess of Lithuania..... Mr. P. Deguire. Frank..... Servants of Oberto..... Raymond, Mr. E. Murray, Mr. W. McGreevy. Guards, Attendants, etc.

ALONG THE ROUTE.

Almost every house along the line of march displayed its token of patriotism or sympathy—an Irish flag or a bit of green bunting—as a tribute of honor and respect to the procession that passed their doors. Not only the residents native to the soil of Erin, or of Irish extraction, but those of other origin and belief put a festive air upon their dwellings by decorating them in a manner befitting the occasion, and the result was a picturesque and harmonious line of passage.

Long streamers of various hues, but green predominant, and bright flags and banners, fluttered a caed mille failte to the marching ranks, and the portraits of men eminent in the history of their faith and nation were conspicuous among the numerous devices and decorations emblematic of the day, that lined the entire route.

At St. Gabriel's Church an arch of evergreens turreted and cross crowned offered its incense of resinous odors to the sons of St. Patrick as they passed beneath its green boughs and again at St. Ann's Church, on McCord street, another imposing structure of evergreens expressed the patriotism of the parish and its honor for the great festival day.

The residence of the Grand Marshal, Alderman Kineella, on St. Antoine street, was profusely and tastefully draped with Irish flags and banners and line on line of bright streamers and bunting were carried over the street and waved their salutation to the hosts below.

The Young Irishmen's L. & B. A. made a splendid showing, under President W. J. Hinchy, who is, by the way, one of the veteran members of the organization. Rev. Father O'Meara rode in a carriage behind a quartette of high-spirited animals. St. Gabriel's parish is always enthusiastic.

NOTES.

The order maintained at St. Patrick's Church during the Mass was excellent, under the able direction of Marshal James Milloy, of St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society, and his 25 trained assistants.

Stephen Kerrigan, a stonemason who did the mechanical work in connection with the laying of the principal corner stone of St. Patrick's more than 50 years ago, assisted at the ceremonies to-day.

The venerable Father O'Connell, whose name figures in the early records published in our Jubilee number, was present in the Sanctuary. Immediately after the conclusion of the Mass the visiting bishops and priests were entertained to a dinner in St. Patrick's Hall. The Very Rev. Father Colin, Superior of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, presided.

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