

while the strophes of the "Ave, Maris Stella" were sung at the prow of the steamer by a group of choristers, whose voices blending in unison, produced a beautiful effect. This hymn lent at once a devotional character to the voyage. It also served to secure the loving interest and powerful protection of the Blessed Virgin. When this tribute of confidence was paid her, the steamer was transformed into a sort of floating chapel. Temporary confessionals were erected in four different places. All the priests on board were kept busily engaged at their respective gratings till half-past ten o'clock. These priests were the Reverend Fathers M. Callaghan, Kiernan, Quinlivan and Jas. Callaghan. The clergyman whose portrait illustrates this number of the HARP, was conspicuous as the spiritual Director of the Pilgrimage. His competency in this capacity cannot be surpassed. It has been put to the test for five years in succession, and has always met with general appreciation. His name is a household word. His career is already most creditable. It may not yet be opportune to sketch even its outlines. Sufficient to remark, that by his oratorical attainments he would do honor to any pulpit, and by the affability of his manners would captivate the hearts of any congregation. Two committees were entrusted with the temporal interests of this pilgrimage: an Executive Committee and a Vigilance Committee. The Executive was composed of Messrs. M. P. Ryan, M. P., Edward Murphy, and Owen McGarvey. The Vigilance claimed the following gentlemen: Messrs. M. Sharkey, T. McGrail, A. Brogan, J. State, A. Emerson, W. P. Nolan, J. Walsh, W. Walsh, G. Bland and J. Connaughton. Both Committees had selected B. Gunning for their acting Secretary, and most worthy did he prove of the choice. Mr. B. Emerson, the President of the Society, superintended the operations of both Committees. For the last two years he has been occupying the highest post of distinction in the gift of his society.

At six o'clock the bell gave notice that supper was ready. The notice was not let pass by unheeded. Soon folks were seen effecting a descent to the lowest regions of the

steamer. They had few admirers but many followers. McPherson, of the Victoria Restaurant was on hand. He greeted them with the smile of conviviality and with a carefully prepared meal which was served in the best possible style. In this connection it is just to say that whenever his services were required by his numerous guests, he left nothing undone and spared no pains to give each and all thorough satisfaction. The indispensable item called for by nature having been despatched, word was given to assemble all the pilgrims in the stern of the boat. While they were gathering Professor Fowler took a seat at the piano and accompanied a lovely hymn to St. Anne. The words of this hymn were composed originally in the French language but rendered for this occasion into English metre by a Montreal poetical talent of no inconsiderable merit. Patrick McCallrey, a most charming and intelligent youth, sang the solo part in the clearest and sweetest accents. The chorus was taken up by several boys attached to the choir of St. Patrick's church and by a large number of bystanders. Once the hymn had ceased the most perfect silence prevailed. Every eye and ear were turned in the direction of the Rev. M. Callaghan who from the place where he stood could be easily seen and heard by all. He availed himself of this opportunity to have the Beads recited publicly. Before however opening this magnificent prayer he deemed it necessary to make a few observations. Shortly before starting from Montreal he received a letter from Father Dowd explaining why he did not come as generally expected. He read it aloud and from its contents it was obvious that the absence of this reverend gentleman was altogether independent of his will and averse to his wishes. During the recitation of the Beads everybody kept in a kneeling attitude. Nothing could be more solemn and impressive than this scene. Over half a thousand people were then animated by the same sentiments and offering the same supplications to the throne of Heaven's Queen. At the completion of this devotional exercise the Rev. J. Callaghan emerged into public view and delivered