

ST. PATRICK'S T. A. AND B. SOCIETY.

The Monthly Meeting—Interesting Address by the Hon. Senator Murphy on the Laying of the Corner Stone of St. Patrick's.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held at St. Patrick's Hall on Sunday, the 12th February. Prior to the business meeting the members assembled in the St. Patrick's church for religious exercises, which were conducted by the Rev. President, the Rev. J. A. McCallen, S.S. The Rev. Father preached a brief but most eloquent sermon on the evils of intemperance, in course of which he graphically described the scandals which arise from that vice. After the sermon the Rev. Father administered the pledge to twelve persons.

Hon. Senator Murphy presided at the business meeting. The minutes and reports, with the necessary explanations were presented by the secretary, Mr. J. J. Costigan. It was decided to celebrate the 53rd anniversary of the society by a complimentary social entertainment. Pledge cards were applied for by nine persons, and eight new members were admitted to the benefit branch. The quarterly audit report was read and showed the society to be in a most flourishing condition financially.

Hon. Senator Murphy delivered a most interesting address on the early history of the society, dwelling particularly on its connection with the church and the part it bore in the erection of the same. The hon. gentleman gave the following resume of the laying of the foundation stones of that sacred edifice. The seven corner stones of St. Patrick's were blessed and laid on Monday, the 25th September, 1843, and the event was made the occasion of a grand demonstration. At 7 o'clock on that morning the Irish Catholic societies and Irish Catholic citizens assembled in the vestry and school rooms of the Recollet church, where the Irish Catholics then worshipped, and which stood on Notre Dame street, between St. Peter and St. Helen streets. A procession was formed in the following order:—

- Band.
- Hibernian Benevolent Society.
- St. Patrick's Temperance Society—4 Banners.
- Irishmen not members of any society.
- St. Patrick's Society—8 banners.
- Judges, members of the Bar and Sheriff.
- Speakers and members of the Legislative Council.
- Members of House of Assembly.
- The Mayor and Corporation.
- The Bishop and Clergy.
- Church Wardens.
- Building Committee.

And proceeded to Notre Dame church, where High Mass was celebrated, His Lordship Bishop Bourget, of Montreal, officiating.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Nicholas O'Brien, and was on "Religious worship, interior and exterior." After this grand service the procession reformed and proceeded to the site of the new church, where the ceremony of blessing the stones was performed. The following amounts were deposited on the respective stones:—

	£	s.	d.
Bishop of Montreal.....	84	14	8½
The Mayor of Montreal, Joseph Bourret, Esq.....	7	8	4½
The Speaker of the House of Assembly, Hon. Austin Cuvillier.....	28	7	4½
The Hon. Judge Rolland, on behalf of the Judges.....	13	6	0½
St. Patrick's Temperance Society, per J. P. Sexton, Esq.....	36	11	2
Hibernian Benevolent Society, per Peter Dunn.....	32	10	0
St. Patrick's Society, per R. L. Morrough, first V.P.....	28	2	10

It was estimated that fully 10,000 persons took part in the ceremony, and the collection taken up on the occasion amounted to £205 7s 7d, or \$821.52.

The hon. gentleman also gave other facts in connection with the society, and dwelt upon the present prosperity of the society and on resuming his seat was warmly applauded.

An invitation was read from the St. Ann's T. A. & B. Society, requesting the attendance of the officers and members of the society at St. Ann's Church on Ash Wednesday. The invitation was accepted, and the necessary arrangements were made. Considerable other routine business was transacted.

The Archbishop of Montreal's Pastoral Visits.

Mgr. Fabre, Archbishop of Montreal, has fixed the following dates for his pastoral visit. May 22, Vercheres; 23, Ste. Theodose; 24, Centrecoeur; 29, Varrennes; 30, Boucherville; 31, Longueuil; June 1, Laprairie; 2, St. Constant; 5, St. Lin; 6, Mascouche; 7, St.

Roch; 8, L'Epiphanie; 9, L'Assomption; 10, St. Sulpice; 11, Repentigny; 12, St. Paul Ermitte; 13, Lachenaie; 15, St. Isidore; 16, St. Remi; 17, St. Michel; 18, St. Edouard; 19, Sherrington; 20, St. Cyprien; 21, St. Jacques le Mineur; 22, St. Philip. July 3, Lacolle; 4, St. Valentin; 5, Ste. Blaise, L'Acadie; 6, St. John's; 7, St. Luc; 8, Chambly; 9, St. Basile; 10, Ste. Julie; 11, St. Bruno; 12, St. Hubert.

A CATHOLIC MISSION

DESCRIBED BY A PROTESTANT.

A non Catholic writer in the New York Press and Knickerbocker describes the scene at an early Mass, during a mission recently given by the Jesuit Fathers, in one of the churches of New York city. Comparing the scene with that usually presented at Protestant "revivals," he says:

"These ascetic black-robed Jesuits are not given to the sort of fervid ranting that often draws the multitude, actuated, perhaps, by motives of curiosity rather than devotion. Entering the church you find an immense assembly kneeling in rapt and silent prayer; here and there you notice a confessional with the inscription over the door, "Father—, S.J." and about this you observe the worshippers seem perhaps a shade more intent in their devotions, for here is being enacted the most exalted and difficult triumph of faith. At the grand main altar a Jesuit Father is saying the Mass, his solemn voice low toned yet clear, distinctly audible in that reverent stillness; everywhere is manifest the intensely religious character of the service, and nothing meets the eye or ear to disturb that perfect spiritual communion."

And the sermon which follows is thus described:

"The Father begins, quiet and low, his utterances, for the cumulative, culminating effect, unconscious or premeditated, is the distinguishing feature of these sermons, designed to awaken the spiritual, religious sense of the people; to recall the recreant to grace, to further purity and exalt the piety of the devout. Perhaps the theme is the most solemn and sublime of all themes—the Redemption of Man. You have heard of the learning and eloquence of the Jesuits and you formulate all your little oratorical and rhetorical ordinances and prepare to attack and appraise rather than to listen as this multitude will listen to the very words of life. But the Father has scarcely passed the threshold of his discourse ere you are conscious of an absorbing, eager interest in which rhetoric and criticism are forgotten. From Bethlehem and the Star you are led to Nazareth, and look with new and purer vision upon that divine life, from the contemplation of which we ordinarily shrink, conscious of our unworthiness. So through the whole pathetic, sacred history the preacher leads you until, with heart hushed yet swollen with emotion that is almost agony, you are prostrated in the presence of that infinite Passion. Your tears mingle with those sacred, awful tears of the weeping God in Gethsemane. You witness the anguish, divine yet human, of the Sufferer of Calvary, and when the exquisite sorrow and indignation evoked by the teacher's burning words seem almost to "whisper the o'erfraught heart and bid it break," the blessed appeal, "Father, forgive them!" comes like a ray of healing light out of that lurid bill of death, relieves the tension of grief, and opens wide the flood-gates of the soul."

Ecclesiastical Appointments.

Archbishop Fabre has made the following new appointments; Rev. J. D. Dupont, cure at St. Paul de Joliette; Rev. A. W. Meunier, cure at Ste. Beatrix; Rev. T. Gervais, vicar at St. Bridget's; Rev. Abbe Proulx, vicar at St. Louis; Rev. W. Geoffron, vicar at Ste. Cunegonde; Rev. J. Forbes, vicar at St. Michel.

Hood's Cures.

In saying that Hood's Sarsaparilla cures, its proprietors make no idle or extravagant claim. Statements from thousands of reliable people of what Hood's Sarsaparilla has done for them, conclusively prove the fact—HOOD'S Sarsaparilla CURES.

Hood's Pills act especially upon the liver, rousing it from torpidity to its natural duties, cure constipation and assist digestion.

Hire education of women—The government salary.

Resolutions of Condolence.

At a meeting of the students of Versification Class of St. Laurent College, February 4th, 1893, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God to take from us our beloved friend and class-mate, James McCarthy; therefore, be it

Resolved,—That it is but a just tribute to the memory of the departed to say that in regretting his removal from us, we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our esteem and regard.

Resolved,—That we extend to his parents and other relatives our deep and heartfelt sympathy in this day of sorrow and mourning.

Resolved,—That as a further token of our esteem, these resolutions be transmitted to THE TRUE WITNESS for publication; also that a copy be presented to the parents of our dead friend and class-mate.

- ROBERT E. CALLAHAN,
 - PATRICK J. GRACE,
 - PETER J. HEFFERNAN,
 - MOSES C. MALONE.
- } Committee.

IRISH NEWS.

The Irish pilgrimage to Rome will leave Dublin on Feb. 7.

The Catholics of Clones are soon to have a bazaar in aid of their new church.

Mr Charles Kavanagh has been unanimously re-elected City Marshal of Dublin

H. J. B. Clements, of Lough Ryan, Drogheda, has been appointed High Sheriff for County Leitrim.

Mr. William Gallagher, of Castleknock, has been sworn in a Justice of the Peace for County Donegal.

The Very Rev. N. O'Flanagan, V. G., pastor of Granard, is dead. He was seventy-nine years old.

Capt. U. C. Singleton, R.N., of Aclare House, Ardee, has been appointed High Sheriff for County Meath.

Mr. Edwin Hughes, of Mertoun Hall, Hollywood, has been appointed High Sheriff for County Roscommon.

The Lord Lieutenant has appointed James O'Grady Dalmage, of Castle Park, Limerick, High Sheriff for County Limerick.

Mr. J. F. McCarthy, Nationalist Member of Parliament for Mid-Tipperary, is dangerously ill. It is feared that he cannot recover.

The Rev. Daniel O'Sullivan, of Enniskeane, has been appointed parish priest of Tracton, in succession to the late Father O'Keefe.

Father Crowley, C. C., has been appointed the successor of the Rev. D. R. Harrington in the presidency of St. Michael's College, Listol.

P. H. Molloy, Color Sergeant of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, has been appointed Sergeant Major of the Trouping Depot, Karachi, East India.

The people of Carriganma recently presented the Rev. Philip M. Murphy, of Clondrohid, with an illuminated address, a chain and a gold watch.

Baroness Burdett-Coutts has given £100 and Mr. Burdett-Coutts £25 to the fund which is being raised to erect a memorial to the late Father Charles Davis, of Baltimore.

Constable Prayer, of the Royal Irish Constabulary, stationed at Killybegh, has become possessed of a fortune of over £100,000, through the death of a relative of his wife in Australia.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr. James Doyle, of Lake View House, Decemont, to the Commission of the Peace for the Petty Sessions districts of Rathfriland and Dromara.

Francis J. Graham, of Ballinakill, Letterfrack, has been appointed High Sheriff for County Galway, and John J. Cheevers, D. L., of Killylan, Ballinasloe, High Sheriff for the town of Galway.

Mr. Jeremiah Jordan, of Inniskillen, formerly Member of Parliament from East Clare, and Mr. James Gibney have been chosen as Nationalist candidates for South and North Meath respectively.

Mr. Jerome Donnelly has been elected a Town Commissioner for Ballinasloe in room of the late Mr. James Goode. Mr. Donnelly has been a member of the National Federation since its formation, and a leading supporter of Mr. John Roche, M. P., in Galway.

Lord Dunsdale, of Galway, died on Jan. 17, at the age of eighty-three years. He was the lineal representative of the Dalys or O'Dalys, who are descended from Nial of the Nine Hostages, monarch of Ireland in the fourth century, and an ancestor also of the O'Neills of Tyrone and O'Donnells of Tyrconnel.

The Very Rev. Dr. Burke, P. P., V. F., of Bagnalstown, has signified publicly his intention of re-establishing the Christian Brothers in that town. Those zealous teachers had schools in Bagnalstown from 1870 to 1888, when they left. Their promised return is hailed by the people of the town and surrounding country with delight.

Judge Webb, at the Lifford Crown Sessions on Jan. 17, bore eloquent and convincing testimony to the crimeless character which Donegal has for many years borne. The calendar presented to him consisted of only three cases of misdemeanor, two of assault and one of waylaying. The territory over which the jurisdiction of this court extends is very large. Distress of a chronic nature is rampant in many parts of the district. The peasantry are face to face with the spectre of famine, while eviction decrees have been issued against not a few of their number. Yet crime of a grave character is unknown throughout the length and breadth of the country.

"I think I'll have an oil portrait made," said Mr. Derrick, who had become suddenly rich in petroleum. "There you go—talking shop again!" exclaimed his wife, who was taking lessons in culture.

THE SCAPULARS OF THE B. V. M.

IN AN OCEAN TEMPEST.

About the year 1845, the sailing ship King of the Ocean left London Docks with a full complement of passengers for that far-off land of the South—Australia. Amongst the passengers was a devout English Protestant clergyman, the Rev. James Fisher, and his wife and two children, James and Amelia, aged respectively about nine and seven years. The good ship ploughed her way pleasantly over the wild waste of waters until about making her eastward course, some five hundred miles west of Cape Agulhas, where the trade winds generally keep revel with the fierce undercurrent in that part of the Indian Ocean. The sun had scarcely sunk beneath the western waters, when a wild tornado swept the ocean from N. W. The waves were lashed into fury, the sails torn to shreds, and all the wooden structures on the deck were only as reeds before the angry wind and waves on that memorable occasion. The passengers were battered below, the captain and crew who had lashed themselves to the deck-rigging, were unable to act. Moans of despair and cries of mercy, mingled with prayers, were heard alike from passengers and crew. Wave on wave washed over the apparently doomed boat, and nothing, but the intervention of Providence, could now save her from a watery bed. The Rev. Mr. Fisher, with his family and others, came on deck, and he asked that all might join in prayers, for mercy and forgiveness, as their doom seemed inevitable, but the prayers and cries of help seemed only to be mocked by the hissing and moaning of the infuriated elements. Amongst the crew was a young Irish sailor, a native of the county of Louth named John M. Auliffe, who, opening his smock, took from his neck a pair of scapulars, given him by a pious mother, waved them in the form of a cross, and then threw them into the ocean. This action was only witnessed by the Rev. Mr. Fisher, his wife and children. Immediately the waters abated their fury, had the howling tempest calmed as it were to a zephyr, but a wavelet again washed over the side of the boat, and cast near the sailor boy the scapulars he had thrown into the scathing foam some minutes before. All was now calm, captain and sailors freed themselves from their lashings to right and set about re-rigging their boat, and steered her safely into Botany harbor. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher approached the sailor-boy with deep reverence, and begged of him to let them know what these simple pieces of brown braid and cloth marked B. V. M. signified. When told, they then and there, promised to join the Faith which has for its protector and powerful advocate, "Star of the Sea," the "Mother of Help." On landing at Sydney, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher fulfilled their promises. They repaired to the little wooden chapel of St. Mary, on the site of which now stands a most gorgeous and magnificent church—and sought the advice and spiritual assistance of the then pious Father Polding, afterwards Archbishop, by whom they were received within the folds of the Catholic Church. This good family afterwards settled down on a farm on a nice plateau on the Blue Mountains, distant from Sydney some two hundred miles. The writer had the pleasure of conversing in the same house with James Fisher, the son of the Rev. Mr. Fisher, and hearing from him the foregoing facts, and no more devoted and practical members of our holy Faith at the antipodes can be found than the Fisher family of the Blue Mountains, N. S. W.—D. P. K. in *Cork Examiner*.

THREE THINGS.

- Three things to admire—Intellectual power, dignity and gracefulness.
- Three things to love—Courage, gentleness and affection.
- Three things to hate—Cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude.
- Three things to delight in—Frankness, freedom and beauty.
- Three things to wish for—Health, friends and a cheerful spirit.
- Three things to avoid—Idleness, loquacity and flippant jesting.
- Three things to fight for—Honor, country and home.
- Three things to govern—Temper, tongue and conduct.
- Three things to think about—Life, death and eternity.

Dr. T. A. Siocum's

OXYGENIZED EMULSION OF PURE COD LIVER OIL. If you have Consumption—Use it. For sale by all druggists. 25 cents per bottle.