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THE IRISH ALPHABET.
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## Philo-Celts.

The meetings of the Brooklyn PCS are being well attended. The reunion and ball comes off on Apr. 21, under the sapervision of the following committees ; floor manager M. Heeney, asst. J. Gubbins, com. Messrs Lennon, Hyland. Manihan and Sloane. Recep. Com. Messrs Finn, Graham Curden and Morrissey. Arrange. Messrs Lacey, Gilgannon, Walsh and Logan.
The last monthly reunion was a complete success with the following programme ; opening chorus, O'Donnell Aboo, song, Rich and Rare, Miss Carley song (Irish) The Harp that Once, Miss Costello. Song, Kathleen Mavourneen, Miss Walsh, song, Blue and Gray, M. Hyland. Soug, Irish Girl Miss Crowley. Recitation, Bingen on the Rhine, W. Lennon. Song Minstrel Boy, (Irish) M J Logan. Song, Believe me if all, M F Costello. Recitation Fontenoy, M. Walsh. Recitation and Reading Mr Gilgannon.
We view with satisfaction the friendly sentiments which are springing up between the Brooklyn and $\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{Y} . \mathrm{P} . \mathrm{C}$ societies. Individual differences should never interfere with the perfect union of such associations. Their united performances before the National League Demonstration tendered to the Redmond brothers was a complete success. The Chorus, comprising over 60 voices with harp, piano and violin accompaniments filled the theatre with genuine Irish music. All the songs were in Irish and elicited rounds of applanse.
The society celebrated the 95 th anniversary of the birth of the late Archbishor McHale when Mr Gilgannon eloquently both in Irish and English reviewed the principal events of his life.
We are pleased to see that our friend Mr. Kyne is coming round again.

As the society is about reorganizin whe choral union we hope to see our lady members attend regularly, especially those who have heretofore taken part in it, namely, the Misses Costello, Donnelly, Dunleavy Murray, Crowley, Kearney, Carley, Kane Guerin, Mitchell, Dunne, Gill;Gallagher, Brennan Finnigan, Duffy. Carroll, Rielly, and Grady, and Messrs. Heeney, Archer, Lennon, Hyland, Walsh Manihan, Jacey, Gubbins, Kinsella, ďc.

Dwyer. Miss Dwyer was the first to commence sending the Gael to Ireland in accordance with our late announcement

We are pleased to see that our former treasurer Mrs Smith (nee McNally)and Miss McGinley are round again.
As we are going to press we have received a lot of encouraging correspondence from San Francisco, Buffalo, St: Louis Phila. \&e: regarding the advancement of the language movement.

## THE IRISH MUSIOAL FESTIVAL.

The New York Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language, makes announcement of its annual Irish Musical Festival and Seanachas, which will take place on Easter Tuesday, Apr. 15, 1884, in Steinway and Irving Halls combined-two of the largest halls in New York City. The society has acquired such a reputation for the excellence of this annual festival, that we would not be surprised if both halls would prove inadequate for the accomadation of the throng that will attend. The musical exercises will take place in Steinway Hall and will comprise, besides selections from the works of ancient and modern Irish composers, the singing of old airs in Irish by a chorus of one hundred voices. The chorus of the society is one of the best in New York. Judge J. J. Daly of the Court of Common Pleas will preside, and Gilmore furnish the instrumental music.

We got the song, Coolnabinne for mr. Gallagher. He may thank Miss Gallagher of Cbicago. It will appear in our next.

Let all endeavor to circulate the Gael. The language touches the chord strings of the heart. It is the fountain from whieh spring our noblest aspirations.

We are a long time waiting for the Gaelic Journal which our New York friends were about founding some time ago. What is the matter, friend Ward, You make a good deal of noise and yet the little Brooklyn Society is enabled to have its own Journal and you with two large socities cannot have one More work friend Ward You know where there's a will there's a way, or, if you are not able to compete with Brooklyn, why throw up the sponge and, less talk.

Sentiments of our subscribers are crowded out this month. They will appear in our next:

Mr. Wm. Russe!l's song, "The Green Isle that Lies far Away," will become a popular chorus song. Many Gaels have wished to hear from MrRussell, and we are pleased to be able to announce that he has promised to respond now and again. We also regret to learn that his health has not ben all that one could wish ror same time back.
Viewing Irish affairs in globo we think they were never so encouraging. Let us strike when the iron is hot.

Friends of the Gael and of Irish National freedom, your aspsrations for liberty were nevr more hopeful. Now is the time to work energetically when your would-be masters are shrieking in the agony of despair. Let every man do his duty. Send the Gael to your friends so that when the day comes they will not be wholly iguorant of their speech. For 50 cents we shall send a copy to any part of Ireland for 12 months. 2 copies to any part, Ireland and America, separate addresses, \$1.

SECOND BOOK，（Continued．）
EXERCISE 8．S．
r sounds exactly like $h$ ．
$r$ is never aspirated before $b, c, 0,5$ ， $\mathfrak{m}, p, \tau . \quad r$ aspirate never appears at the end of any word，or in the middle of any word except compounds．
äporcoıl，a college，awrdh－skuil． ఘór－デeol，a main－sail， ríor，below， ruar，above， єпоサ－ruan，a deep sleep，thrum－hooun aŋjor，up， aŋuar，down， fäち，leave， Fan，stay， orm，on me， rcoll，a school， rjor，down， rúaŋ，rest， ruar，up，七ar，come， qrom，heavy，
more－hoil． hee－us． hoo－ass． anhee－us． anhoo－ass． faw－ug． fahn． urm． skuill． shee－us． soo－un． soo－us． tharr． thrum．

1．Dj ré ruar．2．of rob ríor．3．cujn ruar é．4．cujn rior à leaban．5．ъan ajuar ajur ran annro ríor．6．bejn a． \＃for ćusam é a丂ur fás ayŋro riuar é． 7．bj rcojl asur âro－rcojl aŋŋ．8．reol a丂ur món reol．9．rиaŋ ajur єпот－

1．He was above．2．Ye were below §－Put it up．4．put down the book． 5．Come down and stay below． 6. Bring it up to me and leave it above． 7．A school and college were there， 8．A sail and a main sail．9．Rest and deep sleep．10．There was a deep sleep on me．

## Exercise 9．乇́．

$\dot{\iota}$ scunds like $h$ ．It is faintly sound－ ed when final，except when the foll－ owing word begins with a vowel．
 a prince ；эo bráṙ，for ever；lyȧ்，grey
 خ́apc，a great thirst；rnuci．stream； ceanŋ，a head；ceaŋŋ－ธjpe－a headland

5Аŋ，without；rjún，sister；canu，thirst そうทリ，sick．



 ro．8．bj сеaŋŋ－бj̆re anŋ．9．Éjre 50 brà்̇．10．ir flaj்̇ reunmar é．
1，A good father，2．Without father or mother．3．Sister and brother． 4. The brother was grey．5．Your moth－ er is sick．6．A great thirst is on me 7．A stream is there．8．There was a headland there， 9 Ireland for ever． 10．He is a prosperous prince．

## （To be continued）

Reasons why the Irish people should combine in a strenuous effort to pres－ orve and to practise their language．

1stly．Because it is their National Language．2ndly．Because its correct－ ness and antiquity prove it to be the language of a refined and educated race．3rdly，Because conquering na－ tions try to destroy the language of the conquered so as to make it appear that the conquered were illiterate and uncivilized and therefore，that it is for their＂good＂they are being conquer－ ed，in order to their being brought under the＂influences of civilization．＂ 4thly．Because a nationality howev－ er small is more respectable in its own autonomy than to be pinned to the tail of any other nation．5thly．Be－ cause every educated man should con． sider himself the equal of any other： but the Irishman ignorant of his nat－ ive language has no social standing： neither a country or a language．
6 thly．Because the English speaking Irishman cannot remove or obliterate the brand of slavery from his forehead except by the cultivation of the lan－ guage．7thly．Because，by ignoring the language，he casts a reflection on Ireland and her people，and，lastly， because the preservation and cultiva－ tion of the language entail but very little of either expense or trouble．

وóċe wथ 5\％е்̇e qyóre （Con cluded．） XV
 Le rears mijlleaci，leommiar，






XVI

Hać m－béjó cara’r ajr јо ఛ－еиј ajn，
ejojr bean ajur céjle，



Wace b－rejckjó amjr a ċéjle


## XVII



＇S 50 m－béjó oejne lejr an raojal，
＇S jay for cao é＇y rpar．
Réjr mar oejr ya ronjobiajo，


 XV111
5lacajóe－re comajnle，

21ŋ сиŋzar a bejє a $5^{-c o ́ j n, ~}$


＇S ŋać mbejó ájroe ajn aŋ ท万lón－ra
Oa leajóćc＇ryo le oeorajo
Wa rúle arcjo＇ทar 5 －ceaŋ！．
X1X

Za ré ajajทリ ronjobía，
© beul aŋ Spjopao Naomíċa，
bápŋ or сјоŋŋ ŋа mj́lee，
Síor a o－ceampull oé，



Soriza，plájs a＇r eus．

## XX


 $2 \mathfrak{L \eta}$ モalain ajn cyjc le eazla，
＇S an cuje ajr fao o＇a j－ráoo＇．．．
Sıŋ é crıjoć $5 \Delta \dot{c}$ cúrra．．．

Sjท é сヶjoć aŋ 飞－raojayl－reo，
＇S jaŋ fior ajajn！ce＇j lá， XX1
bjojó ajr bur サ万áaroa
Wior 5 minje rearoa，a ciannojo．


Djóear réjó ajn ay चajnŋe．


＇S jay oujŋe fajací riar．
XX11


 ○́ јеип－брицо ŋА rluaj
Ojabala leóymar＇，craoraci，
21 claojjeain lejr aŋ mŋa0，rim，
＇S le ŋa leanb，jora，


## XX111


Ir єreara ljo aŋ lá rıŋ，



Capajo o！mjor reapm ojo


XX1V

Uৃat் oeuŋá̇ aŋ oájŋ reo，
Seo é ríor a rayn ojo
C்o maj்̇ a̧ur a b＇${ }^{\prime}$ 户́éolr， Le cjall，a ciun a o－Fuajm．．．．
Fon cjocfajó rór à ajmrin
Wać mbejó rijor ce oubajnte an ċajŋ reo，

215 －coolóciã 50 ruaŋ．．．． xxv
$2)_{\text {jle }}$＇r ociz se cieuoajb，
 Sujm a＇r oaza à שéapmıa，

So rémám la oe＇$\eta$ mint，

$j$ mbezelem $1 \eta r$ a ruabla，



## ERRATA．

Verse．Line．Word．For．
1st．8th．4th．「enn，「4omn．



7th．7th．1st chyc a lej5，chici－eajla
8th，5th．rd．Craınŋ㇒ rléjbe neuba，

In the foregoing poem，by our late la mented friend，Mr．Michael Burke，the readers of the Gael have got a treat which they cahnot often enjoy．Some of our friends complain of the small－ ness of the Gael．We admit that it is small，but the matter－the Gaebic matter－（which is the only thing we care for）－is valuable．The foregoing poem by itself is worth five years＇sub－ scription of the paper to any one who can perceive its merits as a composi－ tion，apart from the sentiment which its perusal cannot fail to excite．

We understand that a few of our ＂friends＂were fault．finding on account of the few typographical errors which appeared in the last issue，but which are corrected in this．Our＂friends＂ are well aware that the Gael is turn． ed out hurriedly，and that even in the best couducted concerns such errors trequently occur．But，apart from this， these men have no right to either dis． praise or praise the Gael，for they have never paid a penny，a red penny，for its support！ 1 t is these do－nothing bu． sy－bodies who are always growling at any movement tending to elevate the social and material condition of the race．They never pay a penny to－ wards its support and，like＂the dog in the manger，＂they will not do the thing themselves nor，if they could，al－ low others to do it．These false friends are the bane of Irish nationality，and whenever they open their mouths to interfere in affairs which do not con－ cern them，a wad of hay should be thrust down their throats． OId Country for 50 cents year．
（Complimentary to Mr．O＇Callaghan．）

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 eaciz jaŋ rmaće＇r jan eajla oé anŋ an 3－croj́te．

 al．＂ oéjseqci．

or 飞ruaj jaŋ more a Sacraja a o． Frrajnc ทa a Spájŋ，
Wo ċall rya riar－jŋoeaciajo man a 5 －

 rujȯe eadar mo óa lajm，


Nuajn a lujȯm an mo leabujo qit rociamall le fäjall，
 asur loje ry me am＇lár，


Nfill mo téfjear as ay meuo rin aci

If faca me aJ ıméeaćz ajn 亢̇úajnure

21 mac－raimall Mí FACA mure a mbaj． le по a o－ธjn，
Oá d－feccreà à rquajo－bean ajn己́aojo C пос па ríe
oual o＇a jhuajs dájg＇re oá fuadać

＂The Pen Is Mightier than the Sword．＂
${ }^{1}$ r．Patriek Ford of the Irish World is by no means，physically，a very large man，weighing probably not more than 140 pounds，if so much； yet，the English ministry are more in dread of him today than they were of Napoleon I．in his palmi－ est days ！And all on account of a dash of his pen ！

Oil City, Pa. Jan 21st. 1884

## Mr. M. J. Logan.

Dear Sir:- It is more than twenty years ago, while residing in Canada, since I wrote the following English lyrical effusion which was published in an Ottawa journal and elicited some plaudits; so that a certain musical composer of that city, requested the privi. lege of having it set to music, which I denied him. İ have now made a trans. lation of it into Irish for the Gael, and dedicate it to the interests of the Gaelic movement in any manner that may suit your predilection. Yours \&c W m. Russell.

## The Green Isle That Lies Far Away

(Air-The pretty girl milking her cow)
Translation on opposite column.]
Oh! sweet to the lark is the shower, And sunshine is dear to the bee;
The humming-bird loveth the flower, But dear is "Old Erin" to me: And like the wild billows of ocean, That circle her shores with their spray,
(tion
My heart's love entwines with devoThe Green Isle that lies far away.

Till death it shall be my fond duty To wish to see happy and free, The Emerald Eden of beauty, That smiles in the midst of the sea And absence my love for her heightAlas! that adversity's sway, [ens-O'ershadows the glory that brightens The Green Isle that lies far away.

But dark tho' the cloud of her sorrow, And starless her slavery's night,
Her children shall see the bright morThat promises liberty's light: (row When proud banners, gorgeously gieaming,
Her heroes will boldly display;
And freedom shall bless with its beaming
The Green Isle that lies far a way.

O'Connell and Parnell.
Not wishing to detract from the deserved popularity of Mr. Parnell, we cannot for a moment admit that he is a greater man than $O^{\prime}$ Connell was. Circumstances alter cases. Had O'Connell in his day the power at his back that Parnell has in his, Ireland would be an independent nation to-day. Were it not for the resources which modern science has pIaced within the reach of Irishmen Parnell and his compatriots would have been jibbeted long before now, as were their forefathers for lesser pretenses. Yet we hear Jrishmen unthinkingly, perkaps, decrying the patriot dead regardless of this and the apothegm-de mortuis nil nisi bonum.

## 




Jr

or jeal lejr ay mjl-bejċ ay jujayzar,

$215 \mu \mathrm{r}$ oealpać le comŋajb ŋa bóma
đà olúj̇̀ le ŋa feopamŋajo féjŋ






סo rmjodar a 5 -ceatr-mjeadaj ja o.
 j1--



2lċ ça oud é a rcamall, 'r 5иŋ ŋájreać,
 $\dot{\mathrm{C}}$ jófjo a claŋna aŋ májneać oo jeallar oj lay-rolar lae: 'Wuajr leatifajo a laoćrat́ jo buacać


$21 \eta$ j 亏ilajr aza 'b-Faco a 5 -céjŋ.
Note-The letter $j$ taken in connection with the word 5 lar, green, in the above composition signifies an Island, and is pronounced so as to rhyme with double ee in the English word knee.

I









## II










## III










## IV

2l lempl raojlear, le ơ rajujnc an raojal ro








## V










## VI



Sjor－amać＇$\eta$ aje a d－Faraŋ aŋ reampój 50 breaja，







## VII








 ＇ó＇ray m－brogue． V111


 ＇S flacfac mar ajcirjje ay méjo a oubajre leaz．
 ＇S jur beas an ojlean an jпทır ŋa Waom，［cion，

 Mam．

## éamon иa Caоm．

WILL MY SOUL PASS THROUGH IRELAND．
（The first three stanzas of the following beauti－ ful poem were written a number of years ago by a bright poet named Denis O‘Sullivan．The others which form a dialogue between the priest and the old woman，who is dying，are full of harmless wit， and are in no way intended to be profane or disre－ spectful to the holy ministry of the Priesthood； on the contrary，they contain a moral that will be perceived by the thoughtful reader，）

Edmond O＇Keeffe．

Oh，soggarth aroon ！sure I know life is fleeting；
Soon，soon in the strange earth my poor bones will lie，
I have said my last prayer，and received my last blessing，
And if the Lord＇s willing I am ready to die．
But，soggarth aroon ！can I ever again see
The valleys and hills of my dear native land？
When my soul takes its flight from this world of sorrow，
Will my soul pass through old Ireland to join the blest band？

Oh，soggarth aroon，sure $I$ know that in Heaven The loved ones are waiting and watching for me And the Lord knows how anxious I am to be with them，
In those realms of joy＇mid souls pure and free．
Yet，soggarth I pray，ere you leave me forever， Relieve the last doubt of a poor dying soul，
Whose hope next to God，is to know that when leaving，
It will pass through old Ireland on the way to its goal．

Oh，soggarth aroon ！I have through all changes The thrice blessed shamrock to lay o＇ermy clay ； And，oh，it has＇minded me often and often， Of that bright smiling valley so far，far away ； Then tell me，I pray you，will I ever again see， The place where it grew on my own native sod？ When my body lies cold in the land of the stranger Will my soul pass through Erin on its way to its God ？

Arrah，bless you，my child，sure I thought it was heaven
You wanted to go to the moment you died ； And such is the place on the ticket $I^{\prime} m$ giving，

But a coupon for Ireland I'll stick to its side.
Your soul shall be free as the wind on the prairies And I'll land you at Cork on the banks of the Lee,
And two little angels I'll give you, like fairies, To guide you all right over mountain and lea.

Arrah, soggarth aroon, can't you do any better?
I know that my feelings may peril your grace;
But, if you allowed me a voice in the matter,
I won't make a landing at any such place.
The spot that I long for is sweet county Derry, Among its fair people I was born and bred-
The Corkies I never much fancied while living, And I don't want to visit them after I'm dead.

Let me fly to the hills where my soul can make merry,
In the North where the shamrock more plentiful grows-
In the counties of Cavan, Fermanagh and Derry,
I'll linger till called to a better repose.
And the angels you give me will find it inviting, 2). To visit the shrines in the Island of Saints,

If they bring from St. Pattick a small bit of writing
They'll never have reason for any complaints.
A soul my dear child, that has pinions upon it, Need not be confincd to a province so small, Through Ulster, Munster, Leinster and Connaught

In less than a jiffy you are over it all!.
Then visit sweet Cork, where your soggarth was born-
Nodoubt many new things have comeinto vogue
But one thing you'll find, both night noon and morn,
As for centuries back there's no change in the brogue.

Good mother, assist me in tbis my last hour, And, soggarth aroon, lay your hand on my head;
Sure you're soggarth for all. and for all you have power,
And I take it for penance for what I have said,
And now since you tell me through 1 reland 1 'm passing,
And finding the place so remarkably small,
1'll never let on to the angels in crossing
That we knew a distinction in counties at all.

## CONSISTENCY.

We read in an Irish-American patriotic paper the other day that England's object in cenquering foreign petty nations is to open up a market for her merchandise. Yet this same paper would throw open the ports of this country to her free trade? When England is not able to open our ports with the sword she employs another method less grating to the senses-gold. She does not put this weapon into the hands of drilled soldiers, she puts it in the hands of editors of papers and repre.
senlative men. Some time ago we read in a paper a tabulated account of the average of European wages, which was about 15 cents a day. In the same paper we have seen a similar account of American wages, which was 60 cents. Now this paper advocates Free Trade, so as to bring us on a level with the Europeans: These papers are the subsidized agents of England and should not be patronized by any mechanic. The wage workers of this country cannot afford Free Trade until they are prepared to descend to English pauperism.
The advocates of this English cry of free trade will say "They cannot come over to build, plaster or paint our houses\&c." But they can send over our clothes, shoes \&c. and these employed in pro. ducing them here would be compel ed to turn plasterers, painter and builders, glutting the market of such trades so that the wages could be brought down to starvation point.

## President Arthur and Respectable Americans.

In speaking of this heading we shall here say that we do not belong to President Arthur's political adherents, but being an Irishman, and believing that the actions which we are about to criticise are leveled at Irishmen or their immediate descendants, we shall ask who or what constitute American respectability !
The Astors and Vanderbilts we presume are ranked as respectable Americans. Who are they? The immediate descendants of fifers and boatmen! Who are the other respectable Amerieans? Are they the descendants of those who, in ages gone by, received a free passage to Newfoundland when it had been a British penal colony? Yes, and it was the descendants of those, or of a like ilk, who assembled in the Brooklyn Academy of Masic a fewevenings ago as representing independent Republicasism for the parpose of opposing Pres. Arthur's re-nomination to the presidency.
These men cannot advance an iota against Pres. Arthur's administration of the office. Why, then, this opposition? Is English gold making its way into this copntry for purposes of this kind? Or has the London Times' declaration that Pres. Ar. thur was the companion of Irishmen of doubtful English proclivities anything to do with it? Or, lastly, is it because Pres. Arthur is the son of an educated Irish gentleman.

Now, the next president cannot be elected without the Irish vote of New York State. If Pres, Arthur does not get the nomination, and by precedent he ought to get it from his party, it being only his second term, without opposition, it is for one or other of the causes enumerated above, in such a contingency the course which 1rishmen should pursue is clear-to cut to a man any other nominee And should Arthurget a nomination to support him to a man-thus showing that Irishmen even have a public spirit.

## THE DUBLIN GAELIC UNION.

Abridged from the Freeman's Journal of Dec. 28.
Yesterday the first annual public meeting convened by the Gaelic Union in the interests of the Irish language was held at the Mansion House at three o'clock pm. In the absence of the Lord Mayor, M P, who is detained on public business elsewhere, the chair was taken, on the motion of the Rev Dr Houton, SFT C, one of the honorary secretaries, by

The Lord Mayoz Elect.
Among those also present were-
Mr Sexton, M P, Mr Michael Davitt, MrHarrington M P, Rev Dr Haugton S F T C, Rev Maxwell Close MRIA, Vice-Pres of the Council, Mr Healy, M P, Mr Meldon M P, Mr Taylor B L, Mr Begg, Mr Sinnott, Mr A Webb, Mr O‘Donnell, Rev W G Carroll, St Bride's, Samuel Brown B L, David Comyn, editor of Gaelic Journel, Vev Mr Hart O CC, Rev Mr Cowley O C C, Rev Mr O'Reilly, Prof Casey.
A number of ladies and a large body of delegates from the Nationsl Teachers ${ }^{\text {© Congress also attend- }}$ ed, so that the Oak Room was crowded.
Rev J E Nolan read the report, which gave an account of the work done by the Union since its foundation in March 1880, and of the extent to which it had already stimulated the teaching of Irish in this country.
The Chairman announced that Mrs W J Doherty Clonturk House had contributed $£ 5$ to the society.
Mr Michael Davitt, in an able address, moved the adoption of the Report, and strongly urged the cultivation and preservation of the national language, and paid a high tribute of praise to the laudable and persevering efforts of Father Nolan.
Mr Webb $\mathrm{T} \mathbf{C}$ in seconding the resolution felt proud of the position which the language occupied today, when compared with its condition fifteen years ago; \&o.
The resolution was put and carried.
Mr Sexton M P, who was received with applause moved-
"That the condition of the Irish Lenguage in the National schools is unsatisfactory and required amelioration."
He thought the Gaelic Union might be congratulated on the importance and representative character of the present meeting. For himself, heregarded it with especial interest and pleasure, not only because he was a member of the Council of the Union, bat because he was a native of a county where Trish was still the current tongue of half the population, and because he represented in Parliament another county where Irish was still the habitual tongue of almost a third of the population. Mr Sexton expressed great hopes for the future of the language, in a long and able speech, and hoped that he and his colleagues in Parliament would be able to get a firm footing for it in the na-
tional schools.
Rev Dr Haughton, S T C D, seconded the resolution, and in the course of a humorous speech, said he fully sympathised with Mr Davitt about the zeal of the Canadians and United States people in cultivating the Irish language, and went on to say,
"It would be a mistake to say of the Union that like one flogging a dead horse, they were striving to revive Irish as a spoken language. They would like to revive it for a useful purpose, for they could never forget that it was a great, a noble, and a grand language. Schclars were determined to review it, and the efforts made by the Gaelic Union and by the Preservation of Language Society of Ireland, he believed, before long would stimulate the Irish universities to take their proper position in the cultivation and preservation of this scientific language, and that before long they would be making rapid progress in a great dictionary of the ancient Irish tongue."\&c. The resolution was adopted,
Mr Heally M P moved, -
That the means adopted by the Gaelic Union in the interests of the Irish Language commend themselves to this meeting, and that the Gaelic Union, therefore, deserves our support:

He said "he rejoiced in being instrumental in the House of Oommons in showing the necessity for the National Board of Education teaching Irishspeaking children in the language of their fathers,' and concluded a vigorous speech with a full hope in the ultimate success of their exertions.
Rev. Maxwell Close said he had very great pleasure seconding the resolution, and said that it was a shame for the Irish people to be so negligent of their language ; that German and Fresch Philologists were more interested in the preservation of the Irish language than the Irish themselves. He urged the ladies to learn the language, saying if they did so it would be an inducement to others to do the same.
Mr Casack then delivered a speech in Irish, after which the resolution was put and carried.
Mr Davitt said he would make a slight reference to the controversy between Dr Haughton and Mr. Close as to the comparative antiquity of the Keltic language. It might be presumptuons for him to interfere when doctors disagreed; but as he beleved entirely with Dr Haughton that the Irish language was spoken in the Garden of Eden, he would quote from a poet to sustain that proposition ;-

When lovely Eve, in beanty's bloom, First met fond Adam's view,
The firt words he spoke to her wereGo ote an madh's ta tu.
(Applause). The last line, when tranclated meant - "How do you do, my dear ?" Langhter.) He (Mr Davitt) had to make a motion-namely, that a subscription should be at once entered into to re-
lieve the Gaelic Union of the small debt it had in． curred．He hoped that not only would the ladies of Ireland organise a bazaar on Patrick＇s Day in aid of the fund，but that the Freeman＇s Journa！ would open its columns for subscriptions．
Dr Casey，in seconding the motion，said he learn－ ed Irish in his boyhood，before he spoke Englisb，and be learned English，Greek and Latin through Irish．
The Rev Dr Haughton said the only cause of debt had been the Caelic Journal，for all other expenses had been paid by the subscriptions of the members．
The motion was agreed to，and a subscription was at once made．

Mr Webb was then called to the chair ；and on motion of Mr Cusack seconded by Rev J E Nolan， thanks were voted to the Lord Mayor Elect for pre－ siding，and the proceedings terminated．

## IRISH MUSIC AND THE LRISH LANGUAGE

An entertainment of a most interesting and at tractive character took place at the Rotunda last night in the shape of a grand concert of Irish airs， given as a complimentary benefit to MrJ O＇Donnell a gentleman who has recently been most success－ ful in his efforts to popularise native music．The room was well filled．Among those present were the Right Hon the Lord Mayor，Mr＇1 Sezton M P the Rev Dr Haughton，F T C D ；Mr W H O＇Sul－ livan，MP，Mr NLynch M P，Rev M H Close MA Prof Mulrenin M R，J M‘Ghee，London ；Mr M Cusack，Rev J Nolan，O DC ；\＆c．The conductor was Mr Brendan J Rogers，and the instrumental－ ists were Mr J O＇Donnell，whose rendering of＂O． Donnell Aboo＂on the cornet gained rounds of ap－ plause，and Mr Owen Lloyd，who played the Irish harp in a manner which showed him to be a mu－ sician of a high order of talent．The ladies and gentlemen who contributed the vocal part of the programme are so well known in musical circles in Dublin that merely to particularise the songs they sang will be sufficient to indicate what a treat was enjoyed by those who were at the Rotunda last night．Mrs Flavelle sang＂The Exilés Lament＂ and＂The Angels at the Window＂，Mrs Moriarty sang＂Eileen Aroon＂in Irisb，with harp accom－ paniament，＂I Saw faom the Beach＂with MrB M＇Carthy，and＂The Minstrel Boy＂：Miss Wind－ sor sang＂Listen．＂Mr B M＇Carthy sang＂Oft in the Stilly Night＂with harp accompaniment，and ＂Tis a Charming Girl I Love．Mr J O＇Farrell sang＂My Native Land＂，and＂Oh，Breathe not His Name：Mr B Leslie sang＂Where＇s the slave so lowly．Messers M＇Carthy and O＇Farrell，Mrs Fla－ velle and Mrs Ward sang＂All the world around＂， and＂Erin the tear and the smile＂．The encores were numerous and well－deserved．
In the interval between the first and second part of the programme short addresses were delivered by Mr Sexton and Dr Haughton．

## New Year＇s Day， St．Teresa‘s Clarendon St，Dublin．

 To the Editor of the Gaodhai，Sir，
In a paragraph of the Gaodhal Vol 3，page 278， you say that the St Patrick＇s Prayer Book of which you intend to present a copy to every dollar sub－ scriber to the Gael，costs one shilling and six pence． This is not quite correct as the book bound in the style alluded to costs two shillings here．If ordered from America it should cost the purchaser about half a crown，expenses included so that a dollar subscriber to the Gael would have both book and periodical very cheap indeed．The confusion in ${ }_{i}$ price is from my first subscriber＇s circular ask－ ng for 13d for each cops ；and finding this would not pay the expenses 1 sent out another circular raising the subscription to 18d，with the proviso that as soon as the book would be published the price would be raised．＇Tis the copies at the rais－ ed price that you have negotiated for．The first edition of 2,000 is all but exhausted．

At page 282 you say＂A large number of our cor－ respondents who organised classes complain that it is so hard to keep them in working order＂．We the Gaelic Union have similar circumstances to contend with．I have not time to enter into details but I would give the advice so cheaply administer－ ed to us Irish by John Bull，＂Self－reliance＂．My experiene may be condensed to this ；classes，asso－ ciations and individuals working for the preserva－ tion and cultivation of the Language，expect too much from central executives．Individuals and associations should work as if nobody else was working for the cause but themselves ；they should be determined to succeed，passing over the foibles and failures of the faltering and the weak．After a while the latter will grow strong by the force of example．Your journal could not contain even an abridgement of the failures，refusals and worse that I have to encounter in trying to advance the cause and yet I go on，and on winning all along the line． I work and the work tells where talk fails．If I did not work how could I have got up，al－ most alone，the public meeting of which I send you the account as reported in the Freeman＇s Journal which has keen most generous of its space to the Gaelic Union：The time spent in＂working up＂ the meeting I offer as an apology to many friends of the movement，in America，readers of your jour－ nal，for my not having attended to their correspond－ ence promptly as I otherwise would have done．

I have more to say，but must stop short here， as I have to be after a few minutes at the Mansion House，to meet my brother officers of the Gaelic Union at the new Lord Mayor＇s inaugural banquet：

Yours very sincerely
J．E．Nolan，O．D．C．
bejo ay Sietjtse faoj，jear for ！
beli mear alw zaeolve

The London Tablet has the following interesting paragraph on the religions statistics of Europe ; Mr. Mnlhall's "Dictionary on Statistics," just published.offers some interesting comparisons with the calculations of Dr Brachelli, as quoted by us some weeks since. We are unable to give Mr . Mulhall's calculations of all the countries of the world, inasmuch as he does not include in his estimates Asia or Africa; but we are are able to comdare the statistics of the two authorities as regards Europe. Thus we find :

|  | Mulhall. | Brachelli. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Catholics | $147,430,000$ | $155,900,000$ |
| Protestants | $75,302,000$ | $79,330,000$ |
| Greek Church | $70,034,000$ | $80,367,000$ |
| Mohammedan | $9,652,000$ | $6,445,000$ |
| Jews | $4,882,000$ | $5,984,000$ |

It will be seen that while the Austrian statistician gives a much higher figure for the Catholies, Protestants and Jews, he assigns a much lower figure to Islam. But as the greatest discrepancy exists with regard to the Greek Ohurch-Brachelli being no less than ten millions ahead of Mr. Mulhallwe suspect that this difference must arise from disc epancies of calculation in the new Balkan States. Another reason for the difference will be owing to the date of the respective returns upon which the tables are drawn on. Thus we flod, as regards the German Empire, the following differences :

|  | Mulhall. | Brachelli. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Catholies | $14,867,000$ | $16,179,000$ |
| Protestants | $25,580,000$ | $26,318,000$ |
| Jews | 512,000 | 561,000 |

Oa comparing these results with the official statisties, just published in Borlin, of the census taken on Dee 1, 1880 we find that they exactly coincide with those given by Dr Bracelli, which indeed profess to be based upon it.
The Catholic population of America is about forty million or nearly one-half the entire population Mexico and South America exclusive of that.

It seems that Mc J Oromien of N, Y. had a conversation with some of the lights of the Irish National League respecting the cultivation of the Irish language some time ago, and that that light told him if Ireland were a nation tomoriow he wou d not be a party to the revival of the Irish language saying "What good is it." Our friend Cromien, who is an uncompromising nationalist-in the broadest sense of that term, appeared to get stomached at such a deciaration by a pretended nationalist, and vowed that he would never again take part "in Irish nationalism if such were the sentiments of "our leaders."
Never mind, friend Cromien, these national as sassins shall take a back seat in the councils of a Free Ireland. A free Ireland would have the law courts \&c. conducted, as at present, in the English language where the litigants do not understand a word of that language! No? The language of a Free Ireland shall be her own language, and the sentiments evoked by its preservation and cultivation are those which will compass that freedom.
P. F. We do not know where the Annals of the Four Masters can be had.
S. O. D. Charleston, S. C. The Gael is as presentable as its income can afford to make it. You bave got it since its first issue, and if you have time to look over "The Sentiments of our Subscribers" you can calculate its income to a penny, except the advertisements and a Five Dollar bill sent by Father Cleary of Millwood to help the movement along Having ascertained its income in this way, go to any publisher and get his estimate for turning out the Gael, folding, addressing, wrapping and mailing the same, and you will find that we have paid for the honor of turning it out. Of course, the fault is not yours. You have done your part, and if one hundredth part of your countrymen did quarter as well as you there would be a different story to tel!. Persevere and they may come up by andby. Look at the list of subscribers in the Gaelic Journal, and the "Sentiments" in the Gael and you have the names of all who take an active interest in the Irish Language movement. You may hear a great many talking loudly in its behalı, but the going down into the pocket to back these protestations shows the sincerity of their actions, No movement can prosi,er withont an organ to keep it before the public-yours is the second Gaelic letter published in the Gael. Please go over it and see if you have fully sustained the sentiments which it breathes. What has it done since to cool your ardor? It was then only tight pages it is sixteen now. It was then a dollar a year. You get two copies of it now for ove dollar. Your neighbor of Mobile Ala., Mr F McOosker sent us the third Gaelic letter, but he is by far the first in its suppors having sent as many as one hundred subscribert up to now.

We cannot suit every one. Some want this class of matter, others that \&c. so that it would be $i \mathrm{~m}$. possible to please all. But those who have the interest of the language at heart will bear with the seeming shortcomings of the Gael, believing that it is doiog its best, according to its light, to promote the object in view, free from selfishness, and will supportit accordingly. Mr S. O. D. do that which we suggested above and we prophesy the reception of your apology in a few days.

The French pushing their way into Asia on the east, the Russians flanking on the west, Egypt and the Soudan on the south, and Patrick Ford with his emergency tactics north south, east, and west. We would not be surprised to hear England appealing to the world for protection in the same suppliaut manner as that adopted by her to the Romans in the sixth century.

Every Irishman should ma'te an exertion to extend s written knowledge of his language. Send, then, the Gael to y ur friends at home for 50 conts a year.


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Sjubal leo＇ra d－кеup




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 215 File＇r Flajci，
Far égre amain an $\tau$－reampo万！

## II


＂＇S Dam 飞á faO bláć，
Wa reojoe majone craonamul＂，＂
＂Nj そ－amla てá，＂
Oo ғнreajajn 5ráó，




＂Na rjojtajó ar blá



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## III

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Far Éme，amain an छ－reampós！
OH ；THE SHAMROCK ：
AIR－＂Alley Croker．＂
Through Erin＇s Isle， To sport awhile，
As Love and Valor wandered， With Wit，the sprite， Whose quiver bright
A thousand arrows squander＇d； Where＇er they pass， A triple grass
Shoots up with dew－drops streaming， As softly green As emerald seen Tho＇purest crystal gleaming．
Oh ！the Shamrock，the green，im mortal Shamrock ！ The chosen leaf Of Bard and Chief， Old Erin＇s native Shamrock ！

Says Valor－＂See，
They spring for me， Those leafy gems of morning ！＂ Says Love＂No，no， For me they grow， My fragrant path adorning．＂ But Wit perceives The triple leaves， And cries，＂Oh ！do not sever

A type that blends Three god－like friends，
Love，Valor，Wit，forever ！＂
Oh the Shamrock，the green，immortal Shamrock ！
The chosen leaf
Of Bard and Chief，
Old Erin＇s native Shamrock！
S，firmly fond
May last the bond
They wove that mora together ；
And ne＇er may fall
One drop of gall
On Wit＇s celestial feather ！
May Love，as twine
His flowers divine，
Of thorny falsehood weed＇em ！
May Valor never
His standard rear
Against the carse of Freedom ！
Oh the Shamrock，the green，immortal Shamrock！
The Chosen leaf
of Bard and Chief，
Old Erin＇s native Shamrock 1

## Wong Fat on Dynamite．

We copy the following from Hood‘s Latest，and if its perasal does not bring the blush of shame to the brow of those who are butted in it it is because they are not susceptible to its influence：We ask the millionaire Irishman if his millions can coun－ teract the effect of these caricatures？Are we jus－ tified in calling them caricatures？The China－ man，who ever he be，＂drove eyery swerd to the hilt，＂
Wealthy lrishman，a few hundred dollars devot－ ed to the preservation and culrivation of the lan－ guage and literature of your country would go fur－ ther towards elevating your social position than if you possessed the wealth of Great Damer．What－ ever your wealth is you are the butt of ridicule，and shall continue so until you remove the cause． You are looked upon now as having received from Eugland whatever measure of civilization you pos－ sess．Show the world that instead of that being the case your countrymen educated not only Eng． land but nearly the whole continent of Europe in the Dark and Middle Ages when they were envel－ oped in total ignorance，and then you will do some－ thing，which the display of costly gems cannot，to maintain your social position among the nations． Your language and literature will do this－
As Loo Fun was in the act of ironing Schonchin＇s spare collar，his celestial eye became glued on the family crest of his Celtic patron－a potato held in the distended jaw bone of an ass，－and beneath it the beautiful Latin quotation，－
＂In mihi jawbonus est me fortuna．＂
The edified ironer remarked to Wong Fat，－
＂Wha fo Ilishman no talkee him own talkee？ Wha fó him talkee Melican man＇s talkee alle time an lite Ilish on him colla．＂
＂Him too smart talkee Ilish so can tell whathim thinkee．Ilishman talkee Melican so no can findee out what him thinkee．Him thinkee alle time how can hit Ohinaman cobble－stene，－how can blow Enlishman to blazee wi dynami．You sabee dyn－ ami，－－allee same powda mill．＂
＂Oh，yeh！me heap sabee powda mill velly muchee．Me cousin him wokee powda mill Beke－ lee．Bossee him say me cousin，＇You tu＇n clank， fillee ba 1 ．You watchee powda，see him no ketch－ ee fi．Him ketchee fi，you come telle me，me put－ tee him on ice．＇Bymeby powda him ketchee fi so quick me cousin him foglet see tellee bossee．Me cousin him so flightened him go up de loof－foglet come down．Bymeby man san Jose findee him shoe，－man Saclamento see him hat．Oh，yeh ！ me sabee powda mill heap well．Likee velly much－ ee get job fo Ilishman in powda mill．Wha fo II－ ishman blow up Enlishman．＂
＂Me tellee you．Ilishman wokee long time for Enlishman，- no good．Enlishman him get fat， dlinka bee，eatee allee day．Ilishman gettee velly tin．Fightee alle time keep wam．Bymeby Ilish－ man say me dam foolee wokee Enlishman．Me blow him up－flighten him life．Me set fidynami．Me ciliee me Numba Won．Ilishman me lite away to Melica，Melican man makee me numba won plece－ man－givee me numba won beat so me hab heap too muchee fan，clubee Chinaman play up－a－seven dlinka bee and sleepee potato sack allee nite．＂



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Warclur aplain
＇Sa クаウajo nomajn！＇s or aro．
Stay leaz，Éme，7c．
We hope that those who do not receive the Gael regularly will notify us by postal card．
New Yorker．－We did not condemu dynamite． We said we did not belong to any dynamite orgarization．That is all．We say now that we do not condemn dynamite or any other Might used against．England to hunt her out of Ireland． We ask，have not the Irish as good a right to apply dynamite to Eagland as the Soudauese have to drive her from their country．By her freefooting expedition is not England guilty of the murder of all the men who have been killed in tue Soudan．Yet we do not hear of a single protest raised agaiast her．Why．Is it because she is powerful．Those，then，who have not con－ demned England＇s actions both before Alexan． dria and in the Soudan have no right to condemn the Irish for using it．We would not like to see it used any where but in this case we cannot see the distinction．

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