

by an American editor of how the present Archbishop of St. Paul, the Most Rev. Dr. Ireland, who was a chaplain attached to the 5th Minnesota Regiment during the great American Civil War, took an active part in the battle of Corinth. The narrator says:—It was in the midst of that battle. The famous Texas brigade had made their desperate charge. The Confederates had succeeded in penetrating the Union lines. They had captured some of the batteries, and were pouring into the streets of Corinth. The gap in the lines was widening. More soldiers were rushing through. It looked as though the Confederates would soon attack Rosecrans' army in the rear, when the 5th Minnesota Regiment was ordered to the rescue to close the gap. They attempted to do so. They threw themselves like a whirlwind upon the enemy. With shot and bayonet they rushed upon the advancing mass, pressing it back inch by inch until at last they re-took the batteries which had been lost, and almost succeeded in re-establishing the line at the point where it had been broken. Just at this time, when the enemy were still crowding and fighting for the gap, the cry went up from the Union soldiers for more ammunition. Many of our boys had used up their forty rounds, and were replenishing their cartridge boxes from those of their dead comrades. It was then that walking amidst shot and shell, came a smooth-shaven, tall, angular young man in the dress of a chaplain. Upon his shoulder he carried a heavy box, and as he walked along just at the back of the soldiers he yelled out from time to time: "Here are more cartridges for you, boys. Here are more cartridges for you!" And so he went along the line, the soldiers reaching back and grabbing the cartridges by the handfuls, and then turning again with new ammunition upon the struggling enemy. And so all through that fight this smooth-shaven chaplain moved back and forth carrying ammunition to the men to whom he had preached only a few nights before. He kept it up until at last, when the evening shades began to fall, the battle closed with a victory for the Union forces. Then it was discovered that the brave chaplain was missing. Father Ireland, for it was he who carried the cartridges to the men, could nowhere be found. The greatest concern prevailed, and almost all thought that his bravery had cost him his life. There was an anxious search among the wounded, when in an improvised hospital on the outer edge of Corinth the young priest was found unhurt, but still at work speaking words of comfort and cheer to the wounded and the dying.

Death Roll of Irish Priests in the States.—The *Irish Catholic* just to hand gives the following list of Irish priests who have recently passed away in the United States. The Rev. Patrick McEvoy died on January 7 at St. Vincent's Hospital, New York City. Father McEvoy, who was about fifty-five years old, had returned from Europe only the day before he died. Father McEvoy was born in Ireland, and pursued his higher studies in Belgium, where he joined the Order of Carmelites. He was on a mission in London for several years, and later was located in Dublin. The Rev. Father William Casey, the oldest Catholic priest in point of service in the diocese of Rochester, New York, passed peacefully away at St. Mary's Hospital, January 4th. Father Casey was born in Limerick, May 18, 1820, being 78 years of age at the time of his death. Early in life he commenced a course of study in theology at All Hallows College, and in 1848 was ordained a priest. In 1855 he went to the States and accepted the charge of the parish at Palmyra, New York, which he continued to hold continuously for forty years. Four years ago failing health compelled him to retire. Since his retirement the aged priest has lived with his brother, Dr. James Casey, at 25 Sophia-street, in Rochester. Besides his brother, Dr. James W. Casey, of Rochester, Father Casey is survived by one sister, Mrs. Bridget Sheehan, of Limerick, Rev. Thomas Walsh, late pastor of the Catholic congregation at Newry, Blair County, Pa., died January 6, of congestion of the brain. He was born in county Waterford, sixty-eight years ago, went to America when 17 years of age, was educated at St. Vincent's College, near Latrobe, and ordained when 25 years old. He had served 43 years as a priest in the Pittsburg diocese, being stationed at Hollidaysburg, Ebensburg, Lilly, and Huntingdon, before going to Newry. He resigned his pastorate at Newry a few weeks ago, on account of ill health, and had since made his home with relatives in Altoona.

A Nun Descended From Martha Washington.—The *Catholic Columbian* is authority for the statement that a descendant in the sixth degree of Martha Washington, a great granddaughter of Nellie Curtis, who was the granddaughter of Lady Washington and the adopted child of the first President, is now residing in New York, a member of a religious community, in which she is known simply as Sister Philomena. She is pictured in the New York press in the garb of a Dominican nun. Her lineage is thus traced: Nellie Curtis married Lawrence Lewis; their daughter Emily married Colonel Edward Butler; their daughter Isabel married Colonel Williamson; and their eldest daughter it is who now wears the religious habit. Colonel Williamson was at one time U. S. Minister to Central America, where his daughters were educated in a convent, and while there embraced the Catholic religion. Later, the eldest one entered a convent in Tennessee and has since devoted herself to the educational work in which her Order is engaged.

WALES.—Catholic Progress in Wales.—Even our Protestant friends have to admit that the Catholic Church is progressing in Wales by leaps and bounds. The *South Wales Daily News*, an influential Nonconformist organ, writing on the subject a short time ago, said: "It will be seen from the following figures, obtained from a report just issued, that Roman Catholicism is gaining ground in Wales. Statistics show that there were 50 years ago in Wales and Monmouthshire, then forming a diocese called 'Apolonia,' 11 Roman Catholic chapels. In the 12 Welsh counties there were only 9 chapels, which were thus distributed among 6 counties—3 in Glamorganshire, 2 in Flintshire, and 1 in each of the counties of Brecon, Pembroke, Carnarvon, and Denbigh. At

present there are 90 Roman Catholic places of worship in Wales and Monmouthshire, making an increase of 79 since 1847; but of the 90, 26 are in Monmouthshire, leaving a total of 64 for Wales proper. In South Wales the number of chapels is 41, out of which there are 22 in Glamorganshire, 4 in Pembrokehire, 2 in Carmarthenshire, and 1 in each of the counties of Brecon, Cardigan, and Radnor. In North Wales, where there were only 4 chapels 50 years ago, there are at present 23 chapels. Eleven out of this number are in Flintshire, 6 in Carnarvonshire, 3 in Denbighshire, and 1 in each of the counties of Merioneth, Montgomery, and Anglesey. There are also, in addition to the chapels, a number of day schools and also the Jesuit College at Treveirchion, in the Vale of Clywd, and the Capuchin monastery at Fantasaph, near Holywell."

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS.

GERALDINE.

THE SPORTS.

THE Committee of the Geraldine St. Patrick's Sports Association are to be warmly congratulated on the splendid success which attended this year's gathering. Until late in the afternoon the weather was beautifully fine; the arrangements made by the Committee were all that could be desired; the attendance of the public was exceptionally large, and everything contributed to make the gathering an unprecedented success. The following is the official list of patrons, judges, and time-keepers, etc.:

Patrons: F. R. Flatman, Esq., M.H.R., A. E. G. Rhodes, Esq. President: R. Y. Ferguson. Vice-presidents: J. W. Pye, J. Murray, R. H. Pearpoint, and Dr. Hislop. Stewards: A. Kelman, J. Broughton, F. W. Worner, W. Beattie, E. E. Tasker, A. P. Barklie, W. C. Christie, F. Naylor, H. W. Moore, J. O'Malley, G. Loudon, J. Kennedy, T. Kingston, and officers *ex officio*. Judges—Running and bicycle races: J. W. Pye, P. W. Fish, R. H. Pearpoint, and A. McLean, junr.; jumping, K. Brophy, J. Slattery, and J. R. Montgomery; wrestling, putting the stone, and tug-of-war, D. Henry, W. Mason, and Austin Lysaght; Scotch music and dancing, J. Murray, R. Skinner, D. McLeod, and A. Fraser; Irish dancing, K. Brophy, A. Lysaght, and T. Connelly; fire brigade events, D. Henry, J. Cow, J. Mellroy, and J. H. Pauling; time-keepers, J. C. Mellroy, W. T. Turner, W. Houston, and C. A. Tabuteau; handicappers, J. P. Kalaugher and D. E. Lewis; starter, B. R. MacDonald; hon. treasurer, J. Farrell; hon. secretary, E. A. O'Malley.

The various events were all well contested, the cycling races, thanks to the presence of some well-known crack riders, being the occasion of special interest and excitement. The Temuka Brass Band and Pipers McKechnie, Murray, Frost, Davidson and Cooper, discoursed appropriate and enjoyable music during the day. The takings at the gates amounted to £50, and there was a large increase this year in the number of members' tickets. The following are the results of the various events:—

PUTTING 16LB WEIGHT—Prizes, L1 and 10s: W. Bradley, 1; — Roddick, 2; A. McKay 3. Seven competed.

100 YARDS MAIDEN—Prizes, L1 10s and 15s: M. Gregan, 1; A. Beattie, 2. Six starters. Won by a yard.

1½ MILES ROADSTER BICYCLE RACE (LOCAL)—Trophies value L1 10s and 15s (first prize presented by Skelton, Frostick and Co.); second by Sargood, Son and Ewing: G. Metcalf, 80yds, 1; G. Southby, scratch, 2; F. Taylor, 20yds, 3. Time, 3min, 42sec. G. Bloomfield 110yds, W. G. Napier 120yds also started. An easy win for Metcalf.

100 YARDS HANDICAP, in heats—Prizes, L3 L1 10s: First heat—T. R. Tindall, 4yds, 1; E. Beckley, 4yds, 2; A. Murray, scratch, 3. Time, 10½sec. D. Fraser, 5yds, also started. Second heat—A. Dunn, 3yds, 1; T. Quaid, 4yds, 2; A. D. Moore, 5yds, 3. Time, 10½sec. C. J. Armstrong, 3yds, also started. Final heat—J. R. Tindall, 1. There was some dispute as to whether Dunn or Beckley was entitled to second place. Time, 10½sec.

BAGPIPE MUSIC (pibrochs and marches) — Prizes, L3 and L1 10s: McKechnie, 1; Murray, 2; Frost, 3. Five competed.

HALF-MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP — Prizes, open orders of L2 and L1 (first prize presented by Austral Cycle Agency Company): Run in three heats. Final heat—Buchanan, 1; Lane, 2; Stocker, 3. Time, 1min 6sec. Buchanan won as he liked.

ONE-MAN MANUAL FIRE BRIGADE COMPETITION (dry) — Prizes, L1 and 10s; A. Fyfe (Geraldine), 47½sec, penalty 1sec, 1; Donn (Ashburton), 48½sec, 2; Roddick (Temuka), 53½sec, penalty 1sec, 3. The other competitors were—Sheen (Temuka), 56sec, penalty 4sec.; J. Kennedy (Geraldine), 57sec, penalty 1sec.

150 YARDS HANDICAP (for boys under 14)—Prizes, 15s, 7s 6d, and 2s 6d (presented by Mr. J. W. Twomey): Gimson, 1; Scobie, 2; Smith, 3. Six started.

150 YARDS HANDICAP—Prizes, L2, L1, and 10s: Run in three heats. Final heat—E. Beckley, 1; T. Tindall, 2; Wall, 3. Time, 16sec.

TWO MILE BICYCLE RACE—Open orders, L3 and L1; J. Orr, 100yds, 1; W. H. Hall, scr, 2; R. Buchanan, 240yds, 3. Other starters—J. W. Jones, scr; W. J. S. Hayward, scr; J. Grant, 30yds; W. Lane, 55yds; C. E. Hall, 60yds; H. Aker, 90yds; A. Stocker, 110yds; H. C. Thompson, 130yds; Thomas Orr, 140yds; G. Southby, 250yds; and G. Bloomfield, 340yds. Time, 4min 52sec. This was a most exciting event, Orr coming up with a magnificent spurt in the second last lap and maintaining his lead to the end.

WRESTLING, Cumberland style, for Youths under 18—Prizes, 30s and 10s: Friel, 1; R. Connell, 2. Nine competed.

HOP, STEP AND JUMP—Prizes, 30s and 10s: R. Orton, 6in (40ft 2in), 1; T. Quaid, 12in (39ft 7in), 2; G. Blisset, scratch (39ft 4in), 3. There were five competitors.