

come after the three C's—Catholic schools for Catholic children under Catholic teachers. These three C's, Father Vaughan urged, should be rubbed like embrocation into the heads of every candidate for Parliament.

'The Dear Little Shamrock'

Andrew Cherry, the author of this well-known song, was the son of a printer and bookseller in Limerick. He was born in 1762, and apprenticed in Dublin to his father's trade; but, becoming 'stage-struck,' joined a company of strollers at Naas. After enduring for some time all the wretched vicissitudes of a stroller's life, he 'returned to reason and the shop,' and remained as his father's assistant for three or four years, when he again determined to follow the stage as a profession, and ultimately achieved considerable success.

That Andrew Cherry was a humorist is evident from the laconic note which he addressed to the manager of the Dublin Theatre, whose breach of faith had occasioned Cherry's leaving the Irish stage. In answer to an application from this manager, after his success at Drury Lane, to enter into an engagement, Cherry wrote:—

'Sir,—I am not so great a fool as you take me for. I have been bitten once by you, and I will never give you an opportunity of making two bites of

'A. CHERRY.'

What the Germans Say

Later German speeches strikingly and strongly confirm the view, as to possible war, expressed in the utterances cited by us last week. According to the *London Tablet*, the well-known General Keim recently addressed the local branch of the German Navy League at Jena on the need of more strenuous diplomacy and of preparedness for war. It was, he declared, no use trying to get through the world in felt slippers. 'An energetic note,' said the General, 'must again be sounded. Anyone who maintains that there will be no more wars in the future is ready for the madhouse. A defeat in a future war would mean for us "*Finis Germaniæ*," for we should then have the whole world against us.'

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'War,' he continued, 'will be the result of opposing economic interests, for all the wars of modern times have originated in questions of an economic nature, and England, our rival in the economic domain, will conduct this war. I fear that our old military superiority is disappearing. The strength of the Army and of the Navy does not alone determine the victory. This is done chiefly by ethical and moral factors.' Only a day or two before this speech was made, Herr Harden, in a lecture at Posen, declared that what Germany most needed was 'strong Ministers who would have the courage to tackle England.' The German people, he said (according to the *Vorwärts*), should leave all internal questions for the moment and direct their energies against England. 'We are not a poor weak nation; we have no need to be so anxious, and have no need to fight shy of settling matters with such a Great Power as England.'

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Solemn High Mass, at which his Lordship the Bishop presided, was celebrated this morning (St. Patrick's Day) at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin.

The Rev. M. Ryan, who resigned the rectorship of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, some time ago, for the purpose of returning to his native archdiocese of Cashel, left for Ireland via Melbourne by the *Ulimaroa* on Sunday afternoon. He was seen off by a number of the local and Mosgiel priests and several lay friends, who wished him a pleasant voyage to the Old Land.

Our readers are reminded that the St. Patrick's Night concert will be held this evening in the Garrison Hall. The programme is one of more than ordinary merit, the committee having spared no efforts in their desire to provide an entertainment that will meet with the approval of the public. The demand for tickets has been very large, and it is in consequence expected that there will be a record attendance at the concert.

Miss Reina C. Gifford, Bluff, gained the highest marks in Southland in musical knowledge (theory) senior grade at the examinations held in December last in connection with Trinity College, London. This honor entitles Miss Gifford to a gold medal, the second medal won in a year, for this fortunate young lady secured the silver medal in the intermediate grade in June last. Miss Gifford is a pupil of the local Dominican Convent.

On last Sunday the members of the Dunedin branch of the H.A.C.B. Society were present at Mass at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, and received Holy Communion in a body, considerably over a hundred having approached the Holy Table. The Rev. Father O'Neill preached a most eloquent sermon suitable to the occasion, explaining the spiritual as well as the temporal benefits derived through being a member of the society, and exhorting all the young men who were not already members to join the society. He expressed his pleasure at the large gathering, and commended the members for their profession of faith, and hoped it would be an edifying example to others—old and young.

The Rev. Dr. Cleary has had a very agreeable time in Uruguay and Buenos Aires. He spent some days in Montevideo, where he was received with great cordiality by the Bishop, the Cathedral clergy, the Salesian Fathers in their great workshop schools, and the Jesuit Fathers who are in charge of the fine ecclesiastical seminary there. From Montevideo Dr. Cleary went inland as far as Colonia, meeting everywhere with the greatest courtesy from the clergy and from lay fellow-travellers. From Colonia he crossed to Buenos Aires, a four-hours' trip by steamer across the great Plata river, which looks like a wide arm of the sea. In Buenos Aires our editor was, at time of writing, the guest of the learned and genial Vicar-General of the archdiocese. Every day was spent in visiting the great educational, charitable, and other institutions with which the city abounds. Dr. Cleary was also fortunate enough to have interesting and instructive interviews with the Minister of the Interior and other members of the Cabinet, a rather unusual favor for New-year time. With the sanction of the Archbishop and the zeal and activity of the Right Rev. Monsignor Ussher, he also formed an agency in connection with the journalistic apologetic work recently taken up by the Australian Catholic Truth Society.

On Friday, March 11, the first annual meeting of the Shamrock Hockey Club was held, the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., presiding. The annual report, which was presented by the secretary (Miss Munro), was as follows:—'In submitting to you our first annual report I desire to congratulate you on the good financial position of the club as disclosed by the balance sheet, on the excellent attendance of members at the practices, and also on the generous response to every call made upon you. The club has given great assistance to the Hockey Association with regard to the hockey art union. I am sure one and all agree with me in giving expression to our gratitude for the assistance as coaches rendered by Messrs. Sims and Jarman. The thanks of the club members are also due to various friends for financial assistance. Last season we did not succeed in distinguishing ourselves, but this year I hope to see the club more successful. In conclusion, I thank you all for the assistance you have rendered me, making my connection with the Shamrock Hockey Club one which I shall be happy to remember. A special word of thanks is due to our president (Miss Heley) and to those young ladies who helped to make our social gathering a success.' The report and balance sheet were adopted. Several letters of club interest were read. It is probable that a match with the *Avoca Ladies' Hockey Club*, of Timaru, will be played at Forbury Park on Easter Monday. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Miss B. Rodgers; vice-president, Miss Heley; secretary and treasurer, Miss M. Munro (re-elected); committee, Misses Power, Laffey, Hefernan, and N. Murray. A suggestion re changing name of club was put before the meeting, and eventually it was decided to call it the St. Joseph's Hockey Club.

The Irish Parliamentary Party

We were informed by cable message on Monday of the deaths of Mr. T. C. Harrington, M.P. for Dublin (Harbor Division), and Mr. J. O'Connor, M.P. for Kildare North.

Mr. Timothy Charles Harrington, LL.B., son of Mr. Denis Harrington, of Castletown-Bere, County Cork, was born in 1851, and was educated at Trinity College, Dublin. He was called to the Irish Bar in 1887. He was for many years connected with newspapers, having been proprietor and editor during the stormy days of the Land League. He occupied the post of secretary to Mr. Parnell for a time, and in recent years was hon. secretary of the National League. He was one of the counsel for Mr. Parnell at the Special Commission of 1888-9, and had been thrice Lord Mayor of Dublin. He was returned unopposed at the recent election.

Mr. John O'Connor, who has represented North Kildare since 1905, was in his sixtieth year. He was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1893. He was M.P. for the South Division of Tipperary from 1885-92.