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THE GIFT OF \$50,000

Endowment of Chair of Gaelic at Catholic University.

RESCUE OF THE IRISH LANGUAGE

Cardinal Gibbons Receives a Check for the Amount Raised by the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Returns Appropriate Thanks—Presentation Ceremonies in the Assembly Hall and a Reception to the Delegates at Carroll Hall in the Evening.

The presentation of the \$50,000 endowment of the chair of Celtic languages and literature was made yesterday afternoon at the Catholic University by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which had collected the money for the fund. The occasion was made one of considerable ceremony and attracted a crowd which filled the assembly room of McMahon Hall of Philosophy. Seated on the platform were the Board of Directors and the Archbishops of the United States, with Cardinal Gibbons presiding. The committee from the A. O. H. consisted of Messrs. P. J. O'Connor, of Savannah, Ga.; President of the order; John C. Weadock, of Bay City, Vice President; James O'Sullivan, of Philadelphia, Secretary; T. J. Dundon, of Columbus, Ohio, Treasurer; and directors, M. F. Wilhere, of Philadelphia; M. J. Burns, Indianapolis; T. J. Mahoney, Omaha; and John D. Murphy, of Norwich, Conn. The local branch of the order sent about fifty members to the university, who were seated with the 200 visitors from Baltimore and Alexandria. The faculties and students of the different colleges and affiliated colleges of the university attended in a body, and many priests and others from the city were there.

The speakers were introduced by Dr. Garrigan, acting rector, who spoke as follows:

Dr. Garrigan's Remarks.

Your Eminence, Most Rev. Archbishops, Right Rev. Bishops, and Delegates, Professors, Students, and Friends:

The occasion which has attracted this distinguished assemblage of church dignitaries and gentlemen prominent in the honorable walks of life from remote parts of the country, is an interesting and significant one, viz., the actual establishment in this university of a professional chair for the teaching and the study of the Gaelic language, as literature and its history, in perpetuity, or while this institution will last.

Four years ago the Catholic Total Abstinence Union, of America, then 40,000 strong, came here, through its representatives, for a similar occasion, and their munificent gift, has associated forever the name of their apostle, Father Mathew, with the life and fame of this university. To-day the Ancient Order of Hibernians, an organization of American citizens, in high repute with church and state, numbering 100,000 members, and spread over this vast republic, is here, through its delegates, to pay tribute to faith and science in their homage to higher Christian education; to show their love for the ancient tongue of the Gael, which holds enshrined in its rich sweet accents, the treasures of that ancient race which was cultured and Christian long before many of the present nations of the world had emerged from barbarism. The occasion is indeed interesting and significant. It is interesting because it means the opening up to scientific study and research fields of knowledge hitherto unknown to our American higher schools; it is significant, because it voices the desire of the people for the highest culture, the broadest learning. The people have built the churches and the schools, and now they enter and equip the universities, introducing true democracy in education. This splendid act of to-day means this also: it is the refutation of a historical lie, which has been transmitted through English literature for 700 years, against a noble, Christian, and intelligent people.

We welcome you most cordially to these halls, distinguished representatives of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. We are proud of your generous act, proud of the spirit that prompted it, and proud also of the promptness and unobtrusive manner in which you have accomplished it. The name of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and this deed, will be inscribed on the private rolls and on the public tablets of the university, and these will tell to coming generations the innate love of the Gael for faith, for fatherland, and for higher education.

He was followed by Hon. P. J. O'Connor, who made the presentation of the fund. Mr. O'Connor spoke of the deep interest taken in the work of raising the endowment for the university, and how the contributions had come from all parts of America, and even Ireland itself, for the endowment of a chair which would preserve to posterity the languages now practically dead.

Accepted by the Cardinal.

Mr. Weadock and Mr. Wilhere also spoke in behalf of their order. The endowment was then accepted by Cardinal Gibbons, who said in part:

Before going further I would call attention to three things. First, to the generosity of this vast number of Americans of Gaelic descent and Catholic faith.

Second. This act of the Ancient Order of Hibernians betrays a spirit of profound confidence on their part, a firm conviction that the solemn invitation of Leo XIII to contribute to the support of the university and the control exercised by the American Episcopate over the entire work, are ample guarantee that the will of the donors will never be frustrated, nor the spirit of their gift violated.

Third. The Ancient Order of Hibernians, in founding this chair, is moved chiefly by sentiments of gratitude and veneration for the past services of the Gaelic tongue. It has by no means the intention of introducing the Gaelic as a spoken tongue. It knows that the great tongue of this country, by marvelous dispensation of Divine Providence, is the English tongue. As loyal and affectionate sons of this mighty commonwealth, the members of the order cling not only to the fundamental compacts of the nation and the States, to the common institutions, and also to the spirit of this country, but likewise to its national tongue and literature. They believe, however, that this does not exclude a pious respect for the history and the civilization of the past among the Gael; for the *insula sanctorum et doctorum*; for their ancestry of scholars, teachers, missionaries, saints, and martyrs. They believe that the Gaelic can be taught, even as Latin and Greek are taught, for academical uses, and they know that it has a most honored place, beside the Sanscrit in the esteem of all modern philologists.

Honor to the Hibernians.

Continuing, the Cardinal sketched the history of the preservation of the Gaelic tongue and literature, complimenting the scholars who had assisted in the work. He concluded by saying:

"Gentlemen of the Ancient Order of Hibernians: You have honored yourselves and your association by co-operating in the establishment of the Catholic University of America. It is the express wish of our holy father, Leo XIII, that all the faithful should give of their means for the work of this highest institution of learning which the Catholic Church possess in our country. And this example of your loyalty will surely be known to him and duly appreciated.

You have honored yourselves in a special manner by contributing to the cause of human-learning, and it is an enhancement of your merit that you chose a department of learning the most abandoned perhaps in the scientific world of to-day, and one which will never bring to you or your children a particle of material benefit. John Blackie, the great Greek scholar of Edinburgh, was prouder all his life for having established a chair of Gaelic in his own university than of all the honor that came to him from his work as a Hellenic scholar of the first rank. And you, too, though you have several praiseworthy objects as an association, will be always able to rank among the most unselfish, and therefore, perhaps, the most far-reaching of your enterprises, the foundation of this chair of the Gaelic language and literature, which I hereby accept in the name of the trustees of the university, and for which I tender you their sincere thanks, with the assurance that it will always be kept up in the most efficient manner.

The money was in the form of a draft for \$50,000 from the Peninsular Savings Bank of Detroit, payable to the order of Bishop John Foley, of Detroit, who is a member of the Board of Directors, and is National Chaplain of the A. O. H. It

was inclosed in a handsome case of emerald green velvet plush.

After the exercises the committee were given a reception by Dr. Garrigan in his rooms at the university. Dr. Shahan, who is a member of the order, made an address on the new chair. It is greatly due to his efforts that the chair was founded.

Reception at Carroll Hall.

The Washington branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians gave a reception last night at Carroll Hall to the visiting delegates and national officers. The hall was tastefully decorated with national flags and the emblems of the order, and the stage was filled with delegates and those selected to welcome them. National President J. P. McConnor, National Vice President J. C. Weadock, National Treasurer T. J. Dundon, National Secretary J. O. Sullivan, and National Directors T. J. Mahoney, N. J. Murphy, N. M. Burns, and Judge Willier occupied prominent positions on the stage, and were introduced to the large audience. The speeches were necessarily brief, as most of the time was taken up in the reception proper. They were all addresses of welcome on the part of the home members and of thanks from the visitors. Several allusions were made to the leading subjects before the Catholic and Irish-American people, and the liberality of the society was spoken of. The speakers were often interrupted by applause. The speakers were President McConnor, Vice President Weadock, Judge Willier, Bishop Foley, chaplain of the order; Mr. Mahoney, and Dr. Shahan, of the Catholic University. A number of the clergy made brief addresses. The gentlemen were severally introduced to those present after the speeches by Messrs. P. Kennedy, C. Shea, D. McKaig, Carr, and Dr. Slattery, the reception committee. After the reception the meeting adjourned to Freund's, where dinner awaited them.

Ans Aug 26

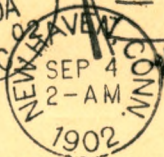
Washington, D.C.

August 23, 1902

Hon. Jas. P. Brew,
Dear Sir and Bro.:-

Enclosed you will find list of officers, elected Aug. 18, 1902, to look after the A.O.H. affairs in the District of Columbia. Allow me to congratulate you on your successful endorsement. I hope to report from time to time the onward progress of the Order in this District.

Yours fraternally
John J. Dolan
Smithsonian Institution.



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Due Sept 40
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Washington, D.C.

Sept. 9, 1902

Hon. Jas. P. Boer.

Dear Sir & Bros.; -

I write for the purpose of receiving from you two or three of the late A. O. H. constitutions, and also rates on bonds of District Secretary and District Treasurer in Bonding Company you are agent for. Hoping to hear from you in a day or so.

I remain yours fraternally

John J. Dolan

321-4 1/2 St. N. W.

1159 Fourth St. N. E.
Washington, D. C.
Sept. 15, 1912

Mr. Jas. P. Bru,
New Haven, Conn. Sept 18

Dear Brother:-

Before attending to
business matters I wish to
thank you again for the card
of introduction which you gave
me to Brother Mc Cafferty of
Victor, Col. The day we visited
Victor I called first on Judge
Knox and he took us to Mr.
Mc Cafferty.

Both gentlemen were more
than kind to us giving permis-
sion for us to see all the per-
tinent workings of the Portland
and Independence mines

and accompanying us
during the whole of our
stay in Orieon.

They tried to get permission
for us to go down into one of
the mines but were not
successful. However we
thoroughly enjoyed what we
did see as it was all new
to us. We were indeed
thankful to them and to you
through whose kindness we
had the pleasure of meeting
Mr. McCafferty.

Now for business. From
the enclosed receipts you will
see that I was right when
I said we had been paying
fifty cents per quarter for
each division of our mail -

very instead of 20 cents as
per Constitution. If you look
the matter up I think your
books will agree with our re-
ceipts.

Kindly let me know how
much in advance we are so
I can report same.

As I expect to have to write
to you again in a few days on
another matter I'll close now
with best wishes for your work
in the future.

Yours sincerely,
Julia T. Parangh.

Am glad my brother had the
opportunity to meet you in New
Haven. I go on for north to
Glennsford Conn - and Albany
N. Y. but not to New Haven.

receipt sent
Nov. 5.

Wash D.C.

2348 Oct 30, 1904

Mr Jas P Breck

Dear Sir
Beloved

Please find check for
\$3.50 for m.d. I have
not received bill but
I know it is due.

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Ancient Order of Hibernians,
District of Columbia.

Washington, D. C., April 13 1903

Mr Jas. P. Bree Nat Sec A.O.H.

Dear Sir & Bro

I enclose please
find check for 2nd Quar Mdse. which
has just been received by me.

Yours Forternally
Jas. G. Myers & T

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A.T. BRITTON.
A.B. BROWNE.
ALEX. BRITTON.

BRITTON & GRAY,
Attorneys & Counsellors at Law,
Glover Building, 1419 F Street, NW.
Washington, D. C.

May 13, 1903.

Hon. James P. Bree,

902 Chapel Street,

New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Brother:-

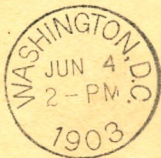
Your favor of the 8th instant, with accompanying blanks came duly to hand, for which please accept my thanks.

All the lists for the directory have been forwarded you.

You know we have only three divisions in the District, and Miss Cavanagh informed me that she had sent the List for Division No. 1, and I forwarded you List for Nos. 2 and 3 sometime since.

Fraternally yours,

Katie C. Corrigan
District Secretary.



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902 Chapel St
New Haven, Conn.

Stewart Bldg.
Wash. D.C. June 4, 1903.

Dear sir:

Your letter of the
3rd instant has been received.
I will investigate the
whole matter thoroughly,
and report at my
earliest practicable
moment.

Respectfully
R. T. Downing

House of Representatives,

Washington, D.C.,

April 20, 1904.

Mr. James P. Bree,

Secretary A. O. H.,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

I have just received yours of the 18th inst. with reference to Connecticut Representatives and Senators, and thank you very much for the work you are doing.

Yours very truly,

W. E. Priscoe

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Division No. 2,
Ancient Order of Hibernians

Washington, D. C., May 6 1904

Mr. Jas. P. Bree,

Sir & Bro:

*I inclose herewith renewal
blank for bonding F. S. and Treas.
Pay and send bonds before 1th inst,
together with bill, to John J. Dolan,
President, to Nat'l Museum.*

Very fraternally,

W. J. McEvoey
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Mr Jas. Q. Brew Nat Sec A. A. S. S.

Dear Sir & Bro

Inclosed
find check for \$3.59 for
3rd Quater mds

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Jas. Q. Myers Treas

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