

SOLID FRONT.

Mighty Gathering of Irishmen at the Great Nationalist Convention.

The United Irish League Is Declared the National Organization.

Assembly Regarded as the Parliament of the Irish People.

EVERY COUNTY WAS REPRESENTED.

From our Irish exchanges we learn that the greatest convention ever held in Ireland was that held recently in the famous Round Room of the Rotunda, one of the largest meeting halls of Dublin. It was a vast gathering of elected delegates from all parts of Ireland, every county, city, town and district being represented, as well as all the popularly elected boards and councils and national and patriotic associations of every kind. There was also a numerous attendance of the Catholic clergy and of the members of the Parliamentary party.

John Redmond, M. P., was unanimously chosen Chairman of the convention, after which letters expressing good wishes and tendering congratulations were read from Archbishop Croke, Archbishop Walsh and the United Irish societies of New York, and notable addresses were delivered by Father Clancy, Canon Shinkwin, Messrs. Redmond, Dillon, O'Brien, Ferguson, Fitzgibbon and others. William O'Brien, one of the founders of the Irish League, was received with loud cheering. His address was listened to with close attention, and elicited frequent outbursts of applause. He spoke of follows:

"Mr. Chairman and brother delegates: It is impossible for any man to face this great assembly of the democracy of Ireland without feeling that this convention represents a mighty, even a sacred national power, before which any man with Irish blood in his veins need have no difficulty in bowing down and in submitting himself to whatever may be the outcome of the deliberations of the wisdom and of the patriotism of this assembly. There is one observation that I should like to make, and that is that to any man who has been forced to take part in the odious Parliamentary controversies of the last ten years the change from that sickening scene to the atmosphere of this convention is like escaping from a sick room, from an infected room, and finding yourself in a place where we feel the free breezes of the Irish hills blowing about us, and where a man can not help feeling how petty, how infinitely insignificant, is any question concerning the individuality of this man or of that man compared with this supreme fact, that we have here again, thank God, practically the whole host of the Parnellites and of the anti-Parnellites of the country—meeting here again, not to reproach one another, not to fight one another, but to pledge our united energies to one more united campaign all along the line for the freedom and for the very existence of this unconquerable old race of ours.

"Now I have never indulged in the hope that this convention could bring us to what is called perfect and absolute unity. It could lead to nothing except disappointment, and quite groundless disappointment, to make the people expect anything of the kind. There never was such a thing as absolute unity in any country. And as long as human nature is human nature there never will be. But what the people may get and what beyond a doubt this convention can insure is the substantial unity and agreement of all genuine Irish Nationalists who have their hearts in this cause, who do really desire to see a powerful, popular organization established in the country, and who desire to have a Parliamentary party, whoever they may be, freely selected and freely elected by the people in every constituency in the country without dictation from Dublin or from that terrible place, Westport, or from anywhere else.

"My friends, let us only succeed in uniting the bulk of the honest Nationalists of the country and you are a match for all the enemies of Ireland. The real obstacle that stood in the way of national unity for the last ten years was not so much the differences of a few members of Parliament, but it was the fact that the spirit of 1890 had created a deep gulf between the rank and file of the Nationalists of the country and had divided great masses of honest and devoted Nationalists into different camps. It was this division among the people themselves this United Irish League, which you are asked to adopt here today, made it its special business to cure, because we believe that if you succeeded in uniting the masses of the Parnellites and anti-Parnellites of the country once more together that the difference of a few gentlemen would cease to be of any great national importance. The whole success of this league so far came from the fact that we refused absolutely to allow the League to be identified with any Parliamentary section whatsoever, and refused point blank to allow any reference to any of them to be made from our platform. What was the result? We have not satisfied everybody. Nobody ever did or ever will. At the time of the split new and evil elements forced themselves to the front on both sides equally. The grabber influence, the rent office influence, the rotten Whig influence—those who had hitherto been obliged to hold down their heads, and to whom unfortunately disunion gave a chance. These gentlemen are not satisfied. They are deeply disgusted, and I am glad of it. Their very breath of life depends upon disunion, upon keeping the country disorganized.

"What I think we can claim is that the League has succeeded in separating the wheat from the chaff. The old Nationalists on both sides, I am proud to say, got the upper hand. The true men of the country, whether in the Parnellite camp or the anti-Parnellite camp, were simply kept asunder by honest political differences, and these men jumped at the chance given them by the League. They agreed to forget and forgive everything that was past, and they came into the movement in their thousands without a shadow of bitterness, and without the old fatal distinction between Parnellite and anti-Parnellite, which was at an end, thank God, forever. That is what I call unity, no matter what anybody may say to the contrary. That unity will accomplish everything for Ireland, and can accomplish everything for Ireland. You already possess substantial unity in the country, you already possess it if the people have the moral courage, moderately and in a conciliatory way, but in a determined way; if they have the courage to guard that unity against the attacks of those—I won't refer to individuals or sections—whose object it is to keep the country without an organized union, a Parliamentary party without discipline.

"The programme of the League is absolutely the only alternative that any human being can suggest, unless with the abandonment of constitutional agitation altogether.

"Then I say to you it is your duty to hold fast by the organization that has been placed at your disposal, and to push on like men. Whoever is with you, or whoever is against you, you will have the consciousness that the flower of the Nationalists of our race, Parnellite and anti-Parnellite, are with us, when the prospects are brighter in every respect than they were when the Land League or the National League was started, and that as this League, even when it was small and weak, was able to defy and defeat the attacks of its enemies in Dublin Castle or outside of Dublin Castle, so it will go on growing in power and in usefulness until without any public conflict, by the mere force of circumstances, it will convert honest opponents, it will silence disunion opponents, and it will convince England that she is dealing again with a body of men who are ready for any sacrifice to deliver this country from English landlordism and from English rule in all its moods and tenors."

The resolutions adopted demand full national self-government for Ireland; abolition of landlordism by means of a universal and compulsory system of purchase of the landlords' interest, together with the reinstatement of tenants evicted in connection with the land war and the restoration to the legal status of tenancy of caretakers and future tenants; the putting an end to periodical distress and famine in the West by abolishing on terms of just compensation to all interests affecting the unnatural system by which all the richest acres of that province are monopolized by a small ring of graziers, and restoring the people to the occupation of these lands in holdings of sufficient size and quality; to insist upon the appropriation to strictly Irish national uses of the moneys at present annually extorted from Ireland for the benefit of England in excess of the contribution stipulated by the act of union, together with such sums as may be economized by a reduction of the present extravagant expenditure upon the royal Irish constabulary and upon the judicial and bureaucratic establishments in Ireland; complete educational equality for the Catholics of Ireland, including the establishment and endowment of an university, in whose benefits they can conscientiously participate; declaring the United Irish League the national organization and calling for other needed reforms.

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FUN FOR ALL.

Who Attend the Picnic and Outing of Sacred Heart Church.

Wednesday Promises to Be the Season's Gala Day at Riverview.

Comely Matrons and Lovely Maidens Will Entertain the Visitors.

MUSIC, DANCING AND FIELD SPORTS.

The annual picnic and outing of the Sacred Heart parish will take place next Wednesday afternoon and evening at Riverview Park, the most beautiful and best equipped summer resort about Louisville, and all indications are that the affair will be most successful. Booths and tables will be erected in shady nooks and corners, and the ladies who will preside at them have worked faithfully and are now prepared to entertain royally the thousands who may attend. Among their number are many of the society ladies of the West End, both maids and matrons, who are determined that next Wednesday shall be the gala day of the season at Riverview.

Tuesday evening a large and enthusiastic meeting was held at the school hall, President Joe Nevin occupying the chair. The different committees made their final reports, which showed that every detail had been perfected for the picnic, and amusements of all kinds are provided for. During the afternoon a number of field sports will take place, including rifle shooting, tug-of-war, foot races, sack races, etc., which should attract much attention. The little ones will also come in for their share of enjoyment, as games and pleasures suitable for young folks will be in evidence about the grounds.

The gentlemen assisting President Nevin are Messrs. Walter Hensley, Joe Byrne, Tom Tarpey, Thomas Clary, Phil McGovern, George Sinclair, John Flynn, Tony Norton, William Patterson, A. Gast and many others, each of whom will have charge of some interesting part of the day's programme.

Great interest is aroused in the race for the prize offered by Father Walsh to the young lady selling the largest number of tickets. Rev. Father Erasmus aroused much enthusiasm at the meeting Tuesday night, and will be at the park to receive visiting clergy and others.

One of the interesting features of the day will be the voting contest to determine the most popular clergyman, who will be awarded a handsome prize. Another novelty will be the introduction of a photographer, who will take pictures singly and in groups of those who desire them.

Sally's band will discourse music in the dancing pavilion, where the young may enjoy themselves to their hearts' content. Among the members of this congregation are many excellent old-time dancers, who have promised their children to show them the beauties of the Irish jigs and reels of long ago. Mike McGrath will officiate as music director, assisted by Pat Stone, Harry Wellington, Will McGrath, Theodore Lynch and George Sinclair.

The ladies will have prepared an excellent dinner and supper for their friends, and at reasonable prices, while the members of the young Ladies' Sodality will preside over refreshment stands. Those who attend should remember that no baskets or lunch boxes are allowed on the grounds.

Miss Annie Carey, who is known as one of the most charming young ladies in the West End, will preside at the refreshment stand. She will be assisted by Misses Gertrude Harrig, Agnes McDonough, Mary Glenn and a bevy of lovely girls, who should draw large throngs to their handsome quarters.

The dinner and supper, which we are informed will embrace several courses and all the delicacies, will be presided over by Mrs. Mike Doerhoefer. She has selected the following ladies to assist her in looking after the wants of the hungry, and their names are a guarantee of real Kentucky hospitality, and a few minutes in their company should put the most "grouchy" man in the best of humor: Mesdames Tom Tarpey, William Patterson, Joe Byrne, Joe Nevin, John Flynn, Tony Norton, Andy Kast, Frank Dugan, J. Tighe, Phil McGovern, John Ryan, Schrader, McGrath and Dettinger. The pretty waitresses will include such well known young ladies as Misses Ella and Bertha Hensley, Nellie Durning, Abbie Kennedy, Lizzie Tarpey, Anna Malone, Mary McDonald, Mamie Burke, Blanche Lawler, Mary Higgins, Edith Maxwell and others.

Children under twelve years will be admitted free, and as a large number of tickets have been sold there should be a large attendance and jolly good time.

QUEENAN-NIELEST.

No social event for a long time has attracted so much attention or interest in Crawfordsville, Ind., as the marriage of James B. Queenan, the well-known and successful traveling agent for J. M. Robinson, Norton Co., who is also one of the most popular young men in the city, and Miss George Nielest, of Crawfordsville.

FEDERATION.

Enthusiastic Meeting of Representative Catholics Sunday Afternoon.

Large Number of Delegates Present Credentials and Are Seated.

Permanent Organization Will Be Effected Next Sunday Week.

IMPORTANT COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

The second meeting for the purpose of federating the different Catholic societies of this city into a union was held at Satolli Hall Sunday afternoon, with a large number of representative Catholics present. In the absence of Hon. Edward J. McDermott, who was in New Orleans, John J. Barrett was called to the chair. In a brief address he explained to those who were not at the previous meeting the reasons advanced by the promoters for the foundation of a Catholic Union in this city.

After Secretary Jenkins had read the minutes and the address issued to the different societies, a motion was made that a Committee on Credentials be appointed. The Chairman named Messrs. John B. Sticker, David O'Connell and Louis Hamel. A short recess was taken to give the committee time to prepare its report. Upon reassembling the committee reported the organizations having voted to affiliate and be represented by the following delegates:

Catholic Club—Hon. Matt O'Doherty, Dr. J. W. Fowler, John W. Jenkins. Knights of Columbus—Rev. Charles P. Raffo, Charles F. Taylor, R. A. Watson, Edward T. Tierney, Walter P. Lincoln, J. J. Fitzgerald, P. M. O'Reilly. The four divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians send the following delegates, all authorized to affiliate: Division 1—James Rogers, James Barry, David O'Connell, William M. Higgins. Division 2—John J. Barrett. Division 3—Pat J. Sullivan, James Coleman, John Cavanaugh. Division 4—John Hennessey, John J. Grogan, Thomas Langan, James Cody, Jerry Hallahan, Thomas Lynch, Joseph Woods. Satolli Council—Richard G. Shanley, William Perry, Harry Coigan. Trinity Council—John J. Sullivan, Jas. B. Kelly, W. N. Gast, Ben Hund, E. J. Bosler, Dr. F. S. Clark. Catholic Knights of America: Branch 4—W. C. Smith, Thomas Peely, Peter J. Dowling, John J. Score, H. D. Wilkes, John D. Rudd. Branch 14—Louis M. Hamel, John Fackler, Michael King. Branch 21—Pat Holly, George Burkholder, John T. Lyons, William Corrihan, Patrick Flaherty. Branch 24—J. F. Brownfield, Patrick Kirley, Joe P. McGinn. Catholic Knights and Ladies of America: Branch 4—James J. Kenealy, John D. Rudd, Miss Mollie Burke. Branch 11—William P. Carey, John B. Sticker, Charles Breckel, Mrs. Lillian O'Hearn. Branch 2—Pat Holly, James J. Coleman, Pat J. Sullivan. Branch 19—Henry F. Stoerr, Thomas Moran, Thomas Moran. Branch 2, which is the largest in the United States, has elected fifteen delegates, seven of whom are ladies. Their credentials will be received at the meeting Sunday week, as will those of many other societies who meet before that date.

Hon. Matt O'Doherty addressed the delegates, telling them that the necessity for such a union as is proposed has long been felt by Catholic laymen. He declared these federations would tend to elevate the moral standard of public life and stop divorce, debauchery and drunkenness. A new and better life to Catholic citizenship originated this movement, which must be kept free from all politics. When its purpose is fully attained the name Catholic will always be the synonym of gentleman.

Rev. Father Raffo made a most patriotic talk that was convincing to his hearers, and Chairman Barrett said the efforts of the promoters of the union had been crowned with success.

Messrs. Charles F. Taylor, Matt O'Doherty, William M. Higgins, James B. Kelly and Pat Holly were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws, to be submitted for approval at a future meeting.

The election of officers was postponed to July 22, in order that those bodies which will affiliate that day for the first time may have a voice in their selection. This will be a very important meeting, and as the future of the union will depend largely upon the officers selected, only the best men, those who have the confidence of the entire community, should be considered for the honors.

An invitation was received to meet with Trinity Council, which was accepted for the near future.

After disposing of matters of minor importance the meeting adjourned to meet at Satolli Hall on Sunday afternoon, July 22.

Mrs. Ann King, a well-known and highly esteemed aged lady of the West End, died Sunday morning from a stroke of apoplexy sustained Friday night at her home, 2208 West Madison street. The deceased had been apparently in the best of health and spent the early part of Friday evening in home amusements with her children. The news of the fatal stroke came as a great shock to her many friends and acquaintances, and her unexpected death caused widespread sorrow.

Mrs. King was a native of Ballintubber, County Mayo, Ireland, but came to this country when a child. She had been a resident of Louisville for more than half a century, and was known for her many excellent traits of character, not the least of which was her piety and charity. Left a widow many years ago, she displayed the chief characteristics of Catholic Irish motherhood. She is survived by two married daughters—Mrs. John Miller and Mrs. John Baron.

The funeral took place Tuesday morning from St. Charles' church, with solemn requiem mass. Father Raffo was the celebrant, while Father Baron, of Tell City, and Father O'Connell, of Jeffersonville, were deacon and subdeacon. The church was crowded with sorrowing friends long before the impressive services began. Among the relatives from a distance were Mrs. P. Brooks McKinnis and Patrick McCormack, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga.; J. J. Lavelle, Rock Island, Ill.; Patrick McCormack, Sr., James Surber and Will King, of Danville, Ky. The remains were tenderly borne to their last resting place by Messrs. John J. Sullivan, James McCormack, Patrick Walsh, Patrick Sullivan, John A. O'Connor and John Smith. A long line of carriages followed to St. Louis cemetery, where the interment took place. May her soul rest in peace.

PRETTY EMBLEM.

Presented to Frank Cunningham by His Hibernian Friends.

Frank Cunningham, who for years was prominent in Hibernian circles before his removal to St. Louis, was given a pleasant surprise at Hibernian Hall last Saturday night. In recognition of his past services and devotion to the order it was some time ago resolved to present him with a handsome emblem, which was to be forwarded to County President Fitzpatrick in St. Louis, who would make the presentation at the County Board meeting in the Mound City.

When it became known that Mr. Cunningham was coming here last week the officers decided to perform the pleasant duty themselves, and with this end in view invited him and the county officers, and members of the Robert Emmet Dramatic Society to meet at the hall Saturday night. County President Keenan presided, while ex-County President Murphy made the presentation speech on behalf of the County Board and the Hibernians of Louisville.

Though taken by surprise, Mr. Cunningham made a feeling but happy response, pledging his fealty to the order in his new field and wishing the Louisville brethren continued success.

Short talks were indulged in by Messrs. David O'Connell, James Dillon, John Mulloy, and several others and many happy reminiscences related. The token was a beautiful emblem of the Ancient Order of Hibernians encased in a handsome gold locket and suitably inscribed. It was one of the most happy events that have occurred for a long time.

REV. JOHN WHITE HERE.

Rev. Father John White, of Baltimore, is visiting here this week, the guest of Rev. Charles P. Raffo. It will be remembered that Father White labored zealously for many years among the colored Catholics of this city, with whom he was so deservedly popular. We are pleased to learn that he is equally popular as well as efficient in his white field of the Lord's vineyard in Baltimore.

AQUINAS UNION OUTING.

The members of the Aquinas Union are busily engaged in preparing for their picnic and outing, which takes place at Fern Grove on Thursday, July 26. Quite an amusing programme has been arranged for the youngsters as well as the old folks by Chairman Dave Burke and the games committee. Two boats have been engaged, and the Union guarantees that all will be well taken care of. Prof. Morbach's band will furnish the music.