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HOME RULE

For Ireland Gaining Ground in the English House of Commons.

Wyndham Resigns and Balfour Ministry Reported in Dire Straits.

John Redmond Says Government Will Not Last Through the Session.

OTHER RESIGNATIONS LOOKED FOR

Premier Balfour announced in the House of Commons Monday that Mr. Wyndham, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, had resigned. In announcing the resignation, the Premier said he had been unable any longer to withstand the appeals of Mr. Wyndham to be allowed to resign. Mr. Wyndham did not believe that he would be able at the present time to support all the labors and anxieties of his great office, but his principal reason for resigning was the fact that the recent controversy, inside and outside the House, had greatly impaired, if not altogether destroyed, the value of the work he could perform as Chief Secretary for Ireland.

The defection of the Irish Unionists was undoubtedly the cause of Mr. Wyndham's resignation and Mr. Balfour's acceptance thereof, the split in the ministerial ranks being such as to threaten extinction of the Government's majority at any moment. The Ulster Unionists did not disguise their joy at the success of the maneuvers to oust Mr. Wyndham, but their happiness, they openly assert, will not be complete unless Sir Anthony P. MacDonnell, Under Secretary to Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, joins his late chief in retirement. Walter Long, President of the local Government Board, is regarded as the probable successor of Mr. Wyndham. John Redmond, Chairman of the Irish-Parliamentary party, in an interview said to the Associated Press:

"Mr. Wyndham's resignation is another evidence in favor of home rule. The Government has tried its best men in Ireland. If control of that country from Downing street were possible some one would have succeeded in adjusting affairs to the general satisfaction. Mr. Wyndham was one of the Government's star men and did his best, but finding that he could accomplish nothing toward reform of the present Irish administration he began to favor home rule. This attitude met with the disapproval of the Ulster men. When taken to task in the House Mr. Wyndham made the fatal mistake of rounding into his pal, which was unparliamentary."

Mr. Redmond also said the Government was very weak, and expressed the belief that it would not last through the session.

Asked at the rising of the House of Commons whether the Earl of Dudley (Lord Lieutenant of Ireland) or others had resigned, Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, amid laughter, replied that obviously he "was not aware of resignations when they were tendered, but only when they had been accepted."

This equivocal statement is held to imply that the tale of resignations is not yet complete, but that Mr. Wyndham will be followed into retirement by the Earl of Dudley, who at the present moment is taking a holiday in Paris, while if Sir Anthony MacDonnell does not resign the new Secretary will probably dispense with his services.

MacDonnell has a powerful friend in Lord Lansdowne and Mr. Balfour's prolonged but useless fight against the Ulsterites to retain Mr. Wyndham is believed to have been inspired by the knowledge that if MacDonnell were sacrificed to Orange rancor Lord Lansdowne also would resign from the Foreign Office.

PRETTY IRISH GIRL.

Miss August Bellingham to Marry the Marquis of Bute.

Miss Augusta Bellingham, daughter of a poor Irish baronet, has secured for her husband the young Marquis of Bute, far and away the richest nobleman in Great Britain. He owns 117,000 acres of agricultural lands, great coal mines, six country mansions, vast tracts of land in Palestine, the Island of Bute, and, most valuable of all, he is ground landlord of the great Welsh town of Cardiff. He inherited \$30,000,000 from his father and his income is in all \$2,000,000 a year. He is devoted to sport and has no taste for society and takes no interest in politics.

WILL MAKE RACE.

Last Saturday leading Democrats from Nelson, Hart, Meade, Breckinridge and Larue counties met in this city and discussed the political situation in the Fourth Congressional district. They decided that Hon. Frank Daugherty, who is serving his third term as County Judge of Nelson county, was the proper man to represent the district in Congress. A

committee that notified the Judge of the action taken received assurance that he would make the race. Five counties in the district are already pledged for Judge Daugherty, and after his formal announcement it is not thought there will be any other candidate. Judge Daugherty is one of the most brilliant young men in the State and would ably represent Kentucky in Congress.

VINCENTIANS

Will Hold Interesting Quarterly Meeting Tomorrow Afternoon.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in St. Francis' Hall at the Cathedral the sixteen conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Louisville will hold their quarterly meeting, which will be a most interesting one. At the last meeting of the Particular Council it was deemed advisable to change the meeting hour from 4 to 3 o'clock, thus enabling the body to transact its greatly increased business and adjourn in ample time for supper. At this meeting the annual reports of the different conferences will be read, and we are assured they will contain much that will be of special interest to the members at large.

Judge Matt O'Doherty has accepted an invitation to address this meeting, and the Particular Council therefore urges a large attendance from all the conferences, not only for the spiritual benefit each will receive, but for mutual edification and encouragement, as it has been wisely said that these quarterly meetings are a most efficient help in the upbuilding of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Speaking to the Kentucky Irish American an officer prominent in the St. Vincent de Paul Society says:

"I wish you would also call attention to the usual annual donation that each conference makes to the New York Superior Council to assist in defraying the expenses which are incurred by that body in doing the work of the whole society under their supervision. As you are aware, not a cent of the society's money is paid to any member of the society, no matter what the service rendered, and the expenses incurred are for absolute incidentals, such as printing the annual report, stationary, etc. This is also the time to renew our subscription to the St. Vincent Quarterly. The subscription price is fifty cents a year, and the magazine is entirely devoted to the works of our society. It is most ably edited; the articles are of the greatest merit and are contributed by men whose names have become national in the work of the St. Vincent Society. All members should become subscribers if they are not already so, and let us send this year a subscription list that will be a pride to our society in Louisville. The magazine should be in the hands of every Vincentian, as then we will be kept familiar with the great works that are being done by our society throughout the world and in which, as members, we participate."

Members should remember the hour of the meeting and be present at 3 o'clock.

ELABORATE

Musical Programme for March 17 at St. Patrick's Church.

Brilliant and impressive services will mark the celebration of the feast of Ireland's patron saint at St. Patrick's church next Friday. Very Rev. Vicar General Cronin will be the celebrant of the high mass, and it is hoped our Right Rev. Bishop will be able to occupy the throne and witness the ceremonies. Always on this occasion an able sermon is preached on the life and works of St. Patrick, and the same precedent will be followed this year. An elaborate musical programme has been arranged for the choir by Director William Hodapp and Prof. Leo Schmitt, the organist. The choir of St. Patrick's, one of the best in Louisville, assisted by leading members of the various Catholic choirs, will render Haydn's Third Mass, following by the programme in full: Prelude—Triumphal March.

Dolby-Flager Kyrie.....Haydn Gloria.....Haydn Veni Creator.....La Hache Trio, soprano, tenor and bass. Credo.....Haydn Offertory—Inflammatus.....Rossini Soprano, solo and chorus. Sanctus.....Haydn Benedictus.....Haydn Agnus Dei.....Haydn Postlude.....Irish melodies

HAVE NEW HALL.

The County Board of Directors of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, who will leave their present quarters at the end of this month, have under consideration propositions for several halls, among them a nice one in the new Hopkins Theater building, which many members hope will be accepted. The decision of the board will be announced next week.

LOSS TO CITY.

By the death of Moses Levy, who was stricken without warning at an early hour Wednesday morning, Louisville sustains the loss of one of her foremost citizens. For fifty years he has been an important factor in the city's progress. His public and private life were ideal. Moses Levy was a charitable man and in this respect never drew the line at race or creed. His death caused a feeling of gloom to pervade the whole city.

READY

Are Hibernians for St. Patrick's Day Initiation and Banquet.

Sons of Erin Make a Record That Will Stand For Years.

Members Will Receive Holy Communion Tomorrow at St. Patrick's.

ELOQUENCE AND WIT AT BANQUET

The eyes of Irish Catholics all over the country, and especially the Hibernians, are today turned upon the city of Louisville and its four divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. This has been caused by the work they have been doing since the beginning of the year in the effort to increase the membership of this greatest of all Catholic national organizations to 200,000 in the United States. How well they have succeeded will be demonstrated St. Patrick's day, when the degrees of the noble old order will be conferred on about 500 of our best citizens, representing the professional, mercantile and mechanical life of this city.

Irishmen everywhere hold dear the memory of Ireland's greatest apostle, St. Patrick, and the celebration in Louisville in his honor will be one that will in many ways surpass any ever attempted since the formation of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, over three centuries ago. The first act in this great celebration will occur tomorrow morning at St. Patrick's church, when the old members and members-elect will approach holy communion in a body, thus preparing themselves in a proper manner for the observance of the ceremonies that will follow on St. Patrick's day, when the big initiation and banquet are to take place.

For the past two months the degree team, guards and choir have been preparing for this St. Patrick's day event, and the initiation will be one never to be forgotten. The ceremonies will be held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Sixth and Walnut, the only available place large enough to meet the requirements of the occasion. After the conferring of the four degrees an adjournment will be taken to the banquet room, for which an elaborate menu has been prepared. Here a rare treat is also in store for the sons of Erin. National Director George J. Butler will preside as toast-master, and between the rendition of Irish and American national airs will introduce the speakers, the principal ones being National Secretary Carroll, Newton G. Rogers, Judge Matt O'Doherty and Thomas Walsh. The initiatory ceremonies will begin promptly at 8 o'clock, and members and candidates are therefore urged to assemble as early as 7:30 in order that all may be assigned their places and avoid any delay. There is no more instructive or impressive ritual than that of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and its exemplification will be the most elaborate ever witnessed in the Western or Southern States. In order to avoid confusion and to enable the committee to make ample arrangement for the large number expected to attend the banquet each of the divisions has sent its members cards which they should fill out and return not later than Monday. Members may, however, secure their banquet tickets from the Financial Secretaries at any time before Friday if they desire. The candidates will receive their's at the close of the initiatory exercises.

Too much praise can not be given John Malloy and the County Board of Directors, to whose untiring efforts the success of the coming notable celebration is largely due. Without any flare of trumpets or unseemly display they and their brother members have arranged for an observance of the feast of St. Patrick that reflects honor upon his descendants in Kentucky and greatly strengthens the Ancient Order in Louisville. Let us hope this is only the beginning of the union of all persons of Irish descent in our fair city, and that we will never have wrested from us the commanding position we will assume on this St. Patrick's day.

MOURN HER DEATH.

Mrs. Mary Boyle Featherstone was buried from St. Brigid's church Thursday morning, solemn requiem high mass being offered by Rev. Father Hugh Connelly. Deceased was one of those rare characters seldom met with in these times, who in life held nothing dearer than her faith, and one who, in the great depth of her devotion, suffered privations for the sake of her religion. Always cheerful and happy, she was courageous where others flinched. No braver soul ever went forth to meet the dread conqueror. She was born in the County Roscommon, Ireland, sixty-five years ago and early emigrated to America. To the old residents of Louisville she was well and favorably known. Mrs. Featherstone attended the first mass that was offered up in St. Brigid's, of which parish she was a life-long member, and was among the first to subscribe for the Kentucky Irish American. This is but a meagre sketch of a life full of good works and merit. Her funeral was attended by large numbers of sorrowing friends, the

church being thronged to the doors. She is survived by three children—John Featherstone, of the Cumberland Telephone Company; Miss Margaret Featherstone, of this city, and Thomas Featherstone, of Mexico.

HAPPY NIGHT

Promised For Members of the Hibernian Ladies' Auxillary.

Next Wednesday night the Hibernian Ladies' Auxillary expect to have a jolly time at their meeting, when they will confer the membership degrees on a class of about fifty. The business session will be a short one, in order that an interesting programme may be carried out at the social session that will follow the initiatory ceremonies.

Miss Mary Sheridan and the ladies of the Literary Committee have prepared for the rendition of choice vocal and instrumental numbers and several timely and appropriate addresses will be delivered. A pleasing and enjoyable feature will be the dainty collation, to which all members of the auxillary are cordially invited. These ladies say they are out for a good time, and it is needless to say they are entirely deserving of one.

RADICAL CHANGE

Proposed in the Term For Officers of Mackin Council.

Mackin Council held a well attended meeting Friday night with President Kerber presiding. An amendment to the law was submitted making officers elective for indefinite terms instead of two, and much discussion is almost certain to result. It has been the custom to honor faithful officers with re-election, and the amendment will not be adopted without a hard fight, as many have expressed themselves in favor of the law as it now stands.

After the initiation of Louis Kinella and Alfred Fritz the Social Club made its report, turning into the treasury a handsome sum of money and awarding the bachelor crowd the prize offered for the largest attendance. Prof. Keiffer reported rules for the gymnasium which were adopted. John Shelley, Richard Wetzel and Frank Adams were nominated to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee, the election to take place at the meeting next Monday night.

RECENT DEATHS.

Walter Niehoff, twenty-two years old and employed by the Bray Clothing Company, died Sunday afternoon at the residence of his mother, 522 East Breckinridge street, after an illness of only two days. The funeral took place Tuesday morning from St. Mary Magdalene's church.

Sincere sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eckert, 531 West Market street, who suffered the loss of their bright and handsome infant son Tuesday morning, his death following a very brief illness. The funeral took place Wednesday, when the remains were tenderly laid to rest in St. Louis cemetery.

Cornelius Fitzpatrick, an old and highly respected member of St. Patrick's congregation, died suddenly Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Patrick O'Connor, 1648 Tyler avenue. Though he had been complaining for several months he was always able to be about, and his unexpected death shocked his friends. His funeral took place Tuesday, the interment being in St. John's cemetery.

James Conlen, one of the oldest railroad men in this section and for over forty years with the Pennsylvania system, died Monday night at his home in Jeffersonville. He was born in Ireland, but came to Jeffersonville while a youth and had lived there ever since. His funeral took place Wednesday morning, Father O'Connell officiating at the mass of requiem. Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Oscar Johnson and Miss Maggie Conlen, and four sons, Edward, James, William and Ernest Conlen.

The funeral of Mrs. David R. Musselman last Monday morning was the largest seen at St. Mary's church for several years. Rev. Father Westerman was the celebrant of the high mass of requiem, and in the funeral sermon spoke feelingly of the exemplary and Christian life of the deceased, who never failed to make happy those about her. Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Miss Katie Musselman and Mrs. William Callahan, and six sons, Arthur, Lawrence, Clarence, Martin, Lee and James Musselman, all grown. Mrs. Musselman was one of the pioneer members of Mary's church.

CARDINAL A PEDESTRIAN.

Cardinal Gibbons is a fervent advocate of pedestrianism as a means of prolonging life and of adding to health and vigor. His Eminence has passed the allotted span of life, yet he does a ten-mile tramp almost every day of his life, only denying himself when the weather is most severe. To Baltimoreans he is a familiar sight out for a jaunt, but strangers generally are astonished when told that the diminutive man, without one single exterior sign of his dignity, is the illustrious churchman and scholar. He usually walks alone, and it is a token of marked favor to be invited to join in his rambles.

BISHOP SPALDING

Declares That Socialism Is a Visionary and Un-American Scheme.

Labor Unions Educate Men and Are Making Them Think.

The Strike a Dangerous Weapon and Often Cuts Both Ways.

WHERE THE CAPITALISTS OFTEN ERR

We are a practical people, and this practical bent, based on common sense, will enable us to settle the labor question. The earth was not formed by cataclysms. A sudden revolution would not cure, but intensify the evil. We are rightly dissatisfied with conditions that make men work to a degree incompatible with the development of the higher life. We see thousands doing work that degrades and prevents all improvement, and we say that this can not last. We have been carried away by the mercantile spirit. We must settle this question in obedience to the fundamental laws of our nature. I look upon Socialism as out of the question. Those who want a swift settlement are fascinated by Socialism.

Socialism is an impracticable scheme. It has failed in small communistic societies. All of our support as a civilized people comes from the home, and except from the home the higher life can not arise. In Europe there may be some excuse for Socialism; there is none here. Americans do not want to live where a man can not own his home, can not hold property of his own. The thirst to be somebody, not one in a herd, is in our blood. Without capital we can not organize great industries or develop a country so vast as ours. Rich men and cities are necessities. Cities of about 100,000 would be ideal. Great cities are an evil, but an inevitable one. It is in the great centers that the labor problem becomes acute. Labor and capital are allies. The laborer needs the employer and the employer needs the laborer. They should work in union. Organized labor is necessary just as organized capital is necessary. The vast improvement from starvation wages in England, from unsanitary conditions, from the labor of women and children, is due to the labor unions. They have educated men by bringing them together and making them think. I believe if there were no unions today men would be forced back to starvation and degradation.

The strike is the one great weapon of labor. Without it there is no means of redress. But it is the most dangerous of weapons, for it cuts both ways. It hurts the laborer more than the capitalist, for he is less prepared for it. The strike demoralizes the laborer. Idle, discouraged, bitter, brooding, he easily becomes the victim of drink. His wife and children suffer. A great strike involves a loss of millions, degrades thousands, breaks up homes and leads to intimidation and violence. In Pennsylvania we listened to over six hundred witnesses. There was a great deal of violence. Towns were in a state of terror. What can the strikers do but put out pickets, and that leads to intimidation.

We can not settle this question unless we bring social feeling and good will to it. God is the father of us all. We are one family. This has been wrought into us. It is not the law of nature which is the survival of the fittest. Strong nations crush weaker ones and we Americans have been doing the same thing. It is only through education that we learn that we have one Father to whom we are all responsible. He alone is a real man who is of help to his fellow-man. If we are to arrive at a means of settling the labor difficulties there must be brought about a feeling not of hate, but of good will, fraternal feeling. Why should not the captain of industry feel in his employees the same pride that a captain of soldiers does in his men? Why should the employer not trust and love their captain as the soldiers do their leader?

The great trouble in mines is with the foremen. When the men come to complain the foreman sends them away or punishes them off or lies to them. The men feel there is no justice and no redress. I have never seen it fail that if you listen to the men and be interested they will go away satisfied. After five months' investigation of the mining trouble I brought away a more profound respect for men. They are often the victims of misunderstanding, but there is in every one of the element of good. Take hold of men from the side of their virtues, not of their vices. Take a man as he ought to be and he will say, "He trusts me and I will not betray him."

The union makes possible an understanding between capital and labor. Trade agreements are made between them that work pretty well. If the unions violate these they lose the confidence of the public and disintegrate. The unions are not always wise. The wisest men are sometimes foolish. How then can we expect uneducated men always to do the wise and right things? There have been very foolish strikes in

New York and Chicago. Business was stopped and the burial of the dead interfered with. These men made themselves ridiculous and hurt union labor. I think the Socialists stir up these troubles. They look upon the union men as half-witted, and go into unions to use them. They want an overturning.

Labor leaders with whom I have talked all denounce the sympathetic strike. Not 50 per cent. of the strikes succeed, and then only at great cost. A strike is not a frivolous thing, and frivolous men should not be allowed to lead men who are working for wife and children. The union is bringing the shorter day. The shorter the working day at the same wages the better. It does not lead to the saloon. Compens says that such is not the result. The men give more time and thought to their home. If they work till tired out they go to the saloon for invigoration.

What is the solution of the labor problem? Get rid of the mercenary spirit. A man may have millions and be a thief or a miserable wretch. The best people I have ever known have been, first, women, the wives of workmen; then laborers; more than any other they have revealed God to me. It is evil and foolish talk of employers and some newspapers in denouncing labor and of labor in denouncing employers. Employers have their hard times. Almost 90 per cent. of enterprises fail. Failure is often staring them in the face. Money is a great food; it gives independence. But intelligence, a living heart, a pure conscience, virtue, are better.

BACK TO FRANCE.

Carthusian Monks Will Make Chartreuse on Larger Scale Than Ever.

The Pope has just given permission to a number of Carthusian monks to return to France and engage in the manufacture of the Chartreuse cordial as laymen. Since the sale of the secret to an English company the French Government has consented that the monks return to Grand Chartreuse, near Grenoble, and resume their business, which brought large revenue every year in the shape of taxes to the Government treasury. It was the Carthusian order which for more than twenty years practically supported the French National College of Santa Chiara in Rome for the education of the French clergy, and the loss of revenue consequent upon their failure at making their famous cordial in their Spanish retreat would have entailed enormous loss to the college and to other French institutions throughout the church. The organization of the new English company will give the monks \$3,000,000 for their secret, mostly in shares, from which they will be able to obtain yearly dividends equal, or at least not much inferior, to the income they derived from the manufacture of their famous cordial.

Assurances have been received from France that the Government will no longer interfere with the pacific occupation of the members of the order, provided they comply with the provision of the association laws. It is proposed, with the assistance of the new company, to engage in the manufacture of the liquor on a larger scale and to establish a more extensive plant near Grenoble with all modern improvements for the production of high grade brandy, which is the principal constituent of the cordial.

DISPENSATION.

Pope Grants Unusual Request on Account of St. Patrick's Day.

At the personal request of Archbishop Farley, of New York, the Pope has granted a special dispensation from abstinence to all the Catholics of the United States who are to attend celebrations and banquets on March 17, St. Patrick's day, which this year falls on Friday. The Pope was informed that President Roosevelt had accepted the invitation of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick on that day and that for the occasion many of the church officials would be present at the banquet, and therefore granted the rather unusual dispensation. This, however, is not universal to all Catholics, but restricted to those who, by reason of their office or position, have to attend banquets or celebrations in honor of the Irish saint on March 17.

BETTER IN HEALTH.

Roger G. McGrath, the popular Secretary of the Board of Public Works, and his estimable wife are home after a two weeks' visit at West Baden Springs. Mrs. McGrath has for some time been in poor health, and her many friends will rejoice to know that she returns greatly benefited by the trip. James Mackey was the acting Secretary during Roger's absence, conducting the affairs of the office in a most satisfactory manner.

SUCCESSFUL.

Notwithstanding the short time to arrange a programme and advertise it, the Robert Emmet anniversary celebration given by the Ladies' Auxillary, A. O. H., at Lewis Hall, last Saturday evening, drew a fairly large audience. The lecture by Attorney Thomas Walsh and the musical programme were well received. Mrs. Joseph Cunningham, Miss Virginia Barrett and Miss Mamie Keenan, the committee in charge, deserve praise for their successful management.

FEDERATION.

Enthusiasm Manifested in New Orleans Greater Than Anticipated.

Immense Gathering in French Opera House Hears Eloquent Addresses.

Executive Board Pleased With Action of the Last Congress.

ARCHBISHOP CHAPPELLE WELCOMES

The greatest Catholic event of recent years in New Orleans was the meeting this week of the National Executive Board of the American Federation of Catholic Societies, which was attended by church dignitaries and prominent Catholics from all parts of the United States. Sunday night there was an immense gathering at the French Opera House, where the enthusiasm was far greater than had been anticipated. After music by Mar's orchestra Dr. Menville, President of the Louisiana State Federation, called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered by Archbishop Messmer, and then Archbishop Chapelle stepped forward and in an able, eloquent and encouraging address welcomed the Catholic Federation representatives to New Orleans. W. J. Wagnespach delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the Catholic laity. Then followed speeches by Archbishop Messmer and Bishop McPaul, founders of the federation movement, and National President Minahan, dealing with the work accomplished and problems still confronting American Catholics. The Papal benediction was given at the conclusion of the meeting by His Excellency Archbishop Chapelle.

Monday the National Board met in executive session, and the following is a brief summary of its deliberations: The national convention will be held in New Orleans October 10 next.

The committee condemned the meddling of unauthorized individual action in certain matters affecting Catholic interests—especially as pertaining to Indian affairs—and expressed satisfaction on the defeat in the House of Representatives of the Bard amendment.

The assignment of Filipino students to educational institutions in this country by the Government under the direction of the Secretary of War was highly commended and measures taken to keep in touch with action in this regard.

The suggestion of His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, referring to the Congo Free State question, was carefully considered and a committee appointed to take the subject in hand.

The board emphasized the constitutional provision that in matters affecting national Catholic interests the Executive Committee and Advisory Board are the only authority empowered to speak or act for the federation, and that the same rule applies to State and county executive boards in all State and county matters.

The committee highly commends the work undertaken by Rev. J. Wynne, S. J., and his associates in the publication of a Catholic encyclopedia.

Archbishop Chapelle was elected a member of the National Advisory Board. Committees were appointed in conjunction with the local committee to arrange all details for the next national convention.

Dr. J. W. Fowler, of Louisville, representing the Kentucky State Federation, is a member of the National Executive Board, and his report will be awaited with interest. With others from this city he remained in New Orleans to witness the Mardi Gras festivities, and therefore arrived home too late to be interviewed for this week's issue.

GREGORIAN CHANT.

Papal Rule Regarding Its Enforcement to Be Modified.

The Pontifical Commission, which was formed at the express wish of Pius X. to carry on the work of reform in church music, has just submitted to the Pope a request to exempt from some of the rules contained in the Papal decree issued last year several countries throughout the world, among them the United States. The principal provision of the Papal decree, against which many objections were raised at the time it was issued in many parts of the world is that absolutely excluding women from church choirs. The commission has just found that such a measure is impracticable in many countries, and if carried out it would cause much hardship.

ARTISTIC RECITAL.

Miss Anita Muldoon and Miss Hattie Blush will give a recital at the Woman's Club on Monday evening, April 24, at 8:15 o'clock. It will be one of the most artistic and most brilliant affairs of the post-Lenten season, and will be especially interesting in that most of the programme will be made up of manuscript music. Two unpublished songs by Miss Mildred Hill will be among the numbers.