

The National League Badge.

We have great pleasure in giving a more extended notice of the beautiful badge, designed and patented by our fellow citizen, Mr. Charles H. Scanlan of this city, for the use of the members of the Irish National League, a slight notice of which appeared in our columns of the 6th of November in reporting the meeting and proceedings of the Irish World Branch, Irish Nation League, held in Irish American Hall the previous evening.

Its unanimous approval and adoption by the members of this progressive and leading branch in this city foreshadows in a great measure the action that will be taken by all the other branches in this State when submitted to them for approval, and its ultimate adoption by the Grand Council of Irish National Leaguers, which meet next year, the leading members of which are in hearty sympathy and accord with the designer of this badge.

The badge is intended to perpetuate that patriotic feeling of nationality which had its rise in the volunteer movement of 1782, and which wrested an independent Parliament for Ireland from the hands of an unwilling government, to unfortunately culminate in 1800 by the infamous act of union engineered by the notorious Lord Castlereagh, then one of the leaders of the English government, and for whom no work seemed too dirty in connection with the degradation of his native land.

As the former notice may have escaped the observation of those for whose information it was written, we shall give our readers the particulars in a more comprehensive form. The badge is in the form of a shield, with the American eagle, with wings extended, forming the apex. Underneath are the words "Irish National League, spirit 1782-1883." On the left hand is the bust of the immortal Emmett, representing the undying spirit of 1782, whilst on the opposite side, and connected by two hands clasped, is the bust of Hon. Charles S. Parnell, surmounted by an elegant Irish harp. At the base is the uninscribed tomb of the murdered Emmett, with the allegorical picture of the phoenix rising from the ashes, representing the spirit of 1883 in its aspirations to rise from the ashes of English slavery to that of an independent nation. In the centre stands the bust of Michael Davitt, the hero of the English dungeons, pure patriot, and founder of the League. The whole forming a beautiful and elegantly designed badge, which needs but to be seen to be fully appreciated by all true lovers of Ireland.