

without a bump. The wheel was left at the beach office until it could be carried away.

#### Gaelic League Feis.

In the dance pavilion the Gaelic League visitors gave an entertainment afternoon and evening for the benefit of the United Irish Societies of Newport, under the title of a Feis. The audience in the afternoon was not large, but in the evening it greatly exceeded the accommodations which had been prepared. The beach management, however, soon provided all the seats required. A large platform had been erected in the centre of the hall, and on this sat the principals for the entertainment, while others appeared from the audience in true Gaelic form, though, in this case, of course, the response of the talent was arranged rather than spontaneous.

Mr. Fionan McCullom acted as master of ceremonies, and had a way of producing laughter even when speaking Gaelic, which comparatively few in the audience could understand. He described the work being done by the Gaelic League in Ireland and explained at the outside of what an Irish Feis consists.

There were Gaelic talk, Gaelic stories, Gaelic songs and Gaelic dances. Shaun O'Noian of Boston, an Irish piper of merit, performed in a creditable manner. Mrs. K. E. Holland played on the piano, in lieu of a harp. Miss Halpin played the violin, and Dennis Collins played the flute. Other participants were Miss Annie Driscoll, who sang a soprano solo; Fionan McCullom, who gave a song recital, and Miss O'Brien, who delivered a lecture on Irish folk dancing, illustrations for the two last named being given by Miss Berde Sullivan, Miss Donnelly, Messrs. Patrick Lyons, Patrick Kelly and Michael Murphy, and Miss Halpin and Messrs. McGillcuddy and Bradley. Harry Wilson played the violin and Miss Anna Cassidy sang a ballad. Miss O'Brien said in part:

#### A Cairde:

So beirtear in mhór an t-ádh a éiríonn ré oim, an oiread ran daoine de Clanna Gaibéal a d'éiríonn bailte i dtuaisce éile ango.

Cómháda iad é, saé marb ara fion ríon na nGaibéal fa chn reo, aó go bfuil rí go beó bfuíon, aóar le congnaí Dó ir aó bopraó ir aó bual i dtuaisce, a beó ré é is aó la.

"I bring a message of greeting from the Gaelic in Ireland and from the great Gaelic Leader, Dr. Douglas Hyde to our many friends and supporters in Newport. The Gaelic League is neither sectarian nor political in its membership, but is concerned solely with the preservation of the characteristics of Irish nationality, including our language, our music and dances and our customs. The Irish language is the most distinctive mark of our nationality. It is now being taught in over 3,000 of the primary schools in Ireland, in all the universities and is nearly all the colleges. The Gaelic League is also working to promote Irish arts and industries, and I hope all of you will visit our little traveling exhibit of these, which will be held at the beach during the afternoons of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, after which we are leaving Newport.

"I am very thankful to the press of Newport and to the management of the beach for the assistance they have given us in interesting the public in the work of the Gaelic League. I am very pleased to find in Newport so many members of the Gaelic Alliance, the international association founded to help the Gaelic League in its campaign for an Irish Ireland as opposed to an Anglicized one, which would be merely an imitation province of England. Our representatives a few days ago were handed subscriptions by Rev. Father Mennan of St. Mary's and Rev. Father Reddy of St. Augustine's and others. I shall be glad if you can get more new members for

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the Alliance here. The subscription is \$3 a year, which may be either given individually or collected.

In response to Miss O'Brien's appeal it is understood that some of the audience handed in their names for membership and subscriptions, including Miss Storer and Mr. P. J. Baggot.

The entertainment was highly satisfactory, both because of its financial success and the merit of the performers and the recollections which were refreshed. To many persons the entire performance was a decided novelty, but those who can look back a few years right in Newport spoke with regret that the good old times of the past, where such entertainments, though perhaps on a smaller scale, were quite common, are no more. The occasion attracted visitors from Providence, Fall River, New Bedford and other centres.

#### Notes.

After the evening show Starrette's Country Circus rolled up its outfit and was carted away for transportation to the next show place.

During the afternoon four swimmers who had been rowed over to the Forty Steps came in through the surf, having negotiated the short swim safely.

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