

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Next Sunday afternoon St. Patrick's and St. Ann's T. A. & B. Societies will hold their monthly meetings.

The Forty Hours' devotion opened this morning at the Franciscan Church, and will close Saturday morning.

The feast of Our Lady of the Snow was celebrated at the Franciscan Church on last Saturday. Solemn high Mass was sung at 8 o'clock.

Last Sunday the St. Gabriel's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society held its regular monthly meeting. Arrangements were made for the holding of the annual excursion to Burlington, Sept. 3rd. A special meeting of the Society will take place on Sunday, Aug. 20th, when the different committees will be appointed. Tickets for the excursion can be had from Mr. P. O'Brien, 230 St. Patrick street, Point St. Charles.

The annual excursion of St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society, which took place on last Thursday to Lake St. Peter, was very successful. Five hundred and fifty people attended, and were delighted with the pleasant trip. Casey's orchestra furnished the music for dancing, and many stepped it out lively and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Prof. J. F. McCaffrey was the musical director, and on the return trip an excellent concert was given. The committee in charge deserve great credit for their work, and the great success which attended it.

WILL RENEW THEIR VOWS.

On August 15th the feast of the Assumption, Rev. Fathers Malone, S. J., and Cox, S. J., will renew their solemn vows at Loyola College. This forms an important event in the career of the English-speaking Jesuits at Loyola College.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Next Saturday afternoon the Points and Intermediate Shamrocks will battle for supremacy at the Shamrock grounds. If Points win they will be champions of the League. A large crowd will witness the match, and the genuine article of lacrosse will be played.

ST. ANN'S PILGRIMAGE.

The twenty-fifth annual pilgrimage of St. Ann's parish will take place next Saturday afternoon. This pilgrimage is for men only, and will be a record one. All the staterooms are taken, and owing to want of accommodation several parties had to be refused tickets. The boat will leave Bonsecours wharf at 4 o'clock sharp.

INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY.

Monday was the 260th anniversary of the baptism of Paul Descares, the first of that name born in Canada, and ancestor of the numerous Descares, Decarie and Decary families now in Montreal and surrounding districts. Paul Descares was baptized by Father Lallouant, S. J., his godfather being Paul Chomedey de Maisonneuve, and his godmother, Mile. Mance.

ANNUAL RETREAT.

The annual retreat for the clergy of the Archdiocese will open next Sunday evening, August 13th, at 8 o'clock. Rev. Father Allard, C.S.S.R., Hochelaga Convent, will be the preacher. A second retreat will be held on Sunday evening, August 27th, for the curates of the different parishes, the first one being for the parish priests and those of the curates who wish to follow it. Both retreats will be held at the Grand Seminary, Sherbrooke street.

ORDAINED AT OTTAWA.

Last Sunday morning, His Grace Archbishop Duhamel raised Rev. Father O'Gara, S. J., to the dignity of the priesthood. His Grace was assisted by Rev. Father Campeau and Rev. J. P. Cox, S. J., Loyola College. Rev. Father O'Gara is a son of the late Magistrate O'Gara of Ottawa, and is a professor at Loyola College, this city. On Monday morning the newly ordained said his first Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Ottawa. He was assisted by Rev. Father Cox, S. J.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

The concert of the Catholic Sailors' Club on Wednesday next, the 16th inst., will be under the auspices of Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians. The honored and respected president, Mr. John O'Neill, will occupy the chair. Division No. 1, the pioneer of the Province, has always been noted for its good work

wherever Catholic interests are at stake, such as that worthy and deserving institution, the Catholic Sailors' Club, that is doing so much in caring for the seamen who visit our shores. Therefore we predict a bumper house. An elaborate programme has been prepared, consisting of Irish music, songs and dances. A feature of the entertainment will be the singing of "Dear Old Skibboreen," by Mr. John Dodd.

CELEBRATED HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. Brother Edward Alsberge, S. J., a well-known figure in the Church of the Gesù, celebrated his 50th anniversary in the Order to-day. Rev. Bro. Edward Alsberge was born in Flanders, Belgium, and came to Canada nearly sixty years ago. He entered the novitiate of the Jesuits at Sault au Recollet in August, 1855, and after his two years' probation was sent to the Church of the Gesù, Bleury street, where he has been stationed 40 years in the capacity of porter. He has occupied the same room in the College for 38 years. Solemn high Mass was sung this morning at the Church of the Gesù at 7.30 in honor of the event, and a holiday is being observed by the members of the Order. The jubilarian was the recipient of many good wishes and souvenirs by the members of the community and others. Congratulations, venerable brother. Another milestone has been passed, a record one, in which during long years you have remained faithful and true to your noble vocation. Ad multos annos.

AT COTE DES NEIGES CEMETERY.

Last Sunday afternoon witnessed an unusually large number of burials, the second largest, for a Sunday, in the history of Cote des Neiges Cemetery. Within the space of forty-five minutes, about fifteen funerals had arrived, and when the bell announced the reading of the burial service, twenty-eight coffins were in the mortuary chapel. The prayers for the dead were recited by Rev. Father Hebert, S.S., Notre Dame Church. Twenty-four children, ranging in all from one week to four years, were called to enjoy the heavenly vision. They had entered into that rest where no sorrow enters, but where peace and happiness dwell forever. After the reading of the prayers the several bodies were interred. Going through the cemetery friends and relatives were seen kneeling at the graves of the dear departed whom they had loved in life and had not forgotten in death.

Eight years ago the largest number of burials took place, 52 on Sunday and 79 on the following Tuesday. The average per day is 21 burials. Men pass like a shadow. We are here to-day and away to-morrow.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME.

Very little has been heard of late in reference to St. Joseph's Home, but Rev. Father Holland, the Director, says that the wards have increased, and 27 well cared for boys are now at the Home and are getting along well. But the public seems to have forgotten them. If some good person would kindly lend a hand in helping to supply the coal for the winter, the deed would be a golden one, and would add greatly to the comfort of the home. The following contributions have been received lately: C. W. Pearson, Buckingham, \$1; Mr. Robert Bickerdike, M.P., \$5; Mrs. M. J. Walsh donates \$2.50 a month for bread since the home was founded; Mr. Frank Flynn, Scranton, Pa., \$9; Miss Minnie Woods, Buckingham, sold two dozen photos at 50c each; Mr. Campbell, Buckingham, \$5; T. O'Mara, \$5; Mrs. McArthur, Mr. Cantwell, Mrs. Cooney, Mr. Fitzgibbon, John Birmingham, Peter McCaffrey, Peter O'Connor, Mrs. Kelly, Bray's Crossing; Mr. McElroy, Mrs. Coughlin, Smith's Falls, Mrs. O'Rourke, \$1 each; Mr. Griffin, 1 sawing; Owen McDonnell, 1 bag of feed for the chickens; Messrs. P. Pegnam and T. O'Connor send supplies of fish; Wm. Furlong, services at carding coal last winter, and offers his services again this winter; Mr. Kavanagh, Ogdensburg Coal Co., will give a donation of coal.

Mgr. Sbarretti, the Apostolic Delegate, has kindly sent his Apostolic Benediction to the home, and to all those who have generously helped or will help it.

The Home has lost a good friend in the death of Mr. Woods of Buckingham. A resolution of condolence was sent to the family by Rev. Father Holland.

The prayer of the life is better than the prayer of the heart: from the altar of a holy life ascends the prayer that smells so sweet before God, as incense in our churches.

PERSONAL.

Ald. M. J. Walsh, M.P.P., and Mrs. Walsh have returned from Cacouna. Rev. Father Casey, P.P., St. Agnes, has returned after a few days' vacation.

Rev. Father Devlin, S. J., St. Mary's College, has left for a trip to Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Rev. Father Cronin, C.S.S.R., of Saratoga, N.Y., was a guest at the Redemptorist Monastery during the week.

Rev. Father Thomas Heffernan, St. Anthony's, and Rev. Father Peter Heffernan, St. Patrick's, have returned after a pleasant vacation.

Mr. David McKegney, ecclesiastic of St. Jerome's College, Berlin, and editor of the College magazine, spent a few days with relatives in the city.

Rev. Fathers Vanier, C.S.C., Herbert, C.S.C., St. Laurent College, and Demers, St. Bridget's Church, are spending their vacations at Memramcook, N.B.

OBITUARY.

On Saturday morning the funeral of Mrs. John Roach, wife of John Roach, 13 Buckingham avenue, took place at St. Anthony's Church, where a solemn Requiem Mass was said by Rev. Father Donnelly, P.P. Interment took place at Cote des Neiges. R.I.P.

A TOAST TO THE SHAMROCKS.

A toast I'll pledge with spirits bright To friends assembled here this night, I know 'twill fill each heart with pride, And be re-echoed far and wide. I'll toast a brave and gallant band, The pride of our Canadian land, Whose valor on the lacrosse field Has made brave, worthy foemen yield. To them, the banner that's unfurled, Brave Shamrocks, champions of the world.

Here's to each dear loved Shamrock boy, They fill our hearts with pride and joy, Their honored name shines pure and great, Far high above the bitter hate Which others bear, with spite and spleen, To those brave lads who wear the green, But high above that bitter strife It only adds strength to their life. For on each manly brow you'll trace A gallant sort of the fighting race. Drink hearty, friends, while joy is up, To the boys who hold the Minto Cup. J. D.

Montreal.

HYMENEAL.

On Tuesday morning, Aug. 1st, Miss Margaret Mary McMahon, of the parish of St. Malachy, Mayo, was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Michael Patrick Brearton, of St. Philippe d'Argenteuil. The bride party were assisted by Mr. Joseph McMahon, brother of the bride, and Miss Ellen J. McCoy, of St. Philippe. The ceremony took place at the parish church at nine o'clock and was immediately followed by the nuptial Mass. The choir rendered appropriate music for the occasion. A number of the bride's friends waited at the church for the arrival of the bride party. The day was ideal, Dame Nature seeming to vie with the friends in bestowing good wishes and tokens of long years of prosperity and every blessing on the happy young couple. After the nuptial Mass the newly married couple, accompanied by a number of friends and well-wishers, drove to the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Daniel McMahon, where they partook of a sumptuous repast. At the close of the little feast the pastor requested the guests assembled to join him in reiterating the beautiful words of the nuptial blessing in the way of a toast to the happy young couple: "That the union between them be one of love and peace; that the bride may, like Rachel, be amiable; like Rebecca, be wise, and like the holy Sarah be ever faithful and enjoy a long life; that evil may never have power over her and gravity and modesty and heavenly love be ever treasures in her heart, and that the happy couple, if in the designs of a kind providence it be pleasing, may live on to a venerable age fruitful and enjoy every blessing, so that they may see their children's children to the third and fourth generation."

In the evening the bridal couple, accompanied by a few friends, boarded the east bound train at Masson for their future home at the present residence of the bridegroom at St. Philippe d'Argenteuil.

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REV. GREGORY O'BRYAN, APPOINTED RECTOR OF LOYOLA COLLEGE.

Rev. Father Gregory O'Bryan, S. J., a learned priest and powerful preacher, has been placed at the head of affairs at Loyola College in succession to Father Turgeon, S. J., who goes out of office to engage in missionary work in the lower provinces. Father O'Bryan was one of the small band who gave the first formation to the college and he is fortunate in having on the teaching staff one of his original associates—the Rev. Father L. Cotter, S. J., who is a favorite with the students of the college and a most successful teacher.

The following is the staff for the scholastic year:

Superior, Rev. Alfred Crevier, C.S.C.; Assistant Superior, Rev. Ed. Meahan, C.S.C.; Economics, Rev. J. E. Grou, C.S.C.; Prefect of Discipline, Rev. E. Laurin, C.S.C.; Treasurer, Rev. Brother Godefroy, C.S.C.; French Classical Course—Professor of Science, Philosophy and Director of Juvenat, Rev. Theophilus Barre, C.S.C.; Professor of Rhetoric and Theology, Rev. J. E. Hebert, C.S.C.; Professor of Belles Lettres, Rev. Ed. H. Vanier, C.S.C.; Professor of Versification, Rev. Henry Roult, C.S.C.; Professor of Syntax and Eloquence, Rev. Joseph Labelle, C.S.C.; Professors of Elements, Rev. Brother Antoine, C.S.C., and Rev. P. Pouze, C.S.C.; Professors of Mathematics, Rev. P. Vanier, C.S.C.; Rev. Bro. Ushan, C.S.C.; Rev. Bro. Romuald, C.S.C., and Mr. Elzeur Godin.

English Classical Course—Rev. Ed. Ward Meahan, C.S.C., Prefect of studies; Rev. T. Barre, C.S.C., Professor of the Natural Sciences and Philosophy; Rev. W. H. Condon, C.S.C., Professor of Rhetoric; Rev. L. V. Broughall, C.S.C., Professor of Belles Lettres; Mr. Francis J. Hinchey, Professor of Versification; Mr. Henry J. Howarth, Professor of Syntax; Rev. Edward Meahan, C.S.C.; Rev. L. V. Broughall, C.S.C.; Mr. Francis J. Hinchey, Mr. James Toner, Professors of Mathematics.

English Commercial Course—Rev. Bro. Romuald, C.S.C., Professor of Business Class; Rev. Bro. Damien, C.S.C., Mr. Edward L. Jennings, Professors of Fourth Year; Mr. Aloysius McGarry, Mr. James Toner, Professors of Third Year; Mr. P. J. O'Rourke, Mr. Elzeur Godin, Mr. Octave Goulet, Professors of Second Year; Mr. Adelard Mochon, Professor of First Year; Mr. Roch Magnan, Prof. of Preparatory Course.

Religious Instruction—Rev. Edward Meahan, C.S.C., Rev. W. H. Condon, C.S.C., Rev. L. V. Broughall, C.S.C.; Prefects of Recreation, Rev. J. A. Chauvin, C.S.C., Rev. Jos. Labelle, C.S.C.; Librarian, Rev. Bro. Alfred, C.S.C.; Choir Director, Rev. A. Clement, C.S.C.; Professors of Writing and Drawing, Rev. Bro. Edmond, C.S.C., Rev. Bro. Damien, C.S.C.; Mr. P. J. Plante; Mr. Roch Magnan, Mr. Edward Tetreault, Mr. Jerome Lecavalier, Professor of Piano, Mr. Charles E. A. Houde, Professor of Violin, Mr. John Drouin, Director of Band and Orchestra, Mr. Albert Crevier, Professor of Gymnastics, Mr. Henry Scott; Medical Adviser, Dr. Pinet.

The grounds around the College have been beautified and several new walks have been added. The college will in future be lighted with acetylene gas, a new plant being now installed. Two new classrooms have been added to the building.



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CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

Never to the knowledge of your representative has a more pleasing concert been given under the auspices of this Club, nor a larger and more distinguished audience drawn together than that which graced the hall last evening. The entertainment was under the auspices of Branch No. 232, of the C.M.B.A. In the absence of Mr. Alex. McGarr, President of the Branch, the duties of chairman devolved upon Mr. Geo. Carpenter, who acquitted himself thereof in a manner calculated to do honor and credit to himself and those whom he represented.

The programme was long and interesting, and those taking part therein acquitted themselves of their various specialties so as to do credit to themselves and to act as a powerful incentive to others to follow their example. Special mention is due to Misses Hebert and Delehanthy, as also to Messrs. Mailen, Hennessy, Murphy and Mr. Farrell, in his two pieces, "Those Songs My Mother Used to Sing," and "I've a Sweetheart in Every Port," together with seamen Shillshear, Ward, Perry and Gill, for the pleasing and able manner in which they acquitted themselves.

The evening's proceedings were brought to a close by a grand address of encouragement to the sailors in their work, and thanks and appreciation, in their name, to all present, by the Rev. Mr. McChiligan.

"Well, how did you sleep last night?" asked the proprietor of the summer hotel.

"On the floor," replied the man who had arrived the evening before. "I found that it was just as soft as the bed, and didn't sag."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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