

OBITUARY

SISTER LUCY

Monroe, Mich.—The funeral of Sister M. Lucy of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, was held from the convent chapel, March 26, Requiem High Mass was sung by Rev. W. R. A. Marron, with Rev. Dr. William Floissac and Rev. James Thornton as deacon and subdeacon. Dr. Floissac preached. Rev. Alphons Bertele and Rev. Frank Pokriefka were present.

Sister Lucy had been a member of the community for twenty-four years, and had been on mission in Cheboygan, Flint and at Holy Rosary and Holy Redeemer in Detroit. During the past winter she had been stationed at the Hall of the Divine Child in Monroe where she died last Friday after a week's illness of pneumonia. She was the daughter of Mrs. Emma Valentin, and the sister of Mrs. Irving Brown, both of Detroit. Two cousins, Sister M. Sylvia and Sister Marie Celeste, are also members of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Sister M. Antoinette of the Sisters of Christian Charity of Holy Fam's Convent, Danville, Pa., was a aunt and Rev. Theodor J. Valentini of St. Joseph's Hospital, London, a cousin.

SISTER JANE DE CHANTAL

The Divine Reeper culled a Golden Sheaf from the ranks of the Sisters of Providence on Sunday, March 18th, by the death of a saintly member in the person of Sister M. Jane de Chantal—Sarah McAuley.

Fortified by the abundant consolations of religion, this death, so sweet and peaceful, came as a reward of a long religious life full of activity and merit.

Ninety-five years of age and sixty-one in religion! What a long and beautiful career stamped with the Divine seal of love for the aged and suffering!

Sister de Chantal was the fourth candidate to enter the Providence Novitiate, and as might be expected the newly founded Community suffered many privations, still, these sacrifices did not daunt the courage of the brave postulante.

Different and important offices were assigned her, but the works nearest to the heart of this zealous Sister were the service of the sick, collecting alms for the poor, visiting prisoners and teaching catechism.

Her Golden Jubilee was celebrated with solemnity, and on this happy occasion the gifted Jubilarian composed a poem which is treasured by the Community. For more than a decade she was practically an invalid from the effects of an accident; and when sympathy was expressed for her sufferings, she would gaily answer: "It is God's Will and out of heaven I could not be happier."

A staunch adherent to the gracious mannerisms and discretion of the Scotch nation, she proudly claimed Glasgow as her home.

The only surviving relatives known to the Community are cousins, the Misses Conlogue and brothers, Toronto.

A cloud of sorrow hovered over the entire Institute today for the withdrawal of an exemplary co-laborer, who taught its members many valuable lessons in humility, charity, abnegation and patience in suffering.

Let us hope that all whom Sister Chantal has helped on earth, for nearly a century, will form her glorious escort to the Foot of the Throne where God crowns holy souls with everlasting bliss!

SISTER M. THOMAS

The Angel of Death made a very unexpected visit to St. Michael's Convent, Belleville, on Monday, March 26th, and culled from the small community one of the cherished members in the person of Sister M. Thomas. Truly has Our Lord said "Be ye always ready, for you know not the day nor the hour."

Sister had been enjoying her usual good health until Monday afternoon when she spoke of having a severe pain in her chest. Medical aid was immediately summoned and although the attack did not seem serious she dismissed her class and returned to the convent which is but a short distance from the Academy where she expired shortly after her arrival.

In the sudden demise of Sister M. Thomas the Sisters of Providence, Kingston, have lost one of their most loved and devoted Sisters. However, the members of her own Community are not the only ones who will mourn her loss as during her long years spent among the little ones of Our Lord's flock, she had endeared herself to a great number of children, who will never realize how much they will miss by her removal from their midst.

Sister seemed to have a special talent for the training of little children and was often heard remark how dear the little ones were to Our Blessed Lord. She delighted especially in preparing the children for their First Holy Communion and her little classes at St. Michael's Academy will long remember the lessons given for that most important event of their whole lives.

She was exceedingly kind to the poor and suffering and many are the acts of charity which preceded her to the Great White Throne.

Her life for the past thirty-two years was devoted to the works of charity performed by the Community being thus a long preparation for that summons which finally came on Monday evening.

Sister M. Thomas was born on Wolfe Island, and received her early education in the city of Kingston, where she entered the Providence Novitiate at the age of seventeen. She was a daughter of the late Terrance Murphy and is survived by three brothers and four sisters.

The funeral took place on Wednesday from the Chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows at the Mother House, Kingston, where Requiem Mass was sung by His Grace Archbishop Spratt, assisted by many priests. The sympathy and gratitude of pupils, parents and friends was expressed in many ways but especially by the large number of spiritual offerings for the repose of her soul. May the Divine and loving Heart of Our Risen Saviour admit her soon to the eternal enjoyment that reward which He has promised to all who forsake father, and mother, home and loved ones for His sake. May she rest in peace.

JAMES E. BROWN

James Emmanuel Brown was born at Port Hill, P. E. I., on January 28th, 1846, being the son of the late William Brown and Henrietta McArthur. After a few years spent at school he accepted of such occupations as occasion offered, being at different times mail driver, county sheriff, local carpenter, and builder.

In 1877 he purchased from the heirs of the late Stephen Gillis the property at Bayside on which he was to build his home. In 1880, he married Margaret Ellen, daughter of the late Capt. Hugh McDonald and Cicely McIntyre. Capt. Hughie was a nephew of the late Bishop McIntyre, as well known in Eastern Canada during the latter part of last century. Of this union were born eight children; William F. and H. Justin, Pittsburgh; Dr. John B., Boston; J. Alphonsus and Raymond J., Bayside; Mrs. Joseph D. McLellan and Mrs. Linus C. McDonald, Cross Rivers; and the youngest, Hattie C., now Sister Saint Marie Raymond of the Cong. de Notre Dame, Montreal.

By the practice of thrift, honesty, and perseverance the late Mr. Brown, with the assistance of his esteemed life partner, built and equipped such a home as is today the pride and comfort of his family. Though his chief interest was in his home yet he never allowed selfish notions to prevent him from entering any undertaking which was for the good of the whole community. For upwards of twenty years as trustee of St. Patrick's Church, he discharged the duties of that high office with vigor and success, while for an equally long period as Secretary-Treasurer of the Grand River Dairying Co., he held the esteem and confidence of all with whom he came in contact. A man short of speech but long on reflection his judgment carried that weight which mature consideration gives. Though not taking an active part in public life for some years yet his mind remained as bright and his judgment as clear as during the height of his physical powers and many sought and gladly received from him the counsel which they required.

His death on the night of March 24th, 1928, was like his life—quiet and peaceful. He died fortified by all the consoling rites of the Holy Catholic Church.

His funeral on March 27th was largely attended. Solemn Requiem Mass was sung by the pastor the Rev. John A. McDonald, assisted by Rev. John J. McDonald, Summer-side as deacon; Rev. F. L. Conolly as Wellington, as sub-deacon; and Rev. M. Monaghan, Miscouche, as master of ceremonies. The pallbearers, all life-long friends of the deceased, were: Messrs. Frank Gillis, Venontus Morrison, James McIntyre, Cornelius McLellan, Joseph R. McIntyre and Henry Thompson. His body was laid to rest in St. Patrick's cemetery, Grand River, there to await the resurrection of the just. May his soul rest in peace.

MRS. JOHN COOGAN, SR.

Cobourg World, March 22.

Just a year to an hour from the time that Mr. John Coogan, foreman for many years of the Cobourg World, passed away, his devoted and well beloved mother, Mrs. John Coogan, Sr., entered into rest at her residence, Tweed St., on Thursday evening. It was a singular coincidence that her death should occur almost at the same hour as did her son's. Mrs. Coogan had been gradually failing for a year or two and for the past few weeks had been confined to her bed practically all of the time. On Thursday afternoon about four o'clock she took a turn for the worse, and gradually sank until her death.

Mrs. Coogan was a woman of good education and judgment. She took a keen interest in the affairs of the town, and of her country as well, and even after she had passed the eightieth milestone, delighted in perusing her daily paper, and learning the news of the day. She was a woman, also, who looked well to the ways of her own household, and was a most devoted and wise mother.

Mrs. Coogan was one of the town's oldest residents, and because of her alert mind, keen interest in people and events, and a remarkable memory, she could recall and relate

much that was of interest in the civic history of Cobourg. To her was accorded the privilege of watching Cobourg grow from a village to a town of importance historically and educationally. Genial and kindly in her ways, she was a good neighbour and a kind friend, and as such was highly regarded.

Mrs. Coogan, (Anne Moran), was born in Queen's County, Ireland, in 1837, and was the only child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Moran. She came with her parents to Cobourg in 1840, and was for eighty-three years a resident. Mr. Moran erected the house on Tweed street, that has been her home during almost all that time. She married John Coogan, a well known and respected citizen, who predeceased her by sixteen years, passing away in 1907. Their home was bereaved by the death of two young sons during the earlier years of their married life, and later, in her widowhood, a great grief came, just a year ago, in the death of her son, Jack, who had remained with her in the home, and cared for her declining years. Surviving their mother are one son, James of New York, and three daughters, Sister Irene of St. Joseph's Convent, Lindsay, Mary, Mrs. Charles Carroll, Hamilton Tp.; Nellie, Mrs. John Grosjean, Haldimand Tp.; and also her daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Coogan, Jr., and the latter's little children, Jack, Margaret and James.

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INVOCATION OF SAINT ON NEW GOLD DUCAT

Prague, March 14. —Czechoslovakia is to have a new gold coin, struck with the arms of the Republic. This is not an innovation, but rather a restoration of the ancient gold currency which was known as the "ducat." When the bill approving the new currency was passed by the Chamber, Deputy Myslivec, of the Popular Party, recalled the glorious past which will be represented by the new ducat, for like the ancient coin which revives, it will bear the image of the national patron saint, with the inscription "St. Wenceslaus, let us not perish, neither we nor our descendants." The first ducats will be struck at Kremnic, (Slovakia) at an early date.

The bill providing for the new gold ducat was one of the last legislative measures introduced by the late Minister of Finance Rasin, who died recently as the result of wounds inflicted by the communist Soudal, and to whose ability and sagacity Czechoslovakia owes the defence that she has escaped the general bankruptcy from which so many nations of Europe are suffering.

DELCASSE'S LAST WORDS

When M. Delcasse, former French Minister of Foreign Affairs, died suddenly at Nice, a few days ago, he was just leaving a concert and medieval mystery play which had been given at the Bishop's residence. The papers tell at the end of the concert M. Delcasse remarked to the director of the players:

"If Paradise resembles what you have just shown us, one wants to be picked up dead."

These were his last words. As he was crossing the garden of the Bishop's residence he fell to the ground, unconscious, and was picked up dead.

It is interesting to recall the fact that M. Delcasse was a member of the Combes cabinet and that the last act of his life was to attend a

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concert given for Catholic work, just as his last visit was to Msgr. Capon, Bishop of Nice.

It must be admitted that personally M. Delcasse was never a militant anti-clerical even though, as Minister of Foreign Affairs, he was involved in the rupture between France and the Vatican. In any case, the former struggles are so long past and so deeply deplored even by many who led them, that no one was astonished to see the auxiliary Bishop of Paris give the absolution over the former minister of a government which prepared the Separation.

SOME AMERICAN PROTESTS

The Association of Reform Rabbis of New York have addressed a protest to M. Titcher concerning the proposed imposition of the death penalty on the Catholic prelates. The cablegram signed by Rabbi Dr. Samuel Schulman of the Temple Beth-El, reads:

"The Association of Reform Rabbis, New York, pleads in the name of humanity and mercy that Governments do not execute ecclesiastics."

Feeling in official quarters in Washington is inclined to the opinion that the animus of the Soviet authorities against the Archbishop and other members of the Catholic clergy springs from the fact that they are Poles and is an illustration of the tortuous methods pursued by the communists to further their political ends.

New York, March 30.—Archbishop Platon, Metropolitan of the Russian Orthodox Church in North America, called formally at the residence of the Most Rev. Patrick J. Hayes, Archbishop of the Catholic diocese of New York, to express regret and grief because of the sentences of death passed by the Bolshevik tribunal upon Archbishop Zelplak and Mgr. Butchkevitch. The meeting was arranged at the request of the Russian Metropolitan and is believed to establish a precedent for the United States.

A statement issued after the meeting by W. W. Bouimistrow, Secretary of the General Board of the North American American Archdiocese of the Russian Orthodox Church, says: "Metropolitan Platon wanted to express his sympathy by a brotherly visit. Archbishop Hayes received the Metropolitan most graciously, the two Archbishops shaking hands warmly. The visit lasted half an hour and was most fraternal. Our Metropolitan told Archbishop Hayes of how heartily he was over this terrible sentence of an Archbishop of which Mr. Hayes belongs and expressed the most profound grief that he could do nothing in Russia, as he was not of the Bolshevik party."

At Archbishop Hayes' residence, reports of the meeting were confirmed by his secretary, the Rev. Dr. Stephen A. Donahue.

CARDINAL LOGUE AGAINST A FIXED EASTER

Dublin, Mar. 26.—Cardinal Logue is emphatically opposed to a fixed Easter. A fixed Easter would, he says, completely upset the Calendar and Feast days. He admits that the Gregorian Calendar needs revision in some slight matters. In the course of further observations on the subject, he said: "The laws for Easter have existed since the beginning of the Church and I would have nothing whatever to do with any movement to change the laws."

DIED

CANNING.—In Chatham, Ont., Feb. 23, 1928, Thomas Canning, aged ninety-eight years. May his soul rest in peace.

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