

In and Around Toronto

AT ST. FRANCIS.

As a result of the meeting of gentlemen of St. Francis' Parish, held on Wednesday of last week, a committee of twelve was nominated to wait on the parishioners for the purpose of ascertaining what each would do in the matter of financial aid towards the erection of the new presbytery for the parish.

WOMEN'S BUILDING AT THE EXHIBITION.

While much praise has been given our late Exhibition, and deservedly so, there was one point on which some adverse comment might perhaps be judiciously passed with a view to improvements in the future. This is the building allotted to the work of the women of Canada, and which in the present instance also contained some valuable selections from places distant.

OLIVER-O'BYRNE.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., the Church of St. Francis was the scene of a quiet but interesting wedding, when Miss Edyth Maud, third daughter of Mr. B. O'Byrne of the Public Works Department, became the bride of Alexander Ernest Oliver of Toronto.

SODEN-BULGER.

St. Helen's church was the scene of a pretty wedding on Monday morning of last week, it being the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Joseph Soden and Miss Anna Bulger, eldest daughter of Mr. John Bulger, Van Horne street.

DEWAR-QUINN.

At 8 a.m. on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Church of the Holy Family, a quiet but pretty wedding took place, the contracting parties being Miss Helen M. Quinn, eldest daughter of Mrs. T. Quinn of 31 Beaconsfield Ave., of this city, and Mr. Frederick Duncan Dewar, son of Mr. D. Dewar of Milton.

ST. MICHAEL'S SANCTUARY SOCIETY.

St. Michael's Sanctuary Society held their annual elections yesterday and the following members were elected to office: President, Serafino Castucci; Vice-President, Ernest J. Ewing; Secretary-Treasurer, George O'Leary; Recording Secretary, Frank Ungaro; Librarian, Bartholomew Long; Assistant Librarian, Alexander Dear; Sacristan, James Kelly; Assistant Sacristan, Bernard Doyle.

ST. MARY'S SANCTUARY BOYS.

At the initial meeting held yesterday the following were elected as officers for the ensuing term: President, James Carolan; Vice-President, John Witmer; Secretary-Treasurer, John Byrne; Librarian, Louis Murphy.

A MAGNIFICENT OPENING.

Wednesday and Thursday of this week the W. A. Murray Co. hold their fall millinery opening. As usual, great preparations have been made for the occasion and the show-rooms are teeming with the latest and best, the product of Murray's work-rooms and importations from Paris and New York.

Black and white predominates this season, while the other colors most in vogue are the empire, asinthe and fern greens, blue and brown. The small toques will be much worn, while the prevailing style is the extremely large picture hat with narrow brim in front, bent down at the side and very high in the back.

Among the many creations, we observed the Empire, of three pieces—hat, cape and muff. The hat is of a very wide mink brim trimmed with tucked chiffon, bell crown of tucked chiffon with four white demi-plumes across the back and finished off with a very stylish hem-stitched bow of chiffon.

Another set of two pieces, hat and muff, in green, is also of marvellous beauty. The hat is a turban shape, the crown trimmed with pheasant wings of green shading to blue, and the brim with empire green velvet and frills of black lace. The muff is of pheasant dress trimmed with deep tucked pieces of empire green velvet edged with frills, while in the back is a large and convenient pocket to replace the hand-bag.

There are many beautiful styles of the favorite Gainsboroughs, picture hats, toques and mourning hats in silk. The line of ostrich feather boas is again a leader. Murray's always had the best and at prices from \$15.00 to \$75.00.

The children's hats are not forgotten either. From the plain sailors with band to the beavers and velvets a full line is shown.

To complete the display there is a large showing of trimmings and specialties.

TOPICS OF AN OLD-TIMER

(Continued from page 1.)

"The Liberal," the successor to "The Catholic," was, I believe, edited by Mr. John Robertson, the printer. It was published at the time of the great Irish state trials in Dublin, when Daniel O'Connell, Tom Steele and several other gentlemen prominent in the Repeal movement, were arraigned for high treason by the government of the day.

On a margin of one of the pages of the copy of "The Catholic" now before me, are written some lines that are signed with the name of Philip McMahon of Dundas, father of Judge McMahon, and that renders the paper more interesting and valuable.

The paper consists of eight pages, each page being 15 inches long and 10 inches wide, with considerable of a margin top and bottom. The subscription price was \$3.00 per year, payable half-yearly in advance, including postage; but those who failed to pay in advance were charged with the postage at the rate of four shillings a year, additional. The advertising rates were: Six lines and under 2s. 6p. first insertion, and 7d. each subsequent insertion. Ten lines and under 3s. 4d. first insertion, and

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The principles of the paper were the simple explanation and maintenance of the tenets of the Roman Catholic Church, and subjects of a religious, moral, philosophical and historical character. The editor was a poet and the paper always contained a long continued poem. That in the number before me was on "Disappointment and Consolation," of which the following few lines are a sample:

"What melancholy gloom heightens my soul; As through the wilderness of thought she strays In mazy error lost! While haunted close By fiercest spectres of still crowding woes; She knows not where to turn her frightened steps Or seek for comfort, where naught but despair?"

"O, for such peaceful scenes of rural bliss As Nature then for me delightful spread, Amid my Caledonia's shel'ring hills, Far from the tumult of the bustling world, The din of war, and Discord's dire alarms!"

There is a long, selected article on the first page on the "Slave Trade." The second page is the editorial page and over the editorial heading is a cut of a cross in the clouds. In this number, however, the editorials are short and scarce. One of those is a favorable notice of the then Governor-General, Sir Chas. Metcalfe, who for the time he was the chief executive presented so strong a resistance to the principles of Responsible Government, as advocated by the Baldwin and Lafontaine Administration. The article is as follows:

"The liberality of Sir Charles Metcalfe seems to have no bounds. We understand that in addition to the sums already enumerated as being given to the Barrield church and the Mechanics' Institute, he has bestowed fifty pounds on the Roman Catholic Church of this place, and ten on the Female Benevolent Society. Neither has his Excellency been wanting in the exercise of individual charity. We have heard of several instances of this, but have no right to enter into details." Although in the editorial columns of "The Catholic," I find the item is credited to the "Canadian Loyalist," a paper which I have no recollection of, and do not know where it was published. Then there is a selection headed "Declaration of the Catholic Bishops," which was first published in 1822, in England. Next follows an account of the horrors of a religious revival in Ross-shire in Scotland, among the Covenanters.

"Extracts from a Discourse Delivered by William Wallace, Esq.," has a prominent position on the third page. This has reference to ill-treatment of the Irish in their own country. Who this Mr. William Wallace was and where he lived, is not stated, but it is a powerful arraignment of the British government's policy towards Ireland. Then there is a controversial article on the merits of the reform doctrine of "Imputation," by Vanburgh Livingston, Esq., recently a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, with an introduction by the Rt. Rev. John Hughes, D.D., Bishop of New York.

"Ten days later from Europe" is the heading of a column on the 4th page, and containing some interesting items, as follows: The new and beautiful steamer "Hibernia," Capt. Judkin, arrived at Boston Thursday morning at five o'clock. Disturbances have taken place in some parts of Ireland, especially in the neighborhood of Monaghan, with a view of obtaining a reduction of rents.

Ireland appears to be in a state of feverish excitement on account of the continued and in some cases successful resistance to the poor rates. In Waterford county the resistance was so formidable that the 10th Hussars at Clonmel were ordered out, and in proceeding to Waterford were hissed at, and in one instance were pelted with stones. The cause of temperance in Ireland, instead of dying away, has received a new impetus by several eminent Catholic clergymen publicly devoting

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The grand invention, the aerial carriage, is said to have been realized. It was to have made a trip from Paris to London soon. Accounts of earthquake shocks over nearly the whole of the continent of Europe, in Africa, and in Asia Minor, were at hand. In Palestine, as usual, the shocks, it was stated, were quite severe. The troubles in the Kirk of Scotland still continued. WILLIAM HALLEY.

Rev. Father Curtin on Education

We clip the following from the Daily News of Uniontown, Pa., as it tells us something of a young priest whose home is in the city, and whose activities come to us from time to time through the medium of the press:

In St. John's church Sunday at the 10.30 service, Rev. William Curtin, acting pastor, preached, and his subject was "Educational Ideals." "When President Roosevelt last week told the Long Island Bible Society," said Father Curtin, "that there was no more abused word in our language than education, that education does not consist in the mere acquisition of secular knowledge, but rather in adorning oneself with these qualities which find their expression in the Decalogue and Golden Rule, he but recalled the immortal teaching of the Catholic Church." Father Curtin went on to explain the advantages of the Catholic educational system which so many non-Catholics have admired, and for the maintenance of which Catholics of these United States gladly pay out millions every year.

He gave quotations from representatives of the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational denominations, all lamenting the lack of religious instruction in our public schools and approving the educational policy of the Catholic Church. Concluding, he said: "If American Catholics of to-day are conspicuous, among our Christian people, as a class of church-goers, and are vitally interested in everything pertaining to their religious welfare, they may thank the atmosphere of religion that pervaded their primary education in the parochial school."

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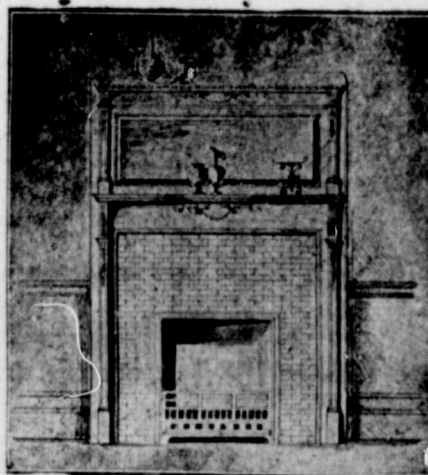
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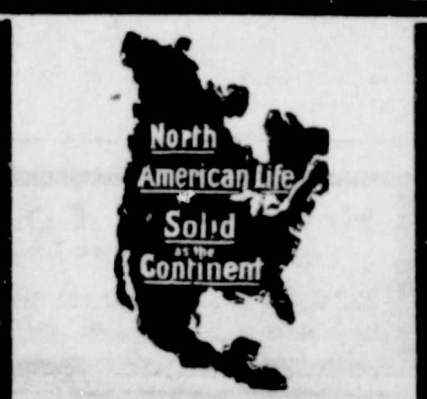
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