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ITEMS OF INTEREST

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DIOCESAN CURATES ON RETREAT.

The annual retreat of the curates of the diocese of Montreal opened on Monday morning at the Grand Seminary, Sherbrooke street, under the presidency of His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi. The Rev. Father Hage, O. P., is the preacher.

FEAST OF PATRON OBSERVED.

The Church of St. Louis de France celebrated the patronal feast of the parish on Sunday. Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Langevin, of Manitoba. The choir, under the leadership of Prof. A. Clerk, rendered very effectively a programme of Gregorian music.

It keeps the muscles pliant.—Men given to muscular sports and exercises and those who suffer muscular pains from bicycle riding will find Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil something worth trying. As a lubricant it will keep the muscles pliant and free from pains which often follow constant use of them, without softening them or impairing their strength. For bruises, sprains and contusions it is without a peer.

AGED NUN DEAD.

Sister Mary St. Jerome is dead at St. Laurent convent, St. Laurent, at the age of 76 years. Sister Mary was fifty-three years in the community, and for sixteen years superior in Alexandria, Ont., and Vergennes, Vt. She was a sister of the late Bro. Patrick, assistant-general of the Christian Brothers in Paris, also a sister of the late Daniel and Patrick A. Murphy.

THE POTATO BLIGHT IN IRELAND.

The Manchester Guardian's Dublin correspondent confirms the report of potato blight in western Ireland. There is no doubt that its ravages are serious and widespread. The blight was first noticed in the Moycullen district and in Galway. The disease has struck the crop everywhere during the severe rains of the last fortnight. It is too soon yet to talk of famine, but everything will now depend on the weather of the next few weeks.

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION.

On Sunday next, September 2, religious celebrations of labor will take place in St. Patrick's Church and Notre Dame Church, of this city. His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi will preside at St. Patrick's, and the sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Thomas Hefferan, of St. Anthony's Church. At Notre Dame His Lordship Bishop Vacicot will preside, and the sermon will be delivered by His Lordship Bishop Emard, of Valleyfield.

CORNER STONE LAID OF AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL.

His Grace Archbishop Duhamel on Sunday laid the cornerstone of the agricultural school to be erected by the monks of the Order of the Holy Ghost on the farm once occupied by the late Alonzo Wright, M.P. This order, recently expelled from France, has bought a large tract of the

Wright estate, and will establish a model farm to teach agriculture, and will likely attract students from France.

CONSECRATION OF REV. DR. MCCARTHY.

The consecration of the Rev. Dr. McCarthy as Archbishop of Halifax has been fixed for Sunday, Sept. 9. Mgr. Sbarretti, papal delegate, will officiate, and among other prelates expected to attend are Archbishop Begin, of Quebec; Archbishop Bruchesi, of Montreal; Archbishop Duhamel, of Ottawa; Bishop Beavin, Springfield, Mass.; Bishop Barry, Chatham; Bishop McDonald, Prince Edward Island, and Bishop McNeil, of the West Coast.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY, MALONE, N.Y.

A large annex has been built to St. Joseph's Academy, Malone, N.Y. This Academy is under the direction of the Ursuline Nuns, who conduct both a boarding and day school. The new annex, the largest and best fitted out boarding school in Northern New York, is equipped with all the latest modern conveniences and sanitary improvements. This institution is under the regents, and is becoming yearly more and more successful.

MEETING OF CHILDREN OF MARY.

The first meeting of the Children of Mary of St. Ann's was held on Monday of last week. Touching reference was made to the departure of the old director, after which the present director, Rev. Father Simard, was introduced. In the course of a short address he exhorted the young socialists to be faithful to their rules and in attendance at their meetings and prove themselves most exemplary, as in the past. The next meeting will take place on Monday, Sept. 17, at which all members are invited to be present.

DEATH OF MR. M. CREGAN.

On the 10th inst. the death occurred of Mr. Michael Cregan. Deceased had been out the day previous to his demise, from which he never rallied. He had, however, all the consolations offered by his holy religion. The funeral took place to St. Anthony's Church, where a solemn requiem was sung by Rev. M. L. Shea, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Hefferan and Decarie, of St. Henry, as deacon and sub-deacon respectively. The funeral was very largely attended. Interment took place at Cote des Neiges.

CHANGES IN TEACHING STAFF OF OTTAWA UNIVERSITY.

A number of changes in the teaching staff of the University of Ottawa are announced as follows: Rev. Father Poli, vice-director; Rev. Father Fortier, prefect of discipline; Rev. Father James Fallon, secretary, vice Rev. Dr. O'Boyle, who has been moved to British Columbia; Rev. Father Hammersley, director of the department of physics; Rev. Michael Murphy and Rev. Stephen Murphy, who were ordained last spring, have been added to the staff of the university. There are a number of minor changes.

Rev. Father Dube and Rev. Brother Malone are also added to the teaching staff.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH.

Last Sunday was certainly a day of great satisfaction to both pastor and people of St. Michael's. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Singleton, and at the same time, the pastor, Rev. Father Kieffner, gave a general statement of all that had been done

tions already contracted, and the preparations that are being made for the many new undertakings so necessary in a young district such as St. Michael's. The parish is in a thriving condition in every respect, dotted as it is with the marks of thrift and good-will so desirable at all times. The last acquisition to the sacred edifice is a fine new organ. During the service the choir rendered several pieces. On the whole everything in and about the church bespeaks united action and good-will existing between pastor and people which cannot fail to draw down God's blessing upon their numerous and well-directed efforts.

MEETING OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

At a meeting of the Catholic School Board, which resumed its sittings on Tuesday under the presidency of Canon Dauth, a special committee was named upon the motion of Commissioner Martineau, to deal with the question of uniformity of text books in the schools controlled by the board. To this committee were appointed Commissioners Martineau, Semple and Canon Dauth, the president of the Board. It will be remembered that the suggestion of providing uniform text books, which was made by Commissioner Martineau some time ago, met with a good deal of opposition from certain members of the board, but now it looks as if a definite understanding had been reached.

The Board was in receipt of a letter from Dr. Severin Lachapelle, recommending the teaching of physiology and hygiene in the schools. The suggestion was referred to a special committee for consideration.

FUNERAL OF A FRENCH SAILOR.

The funeral of Maurice Colin, one of the sailors of the French man-of-war Desaix, who was accidentally drowned a few days ago, took place at Quebec on Saturday last, and was the occasion of much sympathy being displayed by the people of the old city of Champlain towards their cousins beyond the sea. A squad of policemen, the members of the Champlain Guard, and delegates from different sections of the St. Jean Baptiste Society joined with the officers and men of the two French warships in the funeral cortege: flags were at half mast on several buildings, and the stores were closed along the route of the procession. The service was held in the old Church of St. Roch, and among those present were Mr. Kleczkowski, consul of France; Major Sheppard, representing the Lieutenant-Governor, and Admiral Boni de Lapeyriere. After the service the remains were conveyed to the St. Charles Cemetery for interment. Before the body was placed in the grave Admiral de Lapeyriere delivered a short address in the course of which he said that the sympathies shown on Canadian soil would certainly be a consolation for the bereaved mother of the poor young sailor.

DEDICATION OF NEW CONVENT AT STE. GENEVIEVE.

On Sunday afternoon His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi presided at the dedication of a new convent at Ste. Genevieve, the scene of the sad disaster in April, 1905. The new structure is built of stone, four stories high, and measures one hundred by fifty feet. It is equipped with the latest improvements, including fire escapes and acetylene gas lighting system. Fire hoses are distributed in the halls of each storey, so that a repetition of last year's calamity is reduced to a minimum. The institution is capable of accommodating two hundred pupils.

There was a large attendance at the dedication ceremony, which began at three o'clock by a sermon delivered in the village church by Archbishop Bruchesi, who dwelt upon a prevalent misconception regarding the wealth of religious orders, observing that although their property often represented a large capital, in most cases little of it was paid up and that notwithstanding heavy interests the sisters through thrift and economy managed to educate the children for a comparatively small remuneration, while their own personal expenses did not amount to more than \$25 a year individually. In conclusion, the Archbishop touched upon the career of the late Abbe Blais, of St. Isidore, a native of Ste. Genevieve, who had died at the Hotel Dieu on Saturday after an illness of three months.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE.

The Rev. Father Ladislav, O.F.M., gave an illustrated lecture on "Alcoholism and its effects" in the hall of St. Denis College, corner St. Hubert street and Laurier ave., last

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Thursday evening. There was a very large audience and many people could not get admission. The ravages of alcoholism were eloquently described by the lecturer, and the well-chosen illustrations shown with calcium light produced a marked effect. The Rev. Father made it a point to denounce women's drinking clubs, which he declared to exist in Montreal. He said such clubs could be found in the best society, and women were known to pass their evenings playing cards and drinking gin. Those women always finding some kind dealer ready to provide them with liquor, and to cause husbands to wonder how it is their "grocery" bills run so high. He also called upon wives, mothers, daughters and sisters to make the home attractive, and warned young girls against marrying a man who drinks.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CONCERT.

The concert given by the friends of the Catholic Sailors was, as usual, a grand success. The entertainment was, this week, taken charge of by Branch, No. 232 of the C. M. B. A. In the absence of the Rev. Father Malone, S. J., who has for some time past opened the Concerts; that function was performed by Mr. Geo. Carpenter, who certainly did the honors with credit to himself and pleasure to the audience. The chairman of the evening was Mr. Gillies, President of the Branch. The programme was long, carefully chosen; and certainly well carried out. Mention is due to Misses B. and A. Rowan and Misses Grant and Fitzgerald; as also to Messrs. Crooney, Carrigan, Farrell, O'Farrell, Murphy, Booth, Edmunds, Holland and McLaughlin; who certainly did their utmost to amuse all present by the freedom with which they responded to the many calls made upon them, as well as by the nature and tone of their performances. Father Malone, though absent at the opening; yet, towards the close, those present were well repaid by hearing from him an address which they will not soon forget. Next week's Concert will be in the hands of Loyola Court, C. O. F., when doubtlessly a grand event may be looked forward to.

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HYMENEAL.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Patrick's on the 21st inst., when Margaret Anne, daughter of Mr. John Walsh, and Joseph Ferguson were united in matrimony. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Martin Callaghan. The bride, who was given away by her brother, was gowned in navy blue chiffon taffeta, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses. The bride was attended by Miss Hattie Sullivan as bridesmaid, wearing a gown of blue and green shot taffeta with black and white hat, and carrying a bouquet of pink roses. Mr. E. J. Kelly was groomsmen.

The Wedding March was played by Prof. J. A. Fowler, and during

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the mass solos were rendered by Mr. J. J. Walsh, brother of the bride.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson left for Albany, New York and Far Rockaway. On their return they will reside at 541 Esplanade ave., Montreal Annex.

ST. GABRIEL'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY'S EXCURSION.

Come with St. Gabriel's T. A. & B. Society on their annual excursion to Burlington on Saturday, Sept. 1. Tickets good until Monday, Labor Day. Tickets may be had at 447 Centre street or from members of the society; also at the station the day of the excursion. For further particulars see posters.