THE SOUTHWEST.

THOMAS A'KEMPIS.

plous spirit of which have caused them
to be sought after by people of every
clime and tongue, and to be translated into many languages. The spiritual instruction of the inspired monk of the Catholic Church contained in his nu merous works shows the beneficent mission of the monasteries which dotted Europe previous to the Reformation, but which unfortunately fell a prey to the sacrilegious greed of the royal re-

formers who followed.

He was born at Kempen, near Cologne, in 1379. At the age of thirteen he entered the school conducted by the Brothers of the Common Life, and in 1393 became an inmate of the house of Brother Fiorentius Radewin, superior-Brother Florentius Radewin, superior-general of the order. In 1400 he began his noviceship at the monastery at Mount St. Agnes, near Zwolie, of which his brother John was prior, and way! in 1413 was ordained priest. It is thought that he composed about this time the short treatise on the Eucharist, which now forms the fourth book of "The Imitation of Christ."

In 1425 he was elected sub-prior of the monastery, and was charged with the spiritual direction of the novices. In 1429 he and his brethren were the spiritual direction of the novices. In 1429 he and his brethren were forced to migrate to Tungekerke, in Friesland, but they returned to Mount St. Agnes in 1432, when Thomas became treasurer of the monastery. In 1448 he was again elected sub-prior, and he heid this post till his death, which occurred on July 26, 1471, at the age of ninety-two. Like all his brethren, Thomas devoted himself in a special manner to the study of the Scriptures and the translation of the Biblical manuscripts. Besides his most famous works, "The Imitation of Christ," and several ascetic treatises, he wrote the chronicle of the monastery of St. Agnes down to 1471, when he died. of St. Agnes down to 1471, when he

The continuator of this chronicle says of him: "Brother Thomas a'Kempis endured great poverty, labors and trials from the foundation of this mon-He transcribed the whole of our Bible, with many other books, for our own use and for strangers. He also wrote for the benefit of young people several little treatises in a plain and simple style, but rich in practical wisdom. During several years he ap-plied himself lovingly to the contemplation of Christ's passion, and was a great comforter of persons distressed or

He owes his world wide fame to the book entitled "De Imitatione Christi," which has been many times translated into every civilized language, including Greek and Hebrew; and there are upwards of sixty different versions in English.

THE EARL OF DENBIGH.

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T. P. O'Conner's "M. A. P." contains the following short sketch of one of the best known of English Catholic

peers:
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Empress of Austria, the newspapers
have persistently overlooked the fact that we have in England a blood relative of the Emperor in the person of the Earl of Danbigh, whose father's conversion from the English to the Catho lie Church was creative of much dis putation and angry controversy during the early years of the century. The Earl is descended from Geoffrey Feilding, Earl of Hapsburg, whose immediate descendant came from Ger-many and settled in England in the fourteenth century. The name of Felld ing was taken by this branch of the Hapsburg, by the members of the family, who was a bosom friend of Henry III., and who held lands in Laufenburg and Rinfelding-hence Feilding. This spelling of the name of Feilding, by-the-way, with the "e" before the "i," instead of after the manner of Butter's Spelling Book, is the correct spelling in the eyes of the philologists, and robs the jest of Feilding, the novelist, of its point, that he " supposed his ancestors were good at heart, but bad at spelling." The family have Newnham Paddox estate in held the Warwickshire since 1603. The present Earl of Denbigh, who is also a born Hapsburg, has, like his neighbor. Cap tain Caldecott-who died under Kitch ener in the taking of Ondurman-distinguished himself in the Soudan. The Earl, although he has had many experiences in various parts of the globe, and has lived more in a few years than most men live in the allotted span, is still one of the youngest members of the Upper House. He is one of the most energetic of peers.
In addition to holding a distinguished position in connection with Her Majesty's household, he is commander of the Horse Artillery Volunteers, sits in the London County Council as colleague of John Burns for Battersea, and is chairman of the new Edison Phonograph company, and an active worker in connection with other comworker in connection with other commercial enterprises. In their delightful old country home at Newnham Paddox, Lord and Lady Denbigh are extremely hospitable, and with their numerous family of little children, live a life that is the perfection of domestic happiness. Among his villagers Lord Denbigh has carried the "three acres and a cow" scheme to a practical issue. His cow clubs and

market garden competitions are a THOMAS A KEMPIS.

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It is well known that to be invited to an entertainment at Gloucester street convent is equivalent to being convened to a most delectable treat, a proof whereof was afforded last ovening, when, between 4:30 and 5 o'clock a large number of distinguished ladies and gentlemen were admitted to the institution, the occasion of the assemblage being the annual celebration of the batronal feast of His Grace. Archbishop Duhamel.

At precisely 5 o'clock His Grace, accompanied by several members of the clergy, entered the reception hill. There, attired in spotless white, without other ornament than the natural charms of young maidenhood, the pupils to the number of about two hundred and fifty, greeted His Grace. It was a picture for an artist—the snowy gowns, the soft light from many a chandelier, the elegant palms and other floral decorations on pillar and pedestal, but most of all the guileless looks of the happy children as with radiant smiles and graceful courtosy they raised their voices in a chorus of welcome to their archbishon.

This was followed by the recitation of an exquisite somet, written for the occasion. The young lady whose privilege it was to express the sentiments of all acquitted herself of her part, it faultless Parisian French.

Then pianos, harps and voilins, was rendered as selection from Chaminade. The musical courties of the stablishment was amply testified by the perfection with which they executed the brilliant carries. A little miss next made an offering of flowers, accompanying it with any good wishes.

Asserced cantata, "Tu es Petrus," was the perfection with which they executed which, garlanded with flowers, appeared promanently among the decorations of the half. The audience were held spellbound under the charm of the fascenaring manner and refinement of language of those interesting entertainers, and it was especially pleasing to hear the pure accent of Chateaubriand French from the lips of four of the English-peaking young lang manner, be

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ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA.

Impressive Ceremonies—The Church of Our Lady of the Lake, Walkerville, Re-opened.

Sunday last was a marked day in the history of the church of Our Lady of the Lake. For some time past the decorators have been at work on the interior, and their work is now about completed. The results are very pleasing to the eyes, and highly creditable to the energy of the pastor, Rev. Father Beaudoin, and to the skill of those who had the work in charge. The ceilings, walls and pillars have been kalsomined in delicate hades, while the altars are adorned with finely painted pictures of the Christ, His Mother, and St. Joseph.

In commemoration of the completion of the work, re-opening services and the swill be a serviced with the benediction, was held. The altars were a blaze of light and electration; a large number of priests were the eccention; a large number of priests were the eccention in a large number of priests were the eccention in a large number of priests were the eccention in a large number of priests were the eccention in a large number of priests were the eccention in a large number of priests were the eccention in a large number of priests were the eccention in a large number of priests were the eccentric, and a crowded congregation attended the eccentric, and a crowded congregation attended the ceremonies. In opening, a chorus of the parish, led by Father deaudoin, some of the parish of the contr In commenoration of the completion of the work, re-opening services were held on Sunday, re-opening services were held on Sunday at 7:30 p. m. a special deciatory service, with the benediction, was held. The altars were a blaze for light and decoration; a large with the benediction, was held. The altars were a blaze for light and decoration; a large with the benediction, was held. The altars were a blaze for light and decoration; a large with the benediction, was held. The altars were a blaze for light and decoration; a large with the benediction, was held. The altars were a blaze for light and decoration; a large with the benediction, was held. The altars were a blaze for light and decoration; a large with the benediction of the deuter of the church of Our Lady of Help Letric, as deacon, and Rev. A. Montreuil, C. S. B., Sandwich of Our Lady of Help Letric, as deacon, and Rev. A. Montreuil, C. S. B., Sandwich as sub-deacon, officiated. There were also present Revs. N. Collins, C. S. B., Sandwich College, preached the sermon. The Freeman, O. S., S. S., Joachim's, Detroit; and Alfred. Bechard. McGregor.

After the opening prayers and the chanting of the Magnificat, Rev. Father Ferguson, of Sandwich College, preached the sermon. The late Mr. Carey was widely known as one of the work of the worshipper doing all in his power to make the place of worship as suitable as possible for the worshipped was enlarged upon, and it was claimed that the use by the Catholic church, of lights, decorations, incense, music and other outside and therefore to true sprintainty. In concluding his remarks Father Ferguson congratulated that the use by the Catholic church, of lights, decorations, incense, music and other outside and therefore to true sprintainty. In concluding his remarks Father Ferguson congratulated that the use by the Catholic church, of lights, decorations, incense, music and other outside and therefore to true sprintainty. In concluding his remarks Father Ferguson congratulated that the use by the cytical conditions ntituty of externals in assisting the numan or properly perform the act of adoration of the Almighty. The propriety of the worshipper doing all in his power to make the place of worship as suitable as possible for the worshipped was enlarged upon, and it was claimed that the use by the Catholic church, of lights, decorations, incense, music and other outside means, contributed largely to the exaltation of the spirit to the point of supreme adoration and therefore to true spirituality. In concluding his remarks Father Ferguson congratuated Father Beaudoin and the congregation upon the work they had done, and assured the contributors that their efforts would be rewarded. After the sermon the ceremony of sprinkling was performed, and the services concluded with the solemn benediction. A feature of the evening was the singing by the choir, with Miss Elliza Janisse at the organ. Mrs. Bayard and J. D. Janisse were the soloists.—Walkerville Herald, Dec. 16.

From St. Mary's out.

deep flavor and refr-shment, is, I think, unknown to many coffee drinkers. And these were poor people, living an humble mud cabin with two rooms an humble mud cabin with two rooms and humble mud cabin with two rooms and humble mud cabin with two rooms and the humble mud cabin with two rooms and the humble mud cabin with two rooms and the humble mud cabin with the number of religious articles in the house only when he eats or steeps. I was struck with the number of religious articles in the house. They have a strong devotion to Maria Purissima, and large pitures of the Blessed Virgin and our Lord mag on those humble walls. The children are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and chadren are mannerly and merry as they play and the play and they are all the same and the toes of his bare feet are wide apart and know not the use of shoes. In physique he excels most red men, and when he works or paddles his skirt along the river he gives evidence of enormous strength. They have a large reservation lying between two mountain ranges, and number outs, but in their last battle with UncleSam they between two mountain ranges, and number outs, but in their last battle with UncleSam they between two mountain ranges, and number o J. D. Janisse were the soloists.—watervine Herald, Dec. 16.

From St. Mary's Ont.

The services at St. Mary's church on Christmas day were of the usual solemn character. Rev. Father Brennan celebrated three Masses.—S. 9 and High Mass at 11 o'clock. The choir, under direction of Miss McKeough, organist, rendered Crosne's Massin Gin excellent style, with "A desac Fidelis" at the offertory. During the Mass the rev. pastor delivered an intressive discourse on the Feast of the Nativity. In the evening at 7 o'clock Solemn Vespers, sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament were given. The floral decorations in the sanctuary and altars, with a lifelike crib of Bethlehem, were most magnificent, and reflected great credit on the ladies in charge.

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Resolution of Condolence.

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Toronto, Dec. 24, 1888.
At the last regular meeting of St. Mary's Branch League of the Cross, held on Tuesday evening. Dec. 20th the following resolution was uvanimously adopted:
Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove by death the beloved uncle of our esteemed Recording Secretary, Mr. Walter Tyrrell.
Resolved that we, as members of St. Mary's Branch, League of the Cross, hereby express our heartfelt sympathy for the loss he has sustained, and extend to him our sincere condonce in his sad bereavement. Also Oution be inserted in the minutes of this meeting, and sent to him, and also published in the CATHOLIC RECORD and Catholic Register.

P. J. Lowe, ass't, see.

WINTER TERM.

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At the last regular meeting of Branch 10, St. Jatharines, the following officers were elected or the ensuing year:
Smirtual adviser Rev. Dean Harris, pres. W. R. Welsa, 1st vice pres. Thos. Phelan, 2nd vicers Wm. Nesbitt, rec. sec. M. Sullivan, asst. pres. W. Lawrence, sec. J. J. McLaren, fin. sec. J. E. Lawrence, reas. J. E. McCarthy, marshal R. Kearney, runard P. McCarthy, trustees Thes Durnin, Thos. Carey, J. J. O'Brien.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Musical Recital.

A most interesting recital was given by the junior members of St. Cecilia's Musical Cluo, in the pariors of Loretto Academy, 2 Wellesley Place, on F.1day, December 16.

Lichner, Lange, Heller, and Tartorio,—all composers of our own day—were represented in the programme. A violin solo by Miss May Ryan elicited great applause, as did also the duct by Miss Incz Brazili and Miss Beatrice Watson.

It is hardly fair, however, to criticize individually, as each and every one of the juvenile performers displayed skiliful training and musical talent.

The programme was as follows:
Part I.

Miss Mona Coxwell.

"On the Meadow" Lichner—(a)
"Curieuse Histoire" Heller—(b)
Miss Llorence Forrester.
Essay—"A Glance at the Man". John Sabas—
tian Bach.

"Scene de Bal". Lichner
Miss Beatrice Watson. Greenwell
Misses Florence and Clara Forrester.
"Playtulness" Lange
"Spanish Air". Duett. Tartorio
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"Child's Hymn". Reiueche
Miss Giadys McConnell.
"The Skylark". Schmoll—(a)
"Little Darling". Lange—(b)
Miss Mona Coxwell.
Part II.

Carnival of Venice". Duett. Greenwell Miss Beatrice Webster and Hermine Kiely. "Cuckoo Song Popt Miss Anna Smith.

Recitation ... Miss Ethel Webster. "Tulip" ... Lichner
Master John Walsh.
"Music for Boys" ... Essay
Music Master Harold Watson.
"In the Country" Duett. ... Sartorio
Masters Harold Smith and John Walsh
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Miss Inez Brazill.

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"Music in the Busy World Miss Mona Cox well.

"God Save the Queen."

OBITUARY.

MRS. JAMES BURKE, SUDBURY, ONT. MRS. JAMES BURKE, SUDBURKY, ONT.
A Sudbury, on Nov. 3. there passed to her
eternal reward Mrs. James Burke, after a very
painful illness, borne with Christian of the fortified by the rites of Mother Church, in with
the good Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital. She
mas forty-six years and four months, and the
mother of eleven sons and one daughter, and a
daughter of the late John O'Dea of Admaston.
May her soul rest in peace!

MRS. GALLENA, TOLEDO, OHIO. MRS. GALLENA, TOLEDO, OHIO.

We regret exceedincly to record the death of
Mrs. Francis Gallena, an old regident of our
Forest City, which took place at Toledo, Ohio,
on the 8th December, 1898, The deceased, who
reached the age of sixty-eight years, had been
suffering for some time with stomach trouble,
which affection finally caused her death. Mrs.
Gallena had the great consolation of being attended during her long illness by her daughter,
Mrs. C. N. Pratt (also well known in this city),
the faithful companion and comfort of her
mother. Three children are left to mourn the
loss of a noble-hearted, devoted and unselfish
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JOHN O'NEIL, KINGSBRIDGE.

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We sincerely regret to announce the sad news of the rather sudden and unexpected death of a much-respected former resident of this place, in the person of John O'Neil, son of the late John O'Neil, one of the early pioneers of this section, who died at nis home about three years ago. Deceased, the oldest of six brothers and one sister, left, home at an early age to seek his fortune in the fav leavest the went into land speculation, in which he had been very successful, being of an enterprising nature. He engaged some years ago in the employment of building contractors, and by good honest attention io his business, soon gained the confidence of his employers, so that in a short time he was able to take a front place in business, and, although otten removed from the influences of Holy Church, to the end preserved the graces received from the good Catholic training he got in his early youth, and though much interested as he was in worldly pursuits, he was aver ready to contribute liberally of his means for the advancement of religion and the relief of the acor and needy. The sad accident took place at St. Eugene's Mission, British Columbia, whilst superintending the construction of a railway bridge. Missing his foothold, he fell a great distance, receiving injuries whole caused his death in a few days. And he a man lives so shall he die. Almighty God bestowed special graces and privileges on our dear friend in his last hours. He was placed in the Catholic hospital of that place, where the good Sisters of Mercy ministered relief and consolutions, and, died patiently, reconciled to the will of God. having received the last rites of Holy Church, and the religion of the subject of the whole community in the subject of the subject of the word one.

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