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ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA.

Much to the disappointment of a large number of intending audience, the lecture on "Liquified Air" announced to be delivered under the auspices of the Ottawa University Science Association by Rev. Dr. Griffin, formerly of that institution and now Professor of Sciences in the Catholic University of America, Washington, has been indefinitely postponed. A break down of the machinery for the preparation of the liquid air at the last moment is responsible. Hopes are, however, entertained that later on the distinguished Professor will appear here.

Rev. Mother Kirby, of the Water street convent, of Grey Nuns, is on a visit to Lowell, Mass.

Plans for an addition to the Rideau street convent are being prepared. Provision is being made for dormitories, a studio, drawing room, dining-room and private room, also for a library.

The Children of Mary, of St. Brigid's parish, will give an entertainment on 12th April.

Rev Father Edward Fisher, O. S. F., Secretary to His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, left during the past week on his return to England. The Canadian winters have been too trying on the reverend gentleman's constitution. He will visit houses of the Order in the United States before finally embarking.

On Sunday the Rev. Father Alexis, Superior of the Capuchin Monks in the parish of St. Francis of Assisi (Hintonburg), stated the condition of the parish is very satisfactory. A parochial visit made by himself and Rev. Father Candide revealed the fact that in the ten years the parish has been in existence the number of families has increased from one hundred to three hundred and twenty.

The County Board of the A. O. H., are making elaborate arrangements for the procession on St. Patrick's Day, and they have requested the co-operation of the other national societies in the city. They have also communicated with the pastors of the outlying Irish parishes, asking them to arrange for delegates to come into the city and join their brethren. The present proposition is that the procession shall start from the Catholic Lyceum (in connection with St. Patrick's church) and march thence to St. Joseph's church, where they will be first addressed by Rev. Dr Fallon. O. M. I., and, after the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, by Rev. Father Whelan, of St. Patrick's. They will then proceed through the principal streets, and the parade will end at St. Patrick's Hall on Sussex street. There will be bands of music and the Hibernians will be in uniform.

On the Sunday week preceding his death, the late Mr. J. C. Bonner presided at the organ and sang the musical portion of the Mass (Gregorian), in St. Mary's Church, Bayswater, Hintonburg. On Sunday of last week when his death was announced, Rev. Father Coté paid a tribute to his memory, as he had brought the choir to its present efficient condition. The funeral of the deceased which took place to St. Patrick's church, and thence to the cemetery of Our Lady, was one of the largest in the record of the parish, and was largely representative of all classes and creeds from all parts of the city. Rev. Father Whelan, assisted by Rev Fathers Cole and Fay, celebrated Mass. The musical portion which was rendered by the choir of the church, assisted by members of all the other city church choirs, was confined—by request of the deceased—to the Gregorian chant which had been arranged by himself.

Rev Father Brunet, of Portage du Fort has published a card in the Ottawa papers thanking the citizens of the former place for their efforts in saving the church and the greater part of his household effects from the fire which destroyed the presbytery.

On the first Sunday of Lent the extended six months of Jubilee year commenced. Before the Mass the "Veni Creator Spiritus" was sung in all the churches of the Archdiocese.

In view of the severity of the season, and of the prevailing epidemic, His Grace the Archbishop has abrogated to a great extent the fast of Lent. It is confined to the Wednesdays and Fridays, Ember Saturday and Saturday of Holy Week.

The small boys of St. Patrick's are having a stained glass window made, to be added to those already in place in the church.

Rev. Father Paillier, O. M. I., preached and gave Benediction in the Gloucester street chapel on Sunday.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

THE ORPHANS FESTIVAL.

The annual festival of St. Mary's Orphan Asylum—the forty-eighth on the long list—was celebrated yesterday in the usual way, by two performances at the Grand Opera House. The afternoon event was for the children particularly and the evening for the adult friends of the worthy institution. On both occasions the seating capacity of the theater was taxed, and the quality of the entertainments offered was as excellent as the audiences were large and appreciative. While the great center of interest at the evening performance was the address from the orphans to the Bishop and the friends of the institution, the concert programme which made up the bulk of the entertainment was of the sort calculated to satisfy, and the audience thoroughly appreciated it. The programme follows:

PROGRAMME.

Selection—Irish Music. ..... Van Manen
Thirteenth Regiment Band.
Quartet—"Crossing the Harbor Bar" ..... Adam Geibel
Messrs Swartz, Wodell, Robertson and Gayfer.
Solo—"Angelus" ..... Operti
Miss M. E. Nolan.
Duet—"Bolero" ..... Saint Saens
Miss Carmela and Grace Carbone.
Solo—"Love in Spring Time" ..... Arditi
Miss Ruby Shea.
Recitation—"The Bravest Battle That Ever Was Fought" .....
Miss Jeanette Lewis.
Piano solo—"Polonaise" ..... Chopin
Miss Helen MacMahon.
Quartet—"Oft in The Sully Night" ..... J. H. Brewer
Messrs. Swartz, Wodell, Robertson and Gayfer.
Solo—"Fiona" ..... S. Adams
Miss Helen MacMahon
Solo—(a) "The Rosary" ..... Nevin
(b) "The Garden of Sleep" .....
Isador Delara
Miss Ruby Shea.
Duet—(a) "Harvest Field" ..... Mendelssohn
(b) "Corinthian Folk Song" ..... Koschat
(c) "Tuscan Folk Song" ..... Caracciolo
Misses Carbone.
Recitation—"Baron's Last Banquet" .....
Abb G. Green
Miss Jeanette Lewis.
Solo—"Irish Folk Song" ..... Foote
Miss M. E. Nolan
Quartet—"Up-to-Date Medley" Adam Geibel
Hamilton Male Quartet.

The gems of the evening were the duet numbers of the Buffalo ladies, the Misses Carbone. No better duet-singing has been heard in Hamilton, and the audience was not slow to appreciate its beauty, encores being demanded after each programme number. The Hamilton male quartet made its first appearance in concert work, and while its work was not without flaw it had a sufficiency of good qualities to give satisfaction to the audience, encores being demanded. The quartet was somewhat handicapped by the fact that Mr. Swartz, the first tenor, was suffering from a severe cold. Miss Shea, as usual, captivated her audience with her solo numbers, and Miss Lewis was most successful with her recitations. Miss McMahon and Miss Nolan also came in for a full share of appreciation. The accompaniments for the soloists were artistically played by Joseph Cherrier.

The address from the orphans was delivered by Master John Merino, and as his able interrupter he had a little five year old tot named Basil Karkuff, whose interpolations were of the sort that made the audience laugh most heartily. The address was as follows:

"My Lord, Reverend Father, Ladies and Gentlemen—An older boy than I should, surely, be chosen to address you on this first festival of the new century; but you see, dear friends, any boy who had a friend in the world was sent away to be cared for after the House of Providence fire, for there is little more than standing room, in our present quarters, for the handful of boys before you. So as the big people say, 'It devolves upon me' to speak to the orphans to-night.

"I have heard a great deal about this new century; but I suppose I am too young to understand all the reasons why it is thought such a great event in the life of the world. I do understand this, however, at the first orphans' festival of the next century, you, my friends, will not be seated there—I shall not be here. None of the little ones who will then stand here with outstretched hands, few of those who will then occupy your places, listening to the orphans' appeal; few, if any, of them will know that you or I have ever lived.

"But, dear friends, your good influence will not die, and your example in caring for the orphans and sheltering the homeless poor will cause future generations to rise up and bless you long after your names have faded from the memory of men.

"There is another institution in Hamilton that I hope may be still flourishing a hundred years hence, and that is the daily press. Long life, I say, to the Post and the Herald and the Times and Spectator! The Sisters told us all about the noble work these papers did for us when our home in Dundas was burned and I wish to-night to thank not only the press, but all the kind, generous people of Hamilton, who gave money to rebuild the House of Providence, and who sent us food and clothing when we needed both, for we had not even a bed to lie upon.

"Just one word more, my dear friends, before I bid you good-night: When we boys return to Dundas we hope you will all come out to see us. We were always glad to see you when we lived there before, but now we shall be doubly proud and happy to show you our new home for which we shall in a great measure have to thank you."

His Lordship Bishop Dowling made a neat speech in reply to the address thanking the friends of the institution for the interest they had taken in the orphans. Mayor Hendrie, H. Carscallen, K. C., M. L. A., Hon. J. M. Gibson and Hon. F. R. Latchford, who all occupied seats in the boxes with the Bishop, were called on for speeches and responded briefly and in good taste.

At the afternoon entertainment there were choruses by the children of the orphanage and special numbers by individual members. Three pupils of Martin Cleworth gave a very funny farce, which was hugely enjoyed by the little folks. Rev. Chancellor Holden had full charge of arrangements for both entertainments, and that they were so successful is due largely to his untiring efforts and to the good work of the Sisters of St. Mary's.—Spectator, Feb. 19th.

ASH WEDNESDAY.

The distribution of ashes took place in all the city churches last Wednesday. In the evening His Lordship was present at the cathedral and preached a very instructive sermon on the meaning of Lent and the need of mortification. The Bishop also assisted in distributing the ashes.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.

The quarterly meeting of the city conferences of St. Vincent de Paul was held in St. Mary's parish hall Sunday, the 24th inst. The reports of the conferences were submitted and proved very satisfactory. The Bishop was present.

DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH

FROM CAMPBELLFORD, ONTARIO.

The Campbellford bazaar, which was to have taken place last May, was held Feb 13, 14 and 15 of last week and proved a success, both socially and financially. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the different stalls with their artistic drapings of the national colors interwoven with evergreens presented a very inviting appearance. Meals were served during the three days, and reflect great credit on the ladies who superintended the tables. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. D. Kerr, organist, provided excellent concerts for Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Friday evening being reserved for the drawing of prizes and the sale of remaining articles. Mrs Kerr deserves great praise for the manner in which the members of the choir acquitted themselves.

The congregation of Campbellford have every reason to feel proud of their zealous pastor, Rev. Father McCloskey, who has labored so earnestly in their behalf since coming to their parish. The winners of prizes are as follows:

Ticket No. 912 e, J. D. McGuire, Rochester, N. Y.; 91x, Mr. Geo Campbell, Ormsby, Ont.; 91e J. L. Lintz, Rochester; 495k Mrs Wm. Heffron, Toronto; 70f Mr. Jas McCormick, Cairo Ill; 95; Mr. Thos. McNarmara, Madoc; 9 9c, Mrs E. M. Johnston, Almonte; 996, Mr. Owen Casey, Rochester; 5x, Mr. George Whitty, Stirling; 408m Miss C. Bell, Keene; 618i, Mr. Richard Kenny, Chatham, N. B.; 38m Mrs. J. D. McDougald, Montreal; 284a J. S. Flynn, Prescott; 362g, W. P. Graham, Halifax, N. S.

The proceeds of bazaar netted ten hundred and thirty dollars ($1,030).

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

CONSECRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR, SARNIA.

On Sunday, February 17, the congregation of the Catholic church of Sarnia, witnessed a most solemn ceremony, namely, the consecration of St. Joseph's altar, by the Right Rev. Bishop McEvay, of London, assisted by Very Rev. Father Cushing, Superior of Sandwich College, Very Rev. Father Francis of Chatham, Rev. Father Collins of Sandwich, the rev. pastor, and Rev. Father Tobin. The ceremony occupied from 9:30 until 10:45 during which time the members of the choir rendered very excellent music.

When the ceremony was ended the Right Rev. Bishop offered up the Holy Mass on the newly consecrated altar, after which Rev. Father Francis preached an eloquent sermon, explaining that part of the New Testament headed, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of Heaven." The ceremonies of the morning closed with the Angelus, recited by the Bishop, and responded to by the congregation.

Again, in the evening, the Bishop, clergy, and congregation assembled at 7 o'clock, when Rev. Fathers Gnam, of Wyoming, and Mugan, of Corunna, were also in the sanctuary. The service of the evening consisted of a solemn Vespers, Coram Pontifice, Rev. Father Collins was celebrant, with Rev. Fathers Gnam and Mugan as deacon and sub deacon, respectively.

After complimenting the choir, especially the juveniles, on the superior quality of the singing rendered, the Bishop gave a very pleasing description of the public life and trials in and about the city of Jericho. He closed by appealing to the congregation to imitate the life of Our Blessed Lord during the holy Lenten season, by acts of penance, mortification and self denial. The exercises then terminated with the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

FATHER BEST AT LA SALETTE.

The Rev. Father Philip A. Best of the Carmelite Monastery, Niagara Falls, and editor of the Carmelite Review, last Saturday and Sunday was the guest of Rev. P. Corcoran, P. P. of La Salette parish, which he visited for the purpose of giving the Germans of that parish an opportunity to fulfil the Easter duty. Although the weather was stormy the special devotions were well attended throughout. These devotions consisted of three Masses, Stations of the Cross and Vespers. Father Best preached eloquent and practical sermons at High Mass and Vespers, and a large number of the parishioners made their paschal Communion on Sunday and Monday. Father Best was assisted by Rev. P. Corcoran, pastor of La Salette, and Rev. G. R. Northgraves, Editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD.

OBITUARY.

MR. THOMAS ALLEN, INGERSOLL.

The death of Thomas Joseph Allen, son of the late George Allen, occurred at Ingersoll, on Thursday, January 31, 1901 in his forty-eighth year, of pneumonia, after only a few days' illness. Rev. Father Connolly attended him and administered the last sacraments of the Church and was also with him a short time before he breathed his last.

Deceased was of a kindly, generous and obliging disposition and made for himself many friends. He had lived in and near Ingersoll and vicinity all his life time and had at one time drove the Dominion Express Co. wagon, and in this capacity made hosts of friends among the general public by his courteous demeanor towards them, and they will hear of his sudden death with sincere regret.

The funeral took place on Feb. 2, at 9:30 a. m., to the church of the Sacred Heart, where High Mass of Requiem was sung by the pastor, Rev. Father Connelly, who preached a very impressive sermon from the text, 'I would not have you mourn like those without faith.' During the Offertory Mrs. Thos. Dunn sang the hymn, 'Vital Spark,' and at the Communion, 'Pray for the Dead" and on leaving the church the touching hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," was sung by the choir in a very impressive manner. The funeral was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives.

The pall bearers were six cousins of the deceased, namely: David and Henry Garvey, Lawrence, James and Basil Henderson, and Edward Comiskey.

The interment took place in the family plot in the Catholic cemetery, beside his father and mother.

Two sisters—Miss Lucy Allen, who resided with him, and Mrs. Jas. Howe, of London—are left to mourn his loss.

Requiescat in pace!

BERNARD SMITH, OSHAWA.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we chronicle the death of one of Oshawa's oldest and most respected citizens, in the person of Bernard Smyth, only son of the late Andrew Smyth, who preceded deceased by thirty five years. Deceased was born in the county Monaghan, Ireland, Aug. 14, 1824, and it was there he received his early education and finished it in this town, where the Wellington homestead now stands. He came to Oshawa with his parents in 1834, being then a mere boy of ten years, when this now busy town was to a great extent, woodland. He was very industrious and ambitious, and as a young man his obliging and congenial disposition won for him many friends. In his later days he used to relate many interesting events, which occurred when this country was young. In 1859 he married Mrs Charles Anderson, nee Eliza Spurrell, of Whitby. Eight children blessed this union, seven of whom survive him. He lived, at the time of his death, on the farm which he purchased with his first earnings. He was a true husband, a loving father and a good neighbor, and will be greatly missed by his many friends. After a long and tedious illness of over two years, borne with Christian fortitude patience and resignation to the will of Almighty God, fortified by the rites of our holy religion and all the consolation of Holy Church, he breathed forth his pure soul to his Creator on Feb. 7, surrounded by his wife and family and relatives. The Requiem Mass on Saturday and also the Holy Sacrifice on Sunday was offered for the repose of his soul. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, at 2 p. m., from the homestead where he had lived for sixty years, followed by a long concourse of Protestant neighbors as well as Catholic, showing the esteem in which he was held; the procession of carriages and vehicles numbering seventy-five, although the day was very cold. The remains were taken to St. Gregory's church, where the beautiful Catholic burial service was read in English as well as Latin, Father Jeffcott, the pastor, addressed the large congregation in a few well chosen words appropriate on the sad occasion. As the remains and funeral procession entered the church, the choir sang "The Dying Christian to His Soul," and "Nearer My God to Thee." The remains were then taken to St. Gregory's cemetery, followed by the large concourse of neighbors and friends of sixty years, where all that was mortal of Bernard Smyth was laid to rest to await the call of Gabriel's trumpet. The mourners were his wife and family at home, Robert and his wife living near the homestead, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Bench, St. Catharines; Mr. and Mrs. P. Creighton, Oshawa; William and James Wilson. The family have the sincere sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement. The pall bearers were: Jas. Gibbons, Jas. Powers, Daniel Buckley, John Johns, Wm. Wilson, John Mothersill.

May his soul rest in peace!

JOHN C. BONNER, OTTAWA.

There passed away on Sunday morning a valued member of St. Patrick's congregation—Mr. John C. Bonner, who for many years had filled the position of choir master. In recommending his soul to the prayer of the people, the Rev. Father Whelan made a feeling allusion to his service. A quarter of a century ago, the reverend gentleman said, St. Patrick's church was in poor circumstances, a very limited income, a heavy debt, with exacting creditors. In those days the then pastor had no means of having the beautiful liturgy of the Church done justice to, much as he longed for it, and it was then that the deceased, a young Englishman, a convert who had barely crossed the threshold of Holy Church, volunteered his gratuitous services as choir-master, and this office he continued to discharge during those dark days and even long after the church had become more prosperous without fee or reward or even the hope of it. His memory, the rector said in conclusion, will be solemnly celebrated at his funeral Mass on Tuesday, 19th inst. R. I. P.

Mr. Bonner's son is now organist of the church.

MR. R. W. CONNOR, ST. JOHN, N. B.

The sudden and tragic death of Mr. R. W. Connor was a sad surprise to those who knew him and appreciated the kind character and qualities of the man. He was probably the quietest and most unobtrusive business man in the city and yet his word was considered as good as his bond. He was upright in every respect and apparently a model for those who knew him. Mr. Connor's illness was of a very short duration. Melancholy induced from a severe cold, akin to la grippe could no doubt account for the despondent mood that led to the act of self destruction. Much sympathy will be felt for his aged mother and for the brothers and sister, who with him have always been a most happy family.—St. John, N. B., Progress, Feb. 23.

May his soul rest in peace!

MR. JOHN MCCARTHY, THOROLD, ONT.

It is with feelings of deep and profound sorrow we have to record the death of Mr. John McCarthy, son of Mr. Michael McCarthy, who died at his home here on Pine street, Feb. 16, after a painful illness of about five months.

The deceased was well known and highly respected, having been brought up and educated in Thorold, and loved by all those who had the privilege of calling him friend. His death caused profound sorrow throughout this vicinity.

He bore his trying illness with patience and resignation to God's holy will, and his lips were constantly moving in silent prayer, no doubt, for a final preparation for a peaceful and happy death. His earnest prayer was granted, for he had the happiness of being fortified with all the rites of Holy Church, and of calmly breathing out his mortal life at the early dawn of Sunday morning, the feast of our Lady of Lourdes, surrounded by the members of his family.

Mr. McCarthy was a member of the C. M. B. A., having held the office of Recording Secretary in that branch.

His funeral, which was held on Monday morning, Feb. 18th, at 9:30 o'clock, was very largely attended testifying the sincere regard held for the deceased. Rev. T. J. Sullivan celebrated the High Mass of Requiem, afterwards delivering a short and pathetic sermon, taking for his text: "It is appointed for all men once to die," making touching references to the holy death and past life of the deceased.

Besides a sorrowing widow and three small children, he leaves a loving father, a tender mother, and four sisters, viz: Rev. Sister M. Macrina, St. Joseph's Convent, Oshawa, Ont.; Mrs. M. J. Jordan, and Misses Lucretia and Frances McCarthy, all of Thorold.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. E. P. Foley, A. McKeague, J. Roach, M. Moran, R. McDonald, and Joseph Saunders, who were all officers of the C. M. B. A. R. I. P.

PATRICK COUGHLIN, DELHI.

Mr. Patrick Coughlin, of Delhi, died at his residence on Wednesday evening, Feb. 13 of heart disease, in the fifty fifth year of his age. He was born in King's County, Ireland, and came to Canada, when a young man of seventeen years of age. He first lived in Hamilton, afterwards in Paris where he worked with Mr. Finney in building the railway bridge over the Grand River and for the last twenty nine years he has been a respected resident of Delhi, during nearly all this time following his trade of carpenter and bridge builder under the superintendance of Mr. Finney. For the last few years, Mr. Coughlin was in poor health superinduced by a severe attack of grip, which gave rise to a complication of diseases, and notwithstanding the best medical attendance and the tender and affectionate nursing of his sister, Miss Margaret Coughlin, he succumbed to his ailments. His funeral took place on Saturday, the 16th inst., to the Catholic Church of La Salette, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul. As he was a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, a contingent from that fraternal society attended the funeral wearing their badges and the following members acted as pall bearers: Henry McEhone, John Burke, Frank Casey, William McNamara, William Moore and Joseph Wagner. Interment took place in the Catholic cemetery at La Salette. Mr. Jos. Church was director of the funeral ceremonies.—Delhi Reporter.

May his soul rest in peace!

MR. JOHN RYAN, SR., ASPHODEL.

On Thursday, the 7th Feb., Mr. John Ryan, sr., who had been ill with la grippe for some time, peacefully departed this life at his home in Asphodel, in his eighty second year. Mr. Ryan was a most highly respected, honorable upright pioneer. Being very generous and charitable he made numerous friends and died without an enemy.

During his late illness he was frequently strengthened by the rites of Holy Church and was fully resigned to the holy will of God.

His unflagging interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of Holy Church, together with his generosity in sustaining its funds, were evidences of his piety and devotion.

His faithful wife, four sons and two daughters who were present at the funeral now mourn, as only those who have passed through similar experiences can understand, the loss of a father and husband.

The pall bearers were: J. Lamey, M. English, J. Gibson, T. Heffernan, J. C. Lynch and P. Doherty.

Mr. John Ryan was a native of County Limerick, Ireland, and came to Canada fifty nine years ago. He was shipwrecked in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and after undergoing numerous hardships and privations made his way to the head of Rice Lake. His first employer was the late Richard Birdsall, sr. In 1859 he took up land for himself on lot 13, con. 4, of Asphodel, where he lived until the time of his death.

The deceased was married in 1854 to Catherine Healy, a native of his own parish in Ireland, who survives him together with the following children,—John and Michael of Asphodel; James of Percy; Thomas of Toronto; Mrs. M. Downs, of Percy, and Miss B. Ryan, of Chicago.

During his long residence in Asphodel Mr. Ryan won the highest respect and esteem of the community.

The funeral took place on Saturday from the homestead to the Catholic cemetery.

Requiem High Mass was celebrated in St. Paul's church, by the Rev. Father Conway, who spoke very highly of the deceased. Rev. Father McGuire, of Hastings, was also present, and took part in the solemn and impressive service.

May his soul rest in peace!

MISS CECILIA TERESA CALL, PICTON.

There died on Sunday, 17th. ult. at the home of her sorrowing mother in Picton, Miss Cecilia Teresa Call, at the early age of twenty-five years. For months she bravely struggled against disease with patience and gentleness. All that loving kindness and medical skill could do was done for her, but she finally succumbed to the fell destroyer, consumption. The funeral on Tuesday morning was largely attended. A solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Twohey for the repose of her soul. After the chanting of the Libera the cortege proceeded to the vault where the remains were placed to await interment. The family have the sincere sympathy of the community. The pall bearers were Messrs. T. Kelly, E. M. Manus, A. Powers, E. Powers, J. Heffernan and J. Keogh. *Requiescat in Pace!*

MR. PATRICK O'MALLEY, BRISTOL, QUE.

It is with feelings of unfeigned sorrow that we record the death of Mr. Patrick O'Malley, which occurred at his home in Bristol on Monday evening, Feb. 11. He had been suffering for the past few months with diabetes and two days before his death was seized with convulsions. Notwithstanding the kind and loving attention of his wife, mother and sister as well as the efforts of the best medical skill that could be procured he passed peacefully away after having had the happiness of receiving the last rites and consolations of the Church.

His two brothers, John and Richard, were telegraphed for to Wisconsin, but for some unavoidable reason did not arrive until after the funeral, which took place on Thursday, Feb. 14, to St. Bridget's Church, North Onslow, where the Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul. R. I. P.

MRS. WM. WHITE, PETROLEA.

Sudden and unexpected, but not unprepared, was the death scene of Mrs. William White, of Petrolea parish, on Feb. 7, a day that will leave a memorable record on the death page of the family calendar. Attacked with that treacherous epidemic la grippe, hurriedly the best medical skill called in, the pastor summoned to the bedside, the last consoling rites of the Church administered, quickly came the end and now a snow-covered grave in Mount Calvary cemetery marks the sleeping place of a wife and mother, who, by her departure, brings untold grief to one of the best families of Petrolea congregation. The very large funeral on Saturday morning, loudly spoke the esteem in which Mrs. White was held by all classes. The feeling references made by Father Gnam of the deceased brought visible tears and audible sobs to the saddened assembly. A native of St. Johns, Newfoundland, Mrs. White brought with her to Western Canada, the old faith of her forefathers of the isle of the Shamrock, a faith planted and deeply rooted in the little Canadian isle of her birth. This faith she guarded inviolably, and the Church she so often attended in health, came in time of sickness with her plenitude of powers to comfort this going-home soul, thus bequeathing to her children the precious heritage of a noble example. Mrs. White, whose maiden name was Bridget Ryan, came to Petrolea twenty seven years ago, where her husband holds a responsible position in the Standard Oil Co. Three children, John, Mary and David, survive, and are now realizing a mother's loss, while the good husband silently bears his hidden grief. When these lines reach the many readers of the CATHOLIC RECORD in Newfoundland, of those in whose memory the deceased lady still lives, we ask a *Requiescat in pace.*

MRS. DONALD O'HENLEY AND MISS SARAH POPPLE, MICH.

Died at her home in Sheridan, an affectionate and devoted daughter and sister, and a kind and loving mother, About three weeks ago they were taken down with the grip, and after a few days of medical treatment, were considered out of danger. All at once Miss Sarah O'Henley was taken worse, and, surrounded by friends and relatives, on Feb. 11 she passed out of this life with the names of Jesus, Mary and Joseph on her lips, pleading for them to open the gate of heaven for her. She was buried from St. Columbkill church, Sheridan, where High Mass was sung for the repose of her soul by Rev. Father Stapelton, our beloved pastor.

May God have mercy on her soul.

One week later, Feb. 18, 1901, her mother, Mrs. Donald O'Henley, a kind and loving mother, passed out of this life, also surrounded by friends and relatives. She was buried from St. Columbkille church, Sheridan, Feb. 21st, by Rev. Father Stapelton, where High Mass was sung for the repose of her soul. May God have mercy on her soul!

Mrs. O'Henley was born in Bornish, Inverniss shire, Scotland, seventy-seven years ago, of a noble Highland race. Her maiden name was Christina McLellan. She was married to Donald O'Henley, fifty-five years ago, a noble Highlander, who died in Sheridan four years ago at the age of eighty-seven years. Of their union there were eleven children—Katie died in infancy, Sarah, last week. There is left to mourn their loss nine children—Mrs. Alick McKinnon, of Sheridan; Angus, Mrs. Alick McIntyre, Mrs. Michael Dalton, Chicago; Mrs. Wm. Martin, Chicago; Angus, Joseph and Donald, Mrs. Angus McEachen and Neil O'Henley, of Sheridan; all of whom were at their funeral. As also were W. Martin, son-in-law, and Mary McDonald and John Morrison and Archy Morrison, of Parkhill, Ont., niece and nephews of deceased. R. I. P.

MARRIAGES.

COLLINS-HOOLEY.

There was united in matrimony on Wednesday, Feb 6, at the Catholic church, Dunwich, Elgin county, by the Rev. Father Quinlan, Thomas Collins, of Caradoc, to Miss Mary Hooley, Miss Katie Hooley, cousin of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. James Hooley, brother of the bride, as best man. After the ceremony the happy couple and guests repaired to the home of the bride's mother, where a sumptuous breakfast awaited them.

SULLIVAN-MCASEY.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., in St. Joseph's church, Markdale, Rev. Father Hauck united in holy wedlock Mr. J. F. Sullivan and Miss Maggie McAsey, eldest daughter of Mr. Thos. McAsey. The bride entered the church leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. Jas Murphy, and attended by her sister, Miss Nellie McAsey, while the wedding march was well rendered by Master Joseph Kelly. The groom was assisted by his brother, Mr. E. Sullivan.

The bride, the popular organist of Glenelg and Markdale Catholic churches, was becomingly attired in a caster lady's cloth traveling gown, prettily trimmed with applique and cream satin. She wore a black silk velvet picture hat.

A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's father, where a number of immediate relatives were present. A very pleasing feature of the occasion was a well chosen address by the pastor, Rev. Father Hauck, who but voiced the sentiments of their many friends when he wished the happy couple every blessing during their wedded life, so happily begun.

After a few hours spent in social enjoyment, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan left on the evening train, via G. T. R., for Brantford, Detroit and other points. After their two weeks' wedding tour they will reside in their new home in Pomona.

KELLY-MORKIN.

At St. Patrick's Catholic church on Wednesday, Feb. 13th, 1901, Mr. Joseph Kelly of Whalen, Ont., was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Bridget E. Morkin at 10:30 a. m. The bride entered the church leaning on the arm of her brother, Wm. C. Morkin. The organ, which was presided at by Miss A. McGrath, on the entry of the bridal party pealed forth a beautiful wedding march. The bride looked charming, attired in a light drab lady cloth tailor-made suit, trimmed with pearls, with hat to match. Miss B. Tooney, cousin of the bride, led the procession to the altar. She was dressed in a light grey tailor made suit and wore a picture hat. The groom was supported by his cousin, Mr. M. McGee. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Noonan. After the nuptial Mass the wedding party left the church, while the organ pealed forth one of those beautiful wedding marches, followed by their many friends who had gathered to witness the marriage. They heartily congratulated the young couple on their happy wedding, after which the party, with a number of the near friends, betook themselves to the home of the bride's father, where a sumptuous breakfast awaited them. The presents were numerous and costly, which testifies to the high esteem in which the young couple are held. After the usual toast which was proposed for the bride by her uncle, M. Toohey, of Storm Lake, Iowa, they left on the 3:40 o'clock train with the best wishes of many friends for Toronto and other eastern points, after which they will take up their residence in the home of the groom near Whalen.

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Resolution of Condolence.

The following resolutions were passed at a regular meeting of St. Mary's Branch, No. 177, C. M. B. A., Newcastle, held at their hall, Tuesday, the 12th inst:

Whereas we have learned with deep regret of the death of James Gill, the son of our esteemed brother, Thos. Gill,

Resolved, that we express our deep sorrow for the great loss sustained by our beloved brother, and extend to him and the members of his bereaved family, our sincere sympathy.

Resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to Brother Gill and entered upon the minutes of this meeting.

H. A. QUILTY,
F. W. BUTLER.

Newcastle, Feb. 15, 1901.

At a regular meeting of St. Mary's Branch No. 177, C. M. B. A., of Newcastle, held at their hall on Tuesday, the 17th day of February, the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas we have learned of the sad death of Denis McEvoy, father of our esteemed brother, Patrick J. McEvoy,

Resolved, that we, the officers and members of Branch No. 177, extend to our beloved brother, his widow, and the other members of the bereaved family, our deep and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to Brother McEvoy, and spread upon the minutes of this branch.

H. A. QUILTY,
F. W. BUTLER.

Newcastle, Feb. 15, 1901.

Guelph, Feb. 18, 1901.

At the last regular meeting of Branch No. 31, C. M. B. A., held Feb. 11, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Moved by S. A. Heffernan, seconded by Michael Purcell,

Whereas Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom has removed from his earthly abode to his eternal home the venerable father of our esteemed Brother, Matthew Cheevers,

Resolved that we, while humbly bowing to the divine will in all things, hereby tender Brother Cheevers and the other members of his family our deep sympathy in their bereavement, and pray that God, whose greatest blessings are unseen to our worldly eyes, will vouchsafe eternal rest to the soul of the dear departed.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the bereaved family, a copy entered on our minutes, and copies sent to The Canadian and CATHOLIC RECORD for publication.

JAMES KENNEDY, Sec.

London, Ont., Feb. 19, 1901.

At the last regular meeting of Branch No. 4, C. M. B. A., London, Ont., an appropriately worded resolution of condolence was tendered Brother W. P. Regan, on the death of his mother. It was also resolved that this expression of the Branch's sympathy with our worthy brother should be published in the CATHOLIC RECORD and The Canadian.

P. F. BOYLE, Rec. Sec.

LETTER FROM BISHOP McNEIL

Antigonish Casket.

The following letter was not written for publication, but, knowing that it would be deeply interesting to our readers, the receiver has given us permission to publish it.

Canadian College, Rome, Jan. 18, 1901.

I have been greatly interested the last few days in excavations that are carried on continually in the most interesting part of ancient Rome, the Forum—the place where temples, houses of assembly, court houses, palaces, and other public buildings were grouped together. It is long since they were able to point out the exact place where Cicero used to speak, where Julius Cæsar lived and died, and such things. After the old buildings began to fall into ruin, especially after the northern barbarians devastated them, the place became a receptacle for rubbish and earth which gradually raised the level of the soil and buried the old streets to a depth of twenty to thirty feet in many places. Hence the need of large expenditures by the Government to unearth the old ruins, expenditures begun by the Popes many years ago. Last year, the excavations reached a church built on the level of modern Rome, and the church was taken down. When the workmen reached a depth of fifteen to twenty feet where the church had been, it became evident that they were in another church. At a depth of about thirty feet they reached the floor of the old church, and are now unearthing things of great interest every day. The archaeologists knew nothing of a church in the place. I was in it a couple of days ago. The walls are still standing. One of the columns is in its place. The sanctuary and side chapels are well preserved, and, most interesting of all, the plastered walls are literally covered with paintings and inscriptions. It is astonishing to see how vivid the colors remain. The church is quite large, nearly as large as St. Patrick's in Halifax, and the paintings on the main walls constitute what might be called an Illustrated Bible. Over the altar in a side chapel is a very remarkable painting of the Crucifixion. Our Lord is represented alive on the Cross and not suffering — conquering death, as it were, not subject to it. The figure is draped by a garment reaching the feet. Beside the Cross stand the Blessed Virgin and St. John, also two soldiers, of whom one holds a lance and the other a sponge. The name of the former soldier is given—*Longinus.* *Sancta Maria* is also written over the figure representing the Blessed Virgin. The archaeologists were able at once to determine the date of the paintings. In olden times, a round nimbus or halo about the head of a painting indicated not only that the person was holy, but also that the person was dead, while a square nimbus indicated that the person was still alive. In this church, two figures with square halos have names inscribed, namely Pope Zacharias and Pope Paul I, so that the paintings, or some of them, were executed at different times between the years 741 and 767. But the church itself is older than that. Three days ago, the inscription showing the name of the church was discovered. A literal translation of the title is this—*To Mary the Holy Mother of God and ever Virgin.* This inscription is not older than the paintings, but other discoveries threw more light upon it. It is recorded in the Papal Archives that Pope John VII, in 706, put a new pulpit in the church called *Old St. Mary's* and last week the workmen unearthed part of a marble pulpit on which is the inscription both in Latin and Greek, *John the Servant of Holy Mary.* In one of the side chapels is a painting of the Blessed Virgin in the act of receiving a building from the hands of a man who is described as the *Administrator of the Church called Old St. Mary's.* Hence the building was old in the seventh century. Indeed it is certain that the walls are part of the Palace of the Roman Emperors. The only doubt is as to the time after the conversion of the Emperor Constantine at which that part of the Palace was turned into a church. Anyhow the name, the inscriptions, the paintings all show that devotion to the Blessed Virgin was as much a part of the Christian religion in the seventh century as it is to day. The people who assemble every Sunday in St. Mary's of Halifax would have felt perfectly at home in "Old St. Mary's" of Rome thirteen hundred years ago. This church also emphasizes the union which then existed in religion between Latins and Greeks. The inscriptions are usually in both languages. There is a number of Latin saints painted on one wall, and a similar line of Greek saints near by. Of course we knew all these things before, but it is interesting to see works buried nine or ten centuries ago rise from their graves to repeat the lesson. The Catacombs carry the lesson on right through the preceding centuries. I was in one this afternoon and saw the remains of Christians buried here when Rome was still a pagan city and chapels under ground, hewn out of the rock, with altars, credence tables for wine and water beside the altars, stone seats for the clergy, etc.

One often sees the words *To Let