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ADVICES from Ireland go to show that the opening of the great Irish Textile Exhibition was a grand success.

THE King of Benin is in the hands of the Imperial Government and it is safe to say that his future career will be brief.

ANOTHER life sacrificed to the North Pole craze, for it is almost beyond doubt that Professor Andr   no longer exists. Many bones lie on the icefields that surround the greatest of this world's enigmas, many of them of the bravest and talented of mankind. Science and human energy have conquered many things in the past, but before the walls of prehistoric ice they find themselves powerless.

PEOPLE say that the English have no wit and that it takes them half-an-hour to understand a joke. That is not true. It has been proposed of late to depict all the anarchists to an uninhabited island where they can form a government to suit themselves, whereupon the St. James' Gazette rises to remark that the inhabitants could not be expected to work for their bread, and international subsidy should provide for their larder.

THE appointment of an English chaplain for the Cathedral must prove satisfactory news to all the English speaking Catholics of Montreal, and it is made doubly grateful because the honor has fallen on one of the most popular Irish priests of the Archdiocese, Rev. Father Luke Callaghan, D.D. The duties of his new office will be arduous, and in making his choice Archbishop Brocheau has displayed that far-seeing wisdom which is one of his distinguishing characteristics.

GOLIA's death by the garrotte was not long delayed after the death of his victim but it has not put a stop to bomb throwing. There have been two explosions in Paris since then and the Emperor of Germany only succeeded from being killed in a railway wreck by ten minutes grace. The Czar is so frightened that he talks of abolishing exile to Siberia, and there are other signs of the times which go to show that the heads that wear a crown are beginning to feel the power of an oppressed and tax burdened people.

MONTREAL is becoming the convention city of all America. Where is the city either in the States or in Canada which possesses such natural and artificial advantages. The greatest river in the world flows at its foot, the noblest view open to the eyes of man is to be beheld from its lovely mountain top, it is studied with great hotels and noble buildings, its educational facilities are unrivalled and its street car and railway arrangements are not to be surpassed. There is everything to attract the stranger and make his stay delightful.

THE news comes from Terre Haute, Ind., that a letter from Bishop Chastard was read in all the Catholic Churches of the Vincennes Diocese Sunday, urging that all children of Catholic parents be sent to the parochial schools. The Bishop quotes from a letter of the Pope to the Archbishop of Switzerland, urging that the Catholics do not have mixed schools. The Bishop is also reported to have said that much can be done by encouraging parents and seconding the zeal of the pastors, which will sustain the cause of Catholic education in the midst of opposition or trial.

THE State of Georgia has a sensation, not a lynching bee but a real genuine affair which has called for the intervention of the State authorities. It has been discovered that the convicts in the different camps are being brutally treat-

ed, and that far from being places of reform they are hells upon earth. Men and women herded together and the most horrible brutalities exercised, this is the burden of complaint. But what can be expected of the sons of a country when their mothers openly advocate lynching and glory in this disgrace to American civilization?

If Press reports are to be believed the United States is prepared to buy the independence of Cuba from Spain, for that is what is meant by its alleged offer to guarantee to Spain a war indemnity to be paid by Cuba, on condition that the latter is granted "home rule." This is not the first time this suggestion was made to Spain, but Canovas was then alive and stern and unyielding. He told the then American Minister that he would brook no interference from the United States. Now that Canovas is dead, his successor may be more pliable, but he will have to cope with the Spanish people, who are not in the least bit more pliable than Uncle Sam. Meanwhile, while all this talk is going on, Spain is mobilizing a fresh army of twenty-seven thousand men to throw into Cuba. It looks as if Spain did not want an indemnity just yet, but would rather take the chances of paying herself.

THE politics of Europe are in a peculiar situation to say the least. The two greatest autocrats of the civilized world, the Czar of Russia and the Emperor of Germany, are both at loggerheads because they are rivalling each other for the favor of the French Republic. William sees in a friendly alliance with France the assurance that he will be left in undisturbed possession of Alsace and Lorraine and the Czar a pledge that the Gaul, the closest neighbor to great Britain, will aid and abet him in his policy of aggrandizement in European Turkey and in China. Both Emperors seek in an alliance with France a counterforce against the strength of Great Britain, and both feel that the nation in closest touch with the Republic will attain its object. All things considered the closing years of the century should be record breakers in as far as furnishing material for future historians is concerned.

THE Irish dead at Grosse Ile have no monument, and the bones of the forefathers of so many of the Irish Catholics of Canada lie forgotten and forsaken on this grim outpost of the St. Lawrence. Here in Canada we have subscriptions for this and subscriptions for that, this time for a Jubilee and another time for a picnic or some such pleasant entertainment, and between one thing and another enough money is littered away which, if devoted to a worthy object, would show some tangible result. Here is an occasion in which ought to be dear to the hearts of every Irish Catholic in the Dominion. Who of us has not lost a friend, a parent, or some relative during that awful scourge of the ship fever. And if their mortal remains do not rest on the shores of Grosse Ile, then they rest on the banks of the St. Lawrence in Montreal, and in either case none of the countrymen of the dead have shown heart to remember them. It is true here in Montreal stranger hands raised a rude monument to mark the last resting place of so many Irish men and women, but had their compatriots any hand or part in it? No, and it is a disgrace and a blot on the name of the Irish people of Canada that those of their dead, unfortunate pioneers of Canadian civilization should obtain such little recognition from their children. Surely a few thousand dollars could be raised in Quebec alone to rear two monoliths to mark the resting place of these victims of enforced exile and disease.

IN the pages of the Boston Republic can be found a very interesting paper by Father Columban, C. P., of Paris, on the subject "The Catholic Aspect of Modern Journalism." It was read at the recent scientific congress and contains many points of interest to the general reader. The Rev. writer condemns sensationalism, articles referring to immoral matters, prize fight reports and such like. From a Catholic standpoint the journalistic millennium will not be reached, in Father Columban's opinion, until there is in every country a Catholic daily paper, certainly equal to, and, if possible, greater in worth than its secular contemporaries. He would not have the paper exclusively religious. On the contrary, it should be a strong competitor with its contemporaries in the supply of all branches of news, save that class of information which right, reason and religion tell us is noxious to the people. Father Columban indicates certain branches of news which Catholics should be interested to learn about. The doings of those who still despoil the church and seek to crush her should be exposed to public opinion. The affairs of the church should be extensively chronicled in every land. The working of foreign missions and the difficulties and hardships of those who preach the gospel in distant lands should be brought under the notice of the world at large. Accurate informa-

tion from the centre of Christendom should be circulated wherever the cross is set up. In the doing of all which the Catholic daily would be a great factor. We heartily endorse Father Columban's closing words: "Any movement for rendering the Catholic press more efficient and up to date cannot fail to do service to the Catholic cause, to place a weapon in the hands of those who profess the true religion which will tell with effect upon the sowers of discord in the religious life of the nations, and to help to preserve and sustain among mankind a healthier tone of thought and action, raise the standard of literature, and promote the temporal and spiritual well-being of the human race."

THERE is a Farmers' Congress in progress at St. Paul, Minn. It is known as the "National," and is practically the successor of the "Grange" movement which, a few years back, obtained such a large membership. As is customary with the newspapers across the line, the convention is looked at through political spectacles. The Republican editor has interviewed the optimistic delegate, while the Democrat reporter singles out the pessimistic farmer, and it is amusing to note the different views printed in the columns of the opposing prints. The man from Dakota says the times are really no better, while the man from the East is hopeful of good times. Says the New York Sun on this subject:

"The men who last fall shouted for McKinley maintain that things are all right, while the followers of Bryan assert quite as stoutly that there has been no improvement save a temporary one, due to short crops abroad, and that in another year, under normal conditions, a recurrence of hard times will be seen. As a whole the congress is hopeful of better times, with a majority of the delegates strongly optimistic."

THE unhappy division in the ranks of the Irish National Party is being emphasized by the Press of Ireland, as is evidenced from the following extract taken from the Weekly Nation of the 28th August:—

"It may be in the recollection of our readers that Mr. John Redmond in the early part of the past Parliamentary session publicly proclaimed the intention of himself and his Independent Party to challenge, fight, and divide on all the Estimates brought forward by the Government during the session. How valiantly, bravely, and stoutly Mr. Redmond and his heroes stood to their guns in the division lobbies the following figures tell: There were 376 divisions taken in the session. Mr. Patrick O'Brien voted in 196; Mr. John Parnell in 69; Mr. Carey in 68; Mr. William Field in 55; Mr. James O'Kelly in 52; Mr. John Canavan in 23; Mr. John Redmond himself in 20; another William in 7; Mr. Hayden in 2; and Mr. W. J. Corbett in none. Mr. Tim Harrington and his entire party voted in 55 divisions."

TORONTO, September 1.—Mr. Busby, of Owen Sound, President of the Protestant Protective Association, has been rewarded by the Dominion Government for his services in the North Gray by election, when he used his influence in behalf of Hon. William Paterson, being largely instrumental in securing the success of the Minister. Busby has been sent to Halifax, and from there to Boston on some small mission. Upon his return he goes to British Columbia as a preventive officer.—Montreal Star.

The faithful has at last received his reward and Busby is a Government employee. The Ottawa authorities are to be congratulated on the line of duty they have mapped out for the President of the Protestant Protective Association.

## ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

Jubilee to be celebrated Next Year.

St. Mary's College will next year celebrate its jubilee, and former students of the institution have started to make the event something to be remembered. Last evening a number of them met to appoint organization committees. The general committee and the press committee have been appointed as follows: Hon. president, all the former presidents of the Past Students' Association; president, M. D. Mason; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. A. D. Beaudry, H. Kavanagh; secretaries, G. Desaulniers and Paul Lacoste; treasurer, Alp. David and J. C. Walsh; councillors, the presidents of the different committees. The committee will meet every Monday at 8 p. m., in the parlor of St. Mary's College.

Press Committee.—Hon. President, M. Alp. Leclaire; president, A. Lionais; vice-presidents, Dr. E. G. Asselin and T. Cardinal; secretaries, G. Demontigny and J. C. Walsh; treasurer, Arm. Chaput; councillors, MM. L. J. O. Beauchemin, E. Desaulniers, E. Fallisier, H. Trudel, E. Bastien, Dr. J. Mount, Leo Hudon, Dr. J. Parizeau, L. Demontigny, A. Lemieux, E. L. Desaulniers. Other committees will, during the present week, proceed to the election of their respective officers. Mr. G. Desaulniers has been appointed to receive the names and addresses of the former students of St. Mary's college who intend to assist at the celebration of the jubilee.

## CONSECRATION OF THE TRAPPISTS' CHURCH.

ST ANNE DE BELLEVUE, Sept. 7.—His Grace, Archbishop Brocheau, this morning solemnly consecrated the Trappists' Church at this place. Several bishops, a number of clergy and a large crowd of visitors from Montreal and the district were present at the consecration. The

sermon was preached by the Rev. Abt. Colin. At the conclusion of the ceremony the whole of the monastery was thrown open for inspection to the visitors.

## A PRETTY WEDDING.

Mr. W. J. McKenna and Miss Delle Stafford were the Contracting Parties.

A very pretty wedding took place yesterday at St. Ann's Church and the contracting parties were Mr. William John McKenna, accountant of the Montreal Custom House, and well known as a leading member for many years of the Shamrock Amateur Athletic Association, and Miss Delle Stafford, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas P. Stafford, one of the prominent residents of St. Ann's Ward.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and was filled to the doors with the friends and acquaintances of the families of the bride and groom.

Rev. Father Schellault, C.S.S.R., parish priest, performed the ceremony at the main altar. The choir of the church, under the efficient direction of Prof. Shea, rendered several choruses during the Nuptial Mass, and Mr. Ed. Quinn, the talented bass soloist, sang two very beautiful solos with admirable effect. Mr. Henry McLaughlin, Tide Surveyor, was groomsmen, and Miss Sarah Stafford, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid.

Immediately after the ceremony at the church, a wedding breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's father, after which Mr. and Mrs. McKenna left by the train for the West to spend their honeymoon at Niagara Falls. They will also visit Rochester and Buffalo. The wedding presents were numerous and handsome.

## FRATERNAL NOTES.

The Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of the State of Michigan was in session last week in Ann Arbor, and at High Mass were addressed by the Very Rev. Dean O'Brien of Kalamazoo. Among other things he said:—"May I ask you to insist that the methods of our business be as practical and economical as possible. We cannot afford extravagance. The all of many a poor man in your hands and must be cared for with all the economy possible with security. I would advise that you are careful about changing the constitution. It has served you well. Be slow in dismissing a faithful servant. Leave well enough alone. The constitution of the United States has been in use over a century and has had very few amendments. Why is there a need of tinkering?"

The C. M. B. A. is not a charity. It is a business like insurance society. As such it should not tolerate its branches "to go a begging" to the detriment of public charity and good works. Its self respect should prevent this abuse. Don't manifest jealousy about other Catholic insurance associations. The more the merrier. I wish the number were doubled, then all reason for joining non-Catholic societies would be at an end. Encourage women societies. There is room enough for all. Competition is the life of trade. You may think me imposing on your good nature with all this advice. It is my desire to see you prosper and live, I am one of you, therefore I am anxious that you succeed. Our aim is noble. What is there that is a greater work than to provide in time of dire distress for our own household?"

The officers and members of Superior Councils, Central Councils and Particular Councils of St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held in Louisville, Ky., next month. The order of business and subjects of discussion will be as follows:

1. The work of the Vincentian and the spirit in which it should be done and the results material and spiritual.
2. Duties of Central and Particular Councils.
3. What are the most effective means of increasing the membership of the Society?
4. What means are best calculated to increase the attendance of the members at meetings and also at the Masses celebrated on festivals intended for the Society at large.
5. The necessity of regular weekly meetings at all seasons and what is proper work for discussion and attention at those meetings when the poor are not in need of being visited.
6. What will best operate to increase the circulation, efficiency of the Quarterly Review of the Society?
7. Would the creation of a Superior Council in each Archdiocese in the United States and their union under one general head in the United States be for the benefit or advantage of the Society?
8. What are the special works of the Society among which might be discussed: Boys' clubs, employment bureau, the visiting of hospitals, teaching in prisons, care of deaf mutes and destitute blind, establishing libraries and spreading Catholic literature, day nurseries.
9. The reasons for and against placing destitute and orphan children in permanent homes with Catholic families and the means by which it may be done.
10. The care of children coming under the observation and needing the attention of the Society, and the obtaining of country board for them and organizing out of door excursions for the children from large cities or towns.
11. Whether or not the Society should cooperate with non-Catholic organizations where the latter's works or methods do not conflict with the spirit of the rules of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.
12. Benefits to be derived from conventions and meetings of delegates from conferences and their officers and the officers of the Superior, Central and Particular Councils.
13. The necessity for orderly business methods at meetings and the keeping of relief books and the reporting of details of the work of the conference and of interesting incidents to be embodied in their reports.

The number of people who speak the English language is 112,000,000. Of these at least 22,000,000 are Catholics, while Anglicanism or Protestant Episcopalianism with less than 20,000,000 comes next in point of numbers.

## NOTE AND COMMENT.

Within the past two or three years there has sprung up what might be perhaps called a school of painters, poets and writers who have chosen the ruin of the Catholic Church as the subject of their pencil or the theme of their pen. There is really nothing objectionable in all this, if these would be gentlemen would only stick to the truth, but they one and all run into a mawfish, vivid and altogether erroneous sentimentalism, which, if it were not so utterly ridiculous, would be disgusting. We do not speak maliciously, for we believe the offenders err merely through lack of knowledge of the subject they desire to delineate. It is about time this kind of foolishness stopped. The shafts of a bigot's hatred can always be loosed off, but the drivellings of a fool, while apparently only to be treated with contempt, will always find some bigger fool to believe in them. It is a matter of surprise that there are respectable magazines which will accept this kind of twaddle, magazines edited by men of unquestionable ability and educational research. To those who know the sacredness of the profession of a nun, and the care taken in accepting postulants, it is peculiarly annoying to see such stuff in print as the following: "Sister Margaret took her large fortune and broken heart into the Sisterhood of —." Or, "She fled to the cloister to hide there her wounded heart," or, "Surfeited with the world, she became a nun." The Sacred Heart Review, referring to the matter, says:—"In fact, religious orders are extremely rigid in their requirement of an unswerving life and unquestionable antecedents in the subject who applies for admission. The young girl who leaves the world for the cloister does so for the most part with a pure soul and an undivided heart, as becomes one chosen in so special a manner to be the spouse of Him who loves to feed among the lilies."

Even the blackest negro, it seems, is not always black. According to the Daily Chronicle Dr. Collignon, an eminent French physiologist, after reflecting to usher into the world several infants of undoubted African parentage, declares the new-born babies to be of a delicate fawn and pink complexion. Though the pigment cells begin to change in hue very speedily, the skin does not assume the color of powdered cocoa for ten days, and some weeks elapse before it turns to a decided chocolate tinge. Exposure to sunlight hastens this change, and in some cases a couple of hours will suffice to convert the whitey brown bantling into an unrecognizable "darkey." The hair, moreover, of the new-born picanniny is soft and silky, without any of the crisp curliness that characterizes the race. By rearing negroes in the dark it is just possible that after several generations we might make them as fair as the lily.

In Great Britain, a generation ago, says Norman Fox, drunkenness was common among the higher classes. When a company of gentlemen dined together it was considered hardly civil to their host if they did not drink till half of them were under the table, and it is narrated that George IV., after his wedding day, lay dead drunk all night on the floor of the bridal chamber. But to-day, though the "Prince of Wales" set, and others of the gilded youth are charged with great varieties of wickedness, it is not alleged that they get drunk. It is no longer "good form" to be under the influence of liquor, and though "society" has wine on the table the same as of yore, fashion, which is a moral as distinguished from a physical force, is powerful enough to have wrought a pretty thorough temperance reform.

The Dublin Freeman says:—"Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian Prime Minister, left Lough Foyle on Friday for Canada on board the Dominion liner Labrador. His declaration at the National Liberal Club that the Colonies 'were loyal because they were free,' was pregnant with true significance, and will probably be recollected as the most valuable utterance of the Jubilee year. It is considered that his interview with the Pope in the Vatican may lead to a satisfactory arrangement with the hierarchy of Canada on educational matters. Monsignor Merry del Val had already prepared the way for the negotiations."

The New York Freeman's Journal says:—"The Rev. Charles Farnell, an Anglican minister, died the other day at Brighton, England. No fewer than nine 'masses'—beginning at 5 a.m., and succeeding each other every half hour until 9.30 a.m.—were celebrated in the church where his body lay, by a number of Anglican gentlemen who think they have Holy Orders. And yet these men are bound to believe that the Mass is 'a blasphemous fable.'"

The Holy Father, in receiving the Cardinals and prelates on the occasion of the fete of St. Joachim, referred to the movement for the return of Protestants to Catholic unity, and stated that the movement was more pronounced amongst Anglicans and amongst Germans. The Pope particularly referred to the recent conversion of four Anglican ministers. His Holiness appeared to be in excellent health and all who were present were struck with the clearness of his voice and his general animation.

## OBITUARY.

MRS. FRANCIS FRIEL.

Indeed, it was with most intense sorrow that the news of the death of Mrs. Francis Friel, nee Miss Elizabeth French, was received by her numerous friends throughout the city on Monday, August 16th. Mrs. Friel had undergone several operations for her lingering illness, which was over a year's duration, but her condition grew such as to baffle all medical assistance, death alleviating her sufferings on the day above stated. She was at all times

popular in St. Mary's and was universally admired for her many beautiful traits of character. Her funeral took place on Thursday, August 19, from her late residence, 150 Lagardiere street, to St. Mary's Church, where a Solemn High Mass of Requiem and Libera were chanted by the Rev. Father Shea, assisted by Rev. Father S. Longenecker, as deacon, and Rev. Father Devlin, S. J., as sub-deacon. Rev. Father O'Bryan and Doyle, S. J., occupying seats in the Sanctuary. Mrs. Friel was 61 years of age and the mother of a large family. Besides her afflicted husband, who is an active member of St. Vincent de Paul Society, she is survived by four sons and three daughters, all of whom are tendered the sincerest sympathy in their heavy loss, but they should find great consolation in her model life, which as a rich legacy she has left for them to imitate. The remains were interred in Cote des Neiges Cemetery. May her soul rest in eternal peace. Amen.

## A. O. H. PICNIC AND GAMES.

The annual picnic and games of Division No. 4, Ancient Order of Hibernians, which took place on Labor Day, Monday Sept. 6, at Bout de Lisle, was a great success. The excellent programme of games provided by the committee was certainly a drawing card and the attendance was very large. Each event was keenly contested. Division No. 4 have every reason to feel elated over the success of their outing. Following is the programme of games with the names of the winners:—

Boys' race, under 12 years.—F. Dunn, 1; J. Phelan, 2; F. Phelan, 3.  
Girls' race under 12 years.—E. Ryan, 1; Francis O'Hara, 2; L. Holland, 3.  
Putting 16 pound shot, open.—P. Logue, 26 ft. 8 in.; M. P. Kelly, 26 ft. 7 in.; R. Tannahill, 3 ft. 1 in.; 3.  
Throwing 56 pound weight, open.—P. Logue, 31 ft. 9 in.; R. Tannahill, 30 ft. 11 in.; J. Clerkin, 30 ft. 8 in.; 3.  
Young ladies' race, 100 yards, open.—Miss A. O'Hara, 1; Miss E. Ryan, 2; Miss E. Keating, 3.

Married ladies' race, 100 yards, open.—Mrs. Ward, 1; Mrs. Greig, 2; Mrs. Gibson, 3.

Ladies' race, open to members of the A. O. H. Auxiliary.—Miss A. Ryan, 1; Miss B. Egan, 2; Miss M. Egan, 3.  
Quarter mile race, open.—C. Hamilton, 1; J. Feely, 2; J. Stearns, 3.

Quarter mile race, open to members of the A. O. H.—J. Sauve, 1; P. Doyle, 2; J. Tiedale, 3.

Running hop, step and leap, open.—P. Hutchinson, 39 ft. 8 in.; L. H. P. Turner, 37 ft. 1 in.; M. Malone, 36 ft. 2 in.; 3.

200 yards race, open to members of Division No. 4.—P. Doyle, 1; James Tiedale, 2; A. Yarrow, 3.  
100 yards race, open to married members, Division No. 4, A. O. H.—A. Yarrow, 1; H. Kearns, 2; D. Mathewson, 3.

Three-legged race, 100 yards, open.—J. Hill and D. Holeworth, 1; H. P. Turner and A. Yarrow, 2.

Committee race.—H. Kearns, 1; P. Doyle, 2; N. J. McElhiney, 3.

The success of the picnic was due to the untiring efforts of the committee, which was composed of the following gentlemen: John P. O'Hara, chairman; N. J. McElhiney, treasurer; F. Gibson, J. Kearns, P. Doyle, D. Mathewson, H. T. Kearns, J. Costello, T. McGowan, J. Ryan, J. White, P. J. Finn, secretary.

## St. Mary's Bazaar.

At a general meeting of the ladies of St. Mary's parish, held Sunday afternoon in the parish hall, it was agreed to open the annual Bazaar on Monday, October 18th. The bazaar will be open each day at 2.30 o'clock, the admission in the afternoon to be free. The booths under the auspices of the different societies of the parish will be prettily decorated, and the goods offered for sale and the objects on which chances will be taken will be above the average of church bazaar commodities.

The Bazaar will conclude each evening with a programme of an enjoyable character. The young ladies of St. Mary's are preparing fancy drills which they hope to perform with much success.

The object of the bazaar is to raise funds for the decoration of St. Mary's Church. Work has already begun on the roof and side walls, and if the handsome amount is realized at the bazaar, the work of decorating and embellishing the interior will be commenced in November. The bazaar will be under the presidency of the Rev. Father O'Donnell and Mrs. Joseph Street.

## PROSPERITY AT HAND.

A Wave About to Sweep Over Canada.

TORONTO, Sept. 7.—At the Industrial Exhibition luncheon yesterday Mr. Edward Gurney, president of the Board of Trade, stated that the change which has come over the business situation in the past six weeks is unexampled in Canadian history. He predicted that at the close of this century Canada will have three years of such prosperity as the oldest of those present had not witnessed. The attendance at the Industrial Exhibition yesterday was the largest on record, and is placed by the directors at close on 90,000, this surpassing the crowd of last year.

Speaking of the business outlook in Quebec, Mr. A. F. Willis, the well-known piano dealer of Montreal, said to-day that business throughout the province was improving considerably and that there was a feeling of confidence now which had been unfortunately lacking for some time. Mr. Willis purchased seventy-five pianos from the R. S. Williams Company and will have them shipped immediately to Montreal.

In compliance with the last request of the late Father Tolton, the colored priest who died of sunstroke in Chicago, Rev. C. B. Uncles, of Epiphany college, Highland park, Baltimore, will take his place in Chicago.