

In and Around Toronto

COME CHRISTMAS CHEER.

Among the superlative joys of life is that of being in a position to help others, and at this blessed season of the year the greatest happiness comes not to those who receive but to those who give.

While Christmas is regarded as the special feast of the children, and perhaps of the very old, it is after all the adults amongst us who will reap the greatest harvest of enjoyment, because it is to us and to us alone, that is given the power to fill the tiny outstretched hands of the children and to minister to the wants of those whose trembling steps show that they are already within view of the distant land.

The famous missionary, Rev. Father Kent-Stone, is expected to superintend the Mission. The Passionist Fathers of New York City will open a mission in St. Joseph's church, Leslie street, on Sunday, Dec. 31st.

HOURS OF CHRISTMAS MASSES.

Mass in the different city churches on Christmas morning will be as follows:

- St. Michael's, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 30. St. Paul's, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 30. St. Mary's, 6, 30, 8, 10, 11. St. Patrick's, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 30. St. Joseph's, 8, 8, 30, 10, 30. St. Basil's, first mass at 5.30, followed by mass at every half hour.

MISSION BY PASSIONIST FATHERS.

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PERMANENT ORGANIZER FOR C.M.B.A.

Mr. J. D. O'Connor, recently train despatcher at Stratford, and Ex-Grand President of the C.M.B.A., is to be located in Toronto as permanent Organizer for the above society.

DEATH OF JAMES E. MORAN.

The death of James E. Moran, son of Mr. Edward of Weston, took place at the General Hospital on Sunday, the 17th inst., the funeral taking place from the family residence on Wednesday morning to Mount Hope cemetery. R.I.P.

ORDINATION IN TORONTO.

Mr. Mathew J. Wedlock of Barrie will be ordained at St. Basil's Church, Toronto, by His Grace, Archbishop O'Connor, on Wednesday, 27th inst., at 9 o'clock.

ST. FRANCIS' SCHOOL.

The following boys received Excellent Testimonials for December, 1905. Form IV.—Francis Casey, Francis Bero, Francis Bartello, Fred Glynn, Fred Byron, Joseph Firley, Bernard Donovan, William Kirk, Edgar Glynn, Leo Lambrick.

Form III.—Sen.—Francis Kelly, Ernest Broderick, Chas. Finley, John Jamieson, Addis Byrne, Philip Bero, Jas. Wright, Walter Kennedy, John Brennan.

Junior III.—Wm. Cahill, Wm. Fogarty, F. Kearns, A. Hamilton, G. Kelly.

Senior II.—N. Pully, Ed. Case, Ed. Sullivan, J. Patton, J. Dillon.

Testimonial List.—Junior III.—Wm. Cahill, F. Kearns, Wm. Fogarty, Ed. Murphy, G. Kelly, F. Gentle, F. Polger, A. Hamilton, T. Bell, Ed. Stacey and F. Byron.

Senior II.—N. Tully, Ed. Case, H. Harrigan, J. Miller, Ed. Sullivan, W. Byron and C. Lambrick.

HINTS TO SHOPPERS.

A beautifully illustrated booklet has come in to us this week entitled "Hints to Shoppers" from the West End Jewellery and Religious Goods House of Mr. J. M. Landy, 416 Queen Street West, Toronto.

MR HALLEY'S HAMILTON LECTURE.

The arrangements are all made for Mr. Halley's lecture in Hamilton, which will be held on Friday evening, the 29th inst., in the C.M.B.A. Hall, on James street, opposite the Spectator office.

Re Central Catholic Club or Catholic Society Hall

Editor Catholic Register: Dear Sir,—In the edition of your paper of the 11th inst., I noticed with much pleasure an editorial inviting all who are interested in having a Catholic Society Hall in the city of Toronto, where all societies could meet to express their views in the columns of the Catholic Register.

For the last five or six years I have advocated the securing of such a hall. Many that I have spoken to on the matter acknowledged that we should be in possession of such a building in Toronto. The time is at hand, sir, when we as Catholics should be up and doing and have a hall of our own where our Catholic societies can meet, both for business and pleasure, as such a hall could be used for both purposes.

The Parliament Buildings on Saturday were the scene of a pleasant event, when Mr. H. Maisonneville, private secretary to the Hon. Dr. Roume, Minister of Public Works, was presented by the office staff of the Department with a handsome gold watch and chain, on the occasion of his recent marriage.

PRESENTATION TO MR. MAISONVILLE.

The meeting of above association was held on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Moore, 195 Bloor St., East. The study of Browning and Shakespeare was continued, after which the annual election of officers took place with the result that those holding office for last year were re-elected by acclamation as follows: Pres., Miss M. O'Donoghue, Vice-Pres., Miss Ferguson, Cor. Secy., Mrs. Moore, Rec. Sec., Miss K. O'Donoghue, Treas., Miss Goodie, Asst. Treas., Miss Monahan, Delegates to local Council, Mrs. Moore and the Misses Aymong, McMahon, D'Entremont and Hart.

very great importance to our people.

But separated as we are at the present time, we never can hope to accomplish much. It is an old saying and a true one, "In union there is strength—disunion we fall." This is the position we are in to-day, and as it lies with ourselves to make our position more secure, let us act along the lines suggested. Secure some central locality and erect thereon a suitable society hall for all Catholic societies in Toronto to meet, in said hall to be owned and controlled by our Catholic societies who will be financially interested. This much accomplished, the much desired unity will soon follow.

We have in the city of Toronto at the present time seven or eight different Catholic societies, comprising a membership of nearly 3,000, which number is divided into about 39 branches. Each branch is compelled to have a meeting hall where it meets as a rule not less than twice a month and every month in the year. The rent paid by each one of the 39 branches ranges from \$35.00 to \$65 per year, which would average about fifteen hundred dollars per year. Then add to this amount what it costs for hall accommodation for "at homes," concerts, etc., during each year. I will venture to say the total amount paid out for hall accommodation by our Catholic societies each year will be at least twenty-five hundred dollars.

This being the case, would it not be in the interest of our Catholic Societies to be paying this \$2,500 a year towards securing and maintaining a society hall of their own, where they could establish reading rooms, billiard rooms and other modes of amusement that would attract the attention of the young Catholic man and woman, as well as that of the members and older men. This is something that is worthy of serious consideration and I earnestly hope it will meet with success.

Probably the question will be asked, how can such accommodation be procured or how are we to secure the money to purchase or build the hall in question. The raising of sufficient money to make a good start is all that is necessary. The balance can very easily be arranged for.

First get good, sound, sensible and practical business men (Catholic of course) interested in the matter. This can be done if we go the proper way about it. With this much accomplished the rest is easy. Then let these gentlemen call a joint committee meeting of all the Catholic Societies in Toronto. Each society and branch of same should be represented by at least three members, which would be the very best available at this meeting. Arrangements could be made to form a joint stock company, composed of members of the Catholic societies in Toronto, for the purpose of purchasing or erecting in the city of Toronto a Central Catholic Society Hall with the power to sell shares to all Catholics who are in sympathy with such an undertaking, shares to be limited and no shares to be sold to any one who is not a member of one of the other Catholic societies concerned.

By these means we could in a short time raise sufficient cash to purchase the ground and start the building. With this much accomplished, any loan company in the city would willingly loan at 4 per cent all the money required to complete the building, as the security would be of No. one quality.

The ground floor and basement could be so constructed as to rent for offices or other business purposes and the rent received for same each year or month—whatever the case may be—would pay for hall rent, etc., would pay the interest on the money borrowed, would pay the running expenses of hall and would in a short time wipe off all claims against the building that was contracted for its erection—which means that the Catholic societies of the city of Toronto could look with pride on a hall they could call their own. I sincerely hope to see that day.

I would offer a suggestion, Mr. Editor, and it acted on would enable us to discuss this important question in a more satisfactory way than through the columns of your valuable and most generous paper. Let there be formed in Toronto by our Catholic societies, an advisory board or committee to be composed of at least two representatives from each society and branch of same, said representatives to be practical society and business men who are able to discuss questions in a businesslike manner. Let this committee or board when formed, draft constitution and by-laws, subject to the approval of the different societies that are represented, to govern and guide them in the work that should be done by a committee of this kind. Let this representative committee have a regular meeting hall where they can meet at least once a month. By these meetings we would be in a position to discuss intelligently questions of importance to all the societies concerned, as well as public questions that arise from time to time that concerns our people, not only in Toronto, but throughout the Dominion. Separated as we are, we cannot discuss such questions, but united in a representative body as above mentioned, we could accomplish much and have nothing to lose.

These are humble suggestions offered by one of the rank and file of one of our Catholic societies in Toronto, who wishes to see all such societies clasped hand in hand, working together as one man and by that way and that way only, can we ever hope to accomplish anything that would be of general benefit to all concerned. I sincerely hope that this article will

meet the eye of some enterprising Catholic gentlemen who will take the matter up and assist the Catholic Register to place this important matter before the Catholic society men of the city of Toronto as soon as possible.

J. F. STRICKLAND. Training a Jesuit

(From the Catholic Columbian.) The course of studies, according to the rule of the order, never varies. The novitiate at Poughkeepsie is the preliminary training school for all candidates for the order who enter from the eastern part of the United States. It is a new institution, having been established only a few years ago. For many years the novitiate was located at Frederick, Md., one of the oldest settlements of the Jesuits in America.

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At this juncture a change of proceeding takes place, and the candidate retires from active routine study and spends the following five years as a scholastic teacher in the various collegiate grades in the Jesuit colleges.

Following the five years of scholastic teaching the candidate returns to study exclusively, and spends three years in the study of theology. At the conclusion he is ordained to the priesthood. After ordination he returns immediately to his studies, and spends at least another year in higher philosophical work. Then he generally goes into active teaching for some time, being assigned to professorships in leading branches in the Jesuit colleges and universities. After this experience he spends still one more year in special study, which is known as his period of tertianship.

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