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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE summer school has been a grand success and from the reports we received from several of its attendants, who called to see us on their way home, we learn that there is every certainty that the movement is destined to progress and the summer school has come to stay. This week we give our readers a short synopsis of the able papers read by Rev. Bro. Azarias, of De La Salle Institute, New York. We heartily rejoice that the enterprise promises to be a grand and permanent success. This year's session is over; now should all our sterling Catholics of Canada strain every nerve to take their share in the work of education and not to be absent when next year's session comes about. There are many ways in which the Catholic Summer School can be aided and in which benefits innumerable may be derived from it. Our Catholic thinkers, speakers, writers, professors, students; in fact all who struggle or work in the domain of Education should strive to enter the lists and lend their talents for the benefit of a great and glorious cause. As far as it lies in our power we will do anything to advance the interests of the Summer School, and if its directors will only point out to us in what way our organ can be of use to the cause, we assure them that the TRUE WITNESS will be at their service, and through them at the service of all Catholic educators.

THE UNITED CANADA seems very anxious to find some fault with THE TRUE WITNESS; it has long watched in vain for a slip or error on our part, and in default of anything more serious, being tired of waiting, our Ottawa friend has discovered that we have been bothering ourselves about that which does not concern us; we have been guilty of defending Archbishop Tache's stand against Mr. Tarte's attacks. United Canada also finds that we have criticised Hon. Mr. Laurier,—we have, but the criticism was decidedly a favorable one to that gentleman, especially in contrasting him with Mr. Tarte. But our great sin has been in the fact that, according to United Canada, we have nothing to say anent the Collectorship of Customs for this port. We know not if the Ottawa editor has been asleep or on a vacation, but decidedly the "people for whom we are supposed to speak," the Irish Catholics of Montreal, do not require any enlightenment from United Canada to inform them of what THE TRUE WITNESS has done and is doing in these matters. Before making any more silly comments we would advise the writer in United Canada to consult with the Irish Catholics most directly interested in this question and perhaps he will not be so ready with his criticisms of our actions.

WE RECEIVED last week the August number of a magazine published at Northfield, Minn. and entitled "Astronomy and Astro-Physics." It is edited by Wm. W. Payne and George E. Hall. There are six assistant editors. The August number contains several most able and carefully written papers that indicate the great utility of the magazine. In the Astro-Physics there are several interesting papers on Photography applied to Astronomy. Edwin B. Frost writes on Photographic Observations of Planets; Max Wolf gives a few pages on Stellar Photography; and J. Evershed Jr., tells of some "Recent Attempts to Photograph the Faculae and Prominences." A. Belopolsky gives most exact and careful information regarding the Sun's Rotation as determined from the Positions of the Faculae and as measured by the same. In a word this publication, is, to our

mind, one of the most useful that we have yet seen, and decidedly the very list of the contributors is a sufficient guarantee of its accuracy. We learn that it is proposed to erect an observatory at Mount Royal and that the McGill students are to have the upper portion thereof for the purpose stellar observations. If so we advise the students of Astronomy, who may take advantage of this observatory, to carry their text-book under one arm and a copy of the "Astronomy and Astro-Physics" under the other. It is published ten times yearly and four dollars is the subscription.

WE INTEND giving our readers a slight idea of the false impressions that are left upon the minds of non-Catholics, regarding our faith, by the perverted versions of history to be found in the text books of the schools. It may seem a matter of little consequence to a Protestant whether a child attends a Catholic or Protestant school, provided no religious instruction be given to the pupils: but we purpose pointing out how a youth receives false impressions and is trained in prejudice against Catholicity simply through the books used, and especially the histories. We will take the Public School and High School Histories of England and Canada, authorized by the Education Department of Ontario, and edited by W. J. Robertson, B.A., LL. B., and from these books we will prove that no Catholic child's faith could possibly be secure if allowed or obliged to study such works. So flagrant are the inaccuracies, so glaring the anti-Catholic bigotry, and so distorted the reliable texts of authors quoted, that our readers will be astonished.

A MADMAN rushed into the pulpit of the little Bonsecours Church on Thursday morning last and insisted, in his fury, to preach to the worshippers. He was soon captured and given over to the police. The poor fellow, it appears, had escaped from the Longue Pointe Asylum. This is an unusual event in a Catholic Church, but from all accounts there are preachers in certain other churches not any different from that individual, save in the fact that they were never in an asylum and are not seized by the authorities when thundering forth their irrational theories. There is at Plainfield, N. J., a denomination called the First Church of Christ. It was organized by a Dr. Cleara, formerly of Brooklyn, which place he had to leave on account of his free love doctrine. It is the only church of its kind in that State. Its creed is the Bible; its book of faith, the New Testament, and a driver of a cart named Ben Hand, is its minister. He is called the "elder" and can perform the marriage rite. Baptism by immersion is necessary for admission. There are fifty members in the church. The other day a meeting was held to withdraw the hand of fellowship from a dozen members who had fallen from grace. Philip Warner, of 2nd Street, was one of these sinful members; he was charged with swearing for the fun of the thing. Elder Hand said there were times when a man's feelings were relieved by cursing, and there was no harm in such oaths; but when a man swore for the pure enjoyment of it he could not have the grace of God. Elder Hand shouts the Gospel at his forty-eight sheep and illustrates his own name by thumping the desk with a vengeance. It is a wonder that such madmen are not amongst the locked up; what will be the next freak of Protestantism? No extravagance could astonish the world now.

Cholera continues at Naples, Italy, averaging three cases daily.

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

At Hochelaga Convent Saturday Morning.

On Saturday morning a religious profession took place at the Hochelaga Convent. His Grace Archbishop Fabre, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Lussier and Lefebvre, officiated. The Rev. Cure Adam of the Sacred Heart officiated at Mass, and the Rev. Father Jodoin, O.M.I., Superior of the Oblats, addressed those who were about to enter into their religious life, exhorting them and encouraging them in their holy endeavor. There were a great many relatives and friends of the young Sisters present, and the ceremonies were very impressive. Amongst the clergy at the profession were the Rev. Fathers Pichon, S. J.; Jodoin, O. M. I., Superior of the Oblats; Lecompte, O. M. I.; Magnan, O. M. I.; Rev. Messrs. Adam, Cure of Sacre Cœur; Perron, Secretary to His Grace: Lefebvre, Sherbrooke; Lussier, Beauharnois; Ecrement, Ste. Cunegonde; Gaudet, Epiphanie; Prud'homme, Epiphanie.

The following is a list of names of the Sisters who made their first vows: Misses Helene Gasco, known in religion as Sr. M. Prisca, Grosse Isle, Mich.; Georgina Ramoth, Sr. M. Silverius, Windsor, Ont.; Georgina Laferriere, Sr. M. de Lusse, St. Barthelemi, Que.; M. L. Michaud, Sr. M. Sophronie, St. Barthelemi, Que.; Armandine Trudeau, Sr. M. Hyacinthe, St. Louis de Gonzague, Que.; Alexandrine St. Germain, Sr. M. Zepherine, St. Hubert, Que.; Eugenie St. Germain, Sr. M. de la Purification, St. Hubert, Que.; Adelaide Mailloux, Sr. M. Octave, Montreal, Que.; Graziella May, Sr. M. Prosper, Valleyfield, Que.; Lumena Simard, Sr. M. Prudentienne, L'Assomption, Que.; Blanche Beauchemin, Sr. Antoine de Jesus, Montreal, Que.; Josephine Viau, Sr. M. Josephine, Montreal, Que.; Priscilla Beaudry, Sr. M. Martin, St. Marc, Que.; Josephine Moquin, Sr. M. Anne, Montreal, Que.; Lucie Bourque, Sr. Pierre Chrysologue, L'Epiphanie, Que.; Albertina Clancy, Sr. M. Humbeline, Hemmingford, Que.; Helene McLaughlin, Sr. M. Edelburga, Utica, N. Y.; Josephine Fortier, Sr. M. Alcibiade, Lowell, Mass.; Helene Meunier, Sr. M. Minilas, Terrebonne, Quebec.

The last vows were pronounced by the undermentioned ladies: Misses Cecile Paradis, known in religion as Sr. M. de la Providence, Lowell, Mass.; Rose Anna Vachon, Sr. M. Ildefonse, St. Louis de Gonz., P. Q.; Elmire Thibodeau, Sr. Antoinette de Marie, Pincourt, Ont.; Virginie St. Onge, Sr. M. Pacome, St. Louis de Gonz., P. Q.; Agnes Labeuf, Sr. M. Adbemar, Beauharnois, P. Q.; Pamela Archambault, Sr. Berheline, St. Lin, Que.; Euphrasie Jeannotte, Sr. Louis de Gonzague, St. Marc, Que.; Enlalie Bourcier, Sr. M. Heliodore, Ste. Philomene, Que.; Martine Laurendeau, Sr. M. Rodolphe, St. Calixte de Somersset; Robertine Branchaud, Sr. Louis Bertrand, Ste. Cecile, Que.; Euchariste Cusson, Sr. M. Sergius, St. Liboire, Que.; Eudoxie Perrault, Sr. Catherine de Genes, Belœil, Que.; Annie Lanoix, Sr. M. Hermile, Maskinonge, Que.; Agnes Giroux, Sr. M. Vincent, Ste. Martine, Que.; Anna Berthiaume, Sr. M. Ulderic, New Hampshire, U. S.; Adeline Martineau, Sr. M. Come, Ste. Julie de Somersset; Lucie Tetrault, Sr. M. Gedeon, Pincourt, Ont.; Marie Lemire, Sr. M. Marcelle, St. Antoine de la Baie.

CATHOLIC NEWS ITEMS.

The Propaganda has begun negotiations for the opening of two Catholic seminaries in India.
Rev. Thomas Maloney, who died at Ennis, County Clare, recently, was the first Catholic chaplain appointed to the British forces since the reformation.
Bishop Crane, of Sandhurst, has four brothers who are priests. Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishop of Westminster, has eleven members of his family in the religious life.
The investiture of Archbishop Hennessy, of Dubuque, with the pallium will probably take place in his cathedral on September 30, which day will be the twenty-seventh anniversary of his consecration.
Eighteen Dominicans of the Province of SS. Rosario, who have completed their studies at the convent of Avila, have embarked at Barcelona for missionary work in China, Tonkin, and the Philippines.
The Abbe de Maubenge, a chaplain of Notre Dame des Victoires, Paris, has paid to the French Treasury the sum of forty thousand francs, received by way of restitution from one his penitents. At the treasury they are now praising the confessional as an excellent institution, and they are right.
The proposed beatification of Columbus is no new idea of the Vatican. The discoverer's cause was introduced at Rome years ago, and many prelates in all parts of the country. Spain and Italy have petitioned in his behalf. Count Roselly de Lorgues, one of Columbus' biographers, has long been very active in the matter, and if the Pope has been correctly reported, it now looks as if the efforts for the admiral's beatification were nearing success.

IRISH NEWS.

The death occurred, on the 7th ult., of Mr. John McKenna, of Lisnattigue, Kegginstown. He was the father of the late Rev. James McKenna, of the Diocese of Ossory, and an uncle of the Rev. John McKenna, of the Archdiocese of Wellington, N. Z. The latter celebrated the funeral Mass.

Mr. W. J. Madden, the agricultural superintendent of the Royal Dublin Society, has published a useful pamphlet on the "Cultivation and Harvesting of Barley." No crop known to the farmer can be made more remunerative in Ireland than barley, inasmuch as the large manufacture of whiskey and porter ensures a ready and profitable market for all the grain produced.

Three prizes have been awarded to the Nuns of the Convent of Mercy, Skibbereen, for fabrics made and embroidered by the girls in their charge. The work is now being shown at the National Workmen's Exhibition Agricultural Hall, London. The prizes were given for fine linen tea cloths, one on red linen ground and one on white ground with grey green embroidery, both made by Margaret Donovan; and another on white ground with white embroidery, made by Nora Duggan.

Some evictions have been carried out on the estate of Lady Breckinridge, near Ologher. The first house visited was that of Ambrose Gormley, about half a mile outside the village of Augher. The evicting force, consisting of James McCusker, sheriff's bailiff; Todd, the estate bailiff, and two policemen from Ologher, removed Gormley's effects without molestation. Subsequently Anne Gormley, mother of the evicted tenant, was also dispossessed.

Mr. Koe, member of one of the leading families in Tipperary, went out for a cruise on Lough Derg, Nenagh, in a small sailing boat, accompanied by William Shanahan, his servant. The boat was caught in a squall and capsized, and the occupants clambered on her keel, Shanahan decided to attempt to obtain help for his master, and divesting himself of his clothes struck out for the shore, more than a mile distant, but becoming exhausted soon sank and was drowned. Koe was rescued two hours later in a most exhausted condition.

The National cause in the North of Ireland has lost a good friend and a staunch supporter by the death of Mr. Constantine O'Neill, of Belfast. For close on half a century Mr. O'Neill, who was a native of Tyrone, was engaged in business pursuits in the above-named city and during that time every National movement and every Catholic charity experienced the benefit of his generosity and of his active assistance. Whenever a fund was started for a Nationalist object his name figured prominently in the list of subscriptions, and he himself was seldom absent from a Nationalist demonstration in St. Mary's Hall. It was one of his proudest boasts that he could claim descent from the chieftains of Hy-Niall.

Details are to hand of an alarming occurrence at Stranorlar, resulting in the shooting of two Catholic workmen at that place by members of an Orange contingent returning from Castleknock, where there had been a demonstration. They were passing through Stranorlar, and when coming to a Catholic quarter they put on their sashes and displayed Orange lilies. Some children laughed at a demonstrative woman in the procession, whereupon the Orangemen turned back and entered the lane occupied by Catholic residents. Revolvers were drawn by the Orange party, and shots fired, wounding two men named McCrudden and McMenamin. The constabulary made a prompt pursuit, and after considerable trouble they made two arrests. One of the accused was found under a bed, and another in a wardrobe.



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