

# Local Notes.

**CANON PICHE'S WILL.**—The will of the late Canon Piche was filed on Wednesday. The estate amounts to about \$6,724. A certain amount is left for masses for deceased and his parents, and there are a number of charitable bequests. These include \$200 to buy clothing for, and \$600 for food for the poor of Lachine; \$200 to the Little Sisters of the Poor; \$200 for the propagation of the faith; \$100 to the Fabrique of Lachine; from \$100 to \$300 to each of his servants; \$200 to the novitiate of the Oblat Fathers, Lachine; and the balance of the estate to the parish church of Lachine. His books are left to the Sisters of St. Anne, of Lachine, and the communion service owned by the deceased to the chapel of the same Sisters.

**REV. FATHER CULLINAN.** son of our esteemed fellow-countrymen, Mr. Andrew Cullinan, has been appointed curate for the parish of Lachine to look after the spiritual welfare of the English-speaking section of the parish. The "True Witness" wishes Father Cullinan every success in his new sphere.

**LATE MRS. O'BRIEN.**—It is our painful task to chronicle the death of an old and honored resident of Point St. Charles, and a devout and model member of St. Ann's parish, in the person of Mrs. Patrick O'Brien, which sad event occurred last week. The deceased lady was the widow of a respected member of the older generation and mother of Mr. P. T. O'Brien, so well known among the rising generation in the southern portion of this city. Gifted with a happy disposition, she performed all the duties of her state, both religious and domestic in a manner that won her hosts of friends.

The funeral, which was held to St. Ann's Church, on Monday morning, where a solemn Requiem Mass was chanted, was attended by a large number of citizens of all classes and creeds. To Mr. P. T. O'Brien and other members of the family the "True Witness" offers its most sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.—R.I.P.

**MRS. COCHRANE DEAD.**—Mrs. Robert Cochrane, mother of Mr. James Cochrane, the well known contractor of this city, died on Thursday morning. Deceased who was a member of the Presbyterian Church, was most liberal in matters of religion. Mrs. Cochrane lived to be eighty-five years old, and saw all the changes Montreal has undergone during a residence of more than forty years in the city.

To Mr. James Cochrane, whose liberality and generosity in his intercourse with our people has often been put in evidence, the "True Witness" offers its sincere sympathy.

**DEATH OF A NUN.**—Last week a member of the Congregation de Notre Dame, who was well known and highly esteemed by the Irish Catholics of St. Mary's parish, passed to her eternal reward, in the person of Sister St. Mary of Perpetual Help (nee Theresa Donoghue). Deceased was associated with the academy for girls in St. Mary's parish for more than five years, and won all hearts by her zeal and devotion in all that she could well be said: "She had served God faithfully all her life."

The funeral service was held at the Mother House on St. Jean Baptiste street, at which Rev. Father Shea, of St. Anthony's parish, officiated. Rev. Father O'Donnell, P.P., St. Mary's, and a number of other priests were present. The pall-bearers were Dr. Harrison, late of Cornwall, now of Montreal; Joseph Reilly, Thos. Reilly, Dr. Derome, Dr. Duckett and Mr. McMahon.

## WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The London correspondent of the New York "Tribune" a few days cabled the following regarding the war in the Transvaal:—

With all that Britain has on hand in Eastern Asia there is more impatience than ever to be finally quit of the Boer war, so as to enable Lord Roberts to spare an army corps or a division at least for China, but the end is not quite reached. Questioned on the subject in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Wyndham cautiously declined to fix a date for the close of the operations. The War Office has received a despatch from Lord Roberts announcing that Harmsmith has surrendered to General MacDonald, so that through railway communication is now re-established with Natal and the Orange Free State. Another telegram from the commander-in-chief, shows that Sir Frederick Carrington, with his mounted infantry from Rhodesia, is now in

touch with the Boers in the centre of the Transvaal. At the same time the guerilla war goes on, and while DeWet is still at large, small parties of Botha's men are harassing the outposts, capturing stores and driving in patrols in the vicinity of Pretoria itself.

## RECENT DEATHS.

**ALDERMAN GILCHEN.**—The funeral of the late Alderman Thomas Gilchen, which took place on Monday at St. Patrick's Church, was an exceedingly large one, the lengthy concourse of mourners embracing all classes of the community, irrespective of creed or nationality. Preceding the hearse a guard of honor was formed by detachments from both the police and fire departments, while immediately following the remains were the principal mourners, which included the two brothers-in-law of deceased, Messrs. Lemay and Russell, nephew, W. Murphy, of Pittsburgh; F. B. McNamee, of Montreal; and W. Charleson, of Ottawa. The sacred edifice was heavily draped in mourning, the levee du corps being sung by the Rev. Father McCarthy, who also officiated at the solemn Requiem Mass for the dead, assisted by Fathers Gauthier and Bona. At the conclusion of the service the funeral procession again formed and the remains were borne to St. Patrick's Cemetery, the prayers at the grave being read by Rev. Father Delargey, after which the body was lowered to its last resting place, which was the closing scene to one whose life was honorably and well spent.—Quebec Daily Telegraph.

## REWARDS TO THE LOYAL TOLLER.

"We speak of the past as the age of heroes. We look back through the pages of history and read of the great deeds done by men and nations. We gaze upon the monuments of past ages, which still stand as witnesses of the glory and grandeur of the time. But we are mistaken if we suppose that the age of heroes has passed away. It was better that the past should be buried in oblivion and all the histories burned, than that the study of history should lead us to infer that there are not greater deeds to be accomplished in the future than ever yet have been achieved in the past.

"But history does not teach us any such hopeless lesson. It teaches us, if we read it aright, that the present age is the age of heroes. The present hour is the most important of all the ages. The present moment calls aloud for young men and young women of will and skill. And the world offers to-day in its thousands of opportunities, a greater reward to the loyal toiler than it ever offered since the beginning of time." Extracts from an address delivered by Judge Daniel J. Donahue, to the graduates of the High School, Middletown, Conn.

**THE JEWS** are everywhere, and although in a minority in all districts, they succeed in establishing themselves in nearly every line of trade. An Irish exchange says:—There are at present in Dublin between three and four thousand Jews, and it is quite possible that we may have a large increase in their numbers. At the present moment masses of Jews are leaving Roumania, tramping across Europe in search of new homes. Dublin will possibly attract a considerable number. The way is not made too easy for these emigrants. We learn from the Vienna "People's Newspaper" that the Austrian-Hungarian Ambassador has intimated to the Roumanian Government that Jewish emigrants who are without tickets to Hamburg, London, or Paris will be returned across the frontier.

**FIFTY PRIESTS MASSACRED.**—A despatch from Lyons, says:—The Catholic "Journal" announces new massacres south-east of the province of Pei Chi and a disaster to the mission in the Li. It says that fifty priests have been killed.

**KEEP UP THE STANDARD.**—Our office manager has sent out all accounts for subscriptions past due and to mature during the present month. We expect to have a large return in consequence, as the amounts are due by subscribers whose record in the books of the "True Witness" is good. We hope this little reminder will suffice.

**NOW "THE NEW CENTURY."**—The "Church News" of Washington, D.C., a progressive and well conducted Catholic weekly, has changed its name to that of "The New Century." We wish our contemporary every success.

## MR. JOHNSON ON MISSION WORK IN CHINA.

Mgr. Johnson, secretary to Cardinal Vaughan (says the "Express" in its issue of Thursday, July 19), holds the opinion that modern missionary methods in China are at fault. He believes that Catholic missionaries would not have suffered martyrdom if the Chinese had not believed that they were agents of the hated foreigner and responsible for foreign interference in Chinese affairs. "In olden times Catholic missions in China were more successful than they are to-day," said Mgr. Johnson to an "Express" representative. "I think it was because the old missionaries went with their lives in their hands, without Government protection. 'You may murder us, if you wish,' they said, 'there will be no one to retaliate; we are here simply for the salvation of your souls.'"

"The Chinese knew this; they could understand and admire this simple devotion; they loved them, and the missionaries were safe in their hands. Now it is quite different. If there is trouble the aid of the consul and the Government is invoked. The murder of a missionary results in a demand for the punishment of the murderer, sometimes in the taking of Chinese territory, as when Germany took Chefoo for the murder of Mgr. Anzer and three missionaries.

"No wonder the Chinese identify the missionary with the hated foreigner, and look upon him as the advance guard of the man who is to take away their land and their independence.

"If we wish to recover our ground and continue our work we must go back to our older and simpler methods. Men must again take their lives in their hands, appealing no longer to temporal powers for support.

"It was thought at first a fine thing when missionaries began to receive Consular support, when our Cathedral in Peking was built, and when official protection was extended to the Catholic religion. It has not resulted in an extension of the work, and now we realize the full and terrible extent of the mistake."

There is, adds the "Express," a good deal to be said for the heroic Christian ideal recommended by Monsignor Johnson, and to the earnest missionary worker there must be something fascinating about the scheme of going out to convert the heathen without any of the paraphernalia of Consular support and the protection of the national flag. It is quite likely, too, that the unsupported missionary, prepared to give his life for his cause and to seek no vengeance by his country's arms, would do better with an intelligent race like the Chinese than the State-aided emissary of Christianity. But the missionary is followed by the trader, the Consular official, by hundreds of white folk who do not want to be massacred, and whom their country must protect. It is impracticable to let our missionaries be killed without satisfaction; if such a theory prevailed no white man's life would be safe for ten minutes.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS.

If those who complain of the cost of supporting parochial schools were to examine many of the text-books prepared for the use of pupils in public schools, and were to hear the monstrous opinions on religious subjects often expressed by teachers, the burden laid upon Catholic parishes would seem altogether bearable. Think of a "schoolmar" in Massachusetts (an "instructor in history") who told her class that Our Lord had "ten brothers and sisters"; and the school committee praised her capability and efficiency! Children naturally look up to their teachers as prodigies of learning, and regard with awe the members of the school committee. It is impossible to correct on Sunday all the wrong impressions received during five other days. The faith is the most precious of gifts, and it ought not to be exposed to the danger of lessening or loss at the hands of teachers whose bigotry and ignorance only mature minds are capable of comprehending. Broadly speaking, it is simply exposing a child to the danger of losing his faith to send him to a public school.—Ave-Maria.

## ADDITIONS TO THE ITALIAN NAVY.

Italy will spend the respectable sum of 24 million lire (\$960,000) on her navy in the year 1900-1901. The greater part of the money will go towards the construction of the first-class battleship Regina Margherita at Spezia and of the armored cruiser Francesco Ferruccio at Venice, while the first-class battleship Benedetto Brin is to be completed at Castellamare and four recently launched ironclads are to be armed with powerful artillery. With the exception of part of the armament, furnished by German firms, all the rest of the ma-

terial, from the heavy steel armour to the complicated machinery, is now furnished by Italian industry, which has made enormous strides during the last twenty years.—Catholic Times.

## ABOUT ELECTRICITY.

In the ideal city distracting noises will be unknown, and dirt and all unclean things will be kept without its pale. Electricity is the magician that can and assuredly will work the change, says Charles W. Price, in a recent article.

This admirable day may not be so far away. We move rapidly now. Twenty-five years ago there was no telephone, the electric light existed only in the laboratories of a few experimenters, and the electric motor in the form of an ingenious toy was looked upon as an interesting little machine of no practical utility. The car horse jingled his bells on our streets; the electromobile was still in the womb of time, and the cab horse and draught horse monarch of our roadways.

Looking back at that day it is hard to realize the wonderful changes which electricity has wrought in the affairs of mankind in so brief a space of years.

Just a century ago a learned philosopher, Alessandro Volta, discovered the flow of electricity through a wire, and this discovery has been most potent in results and has made possible all that has come since of our electrical progress. Coming in the last year of the eighteenth century, its development has been the crowning achievement of the nineteenth.

We have progressed so rapidly that we have not always stopped to consider the best way to do a thing. Now that facts and achievements are known and accomplished refinements come.

Electric power stations and electric light stations are being located further and further away from the city's heart; the horse car, the steam locomotive, the engine in the basement, the coal stove, are one and all being replaced by the quiet, odorless and effective motor, by the electric locomotive, and surely but slowly by the electric heater.

A slender thread of wire overhead or underground, extending from the point of power generation to the immediate point of use, is the link between this cause and effect.

The citizen of New York may today have his office cooled by his electric fan, lighted by his incandescent electric lamp, and heated, it may be, by electricity; and his electric telephone gives him communication with the country at large, and the same wire may carry his telegraph message simultaneously without interference with the spoken word, so skillfully has the magic art of the telephonist prevailed.

Of all the machines of modern design it is likely that the dynamo is the most perfect. The electrical energy represents 97 per cent. of the mechanical effort required, so that it is proper to say that the modern dynamo is within 3 per cent. of perfection. In comparison with this the very best modern compound condensing steam engines give us in practice less than 15 per cent. of the energy of the steam put into them. The vast possibilities of this wonderful generator of electricity in the development of the modern noiseless city can be fairly well realized when these facts are considered.

In Greater New York there are now in use over 1,000,000 incandescent electric lamps and more than 30,000 street arc lamps. The total power thus used is more than the combined power equipments of all the ships of the United States navy.

Electricity will soon supplant the steam locomotives on the elevated roads of this city, and it is believed will soon replace all steam locomotives now entering Greater New York. There is no problem here that electrical engineers do not stand ready to solve.

## CHINESE PONIES IN WARFARE.

The mobility of the Chinese has already seriously affected the military situation in China. Mounted Chinese, like the Boers, have very excellent ponies. Sir Walter Gilbert, in his "Small Horses in Warfare," has an interesting description of the animals commonly used by the soldiery. They are bred in the northern part of China, where immense droves run on the plains three or four hundred miles from Peking, and the breeders bring them down every year for sale in the more populous districts. They average about 13.1 in height, and though in wretched condition when brought to market, they pick up rapidly on good food. They are usually short and deep in the barrel, have good legs and feet, and fairly good shoulders. Great speed is not to be expected from their conformation, but they can carry very heavy weights, and their powers of endurance are remarkable. The allied Powers will probably commandeer some of this stock when the opportunity arrives and their own mounts have been depleted by the waste of war.

## MR. BRYAN'S IDEAL REPUBLIC.

Mr. W. J. Bryan in formally accepting the Democratic nomination, gave the following word picture of his ideal of a republic. He said: "I can never fully discharge the debt of gratitude which I owe to my countrymen for the honors which they have so generously bestowed upon me; but, sir, whether it be my lot to occupy the high office for which the Convention has named me, or to spend the remainder of my days in private life, it shall be my constant ambition and my controlling purpose to aid in realizing the high ideals of those whose wisdom and courage and sacrifices brought this Republic into existence. I can conceive of a national destiny surpassing the glories of the present and the past—a destiny which meets the responsibilities of to-day and measures up to the possibilities of the future. Behold a republic resting securely upon the foundation stones quarried by revolutionary patriots from the mountain of eternal truth—a republic applying in practice and proclaiming to the world the self-evident proposition that all men are created equal, that they are endowed with inalienable rights, that governments are instituted among men to secure these rights, that governments derive their



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**HOT WAVE.**—The Toronto "Globe" says:—Among the large foundries and iron working factories of the city the heat has caused an almost entire cessation of work. The men who toil daily at huge furnaces, drawing molten metal, which emits a fierce heat, have been unable to continue at work with the thermometer at 97 and 98 degrees. Some of them even gave in last Friday, and have not yet returned to work. There are estimated to be over a thousand men laid off on account of the weather, and they will probably remain idle until a cool spell comes again. This condition of affairs is said to be without precedent in Toronto.

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