

In and Around Toronto

PALM SUNDAY. The ceremony of distributing the palms and the reading of the Passion took place in all the churches on Sunday last. Large congregations assisted at all the Masses.

AT THE CATHEDRAL. Palm Sunday at the Cathedral was inaugurated with all the solemnity befitting the day. His Grace the Archbishop pontificated. The procession in which all the members of the Sanctuary took part was in memory of the triumphal entry of our Lord into Jerusalem. The processions carried palms, which were also distributed to the large congregation present.

DEATH OF F. J. HEYDON. Mr. Frank J. Heydon died on Sunday at his home, 651 Markham street. He was a well-known and popular athlete in Toronto, when he was a student attending St. Michael's College, and also at Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute, from which school he matriculated in 1889. Until the last few years he had been a resident and in business in the United States. He belonged to a well-known family in Toronto Junction, where his mother and brothers and sisters live. His father was the late Councillor Heydon, a prominent pioneer of the town. Mr. Heydon is survived by his widow. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning from St. Peter's church, thence to St. Michael's cemetery. R.I.P.

MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S. At St. Mary's the music of Palm Sunday was of an exceptional character and reflected highly upon all who took part, the members of the choir, the organist, Mr. Frank Fulton, and the leader, Mr. Donville. During the blessing and procession of Palms the music was mostly unaccompanied, the beauties of the four part harmonies produced being all unaided by any musical instrument. During the procession the choir was distributed so as to give the effect of alternate verses being sung from the loft and by the processionists. The result was very effective, and the first procession, when our Lord rode in triumph into Jerusalem, and the men women and children strewed his path with palms and sang "Hosanna to the Son of David," was brought forcibly to mind. The music was arranged in the same manner and with the same harmonies as are heard in Westminster Cathedral, London, England. The numbers given in addition to those of the Mass were "Hosanna Filio David" by R. R. Terry (choir master at Westminster). In Monto Oliveti (R. R. Terry), Pueri Hebraeorum (Palestrina), and "Ingentes Domino," written in 1756 by Weldon. During the blessing of the palms an appropriate number—"The Palms"—was sung by Mr. M. Costello, and later the "Pater Noster" as a solo was heard in the full rich voice of Mr. Victor Stone. During this week the office of Tenebrae will be sung on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening.

HOLY NAME AT ST. BASIL'S. The quarterly meeting of the Holy Name Society of St. Basil's parish was held on Sunday afternoon, April 5th. Rev. Father Hurley, C.S.B., preached an eloquent sermon on the hidden life of Jesus. "And He went down with them to Nazareth and was subject to them, and Jesus advanced in wisdom and grace and knowledge with God and man." The Rev. Father congratulated the men on their appearance in such large number to do honor to the Holy Name of Jesus. He said that now-a-days it is the custom to leave religious observance to the women. The plea is made by men that they have not the time nor the opportunity to attend to many religious duties. Therefore, it is all the more gratifying to find men like the members of the Holy Name Society who can spare a little time to devote to the service of God. In applying his text the Reverend speaker said that it was difficult for men of the world to understand why Jesus did not occupy a more prominent position in the world. Why did He hide Himself away for eighteen years working at the lowly occupation of a carpenter? The primary reason was to prepare himself for His public ministry, and secondly, to teach us by example the virtues of patience and obedience. He rendered obedience to Mary and Joseph. He performed the little duties that a boy or young man would be called upon to perform in a small household and all the time He was learning the trade of a carpenter. His story impressed upon us the dignity of the law of labor. Thou shalt earn thy bread by the sweat of thy face is a law that all must conform to, and to attempt to evade this law brings unhappiness on those who make the attempt. Contemplation of this period of the life of Jesus should reconcile those whose lot is hard. Father Faber has said that it is a great mistake to try to restrain vice within ourselves. We should as far as possible lead a life of contemplation. If we look upon Jesus in the proper spirit our sins will fall away through this act of mere contemplation. The members of the Holy Name Society should constitute a body of active missionaries in the world. They should—and they could if they would—be a lay apostolate to those they associate with, not necessarily by preaching but chiefly by example. On Sunday, March 12th, the members received Holy Communion in a body. There were about two hundred present.—Com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY. The 13th annual meeting of above Society was held in St. Vincent's Hall, Shuter street, on Monday evening. His Grace, the Archbishop, who was unable to be present, expressed his regrets through Rev. Father Rohleder, who also told of the high appreciation in which the work done and being done, was held by His Grace. The President, Mr. Matthew O'Connor, presented his report, which proved a very interesting one to the Board of Management. The report told of a very perceptible decrease

in crime, the decrease to be attributed greatly to the active work of the Society along amendment and preventive lines, together with perpetual insistence on temperance.

The annual report of the Board of Management showed that during the year 100 cases affecting 161 children had been reported. Of these 188 cases were reported privately. The remaining 212 came up in the children's court on charges as follows: Truancy, 7; theft, 65; disorderly conduct, 46; vagrancy, 30; trespass, 15; malicious injury to property, 10; assault, 2; breach of the city by-law, 7; gambling (throwing dice), 10. The report stated that since the inception of the society thirteen years ago 3,818 cases affecting 6,035 children had been attended to by the organization. A letter from Chief Inspector Archibald and endorsed by Colonel Denison, was read in which the Inspector expressed the greatest satisfaction with the way in which the St. Vincent de Paul Society co-operated with him in the Children's Court in handling the cases. The writer said that he would support the society in as far as his influence went in aiding it to secure an increased grant from the City Council.

Those present were Rev. Fathers Hand, Cruise and Minchan, M. O'Connor, D. Miller, Remy Elmsley, J. J. Murphy, Wm. Burns, Jas. J. Pape, T. K. Rodgers, P. P. Lee, Jno. T. Ryan, Com. Law, P. Hynes, T. W. Hynes, P. Peagent, Eugene O'Keefe, W. T. Kernahan, L. J. J. Cosgrave, J. J. Murhy, Jas. McConvey, Mrs. Elmsley, Miss Lee, Miss Macdonnell Mrs. Walsh and others.

The officers of the society were re-elected from last year. They are as follows: Patron, His Grace Archbishop O'Connor of Toronto; President, Matthew O'Connor; Vice-Presidents, J. J. Murphy, Remy Elmsley, Eugene O'Keefe and Thomas Long; Secretary, W. J. Kernahan; Treasurer, Daniel Miller; Council, Messrs. J. J. Seitz, L. V. McBrady, J. J. Harratty, L. J. Cosgrave, J. B. Wright, P. T. Lee and John Rogers; Ladies, Mrs. Elmsley, Mrs. Falconbridge, Mrs. P. Hynes, Mrs. French, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Hugh T. Kelly and the Misses Foy, Macdonnell, Welsh and Hart; Advisory Board, Rev. J. L. Hand, Messrs. Matthew O'Connor, Remy Elmsley, Hugh T. Kelly and James J. Pape; Assistant Secretary and Agent, P. Hynes; Hon. Solicitor, Hugh T. Kelly; Auditor, W. T. Kernahan.

Owing to the general financial depression and to the fact that all calls from the unemployed had been met, receipts were not as great as might be desired. The annual fees to the amount of \$125 were taken at the meeting and handed to the Treasurer.

PAPERS OF THE C.Y.L.L.A.

VII.

WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS.

William Dean Howells was born at Martin Ferry, Ohio, in 1837 and even up to the present time is still in the enjoyment of life and not yet weary of penning day by day for the benefit of his fellow men gems of thought in prose and verse. "The Dean of American Letters" he may indeed be called, and is par excellence the most brilliant of American literature today. His father was the editor and publisher of one of Ohio's small newspapers and it was in his office, as well as a few others in which Howells himself served, that he made the first steps in his literary career. To use his own words, he was "in love with his work and felt the enthusiasm for it with which nothing but the work we can do well inspires us." He has in his time been editor of almost every American magazine of note and written many excellent essays on different topics in which at certain times has centered a national interest.

In the summer of 1861 he published a Life of Lincoln and a short time before this his early poems were published in the Ohio papers and the "Atlantic Monthly."

In the Autumn of the same year he was appointed United States Consul to Venice. One can imagine the delight of the young author who must have before this time often yearned to travel through the Old World and visit the different seats of learning on being given a consulate to Europe, and above all places to Italy, to Venice itself. To say that he was charmed and impressed by this city whose very atmosphere is laden with the memories of by-gone glory and a sovereignty long since passed, and yet whose very name breathes of things beautiful, would be mild indeed.

In "A Foregone Conclusion" he echoes Goethe's thought, who in speaking of Venice describes her as a "ghost of a city," and the idea seems also to have appealed to Howells. He remarks: "Its haunts of pleasure and idleness, weary of themselves, and unable to escape, are sadder than anything in Venice, and they belonged, as far as the Americans were concerned, to a world as strange as any to which they should go in another life—the world of a faded fashion and an alien history." Howells saw the things which other men saw, but he also carefully mark-

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ed details and smaller incidents which others would never have noticed, and in this close attention to detail lies the charm of his Italian poetry. To his residence there a number of his poems descriptive of Venetian life are due as well as different scenes in his works of fiction.

He was a contemporary of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the poet most dear to American hearts, and what Henry Wadsworth Longfellow has done for American verse William Dean Howells has done for American prose. His advent marks a new era in the literature of this continent, as up to this time American readers allowed themselves to be supplied with food for literary thought by European thinkers and sought recreation and amusement in books of foreign authors. It was not until then that they had a novelist whom they could call their own, one of their own race and blood, and one who so naturally and so well depicted scenes typical of American rural life.

Towards the end of the nineteenth century William Dean Howells, F. Marion Crawford and Henry James were called members of the new purely American school of literature. The last two, however, oftentimes allow the scene to shift to the other side of the Atlantic, and of Mr. James, especially, one critic says: "He has indeed a way of devoting himself to aliens and has perhaps an undue tendency to take his characters to Europe." This, however, cannot be said of Mr. Howells, for he, excepting the introduction of the Venetian scenes as mentioned above, uses an American background for his various plots.

Howells was practically the author who created the novel of American Social Life. For his material he uses men and women rather than incidents, and in reading his works one cannot but mark his attitude towards women as shown in the treatment of his female characters. His feeling towards them is not "the exaltation of a man who has found them out or the pity of a superior being for attractive inferiors, but rather the sympathy of a man who understands them."

In the "Lady of Aroostook" the author gives us the following little comment: "The women owe this continent a double debt of fidelity. It is the paradise of women; it is their promised land where they have been led out of the Egyptian bondage of Europe. It is the home of their freedom. It is recognized in America that women have consciences and souls," and throughout his whole career Howells has ever followed along these last lines and, giving credit where credit is due, often pays tribute to the different virtues of "Perfect woman nobly planned. To warn, to comfort and command." But in one instance descriptive of a woman's receiving an apology, he remarks that women know how to accept reparation on account without giving a receipt in full.

This great man, after so many years of useful labor, is still happy and "in love with his work" as his two latest books, "A Son of Loyal Langbrith" and "Some Charming English Towns" show, and in conclusion I would say that we should all be proud to have for a contemporary such a man whose "—life was gentle; and the elements So mix'd in him, that Nature might stand up And say to all the world—this was a man."

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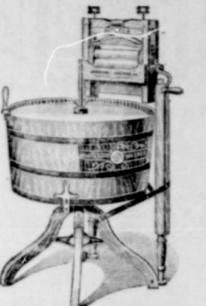
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