

HOUSE OF PROVIDENCE PICNIC

On Monday last the Sisters of St. Joseph held their annual House of Providence Picnic. From the time the gates were opened in the morning until late in the evening a continuous stream of Toronto citizens visited the grounds in order to show their appreciation of the management of the institution. Fully 5,000 people were there, among them being: Very Rev. J. J. McCann, V.-G.; Very Rev. Dean Egan, Barrie; Rev. Fathers Brennan, Burke, Murray, Hand, Barrett, Canning, Carberry, Heydon and O'Donnell; Messrs. C. J. McCabe, Wm. McCabe, J. W. Mogan, J. J. Foy, K. C. O., and several of the Toronto aldermen. The different Toronto parishes were represented by many booths at which refreshments were dispensed by ladies from the respective churches.

The grounds were very tastefully decorated and beautifully lit by electric lights in the evening. The programme consisted of horizontal and parallel bar exercises and acrobatic acts by the pupils of De La Salle met with much praise. The Woodmen's Band, under the direction of Mr. John A. Wiggins, rendered many choice selections. The very successful picnic was brought to a close in the evening by a very brilliant display of fireworks.

The committee in charge are deserving of every credit for the way in which things were managed, and the Sisters themselves came in for unstinted praise for the way in which they have managed the institution, which ranks first amongst institutions of its kind in Canada, and it has been for the last forty-six years a comfortable home for thousands of destitute, aged poor, without distinction of Creed or Nationality.

Condensed statistics for the past year—March 1st, 1902—457. Number admitted during year, 317; number discharged, 289; number of deaths, 56; number remaining in House March 1st, 1903, 430; number cared for during the year, 774; collective stay of inmates, 161,250 days; cost of each inmate per day, 20 1-10 cents. Out of 774 inmates registered there were 745 citizens of Toronto. Three hundred and thirty-three were incurable patients, many of whom would not have been received in any other institution in the city. Beside the aforesaid number of adults, there has been an average of over sixty children under four years of age cared for.

FATHER PHELAN'S PICNIC.

Peterborough, May 25. — Father Phelan's annual picnic at Lakefield to-day was, perhaps, the most successful of any of the preceding picnics held in that village for many years. Excursions brought in hundreds of people throughout the day, and upwards of 2,000 people gathered in the Exhibition grounds in the afternoon to witness the sports and hear the speeches. A number of prominent speakers were present, including the Hon. J. R. Stratton.

Mr. Stratton expressed his pleasure at being present on an occasion of this kind, one which commemorated the anniversary of the birthday of the beloved Queen Victoria.

Mr. Stratton said he would be brief in his remarks, as there were others speakers to follow, and his hearers would have opportunities of listening to him again; they had had the opportunity several times of late of seeing his name in the newspapers, and he had noticed it there also at times. Such events as those which had been engrossing the attention of the public during the past few weeks were to be regretted, but when such things occurred, the only course to follow was to face them manfully. Mr. Stratton claimed he had done this and had no fear whatever of the result of the report from two of Ontario's most learned judges. He felt assured that not only in the County of Peterborough, but throughout the Province, the people had their minds made up from the evidence given as to what the result would be, and he could not but feel that the people had not lost confidence in him.

In closing his remarks, Mr. Stratton stated that he was pleased to represent the County of Peterborough, for, by so doing, he represented the noblest constituency in the Province. He made a few complimentary remarks to the people of the county, and also congratulated Father Phelan upon the splendid success of his annual picnic.

Hon. F. R. Latchford, Mr. D. O'Connell, Rev. Father McColl, Rev. Father McGuire and Rev. Father Phelan also gave short speeches. Mr. R. Strickland of Lakefield was chairman.

A fine programme of sports was run off, including a lacrosse match between Lindsay Junior C. C. A. team and the T. A. S. Junior C. C. A. team of Peterborough. The latter team won by a score of 8 to 1, after a hard and rough match.

GLIMPSES OF THE GREAT.

Mr. Maguire, M.P., in his interesting biography of Father Mathew, says that after the good priest had been speaking one day in Golden Lane, Barbican, to crowds of Irish, several hundred knelt to receive the pledge, and among them the Duke of Norfolk, the Lord Arundel and Surrey. Father Mathew asked the Earl if he had given the subject sufficient reflection.

"Ah, Father Mathew," replied his noble convert, "do you not know that I had the happiness to receive Holy Communion from you this morn-

ing at the altar of Chelsea chapel? I have reflected on the promise I am about to make, and I thank God for the resolution, trusting to the Divine goodness and grace to persevere." Tears rolled down his cheeks as he uttered these words with every evidence of genuine emotion. He then repeated the formula of the pledge. Father Mathew embraced him with delight, pronounced a solemn benediction "on him and his" and invested him with the medal. Mr. Maguire says that the Earl continued faithful to the pledge, and "it was not until many years after that, at the command of his medical advisers, he substituted moderation for total abstinence."

One nobleman upon whom his influence was less successful was Lord Brougham. "I drink very little wine," said His Lordship, "only half a glass at luncheon and two half glasses at dinner, and though my medical advisers told me to increase the quantity, I refused to do so."

"They are wrong, my Lord, for telling you to increase the quantity and you are wrong in taking the small quantity you do; but I have my hopes of you." And so His Lordship was invested in the silver medal and ribbon.

"I will keep it," said His Lordship, "and take it to the House, where I shall be sure to meet old Lord—the worse for liquor, and I will put it on him." He was as good as his word, and meeting the venerable peer who was so celebrated for his potations, he said: "Lord—, I have a present from Father Mathew for you," and passed the ribbon rapidly over his neck. "Then I tell you what it is, Brougham, I will keep sober this night," said His Lordship, who kept his vow, to the great amazement of his friends.

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MIXED MARRIAGES AND DISPENSATIONS.

(From The Freeman's Journal.) "It is reported that orders have been received from Rome forbidding priests to perform any more mixed marriages. This would disarrange the programme of the near at hand Vandervell-Neilson nuptials. It is more than probable that a special dispensation will be forthcoming. There are too many millions in sight."

Our esteemed contemporary, The Presbyterian Journal, should not make its own "true inwardness" its criterion when judging of Catholic motives.

The Church has always looked with disfavor on the marriage of Catholics with those outside her pale, and has legislated against it. There are many reasons, both theoretical and practical, for such legislation from the Catholic point of view. The Church must guard her children as far as possible from the danger of being led into errors contrary to the true faith and from false ideas in regard to the sacrament of marriage. She has before her eyes the example of Solomon. This King, though called the wise, went outside the pale of Israel to marry, and his wives seduced him into idolatry. See in Protestant Bible, I. Kings, Chapter xi.

When the Church authorities, for what they consider valid reasons, consent to dispense certain parties from the obligation of the law it is always with conditions that guard the rights of conscience and faith of the Catholic party and his or her children. Should the non-Catholic party

refuse to comply with these conditions, a dispensation cannot be obtained. Where the non-Catholic party promises compliance with the conditions it is as easy for him or her, though poor, to obtain a dispensation as it is for the wealthy.

ARCHBISHOP RYAN ON CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

Archbishop Ryan lately addressed the Philadelphia Federation of Catholic Societies. He said:

"I have been slow in coming to a conclusion with regard to Federation, because at the beginning there have been some mistaken assertions with regard to its objects. After these things are clearly explained and after a little time—it is well to use time before deciding on new things—I am quite certain that federation is to be commended. I have done it myself and I find that a great many of the Archbishops and Bishops have done so."

"There cannot possibly be any objection to the Federation, since its objects are the objects of the different societies which form it, and that their effect on the people has been good we have ample proof. They now united to carry out their different laudable objects. They all aim at the improvement of the individual and of the citizen, and their tendency is to make us better men and better citizens."

"The truly loyal Catholic," the Archbishop continued, "will be glad to obtain the approval of the church for any organization to which he is attached. The Church will not interfere with the autonomy of your organization. You will come together to compare notes and to converse with each other. We Catholics have been too much separated. It is good to see some conservatism propagated in an age of progress. There should be a conservative progress, and for its attainment I do not know of any means so effectual as the one adopted. So far the majority of the prelates of the country have approved of it. Its success will depend on you gentlemen. A few good men in earnest will make it spread and do an immense amount of good, and you will find yourselves more loyal Catholics. I entirely endorse everything said by your worthy president, in whose election I rejoiced. His knowledge, zeal and devotion to the Church with other necessary qualifications, fit him to be the director of your body."

TURKS ARE ACHING FOR WAR.

A Salonica despatch says: The outbreak of war is regarded by the Turks as the only solution of a troublesome situation on the frontier. They expect to march over the mountains into Sofia as easily as they sauntered through northern Greece. Unprejudiced judges who have a knowledge of both armies and the physical conditions of the country are confident that there must be three times as many Turks as Bulgarians, if the invaders can ever hope to cross the successive mountain ranges and enter the Bulgarian capital. The Turks profess to be ready to begin war at once. The entrance for Austria is blocked with troops. There are 125,000 soldiers in Macedonia ready to march into Bulgaria, and as many Bashi Bazouks, eager to rise and slaughter the Christians.

The Turkish Government has been goading Bulgaria, as Greece was harassed not long ago, into a declaration of hostilities, and the officials affect to believe that the Servians and Greeks will unite with the Porte in a campaign against the principality.

CARDINAL GIBBONS SYMPATHIZES WITH RUSSIAN JEWS.

Baltimore, May 18.—Three thousand people attended an enthusiastic meeting in the Academy of Music Sunday, in behalf of the victims of the anti-Jewish outrages in Russia.

Cardinal Gibbons said this, in a letter of regret for non-attendance: "I have no hesitation to express my deep abhorrence at the massacres that have carried to their graves gray hair and innocent childhood. Our sense of justice revolts at the thought of persecution for religion's sake; but, when persecution is attended with murder and pillage, the brain reels and the heart sickens and righteous indignation is aroused at the enormity of such crime."

"Please convey to the meeting my grief for the dead; my sympathy for those made helpless by the murder of their natural protectors, and my sincere hope that this twentieth century will see the end of all such occurrences, and that peace, good will and brotherly love may prevail on earth."

WALDECK-ROUSSEAU BLACK-BALLED.

Paris, May 25.—M. Waldeck-Rousseau, ex-Premier of France, has been black-balled at the Yacht Club here on political grounds. M. Caston Menier and M. Fournand Crouan, his proposer, and several other members of the committee, have resigned, the rules of the club forbidding that political considerations should influence the election of members.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Richard Disette and wife are making an extended tour of the British Isles. Mrs. Disette has not been in the best of health, but she is rapidly recovering under the change of climate.

IRISH BIRD BELIEFS.

A Dublin journal, speaking about the popular beliefs about birds in Ireland, says that the blackbird and thrush are believed to be "wandering souls" whose sins must be expiated on earth, hence they are forced to endure the rigors of winter. Rooks, jackdaws, bats, hawks and owls are animated by lost souls. The wagtail is called the devil's bird, for no other reason, it is supposed, than that it cleverly evades the missiles thrown at it. A dead wagtail is a rare avis.

The robin is called God's bird because it plucked a thorn from the cruel crown pressed upon the head of our Saviour and in doing so wounded its own breast. It forsakes and will not frequent a "cursed" graveyard. Sparrows, staves and plovers are on friendly terms with the fairies. The lark and the swallows are birds of good omen, but the latter should not rest on the housetop, as it is not considered lucky.

FUNERAL OF A LITTLE CON- VERT.

(From The New York Sun.)

Two hundred little girls dressed in white robes will march this morning in the funeral procession of 14-year-old Abbie Valentine Cross from her parents' home, in Main street, West Chester, to St. Raymond's Cemetery.

Two years ago Abbie, who had been brought up a Protestant by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen E. Cross, became interested in the fact that a great many of her friends were attending St. Raymond's Roman Catholic Church.

She finally got her parents to allow the Rev. Father Dean McKenna to instruct her, and she was confirmed by Archbishop Corrigan. When her death came all the girls in the church said they wanted to attend the funeral.

It was said at the Cross home last evening that if Abbie had lived till she was 21 she would have inherited \$300,000 from the estate of her grandfather.

VATICAN ASKED TO KEEP THE FRIARS IN PHILIPPINES.

Rome, May 17.—The Vatican has just received several petitions from the Filipinos asking it to prevent the departure of the friars from the islands. A report from Monsignor Guidi, says the schism provoked by "Bishop" Aglipay is spreading, especially in the country districts.

This movement is helped by the dominant political party trying to persuade the population to rebellion against Rome. The departure of the 400 friars would mean that 6,000,000 Catholic Filipinos would be left without religious ministrations.

As the Filipinos priests, who number 650, are inadequate to serve the parishes and missions, Monsignor Guidi favors the retention of the

within a short time. In the mean- while he is able to go about almost as usual.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN P. ROCHE.

Mr. John P. Roche, well known in athletic and musical circles of Montreal and for nearly two decades as associated with the editorial department of The Montreal Gazette, died on Wednesday last, after an illness of two months.

Mr. Roche was born in Dublin, Ire., forty-three years ago, but spent a good deal of his boyhood in England, where he received his education.

Mr. Roche made the Lenten Mission, conducted by the Passionist Fathers in St. Patrick's Church a few months ago, and during his illness was attended by Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan, of St. Patrick's and Rev. Father Reilly, of the Hotel Dieu.

The point at which knowledge will cease to make a man a better wage-earner may be soon reached, but the point at which it will cease to make him a better and happier man will never be reached.

FRENCH LESSONS — COURSE

Followed, list, principles of pronunciation explained; 2nd, verbs announced by means of conversation; 3rd, idioms and phrasing; pupils addressed in French from the beginning, to cultivate their ear. Subjects chosen in accordance with pupil's profession or business. For terms apply to Mlle. E. de Coutouly, 4 Laurier avenue, Toronto.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE Estate of Margaret Roche, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to R. S. O., 1897, Chapter 429 that all Creditors and others having claims against the Estate of Margaret Roche, late of the City of Toronto, Spinster who died on or about February 7th, 1903, are, required on or before June 22nd, 1903, to send by post, prepaid, a statement of their claims, and statement of their claims, and particulars and proof thereof, and the name of the security, if any, held by them.

Notice is hereby further given that after June 22nd, 1903, the said Administrator with will annexed, will proceed to distribute the estate of the said deceased, among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to those claims of which he then shall have notice and that he will not be liable for said estate, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim or claims he shall not have had notice at the time of distribution.

Dated this 19th day of May, 1903.
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This substitution, however, must be slow, as the Vatican wishes the new friars and priests to be Americans and the supply of such men is limited.

MEDICINES THAT MAKE DRUNK- ARDS.

(From The Ave Maria.)

It was a timely and a much-needed warning that Dr. Mattison, of Brooklyn, in a late issue of The Medical News, sounded against a multitude of proprietary, or patent, medicines. That harmful, and in some cases deadly, drugs enter largely into the composition of such medicines is as incontestable as unfortunately it is by ordinary people disregarded. "It goes without saying," observes Dr. Mattison, "that by far the larger number of the many nostrums—nervines, anti-neuralgic pills, powders, tablets and liquids—so much heralded and lauded for relief of pain and nervous unrest, have morphine as their active part."

Many an excellent person who would be horrified at the thought of becoming intoxicated very often gets drunk—purely and simply drunk—on the morphine and similar drugs that make his favorite patent medicines so "effective."

KING EDWARD REPORTED ILL.

London, May 23. — There are rather serious rumors current in regard to the health of King Edward. These stories have been in circulation for several days past.

They are to the effect that he had a sudden attack of pain at the opera just after returning from France. A few days later, while he was in Scotland, "His Majesty" experienced similar attacks, which resulted on two occasions, it is said, in fainting spells.

The King is under careful treatment and observation, but it is thought that an operation may be necessary

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