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EPISCOPAL APPROBATION.

If the English speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the "True Witness" one of the most prosperous and powerful Catholic papers in this country. I heartily bless those who encourage this excellent work.

† PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

WEDNESDAY.....OCTOBER 20, 1897

THE United States paid \$7,200,000 for Alaska and did not get Klondike with it either.

THE age is poisoned with trashy literature. THE TRUE WITNESS is an effective antidote. Take it.

IT has been remarked by a learned physician that stimulants will hurt nobody if left severely alone.

A YOUNG woman in Paris died recently of hydrophobia contracted while kissing a pet dog. A most terrible punishment for an abominable habit.

MR. MOODY, the sensational preacher, is reputed to be a millionaire. Mr. Moody has not been wildly exhorting our separated brethren for the benefit of his health, solely.

THE Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has declared that parochial schools are subject to taxation because they are not benevolent institutions. It would be interesting to learn by what peculiar term of reasoning they arrived at this peculiar finding.

IT is regrettable that Canada is again compelled to float a big loan, but there is consolation in the fact that no small portion of it is subscribed by the moneyed institutions of the Dominion. So long as we have confidence in ourselves we may hope to command the confidence of the outside world.

THE Capital Lacrosse Club held a social function at the Russell House, Ottawa, last week, and among the delicacies which were served up for the action of their digestive organs was Shamrock pie. There is quite a difference in pie, and no class of athletes have had more bitter experience of this fact than the Caps.

NEW YORK philanthropists and promoters of the general education of the masses are agitating for the establishment of a public gymnasium, and the scheme has already approached a stage which practically guarantees its final success. The institution is to be free to all children, so that they may have an opportunity of indulging in those athletic exercises so necessary to health.

A TRULY honest man has been discovered in Monrovia, Indiana. Clark Geare, a veteran of the civil war, had been enjoying a pension on account of rheumatism. Sometime ago he sent the pension department at Washington his certificate and \$350 back pension, with a note to the effect that his rheumatism had disappeared and that he could not honestly take the allowance any longer. This was a strictly correct act on the part of soldier Geare, but strange, very strange, in these days.

THIS is the season for football and the kickers are out in full force rolling one another over on the turf in mad struggles for possession of the innocent and much abused pigskin. Rugby is a game which requires of a successful player brawn and muscle, agility and nerve and an utter disregard for consequence. There should

be material enough in the S.A.A.A. to turn out a good effective fifteen. It might be trying on our nerves at first to see green shirts rolled around the field, dragged in the mire and administered occasional kicks, but we would, doubtless, get used to it, and about lustily when they appeared on the top of the heap.

A REPORT comes from Genoa that four hundred emigrants on board of an Italian steamer bound for Brazil have been poisoned by verdigris which had become attached to the utensils in which their food was cooked. It is said that many of the number will die.

THE Montreal correspondent of the New York Sun, after a somewhat prolonged holiday, has again resumed his labors in the direction of propagating a sentiment in the neighboring Republic that there is a strong tendency in this district towards the Utopian idea of Independence.

An advertiser said to us a short while ago that "I have received a consignment on your paper." We told him he might get many consignments by the influence of the paper and not know it. To which he replied: "Yes, but this man spoke of your paper, and I am going to give you another advertisement." This is the gist of the whole matter. Advertisers are encouraged to continue their advertisements when they hear from them by special mention. In this way you can do us a vast amount of good and cost you nothing. Think of it.

IT is strange that reporters of the secular papers who are permitted through courtesy to assist at meetings of Catholic citizens cannot control their pens from exposing their little prejudices. Here is a closing paragraph, taken from the report of the Gazette of the meeting of Catholic ratepayers of St. Gabriel Ward, which was quite unnecessary, and would not have been written if the meeting was, for instance, an English Protestant one:—

"The meeting was a very orderly one; several of the audience during the absence of the delegates falling asleep on their chairs, while others contentedly smoked their pipes."

AFTER the flourish of trumpets announcing the proposal to remodel the City Charter, and the subsequent acceptance of it, we were led to expect that some very important results would follow, but the outline of the amendments proposed by the three lawyers who have been appointed to assist the committee in the matter is certainly very disappointing. Far better to postpone for at least a year such important work and in the interval offer a handsome prize of say \$1000 for a public competition for the best outline of a Charter, than to now proceed in the manner indicated by the preliminary suggestions of the lawyers.

SOME idea may be obtained of the magnitude of the approaching municipal elections to be held in Greater New York from the following figures showing the results of the registrations during four days. The total is 570,749. In New York city alone there is 334,806, as compared with 330,619 last year. The registration in Brooklyn is 204,503. The total in 1896 was 207,272. The registration of Long Island City is 8,572. The total last year was 8,471. The registration on Staten Island is 12,676, 1,500 more than last year. It would appear from this statement that the people are thoroughly awakened to the importance of the issue.

THE Catholic Universes of Cleveland, Ohio, has issued a special number, commemorative of the golden jubilee of the diocese of Cleveland. It is a splendid specimen of the printer's art, and in reading its pages the Catholic thrills with pride as he peruses the history of his Church and the magnificent progress it has made in the great State of Ohio. The editor and staff may well deserve the congratulations not only of the subscribers of the Universe but of all Catholic America for the enterprise they have displayed and the success which has crowned their efforts. As a record of one of the most important dioceses in the United States the issue is of special value to those for whom the history of our holy faith is a favorite study. One has only to glance over its pages to be convinced that there is only one Church and one faith and that God prospers the efforts of the faithful who are sincere in His holy service. The Catholic Universe has done good work in the past, and may its sphere of usefulness be still further extended in the future is the hearty wish of the TRUE WITNESS.

A SUGGESTION has been made in the Sacred Heart Review that total abstinence societies should be formed among the boys and girls, as the best possible means of combating the vice of drunkenness. We cordially agree with the proposition. While temperance societies do grand work among the adults, it is really the children on which the success of the movement must depend in the

long run. The Church has always held that its most important mission is the religious education of youth, and well has the result showed the Divine wisdom of her policy. With this example before them let our earnest temperance workers take heart of grace. While not neglecting the spread of the Gospel of temperance among the elders, let them gather the little ones of the parish in one firm band, pledged and anxious to carry out their pledges. These little ever busy missionaries penetrate where it is impossible for the elder worker to go and in the sacred sanctum of the home pour out words of gold from innocent lips which cannot always fall on barren ground.

THIS is an age of so-called reforms and crusades. The latest movement is a war against profanity, which has been commenced in Brooklyn. The Times refers to the matter in the following manner:—

Leaving aside the wickedness of profane language, its uselessness in any except special lines of industry, like the driving of mules and the putting down of carpets, is obvious to all, and the fact that oaths do not give positive joy to any except utterly brutalized bearers, and do cause more or less annoyance and pain to everybody else, makes their employment by otherwise respectable people a piece of discourtesy so gross as to be not less unpardonable than mysticism.

CATHOLIC REPRESENTATION.

A Large and Enthusiastic Meeting in St. Gabriel Ward—Ex-Ald. D. Tansy Selected as a Candidate.

THE English-speaking Catholic electors of St. Gabriel Ward held another meeting last night and the attendance was both large and enthusiastic. Mr. John Connor occupied the chair, and Mr. F. McCabe acted as secretary.

The chairman, in opening the meeting, referred to the past history of representation in municipal matters, and in a practical manner, dwelt upon the urgency of the Catholic electors taking some steps to look after their interests. He instanced many cases to show that a spirit of fair play had always characterized their attitude in the past, and, despite this fact, they were not even granted an occasional representative in the City government. His remarks were warmly applauded.

Nominations were then called, and the following names were submitted: Ex-Ald. D. Tansy, Mr. P. O'Brien and Mr. Ed. Quinn. The result of the vote was in favor of the former. A deputation was then appointed to immediately wait on Mr. Tansy, and returned with a report that he required a few days to consider the matter.

St. Mary's Parish.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Green Tea to be Held on the 25th of October—The Bazaar Opened—Rev. Father Shea Honored—Other Notes.

THE Ladies' Auxiliary of the A. O. H. is a very important organization, and is doing excellent work in a quiet and an effective manner.

On Monday evening, the 25th inst., it has been arranged to hold another of its delightful social functions which have been very aptly called Green Teas. On this occasion it will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Craig street, and if the inaugural undertaking of the executive may be taken as an indication of the success which will be the result of the second venture, there is certainly little to doubt. The Ladies' Auxiliary should be well patronized in its endeavors, as the ladies entrusted with the administration of its affairs are not only enthusiastic, but also women of good executive ability.

The St. Mary's bazaar opened on Monday evening and there was a large attendance. The feature of the evening was the dinner organized by the ladies, under the auspices of the energetic and enthusiastic assistant priest of the parish, Rev. M. L. Shea. The menu was superb and reflected the highest credit on the organizers. A very happy little incident occurred during the progress of the dinner, in the form of a presentation to Rev. Father Shea of an excellent portrait of himself, accompanied by an address. Mrs. Thomas Ryan also made a return of \$100 collected. The evening's amusement was enhanced by a number of ladies and gentlemen who contributed songs, duets and choruses. The arrangements of the bazaar and the display of articles surpass anything of the kind ever held in the parish. The pastor, Rev. Father O'Donnell, was seemingly well satisfied with the results of the inaugural night.

St. Mary's Night School.

THE evening classes in St. Mary's parish are being well attended; the French class, opened this year for young men to acquire a knowledge of the English language, is progressing in a manner that is both a credit to the pupils themselves as well as their teachers. The night school is under the direction of Mr. Wm. Brennan.

There was an interesting meeting at the office of the Free Ireland, 6 Rue des Martyrs, Paris, on the 27th of last month. Its object was to form a committee which would arrange for the proper celebration for the Irish in Paris and all France of the anniversary of '98. Miss Mande Gonne was in the chair, and read correspondence showing what Ireland had already done in the matter and expressing the hope that the Irish people in France, with their French sympathies, would join together to mark the anniversary of an event which showed how deeply the French nation felt the heroic

struggle of Ireland for the restoration of freedom. The Count de Camille, president of the Société St. Patrick, joined Miss Gonne in expressing sympathy with the movement. Miss Gonne is about to voyage to America, and, on unanimous vote, the fair chairwoman was given an enthusiastic ovation for the interest she had expressed in the national celebration.

SLAVE COAST OF AFRICA.

Rev. Father Lisner Explained the Missionary Work in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday.

"He that giveth to the poor shall not want; he that despiseth his brethren shall suffer indignance," was the text of an eloquent sermon delivered in St. Patrick's Church by the Rev. Father Lisner, on behalf of the African missionaries among the unfortunate human beings on the slave coast of West Africa, where, between savage masters and the fever breeding climate, death is welcome. He earnestly begged how long the life of a missionary lasts in this fearful region. A few short years of living sacrifice and the life of the self devoted priest is surrendered to God. The reverend speaker sketched in graphic language the history and work of the missions in this almost forsaken land. Early in the year 1856 Mgr. Marion de Bresillac, a young bishop, after twelve years missionary labor went to Rome. Desiring to devote his life to the conversion of the most abandoned tribes of Africa, he opened his apostolic heart to the Holy Father. Pius IX. conceded to the desire of Mgr. Marion and blessed his undertaking. Mgr. Marion established the headquarters of his society at Lyons, and afterwards seminaries were founded at Clermont, Nantes, Farenago, Marseille, in France; Cork, in Ireland, and Mastuck, in Holland. In 1889 Mgr. Marion sent out several priests and a lay brother to Freetown, following himself the same year with another priest. Freetown, Sierra Leone, is an English colony, and on his arrival there found the yellow fever raging. The devoted bishop saw his priests and lay brothers perishing, and before he and his vicar general were attacked by the fell disease they had buried nearly all of their Christians. Finally, about the end of July, both of these noble-hearted men succumbed to the epidemic and joined those who had gone before.

God does not abandon those who put their trust in him, and when Pope Pius learned that the bishop and his little band of priests had all been swept away and that the remnant of the faithful were discouraged, he sent them his special blessing, while with still greater ardor new missionaries embarked for the inhospitable region. Spiritual degradation had reached its utmost limit in this benighted land and the darkness of the grossest fetishism enveloped in its fold the unfortunate inhabitants. Thunder, serpents, hideous animals and still more hideous idols were the gods that they adored. The principal feature of their barbarous worship was human sacrifice, the number of victims unlimited and these immolated with revolting cruelty.

This was the state of matters then, and to a great extent, the same prevail to-day. Nothing important takes place without the shedding of blood of man. It took years to acquire experience necessary to resist the severity of the climate. The great results already effected show how much greater fruits might be reaped if the mission had the means necessary to send a larger number of missionaries to found new stations, new churches, schools and asylums. Where people are slaves the missionaries redeem them for fifteen or twenty dollars apiece, but there are about fifty million slaves in Africa. The grain of mustard seed has proved a great tree until within a few years the mission had but one station in Freetown. Now the Holy See has entrusted to its charge six Apostolic prefectures which include the coast of Benin, Niger, Dahomey, Slave coast, Gold coast and the Ivory coast, and moreover have erected a mission in the Delta Egypt.

At the present time more than six thousand children are attending the schools. In some places high schools are projected. There are over two hundred missionaries in the field as well as lay brothers and sisters. There are evening schools for boys and girls. No idea can be formed by people in Canada of the population of the Coast of Guinea, and if the means were forthcoming the teeming cities and towns of this district could be furnished with schools which would reap for the faithful a great reward. Abeokuda, a walled city, has no less than 150,000 inhabitants. The friendly relations existing between these people and the missionaries would open the key of Africa to them if it could be only taken advantage of.

The appeal was one which stirred the heart of every Catholic which heard it. Here was Africa, so long the land of darkness, holding forth its hands in mute appeal for help to the more favored natives of civilization. Here is the band of brave and noble missionaries whose one thought is to win souls to God, and whose souls are suffering to witness the scenes of barbarity and humanity which they cannot prevent. What is required is means to save these unfortunate beings and convert these benighted masses from the deepest depth of idolatry to the light of Christianity and civilization. Protestant missionaries are working in the same field, but, unlike the noble priests of our Church, wealthy support pours into them from all sides. Where the humble Catholic priest gets one dollar to help the work of regenerating souls the minister gets hundreds. It is to ask assistance in this noble work that this appeal has been made. The missionaries go on and suffer uncomplainingly while we, blessed with the light of Catholicity and civilization, think of the Slave Coast as a mere dream. We do not think of our priests, surrounded by savages, bearing the burning sun, the frigid night, the conditions of savagery, with the one mute appeal to Heaven. And this borne by men delicately nurtured, who have given up all for God. Surely, we ought to put forth a helping hand. Think of it. How many of us spend fifteen or

twenty dollars in the indulgence of some foolish and unpleasing pleasure when the same sum will redeem a soul to God? To conclude with the last words of the eloquent preacher: "But those who send me \$15 to \$20 will be considered to have redeemed a slave from captivity, and can give them a name, and those who give \$150 are the spiritual and foster parents of a missionary who will sacrifice his life for his benefactor to win souls to God. Moreover, 20 Masses will be annually offered for each protector or adopter. For those who give one dollar or more a Mass will be offered every Friday of the year at a privileged altar.

Offerings may be sent to Rev. Father Lisner, Grand Seminary, Sherbrooke street, or to Rev. Father Quinlivan, Parish Priest, St. Patrick's Church.

C. M. B. A.

Words of Sympathy From Branch No. 1.

At a large meeting of Branch No. 1 great indeed was the regret expressed on the death, through the will of Almighty God, of their late brother, Captain John Nolan, of No. 1 Fire Station, after a few days illness, and the secretary was advised to convey their sincere sympathy to Mrs. John Nolan and family in their sad bereavement, by the death of a kind and affectionate husband and father. The Branch desires to assure the family that they pray that God may bless them with the requisite Christian fortitude and pious wisdom to bear up in their sad trial and accept God's will with submission. It was resolved to drape their charter for the space of thirty days in respectful memory of their deceased brother. May his soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

F. C. LAWLOR, Sec.

Branch 41.

At the regular meeting of Branch No. 41, C. M. B. A., of Canada, held in their hall, Ottawa street, on the 13th inst., the following resolutions were proposed and carried:—

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, to remove from our midst the beloved daughter of Bro. Michael O'Brien, member of our Branch,

Resolved, that while humbly submitting to the will of the Almighty, we desire to extend to the brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in the loss they have sustained, but trust the knowledge that she, whom they mourn, has entered into a better world than this one of sorrow, will enable them to bear, with Christian fortitude, the heavy cross placed upon them.

Resolved, also, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the brother and published in the TRUE WITNESS.

St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society.

The first of the weekly social meetings to be held by the St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society took place in the Hall of the Society, 92 St. Alexander Street, last evening, and was fairly well attended.

The principal feature of the evening was the debate, "Total Prohibition vs. Moral Suasion." The affirmative being taken by Messrs. J. H. Feeley and J. J. Costigan, and the negative by Messrs. P. Doyle and W. Rawley. After both sides had explained their different views the debate was summed up in an able manner by the chairman, Mr. T. P. Tansy, and put to the meeting for a decision, which resulted in favor of the affirmative.

The evening was made pleasant by music and song, contributed by the following gentlemen:—Messrs. J. T. McCaffrey, M. J. Doyle, John Kennedy, Ed. Whelan, S. Collins and J. J. Costigan. Mr. McCaffrey also acted as accompanist. At the close of the meeting the chairman tendered a vote of thanks to the above gentlemen.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 26th, at 8 p.m., when a reading will be given by one of the members of the society, and a larger gathering is expected.

Catholic Order of Foresters.

The first quarterly meeting of the Provincial Court of the Catholic Order of Foresters was held in the Provincial Court offices, 15 St. James street, on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., and was attended by the full board of officers, as follows:

Chief Ranger, A. A. Gibeault; Vice-Chief Ranger, Ed. Piche of Quebec; Treasurer, J. J. Ryan; Secretary, F. A. Bileau; Medical Adviser, Dr. P. Pelletier of Sherbrooke. Trustees: Rev. Father La Pailleur, Jas. F. Fosbre, N. Page of Hull, Dr. J. N. Lalonde of St. Cuneoged, J. P. Jackson, C. A. Barnard, M. D., C. M., of St. Cesaire, P. Q.

The officers were installed by the Past Chief Ranger, Bro. Z. Renaud, and the new Chief Ranger then appointed the following committees for the ensuing year:—Administration committee, Bro. A. A. Gibeault, chairman; Press committee, James F. Fosbre, chairman; Finance, J. P. Jackson; Constitution, Tourigny, of Three Rivers; Petition, Dr. P. Pelletier, of Sherbrooke; Appeals, Ed. Piche, of Quebec; Good of the Order, Rev. Father La Pailleur.

Brother L. Z. Boudreau, of the St. Patrick's Court, No. 95, was authorized to issue a C.O.F. Directory for the City of Montreal.

A very lively interest was taken in all the business by the members present and the prospects of the Order look very bright and encouraging, under the able management of Bro. Gibeault, for the coming year.

It was unanimously resolved, that the Provincial Court strongly protest against the action of the College of Physicians, with reference to the benevolent societies' doctors.

Accident to Ald. Kinsella.

What might have proved a fatal accident occurred to Ald. Kinsella and his daughter, Nora, yesterday afternoon while returning from an afternoon drive to the Back River. Somewhere near the C. P. tracks, a pile of lumber extending out on the roadway caused the spring team of horses which Mr. Kinsella was driving, to take fright, with the result

that he was thrown out of the vehicle. Mr. Kinsella, however, held on to the reins and was dragged a considerable distance. Miss Kinsella, seeing that a dangerous runaway was inevitable, jumped from the buggy, and fortunately received no other injury than a severe shaking up and a shock to her nervous system. Mr. Kinsella was seriously bruised and out about the head and body. Mr. Dunphy, caretaker of the Shamrock Grounds, who witnessed the accident, went to Mr. Kinsella's assistance, and subsequently drove him to his residence, where medical assistance was summoned and his injuries attended to. It was found that Mr. Kinsella was very seriously cut, it being necessary to put several stitches in his head. The pair of horses which were being driven at the time of the accident were only recently purchased by Mr. Kinsella, and were valuable animals. They were pretty seriously injured in the runaway. The buggy was broken into pieces.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Catholics of Glasgow are combining to secure a larger share of membership in the Municipal Town Council. Although nearly a quarter of a million in strength they have only one Catholic representative. With this view they are coalescing with the labor vote and thus hope to secure an increase of from one to three.

The school of St. Michael's, Liverpool, was crowded last week on the occasion of a presentation to Rev. J. McGrath, who recently severed his connection with St. Michael's to proceed to Ireland. The presentation consisted of a purse containing £30 and an illuminated address. It was couched in terms which can be used only by a loving people to a loving pastor, and Father McGrath was affected even to tears when making his reply.

The opening of the five days bazaar in Liverpool took place in St. George's Hall recently. It was in aid of the schools of the Mission of the Blessed Sacrament, to raise £3,000 necessary for repairs and alterations. Sir Edward Russell took a leading part in the proceedings. In his remarks he said the longer he lived the more he was persuaded that the main difference between men was whether they had or had not reverence in their characters (applause). The man who grew up without revering whatever in his surroundings was good and sacred was in a bad way. If it was so in small things, so it was in great. For instance, that morning he (Sir Edward) had seen a young fellow light his pipe by striking a match on a church. Now, he did not say this was a crime or an offence, but he would have thought better of the young fellow if, on perceiving it was a church, he had avoided striking his match on it. If reverence were a great principle in our education many defects of manners and morals would be avoided. And up to now religion had always had more effect than anything else in inculcating reverence. He offered to the schools and to Father Walsh his heartiest sympathy with the object in view, and he was convinced that if they devoted their exertions towards the realization of such an object, they would have before them a prospect of satisfaction in the good that would be done in the schools, in the characters created, and in a promise for the whole community which nothing could make so sure as good training under the auspices of religion.

The Catholics of France have, under advice of the Holy See, determined to take an active part in the political affairs of the great republic. That their great effort will be to strengthen the hands of the Christian Democrats is almost certain. The Holy See has shown itself friendly to the present Government of France and it only remains for the latter to purge itself of the germs of infidelity, which is its greatest curse to-day, to become the greatest Catholic nation in the world.

The Irish Football teams in Scotland are carrying everything before them. The Celtic Football Club have defeated the Rangers at Ibrox Park by 4 to 1, drew a game at Paisley and are at the top for the League championship, and there is every prospect of their annexing the coveted trophy—the League Championship Cup. In Edinburgh the Hibs, another Irish club, beat the 3rd Lanark on the autumn holiday by 3 goals to 1, and the same Irish team vanquished the Patrick Thistle by 4 to 2.

Father Walsh, of Douglas, in the Isle of Man, has won a great signal victory over the bigots of the island after a long and bitter fight. He asked to be allowed to visit the Catholic patients in the isolation hospital. This was refused according to the rules and regulations of the institution, but the refusal was unaccompanied by officious action, or excessive zeal on the part of the staff. The good priest loudly protested and vigorously set about an effort to obtain a remedy. It was preposterous that a human being should be allowed to suffer from a fatal disease, and perhaps die like a dog without a friend or a priest to offer a prayer for his soul. Such was the position of affairs when Father Walsh began his crusade, and which only after long and hard fighting he has succeeded in winning. This good priest set to work to make it possible for the dying agonies of the unhappy patients to be comforted and soothed by the ministrations of a clergyman, as up to that time the cast iron rules of the hospital were inflexible. He considered that some compromise ought to be effected which would at the same time impose the necessary restrictions on any one visiting an infectious patient, so as to prevent contagion, and yet permit the poor creatures to receive the consolations of their Church in their dying agony.

BRANCH 232, C. M. B. A. OF CANADA.

Grand Social.
An energetic committee of Branch 232, C. M. B. A. of Canada, with Branch President Mr. T. M. Ireland, are making preparations for the holding of the first of their series of grand socials, which will take place in the Queen's Hall, on Friday, October 23.