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"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 excellen with "PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal."

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

VACATION TIME .- What with advacation time.—what dresses and recommendations, ad-vices and words of warning, there that little left to say to the is but little left to say simply wish them, one and all, a happy and profitable vacation. In away from God." Admirable advice beyond the power of pen properly appreciate, and beyond the need of any amplification.

At first sight it would seem needless warning, for since God is tivities lasted three full days. everywhere how could one go away from Him? We cannot escape His presence, it is true, but we can estrange our hearts from Him. In the Catholic school, be it for boys or girls, there is always present the means of keeping God in sight and of drawing closer to Him. Throughout the scholastic year you have the regular prayers that are offered up, whether at morning, noon, or even ing; before or after meals; at the beginning and the close of each class or exercise. Then there are the constantly recurring lessons that are calculated both to instruct in duties to God and to impress on the mind your dependance upon Him and His bounty. You have the crucifix over the door, the sacred images with their inspiring and suggestive mottoes, the surroundings all of which breathe and speak of God. You have the perpetual, living, and active example of the teachers, that leads to God and to closer relations with

When vacation comes all these are left behind; but it is then that the lessons they inculcated should be put into active practice. That is the time to carry all these reminders in the heart, to perpetually keep them before the eyes, and to remember that if they are not on the walls, or in your daily presence, nonetheless are you walking under the eye

It is, then, a wholesome advice, the one we have just quoted. can enjoy your vacation to the fullest, you can repose from the labor of study, you can have all the relaxation and recreation you need, and still keep close to God. And there is no more simple way than to be faithful to your devotions. To pression of their respect an be true to your duty of prayer. Oftion for the great Bishop. creations, its rest, its joys, its laxations. And all these will become so many prayers, if they are in the proper spirit and according to the code of real innocence. At the close you can offer Him again all that you have done throughout that day and for the faults you committed you can ask a pardon.

Youth will err, will make takes, will succumb to temptations but if youth keeps close to God, all these will be but clouds floating over a life-sky, leaving the blue of the heaven just as blue and as beautiful as ever-not a trace, scarcely a mem

ory of the shadow remaining. So, then, we would impress this sentence on all who are now going forth to enjoy the long vacation of summer. And if you do this, each year will only serve to bring nearer to God and God nearer you. It will become annually easier and easier to drift along the current of goodness; and as the tide of evil us down like a turbulent rapid to the gulf-below, so the cur rent of good carries us along, with-out any great effort on our part, towards the great and boundless ocean that is called sternity — an eternity near to God.

ST. JEAN BAPTISTE DAY.-During the past week our French-Canadian fellow-citizens have celebrated their national festival in a manner young people, at this season, than that was worthy of the best and grandest traditions of the past. The day, like our own national festival, going over our exchanges we came is both a religious and patriotic ocpon the following phrase: "Wher- casion. In fact, the faith of their ever you go for vacation, don't go fathers has been so interwoven with their various national aspirations and to hopes that the two sentiments appear to have a twin-like affinity the heart of the race. This year several special events gave a particular character to the occasion. The fes-

Tuesday, the 23rd, was a kind of general introduction, a gathering of friends from far and near, a preparing together for the very important ceremonials and demonstrations of the two succeeding days.

On Wednesday, as usual, and possibly more than usual, the various national societies gathered from their respective ends of the city and flocked to the monster procession, that with flags flying and music clashing on the air, rallied their thousands towards the Cathedral. There the grand and all important ceremony of the day was to place. A Low Mass was said by His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal, and the vast edifice-the work commenced by the patriotic and saintly Bishop Bourget-was thronged to the very doors. Such an array of ecclesiastical dignitaries, sacerdotal representatives, laymen in official and non-official capacities, was rarely every before witnessed within the precincts of that grand temple.

The eloquent sermon by the Rev. Father Lalande, S.J., of St. Mary's College, this city, was worthy of the memorable occasion. His vivid and heart-stirring portrayal of the noble career of the great prelate whose memory was being honored will long be remembered. It was indeed a masterly effort.

After the Mass the unveiling of the statue of Mgr. Bourget, in front of the Cathedral, took place. While the fac simile of St. Peter's - the master-piece of Angelo's genius on the banks of the Tiber-would constitute a monument worthy of any man, still the love, veneration, and memory of the Catholic people of Montreal sought a more direct expression of their respect and venerabe true to your duty of prayer. Of-fer Him every morning the day and all its pleasures, its games, its re-sculptor, was enlisted in the cause, and his chisel produced a master-

piece of monumental beauty. Tens of thousands filled the vast square, and from the steps of the temple as far as the eye could reach extended a sea of upturned and exwhich the eyes of the humble and glorious apostle would have gazed with gratitude to God-for in it he would have beheld the realization of his life-dream. The enthusiasm national holiday making combin combined with the religious fervor of the occasion to accentuate the veneration and joyousness that the unveiling of such a statue of such a man naturally awakened. Four eloquent and in every sense appropriate addresses were delivered. The orators of the The orators of the occasion were Mgr. Begin, Arch Bishop of Quebec: Mgr. Duhamel Arch Archbishop of Ottawa; Hon. L. O. Taillon, representing the French-Canadian laity, and Sir William Hingston, representing the other Catholic elements, and especially the Irish Catholic laity. The addresses were in accord with the grandeur nd the enthusiasm of the occasion; and when the veil fell from the sta thie at the touch of His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, the revered form of one of Montreal's great

Bishops, it would seem as if Mgr. Bourget had come forth from grave, had descended from his abode of unending happiness, and had ascended that pedestal to survey the accomplishment of his great designs and to bless the sons of a generation for whom he had paved the way to all the benefactions that they en-

The evening of the twenty-fourth witnessed the presentation at the Monument National of Senator O. David's patriotic drama "Le Drapeau de Carillon." Needless speak of the enthusiasm which that play awakened. Already the events of the day had stirred up the spirits of the people, and it required but a slight breath of patriotic fervor to keep the enthusiasm alive. But, if the events of the twenty-fourth were of such stirring and long-to-beremembered importance, nonetheless to were those of the following day.

For several years past the north end of the city has been putting forth untold efforts to realize dreams of good Cure Auclair, in the construction of a magnificent temple, to be dedicated to Saint John the Baptiste. When some years ago the Church in that section was destroyed by fire, the pastor, with remarkable zeal set to work to build a Church that would be an to the city and to the faith of the people. By slow degrees the inhabitants watched the developing proportions of the Saint Jean Baptiste Church on Rachel street. At last that fine specimen of architecture has been completed, and on Thursday, the 25th, as a continuation of the national day, and as a consummation of its manifold celebration, the Church was opened to the public and the first Grand Mass was sung at its High Altar. It would be no easy matter to tell of all the pains taken by the officers and members of the different societies to ensure a memorable celebration on that occasion. All the spirit that was maniested at the Cathedral on Wednesday seemed to have been transferred to St. Jean Baptiste Church on Thursday. It is decidedly now one of the great ecclesiastical ornaments of our city of churches. Its form, its immense dome, its towering pinnacles, its Corinthian columns, and its vast proportions are there to attract the eye and to speak in all the eloquence of carved stone the story of a faith that is deep down

in the souls of the ueople. That evening, at the Parc Lafon taine, the display of fireworks was enchanting, and while music and pyrothecnics made the heavens and

the earth glad outside. A banquet, at which three thousand guests sat down was given by the different sections of the great national society. It is no exaggeration to say that never before did Montreal celebrate the French-Canadian national festival with more display, enthusiasm, and with a more varied programme than in this year,

1903. In connection with the proceedings on Wednesday, we deem it necessary to note the following circular issued to members of St. Patrick's Society by its President, Mr. Justice C. J. Doherty. It runs as follows:-

"The St. Jean Baptiste Association has extended to the St. Patrick Society, as representing the Irish Canadian citizens of Montreal, an invitation to join the celebration of the French-Canadian National festival on the 24th instant, as well as in the ceremonits attending the unveiling of the statue of late Very Reverend Monseigneur Bourget

"Our Society has accepted the invitation, and earnestly desires that its appreciation of this compliment to our race on the part of French-Canadian friends, should nade evident by the attendance of a large and representative body of our -countrymen. To the President and officers urge upon every member of the Society duty of being present, but, furtherlow-countrymen generally to join with it on this occasion.

The courtesy extended by the St. Jean Baptiste Association affords us an opportunity of showing at once our cordial sympathy with them in the patriotic sentiments that inspire the celebration of the day, and the union of the two great Catholic aces in the desire to do fitting honof the diocese without distinction of

race, owe a debt of gratitude.

This opportunity, the Society feels, Irish Canadians generally should gladly avail themselves of. I beg therefore respectfully to urge that your attendance would add much to the representative character of the | group of Irishmen taking part in the celebration, and assure you that the Society will appreciate your presence in its ranks.

"Members and friends will assen ble opposite Laval University, St. Denis street, 'at 9 a.m., to take their position in the procession."

We desire to heartily congratulate all who participated in the organization of the feast, and all who aided in the carrying out of its succ ful programme, and to wish them, year after year, the continuation of their patriotic spirit and all the blessings that the religious aspects of the occasion are calculated to bring down upon them and upon their children.

IRISH HISTORY .- Ottawa seems to have taken practical steps con cerning the revival of the Irish language. At a meeting of the Separate School Board, held on Monday evening last, it was unanimously decided to have Irish history taught in all the English-speaking schools. Chairman McGuire presided, and there were present Trustees Boileau, Boudreault, Chapman, Daly, Forest, Higgerty, Kane, Mc-Grail, Rioux, Sims, Foran and Gleeson. We give the names because the subject under discussion was one of grave importance, and one that will possibly have effects far extending beyond the limits of the capitar. The report of the incidents of the meeting may be thus condensed:-

A deputation from the Ancient Or-der of Hibernians, composed of Messrs, John Hanlon, president of Division No. 2, and James Bennett, past county president, repeated their request for the inauguration of the study of Irish history in the English-speaking schools, which they made some six months ago. On mo tion of Trustees McGrail and Kane



MR. THOMAS KEARNEY. Valedictorian. St. Laurent College See Page 7.

the expenditure of \$50.00 was authorized for the purchase of an approved Irish History. The board was unanimous on the question, and Trustees McGrail, Foran and Boudreault spoke warmly in approval of the project.

In our Catholic High School and

in two of the schools under the di-

rection of the Christian Brothers, of

this city, the good work has already began. It is to be hoped that the Irish Catholic schools of all this province will follow in their footsteps In fact, the time has been too lone coming when our younger generation might learn the true history of the land of their fathers. To-day it i actually deplorable to find so many young men growing up with a bet ter knowledge of the history of other lands than they have of Ireland. And yet if ever there were history that is as rich in incident as prolific in grand scenes, as fully peopled with mighty characters, and as truly fascinating as a romance, it is surely the history of Ireland. We hope that the keynote has been sounded loud enough to be heard all over the Dominion, and that it or to, and perpetuate the memory of a revered and eminent prelate of the Church, to whom the Catholics every Irish breast.

Ca holic Sailors' Club.

On Wednesday evening the weekly concert was under the direction of a most competent and enthusiastic musician-Prof. Cal H. Corey, whose pupils contributed the programme. The music and singing, as well as the dancing, were remarkably fine and elicited rounds of applause, each of the performers having to respond to several encores. The sailors' numbers were also of the best, and created an impression that will not be soon forgotten.



PROF. CAL H. COREY.

Mr. J. Beamish Saul occupied the chair, and in the course of his re-marks thanked the large audience for their presence, and hoped they would continue to give bumper houses to the end of the season. The programme was then proceeded with, following taking part: Miss Cecilia Cote, Miss May St. Denis, Miss B. Lidstone, Miss Ethel Whytock, Miss Victoria Scott, Miss F Coogan, Miss Edith Ferguson, Miss R. Fuch, Miss B. Drouche, Miss H. Tait, Miss Alice Gorman, Miss L. Allmand, Miss L. McCraw, Messrs. A. E. Reid, Walter Gayner, and Prof. Cal H. Corey; John Carey, steamship Dominion; Mr. McAllister, steamship Wyandotte; George Ford, steamship Manhattan; Wm. Norris, steamship Devona; Patk. Campbell, steamship Indian. Miss Orton was the accompanist.

LOCAL NOTES.

SISTER DONLAN ILL.-Just as we go to press a rumor has reached us that the Superioress of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, Sister Donlan, has been suddenly attacked by illness. This will be sad news for many Catholic households, as Sister Donlan, during the brief term of her administration has given abundant proofs of her ability as an administrator and noble religious Sister Donlan is one of our own nationality; she has displayed an fectionate interest in our orphan cerely pray that her illness may be brief, and that she will soon be re-stored in health and strength to take up the important duties which she has discharged since her nomin ation, with so much honor to community and credit to herself.

A PUPIL'S FAREWELL.-At St. Patrick's Hall, on Monday afterthe pupils of St. Patrick's Girls School, spoke their words fare well to the priests who will St. Patrick's Church during vaca

It was a touching tribute from the rising generation of the mother Irish parish to their spiritual guides which vas much appreciated by the recipi ents who were:-The Superior of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, Very Rev Father Lecoq; Rev. Martin Callaghan, P.P.; Rev. L. W. Leclair Rev. M. J. McKenna, D.D.; Rev. Ger Grath and Rev. J. B. Quellette

The Mother-General of the Congre gation of Notre Dame was present as well as a number of leading mem bers of St. Patrick's parish.

PERSONAL NOTE .- Rev. acCallen, S.S., arrived in this city io spend a few days amongst his

ST. ANN'S PARISH will hold its first pilgrimage of this season to Ste. Anne de Beaupre, for women and children, on July 11th. Father Flynn, C.SS.R., and other priests will accompany the pilgrims. The steamer Beaupre has been chartered for the occasion.

PERSONAL .- Mr. H. J. Kavanagh, K.C., leaves for England shortly, where he goes to plead a most important case, in behalf of the Trust & Loan Company, before the Privy, Council.

WEDDING BELLS .- St. Anthony's Thurch was the scene of a pretty, wedding this week, the contracting parties being Miss Minnie Polan, daughter of Mr. M. J. Polan, the well known veteran Shamrock Lacrosse Club Captain, and Mr. C. P. Flemming, son of Mr. William Flem-

The ceremony was performed by Rev. John E. Donnelly, P.P., and uncle of the groom. The sacred edi-fice was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The bride, who was given away by her father, was gowned in white organdie, with cluny lace, white tulle veil, and wore her mother's bridal wreath of orange blossoms. Miss Durocher of Cornwall, was the bridesmaid, and Miss May McElroy acted as maid of honor. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. W. Fleming, and Mr. J. Polan, brother of the bride. The ushers were Mr. F. Polan and Mr. Afbert Morin. After the ceremony a breakfast was held at the residence of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming left for Boson and New York, and on their return will reside at 411a St. Antoine

The presents to both bride and groom were numerous and handsome,

ST. PATRICK'S PILGRIMAGE. -Arrangements have been completed for the pilgrimage of St. Patrick's parishioners to Ste. Anne de Beaupre by the C. P. R., which will leave on Sgturday, July 18th, and return to Montreal on Sunday evening. Father Martin Callaghan says that a large number of the congregation

A DESERVED TRIBUTE .- On the eve of his departure to visit his old home in Ireland, Mr. Patrick Scullion, the worthy treasurer of Division No. 1, A.O.H., was made the recipient of a beautifully engraved gold locket, bearing the inscription:
"Presented to Bro. Scullion by Division No. 1, as a slight mark of esteem and appreciation of his long and faithful service to this Division." The presentation was made by President McMorrow, who eulogized Bro. Scullion's administrative power in the office he so long filled with marked ability, and wished him on behalf of the Division a pleasant voyage and safe return.

ORPHANS' FAREWELL. - With surpassed at any previous period of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, on cerely pray that her iller the surpassed at the history of the Asylum. We sinbecoming solemnity the feast of St. occasion of taking formal leave of Rev. J. B. Ouellette, S.S., for three years attending at the Asylum. Father Ouellette was specially a favorite with the children of the institution, and his removal from St. Patrick's parish has caused widespread regret not only to the orphans, but to parishioners in general. The feast was suitably inaugurated by a Low Mass, celebrated by Father lette, and general communion was held. Subsequently a handsome ad-dress was presented by the children in the boys' school-room, accompan-ied by a boquet of choice flowers. The address referred to Father Ouellette's kindly offices in behalf of the children, to the gratitude which the children felt for the generous interest he had taken in their behalf and their sorrow at his departure. In reply the genial priest spoke of the deep feeling of regret which he experienced in severing an asociation with the children which had existed for the past three years, to h most pleasant of his holy ministry He urged the children not to neglect the opportunities afforded them the institution of acquiring a so moral training, and to be ever ready to suffer for conscience take.