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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.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

VACATION TIME.—What with addresses and recommendations, advice and words of warning, there is but little left to say to the young people, at this season, than simply wish them, one and all, a happy and profitable vacation.

At first sight it would seem a needless warning, for since God is everywhere how could one go away from Him? We cannot escape His presence, it is true, but we can estrange our hearts from Him.

When vacation comes all these are left behind; but it is then that the lessons they inculcated should be put into active practice.

It is, then, a wholesome advice, the one we have just quoted. You 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.

Youth will err, will make mistakes, 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 memory 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 you nearer to God and God nearer to you.

ST. JEAN BAPTISTE DAY.—During the past week our French-Canadian fellow-citizens have celebrated their national festival in a manner that was worthy of the best and grandest traditions of the past.

Tuesday, the 23rd, was a kind of general introduction, a gathering of friends from far and near, a preparing together for the very important ceremonies 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.

The eloquent sermon by the Rev. Father Lalonde, S.J., of St. Mary's College, this city, was worthy of the memorable occasion.

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 veneration for the great Bishop.

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 expectant faces. It was a scene upon which 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.

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Bishops, it would seem as if Mgr. Bourget had come forth from his 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 enjoy.

The evening of the twenty-fourth witnessed the presentation at the Monument National of Senator L. O. David's patriotic drama "Le Drapeau de Carillon." Needless to 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.

For several years past the north end of the city has been putting forth untold efforts to realize the dreams of good Cure Auclair, in the construction of a magnificent temple, to be dedicated to Saint John the Baptist.

That evening, at the Parc Lafontaine, the display of fireworks was enchanting, and while music and pyrotechnics 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.

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 ceremonies 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 our French-Canadian friends, should be made evident by the attendance of a large and representative body of our fellow-countrymen. To this end, the President and officers urge upon every member of the Society the duty of being present, but, furthermore, most cordially invite our fellow-countrymen generally to join with it on this occasion.

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of 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 assemble 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 successful 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 concerning 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.

A deputation from the Ancient Order 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.



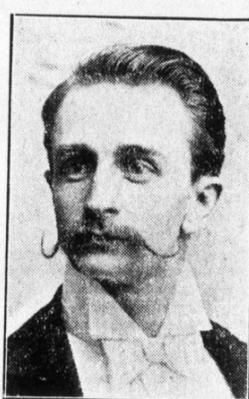
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the expenditure of \$50.00 was authorized for the purchase of an approved Irish History. The board was unanimous on the question, and Trustees McGrail, Foran and Boudreault spoke warmly in approval of the project.

In our Catholic High School and in two of the schools under the direction of the Christian Brothers, of this city, the good work has already begun. 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 long coming when our younger generation might learn the true history of the land of their fathers.

Catholic 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.



PROF. CAL H. COREY.

Mr. J. Beamish Saul occupied the chair, and in the course of his remarks 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, the following taking part: Miss Cecelia 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. Ailmann, 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 Superior 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.

A PUPIL'S FAREWELL.—At St. Patrick's Hall, on Monday afternoon, the pupils of St. Patrick's Girls School, spoke their words farewell to the priests who will leave St. Patrick's Church during vacation.

It was a touching tribute from the rising generation of the mother Irish parish to their spiritual guides which was much appreciated by the recipients 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. Gerald McShane, S.S.D.D.; Rev. P. McGrath and Rev. J. B. Ouellette.

The Mother-General of the Congregation of Notre Dame was present, as well as a number of leading members of St. Patrick's parish.

PERSONAL NOTE.—Rev. J. A. McCallen, S.S., arrived in this city

to spend a few days amongst his friends.

ST. ANN'S PARISH will hold its first pilgrimage of this season to Ste. Anne de Beaupre, for women and children, on July 11th. Rev. Father Flynn, C.S.S.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 Church 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 Shaprock Lacrosse Club Captain, and Mr. C. P. Flemming, son of Mr. William Flemming.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. John E. Donnelly, P.P., and uncle of the groom. The sacred edifice 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. Albert Morin. After the ceremony a breakfast was held at the residence of the bride's parents.

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

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 Saturday, July 18th, and return to Montreal on Sunday evening. Father Martin Callaghan says that a large number of the congregation will attend.

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 becoming solemnity the feast of St. John the Baptist was observed at St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, on Wednesday. The feast was made the 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 Ouellette, and general communion was held. Subsequently a handsome address was presented by the children in the boys' school-room, accompanied by a bouquet 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 association with the children which had existed for the past three years, to him the most pleasant of his holy ministry. He urged the children not to neglect the opportunities afforded them by the institution of acquiring a sound moral training, and to be ever ready to suffer for conscience sake.