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ITEMS OF INTEREST

RETREAT AT PRIORY CHURCH.

On Sunday evening next, at 7 o'clock, the opening exercises of the retreat for gentlemen at the Priory Church will take place.

REQUIEM FOR FATHER STRUBBE

To-morrow at 8 o'clock there will be a requiem at St. Ann's Church for the late regretted Father Strubbe, offered by the League of the Sacred Heart.

MGR. BEGIN.

A despatch from Rome says that His Grace Archbishop Begin will be raised to the Cardinalate at the next consistory, which will be held in November or December.

L.C.B.A. WILL HOLD FIRST EUCHE.

The first euche of the Ladies' Catholic Benefit Association will be held next Monday evening, the 22nd, inst., at 8 o'clock, in St. Patrick's Hall, St. Alexander street.

FRANCISCAN FATHERS WILL OFFICIATE.

At Cote des Neiges cemetery on Sunday next, the 20th inst., the Franciscan Fathers will preach the Way of the Cross at 3 o'clock, at which all who can be invited to assist.

EMPERESS OF IRELAND.

The prominent Irishmen of Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto propose presenting a large handsome marine clock to the Empress of Ireland, as a testimonial to Sir Thomas G. Shaughnessy. The clock is, we understand, now being made and will be presented on the steamer's next trip, toward the end of this month.

Where Weakness is, Disease Will Settle.

If one suffers from any organic weakness, inherited or contracted, there disease will settle when it attacks the body. Therefore drive out the pains that beset you, do not let a cold or a cough harass you, and keep the respiratory organs in a good healthy condition. This you can do by using Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Prevention is the wisest course.

LOYOLA COURT EUCHE.

Arrangements were made at the last meeting of Loyola Court, Catholic Order of Foresters, for a Stag Euche, to be held Monday evening, October 22nd, in the "Raby" Hall, St. James and Fulford streets. Judging from former entertainments of this kind given by Loyola, a very pleasant evening is assured for all who attend. There are valuable prizes offered, and a fine programme has been prepared.

COUNCIL OF ARTS AND MANUFACTURES.

The evening classes under the direction of the Council of Arts and Manufactures opened on Monday, the 16th inst. The following subjects are taught at the Monument National: Technical drawing, modelling, sign painting and lettering, carpentry and stair building, architectural drawing, lithography, soling, boot and shoe pattern making, ladies' dress cutting, sewing and millinery. The plumbing class is held in the upper part of St. Lawrence market every Tuesday and Friday, and the mechanical drawing

class at 183 Congregation street every Tuesday and Thursday. Each pupil must deposit one dollar. All those who desire to avail themselves of the advantages offered by these classes may apply for prospectuses and full information at the office, Monument National, 296 St. Lawrence street.

FUNERAL OF MRS. THOMAS GUEMIN.

There passed away last week an old parishioner of St. Patrick's in the person of Mrs. Guerin, widow of Mr. Thomas Guerin, C.E., at the advanced age of eighty-five years, leaving to mourn their loss one daughter and four sons: Miss Belle Guerin, Dr. J. J. Guerin, Mr. Michael Guerin, Mr. Edmund Guerin, K.C., Mr. J. M. Guerin. The deceased was very highly esteemed for her sterling character, and no eulogy of her could be more sincere than that expressed in the words of the Rev. M. Callaghan at High Mass on Sunday last:

"I recommend to your prayers a native of Dublin, a member of St. Patrick's parish for seventy years, a sterling Christian, a loyal Catholic, a woman of great personal merit and a mother that exercised no inconsiderable influence over children who reflect lustre upon our country, our race and creed. May her soul rest in peace."

The body was received by Rev. Dr. Callaghan. The celebrant of the Mass was Father Martin Callaghan, assisted by Rev. Father Rioux, C. S.S.R., pastor of St. Ann's, as deacon, and Rev. Father Kavanagh, S. J., as sub-deacon. The last ceremonies at the cemetery and grave were performed by Rev. Dr. Callaghan. Priests present at the service were: Very Rev. Canon Dauth, Vice-Rector Laval University; Very Rev. Father O'Bryan, S. J., Rector Loyola College; Rev. Fathers Garceau, S. J., O'Reilly, chaplain Hotel Dieu; McDonald, St. Mary's; Callahan, St. Agnes; Killoran and Hefernan, St. Patrick's.

SILVER CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

The parish of St. Columba de Silvery, near Quebec, celebrated the 50th anniversary of its foundation on Saturday and Sunday. The present church was completed and opened in 1856, under the pastorate of the late Father Harkin. Father A. E. Maguire, the present parish priest, was appointed 15 years ago, and during his charge of the parish, he has reduced the debt of \$13,000, which he found on the church, to \$6000, besides having installed a new peal of bells costing \$2,000.

The golden jubilee of the parish was inaugurated on Saturday night by a reunion of old and present parishioners, and their families, in the school hall. Among others occupying seats were Sir Louis Jetté, His Grace the Archbishop of Quebec, Mgr. Begin, Father Maguire, Messrs. W. M. Dobell, Wm. Power, M.P., Hon. John Sharples, M.L.C., occupied the chair.

The event of the evening was the address delivered by the Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and a son of the parish. His address was largely an account of the earliest history of Silvery under the French regime, and a tribute to the zeal of its Jesuit and other early settlers. As an instance of the good feeling between the Protestants and Catholics of the parish he referred to the generosity of the late Hon. R. R. Dobell, a Protestant, in erecting the monument at Silvery to the Jesuit missionary, Father Masse.

Archbishop Begin also addressed the meeting. The R.C.G.A. band rendered a selection of French and Irish airs before the meeting closed.

University of Ottawa.

The following letter appeared in Ottawa Evening Journal:

Editor Journal:—I have read the recently published brochure with reference to Ottawa University, which, by the way, I knew absolutely nothing of until after it was distributed through the mail. I have read Mr. Vincent's letter in the Journal in answer to it and I have talked over the question of the alleged "Frenchification" of the University with officials of the university of both parties. As a result it has occurred to me that something might be done to settle the question forever in a manner agreeable to both sides.

As a former student of the university and one deeply interested in the education of the children of my Catholic fellow-countrymen, whether they be English-speaking or French-speaking, I consider this most desirable. The best interests of the university have been seriously prejudiced by the strife which has arisen out of this question during the past few years, and the sooner the matter is settled the better for all. I therefore take the liberty in the interests of peace and harmony among my co-religionists and of the betterment of Catholic higher education in this province, of suggesting a compromise of the university question which I venture to think should be acceptable to all fair-minded men, English-speaking or French-speaking. Let the University of Ottawa be an examining and degree-granting body only, without any lecturing staff whatever, and let there be two separate colleges affiliated with it, one for the English and one for the French. Call them, if you like, St. Joseph's College, and the College du Sacre Coeur, and let the priests of each college have charge of the church bearing the name of his college. Each college would prepare students for the University examinations as is done by the numerous colleges affiliated with Toronto University. This scheme is also followed by a number of colleges affiliated with Laval. There are several besides the institutions at Montreal and Quebec, for instance the English-speaking St. Dunstan's College in Prince Edward Island. In England, too, the London University was for many years until quite recently an examining and degree-granting body only, without any course of studies or lecturing staff whatever. The well-known Jesuit College of Stonyhurst, which is many miles from London, prepares its students for the examinations of London University. In Ireland the Royal University is an examining and degree-granting body only and students of several colleges are prepared for the examinations. Doubtless other similar instances could be cited.

The Senate of the University of Ottawa could be composed of an equal number of representatives from the two colleges, the president and a majority of the governing body of each college to be English-speaking or French-speaking as the case might be. I would also suggest that there should be lay representatives on the board of each college. This would keep the college more in touch with the people and would tend to stimulate in old students an interest in their Alma Mater.

The finances of the colleges would, of course, be separate. The division of the building at present used by the university between the two colleges is a detail which doubtless could be arranged on an amicable basis.

The question of expense should not stand in the way. The university now has an English and a French course and maintains several large buildings so that a division into two colleges should not be much more expensive than the present arrangement. It could probably be arranged after the two colleges are established that some courses of lectures could be attended in common by the students of both institutions.

His Holiness Leo XIII. made it quite clear that his wish was that the university should be especially for the Catholics of Ontario and that the bishops of this province should have an interest in it, but there is no provision in the Papal Bull raising the University to the dignity of a Catholic university giving the bishops of Ontario, other than His Grace the Archbishop of Ottawa, any voice in the management of the institution. I think it would be of great benefit to the university if the Ontario bishops were brought more closely into touch with it and were induced to take more interest in it. This could be brought about by having the chancellor of the university elected for a period of years by the bishops of the province from among

their number, instead of having the Archbishop of Ottawa for the time being perpetual chancellor as at present.

I make the above suggestions for what they may be worth in a spirit of friendship and good will towards my French-speaking fellow-countrymen. The establishment of a French college at Ottawa would be of great benefit to them. Mr. Vincent is quite right in his letter in saying that the French-speaking youth of Ontario should be educated in Ontario. The laws and customs of this province are so different from those of Quebec that one can well see that an education in this province would be far more beneficial to an Ontario boy than an education in the province of Quebec.

But the English-speaking Catholics want an institution of their own, and think they are entitled to it, and the best way out of the unfortunate position in which the University of Ottawa now finds itself is the establishment of two colleges as suggested above. We have our English and our French churches and our English and our French separate schools—why not have our English and French college and obviate further disagreement amongst our people on the university question.

While it is much to be regretted, it is a fact, nevertheless, that the university has for the past few years been going backward instead of forward. It is but a ghostly shadow of the institution presided over in the eighties by the late Father Tabaret when my friend Mr. Vincent and I were classmates together. Something must be done to instill new life into the old bones. Let us get together, agree on a fair compromise, and then build up two colleges of our Catholic University which will work in harmony with each other and will quickly become worthy of the Catholics, both English-speaking and French-speaking, of the province of Ontario. Yours truly,

D'ARCY SCOTT.

Ottawa, Oct. 8th, 1906.

Mr. Sidener had made his first public speech. He waited for his wife's verdict, but she was strangely silent. He had expected her to say, "Oh, it was simply great, Eddy!" But they were half way home, and she had said nothing. "Well," he began awkwardly, "what did you think of my speech?" "What you said was all right," she answered with guarded enthusiasm. "But it seemed to me you didn't make the most of your opportunities." "Opportunities?" repeated Mr. Sidener. "What do you mean, Effie?" "Why," Mrs. Sidener replied, "you had ever so many chances to sit down before you did."

The Crucifix Restored.

When an outbreak of atheism and Freemasonry in Brazil caused the removal of the crucifix from the courts of justice, where in Catholic countries it always holds the place of honor, there was profound indignation among the people. This strong popular sentiment has finally brought about the restoration of the sacred symbol to its time-honored place. The formal ceremony of restoration in Rio de Janeiro is thus described in the Journal de Bresil as quoted by the Catholic Times:

It was truly a manifestation never to be forgotten, and one which proved not only the fervor of our people, and the sentiments of faith inherited from our ancestors and profoundly rooted in our national character, but also the innate love of justice which animates all classes of society—that justice of which the image of the Divine Crucified One is the most perfect symbol. It is calculated that more than 10,000 persons were in the cortege, without counting the crowds in the streets or the spectators in the balconies. The whole city was brilliantly decorated with flags and draperies; and several hours before the time fixed for the ceremony, the people began to assemble in the vicinity of the Church. Then gradually appeared the various corporations and associations, with the Confraternities of St. Vincent de Paul, the Children of Mary, and the Apostleship of Prayer. Each parish sent its contingent of clergy and its banners.

As the canopy came in sight, the air was rent with long and loud acclamations from the crowd, and not a single discordant note was heard. In the Hall of the Tribunal the cortege was met by the President of the Tribunal, who received the crucifix from the curé, and kissing the feet with profound reverence, placed it in the position prepared for it above the seat of justice. When that was accomplished, the President gave the word to Pere Jules Marie, one of the most distinguished preachers of Brazil, who pronounced an eloquent discourse on the event of the day. The orator showed how fitting was the appearance of the crucifix in the tribunals of justice, and confirmed his argument by referring to national history, showing that it was in accordance with one of the earliest traditions of Brazil; for when the hardy navigators who first landed on its shores took possession of the country, they did so in the name of the Cross.

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