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OTTAWA NOTES

(From our own correspondent.)

A Retreat at the Grey Nuns' Convent has been conducted by Rev. Father Lewis of Plattsburg.

Rev. Father S. Corbett, who left this city over a year ago, has returned to the Archbishop's Palace. Father Corbett first went to Ireland and afterwards to Baltimore, where he took an English course at the University of Washington.

Rev. Father Ring, formerly Provincial of the Oblate Order in England, and who has held other important positions in that Order, was a recent visitor to Ottawa University. On Sunday evening he delivered a splendid sermon in St. Joseph's church. Father Ring was on his way to Winnipeg.

The annual picnic of Holy Family church was held on the grounds of the Oblate Scholasticate and was a decided triumph for the energetic members of the congregation who formed capable committees, under the direction of Rev. Father C. Charlebois, the parish priest. The event included a splendid programme of sports, which were enjoyed by the largest crowd of years.

Vicar Apostolic Merel, Bishop of Canton, China, was a recent visitor to Ottawa and has left for Montreal. Bishop Merel presides over a diocese in which there are sixty million souls; has been twenty years in China, and was appointed Vicar Apostolic in 1902. He is on his way back to China from France and sails from Vancouver on the 15th. In his diocese in Canton are forty European priests and fifteen native priests. While here, Mgr. Merel was the guest of the Marist Fathers.

Sister St. Simon, who was recently accidentally killed in Spencer, Mass., was formerly an Ottawa young lady, Miss Marie Louise St. Laurent, who entered into the Order of L'Assomption, at Nicolet, Que., going to Spencer shortly after. Deceased was a sister of Messrs. J. B. and Arthur St. Laurent, of this city, and of Father Thomas, who is a member of the Capuchin Order at Restigouche. Sister St. Bathilde, of the L'Assomption Order is a sister of the deceased. The funeral took place at Nicolet.

A most successful picnic was held in aid of St. Mary's church, on Dominion Day, the event, which is an annual one, surpassing any held for some years. Over two thousand people were in attendance. The undertaking was in charge of several committees of parishioners, to whose energetic management its success is due. Among those present, besides the pastor, Rev. Father G. Fitzgerald, were Rev. Father G. Prudhomme of South Gloucester and Rev. Fathers Fortier and Corniliet of Ottawa University.

Two summer schools have been opened in this city by the Ontario Government, for the purpose of solving the difficulty in connection with the non-qualification of the teachers in the Separate Schools, who are nuns or Christian Brothers. A special short course will be given for a period of twenty-two days and professional certificates will be issued to those who pass the examination. The two schools in this city will be for the nuns only, a third for the Christian Brothers being held at Toronto. About eighty nuns, from throughout the Province and a number from the United States, will write in this city and the passing of the formal examinations will prove a matter of simplicity for, at least, the majority of them.

Rev. Father Alexis, of the Capuchin Order, has returned from Rome, where he was in attendance at a general assembly of the Order, which consists of 10,300 members, throughout the world. Each ecclesiastical jurisdiction of which there are fifty-seven, delegated three representatives to the assembly, at which Rev. Father Pacifique, of Signano, was chosen Superior-General in succession to Rev. Father Bernard of Switzerland, who in recognition of his services to the Order, was elevated by the Supreme Pontiff to the Archbishopric of Stauropolis. Father Alexis, while returning to this country, visited France, his native land.

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"My heart is grieved," he stated in speaking of the religious conditions in that country, "at the vast number of people there who never enter a church." Father Alexis will leave shortly for Quebec.

The annual St. Jean Baptiste church parade was held last Sunday, over one thousand being in line and almost all of the French-Canadian societies of the city were largely represented. At St. Anne's Church an eloquent sermon was delivered by Rev. Father Chatelet of Thurso, who touched upon the first steps which had been taken to honor the French Patron Saint in France. He outlined the growth of the observance of the Feast and in conclusion stated that throughout it all had been the one great purpose—that of development of practical charity and love for one another. High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Bouchard, assisted by Rev. Father Richard. During the ceremony, special music was rendered by the church choir. A similar procession was held in the western part of the city by the various societies of that section, who marched to St. Jean Baptiste church, where High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Marion. Rev. Father Haze preached the sermon.

The annual visit of His Excellency, Monseigneur Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate, to Notre Dame Convent, proved an especially pleasing event. On entering, the Delegate was welcomed by the many pupils, all dressed in spotless white, while the orchestra of the institution contributed excellent music. A solo and chorus by the pupils followed, after which addresses in French and English were read by the Misses A. Lecours and M. Costigan, respectively, to which His Excellency replied in both languages. All then adjourned to the chapel, where the Delegate, assisted by Rev. Father J. Fallon, O.M.I., and Mgr. Sinnott, officiated at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and bestowed a blessing upon all present. The convent choir rendered the hymns during the ceremonies in a pleasing manner.

The annual ordination ceremony of the diocese was this year productive of fifty-seven candidates, ten of whom were raised to the priesthood. Archbishop Duhamel, assisted by Rev. Canon Campeau and Rev. Father Pali, officiated at the ceremony which was witnessed by a large number of friends of the candidates. The new priests are: Rev. Fathers Felix Vachon, San Antonio, Texas; Athanasios, Montreal; Sorel, Que.; Albert Lartie, Montreal; and Isias Godin, all of the Oblate Order; Leon Armand, Joseph Bidet, Alexander Grolleau, Frederic Brung, and Eustache Lachance, of the Company of Mary; and Albert Marie Richer of the Dominicans. Deaconship—Octave Parodis, Joseph Caton, Arthur Paquette, Raoul Senecal, Rodolphe Desmarais, of the Oblate Order; Arthur Le Bourais, Auguste Toulant, Pierre Marie Rocher, Jean Guimard, Joseph Guertin, and Joseph Deckers of the Company of Mary. There were also fourteen candidates for the sub-deaconship; eleven for minor orders and seven received the tonsure.

The graduating exercises of Rideau Street Convent proved an event of much interest when the results of the examinations were announced and the medals and prizes awarded. Mgr. Routhier, Vicar-General, presided and addressed the students in French. Dr. J. C. Glashan, inspector of public schools, delivering the English address. Among those present were Dr. J. F. White, principal of the Normal School; Rev. Sister Theresa, Superior of the Convent, and Revs. Canon Bouillon and Plantin, and Fathers W. Murphy, Rector of Ottawa University; Fitzgerald, Corniliet and Dubaut. A medal presented by Lady Laurier for polite deportment was won by Miss M. Kinsella, Ottawa, while Miss K. Murphy, Ottawa, was awarded the prize presented by Professor Hourigan, Sydney, C.B., for the best essay on Shakespeare's plays. A medal for efficiency in Christian Doctrine, which was presented by Archbishop Duhamel, was won by Miss Alice Laverdure, Ottawa, and a second one, the gift of His Excellency Mgr. Sbarretti, for the same subject, was awarded to Miss Christine McDonald.

In celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the Catholic Order of Foresters, a

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JOHN NORRIS,
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Mass is said twice a week for all Benefactors of the New Church, and their names are entered in the Liber Aureus, or Golden Book, to be preserved under the future High Altar.

splendid rally was held in this city, and an enthusiastic welcome extended to the High Court officers: Thomas J. Cannon, High Chief Ranger, Chicago; Thos. F. McDonald, High Secretary, Chicago; J. A. Limback, High Treasurer, Cedar Rapids, Mich.; and John A. Stephan and T. P. Flynn, High Trustees, Chicago. On arrival from Toronto, the party was escorted by automobile to the various places of interest throughout the city, after which a banquet was held in the Russell. In the evening a large gathering was addressed in the Monument National, by the High Court Officers and L. V. McBratney, K.C., Toronto, Provincial Chief Ranger of Ontario; J. Foy, Provincial Trustee; L. Gignac, Provincial Trustee, Pen-tanguishene; S. W. McCallum and Wm. Lalonde, of the Provincial Court of Quebec, and D'Arcy McGee of Ottawa, who, on behalf of the President of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Society, who was unable to be present, extended hearty good wishes to the Order. The addresses outlined the progress of the Order, which now consisted of 135,000 members and was one of the societies which was open to men of every race and clime. Its benevolent purposes had been splendidly carried out in a spirit of unity, regardless of the International boundary and it would be of national assistance to the Church, the most glorious example of unity the world had ever known and which through centuries of the greatest opposition had needed no assistance. The hope was expressed that in a few years every Catholic man in Canada would be a member of the Order, which was open to men of every race and clime. The addresses were pleasantly interspersed with both vocal and musical numbers and the High Chief Ranger, at the conclusion of his address, was presented with a large bouquet of roses. The party left shortly after the meeting for Montreal.

W. D. McVey, the Photographer, will make your photograph day or night. Studio 514 Queen St. W. Mention this paper.

LONDON'S CATHOLICITY

London, June 25, 1908.

The churches in and around London, have been for the last few Sundays by the unusual numbers of Catholic visitors who have attended the Sunday Masses, and it has been no uncommon sight in great churches like the Cathedral and the Brompton Oratory, to see all the side altars occupied, even on week mornings by priests on holiday from various places abroad, to say nothing of the numerous Canadians and Americans who are everywhere. As the holiday season approaches, our own clergy may of the exiled French priests, residing temporarily here as supplies, some of them having become quite a permanency in the understaffed missions of greater London, particularly where there are outside Masses to be said daily at convents, workhouses, and the like. It was England who gave refuge just one hundred years ago to the Emigre Priests of the Revolution, who in return did much towards the Catholic revival in the Metropolis, and it is a coincidence that she is now again called upon to display her hospitality, which she has done in a generous manner, while at some of the churches which were founded by the good priests of those troublous times their successors in the ministry are now finding a temporary rest from their persecuting government.

There are many revivals of the old Catholic customs of our forefathers noticeable in the Catholic life of England just now. Notable among these is the revival of the Corpus Christi processions, which, in some cases have been held in the grounds of those convents and churches that possess such precious breathing spaces in the teeming city. It was reserved, however, for the quiet little mission of North Hyde, lying on the borders of the Western suburbs, in a spot that, were it not for the rumbling electric cars which rush along the highway, might be mistaken for one of the simple old villages of "Merrie England," to hold an outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets, which must be one of the first of its kind since the Reformation. While the Catholics who lined the route, many of them having come from afar to do honor to their "Sacramented God" as the Portuguese beautifully say, knelt on the stones in adoration as the Sacred Host passed by, the demeanor of the crowds of Sunday folk, some bent on pleasure, others on Church going and the like, was extremely reverent and edifying. When we remember that but a few years ago such a display in honor of our holy religion would have been utterly impossible, we see by what leaps and bounds the Church is advancing in this land.

Another revival of a pious Catholic practice is expected from the institution by the Society of Jesus, of Comptel Hall Marple, as a house of retreat. This fine property—the imposing mansion standing in extensive and beautiful grounds—has been purchased and fitted up by the Order to afford Retreats for men in the world at all portions of the year. Here class distinctions are to be swept away, and matters are so arranged as to time and expenses that it is hoped the artisan and laborer will in common with the professional and leisured man avail themselves of a short pause in the giddy rush of life to reflect on those three monosyllabic queries which contain so many great truths—Whence, Why and Whither?

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As usual a very large number of pilgrims joined in the annual visit to St. Winifred's Well, the Lourdes of Wales, on Monday last. The beautiful church was exquisitely decorated for the occasion, and the procession to the Well was very picturesque, with its tiny children in white, young girls in the blue mantle of Children of Mary, old people with eyes full of faith and hope, priests, acolytes and choristers, bringing up the rear; altogether it formed an imposing and beautiful sight amid the grand scenery of the Welsh mountains.

Ireland and the Irish are coming in to vogue very much in England just now. The Irish Stage Society are proposing to present a series of Celtic plays at one of the West End theatres shortly. The dramas given will include works in Irish, Highland Gaelic, and Welsh, and both professional and amateur companies will take part in their production. Each performance is to include one Celtic and one English play, the latter to be based upon an Irish theme. Amongst the notables who are interesting themselves in the movement are Lord Castletown, Sir W. Preece and Mr. A. Percival Greaves.

The Pan Anglican Congress, which took up the whole of last week, was fortunate in securing such a host as the High Commissioner for Canada, to launch the social portion of the proceedings. Lord Strathcona's lavish generosity is well known and one only wishes that the Eucharistic Congress had such a host to depend on when September comes round. His garden party at Knebworth last Monday, not only included all the members of the Pan Anglican Congress in its 6,000 guests, but also, as usual, all the leading Canadians in London at the present time, and there are not a few, not to speak of all the Hertfordshire county families who were invited. Lord Strathcona's marvellous staying powers are a wonder to all. It would tax the

strength of a younger man than he to stand for some three hours or more going through the mechanical process of handshaking all that time, but he did it without turning a hair and his hearty greeting added not a little to the enjoyment of his guests, who wandered over the beautiful lawns of the ancestral home of the Lyttons, or gazed at the treasures artistic and historical which the house contains.

Great were the rejoicings at the return of Cardinal Logue last week, and many were the boats which started out to meet him as the great Atlantic liner steamed into Queens-town Harbour. There is no more expressive nation than the Irish, and perhaps all their charm of manner and whole-hearted sincerity are most completely evidenced in such a cordial welcome as they gave to their great high priest on his return to them from a land which holds for many their dearest and their best. Truly it was a rousing welcome, and culminated when the Mayor of Cork presented the Cardinal with the freedom of that delectable city.

Another scheme which should bring a renewal of prosperity to Ireland is that which the Government have lately been discussing—the "All Red Route." It is proposed to make Blackhead Bay a port in the steamer and rail connection between Australasia and the motherland via Canada. This cannot be done without increasing the railway facilities in Ireland and the laying and rebuilding of many lines over which at the present time, it would be impossible for the fast trains which would be used in the service, to attain the necessary speed. All this means work for numbers of men, and the further opening up of the country, including increased and superior accommodation for visitors, which if once taken in hand should prove a gold mine to the green Isle, which is every whit as attractive as Switzerland if she thought more of things earthy and attended with greater zeal to those creature comforts which are so essential to the modern tourist.

A distinguished visitor to Erin's shores just now is the Archbishop of Hobart Tasmania, Dr. Delaney, who is staying at his old College, All Hallows, Dublin, for a few weeks. On his way home, via Rome, he has been interviewed by innumerable newspaper representatives who wish to know all sorts of things, from his opinion of the Irish influence in our colonies to his ideas regarding the value of the Labor Party in New Zealand. Now that he is attempting to snatch a short period of well earned rest amidst the scenes of his

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student days, it is hardly fair to break in on his privacy, even to discover that the Irish are a power in New Zealand, or that his Grace considers the Labor Party of that country are working with circumspection in the right direction for freedom from unjust conditions of work, and a fuller appreciation of the duties of man towards his fellows.

Yesterday witnessed the beautiful ceremony of Ordination in Glasgow Cathedral, when five students from Bearsden, who had received the Deaconate in the preceding week, were raised to the dignity of the priesthood. Last week also witnessed the transference of Archbishop Eyre's remains from their resting place in Dalbeth cemetery to a sepulchre beneath the altar of his beloved college chapel at Bearsden. The ceremony was performed with every solemnity and Requiem Mass was sung for the deceased Prelate in presence of the Cathedral Chapter. The Chapel of this Scottish Maynooth is very beautiful and holds a large place in the affections of many a well-known ecclesiastical whom it has given to the Church, and who, in the manner of his adventurous race, has found his way to the uttermost parts of the earth. PILGRIM.

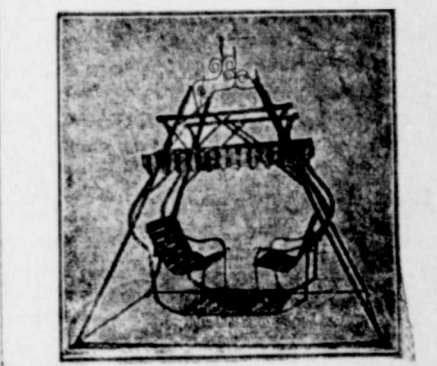
Pius X's Jubilee Mass

(From "Rome.")

The Solemn Jubilee Mass has now been definitely fixed for November 16. The actual anniversary of the Pope's first Mass is on the 18th of September. But September is a particularly bad month for such celebrations, as so many people who would naturally wish to take part in it are out of the city at that time. It is probable, however, that the Holy Father will celebrate Mass publicly on the exact anniversary, as at that time there is to be a large gathering of Catholic youth from all parts of the world. But whether this Mass will be in St. Peter's or not is not yet known. In any case, it is likely that it will be Low Mass.

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