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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 general Catholic papers in this country.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

MONTH OF SACRED HEART—At we have often repeated, the Church consecrates each month of the year to some special devotion. The month of June is specially set aside to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

and loveable feast of Corpus Christi, or the institution of the Sacrament of the Blessed Eucharist. In former times it was a feast of obligation, but of recent years, for very good reasons, the Church has seen fit to curtail the number of feasts of obligation, and amongst them is that of Corpus Christi.

No more touching spectacle than that of a prelate of the Church bearing the Sacred Host through the public thoroughfares, followed by a lengthy procession of pious and reverent people, all uncovered and all displaying the utmost piety and devotion.

We mentioned last week that certain regulations had been made of a permanent character regarding the holding of processions by the different parishes throughout the diocese. As far as the centre of the city is concerned the four great parishes form but one for that occasion, and Notre Dame Church is to be, for all time to come, the point of departure and that of ending for the procession of Corpus Christi.

There can exist no doubt that the opening of the Month of the Sacred Heart with a procession in honor of the Sacred Host must be most meritorious in the eyes of our Divine Lord. If we only reflect upon the countless and incessant public and private outrages that He suffered at the hands of men, all of which are a perpetuation of the sufferings that He experienced on earth, this grand mode of making reparation for the insulted majesty of God cannot but be most acceptable to the Divine Object of that display and tribute.

therein and that there will be one more day of glorious memory for the faithful Catholics of Montreal.

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

We are living in an age of haste, of rapid change and feverish activity; and age of telephones, wireless telegraphy, fast expresses, speedy steamships, aerial ships and high gear bicycles. We are impatient of delay, begrudge ourselves our hours of sleep and regard every minute not devoted to business as so much lost time.

The man with an ambition—beyond money getting, is looked upon with pity by some, with contempt by the majority. He is a "back number," a fossil, a "medievalist," a dreamer, a nondescript, anything or everything that will serve to describe what is useless, undesirable and superfluous.

This unnatural straining after money, for after all the acquisition of wealth is the sole incentive that underlies all modern effort, has become a vice more destructive of business, political and social morality than drunkenness, gaming or the morphia habit, for, far from being condemned by our educationalists and our churches, it is unhappily applauded in a majority of class rooms and in innumerable pulpits.

We have called this the besetting sin of modern civilization as known to us, and we are right. In good old pre-Reformation days we had a different picture. Does not Protestantism laud and magnify all the attractive brilliant manifestations of national material prosperity, and take credit to itself for having inspired them, while scornfully reproaching Catholicism for acting as a drag upon the wheels of the triumphant chariot of Modern Progress?

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HON. EDWARD BLAKE TRUE TO THE CAUSE.

Hon. Edward Blake has, with a true spirit of patriotism, decided to continue in helping Ireland's cause as a member of the Irish Parliamentary Party.

There is great work being done by the Catholic Church in China. The mission at Kiang-Nan has issued a yearly report which indicates that the ecclesiastical province of that name is divided into one hundred and five districts.

The Church in China.

A BOYS' HOME—Rev. Father Holland, C.S.S.R., for some time past in addition to his regular duties has spent some hours of each week in looking after Catholic working boys who make their homes in institutions conducted by our non-Catholic fellow-citizens.

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LOCAL NOTES.

ST. PATRICK'S T. A. & B. ASSOCIATION.—A most successful euchre was held by the well known temperance organization this week.

SIGNS OF VACATION.—One of the signs of approaching holidays for the school population of Montreal was received at our office, just as we were going to press, in the form of a circular from Mount St. Louis Institute announcing that the oral examinations of the graduating class would be held on Thursday, June 2.

ST. MARY'S PARISH.—A ceremony which awakened much interest in this parish was the reception of new members into the Sodality of the Rosary at which several beautiful statues were blessed and placed in position in the Church.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH.—At a meeting of the churchwardens of St. Patrick's parish, held this week, under the presidency of Rev. M. Callaghan, P.P., the negotiations in connection with the acquisition of the Catholic High School building for a parochial school were advanced another stage.

AT ST. ANNE'S.—On Monday evening, the young members of the Society of Perseverance of St. Ann's parish held an entertainment in St. Ann's hall in honor of their new Rector, Rev. Father Rioux, C.S.S.R., who was accompanied by Rev. E. Strubbe, C.S.S.R., Rev. Father Flynn, C.S.S.R., and Rev. Father Fortier, C.S.S.R., and Rev. Father Trudel.

Refreshments and Tickets—Mr. T. J. O'Neil and Mr. M. Dineen. The amusements will be under the special supervision of Mr. T. Greenwood and the music will be furnished by St. Ann's Brass and Pipe and Drum Bands.

NOTES OF THE WAR.

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piece of ticking. The Redemptorist Fathers, bed linen; Citizens' Coal Company, one load of coal.

Further donations will be gladly and thankfully received and rewarded by the earnest prayers of the befriended boys and their guardians for the spiritual and temporal welfare of benefactors.

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH.—"Many hands make light work," is an old adage and of nothing is it more true than of the excellent work which is being done in connection with the Lawn Carnival to be held on the evening of June 13th, 14th and 15th, in aid of St. Anthony's Church fund.

Ice Cream—Miss Mulcair, Miss Laing, Miss Rita O'Connor, Miss McGee, Miss McCullen, Miss M. and M. Mulcair, Miss Foley, Miss Mehan, Miss Proud, Miss Winfield, Miss Paul, Miss Ella Mulcair.

Cigars—Miss Brennan, Miss B. Dineen, Miss Milloy, Miss Moriarity, Fortune Telling—Miss Donohie, Miss O'Connell, assisted by the Misses Kavanagh and Carey.

Fish Pond—Miss Whitty, Miss Sullivan.

All coupons should be returned to the Rev. Father Shea as early as possible, to ensure each one's chance in the drawing for an elegant and costly brass bed.

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A GENEROUS RESPONSE.

\$55,272.08 is the sum which Bishop McQuaid of the diocese of Rochester acknowledges in a letter addressed to his clergy, to have received in aid of his project for a "Catholic Home for the Aged" during Easter week.