In and Around Toronto

FEAST WILL BE SOLEMNIZED.

On Sunday next the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, which is also the feast of the Presentation of the Divine Child in the Temple of Jerusalem, will be solemnized at the last Mass in all the Churches of the city. The feast itself falls on Friday, the 2nd inst., but the solemn celebration is transferred to Sunday. A third name often given to the feast is that of Candlemas Day, and all three names arise out of the visit of the Holy Family to the Temple forty days after the birth of Our Divine Lord. This was in accordance with the Jewish custom which decreed that the mother, forty days after the birth of her child, should visit the temple, taking with her an offering of thanksgiving and in the case of the first born, offering him with special ceremonies to the Lord. The Blessed Virgin complied in every particular, taking as her offering two doves, and on entering the temple she was received by the holy old man Simeon, who taking her little Son from her, held Him in his arms, while he hailed Him as "the Light of the World," and the "Glory of His People.'- This being the first occasion on which our Lord was publicly recognized as the Light which mankind must follow, the Church commemorates the event by performing the ceremony of blessing the candles on each recurring anniversary: hence Candlemas Day. The candles themselves were used as far back as the days of Moses, and they are also used to commemorate the days of the early Christians in the catacombs, when the dark places of worship necessitated the use of lights. From the pulpits on Sunday last, the faithful were exhorted to bring their offerings of candles sometime before the beginning of the last Mass, and where expedient and convenient to do so on Saturday afternoon, as candles brought by late-comers often go unblessed. Those who have accumulated a stock from former years were invited to make an offering of them to the Altar, and merely retain for use the one or two candles blessed on the coming Candlemas Day.

FEAST OF ST. BLASE.

On Saturday, the Feast of St. Blase, special hours have been appointed in the city churches for blessing the throats of all who present themselves. While the ceremony is perhaps particularly for the children, yet all are invited to avail themselves of it. After Mass, at 4 o-clock in the afternoon and again in the evening, the ceremony will be performed.

Last year the story of St. Blase was outlined in this column, and it was afterwards learned that several were enlightened thereby. A sketch may be again useful.

St. Blase lived in the end of the third and the beginning of the fourth century. We are not told that our Saint was always a man of sanctity, but one thing seems evident, and that is that he was always the possessor of a sympathetic heart. He was a physician and philosopher, and during his career as one who ministered to the sufferings of the body, he saw many sad sights, and under these the philosophical mind saw something deeper, and turning from the material, he embraced the spiritual and became a saviour of souls. In the service of God he became Bishop of Sebaste in Arminia, and his fame spread as a curer of the ills of both soul and body, and from all parts the people flocked for his assistance. At this time a persecution of the Christians was being waged under the Emperor Licinius, and our Bishop was seized and hurried off to prison. On the road a distracted mother threw herself at his feet and besought him to cure her child, who was dying of a malignant affection of the throat. Despite his own condition, the kind-hearted prelate pitied her case, and stopping, he prayed that the child might be cured. His prayer was answered. Hence he is regarded ever since as the particular refuge and succor against all dangers to the throat. The Bishop was afterwards scourged, then torn with hooks, and finally beheaded in 316, his life and death placing him with the elect and winning for him the martyr's crown.

ST. HELEN'S SCHOOL.

The regular monthly distribution of Testimonials took place last Wednesday. The Rev. Pastor, Father Walsh, complimented the boys who were successful in having their names inscribed on the Roll of Honor for January.

Form IV. — Excellent—W. Artkin, J. Corcoran, A. Dwyer, C. O'Connor, A. Fayle, A. Gallagher, Jas. Gibson, H. Goodwin, W. Kerr, V. Pegg, J. Power, F. Redin, A. Riordan, H. Tracey, J. Travers, F. Kelly.

Good—C. Bishop, H. Pegg, V. Kirby, C. O'Leary, J. O'Connell.

Form III.—Excellent—H. McEvoy, P. Hynes, F. Ellard, J. Gibson, F. Newton, F. Plumbtree, H. Torpey, H. Woods, E. Boisseau.

Juniors—H. Ellard, E. Brennan, E. Colgan, J. Cowan, C. McCarthy, C. McDonald, E. McGeough, F. Newton, N. Wilson, F. Kelly, E. Kelly.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT.

Rumors of St. Patrick's Day are already in the air. With their accustomed activity and business-like methods, the Hibernians are early in the field, and they have secured Massey Music Hall as the scene of the coming festivity, and also the services of a splendid array of artists, whose programme promises a night of keen relish and enjoyment.

MR. CORNELIUS SULLIVAN.

On Friday last, at 113 Markham street, the death occurred of Mr. Cornelius Sullivan. The deceased had been ill for some time and his illness and subsequent death caused much regret among a large circle of friends by whom he was held in the highest esteem. Mr. Sullivan is survived by his widow, three sons and one daughter, as follows: Harry J., of Edmonton, N.W.T.; William J., of Colorado Springs; Frederick of Toronto, and Mrs. Dwyer, also of Toronto. The funeral took place on Monday morning from St. Francis' church, Rev. Father McCann officiating. R.I.P.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN McBREARTY.

An old and long time resident of Toronto has been removed by the death of Mr. John McBrearty, who died at his home, 136 D'Arcy street, on the 28th January. The deceased was in his 82nd year and had been long retired from active work, living a model Christian life and dying an edifying death, when surrounded by the attention of a pious family and fortified by the Sacraments and rites of the Church, he passed to his reward. The funeral took place from St. Patrick's church on Tuesday morning and interment at Mount Hope cemetery. Mr. McBrearty is survived by his widow, three sons, viz., Michael of the Provincial Public Works Department, two others in Montreal and Brockville, and two daughters, Mary and Alice, at home. May he rest in peace.

PERSONAL.

Mr. William Gormaly, who has lately withdrawn from the duties of Superintendent at the Union Station, is reported to be seriously ill. The presentation of a testimonial from his coworkers at the station is postponed in hope of a beneficial change.

MEETING AT ST. PATRICK'S.

A general meeting of the parishoners of St. Patrick's parish has been called for Sunday evening. The gathering will be in the parish hall. A statement of the progress of the new church will be given, and plans for future work will be arranged.

ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL.

Outdoor service at 9 a.m. daily.

Patients suffering from minor surgical injuries will receive the first dressing at any time they present themselves at the Emergency Ward; all subsequent attendance to be at the Out-Patient Department, 9 a.m.

THE VACANCY AT NO. 4.

At the request of a large member of the ratepayers of No. 4 Ward Mr. John T. Loftus has consented to enter the field as candidate for election to the Separate School Board, owing to the vacancy made by the death of the late Andrew Cottam.

A.O.H. NOTES.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians of the city of Toronto will hold as usual their annual concert in Massey Hall on the 17th of March.

Division No. 5 meet on the 28th ult., and held a very well attended meeting. Several new members were admitted. The meeting was addressed by the County President, the insurance secretary, Brothers Callaghan, Ryan, Kelly, McCaffrey, Loftus and Hinds. A song was well rendered by Brother Campbell, and Brother Shea rendered artistic selections on the flute.

The County Board have decided to ask the co-operation of all the Irish societies in the city in the reception they propose giving to the eminent Irish scholar, Dr. Hyde, in the near future.

MICHAEL MURPHY, TORONTO GORE.

The following tribute to the memory of Mr. Michael Murphy of Toronto Gore, has been sent us for publication:

No gentler spirit, no kinder heart, no truer friend ever ceased to be than when the soul of Michael Murphy passed to the great beyond. Monday, the 22nd January, saw the closing of the life of seventy-nine years, almost all of which was lived in Toronto Gore, which was alike the scene of his boyish sports, his marriage and his death. The house that for 54 years was his home alike looked down upon him when flushed with youth he brought his bride across its threshold, as when he was carried from it to his place of rest. The quiet country scenes amidst which he had lived, the contented life which was his by nature, and the kindly heart, were all reflected in the peaceful face which his friends looked upon on Wednesday morning last.

Work of Redemptorists

The following report of the work done during the past year by the Redemptorist Fathers of St. Clement's College, Saratoga, N.Y., under the direction of Rev. Father Klander, who as a zealous missionary is well known in Toronto, will be of interest to our readers.

The year 1905 has been one of unusual activity for the Redemptorist Missionaries located at St. Clement's College, Saratoga, N.Y. The band of fifteen missionaries, under the leadership of the Rev. Francis E. Klauder, have achieved great success in the work of their apostolic calling. True to the motto of their illustrious order: "With Christ there is plentiful Redemption," these zealous followers of the Redeemer have scattered the word of God broadcast over the land, bringing salvation to thousands of souls.

Their field of labor, which is ever increasing in extent, covered a vast territory, as far north as the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario in Canada, west to the Ohio, east to the Atlantic and below Mason's and Dixon's Line into Georgia, where they are again reaping an abundant harvest of souls as the pioneer fathers of the order in this country did a half century ago.

The sphere of their religious activity for the uplifting of souls to a better life, comprises the giving of missions to Catholics and non-Catholics; retreats for the clergy, sisterhoods, parishes and church societies; as also Novenas, Triduums and the Forty Hours' Devotion. Besides these works they preached many renewals of the missions.

PREACHING RENEWALS OF MISSIONS.

Preaching renewals of missions is a special feature of the Redemptorist plan of mission work, and a word of explanation may not be out of place. The object aimed at by a mission is to arouse people from a life of worldliness and sin to embrace a life of virtue and piety, as also to instruct them in right living. The former object is obtained by inspiring them with a salutary fear of God's judgments through the presentation of the great eternal truths. The latter aim is accomplished by instructions on the reception of the sacraments and on their other Christian duties.

On the other hand, the object of a renewal is to strengthen and confirm those who have made the mission, in the practice of a Christian life. This aim is obtained by holding up before the people the goodness of God and the rewards of serving Him faithfully, at the same time instructing them in the best means of practising this Christian life. Accordingly the course of sermons at a renewal is entirely different from that preached at the mission.

Experience of many years has taught the missionaries that if they return within a year to the place where they have preached a mission, the renewal strengthens the good effects of the mission and makes them lasting; it hinders the relapse of many into their former evil habits; it uplifts those who have again fallen back into sin and gives them courage to begin with renewed energy to serve God; finally the renewal offers another opportunity of a thorough conversion of souls to those who for any reason failed to make the mission.

MUCH WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

The following is a summary of the labors of the Saratoga Mission house during the past year: Missions to Catholics and non-Catholics and renewals of missions, 83; retreats to priests, 9; retreats to religious, 19; retreats, novenas and triduums to parishes and church societies, 25. Add to this the successful conducting of the Forty Hours- Devotion in many parishes by means of which a new impetus was given to the devotion towards the Blessed Sacrament.

The best proof, however, that the blessing of God rested on these labors is evidenced by the zeal and fervor of the faithful, as many as 162,000 approaching the sacred tribunal of penance and making their peace with God during these varied exercises.

FAMOUS BELGIAN PRELATE DEAD.

Cardinal Peter Lambert Gossens, Archbishop of Mechlin, is dead.

COADJUTOR ARCHBISHOP.

Right Rev. W. H. O'Connell, Bishop of Portland, Maine, has been appointed coadjutor Archbishop of Boston, Mass.

"HOME, SWEET HOME."

"Home, Sweet Home," Payne's song, was originally a number in the opera "Clari, the Maid of Milan," a production brought out in 1823. The opera was a failure, and nothing is now known of it save the one song, which became instantly popular. Over 100,000 copies were sold in the first year of its publication, and the sale in one form or another has been constant ever since the first appearance of this beautiful theme. The melody is a Sicilian folk song and was adapted to the words by Payne himself.

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EXPLORERS have found that the healthiest races of the world at the time of their discovery used roots and herbs as medicines. Christopher Columbus would have died when he discovered Jamaica but for the herbal medicines the natives brought him. When Captain Cook discovered Australia, various roots and herbs were used as medicines by the natives. So effective were they that he wrote: "I did not observe (amongst the natives) any appearance of disease, or eruption, or bodily complaint. Very old men, without hair and teeth, showed no sign of decrepitude and were full of vivacity." If vegetable remedies are thus powerful when taken in crude form, how much more so must they be when concentrated and purified? Bileans for Biliousness, the great Australian herbal remedy, are compounded from the finest medicinal roots and herbs yet known, and everywhere where they have been introduced have rapidly displaced the old-fashioned and often harmful liver and stomach medicines containing various mineral poisons.

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DEATH THROUGH GASOLINE.

While using gasoline for cleaning purposes the fluid exploded, setting fire to a dwelling near Ottawa, and burning two small children to death, while a third, the fourteen-year-old daughter, Diana Sayer, who was using the inflamable substance, received severe injuries. A Capuchin Father who chanced to be near, made heroic but unavailable efforts to save the children.

OLDEST CITIZEN DEAD.

The oldest citizen of Dundas, Patrick Boyle, was laid at rest on Saturday morning, the funeral being from a distance were D. T. Boyle, Chicago, a son, and John Halton, Owen Sound. Interment was at St. Augustine's Cenetery.

BISHOP DOWLING VISITS CHURCHES.

His Lordship Bishop Dowling has been making a tour of the four churches of Hamilton, St. Joseph's being the last to be visited on Sunday. In his sermon on the occasion His Lordship is reported as vigorously denouncing mixed marriages as something which never results in happiness for either party.

In St. Patrick's church, Hamilton, Rev. Father Coty referred to the year as the most successful in the history of the parish, with the exception of the number of marriages, which had fallen off deplorably, considering the increasing population, expansion and success of the city.

NORTH AMERICAN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

We have great pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the very solid position of the North American Assurance Co. This company has now an increase of $70,000, while its market value of bonds, stocks, etc., is $100,000 in excess of value account and its annual report shows marked proofs of progress. This report showing the continued progress and solid position of the company as well as the list of securities held and those upon which the Company has made collateral basis will be sent in due course to all policyholders.

MR. THOMAS HIGGINS SUCCUMBS.

Mr. Thomas Higgins, who on the 25th inst. successfully contested North Galway, died the following day. The sudden death is attributed to the excitement of the election, acting on a weak heart.

Even the people who build castles in the air have their ups and downs.

DUBLIN'S NEW LORD MAYOR.

Joseph Patrick Nannetti, Nationalist member of Parliament and chief compositor of the Freeman's Journal, was on the 23rd inst. elected Lord Mayor of Dublin.

Lord Mayor Nannetti was born in 1851, and is the son of an Italian sculptor and modeler. He was educated at the Baggot Street Convent schools of the Christian Brothers, Dublin. He was apprenticed to the printing trade, and was afterward employed in Liverpool, where he was one of the founders of the Home Rule organization. Later he became secretary and afterward president of the Trade Council of Dublin, a member of the Corporation of Dublin and of the Port and Docks Board.

OTTAWA SCHOOL TRUSTEES UNSEATED.

The trustees of the Separate Schools in two of the wards of the city of Ottawa have been unseated, this action being based on the changing by the board of dates of nomination and election. In giving his decision on the matter Judge MacTavish said it is difficult to hold that the election so conducted was in accordance with the principles laid down in the act. It is reported that proceedings are to be taken in each ward.

Summary of the Financial Statement for twelve months ending Dec. 31, 1905, presented by the Directors at the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of

The Independent Cash-Mutual Fire Insurance Company

Held Jan. 25, 1906, at the Head Office, 24 King St. West, Toronto, Ontario.

Revenue Account.

Dr. Expenditure.		Cr. Income.	
General expenses	$23,292 04	Premiums—Cash business	$83,691 45
Fire Losses	28,372 51	Mutual fixed payments	6,653 91
Reinsurance and Rebates	28,239 31		
Balance to profit and loss	10,441 50		
	$90,345 36		$90,345 36

Profit and Loss Account.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Dividend No. 2, 6 p.c.	$ 750 00	By balance from Revenue Account	$10,441 50
To balance carried to reserve	10,203 60	Interest	512 10
	$10,953 60		$10,953 60

Balance Sheet.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash in Banks and on hand	$ 29,389 59	Commissions on outstanding premiums	$ 671 73
Outstanding Premiums	7,297 05	Losses reported and estimated	
Due from other Companies	812 03	Direct $82,995 17	
Office Furniture	452 04	Reinsured Cos. 4,536 08	7,531 25
Premium notes in force	25,343 23	Reinsurance and Rebates	922 58
Capital subject to call	112,500 00	Dividend No. 2, payable Feb. 1st	750 00
		Subscribed Capital	125,000 00
		Premium note reserve 25,343 23	
		Cash reserve 15,635 15	
		Total reserve	40,978 38
	$175,853 94		$175,853 94

Reinsurance Reserve—Government Standard $30,927.58.

Total Security to Policy-holders, $165,978.38.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify that we have maintained a continuing Audit of the books and vouchers of The Independent Cash-Mutual Insurance Company for twelve months ending 31st December, 1905, and find they have been correctly kept and are truly set forth in the above statements.

Toronto, Jan. 16th, 1906.

EDMUND GUNN, C.A.
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