

forget the Prelate to whom we are indebted for the crowning glory of Christ's Priesthood. Our presence here, after more than fifteen years of absence, is a convincing proof of our unwavering loyalty to the good Fathers of Saint Sulpice, but our joy, great as it is, would indeed be limited, did we not feel that he, who commissioned us, who sent us forth, was with us still, kindly as in the olden days, and ever praying for his anointed sons with the ripened fervor, the added holiness of a noble, a well-spent life.

And we have tried, Most Rev. Archbishop, to be faithful to the lessons here received: have borne the "onus et satura diei" in the spirit, often and so well inculcated in this blessed abode, and have returned to the cradle of our ecclesiastical life with, let us hope, a modicum of well-doing to our credit.

We thank you, Most Rev. Archbishop, for more than words can tell, and ask you to accept this pectoral cross and chain, as an earnest of our affection, of our gratitude.

May God grant you happiness, and length of days, in which to send yet multitudes of ardent ones into the vineyard, and to be to them, as you were ever to us a friend, a guide, a comforter, above all an earnest pleader before Him, to whom be honor, and praise and glory.

At the close of this address, and amid rapturous and long continued applause, Archbishop Fabre graciously removed his own pectoral cross and chain, in favor of the splendid and costly gift of which he was the recipient.

When the applause had at length subsided, His Grace responded substantially as follows:—

Very modestly he declared that he owed the happiness of that moment to the fact of his being Bishop of Montreal, and of having the Seminary of St. Sulpice in his metropolitan city. He feelingly alluded to his recent visits to the United States, on occasion of the consecration of Bishop Beaver, Bishop McDonnell and Bishop Harkins, and spoke in the warmest terms of the kind receptions accorded him by former Seminarians of Montreal whom he had ordained. He spoke of the tie that naturally existed between the consecrating prelate and those on whom he conferred orders, a tie that placed them to a certain degree in the relation of father and children. This tie he had always regarded with affection, but to day they had bound him to them by a new chain (holding up the chain of his new pectoral cross), which endeared them to him more than ever.

Some very cleverly turned French verses, a translation of an ode composed in English for the occasion by an absent member of the class, were then read by Father Charpentier to His Grace. Father Coyle brought this ceremony to a close by soliciting and obtaining from the Archbishop a *grand congé* for the students. The storm of applause that followed showed how much his act was appreciated.

The last item of the day was a Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 2 o'clock, during which the "Te Deum" was sung to thank God for all His blessings, and especially His graces to the class of '77. At this ceremony His Grace was celebrant, the following being officiating:—Rev. Patrick Kenny, deacon; Rev. Wm. Pyne, sub-deacon; Rev. J. B. Brasseur, master of ceremonies; Rev. M. H. Charpentier, deacon of exposition; Rev. J. P. Tuite, thurifer.

Thus terminated a day that will long be remembered in the Grand Seminary, one of those purely happy and delightful days which are only too few in the life of man here below, and to which he can look back with satisfaction, pure and unalloyed.

The following is a complete list of the members of the class of 1877, who were present, with the dioceses to which they belong.

Revs. J. B. Brasseur, M. A. Charpentier, Montreal; Revs. J. J. Buckley, D. J. Whaley, Boston; Revs. James Coyle, L. J. Doady, William Pyne, Providence; Revs. W. J. Doherty, J. H. Mitchell, Brooklyn; Revs. J. F. Lee, J. P. Tuite, Springfield; Rev. Bernard Marron, Ogdensburg; Rev. P. H. McDermott, Albany; Rev. Michael McKeon, Hartford; Rev. Patrick Kenny, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Before dispersing, with that thoughtfulness and delicacy which marked every one of their proceedings, all went in a body to pay their respects to Father Colin, the Superior of the Seminary, who, as we have said, was unable, through illness, to attend the ceremony at the Mountain. He received them in his sick-room with the most cordial affection, spoke to them for a good quarter of an hour with something of his wonted ardor, and with all the old affection beaming from his eyes. In bidding them a most paternal adieu, he presented each one with a little crucifix, enriched with special indulgences, as a memento of his undying attachment to sons who had proved themselves worthy of the care he

had formerly bestowed on them. Happy are the masters who can point with laudable pride to such pupils! Happy are the seminarians who have such models to emulate.

A GRAND CELEBRATION.

The Religious Ceremony at the Cathedral—An Address Presented.

On Monday the twentieth anniversary of the episcopal appointment of His Grace Mgr. Fabre was celebrated. Pontifical High Mass was sung at the Cathedral, the Archbishop himself officiating, assisted by Grand Vicar Bourgeault, with the Rev. Canons Leblanc and Archambault as honorary deacons; Rev. Father Hebert, Notre Dame Church, and Rev. Father O. Lachapelle, Point St. Charles.

There were about one hundred and fifty priests in the sanctuary, including Rev. Father Nantel, Superior of the Seminary of St. Therese de Blainville; Rev. Father Lessage, Chambly; Rev. Father Piche, Lachine; Very Rev. Vicar-General Sautoire, administrator of the diocese of Valleyfield; Rev. Father Choquette, St. Hyacinthe; Rev. Abbe Proulx, vice-rector, Laval University; Rev. Father Lussier, Beauharnois; Rev. Father Savariat, Chaplain of La Maison St. Isidore, Longue Pointe; Rev. Father Beaudry, Superior of the College of Joliette, and the Rev. Father Geoffrion, assistant provincial of the League of the Holy Cross. Mgr. Gravel, of Nicolet, was in the choir, attended by his vicar-general, the Very Rev. Mr. Thibaudier.

At the conclusion of the service the *Te Deum* was sung by the choir, after which the Rev. Father Godin, O. M. I., presented Mgr. Fabre, on behalf of the clergy of the ecclesiastical province of Montreal, an address of congratulation. The address referred to the works accomplished under his Grace's rule and to the general progress in the province. His Grace having replied, the proceedings in the church terminated. The visiting clergy were entertained to dinner at the Palace subsequently. On Monday morning addresses were presented to the Archbishop in St. Peter's Cathedral and speeches delivered. On Sunday in all the churches of the city Catholics were invited to be present.

AT NOTRE DAME CHURCH

the announcement was made by Rev. Abbe Marre, who said that the object would be to protest against the attempt that was being made to annoy His Grace the Archbishop. Speeches would be delivered in both languages, and the citizens were warmly invited to attend. They should remember that the priests and bishops were as shepherds watching over their flocks. The mission of the shepherd was to conduct the sheep to the best pastures, and distinguish the good from the bad; to keep his flock from feeding on venomous or poisoned grasses. Should the wolf appear, the shepherd's duty is to defend his charge. Those present knew the application. The Bishop, like the shepherd, should watch lest those confided to his care stray into the poisoned fields of heresy and infidelity. If a theatrical performance was bad, he should condemn it; if a book or a journal was pernicious, it was his duty to point it out that his children might be protected from the contagion. There was no question of free opinion. The flag had been insulted, and they should rally round it. The standard of their shepherd had been attacked; his most sacred rights had been assailed, and now was the turn of his flock to show their devotion. The existence of the Church was menaced and they should rise to attack it. The sermon was subsequently preached by the Rev. Mr. Bedard, from the text, "Upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The reverend gentleman pointed out how the Church had resisted successfully attacks in the past; how glorious as had been her days of prosperity, she had shone still more brilliantly in times of adversity. He showed how, when her enemies had thought her utterly crushed, she had risen with renewed vitality and gained supporters from the very ranks of her persecutors. The reverend preacher also warned his hearers against the danger of neglecting to check the growth of impiety. He pointed out how in old France and elsewhere such neglect had been attended with the most fearful

results. Impiety was naturally bloody; it was born of blood and it wanted blood. The diabolical doctrines of the French revolutionists had been the primary causes of the excesses that had been committed in the name of liberty and fraternity.

On account of an over crush of matter we are obliged, at the last moment, to leave till next week the full account of this magnificent celebration, as we desire to give the addresses and speeches in full.

MARY.

"Our tainted nature's solitary boast."
Wordsworth.

The flood that surged from Paradise,
Flows o'er our planet still;
Nor brook, nor stream, nor tiny rill
Escapes its overspreading tice,
As on it speeds its way.
What else had been a cynosure,
Th' Almighty's pleased eye to thrall
Became a larval spread of all,
'Gainst what He did assure
In Adam's primal state.
"So far," 'twas th' Almighty thus Who spake,
"Thy wave may spread its blighting mesh:
This Oasis to Myself I take,
Nor near its verdure dare thou splash."

INDIA AND CEYLON.

LORD ROBERTS ON ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

General Lord Roberts, the retiring Commander-in-Chief of India, recently presided at the distribution of prizes at St. Francis Xavier's College, Bombay. In the course of a very laudatory address this eminent officer said:—

"The College is named after St. Xavier, the Apostle of the Indies, whose work as an evangelist 350 years ago is still bearing fruit. When I was in command of the Madras Army I had the opportunity of travelling along the Malabar Coast, and nothing struck me more than the evidences of St. Xavier's great work in the many churches we saw nestling in the groves of coconut palms, and the general feeling of devotion to the Christian Faith introduced by him into that part of India. The life of St. Xavier affords an example of self-denial, devotion to duty, and regard for the welfare of his fellow-creatures which we should all do well to try and follow. The lasting effects of his work are a proof of what can be produced with inadequate means and under adverse circumstances, provided the object be a good one, and is steadily kept in view."

THE PONTIFICAL SEMINARY FOR NATIVE CLERGY.

"We learn on excellent authority," says the *Bombay Catholic Examiner*, "that the Ecclesiastical Seminary for India and Ceylon is to be established at Kaudy. The statement which appeared some weeks ago in one of the home papers, and which was copied into some of our Indian contemporaries, that it was intended to locate the institution in Rome, is entirely without foundation."

Thus the information given by I. C. M. in its issue of May, 1892, proves after all to be correct, although it has been for twelve months ignored or doubted by the Catholic organs both of India and Europe. We rejoice with the Indian and Ceylonese Catholic on the good news.—*Illustrated Catholic Missions*.

A Woman's Monument to Father Matthew.

Miss Mary Redmond, a young Irish woman, has recently had the honor of seeing her statue of Father Matthew unveiled in Dublin. It will help greatly to perpetuate the memory of him who, after the example of St. Patrick, endeavored to win from idolatry those of the Irish people who yet adhered to the degrading worship of the God Bacchus. Such a magnificent work of art, as it is said to be, by the hand of a mere girl, shows what can be done by genius, determination and devoted labor. It should serve as an example for other women, especially the young. But many who long to show their respect for the good priest are not privileged to fashion marble into the semblance of the hero they venerate. Of the many young women who have read about her work with a feeling of pride, and yet almost of envy, I would ask: Are you doing your duty by idly dreaming and wishing for the subtle skill of the artist when you have it not? Is your conscience satisfied with the excuse, "I can't do anything like that because I was not born with the gift?" Miss Redmond modelled in lifeless clay, you can mould the spiritual, the human soul. You can first erect a monument to the apostle of total ab-

stinence in your own character by emulating his example, practicing the heroic virtue which he preached and practiced. Then you can train your hand by careful study, as did this lovely Dublin girl, so that it shall skillfully work upon others so that they too become monumental reminders of Matthew.

"But the world, as such, will never know of my word and praise it!" you again complain. The Court of Heaven shall see and glorify each well meant touch. What greater fame can you wish? What higher honor than the approbation of the King? Time with uncertainties, may in the coming centuries, greatly injure or destroy Miss Redmond's statue. Eternity will not last long enough to mar the most delicate feature of your work.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.

The Usual Monthly Meeting.

On Monday evening last the St. Patrick's Society held the usual monthly meeting, when the newly elected officers were installed. The chair was occupied by the recently chosen President, Hon. James McShane. The sum of \$340 was voted out of the Society's funds to be sent to the Irish Parliamentary party; which with \$160 remaining over from the old Land League fund, will make \$500. It was decided that on Monday evening, the 15th instant, a public meeting would be held for the purpose of augmenting still further the donations to this good cause. It is to be hoped that every friend of Home Rule will be present. Prominent men from other cities in Canada will be invited to attend, and several well known orators will be there. Let all those Irishmen who can afford to be generous open their hearts and purse strings. Perchance this will be the last call for this laudable purpose and we must not be behind in the moment of so great a crisis. Next week we shall again refer to this important matter.

ST. MARY'S PARISH.

The Feast of the Congregation.

Sunday being the Patronal Feast of St. Mary's Parish, the day was religiously and fittingly celebrated. The Grand Mass and eloquent sermon in the morning, with the imposing ceremonies of the evening, the rich music, orchestral accompaniments and beautiful decorations, went to make up one of the grandest displays of piety and festivity that, for many a year, has taken place in that good parish. The Reverend pastor is to be congratulated and so are all who assisted at the ceremonies. St. Mary's is always to the front on such occasions.

A FRAUD UNMASKED.

A most interesting pamphlet of fifty pages has just appeared—its title will suffice to attract the public attention; "A Fraud Unmasked: the career of Mrs. Margaret L. Shepherd—Ex-Romanist, Ex-Nun, Ex-Penitent and Begamist—Her own confessions attested by most reliable witnesses." The book is for sale at the "True Witness" office and may be had for twenty-five cents. Mrs. Shepherd has been lecturing all through the United States and Ontario and it is time that a stop be put to her career and an exposure of her frauds be made.

A M. Sullivan's Daughter in America.

The Earl of Aberdeen, who is to succeed Lord Stanley of Preston as Governor General of Canada, is now in New York on his way to Chicago. Amongst the party accompanying Lord and Lady Aberdeen is Miss Josephine Sullivan, daughter of the late Mr. A. M. Sullivan, "the eloquent member for Louth," as Mr. Gladstone once called him, whose memory is still cherished in the House of Commons as one of the ablest and most high-minded of Irish members. Miss Sullivan is a harpist of rare ability, and will take part in some concerts to be arranged in connection with the Irish department of the great show.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

When the system is overloaded with impurity, the circulation sluggish, and the stomach out of order, as is often the case in spring time, there is no remedy so efficacious as Burdock Blood Bitters to remove every trace of impure matter and restore perfect health.

The way to soften a policeman—Quil him inspector.