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SUNLIGHT

In and Around Toronto

ORIGIN OF MAY DEVOTION.

The origin of the beautiful devotion of the month of May seems to be somewhat obscure. Even here within the narrow limits of our city area we have two different origins quoted. of Mary," just now being somewhat largely circulated, we find the beginning of this great and everspreading devotion accounted for in the following manner: In the city of Rome at the end of the eighteenth century a "child of the commonality" gathered his little companions around him on one beautiful evening in May and guided them to a church in which before a statue of the ty said prayers and sang hymns in honor of the Blessed Mother and on each evening throughout the Blessed Virgin a lamp was kept con- her late residence, 308 Borden St., honor of the Blessed Mother and on ing. Amongst those who had gathered evening throughout the month ered to pay a last tribute of respect they continued their pions work continued their pious work. The acts of the little ones attracted friends who had known the family the mothers of the vicinity and in years before taking up their resia short time others were drawn to dence in the city some ten years ago. join the little band until in a short The chief mourners were Mr. Maurice time the exercise spread throughout Halley, the bereaved husband, and Conception, after which, raised high the whole of the city of Rome, com- their sons and daughters; two of municating itself to France and even- those, Miss Elizabetic and Miss Jane, dalists all clothed in white, came

day, the 1st of May, was slightly dif-were present, are Mary Ellen and ferent, it was to the effect that the two sons, Nicholas and John. The irreligion and infidelity consequent upon the French Revolution were felt not in France alone, but in all parts of the Christian world and that in Italy especially it caused great sorrow in the hearts of those still devoted to the cause of Christ and the parts of the cause of Christ and the longer, she and her husband would have celebrated the Golden Lubbles of their worlding they having his Blessed Mother; amongst those so affected was "a good and holy been married on July 19th, 1855; it month of May sang the praises of peace. Mary and invoked her intercession to stem the tide of infidelity that then COLLECTION FOR JUBILEE PURthreatened to spread itself over Christendom. The month of May nature at this time seemed to suggest to the voluptuous worldling prodigality of living and rioting even in excess of that of any other time of the year. This exercise, as so inaugurated, was sanctioned by the Pope and taken up with loving alacrity by the millions of Mary's children in all lands and climes until to-day it is one of the best known and institutions of the

The first origin-that of the boy and his little playmates-is pretty and possible, but not as probable as that of Father Sthule; how ever in the absence of proof, choice is given in the matter of selection. There tion that it took its rise in the city

some of the lines will disappear in short order.

of Christianity still left within him who could remain unmoved and yet witness the beauty of this glorious Why did holes wear so soon?
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Withest the Church to month adapted by the Church to add to the glory of God by honoring his Blessed Mother? The magnificent altars erected in honor of Mary, the countless bloom of Nature's offering, the prayers, psalms and chants that everywhere sound forth her praises even to the uttermost ends of the earth; the freshly piped song of the birds, the tender green of the springing grass, the capitulation of ercome and dropping his icy bars within whose clasp he has hitherto kept nature imprisoned, he permits side aisles was taken up by those to the gentle and persuasive spring to dome the entire earth under a canopy of blue cloak of Mary Immaculate. Nature and earth's children everywhere are united in one great chorus and the burden of the refrain is ev- | words erywhere the same; the trees breathe it forth with the breaking of the bursting buds, the birds tune its notes in the opening of their morning songs, the bells chime it from our belfreys, it is heard daily from our In a little book entitled "Month pulpits; the innocent voices of the song pealing through our churches, and from the Great Stepherd Who sits on the only throne that claims a universe for its empire, we hear the

same great proclamation of Immacu-FUNERAL OF MRS. MAURICE

HALLEY. tually to the entire Christian world had come from Duluth to pay this until at present the numbers who last sad testimony to their mother's take advantage of the month of May memory; Miss Catherine, who is in to show special honor to the Mother the Argentine Republic at present, of God are counted by the millions. was absent owing to the distance be-The second origin as given by Rev. tween her and her home; the other Father Sthule in his sermon on Sun-members of the family, all of whom priest," who, seeking a way to coun- was, however, ordained that such teract the evil, thought of asking the was not to be, and now their friends in the city, and on this occasion the aid of Mary Immaculate and for this everywhere offer Mr. Halley and his singing under the direction of Mr. purpose he collected a few hundred spirits and they together during the their bereavement. May she rest in

It was announced on last Sunday

in connection with the Jubilee of the year would be taken up at all Masses ginning treatment at the Hospital. year would be taken up at all Masses This collecin St. Helen's Church. tion, it was explained, is to help defray the expenses consequent upon the grand demonstration with which the celebration in bonor of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at Rome. The collection will be universal and will be taken up at stated times throughout the different

THE LATE MRS. McBRIDE.

Another old resident of the West End, and who for many years was a well known member of St. Mary's Government in perfect health and in Parish, was called to her reward possession of all his faculties, until seems to be no doubt but the devo- Parish, was called to her reward on Wednesday last, when Mrs. Mcof Rome, the heart of the Christian Bride breathed her last at the home and further, that no more of her daughter, Mrs. Wright, of with the alacrity and expertness of beautiful or more effective means Claremont street. The funeral took movement which was so remarkable could have been thought of to stay place from St. Francis' church and in one of his years; on the Monday the onslaught of infidelity. Who is the High Mass was sung by the pas- following he was dead, paralysis be there with one germ of the doctrine tor, Rev. W. A. McCann; many old ing the cause of death. Mr. Fd-

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quantities that ought to last through the Spring Season. However, the values are so exceptional that we fear

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at St. Patrick's Church by special coremonies in honor of the Blessed Virgin. A procession to welcome in of Mr. Edwards, whose courtesy the month is known to be a standing knew no distinction of class or creed, practice in this parish, and the beautis a matter of regret at the Party of the occasion never fails to ga- liament Buildings where his associather together a large congregation to witness the event and share in the blessings of the time. This year's opening was no exception to the rule and the church was filled to overflowing. The front of both middle and sides was taken up by those to take part in the procession, and the Vespers were sung by Rev. Father Derling, C.SS.R. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Sthule, C. ther together a large congregation to tion of over thirty-six years had preached by Rev. Father Sthule, C. SS.R., who took for his text the words "I am the Mother of fair knowledge, of love and of holy hope and applying them to the Blessed Virgin, gave an explanation of the origin of the May Devotion and a loving and earnest eulogy of the Blessed Mother whom all were honoring. After this came the procession; the Rev. Rector of the church supported by Rev. Fathers Orben and Derling vested in cope and dalmatics of white and gold, incensed the little statue of the Blessed Virgin which on a stand de-corated with white blossoms stood ready to be carried in devotional procession round the church. The altar of the Our Lady was a pyramid of flowers and lights and the High The funeral of the late Mrs. Mau-rice Halley, whose death occurred at fore-ground of brilliancy and heauty; in the semi-obscurity thus thrown upon the back part of the church the First Communion Class will reach sear and stained walls faded away, while the old groined pillars resembled those of some ancient cathed-

As the processionists issued be given on Ascension Thursday. from the sanctuary the Cross came first, its bearer and attendants in white cassock with blue cinctures, then the banner of the Immaculate upon the shoulders of four of the sothe statue of the Blessed Virgin folity, each devout face shielded by a white satin banneret with a golden motto taken from the Litany of Loretto; after this were the boys of the school and then the privileged ones of the sanctuary in red soutane and rector, and Rev. Fathers Urben and Derling closed the procession; as the given by Father Barret. St. Patrick's is noted for its uniformly good music, its average quality of tone and technique being surpassed by none Cosgrave with Mr. Holmes at the organ, was up to its usual standard.

REV. FATHER HAYDON, C.SS.R., SLIGHTLY BETTER.

Rev. Father Haydon of St. Patrick's, who is at present sick at St. known to Toronto that the betterment of his condition is a matter of interest to many friends throughout the city.

A REMARKABLE RECORD.

The death of Mr. William Edwards, Dean of the Ontario Civil Service, which occurred on Monday, closes a oldest worker in Canada, having occupied his position under the Ontario the very day of his death. On the Saturday preceding he left his office

last resting place in St. Michael's and had taken part in many movements of public interest. He was an Englishman of the old type, al-The month of May was inaugurated ways gentle and courteous and never

tion on a class of thirty children of the parish. The class had been in-structed during the week that while having regard to the greatness of the sacrament for which they were preparing, a regard which was to be shown even in their exterior, they were at the same time to appear as much alike as possible in the matter of dress in order that one might not prove an object of distraction to May, 1904. the others. The neat, yet pleasing, appearance of the children showed that the lesson had not been inhect-

HAPPENINGS AT ST. MARY'S. In honor of the opening of May the large Sodality of this parish had their usual procession and crowning of the statute of the Blessed Virgin. the goal for which they have been working and preparing themselves for some months past. Confirmation will

CROWNING OF MARY. The first May Day in the history of the parish of St. Francis was celebrated by the Children of Mary putting forth their utmost effort make the day a memorable one. the evening a special sermon on the lowed by the members of the Sodal- Blessed Virgin was preached by the pastor, Rev. Father McCann, and the ceremony of crowning the statue was Everyone admired the inaugurated. beauty of the altar and the shrine on which was erected the statue of our Blessed Lady. After circling white surplice, and all carrying shaded lights; Rev. Father Barret. hymns in honor of Mary, the Sodality stood before the shrine while a favored acolyte crowned the statue, ranks circled the church the Litany was sung by the choir. Benediction of the Blessed Saerament was then watched with interest by the large congregation present.

MEMORARE BY F.S.J.

Last week the music of Brother Sixtus was commented on in this column. Since then a "Memorare" in every way worthy of special mention has come to hand. This selection is especially appropriate to the times, being composed in honor of Immaculate. Like the other music of Brother Sixtus-whose pen name is F.S.J.-this composition is was chosen because the prodigality of that on Sunday next the collection Michael's Hospital, expresses him a happy medium between the many operatic presentations of the past to which objection is being taken, Father Haydon is so well and so long and the more severe Chant to which we have not yet become altogether accustomed. The Memorare is arranged for three voices, but may be sung either as duet or solo. It is extremely musical and at the 'same time devotional and should be welcomed by many choir directors who are often at a loss to diversify their repertory, while at the same time career of more than ordinary interest. Mr. Edwards was probably the oldest worker in Canada having an ern the music of the Church. The always under this heading.

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HOMESTEAD DUTIES

A settler who has been granted as entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion hands Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected therewith, under one of the following

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If a settler has obtained a pa-tent for his homestead, or a certificate for the issue of such patent countersigned in the manner prescrib-ed by this Act, and has obtained en-try for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first

(4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

The term "vicinity" used above is meant to indicate the same township or an adjoining or cornering town-

A settler who avails himself of the provisions of Clauses (2), (3) or (4) must cultivate 30 acres of his homestead, or substitute 20 head of stock, with buildings for their accommodastantially fenced.

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APPLICATION FOR PATENT

Should be made at the end of the three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

INFORMATION

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