

MR. RACINE DEAD.

AN EMINENT PRELATE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The Dead Bishop Possessed Many Qualities Which Endearred Him to His People—His Oratorical Abilities Made Him Prominent on Many Great Occasions.

On Monday evening the sad news of the sudden death of His Lordship Bishop Racine, of Sherbrooke, reached us. The mournful event took place at 4.30 p.m. of that day, after a short illness of forty-eight hours. Few members of the Catholic clergy were better known and more highly revered than the late Bishop. He was an ornament to the priesthood and the episcopacy. A short sketch of his life must be most interesting at this sad moment.

The Right Rev. Antoine Racine, D. D., was the first Bishop of Sherbrooke. He was born in Quebec about 71 years ago, and previous to his appointment as Bishop, was pastor of St. John's Church, Quebec. He was remarkable for his wonderful powers of oratory, and was greatly in demand on this account whenever the feasts of the Church or national events were being celebrated. It was he who delivered the funeral oration over the illustrious Sir George Cartier. He was also the principal speaker at the great fete of the St. Jean Baptiste Society, held on the Plains of Abraham in June, 1880. In 1876 he went to Rome with the Canadian pilgrims to celebrate the jubilee of Pius IX., and delivered the address on that occasion. He was instrumental in obtaining the Pontifical decree in 1891 with regard to the settlement of the university question. Church matters have prospered everywhere under his rule, and Sherbrooke especially will deeply regret his taking away. He was always known as an open-hearted and amiable gentleman, ever ready to sacrifice his comfort that his fellow beings might prosper. His brother Dominique is also a bishop, having been the first to have attained that rank in the diocese of Chicoutimi.

Next week we hope to be able to give an account of the obsequies of the late bishop, meanwhile we join with the Church Militant in deep regret for the loss of such a valiant soldier, gone to his reward in the ranks of the Church triumphant.

Religious Notes.

Mgr. Decelles, coadjutor Bishop of St. Hyacinthe, presided over the blessing and opening of a French-Canadian orphanage in Fall River, Mass., on Sunday, which cost \$90,000. His Lordship also delivered the sermon.

Mgr. Emard, Bishop of Valleyfield, has made the following appointments:—Rev. Abbe N. Remillard, Vicar at St. Polycarpe; Rev. F. Y. Goyette, Vicar at St. Joseph des Cedres.

Rev. P. Lemieux, formerly of Quebec, a member of the Order of the Holy Redeemer, has been appointed Rector of the college of the Order at Beauplateau, Belgium.

The Catholic Sailors' Concert.

The fourth weekly concert, which was held last Thursday night, in their rooms, 300 St. Paul street, was a great success and much credit is due to Professor Wilson and the members of St. Mary's choir, for the grand selection of vocal music. The following contributed:—John Henderson, J. Hurley, P. J. St. John, Geo. M. Parks, Fred. Feeley, P. Hunt, J. J. Robert, James Murray, E. Brennan, J. Dodd, R. Ryan, F. T. Gagny. A large body of sailors from various vessels in port gave songs and choruses which were enjoyed by the large number of citizens present. Mr. P. J. Gordon, chairman, on behalf of the Catholic Sailors' Club, thanked those who took part in the programme and hoped that the Catholic citizens would encourage these concerts, which are held every Thursday night, and to which all are welcome.

Bi-Centenary Celebration at Varennes.

At High Mass on Sunday, the Rev. Abbe Barolin, acting-Cure of Varennes, called upon the parishioners to organize for the celebration of the second centenary of the foundation of that parish. At a public meeting held after mass a

committee was organized to prepare for the celebration of the event on the 26th inst., the feast of St. Anne. A religious ceremony will take place in the morning when the miraculous emblem of St. Anne, the only one in America crowned by the Pope, will be borne in procession. In the evening there will be a general illuminations. The church, refuge and college of Varennes, are among the finest structures in the diocese outside of the city. Mgr. Fabre will be present.

NOW A ROMAN CATHOLIC.

A Buffalo Episcopalian Clergyman Changes His Faith.

BUFFALO, July 17.—Rev. Henry A. Adams, formerly rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, this city, and later of the Church of the Redeemer, New York, has joined the Roman Catholic Church. In a letter he explains the reasons for his change of faith. He says: "My clearness of conviction has, under God, been brought about by the concurrent action of two long chains of reasoning. I have become a Catholic at last because there is no other logical deduction from all the facts of which my reading and my observation and my life have made me aware. And second, because there was no peace for me nor expiation of that unspeakably great problem of myself and you outside God's Church."

The letter then goes on to state that the writer while studying for the ministry found the professors at the seminary divided in their views, one announcing that there was no "sacrament of absolution" other than the Holy Communion, and two others actually hearing confessions. When he came to the pulpit he found his people also with other ideas than his. He reviews his conflicting emotions and struggles as to which is the true belief, and concludes: "At last, without an effort, with the sense of deep, unfathomable peace, my soul rushed out to meet my intellect returning from its search convicted, and all my nature knew that light was come. After the years of anguish and of doubt and struggle I passed into God's 'strong city,' even into His tabernacle, there to be hid forever from the strife of tongue."

Pilgrimages.

The pilgrimage of the ladies of St. Ann's Parish, on the 29th inst., to Ste. Anne de Beaupre, under the direction of the Redemptorist Fathers promises to be a very large one. Nearly all the state-rooms have already been secured, and very few remain to be disposed of.

The Rev. Father Tasse, Cure of Longueuil, in co-operation with the ladies of la bonne Sainte Anne, is organizing a pilgrimage to Oka, to be made at the conclusion of the haymaking.

The pilgrimage of the Parishioners of St. Louis de France to Ste. Anne de Beaupre, takes place on Saturday next.

Pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupre.

With the kind permission of His Grace Archbishop Cleary, Kingston, the second annual pilgrimage under the auspices of St. Francis de Sales' Church, Smiths' Falls, will take place on Monday, July 31st, leaving Smiths' Falls at 4 o'clock p.m., of that day, by special train. Accompanying the train there will be sleepers in which berths may be secured beforehand on application, through local station agents, to Mr. R. A. Bennett, agent C. P. R., at Smiths' Falls. Applications for berths in sleepers ought to be in before Friday, July 28. Refreshments may also be had on the train at moderate rates. Return tickets from Smiths' Falls to Ste. Anne de Beaupre, only \$4.25, good for the whole week, and comparative rates from other C.P.R. stations, as far west as Tweed, north as Renfrew, and east as Dalhousie Mills. The special train will remain at Ste. Anne de Beaupre until Wednesday morning, and at Quebec all day, leaving there at 6 o'clock p.m. Excursionists may return on any regular train, however, up to Saturday night. Rev. Father Stanton and several priests of the Archdiocese of Kingston will accompany the pilgrimage. A prominent C.P.R. official of Montreal will have charge of the special train.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

AS A PRACTICAL evidence of the superiority of our educational system and of the recognized ability of several of our Canadian professors, we desire to call attention to the fact that the Rev. James Murphy, O. M. I., professor of mathematics in the University of Ottawa—one of the grandest and most solid institutions on the continent—has been invited by the authorities of Harvard University to give a course of lectures on practical engineering during the summer session at that great American University. Rev. Mr. Murphy has accepted the invitation and will remain at Harvard until the opening of the next scholastic year at Ottawa, when he will return to resume his duties as professor in that institution. This fact needs no comment; it speaks volumes for the practical education that is given by our Catholic University of Ottawa.

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ON JUNE 28TH, Lord Randolph Churchill delivered a speech in Birmingham, in which, as usual, he expressed his views upon the Home Rule Bill and in his real Tory style slashed away at the Premier, the Irish in general and the measure in particular. However, Lord Randolph made one exception. He praised Mr. John Redmond to the skies. Amongst other things, on this subject, the great anti-Home Rule orator gave expression to his thoughts as follows:

"Mr. Redmond is one of the most eloquent and courageous of Irishmen who ever took part in anti-British politics, and he has used language against the Bill stronger than any member of the Unionist party. Mr. Redmond's address sounded the death knell—the final knell of the Home Rule Bill. Mr. Redmond would never go back on his words; and what would his defection do? His defection would make so serious a deficiency in the Government majority when he was accompanied by his party that the Government majority would be so slender that the Bill must be abandoned."

The Irish World commenting on this speech says:

"The Irishman who cannot appreciate the true significance of this Tory tribute of praise to the leader of faction must be very dull of understanding. There are, however, very few such Irishmen. We fancy that even amongst those who voted the Parnellite ticket at the elections last year there must be many, if not a majority, who have grown sick with disgust at the spectacle of an alliance in the name of Irish Nationalists with the leaders of the Orange party—and Lord Randolph Churchill is one of the most offensive of them."

THAT FORBIDDEN EXCURSION.

St. Mary's Catholic Young Men's Society.

On Monday afternoon, on board the Berthier, the St. Mary's Catholic Young Men's Society held their excursion to Lake St. Peter. There seems to have been some difficulty between the Society and its spiritual director, as well as the parish priest, on this subject. Yesterday's Herald gives the following account:

"The trouble dates from last Queen's Birthday, when the society held an entertainment at Sohmer Park, in defiance of the wishes of Father O'Donnell. The spiritual director of the society, Rev. Father Shea, at once left it, and since then the society has been treated, from a spiritual point of view, as if it did not exist. The climax was reached when on Sunday night the society proved that it was very much alive by giving out circulars announcing to-day's excursion. Then Father O'Donnell deemed it time to act, so he strongly denounced the conduct of the Society in defying the pastor, and dissuaded the congregation from accompanying them on their excursion, as they had acted without the authority of the church, and that, therefore, the parishioners, as good Catholics, should not encourage the undertaking. He deplored the fact that many in the parish had encouraged the

young men in their sedition, adding that he could say of them, as the Lord said of the Jews, that they were stiff-necked. He told the congregation that the society was no longer "The Catholic Young Men's Society" but that by their conduct they had severed themselves from the Church, which never countenanced rebellion, "and," said he, "they will not come to a sense of duty till the hand of God strikes them."

The excursion was a success in point of numbers. All went well until about 4.30, when the steamer was struck by a squall accompanied by a violent hail-storm, which caused somewhat of a panic on board, many of the ladies fainting. All of the windows in the saloon cabin were broken by the hailstones. The party arrived back in the city shortly after nine o'clock."

It seems to us that, as a Catholic society, formed for the purpose of mutual aid in the propagation of the principles of Catholicity and the promulgation of the faith, by means of example as well as practice, the members of the society in question, on calm reflection, will recognize the utility and advisability of being guided—not only in matters spiritual but also in certain temporal concerns—by the calm and deeply interested pastors of the congregation. It certainly must be the outcome of great thoughtlessness and irreflexion that could suggest to a Catholic society, members banded together for the sacred cause of preserving and aiding the faith, to take part—one way or another—in entertainments held on Sunday in a place that is highly disapproved of by the clergy of the diocese. It requires but the slightest consideration and serious thought to show how inconsistent such a course really is. Moreover, we think that a Catholic society should preach more by example than by word—examples of obedience, confidence and respect in regard to the spiritually appointed guardians of souls. Still we are inclined to believe that these little differences are more the result of misunderstanding than of any bad will; and, surely, they will serve as a fruitful lesson of union and harmony for the future. There is nothing to be gained, but everything to be lost, by a Catholic organization that, intentionally or otherwise, violates the first and most elementary principle that should underlie its foundations, that of respectful submission to the wise guidance of the Church's representative. We hope that this little storm will clear the atmosphere and that calm and serene weather will follow and forever attend both the pastors of St. Mary's and the good society of St. Mary's Young Men.

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Montreal, November 1891. I was suffering for three months from an obstinate cough, prickling in my throat, night sweats and a general debility, which caused me to fear consumption of the throat. I am now perfectly well, and owe my cure to Dr. Lavolette's Syrup of Turpentine. I took four small bottles of 25 cents each. FELIX SAUVAGEAU, General Contractor, No. 179, St. Antoine Street.

MONTREAL, 28th February, 1892.—J. G. Lavolette, Esq., M.D., No. 217 Commissioners street. Sir, I suffered for 22 years from a severe bronchitis and oppression which I had caught during the Franco-Prussian war. I made use in France and Canada of many important remedies, but unavailing. I am now completely cured after having used 4 bottles of your Syrup of Turpentine. I am happy to give you this testimonial, and hope, for the good of humanity, your syrup may become known everywhere. AUGUSTE BOURG-MEL, Advertising Agent for "Le National."

MONTREAL, 13th December, 1890. I, the undersigned, do certify that Dr. Lavolette's Syrup of Turpentine, which I am using for some time, is the only remedy that has given me a notable relief from "Asthma," a disease from which I have been a sufferer for many years, and which had become so very serious as to require my dispensation from occupation of any kind. I have been treated by several physicians abroad, but without the slightest result; and do here state that the progressive improvement which is daily taking place in my health by the use of this Syrup gives me entire confidence in a radical cure. SISTER OCTAVIEN, Sister of Charity of the Providence, corner of Fullum and St. Catherine Sts.

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An extravagant and impecunious man is like a watch—he can't get on without continual tick.