Parish News of the Week

TEMPERANCE PETITIONS CIR-CULATED IN CHURCHES.

Petitions prepared by the St. Jean Baptiste Society, National Federation, asking that the Provincial Legislature secure a reduction in the number of licenses were read on Sunday last in some of the churches of the archdiocese. After the preamble of the petitions had been read from the pulpit, the members of the congregation were asked to sign them. In various churches copies of the petition were placed at the doors were secured in this manner. It is asked that the License Law be amended as follows:

and some thousands of signatures were secured in this manner. It is asked that the License Law be amended as follows:

1. To take from the license commissioners the discretionary power conferred upon them by the present law and to oblige them to annul any license for a third offence.

2. The police officers of the different cities shall be bound to see that the License Act is enforced, and the Chief of Police shall report without delay any violation of the law to the collector of provincial revenue, who shall be bound immediately to prosecute the offender.

3. Applications for licenses shall be made public by means of the newspapers or otherwise three weeks before they are submitted to the license commissioners.

4. No license shall be granted without the signatures of the majority of the residents qualified to sign the certificate.

5. To reduce the number of licenses in Montreal by 15 per cent. as licenses shall be annulled for breach of the law.

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6. No restaurant license shall be granted unless the applicant is carrying on in good faith the business of a restaurant keeper and unless the license commissioners are convinced of the necessity of such a license at the place named.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

At the regular meeting of the St. Gebriel T. A. & B. Society, held on Sunday, March 1st, the following resolutions of condolence were unaminously adopted:
Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty God, in the exercise of His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst by the cold hand of death, Mrs. Ennis, daughter of our oid and esteemed member, Mr. Edward Myles;

and esteemed member, in ...

Myles;
Be it resolved, That we, the members of St. Gabriel T. A. & B. Society, in meeting assembled, do hereby tender to Mr. Edward Myles and the other members of the family; our sincere sympathy in this, their sad hour of affliction.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of the deceased, spread on the records of the society, and sent to the True Witness for publication.

W. H. O'DONNELL, R. J. LOUIS CUDDIHY, E. J. COLFER,

Committee on Resolutions.

Just the Thing That's Wanted.—A pill that acts upon the stomach and yet is so compounded that certain ingredients of it preserve their power to act upon the intentinal canals, so as to clear them of excreta, the retention of which cannot but be hurtful, was long looked for by the medical profession. It was found in Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, which are the result of much expert study, and are scientifically prepared as a laxative and an alterative in one.

FATHER HOLLAND GIVING MIS-SION AT SHERBROOKE.

was filled five times that day, and it looks as if the English-speaking Catholics of the city were really in earnest. Three services are held each day. Mass at five and half-past seven, followed by an instruction of half an hour, while the sermon of the evening takes place at half-past seven, and the whole service is over before nine. Men only attend, and there is a little room for strangers. All who can find seats are invited. Sunday night seats are invited. Sunday night about 400 attended, Rev. D. Holland, C.SS.R., of this city, is the preacher

MEN'S RETREAT AT ST. PAT-

The men are attending in great numbers the retreat presently being held in St. Patrick's Church. The preacher, Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan, is not sparing himself, and his work is bearing good fruit, as witnessed by the splendid attendance and close attention which is paid to his eloquent appeals. The exercises will close next Sunday evening.

A Soothing Oil.—To throw oil upon the troubled waters means to subdue to calmness the most biostrous sea. To apply Dr Williams' Eelectric Oil to the troubled body when it is racked with pain means speedy subjugation of the most refractory elements. It cures pain, heals bruises, takes the fire from burns, and as a general household medicine is useful in many ailments. It is worth much.

NEW CHURCH BLESSED.

His Lordship Bishop Racicot blessed the new church of St. Leonard of Port Maurice on Sunday morning. After the dedication His Lordship officiated at pontifical High Mass. In the afternoon His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi blessed the bells for the new church.

They Cleanse the System Thorough-ly.—Parmelee's Vegetable Pills clear the stomach and bowels of bilious matter, cause the excretory vessels to throw off impurities from the blood into the bowels, and expel the deleterious mass from the body. They deleterious mass from the body and of this without pain or inconvenience to the patient, who speedily realizes their good offices as soon as they begin to take effect. They have strong recommendations from all strong recomme

KNtGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL AID ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH.

Dominion Council Knights of Columbus have undertaken to help their chaplain, the Rev. Father Shea, to build the Church of St. Aloysius, of which he is the pastor. With this to build the Church of St. Neysta, of which he is the pastor. With this end in view they have organized a vocal and instrumental entertainment to be held in the hall, corner of Mance and St. Catherine streets, on Easter Monday night, April 20th.

MISSION AT ST. AGNES CHURCH

Rev. Fathers Hazelton, S.J., and Meloche, S.J., opened a two weeks' mission in St. Agnes Church on Sunday evening last. The exercises of the present week are for the women of the parish.

PRIEST'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The Rev. Abbe Chevrier, vicar at St. James's Church, St. Denis street, dropped dead in Dr. Masson's office at noon to-day. He was sixty-three

OBITUARY.

ARCHBISHOP OF MEXICO

The most Rev. Prospero Maria Alarcon y Sanchez de la Barquera, Archbishop and head of the Roman Catholic Church in Mexico, died on Monday. He was eighty years old.

MR. WILLIAM S. MURPHY.

The death occurred on Wednesday of Mr. W. S. Murphy, son of the inte Senator Murphy, at his mother's residence, 47 Crescent street. Deceased had been suffering for some time from tuberculosis. The funeral will take place on Friday morning to St. Patrick's Church. The True Witness extends its sympathy to Mrs. Murphy and the other members of the family. May his soul rest in

The "Liquidators" Accounts.

Most interesting facts are being disclosed by the investigation of the accounts of the 'liquidators' of the religious communities in France. The property of the Freres de Ploermel realised 500,000 francs, but the total amount which the aged Brothers received from the proceeds was 150 francs, to be divided among fifteen of them, 10 francs apiece to support them for the remainder of their lives. Monsieur Combes was shocked! M. Lecouturier's accounts showed that he had received 1,141, SION AT SHERBROOKE.

Just fifty men were on hand at five o'clock on Monday morning in St. Patrick's Church, Sherbrooke, to assist at the first low Mass of the mission now being held there, and 125 at the later Maes at 7.30. It was a fine showing. The church was filled five times that day, and it looks as if the English-speaking Catholics of the city were really in Catholics of the city were really in Garnest. Three services are held each day. Mass at five and half-greater part of the proceeds in his own hands for seven or eight months, thus depriving the Government of several thousand showed that he had received 1,141,-Government of several thousand francs interest. M. Ménage's fees as

Government of several thousand francs interest. M. Ménage's fees as liquidator of this property alone amounted to 8,000 francs.

M. Clemenceau boasted that with the aid of the funds from the liquidation of Church property he was greatly to improve the financial position of France. His first act was to create a new "Ministry," which, he said, would not lead to any great expense beyond the salaries of the Minister and his staff. But as it was necessary to provide the new Department with offices, the Archbishop's Palace was handed over to the Minister, M. Viviani. It will be remembered that this was the gentleman whose speech was placarded in every village in France with the amnouncement that "he had extinguished the lights of heaven." Upon taking possession of thr house, he found it inconvenient in many ways—the rooms were too small, and there were everywhere symbols of a nature which oppressed him—perhaps by recollections of the past! He therefore sent for decorators, etc. to enlarge the nooms, hang rich tapel into a billiard room, remove all vestiges of Christianity and replace the lights of heaven with the electric light. Now he begins to feel more at home. Dut sorrow awaits him, for he has sent the bill to the Committee of Finance, announting to 600,000 france—£24,000! To his

OUR MONTHLY CALENDAR

April, 1908. St. Pugh, B C
St. Francis of Paola, C
The Most Precious Blood.
St. Isidore, B. C D

S. (St. Vincent Ferrer, C
M. 6 St. Sixtus, P M
T. 7 Bl. Herman Joseph, C
W. 8 St. Dionysius, B. C
Th. 9 St. Mary of Egypt, Pon.
F 10 Sever Sorrows of the B.V. M
S. 11 St. Leo the Great, P. D. C.

9. 12 St. fhlius, P C
M. 13 St. Hermenculd, M
T. 14 St. Justin, M
V. 15 St. Peter Gonzales, C
Th. 16 Bl. Ben. Joseph Labre, C
F 17 St. Anicetus, P M.
S. 18 Bl. Mary of Incarnation, V. 3

S. 19 St. Leo IX. P. C.
M. 20 St. Agnes of Monte Pulciano, V.
T. 21 St. Anselm, Abp., C. D.
V. 22 SS. Sorer and Caius, PP. MM.
Th 23 St. George, M.
F. 24 St. Fidelis, M.
S. 25 St. Mark, Evangelist.

Low Sunday.

5. 26 Our Lady of Good Counsel
M. 27 St. Turibius, B. C.
T. 28 St. Paul of the Cross, C
W. 29 St. Peter, M.
Th. 30 St. Catherine of Siena. V

great surprise the Budget Committee objected to pay. The stupid people do not understand that it costs much more to lodge a Secretary of State, who is a Prince of the Democracy, than it does for a Prince of the Church. But they will learn that lesson also.

A Strange Story.

Mouldering away on the walls of the old monastery in Milan, Italy, hangs the famous "Last Supper" of Leonardo da Vinci. Like every masterpiece, the painting required many years of patient labor, and as a result of that labor it is perfect in its naturalness of expression and sublime in its story of love. In addition to these qualities it has an incident in its history that contributes not a little toward making it the great teacher that it is. It is said that the artist, in painting the faces of the Apostles, studied the countenances of good men whom he knew. When, however, he was the courtenances of good men whom he knew. When, however, he was ready to paint the face of Jesus in the picture he could find none that would satisfy his conception; the face that would serve as a model for the face of Christ must be dignified in its simplicity and majestic in its sweetness. After several years of careful search the painter happend to meet one Pietro Bandinelli, a ed to meet one Pietro Bandinelli, choir boy of exquisite voice, belong-ing to the cathedral. Being struck choir boy of exquisite voice, spins-ing to the cathedral. Being struck by the beautiful features and stender manner that bespoke an angelic soul, the artist induced the boy to be the study for the painting of the face of study for the painting of the face of Jesus. All was done most carefully and reverently, but the picture was as yet incomplete, for the face of Judas was absent. Again the painter, with the zeal of a true lover of his art, set about in search of a countenance that might serve for the face of the traitor. Some years passed before his search was rewarded and the picture finally completed. As the artist was about to dismiss the miserable and degraded the miserable and degrade dismiss the miserative and degraded whether who had been his awful choice, the man looked up at and said: "You have painted me before." Horrified and dumb with amazement, the painter learned that the man was Pietro Bandinelli. Durather these, interving years Pietro. the man was Pietro Bandinelli. During those intervening years Pietro had been at Rome studying music, had met with evil companions, had given himself up to drinking and gambling, had fallen into shameful dissipation and crime. The face that now was the model for the face of Judas had once been the model for the face of Christ.

Toronto Church Burned.

St. Joseph's Church, Toronto, wa destroyed by fire on Monday morning. Fortunately all the moveble articles of the church were saved, but the loss is estimated at fully \$25,000.

Two young ladies who were re-Two young ladies who were removing some decorations discovered smoke coming from the organ loft and notified Rev. Father Canning. A general alarm was sent in, but the united efforts of three brigades could not arrest the progress of the flames. Father Canning carried out the Blessed Sacrament. He also saved the altar vessels, being helped by some of the boys.

of the boys.

St. Joseph's Church was built in 1884, and is valued at \$40,000. A policy in the Hartford Insurance Company for \$15,000 is the only insurance carried.



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