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St. Dunstan's Cathedral REOPENED FOR DIVINE SERVICE.

The solemn reopening for divine service of St. Dunstan's Cathedral on Christmas Eve was a most memorable event for the city and diocese of Charlottetown. This inaugural solemn service was the first fruition of a long undertaking, involving much anxiety and labor, and surely brought great joy to the heart of his Lordship, Bishop O'Leary, who has borne upon his shoulders the arduous responsibility of rebuilding the Cathedral. In the ecclesiastical annals of this Province, these solemn services will cause the Feast of the Nativity of the year 1914 to stand out as a notable epoch.

Prices range from \$5.00 to \$7.00. The arrangements for the Solemn Midnight service on Christmas Eve were well made and well carried out. The entrance to the lower church for the occasion was by the north or Sydney Street door. The door was to open at 11.15, but before that time a very considerable throng had assembled, which was constantly increased as the minutes passed. When the door finally opened there was a great impouring and it was not long till an immense congregation thronged the church. Every seat was occupied and many stood in the transepts and aisles or occupied places on stairways or any coin of vantage they could secure.

About twelve o'clock the procession of acolytes, priests and the Bishop, in the order named, emerged from the sacristy at the rear and entered the Sanctuary. After kneeling a few moments in prayer, his Lordship the Bishop advanced to his throne on the Gospel side of the Sanctuary and vested for the Solemn Pontifical Mass. The officers of the Mass were celebrant, his Lordship the Bishop, arch priest, Rev. Father Murphy, deacons of honor, Rev. Fathers Duffy and Poirier, deacon of office. Rev. Plus McDonald, subdeacon of office Rev. Frank McQuaid; master of Ceremonies Rev. Dr. McLellan. The large choir was reinforced by band instruments in addition to the organ. The Mass proceeded with due ceremonial until after the Communion, when the sermon of the occasion was preached. The preacher was Rev. Dr. McMillan. Needless to say the sermon was excellent from every point of view. We present herewith the full text of the discourse:

"And now there remain faith, hope, charity these three, but the greatest of these is charity." (1 Cor. XIII.13)

Ever since we have attained the use of reason we have been accustomed to celebrate Christmas. Our parents did it before us and our forefathers, further back than we know of followed this

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same pious custom. And yet Christmas seems always to bear with it a feeling of being new. It is the one feast of the whole year that ever preserves its eternal freshness. Even when we have grown old and each succeeding Christmas plants a mile stone that shows we have traveled far along life's pathway, still we hail this blessed day with the same enthusiasm, and the same exuberance of joy as we did in the happy spring time of innocent youth. And one reason is because the mystery we celebrate today is one of the strongest reasons for our faith, one of the firmest foundations of our hope and one of the highest motives for our charity. It thus enters into the warp and woof of our spiritual life. For whilst we are in this world and serving God, "there remain faith hope charity these three, but the greatest of these is charity."

time they followed the guidance of the monks of the Abbot St. Maron, and ever since have been called Maronites. The Maronites chiefly inhabit the mountain chain of Lebanon between Tyre and the lake of Gennesaret. Their chief seat is in the District of Kesrawan. Their early history is enveloped in much obscurity. It is certain, however, that when the Byzantine troops were withdrawn in 685 from the Syrian frontiers, the Christians held the entire range of mountains from Antioch to Jerusalem, and there continued to dwell, repelling the attacks of the Saracens, and affording refuge to the persecuted Christians of the surrounding provinces. A force of Maronites in 877 helped defend Syracuse against the Saracens, and during the Crusades they gave valuable aid to the Armies of the Cross. Since that period the Maronite Christians have been from time to time subjected to the same kind of persecution which the Armenians are undergoing at the present time. The Turks used the Druses against the Maronites as they are using the Kurds against the Armenians now. In 1874 the Maronites numbered about 140,000. They are an agricultural people, and generally poor. They hold property to be sacred, are strictly honest and very hospitable. In religious matters they are governed by a Patriarch residing at Kanobin, assisted by bishops. The Patriarch is elected by the people, subject to the approval of the Pope. Of the 200 convents scattered through the Lebanon District fully one-half belong to the Maronites. The Maronite monks followed the rule of St. Anthony. Their dress is a black cassock, with a hood and leather girdle. The liturgy, which is called St. Ephrem's in the Syrian of St. James, modified by Ephrem Syrus. The Gospels and other portions of the Scripture are read and expounded to the people in Arabic, which is the vernacular.

It is a surprise to find the author of "A Diplomatist's Wife" and "Reminiscences" of the same, describing many continuous years of the most primitive pioneering in "the only bit remaining of the Far West," far removed from the seats of diplomacy; but no reader of her books will be surprised that she does it well. It is a 'neck of the woods' on the Methow in the State of Washington but quite a "man-sized" place that includes a number of manish and womanly women of all sizes. It is also, of course, "God's Own Country." The title has been assigned to some twenty-hundred other places, and correctly in every case, but Mrs. Fraser and the youngest of her seven sons have the art of making it seem so. The people, however, judging by their rather sulphuric language, which is too freely transcribed, would appear to belong to quite another place. It is Mrs. Fraser, we presume, who presents us with the heavenly citizens and it is her son, who was an army officer, that is responsible for those who "darn without needles." The mixture is true to life and well proportioned, and so seasoned with comedy and pathos and a varied assortment of unexpected novelties of all kinds in characters and incidents that it only differs from an enthralling novel in that it is true. It has its heroes and heroines and villains, who enjoyed promiscuously "the simple dignity of real democracy" and from whom "the milk of human kindness was never skimmed." As in her other works the author never forgets her Catholicity. The last chapter but one is entitled "Wedding Bells" for which a Catholic church was specially erected, and the last is appropriately "God's Country." There are several good illustrations among the 400 pages, but the best are in the text. —M. K. in America.

Seven Years on the Pacific Slope.

(By Mrs. Hugh Fraser and Hugh C. Fraser, New York: Dodd, Mead & Co. \$3.00.)

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If You Wish to Be Well You Must Keep the Bowels Regular.

The sole cause of constipation is an inactive liver, and unless liver is kept active you may rest assured that headaches, jaundice, hoarhound, piles, floating specks before the eyes, a feeling as if you were going to faint, or catarrh of the stomach will follow the wrong action of this, one of the most important organs of the body. Keep the liver active and working properly by the use of Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills. Mrs. Elijah A. Ayer, Fawcett Hill, N. B. writes: "I was troubled with constipation for many years, and about three years ago my husband wanted me to try Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills, as they had cured him. I got a trial and took them, and by the time I had taken three trials I was cured. I always keep them on hand, and when I need a mild laxative I take one." There are several good illustrations among the 400 pages, but the best are in the text. —M. K. in America.

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