

monies. After Mass a procession took place to the altar of Repose which was ablaze with electric lights and lighted candles, interspersed with beautiful flowers. Great credit must be given to Miss Foy for the pains she took with the suitable decoration of the church during Holy Week; also to Mrs. McConnell, the Misses Sullivan and Miss Moran.

On Thursday evening after the service of Tenebrae, Father Ryan preached an able and eloquent sermon on the mystery of the Blessed Eucharist, dwelling on the wondrous consecration of divine love that sacrifices everything for the children of men.

Friday morning Mass of the Presanctified was celebrated by the Rev. Father Ryan, assisted by Fathers Rohleder and Coylo. Father Treacy was master of ceremonies. His Grace the Archbishop assisted as usual in cope and mitre.

After the ceremony of the Adoration of the Cross, His Grace addressed the people and explained the meaning of the beautiful ceremony. The people then came forward to perform the ceremony of Kissing the Cross at the hands of His Grace, who was assisted by the priests. In the evening Tenebrae was chanted as usual, all the Lamentations being sung in harmony by Rev. Fathers Rohleder, Coylo and Treacy. Rev. Father Ryan presided at the office. The Stations of the Cross then took place. At all the evening services the cathedral was thronged with vast crowds, both Catholics and Protestants, from different parts of the city, who were most favorably impressed with the devotion and solemnity of the public worship of the Church. Rev. Father Rohleder performed the ceremony of the blessing of the Paschal candle and Baptismal water on Easter Sunday.

On Easter Sunday morning Rev. Father Ryan celebrated solemn High Mass, coarum pontifice, Father Treacy acting as deacon and Mr. Donohoe being subdeacon. The choir rendered Haydn's Twelfth Mass in excellent style. After the first Gospel His Grace the Archbishop ascended the pulpit and addressed the unusually large audience on the lessons to be learnt from the mystery of the Resurrection, which was at once the characteristic proof to which Jesus appealed for truth of His divinity, the cornerstone and foundation of the Christian religion and the over present symbol and pledge of the future resurrection of our bodies on the last day, when we shall sing the alleluia of one eternal Easter in the kingdom of God. His Grace spoke upwards of half an hour and was most eloquent and impressive. In the evening the church was beautifully decorated and illuminated on all sides. A large audience that thronged the church to the very aisles greeted the preacher, Rev. Father Ryan, who lectured on the doctrine of the Real Presence, taking for his text, "He has risen; He is here." Rev. Father Treacy chanted the Vespers with deacon and subdeacon. The choir rendered Wiegand's Musical Vespers in excellent style. Miss Elliot and Flanagan gave the duet parts of the Regina Coeli. Miss Flanagan sang also a very effective Ave Maria. Rev. Father Rohleder presided over the choir. The services throughout Holy Week ending on Easter Sunday night were carried out with unusual magnificence and must have impressed the vast crowds who attended with the grandeur and beauty of the Catholic ritual.

Easter Sunday in St. Peter's Church.

The large congregations which attended the morning and evening services in St. Peter's Church felt that the brightness and joy of Easter pervaded the place. The contrast between the former dimness and the freshness and cheerfulness of its interior since its recent decoration, was never more strikingly felt. The altar was profusely adorned by flowers, arranged in a most tasteful manner. A set of beautiful candlesticks presented by the Children of Mary and a very fine altar lamp, the gift of a generous parishioner, added very much to the effect. The singing of the school children at the first, and of the choir at the second Mass was worthy of the occasion. The ladies of the Altar Society deserve the greatest credit for the excellent work they have been doing at all times as well as on this occasion. Much praise is also due to Sister Emelinda who prepared the children of St. Peter's choir to the capable order, Mr. Godfrey and to its obliging organizer, Miss Flynn for their unremitting attention, and the success with which it has been crowned. The Easter collection was highly honorable to the people of the parish, all the more so, because it was the result of their own unsolicited generosity.

The devotion of the Forty Hours will open next Sunday at St. Peter's Church and His Grace has kindly intimated that he will be present on that occasion.

A Liberal Sweep.

The results of the local elections in Nova Scotia give the Liberals under Premier Murray 84 seats, against 4 for the Conservatives.

There is danger in neglecting a cold. Many who have died of consumption dated their troubles from exposure, followed by a cold which settled on their lungs, and in a short time they were beyond the skill of the best physician. Had they used Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, which was too late, their lives would have been spared. This medicine has no equal for curing coughs, colds and all affections of the throat and lungs.

The School Question in History and Law.

By N. MURPHY, Q. C.

VIII.

Oliver Goldsmith sends one of his heroes a trip to Holland to teach the Dutch the English language, but he could not succeed in his mission because he was ignorant of the Dutch language. The bringing back of the French language to the schools was a necessity, in order that those speaking that language could learn English, and that other knowledge than that of the English tongue could be imparted to them before they had first mastered that tongue. If this be correct, Mr. Laurier need not claim as a concession to him, or as a remedying of a grievance, the removal of a bar to the very carrying on of the common schools, so far as the French pupils were concerned. The imparting of religious teaching under the new Manitoba bill is an impossibility, and the introduction into the bill of the clause permitting it is a subterfuge.

Here it is:

Religious teaching in public schools is to take place between 3.30 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and it is to be conducted by any Christian clergyman whose charge includes any portion of the school district, or by any person duly authorized by such clergyman, or by a teacher, when so authorized, but this religious teaching may take place:

(a) When authorized by school trustees, or (b) When the parents of at least ten children attending the school in the case of a rural district, or by parents of at least 25 children attending the school in the case of a city, town or village.

One duly certificated Roman Catholic teacher is to be employed in any village or rural district where the average attendance in any school of Roman Catholic children is 25, and one duly certificated Roman Catholic teacher in towns or cities where the average attendance is 40.

The time for religious teaching, 3.30, arrives in a country school house. One half hour is devoted to it. Which clergyman shall have precedence in a one-room school house (the general accommodation provided outside of cities) or which section of the pupils, Protestant or Catholic, will retire during a Manitoba winter day to await their turn for religious instruction, should the half hour be divided between two clergymen or teachers?

I cannot agree with the Hon. Mr. Scott, Q. C., Secretary of State, when he says that the effect of the decision of the Privy Council is that the minority have no right to which can be protected. On the contrary the Privy Council while in one case declaring that the minority have no rights under their claim that Separate schools existed "in practice at the time of the Union, in another case decided that under the Confederation Act and the different Acts of Manitoba, notably those of 1871 and 1884, the minority have rights which have been infringed on by the Manitoba Act of 1890, that by such infringement of these rights grievances have been created and the Dominion Parliament may (i. e. must) rectify them if Manitoba should not, after due notice.

I have already alluded to the objection that Manitoba having neglected to enact legislation to support Catholicism the power of Manitoba to legislate in such matters became vested in the Dominion Parliament, and have never been re-vested in Manitoba, who consequently is powerless to legislate on the subject; and I think the objection tenable.

The duty of righting the wrongs of the minority then rests with the Dominion Parliament. What rights given to the minority by the different school Acts of Manitoba have been taken away by the Act of 1890?

Under the different Manitoba school Acts common schools were established, an advisory board of fourteen, one half Protestant, one half Catholic, was established, the Protestant portion of these rights which were taken away by the Manitoba Act of 1890, and which the Privy Council in effect say should be restored.

I cannot explain the matter better than by quoting again from Sir Charles Tupper's speech on the Address delivered March 20th, '97:

The hon. Premier took care not to mention other provisions of the settlement which practically compel the children to study text-books, history, &c., objectionable to Roman Catholics, for it is to be recalled that "No separate bill takes place during secular work," and no provision is made for meeting the conscientious scruples of Roman Catholics in any other matter than purely religious instruction.

The settlement contained in the Manitoba Bill of 1897 involves therefore the following:

Roman Catholics to obtain advantage of the right to have either religious exercises or religious instruction in the schools as conducted under existing laws obnoxious to their consciences and in derogation of their rights. But when, and on any when, the average attendance at a public school in town or country reaches a certain figure, they may have a Roman Catholic teacher and a Roman Catholic priest to give religious exercises.

The teacher must be fully qualified under the general law, and must teach from the

very text books to which earnest conscientious objections are made by Roman Catholics.

Outside of Winnipeg and large towns, therefore, the "average attendance" renders the bill practically inoperative. For the children must gather in far and wide and make a record of attendance at the same school, under the existing system before their parents or guardians can obtain for them the right to have the religious teaching between 3.30 and 4 o'clock each day or to have a Roman Catholic teacher teach from Protestants at school-books.

Sir Charles but echoes the views of the Privy Council as to these schools when it says:

Moreover, while the Catholic inhabitants remain liable to local assessments for school purposes the proceeds of that assessment are no longer destined to any extent for the support of Catholic schools, but afford the means of maintaining schools which they regard as no more suitable for the education of Catholic children than if they were disinterestedly Protestant in their character.

The remedial bill, moved by Sir Charles Tupper, reprobated as it was by Mr. Laurier and the followers, dealt with some of these matters and restored the rights of the minority.

It re-established Separate schools, a Catholic board of control, the teaching of religion and use of the French language, their own selection of books, histories, maps and globes, and five Roman Catholic heads of families could have a school district allowed them provided there were ten Roman Catholic children of school age residing within three miles of the proposed school site and not less than 25 Catholic children.

No Roman Catholic who is assessed for the support of a Separate school shall be liable to be assessed taxed or required in any way to contribute for the erection, maintenance or support of any other school, whether by provincial law or otherwise; nor shall any of his property in respect of which he shall have been so assessed, be so liable.

Condolence.

At the last regular meeting of Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, the following resolution of condolence was unanimously adopted:

Whereas Almighty God in His infinite goodness has seen fit to call to His eternal home Mr. Edward Chute of Dixie, the following resolution of condolence was unanimously adopted:

Resolved—That we the officers and members of Division No. 1, A.O.H., do hereby convey to Brother John Chute and other members of the family our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Resolved—That a copy hereof be forwarded to John Chute recorded on the minutes of this Division and published in THE CATHOLIC REGISTER and Catholic Record.

THEY NEVER FAIL.—Mr. S. M. Boughton, Langton, writes: "About two years ago I was troubled with Icterus, but by using Parmelee's Pills, I was completely cured, and although four years have elapsed since then they have not returned." Parmelee's Pills are anti-bilious and a specific for the cure of Liver and Kidney Complaints, Dyspepsia, Costiveness, Headache, Piles, etc., and will regulate the secretions and remove all bilious matter.

I. C. B. U., Branch No. 2.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Toronto, April 19th, 1897.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite goodness to remove from our midst our esteemed Brother, Philip A. Cummings.

Resolved—That, while we bow with humble resignation to the will of our Heavenly Father, we extend to the relatives of our esteemed Brother our heartfelt sympathy in this their sad hour of affliction, and trust that God will give them comfort to bear their sad trial with Christian resignation.

Resolved—That a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the meeting, one sent to his family and one each to THE CATHOLIC REGISTER and Catholic Record for publication, R.I.P.

Committee: R. SMITH.

Latest Stratford Items.

Branch No. 13, C.M.B.A., of Stratford at its regular meeting held Wednesday evening, April 14, extended a resolution of condolence to Bro. John Lyons on the death of his son and also to the widow of Bro. William J. Cowan, of Port Huron, who was killed at the G. T. R. station here on Wednesday last April 14th.

We crave the privilege of making a few remarks about the C. O. F., which order has met with such good success both in the United States and Canada wherever a court has been established. The successful management of the order has had a widespread announcement and as a financial institution is without a parallel in the history of Catholic Societies. The C. O. F. is fast spreading in Canada and in the United States and is certainly meeting with favor by the eminent clergies in the province and elsewhere. We are glad to add the following particulars.

C. O. F. was organized in Chicago in year 1883 by a few ardent spirits who thought they saw the necessity of such an organization which would combine both the benefit and insurance.

Rev. Father Ryan of St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto was one of the prime movers at that time he being then in Chicago.

The order has grown steadily since that time having increased in the year 1896 by over 15,000 members, and since January 1st, 1897 by 4000 members. During the month of March 10 new courts were added to the order which now numbers upwards of 4,000 members in Ontario, 60 courts, and in the Province of Quebec we have nearly 150 courts with 9000 members, in Manitoba 2 courts of 200 members.

The order was organized in Ontario in the city of Kingston over six years ago.

The order has now 693 courts scattered over eleven states and provinces. We are governed by a supreme court

elects bi-annually whose officers are elected by the delegates of the different states and provinces elected annually at the state and provincial Conventions. The convention for this Province will be held this year in August in the town of Cornwall.

Each state and province is entitled to send one delegate to supreme convention for every 500 members.

The next supreme convention will be held in 1899 in Burlington, Vermont. The order is governed in this Province by Provincial Chief Hanger, W. T. J. Lee of Toronto, who was elected first Provincial Chief of the order in this Province in 1895 and was again unanimously elected in 1896 at the convention in Toronto, Prov. Vice-Chief Hanger C. S. G. Housh, Prov. Secretary Morol and Prov. Treasurer, Geo. W. Seguin are residents of Ottawa where the order has 13 courts with a membership of 1,500.

A board of five trustees composed of W. R. Muldrew, London, Ont.; John A. Chisholm, Cornwall, Ont.; Vincent McCullough, Ottawa, Ont.; Charles P. Baby, Windsor, Ont.; J. P. Bryson, Peterboro, Ont., assist the Provincial Chief and his officers in governing.

"The Siege of Limerick."

MONTREAL, April 20.—The members of the dramatic section of St. Anne's Young Men's Society, produced the romantic drama, "The Siege of Limerick," at their hall on Young street, last evening. The performance was a very creditable one. The performance was in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and was attended by a large audience. The cast was a strong one, and the many critical situations were heartily applauded.

ARCHBISHOP RYAN'S JUBILEE.

An imposing celebration in honor of the Philadelphia Prefate.

Philadelphia, April 16.—Perhaps the most imposing jubilee celebration ever held in this country will be the one that will take place here next week in honor of the 25th anniversary of Archbishop Ryan's consecration. The celebration will open on the morning of the 20th with a grand parade of the pupils of the Catholic schools for boys. All the Catholic societies and several military organizations will participate in the jubilee procession on the evening of April 21. Among the last named is the Philadelphia Brigade Association. Archbishop Ryan's courtesies to the Grand Army posts, his religious celebrations of Memorial Day in his Cathedral, and his many patriotic addresses have greatly endeared him to the veterans of the Civil War and to the people generally, irrespective of religious dividing lines. Col. Edward Morrell will be the chief marshal of the jubilee procession.

The religious celebration of the jubilee in the Cathedral will bring together an immense representation of the American episcopate and priest hood, and the reception on the evening of the 21st at the Academy of Music will be a social event unsurpassed in general interest in the city's history.

Archbishop Ryan was a priest of the archdiocese of St. Louis, and for twelve years Coadjutor to Archbishop Kenrick. The Catholics of St. Louis took special action not long ago at a great popular meeting presided over by Archbishop Kain, and an affectionate address on their behalf was prepared by this committee: Peter L. Foy, H. J. Spannhorst, E. T. Farish, John Denmir, M. E. Smith, E. J. Wado, William Druce, Dr. J. J. Kane, Conde, B. Pallen, K. Graham Frost, John M. Dickson, L. Vothagen, W. I. Wodecke, and M. Daugherty. A delegation of clergy and laity from St. Louis will attend the celebration in Philadelphia.

Dread Fresh Massacres.

NEW YORK, April 20.—(Special.)—The Journal's London special says there is reason to believe that Turkish victory in Miloussa Pass will be the forerunner of a terrible recurrence of massacres in Armenia, and if so, it is more than doubtful whether the Powers, who dared do nothing when Turkey was inert, will venture to raise a single word of protest when she has at her back the prestige of a glorious campaign and the support of a victorious army.

The Red Cross Ignored.

ATHENS, April 20.—Colonel Manos, in command of the Greek forces on the frontier of Epirus, has telegraphed to the Government here that the Turks have bombarded the military hospital at Arta, although the Red Cross flag was hoisted over the hospital.

KIDNEY WAR.

Now suddenly it wages, but how quick the heralds, saw the flag of 1896 in Kentucky. Related was that Great General, South American Kidney Cure, Tarns his Guns on the Disease.

This is what James Sullivan of Chatham, Ont., writes: "For years I was a great sufferer from Kidney trouble. The disease became so acute that I was confined to the house, and was greatly induced with insomnia. I was persuaded after using many other remedies without relief to procure a bottle of South American Kidney Cure. I had relief almost from the first dose. I have perfect health now and after using six bottles I am well and strong again. I can work fourteen hours out of twenty-four and feel very little, if any, fatigue. It is the best medicine I have ever used."

The Diamond Jubilee.

The Daily Chronicle is responsible for the statement that "It is expected that a Catholic service will take place in the Pro Cathedral, Kensington, at the same time as the which the Queen is to attend at St. Paul's. Nothing definite has been settled, but that would be following what occurred in connection with the jubilee celebrations of ten years ago. On that occasion Cardinal Manning said the special envoy sent to London by the Pope both took part in the service at the Pro Cathedral. Cardinal Vaughan is proceeding to Rome in May, but he will, of course, be back in London some weeks before the celebrations.

Turkish Vassal States.

ATHENS, April 20.—A despatch received here from Cairo, Egypt, says that at the request of the Turkish Government, the Egyptian Government has handed the Greek diplomatic agent, M. J. Gyparis, his passports, and has ordered all Greeks to leave Egypt within a fortnight.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 20.—A news paper of this city announces that the Turkish Government has called upon Bulgaria, as the Vassal of Turkey, to hand passports to all the Greek consuls in Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian Cabinet is now considering the question.

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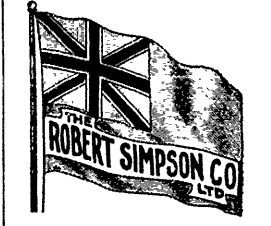
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