

HONORING THEIR PASTOR.

REV. FATHER O'MEARA, P. P., OF ST. GABRIEL'S,

Is the Recipient of Addresses and a Handsome Present on the Occasion of the Feast of His Patron Saint.

Sunday afternoon, 25th June, at 2.30, St. Charles Hall, Island street, was thronged with the parishioners of St. Gabriel's, who assembled *en masse* to do honor to their genial and worthy pastor, Rev. Father O'Meara. It is well known all over Montreal that no more devoted and zealous priest than Father O'Meara is to be found, and not a few are aware of the huge difficulties and countless obstacles with which he has had to contend, in his sturdy efforts to build up a splendid parish in that section of the city. Recognizing all this the parishioners determined to pay him a well deserved tribute and offer him a slight token of their esteem, respect and veneration. Consequently the aforementioned meeting took place, and amongst others were present all the Fathers of St. Charles' Church, and Rev. Brother Arnold and three of his assistants from St. Ann's. The address, read by Mr. J. Connors, churchwarden, was as follows:—

To the Rev. WILLIAM O'MEARA, P. P., St. Gabriel's, Montreal.

Reverend and Dear Father:—On this balmy June day, the feast of your patron saint, as members of your parish, as recipients of many favors at your hands, we esteem it an honor not lightly prized to be permitted to express thus publicly our appreciation of the innumerable sacrifices made in our behalf, as well as our admiration for the zeal you manifest in the prosecution of an object that pertains to the interests of your parishioners.

On many an occasion during the few years passed in our midst, you have merited our affection for the untiring energy ever displayed in the discharge of the arduous labors attendant on the position of a parish priest, our gratitude for your assiduous attention to all that concerns our dearest welfare. While our spiritual interests are ever held sacred, our temporal undertakings have often profited by the wise and prudent direction of our beloved pastor.

In glancing over the pages of the treasured lore of Irish literature, we find that the people and their clergy were ever inseparable, ever united in purpose. When the fires of persecution raged over the Mother-land, and a priest could bear spiritual consolation to the departing soul only at the risk of his life, the noble devotion with which those zealous men labored to keep alive the lamp of their holy faith has been sung by the bard and been chronicled by the sage of every clime. Such, indeed, was in bygone days the devotedness of those consecrated servants of Christ to the faith our fathers loved,—such, under other conditions, is that of their pious successors to the spiritual and temporal necessities of the descendants of a people honored by such names as Sarsfield and O'Neill, Grattan and O'Connell, McHale of Tnam, and Father Matthew.

In yourself, dear and reverend Father, though your scene of labor is transferred to the land where the shamrock and the maple leaf entwined, we discern these qualities of mind and heart which endeared the priesthood to the sons of Hibernia.

When in prosperity, our life is as a bark wafted onward by a gentle summer breeze to the fair port beyond, your sage counsel and invaluable spiritual direction are ever freely bestowed. But when with dark clouds our way is overcast, when thunders roll and stormy winds rave, when as mariners on a troubled sea their guiding star obscured, we are tossed by the rude vicissitudes of life, then, in our beloved pastor do we find words of sweet encouragement and spiritual consolation, inspiring us with hope for the present, and as a skillful pilot, pointing onward, ever onward, to the shining portals of that haven of rest promised to the faithful, where trouble and sorrow are unknown.

In conclusion, we beg your acceptance of this slight testimony of the respect and esteem in which we hold you to further our welfare. That the bond of sympathy and the sentiment of attachment now existing between us may be never broken, that your genial presence and invaluable services may long be spared to the people of St. Gabriel's is the sincere hope and prayer of your devoted and faithful parishioners.

St. Gabriel's, Montreal, June 25th, 1893.

Before the addresses were read a splendid concert was given, every item on the programme being executed in a most brilliant manner. On Monday, at noon, a banquet was held at the residence of Father O'Meara, when a number of the Reverend clergymen of the city met to do him honor and to congratulate him upon his feast day and upon the pleasant surprise that his parishioners had given him. Amongst those present were Rev. Fathers O'Brien, S. J., O'Donnell and Shea, of St. Mary's, Donnelly of St. Anthony's, Carrieres and Bruyeres of St. Charles, Pelletier and Casey of St. Gabriel's and Mayor Sullivan of Valleyfield.

We might remark that the concert and the great success of the whole pleasant occasion are due to Father Casey's energy and zeal. He deserves great credit for the manner in which the programme was carried out.

This was followed by an address from the convent and one from the Boys' school, to all of which Father O'Meara

replied in most feeling terms. He appreciated more than all the great amount of confidence that his parishioners had reposed in him, and he expressed in most eloquent terms his deep and abiding gratitude. The donation of a purse of \$350 he looked upon as a token of their esteem and he promised his flock that it would ever be his care to watch over their interests, temporal and spiritual, and to leave no stone unturned to raise the parish to a rank equal to any in the diocese.

SAINTS OF THE MONTH.

(By the Editor of Catholic School and Home Magazine).

ST. ISIDORE OF MADRID, CONF. July 1, 1170.—This Saint was born of poor parents at Madrid, in the 12th century and earned his daily bread as a ploughman, and sanctified himself by his daily toil. Every morning he attended Holy Mass, committed all his cares to God with the simplicity of a child and feared nothing but sin. He died in 1170, in the odor of sanctity and is honored as the Patron Saint of Madrid.

ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL, July 8.—She was born in 1271 and was the daughter of Peter III. of Arragon and the niece of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. At twelve years of age she was married to Denis, King of Portugal. She had great devotion to the Holy Sacrifice and heard Mass every day and though occupied with affairs of state managed to follow her devotion with great strictness. By her wonderful sweetness and patience she converted her husband from his jealousy and bad life and made him turn a true Christian King. She established many religious houses, took the habit of the Third Order of St. Francis and spent the last years of her life in great austerity and charity to the poor. She died 1336. What graces do people lose by neglect of daily Mass!

ST. SIMON STOCK CONF. July 16.—Born in the county of Kent in England, our Saint left his home at an early age to live as a hermit and he passed twenty years in penance and prayer, after which he entered the Order of our Lady of Mount Carmel and in 1245 was chosen Prior General. Mount Carmel is a headland on the coast of Palestine, and is named as a place of devotion for the prophet Elias nine hundred years before Christ. Here the Order of the Carmelites began its existence in the twelfth century. These religious became known as the "White Friars," and St. Teresa was one of its famous saints. St. Simon Stock entered the order when it was introduced into England, and became one of its generals. The Blessed Virgin appeared to him at Cambridge and gave him a brown Scapular which she bore in her hand, ordered him to wear it, and promised that "no one dying in it should suffer eternal burning." Pope John XXII. confirmed this and many Popes subsequently endowed the Society with privileges and indulgences. Bossuet, the famous preacher and scholar of France, says, "the Scapular is no useless badge. You wear it as a visible token that you own yourself Mary's children and she will be your mother indeed if you live in our Lord Jesus Christ." The devotion spread rapidly and has been blessed with abundant indulgence until now every child who loves Mary wears the Scapular of Mount Carmel, or as it is commonly called, the Brown Scapular. St. Simon died at Bordeaux in 1265.

FEAST OF THE VISITATION, B. V. M.—July 2d the Church commemorates the visit of the Blessed Virgin to her cousin, St. Elizabeth, the mother of St. John the Baptist. As soon as the Archangel Gabriel announced to her that her cousin Elizabeth had conceived a son in her old age, Mary hastened to congratulate her, and undertook a journey for that purpose of more than a hundred miles on foot over the mountains of Judea, and remained with her for three months. It was here that Elizabeth said these words, "Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb," which form a part of the Hail Mary. In answer to this, Mary was inspired to utter the beautiful Canticle of the "Magnificat."

FEAST OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD.—Devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ has been in the Church from the early ages. St. Paul has been styled the Apostle of the Precious Blood and St. Chrysostom and St. Augustine had a special devotion toward it. But it is to St. Catherine of Sienna that it owes its modern form. Confraternities arose and

were enriched with Indulgences by Leo XII. When Pius IX. returned to Rome from his exile at Gaeta, he issued a decree instituting a new feast of the Precious Blood on the first Sunday of July. This devotion serves to make us love the common things of faith into all of which the Blood of Jesus Christ enters, it serves to give us confidence in God since Jesus bleeds for us, then he must then he must love us and then we should trust in Him, and hate sin alone which is the only obstacle to God's love.

IRISH NEWS.

The Rev. John Corcoran, of the Diocese of Meath, has been ordained priest at the Irish College, Paris.

Mr. William Fuller, of Kilworth, has been received into the Church by the Rev. J. C. Greene. His is the second conversion in the parish within a few years.

A large number of ejectment processes have been served on the estate of Captain M. Archdale, in County Fermanagh. Some of the processes are for a year's rent and others for four and five years.

Miss Hannah Kiely (in religion Sister Mary Ita) made her solemn profession at St. Mary's Presentation Convent, Lismore, recently. She is the daughter of Mr. William Kiely, of Ballyneal, Carrick-on-Suir.

Miss Donnelly, of County Cavan, in religion Sister Mary Dominick, received the black veil at the Church of the Assumption, Wexford, on the 6th ult. She is a member of the Order of Perpetual Adoration.

Miss Molly Crotty, daughter of Mr. Patrick Crotty, of Mullinahone, County Tipperary, received the white veil at the Convent of Mercy, Kibeggan, recently. She will be known in religion as Sister Mary Josephine Teresa.

Patrick B. O'Brien, a Christian Brother who for high thirty years had dwelt and labored in Dublin, is dead. He was a native of Kilkenny and entered the order in 1843, in the twenty-third year of his age.

Sister Mary Philomena, of the Convent of Mercy, Galway, died on June 4 after a long illness. She was known in the world as Miss Tierney and was the daughter of Mrs. Tierney, of Gort. Sister Mary Philomena was twenty-eight years old.

At the Convent of Mercy, Templemore, on June 1, Sister Mary Teresa Kinane, daughter of the late Michael Kinane, of Arlamon, Tipperary, breathed her last. She was in the forty-seventh year of her age and the twenty-fifth year of her religious life.

Mr. William McLaren, a well-known citizen of Derry, died on June 3 after a lingering illness. He was a member of an old Derry family and a son of the late Mr. James McLaren. He was highly successful in business and was one of the most successful of the local cattle dealers.

The Late Father Charbonneau.

The Rev. John Baptiste Charbonneau, pastor of the Church of Notre Dame, in Adams, Mass., died at his home in that town on Thursday evening last.

Father Charbonneau was born Dec. 16, 1852, at Contrecoeur, Province of Quebec, Canada. He received his early education in that place and finished his classical studies in Assumption Seminary near Montreal. He later entered the Grand Seminary at Montreal. In December, 1876, he was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic by Bishop Fabre, Archbishop of Montreal. He was retained as curate in Montreal at the Church of the Sacred Heart for three years. His health being poor, he was then given a brief vacation, after which he went to Albany, N. Y., as curate. There he remained a few months and then was transferred to North Adams, where he was given the local French parish, taking charge in March, 1882. The regard in which Father Charbonneau was held by the Protestants as well as Catholic of Adams, is demonstrated by a touching tribute to his memory signed by the pastor of six Protestant churches of that town. These ministers speak of him as "a brother and a fellow worker for the uplifting of mankind."—R. I. P.

Shocking knowledge—Personal acquaintance with an electric battery.

YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT.

AN OLD GAME REVIVED.

There is an old game which, perhaps, may be quite new to many of you. I saw some little girls playing it recently in a cool, shady spot. They called it "Swallow Flies." A pretty girl sat in the center of a half circle formed of a dozen companions. Each one laid a finger upon her lap. When she shouted "Swallow Flies," up went all the fingers. When she named an object that did not fly and any of the girls raised their fingers, they were counted out of the game. For fully an hour this jolly group laughed and played, and all were counted out but two, and these contested one with the other, but they could not catch each other, much to the amusement of all who watched the game most earnestly.

TWO BRAVE BOYS.

Two poor lads were foraging for fuel on a branch line of the Erie Railway, when a train suddenly approached under full headway. The younger boy was on the track filling a sack with half-burned pieces of coal. He did not see the train until it was almost upon him.

His companion, undaunted by danger, sprang forward, and seizing him by the waist dragged him from under the engine-wheels, but not before one of his legs was crushed and mangled.

The rescuer, who had displayed as much self-possession as courage, was a boy of twelve. He waited a moment, expecting that the train would stop, but when it passed out of sight and he perceived that there was no help at hand, he quickly determined what he would do.

It was a lonely reach of railway, without a house near by. He would not leave the boy, who was apparently dying. He remembered that there was a police station half a mile distant. No time was to be lost if his companion's life was to be saved.

He took the boy up into his arms, and staggering under the weight trudged along the railway track in the direction of the police station. It was the longest half-mile he had ever known, but he made it without a halt. Breathless from excitement, he carried his burden up the station steps, and laid it gently on a bench. Then he fainted from sheer exhaustion.

The police telephoned for an ambulance, and had the wounded boy removed to a hospital, where the surgeons found his leg frightfully mangled. He seemed to have caught the brave, patient spirit of his rescuer. The dressing of the wounds and subsequent operations were tedious and painful, but the nine-year-old patient set his teeth together, and without whimper or tear endured what he had to bear. The surgeons, amazed by his fortitude, called him the bravest patient whom they had ever known.

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