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Around Toronto

FEAST WAS OBSERVED.

The solemnity of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin was observed in all the churches of the city on Sunday at the High Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the evening.

RECEPTION AT ST. JOSEPH'S.

The close of the annual Retreat of the Community of St. Joseph was marked by a reception into the Community of Miss Sosnowski of Weston and the taking of their vows by five Sisters of the House. Very Rev. Father McCann, V.G., presided, assisted by Rev. Father Doherty of St. Paul's. Miss Sosnowski received the name of Sister Mary Joseph. Sisters Lorette Delores and Paula made their final vows and the first vows were taken by Sisters Magdalena and St. John.

RETREAT AT ST. JOSEPH'S.

The second division of the Community of St. Joseph are now making their annual retreat, about 125 Sisters taking part. Rev. Father Doyle, C.S.S.R., is conducting the Retreat, which will conclude on the 26th inst.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Hickey of 305 Bathurst St., and Mrs. Shea of Danforth Ave., East Toronto, have just returned from a visit to St. Anne de Beaurpe.

A FORTUNATE ESCAPE.

Miss A. Cassidy, daughter of Dr. Cassidy, and Miss E. Curran, daughter of Mr. A. Curran of the Post Office Department, had a narrow escape from drowning on Monday. The young ladies were paddling at Long Branch, when a squall came up and upset their craft. Their cries attracted the attention of Warren Bruce and Norman Swift, campers, who at once came to the rescue. Miss Cassidy had gone down for the second time when pulled into the boat.

CORNER-STONE WILL BE LAID.

On Sunday afternoon next, the 26th inst., the laying of the corner-stone of the new Infants' Home in connection with the House of Providence will take place. The building, as has been before announced through the press, is to be erected in the grounds of the institution, which it is hoped will be crowded at the coming ceremony. The hour set for the event is 4 p.m., one which will not clash with any of the regular meetings of the day and giving all an opportunity to witness an interesting function while at the same time helping on a good work by their countenance and material support. It seems almost superfluous to direct the attention of the public to the need of an institution such as will be inaugurated on Sunday next at the ceremony in question. The number of little ones left deserted and helpless at doors and in the streets and lanes of the city and suburbs are every day telling their own story and crying out for just such a shelter as the one proposed, where a home and kindly treatment will be ensured to many otherwise homeless and forsaken waifs. The building, it is estimated, will cost about \$16,000, and the co-operation not alone of every parish in the city, but from outside sources will be needed in the carrying out of the work. Mr. A. W. Holmes is the architect in charge. The sermon will be preached by Very Rev. J. J. McCann, V.G.

PRESENTATION TO REV. J. P. TREACY, D.D., P.P., DIXIE.

Dixie, Aug. 11.—Dixie Catholic presbytery was the scene of a very pleasant evening and surprise to Rev. Dr. Treacy, P.P., when a number of representatives from Dixie, Port Credit and Fifth Line churches were present.

The occasion was the eve of the departure of their much beloved and respected Parish Priest for the Old Sod. J. D. Hickey, Esq., opened the proceedings of the evening by a few well-chosen remarks on behalf of the congregation, and closed by wishing the Rev. Father a pleasant journey, and a safe return, that he might be long spared to continue the good work in his parish. The Squire also made the presentation.

Mr. P. J. Lamphier read the address, which was as follows: Very Rev. Dr. Treacy, P.P.:

Rev. and Dear Father,—The occasion of our gathering this evening affords us much pleasure. We are pleased to learn that you are about to take a trip across the "deep," to visit your mother country, the land of your birth and the land of all our fathers or forefathers. While we rejoice in the fact that you are about to visit your home and mother, it is also mingled with sorrow that you are to leave our presence even for so short a time.

We must only on this particular occasion come to the conclusion that all attachments in this world bring with them their sorrows. While we are sorry you are about to leave us, we are also elated that you are on the eve of a much needed holiday, a short retirement as it were, from your great responsibility and parish duties, which you have in the past two years performed to the entire satisfaction of even the most fastidious and efficient critics. It also affords us much pleasure, with your kind permission, to present you with this purse of gold, as a small token of the esteem and respect in which you are held by all, not only in your own fold, but by our separated brethren.

Allow us, dear Dr. Treacy, to wish you God speed, a safe journey, a

pleasant time and the most important of all, a safe return; also asking to be kindly remembered in your prayers.

Sig.ed: J. D. Hickey, J. N. Heary, Jno. D. O'Connor, Dixie; Jas. Curran, T. McNeerney, Dan. Collins, Port Credit; Thos. Osburn, Fifth Line.

The Rev. Dr. Treacy replied, thanking the people very heartily for their kindness shown him for the past years. He was glad to see the representatives from Dixie, Port Credit and Fifth Line churches and to thank them for their kindness, and hoped through the help of God he would be spared many years in their midst and continue worthy of their appreciation.

DEATH OF SISTER M. ANSELM.

Sister M. Anselm Reddin died at Loretto Convent, 81 Bond street, on August 15th. The deceased Sister had edified all by her Christian fortitude and resignation during a long and painful illness. Her fourteen years of religious life had been faithfully and fervently consecrated to duty in the service of God, and her memory will be long cherished for the fragrance of her simple, unostentatious virtues. How truly can the members of her community say, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." During the last painful weeks of her illness the deceased had expressed a wish to die on the Feast of the Assumption, and our Lord gratified this desire for her pure soul, in the full possession of consciousness, and while receiving the last absolution, calmly departed this life on the morning of our Lady's Feast.

The deceased was a sister of the late Rev. J. Reddin, and of Sister M. Seraphia of Loretto Academy, Sault Ste. Marie, and a niece of Rev. Mother Anselm of St. Joseph's Convent. The other members of the family are Mr. D. and Miss Reddin of Toronto and Miss Minnie Reddin of Pickering.

The funeral Mass was sung by Rev. Arthur O'Leary, P.P., of Collingwood, a cousin of the deceased, several of the city clergy being present.

We tender our sincere condolence to the bereaved family and to the community of Loretto our sympathy, in the loss of a valued member. R.I.P.—Com.

MRS. TRACEY'S FUNERAL.

In our account of Mrs. Tracey's funeral we omitted to state that Mr. Thomas Keilty was present. During the long and strenuous years of his business career Mrs. Tracey's husband's special friend, favorite and associate was Mr. Thomas Keilty. Although now nearing his 70th year, he is still hale, hearty and alert. For some years he has held the position of Collector of Inland Revenue at Prescott, Ont., where he has passed all his life. No man in Canada has a larger number of friends, no man in Canada enjoys in a larger degree the confidence and esteem of all who know him than does Mr. Thomas Keilty of Prescott, Ont.

TOPICS OF AN OLD-TIMER

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of one who was a member of the same lodge with him. I heard some of the speeches that were made in those days. The style of public speaking was different then in the states from what it is now. The style then prevailing was a monotonous raising and lowering of the voice. John Van Buren or "Prince John," as he was facetiously styled, was probably the most prominent man of that free soil convention. I remember one sentence of his speech. He said: "They say that this movement of ours will cause the union to dissolve; if so, why don't the union begin to dissolve," lengthening out and putting all the emphasis on the word dissolve. The movement had first the name of "Liberty" party; at this convention of '48 it took the name of "Free Soil" party; and afterwards, when the Whig party began to dissolve, it took the name of "Republican" party; which was the first name of the "Democratic" party itself and so continued until division in its ranks caused Gen. Jackson, who was all-powerful in his day, to change his Republican following, to the name of Democrats, which still holds good.

The New York State fair was held in Buffalo in 1848. It is customary at those state fairs to have some man of immediate prominence to be present as a drawing card attraction. The war with Mexico (which, by the way, was a very unjust war) was just over, and General James Shields, an Irishman from Illinois, was its hero. He had been shot through one of his lungs, and a Spanish doctor in Mexico saved his life by drawing a fine silk handkerchief through the wound, thus preventing blood poisoning. Shields was then all the rage and all the talk, and he was brought to this fair as the man the people were most anxious to see. That was the only time I ever had a look at him. I remember that he had a pair of very brilliant black eyes. He was afterwards elected as United States Senator for Illinois, then again for Missouri, and finally for Minnesota. He would have been elected for California later on only for some technicality in the law. He lived successively in those various states on account of the state of his health. He was the only man, however, who represented three states in the United States Senate successively or otherwise.

The war with Mexico lasted a cou-

ple of years and I saw some of the disbanded volunteer American soldiers after returning home. Among them I remember a one-armed Irish officer, whose name I now forget, but who in 1866 was to lead the Fenian hosts into Canada, but for some cause or other failed to meet his engagement, and Gen. O'Neill was appointed in his place in that ill-starred enterprise. I remember seeing one poor fellow, a soldier, who lamented aloud on the streets over the loss of his wife and family, who had gone away, the wife taking up with another man. Such scenes, however, are always familiar in war times.

Among the new things I saw in Buffalo during my recent visit was a monument erected in Niagara Square, made of white marble and very tall. What it commemorates exactly I did not learn, but it looks very handsome. I suppose it is intended for a mural ornament more than anything else. It can be seen from eight different street views. In the olden days Buffalonians used to boast of their Delaware avenue and I believe they have a good right to do so yet. There is lacking in the general contour of Buffalo, however, a conformity to style, a unity of design, and that harmony which is noticeable in Toronto. Buffalo has university buildings, and so has Chicago, but in neither instance can they vie in beauty of design and conformity of style with the Toronto University buildings, which I think are not exceeded in America. The streets of Buffalo I thought were all asphalted, but only some of them are so. Some wooden sidewalks are left there yet, while in Toronto the sidewalks are generally composed of concrete. This concrete is the invention of an old Chicago friend of mine named Freer, and it was first used in Oakland, California, where it was known as Freestone.

The Buffalonians have the advantage of us in their market supplies, especially in their fruits and vegetables, which are much cheaper than ours and much better in quality. I think the people of Toronto are greatly imposed upon and ought to combine against their ill-treatment in this regard.

The Buffalonians have more tall buildings or "sky-scrapers" than we have here in Toronto, but I think the supply here is quite adequate for the wants of the city. Where we surpass them altogether is in our water front. The fact of the matter is that Toronto has one of the finest water fronts and harbors in the world. Look at our Island. I do not think it is appreciated at half of its great worth. At either Hanlan's or Centre it is unapproachable. The park feature of Centre Island is a boon and a blessing. And the magnificence of the view of Toronto harbor I did not appreciate myself until I viewed it lately. Why Venice with its canals and "bridge of sighs," its gondolas and overturned tower of the campanella, does not surpass what we have here at our own doors. Standing there in the Island front, one has one of the finest city views in the world, with a pure atmosphere, the clear waters of the bay, the circular conformation of the scene, the steamboats and ferry boats plying in and out; and in the night time, when the variegated lights and the electric illumination of the city attract attention and are in full play, the scene is enchanting. Not in Chicago, nor San Francisco, saying nothing of Buffalo, do we see anything of its equal. We have blessings that we do not fully realize. Local pride, love of the beautiful, and a full realization of the ensemble of nature and art, should be an inducement for us to make the most of our uncounted advantages, of which our water and land surroundings are the most conspicuous.

(To be Continued.)

WILLIAM HALLEY.

Death of a Catholic Authoress

London, Aug. 13.—Mrs. Pearl Mary Teresa Craigie (John Oliver Hobbes), the authoress and dramatist, died in her sleep this morning of heart failure. Her death was totally unexpected, she having been apparently perfectly well when she retired last night. Mrs. Craigie had been spending a fortnight at her home, Steep-hill Castle, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, which she left Sunday afternoon, to keep an engagement in London. She was 39 years of age.

Mrs. Craigie was a native of Boston, Mass., her father being John Morgan Richards. She was married when nineteen years of age to Reginald Walpole Craigie, by whom she had one son, now sixteen years of age. Though of Protestant parentage, Mrs. Craigie joined the Catholic Church in 1892. Her interest in the land of her birth continued throughout her life, and she made several visits to the United States after her marriage, the last one being in November of last year, when she lectured on literary subjects. After her return to England she lectured there on "American Worship of Wealth."

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Annual Meeting of Hibernians

Peterboro, August 14.—This morning the annual meeting of the Provincial Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, opened in the T.A.S. hall, with about 125 officers and delegates in attendance.

This morning at nine o'clock the visitors paraded to St. Peter's Cathedral, where High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father McColl, and Rev. Father Kelly, who is chaplain of the local division, preached an appropriate sermon. His Lordship, Bishop O'Connor, Rev. Dr. O'Brien, and Rev. Father Galvin, were also present.

After the return from the Cathedral the meeting was formally opened, and Rev. Father McColl extended a hearty welcome to the visitors and expressed the hope that their stay here would be a pleasant one.

The Credential Committee then went into session and sat until noon.

At one o'clock the afternoon session was opened and officers' reports presented, after which the meeting adjourned to accept the invitation of the local Division for a trip over the lift lock and down the river on the steamer Water Lily, after which it was proposed to take a ride around the city on the street cars. An evening session will be held to-night and it is expected that the meeting will conclude on Tuesday.

The past year has been a most successful one for this Order. Eight new divisions have been organized, and a large number of new members have been added. Reports from different parts of the province, indicate the fact that the Order is in a most flourishing condition.

About fifty members of the Ladies' Auxiliary are also present at this session.

The Provincial Officers who are in attendance at this meeting, are as follows:

Vice-Pres.—J. J. Lynch, Peterboro. Secretary—Thos. O'Dowd, Hamilton.

Treasurer—Ralph J. Slattery, Arnprior.

Provincial Insurance Secretary—Frank J. Walsn.

Board of Directors—C. J. Foy, Perth; W. A. O'Mara, Pembroke; J. H. Lowry, St. Thomas; Dr. C. B. Coughlin, Peterboro, and Frank Slade, Toronto.

Delegates from York County—A. T. Herson, Hugh McCaffery, M. J. Ryan, Wm. Richardson, H. McCarthy, Thos. Callahan, O. Gannon, B. McWilliams, J. Hennessy, P. Wallace, J. Daniels, E. Moore, D. Madden, J. Hurst, Jas. Conlan, Hugh Kelly, Jas. Kennedy, J. B. McCauley.

Report has it that there is a proposal on foot to acquire Lundy Island, England, now for sale, and make it a refuge for nuns driven out of France.

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\$906,912.64.

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HEAD OFFICE: TORONTO, CANADA.

The Rev. Father Stadelman, S.J., has been transferred from Georgetown to New York, where he will edit and manage The Transcript, a paper for the blind.

The articles on exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, last year, were insured for \$3,000,000 and were of an estimated value of twice that amount. This year both insurance and value is expected to be half as large again.

TEA IS BENEFICIAL.

The notion that tea is injurious to persons of weak nerves is a false idea, as has been proved by the eminent scientist Jonathan Hutchinson. Tea, in reality, is a nerve nutrient and is extremely beneficial to weak nerves, especially when you use pure tea, direct from the gardens and packed in sealed lead packages, such as "SALADA" Tea, which received the Highest Award and Gold Medal at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904.

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