

GENERAL NEWS.

CLERICAL CHANGES.

His Lordship the Bishop of Hamilton has made the following changes and appointments:—

Rev. F. O'Reilly has been transferred to St. Mary's, Brantford, by the authority of the Bishop, to succeed Father Barker, who has been ordered to retire to the community of St. Basil.

Rev. J. P. Cummings succeeds Father O'Reilly in East Brantford.

Rev. H. Cleary, of Dundas, succeeds Father Cummings as curate at St. Basil's, Brantford.

Rev. J. Donnelly, formerly of this diocese, has, by special dispensation of the Holy See, been incorporated into the diocese of Brantford.

CONDOLENCE.

At the last regular meeting of Div. No. 4, Ladies Auxiliary, A. O. H., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, to call from amongst us to a happy home in Heaven our beloved sister, Carrie Deary, aged 22 years, who died on the 23rd inst., we, the members of Div. No. 4, Ladies Auxiliary, A. O. H., do hereby express our sincere sympathy with the parents and family of our deceased sister, and pray that God and His Blessed Mother will comfort them in their hour of affliction.

Be it resolved, that we, the officers and members of Div. No. 4, Ladies Auxiliary, A. O. H., do hereby express our sincere sympathy with the parents and family of our deceased sister, and pray that God and His Blessed Mother will comfort them in their hour of affliction.

Be it further resolved, that our char-ter be draped in mourning for three months, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, a copy entered on the minutes of the Society and one sent to the Catholic Register for publication.

Signed on behalf of the Division, M. McDonnell, Pres. B. Egan, Rec. Sec.

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At the last meeting of Branch No. 1, I.C.B.U., the following resolution was adopted:—

"Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take unto Himself our esteemed brother, Christopher O'Brien, who departed this life April 18th, 1900,

Be it therefore resolved, that the officers and members of Branch No. 1, I.C.B.U., do hereby express our sincere sympathy with the family of our deceased brother, and pray that God and His Blessed Mother will comfort them in their hour of affliction, and we pray that the soul of our brother may grant eternal rest unto the soul of the deceased.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be recorded in the minutes of this Branch, a copy forwarded to Bro. O'Brien, and a copy sent to the Catholic Register for publication.

Signed on behalf of Branch No. 1, I.C.B.U. "Wm. Murphy, Pres." "Thos. O'Donnell, Sec." Toronto, April 24th, 1900.

THEY PLAYED EUCHRE.

The Sanctuary Society of St. Patrick's Church, Ottawa, held an enjoyable euchre party in the banquet hall of the Hotel Queen, on Monday evening, April 23rd.

The party was attended by over 200 people. Every one had plenty of entertainment. After spending some time in the game of euchre, dancing was carried on for several hours.

Prof. McGreggor rendered music, and refreshments were also an important part of the programme. The members of the Sanctuary were assisted in looking after the comfort of the guests by a number of ladies.

In the euchre contests the gentlemen's prizes were taken by Messrs. J. McEvoy and T. Tobin, and the ladies' prizes were won by Mrs. M. Barry and Miss M. O'Malley. The affair was very much a success.

The chapersons were Mesdames H. C. Bright, F. Slater, M. Wm. Lewis, A. Young, P. J. Ross, J. Franklin, M. Gaudin, J. Clarke, J. Pumper.

The young ladies' committee consisted of Misses A. Ryan, A. Earlight, N. Enright, M. O'Grady, C. Rajotte, A. O'Brien, S. Mooney, H. Hickey, N. Burns, K. Holkutt, J. Hart.

The committee of the Sanctuary Society was made up of Messrs. J. J. Enright, president; C. Young, secretary; J. Kennedy, treasurer; J. McMillen, J. Mooney, J. O'Brien.

STOPPED THE FUNERAL.

Owen Sound, April 19.—A sensation was caused this morning when Mr. C. C. Pearce, on behalf of Edward Sharp, E. Buzza, Mrs. Fairburn and Mrs. Gladstone, residents of Derby Township, stopped the funeral procession of the late Mrs. Wm. Lowe, who expired suddenly in St. Mary's Church on Monday morning, and served a notice upon Rev. Father Buckley, Wm. Lowe, husband of the deceased, Patrick McInnis and Richard Baxter, heirs of Rev. Father Buckley, forbidding them to create a nuisance by taking a cemetery by force, and establishing a cemetery there, the property is on the outskirts of the town, a quarter of a mile south of Greenwood Cemetery, and was recently purchased by Mr. McInnis from Mr. Sharp and turned over to St. Mary's congregation. The former owners claim the land given to under-stand the property was purchased for private residential purposes, and that it would not be used as a cemetery. After a consultation with Rev. Father Buckley, parties to the funeral proceeded, and the interment was made. The residents of the vicinity strongly object to the establishment of a cemetery in the neighborhood, but in the absence of a township by-law making the consent of the municipality obligatory, it is believed that the cemetery are acting within their legal rights.

A new R. C. church is to be erected at St. Charles, Prince Edward's Island. The building will be of sandstone and the estimated price is in the vicinity of \$25,000.

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.

The third open meeting of the St. Paul's Catholic Truth Society took place last evening at 8 o'clock in the hall, 111, Power St., and was attended by a large and appreciative audience. A select programme of music and recitations was rendered in an extremely creditable manner and much enjoyed by all present. The object of these open meetings is to enlarge the membership of the Society and to cultivate the social bonds that should knit the members of a congregation to each other.

The intellectual feature of the evening was a most interesting lecture on the life of St. Anthony, the hermit, and the founder of monasticism, by the Rev. Father Hand, pastor of St. Paul's church. In his lecture the speaker dealt with the life of St. Anthony, born A. D. 251 in Upper Egypt, hearing at mass the words,—"If thou wilt be perfect, go sell what thou hast and give to the poor," he gave away all his possessions. He then began an ascetic life, and taught him the spiritual life, visited various solitudes, copying in himself the principal virtues of each, and finally immersed himself in the desert to live his life apart from the world. Here he triumphantly repelled the temptations of the evil one, overcoming them by his confidence in God and the sign of the Cross. His only food was bread with a little salt and water, sleeping for the most part on the bare rock. He wore the sack-cloth and sheepskin, and often prayed from sunset to sunrise. Many souls flocked to him for advice, and after twenty years of solitude he consented to guide them in holiness, thus founding the first monastic order. Father Hand recommended to the officers of the Catholic Truth Society the study of the lives of the Monks, who had always been the first to be attacked by the enemies of the Church.

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HON. MR. COSTIGAN'S LUNCHEON TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF IRISH SOCIETIES.

As reported in the Ottawa Journal the luncheon given to the representatives of Irish Societies by the Hon. Mr. Costigan was a splendid affair.

The Irish Catholic Societies of the city of Ottawa have a staunch friend and supporter in Hon. John Costigan. With the view of bringing together the various leading representatives of these associations, Mr. Costigan invited them to luncheon in the Senate restaurant yesterday.

Besides those who included two or three personal friends, the dining-room was tastefully decorated for the occasion. There was on the one end of the room a painting of Her Majesty the Queen, and at the other a green banner of the St. Patrick's Literary Society, on which was a picture of St. Patrick, with the words "St. Patrick's Literary Society, Ottawa, Ontario, 1887."

At the side table were seated the Hon. Mr. Costigan, and a copy of the St. Patrick's Literary Society, on which was a picture of St. Patrick, with the words "St. Patrick's Literary Society, Ottawa, Ontario, 1887."

Mr. Costigan in referring to the good work done by the Irish Catholic organizations of the city said that he had some knowledge of what they were doing, as he came to Ottawa first as a representative in 1867, and was a permanent resident of that city since 1882.

He always felt that those who were engaged in this way ought to have an opportunity of meeting more or less together, and he saw around him the heads of the St. Patrick's Literary Society, the oldest of the Irish societies in the city, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which came next, the C. M. R. A., which had branches in every section of the city, the Irish Catholic Societies of the City of Ottawa, coupled with the names of D'Arcy Scott and John Gorman.

Responses were made by Messrs. D'Arcy Scott, Gorman, Cross, J. P. Dunne and Hon. Dr. Gaerlin, of Montreal.

Mr. Costigan, in reply, said that as their meeting was an informal one, and as there was no programme, that fact would account for the sudden turn of affairs. There was to be no politics talked, and it was difficult for one like himself, who had spent so much time in the political arena, not referring to such matters. He would merely say that for forty years he had retained the confidence of his constituents. He never would be the slave of any political party. At one time he had made up his mind to quit politics, but in view of what had taken place he was going back once more to seek re-election in Victoria. N. E. (Cheers.) He never made any boast but he thought that after the election they would see his family, such as once in the political arena, not referring to such matters. He would merely say that for forty years he had retained the confidence of his constituents.

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NEW BISHOP OF VANCOUVER.

Rome, April 20.—The Pope had a secret consistory yesterday, and previous members of the consistory, including Mgr. Donato Sbarretti of Havana, Mgr. Alois of Savannah and Mgr. Bortraud of Vancouver.

EASTERN SERVICES.—The Easter services at the R. C. Church, Hildesheim, were interesting and impressive. The altars and sanctuary were bright with flowers, plants and palms and the music was excellent. The number of communicants was very large, the members of the C. M. R. A. approaching 100.

The death occurred at No. 297 Budge street, Peterboro, on the 17th inst., of Mary O'Brien, wife of Mr. Daniel Sullivan. Deceased had been a long and patient sufferer and her death cannot be said to have been unexpected.

The late Mrs. Sullivan was the daughter of the late Daniel O'Brien, and was born in Cobourg, seventy-one years ago. In 1818 she married her bereaved husband in Douro and has since lived in Peterboro, with the exception of two years which were spent in the United States. Her husband, Mr. Daniel Sullivan, is one of the oldest and most highly respected settlers in the community, and it was he who conducted the first separate school ever instituted in Peterboro.

Deceased was a true member of the Roman Catholic Church and was beloved by all who had her intimate acquaintance. Besides her bereaved husband she leaves to mourn her demise, three sisters. These are Mrs. Flaherty, of Douro, Mrs. Couler, living in the United States, and Mrs. Ayotte, of Young's Point.

PASTORAL VISITS.—His Grace Archbishop Duhamel announces pastoral visits for this district as follows:—L'Original, May 23, 28 and 24; Vanhook Hill, May 24, 25 and 26; Hawkebury, May 26, 27 and 28; St. Anne at Brockton, May 28, 29 and 30; St. Anne at Brockton, June 1 and 2; Rockland, August 15, 19 and 20; St. Victor d'Alfred, Aug. 24, 25 and 26; Plantagenet, August 28, 29 and 30; St. Andrew's-Provost, August 30, 31 and 1st September; St. Joseph, September 1, 2 and 3.

GOLDWIN SMITH'S POLITICAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.—Editor Register.—In your issue of April 6th, your Chicago correspondent refers approvingly to Goldwin Smith's Political History of the United Kingdom. Thinking that some of your readers may not have had time or opportunity to study this work, I have endeavored to review briefly a few of the author's opinions on things that are of great interest to our English history who is accepted unreservedly by Mr. Smith as being of a saintly character. This is his summing up:—"He is one of the most beautiful and sweetest characters of the Middle Ages, a heart, indeed, not without a certain egotism, combining piety, meekness, humility, simplicity, freedom from everything carnal or worldly, with active benevolence and virtue."

"As an educator he was the apostle of a great and better method of teaching, logging the established treatment in those days, and when a schoolmaster complained to him that though he was always flogging his boys they did not get on, he answered that the reason why they were always being flogged, was that they were always being flogged."

Anselm, who had been nominated by the King during a fit of repentance, soon fell from grace because of being over-zealous in his desire to save the King's soul, and those of his courtiers. The answer of the King to Anselm's prayer that he might be restored to royal favor sounds very much like that of a would-be bribe in this nineteenth century, "that he could not do it because he knew of no reason why he should."

Anselm, unable to bear longer the extortion and blackmail of the King, asked for a license to go to Rome. This was refused at first by the King, but finally granted, with the threat that he would forfeit the estates of Canterbury by going. The Archbishop was received with great honours at Rome, where he shone as a theologian and teacher; afterwards went into retirement at Lyons, where he died. He is said to be the only one to weep tears of genuine sorrow on the demise of this free-thinking, hard-denying monarch of the eleventh century.

Of Thomas Becket our author does not hold a very favorable opinion; he depicts this Catholic saint engaging in a violent controversy with Henry II, with respect to church privileges and the jurisdiction of Ecclesiastical courts as well as the appointment of Bishops to see to them, and thus absorbing them from their oath, while himself undergoing penance until he

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