

Ecclesiastical Notes and Comments.

A TOUCHING CELEBRATION. — On Tuesday last, at 9 a.m., the Church of St. Anne's Recollet was the scene of a most touching and edifying celebration.

The late Mr. Racicot was born at Boucherville, the 2nd December, 1802, of Pierre Racicot—a farmer—and Marie Des Anges Laporte.

Mr. Racicot married a second time, taking Leocadie Tremblay, of Sault au Recollet, Mgr. Racicot, Vicar-General, and Mr. Ernest Racicot, advocate of Sweetsburg, and former member for Missisquoi, were born of this latter marriage.

We can join in this unique event by uniting our prayers with those of all who participated therein. We pray for the soul of the departed father, and also that God may grant long years to come to his gifted and saintly son and grandson, to continue their noble work in the cause of the Church and for His greater glory.

DEATH OF A PRIEST. — Last week the Seminary of St. Sulpice lost another of its old and greatly beloved priests in the person of the late Abbe Alfred Tranchemontagne, P.S.S. After several weeks' illness, at the hospital of the Grey Nuns, on Guy street—of which institution he has for some years been the zealous chaplain—Father Tranchemontagne passed peacefully to his reward.

On Monday last a Requiem Mass was chanted in the chapel of that institution, whence his remains were transferred to the Seminary on Notre Dame street. On Monday evening the coffin was taken to Notre Dame Church, and there the grand priest remained until Tuesday morning. A solemn Mass was sung on Tuesday, at 8.30 in the forenoon, after which the remains were taken, amidst a vast concourse of sorrowing friends and companions to the crypt of the Grand Seminary. All are requested to offer a prayer for his soul.

AN ORDINATION CEREMONY. — The many friends of Rev. James Killoran, nephew of Mr. John Killord, of McCord street, will be pleased to learn that he will be ordained

to-morrow (Sunday) at Ste. Therese, and that he will say his first Mass in St. Anne's Church on the following day, Monday, the 15th inst., as well as officiate at Grand Mass in the same Church on Sunday, the 21st. On the latter occasion the Rev. Father Heffernan will preach the sermon.

C. N. D.—The elections for the administrative offices of the Congregation de Notre Dame, which are only held every six years, took place on June 5th, under the presidency of His Grace Archbishop Bruchest, in the Mother House on St. John Baptiste street, with the following results:—

Mother-General, Mother St. Anaclet.

1st Assistant, Mother St. Marie-Josephine.

2nd Assistant, Mother of the Immaculate Conception.

3rd Assistant, Mother St. Beatrice.

4th Assistant, Mother St. Marcel.

Bursar, Sister St. Marie de l'Esperance.

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General Mistress of Studies, Sister St. Marie-Euphrosyne.

Provincial of Notre Dame, Mother St. John Baptiste.

Provincial of Montreal, Mother St. Aglaie.

Provincial of Ville-Marie, Mother St. Alice.

Provincial of Quebec, Mother St. Sabine.

Provincial of Ontario, Mother St. Cecilia.

Provincial of Maritime Provinces, Mother St. Angelina.

The new Mother-General has in the past occupied important positions in the community. She has been Mistress of Studies and Director of the Normal School in connection with the Order, and is held in the highest esteem. Her appointment to the honored office has met with general approval. The third Assistant to the Superior-General—Mother St. Beatrice—is English-speaking and enjoys the reputation of being an able administrator. The new Provincial of the Province of Ontario, which includes supervision of the establishment of the Order in the United States, Mother St. Cecilia, who is well known in Canada and the United States, having been Superior of the Gloucester street Convent at Ottawa, and of the convent in Waterbury, Conn.

The Congregation of Notre Dame has always been held in high esteem in this province by the English-speaking section, and particularly by our race and creed; upon its rolls of membership are inscribed many names of bright and clever young Irish girls of our well known families. It has had the loyal support and co-operation of all Irish Catholic homes and we do not hesitate to say without being guilty of any indiscretion, that we hope to see the dawn of the day when one of our section of the community will hold a place still higher on the honor roll of the administration. The Order has done much in Montreal for our race, and the right thinking loyal Irish men and women are not unmindful of that fact, as they have shown on more than one occasion. Its achievements have furnished many bright pages to Canadian history, during a period of more than two and a half centuries. May it continue in its noble task for centuries to come and may Irish hands and Irish hearts long unite in promoting its welfare, not alone in sending pupils to its establishments, but also in swelling its ranks with those whom God may deign to bless with the graces of a religious vocation.

BEQUESTS OF LATE

HON. JAMES O'BRIEN

The bequests to public charities provided for by the Will of the late Senator James O'Brien made some six years ago, are as follows:—

Table listing bequests: Montreal St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum \$2,000.00, Montreal St. Bridget's Refuge 2,000.00, Montreal General Hospital 2,000.00, Notre Dame Hospital 2,000.00, Little Sisters of the Poor 1,500.00, Providence Nuns 500.00, Total \$10,000.00

OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Like other sections of the land Ottawa is feeling the benefits of the rain. There is a complete change in the aspect of the country since the heavens have sent us this refreshing weather. The session is still on and is likely to last out the month of June. Nothing of any moment has yet taken place. The week has been spent in the rushing through of some Government measures, and in the continuation of the estimates. Most of the private legislation is done, and there remains only the big Grand Trunk Pacific scheme of railway to be settled and that is likely to be one of the difficult knots of the session. As far as the Redistribution Bill goes there is no knowing yet when it may come before the House—if the committee ever gets ready to report on it.

In the religious world of Ottawa there has been quite a lot of news this past week. On Saturday, the 6th June, Rev. Father Kelly, a young and promising Irish priest, was ordained and on Sunday he said his first Mass at the University.

Rev. Father Kirwin acted as assisting priest, and the sermon, an eloquent effort, was preached by Rev. Father James Fallon. A large number of relatives and friends of the new priest assisted at the Holy Sacrifice.

The celebrant of High Mass at the Holy Family Church, Ottawa East, on the same morning, was a newly ordained priest, Rev. Father Sasseville. The scholaestical choir rendered Bordelaise's beautiful Mass, the solos being well taken. During the Offertory the boy sopranos, Masters J. Tighe, Mavielle and Leclerc, sang with good effect.

A procession of the Blessed Sacrament will be held next Sunday.

In St. Patrick's Church, on Sunday, at the children's Mass, Archbishop Duhamel gave First Communion and administered Confirmation to one hundred and eight children—forty-eight girls and sixty boys, and at High Mass at 10.30 His Grace paid his pastoral visit to the parish, making his solemn entry into the Church and being received at the door by the pastor, Rev. Father Whelan. After the usual ceremonies pertaining to the occasion were performed, His Grace assisted at the throne at solemn Mass, of which Rev. Father Patrick, of the Capuchin Monastery, was celebrant. The Archbishop preached a beautiful sermon on Faith.

At the parish church of the Holy Family, Ottawa East, which is in charge of the Oblate Fathers, the beautiful and impressive ceremony of blessing the fine new bell took place on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

His Grace Archbishop Duhamel officiated, assisted by Rev. Father Seguin of the Palace. When the bell was christened, receiving the name "Mary Immaculate," the following ladies and gentlemen stood sponsors: Hon. Sir Elzear and Lady Tacheau, Hon. F. R. and Mrs. A. Belcourt, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Davis, Mr. James O'Gara and Mrs. M. O'Gara, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Slattery, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. St. Laurent, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Patenaude, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lemay.

Rev. Wm. J. Murphy, O.M.I., pastor of St. Joseph's parish, to which the English-speaking members of the Holy Family congregation formerly belonged, delivered a splendid sermon, in which he pointed out the reasons the people have for being grateful in possessing, within two years after the formation of their parish, such a trim and substantial edifice as this is, in which to hear Mass and attend the various religious services of the church. Speaking of the ceremony of blessing of the bell, Father Murphy showed the spiritual significance of it as the instrument seemed in the functions it was called upon to perform, to be endowed with intelligence, and even possessed of a soul. He traced the invention of bells as means of summoning worshippers to prayer as far back as the fifth century. The bell, he said, is the friend of man. At his admission to the church it rings out joyously, and at his death, it mournfully publishes the fact to the world.

Rev. X. Portelance, O.M.I., who as rector of the Sacred Heart parish, was formerly the parish priest of the French portion of the Holy Family congregation, delivered an inspiring sermon in French, eulogizing the bell as the instrument by means of which the various sentiments of the human heart are most eloquently expressed. No matter, he said, how eloquent and far-reaching the voice of the priest may be, the bell, from its bell-tower, joy, alarm or invitation many, many times farther.

The bell cost \$475; the weight is 1,250 pounds, and it is 9 feet 7 inches in circumference at the base; 5 feet 5 inches around the top, and it stands 3 feet 3 inches high. Its musical note is "G" sharp.

If Ottawa has not any very wonderful freaks to exhibit, at least it has some queer and even eccentric people within its bounds. There is no need of making any comment upon the following:—

The late S. J. Major some time before his death gave instructions as to his funeral, and his wishes, calling for a somewhat novel hearse, will be carried out to the letter. A large carriage is to be used, on which three platforms are erected, 14 feet by 7, 12 by 5 and 10 by 3, one above the other, each about one foot high. On the top of these the coffin inclosing the remains of deceased will be placed. The entire hearse, with a graceful canopy 8 feet high, will be covered with black cashmere, and bound with a handsome gilt moulding, three inches wide. The inside of the canopy will be lined with purple and the structure will be surrounded by a beautiful cross. It was Mr. Major's wish that the carriage be burned after it is used.

There is something akin to the cremation idea in this peculiar desire expressed by a dying man. However, we have no right to object as it is probably none of our business. Still we cannot help thinking that the cost of the car would have been more profitable to all concerned had it been expended in Masses.

Mr. Frank McCabe, formerly of Montreal, and now of Ottawa, has just returned from the funeral of his mother, which took place last Thursday at Glennevis, in Lancaster, County Glengarry. The late Mrs. McCabe was 84 years of age, and had lived 40 years in the one place, and by her exemplary and thoroughly Christian life she had won the esteem of all the country around and had given an unbroken example of pure Catholic devotion. The funeral service was celebrated by Rev. Father McCrae, of Glennevis. The attendance was very large. There remain to lament her loss, out of a large family, only four children—two brothers and a sister at the old homestead, and one brother who is now a resident of this city. The "True Witness," whose many Glengarry subscribers are friends of the bereaved family, joins the expression of its condolence to that of so many friends of the deceased, and prays that her soul may rest in peace.

Quebec's Irish Fervor.

On the 27th May last Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., addressed a meeting in Tara Hall, Quebec, which was held under the auspices of the Quebec Branch of the United Irish League. Mr. Felix Carbray, president of the branch, and one of the most practically patriotic Irishmen in Canada, occupied the chair. The audience was most enthusiastic and widely representative. It is not as a mere report, for the event took place some weeks since, that we now recall it to our readers, nor need we give the various details; but our intention is simply to illustrate the fervid spirit of honest Irish patriotism that prevails in the ancient Capital. After a most timely and hearty address was read by Mr. Carbray, Mr. Devlin delivered a lengthy and eloquent speech in which, amidst reiterated applause, he related the story of Ireland's present-day struggle. Then the President explained that the object of the meeting was to secure funds to enable the Irish Parliamentary party to carry on the good work in the cause of Ireland. Nearly \$900 were there and then collected, which with the ticket sale made a sum of \$1,000. It is only just that we should give the names of the first subscribers, for this is a lesson that cannot receive too much publicity, both as an encouragement to others and as a small mark of the appreciation merited by those patriotic Irishmen of Quebec.

The first to respond to the appeal for funds was the Quebec Division of

the A.O.H., which subscribed \$50. Mr. J. A. Lane followed with \$10 from the people of St. Roch's, when Mr. J. G. Hearn, M.P.P., called out \$50, then the amounts came in thick and fast. The following are the names of subscribers and amounts: W. Power, M.P., \$50; A. O. H., \$50; F. Carbray, \$25; Father McCarthy, C.S.S.R., \$25; Father Maguire, \$25; Ald. P. Hogan, \$25; Ald. B. Leonard, \$25; P. Evoy, \$25; J. Timmons, \$25; Dr. Brophy, \$25; Dr. Ahern, \$25; Mr. H. O'Sullivan, \$20; Ald. Madden, \$15; T. Delany, \$15; J. E. M., \$15; Frank Carrell, \$15; Hon. E. J. Flynn, \$15; Mrs. C. Ballarge, \$10; J. A. Lane, \$10; E. Foley, \$10; Mr. E. Connolly, \$10; J. E. Walsh, \$10; F. Gunn, \$10; Wm. Lee, \$10; M. Foley, \$10; M. Monaghan, \$10; M. W. Coleman, \$10; W. J. Breen, \$10; Prof. J. Wallace, \$10; J. Gallagher, C.E., \$10; A. Conway, \$10; M. Tucker, \$10; Ferguson Murphy, \$10; Mr. Behan, \$10; J. Timmony, \$10; W. Murphy, \$5; L. A. Cannon, \$5; John Martin, \$5; J. Kelly, \$5; J. J. O'Flaherty, \$5; Thos. Murphy, \$5; Deputy Chief Walsh, \$5; D. Kennedy, \$5; M. Dinan, \$5; E. Lennon, \$5; J. C. Sullivan, \$5; Ald. Griffin, \$5; J. W. McDermott, \$5; J. Howard, \$5; P. B. McHugh, \$5; J. A. Collier, \$5; M. W. Collier, \$5; Dennis Coveney, \$5; W. Carbray, \$5; Thos. Carbray, \$5; C. T. Donnelly, \$5; J. P. Donnelly, \$5; G. Mulrooney, \$5; W. & J. McManamy, \$5; J. McGovern, \$5; J. G. Boyce, \$5; P. O'Farrell, \$5; R. Swindell, \$5; J. Monaghan, \$5.

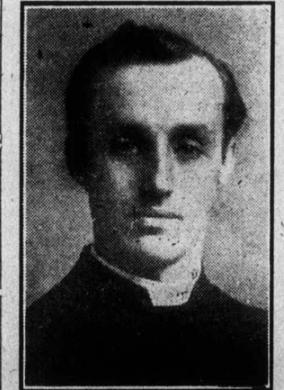
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Movements of Our Clergy.

Last week we announced several changes which are to take place in the ranks of the clergy of the Mother Irish parish—St. Patrick's.

This week we have to add, with regret, the name of Rev. P. McGrath to the list of our spiritual guides who will sever their connection with that parish during the approaching vacation.

Father McGrath, it may be said without hesitation, has devoted his best energies to the various important tasks entrusted to him by the two pastors under whom he has served. In addition to performing his share of the duties immediately associated with the services, in the pulpit, and in the confessional, he has been director of St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society and the



REV. P. McGRATH.

Holy Name Society. In his enthusiasm and solicitude for the rising generation he founded a junior branch of the temperance society which exercised an influence over the minds and hearts of a large number of our youth that it would be difficult to estimate at present.

Father McGrath has never sought to hide his feelings of pride in beholding the progress of St. Patrick's parish and the happiness it afforded him in watching its members, young and old, of both sexes, march along in the van of progress in their respective spheres. In bidding adieu to scenes wherein he has labored for many years, Father McGrath may accept the assurance that his name will always be treasured with a feeling of affection and his future endeavors will be watched by the parishioners of St. Patrick's.

VISITORS AT PRESBYTERIES

Mgr. Gauthier, of Kingston, was a welcome guest at St. Patrick's presbytery this week. He is an old friend of the present pastor.

Another visitor of this week at St. Patrick's, was the Rev. Garrett Dolan of Pittsfield, Mass.

Our Fraternal Societies.

ST. GABRIEL'S T. A. AND B. — At a recent meeting of this society feeling references were made to the recent death of Daniel, son of an esteemed member—Mr. John McCarthy—and a resolution of condolence was accordingly passed.

C. O. F.—The sixth annual provincial convention of the Catholic Order of Foresters was held at Lachine this week. The delegates were numerous and were received by the local Court. High Mass was celebrated the first day of the convention, at which Rev. Father Adam, P.P., Sacred Heart Church, officiated; assisted by Rev. Father Four-ouge and Cullinan, as deacon and sub-deacon.

Sermons were preached in French and English by Rev. Father Ignace Adam and Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan respectively. Father Callaghan emphasized the necessity of harmony between the members of the Order and of faith in God and the Church. Lord Nelson had inspired his men with the words, "England expects every man to do his duty." So to-day the Church looked to every member of the Catholic Order of Foresters for loyal support. Let them obey the command of St. Paul and live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world.

After the service a procession was held through the principal streets of the town, the music being furnished by the bands of Caughnawaga, Presentation, St. Hyacinthe, St. Jerome and St. Henri.

The official report of the secretary of the Provincial Court shows 227 courts in existence, with 17,360 members in good standing, as against 14,162 in 1901. The annual statement of affairs gives assets amounting to \$27,561.48, and disbursements totalling \$17,866.47.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY. — At its recent meeting St. Patrick's Society voted the sum of \$50 to the fund in aid of the sufferers of the disastrous fire at St. Hyacinthe.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY.—On Sunday last this most prosperous organization, associated with St. Patrick's parish, made a pilgrimage to Notre Dame de Lourdes, where a High Mass was celebrated by the Director, Rev. P. McGrath, and Rev. M. J. McKenna preached an eloquent sermon. The beautiful new banner of the society was blessed on the occasion.

A Great Missionary.

In Boston preparations are being made to celebrate the centenary of the dedication of the first Catholic Church in New England. A London Catholic organ says that this centenary has a special interest for Londoners, because the preacher on the occasion of the dedication of the church referred to—Holy Cross—was Rev. John Cheverus, who founded the mission of St. Francis, Tottenham, England, the centenary of which was celebrated a few years ago. Father Cheverus was afterwards made Bishop of Boston, and later further honored by being transferred to the French Archbishopric of See of Bordeaux, during the occupancy of which he was created Cardinal.

The same organ adds that it is a rare distinction for one priest to have left his mark so plainly in his work in three so diverse lands as England, America, and France. The Church of Christ has produced some wonderful men, and like herself, many of them have given their lives to humanity and to all nations—which means simply the giving of them to God.

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A GOOD ANSWER. — pleases us more than a effective answer to those are ever seeking to buy ies and create trouble Catholic affairs, who they know absolutely the Church, beyond w picked from most sources. Recently a w "Alfred Porcelli"—an to all appearance se the London "Universe, says:—"Sir,—I see you styl England's unfortunate mistaken move a visit to the Vatican," saw nothing, practical tican," confining himself talk with the Bishop of private room. "The V. building. Nor was the visit co in the true meaning of was politic perhaps, a make things work mo Ireland, Canada, Maltr fia, where those Br who are co-religionists of Rome give no end their bluster, their