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—PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

SEE OF JOLIETTE.—His Grace the Archbishop has addressed a letter to the parish priests of the district to be comprised in the new diocese of Joliette. The letter informs them that in the very near future, much sooner than His Grace had expected, when he drafted his list of pastoral visits for this summer, the Bishop of Joliette would be named. His intention was to visit the different parishes at marked periods this summer, but he has now concluded that, while he is depriving himself of a great pleasure, he would prefer to allow the new Bishop to make the pastoral tour, confirm the children now prepared, and make the acquaintance of his flock. It would be a great pleasure for the children and parents to have the new Bishop, on his first visitation, confirm the little ones, and would be equally a pleasure for the coming chief pastor of the new diocese.

GIFTS TO THE POPE.—Ex-Queen Isabella, of Spain, left a large portion of her great fortune to the Pope. Her personal property was much greater than had been expected. Several donations or bequests have been made by sovereigns to the Vicar of Christ within recent years. Why does not the Italian Government take possession of these sums? It has as much right to them as it has to the Papal States. Both came to the Pope of Rome in the same legitimate manner. These millions of money are lawful gifts from royal persons, princes, and rulers; the Papal domain consisted also of gifts from Kings, Emperors, Princes and rulers who owned the property and gave it to the Pope for the Church. If the usurpation of the Papal States is legitimate, so would be the seizure of ex-Queen Isabella's bequests.

AN EXPIATORY TEMPLE.—The proposed expiatory temple of the Sacred Heart, the Montmarie of Brussels, is now planned in detail, its erection taken up officially, and announced in a collective pastoral of the Belgian Bishops as a memorial of the seventy-fifth anniversary of national independence. A general committee has been formed by civil and ecclesiastical corporation; and on the plateau of Koekelberg an extensive space has been acquired and a new parish formed around it. Belgium was first consecrated to the Sacred Heart in 1868, and again, with the entire world, in 1899. In 1905 she will dedicate herself to the Heart of the Divine Master by raising, in the very heart of the country, a temple which will recall to the children yet unborn all that she owes to the benignant Providence of God.

OTTAWA UNIVERSITY.—On the 24th May, Tuesday next, "Victoria Day," the corner-stone of the new University of Ottawa will be laid. The old building, which was burned last year, was large enough, but not wholly up to modern requirements. The new building will not only be imposing in appearance, but will be modern in every respect. On Tuesday next educationalists, statesmen and rulers temporal and spiritual will be present. The Governor-General, the Parliamentary leaders, Mgr. Sbarretti, the Papal Delegate, Archbishop Duhamel, Chancellor of the University, the Archbishops and Bishops of other Canadian Sees, the heads of different religious orders,

the Lieutenant-Governors and Cabinet Ministers of other Provinces, and the heads of sister universities and seats of learning, will also be there. Cardinal Gibbons will pronounce the oration of the occasion. We hope to have a full report of the event in our next issue.

THE FRENCH ACADEMY.—There is grave trouble at the famous French Academy. It is over the appointment of a successor to the late M. Deschanel at the College of France. The Academy, who have the "right of recommendation" of a candidate for the post, had their own candidate in the person of one of their members, M. Ferdinand Brunetiere. This gentleman will be remembered in Montreal as the eloquent and learned French lecturer who made such a stir at Laval and at the Monument National with his brilliant addresses. The Government made it known that it would veto the appointment of M. Brunetiere, who is too much of a fighting Catholic for their taste. M. Brunetiere consequently withdrew his candidature, and the Academy, as a protest, refused to "recommend," and sent the Minister a plain sheet of white paper. Matters are thus at a standstill. It is well known that Ferdinand Brunetiere and Francois Coppee—both converts from anti-clericalism—are the leading lights in the sky of French literature to-day.

Shorthand in The Cloister.

An article by M. Leon Goudallier in "Cosmos" of Paris, states that the art of shorthand writing is not a modern invention, but was known to the ancients. "Learned men," it says, "believe that they have found it among the Phoenicians, the Egyptians, the Persians and the Hebrews; but they cannot prove their case. Among the Greeks and Romans, however, its existence is certain. With the advent of Christianity, the writer says that both the Greek and Latin systems of shorthand were extended, reaching their greatest development in the times of the persecutions; and he declares that it is to Christian natives who used shorthand that we are indebted for the accounts of the martyrs, for they were present at the trials of those who confessed Christ. M. Goudallier goes on to give instances of the early Christian use of shorthand. He says that Pope Clement I. (96 A.D.) divided Rome into seven districts, each with its stenographer; that St. Augustine tells us that his hearers took down his discourses in shorthand, and that at an early council held in Carthage there were required eight shorthand reporters to record the words of the prelates. Shorthand, M. Goudallier concludes, remained in common use until the seventh century. Then its decadence began, and it was little used; but it did not disappear entirely. Like so many other branches of human knowledge, it found a refuge in the cloisters, and thus in spite of the vicissitudes of the times was preserved from ruin. So here we have another instance of the service rendered to the world by the mediaeval monks who are sometimes called, by the flippant, the prejudiced, or the ignorant, "lazy," and "good for nothing."

LOCAL NOTES.

AT. ST. ANN'S.—The recent changes in the various parishes and establishments of the Redemptorist Order, which occur every three years, have deprived the parishioners of St. Ann's of the services of Rev. Father Caron, who during the past three years has discharged the important and onerous duties of Rector with so much satisfaction to all concerned. Father Caron had been previously associated with that parish at various intervals, and won the esteem and respect of not only those of whom he had direct spiritual charge, but also of the parishioners of other Irish parishes, who have learned to appreciate him for his many noble qualities of heart and mind. The saintly priest will, in future, be stationed at St. Anne de Beaupre.

One of the features of the changes will be the return of an old and cherished friend and spiritual guide known throughout this diocese, Rev. E. Strubbe, who during the long years of his association with the old parish had left the impress of his fervor and zeal in many notable ways in and around the parish Church. Father Strubbe has scores of friends in Montreal who will welcome him on his return to the old scenes. He is expected to arrive in Montreal within a few days.

The new Rector, Rev. P. Roux, enjoys a reputation in the ranks of the Order which will ensure for him a place in the affections of the large congregation over which he is now called to preside.

Rev. E. J. Flynn, Rev. L. Fortier, Rev. H. Rietvelt, Rev. J. McPhail, Rev. D. Holland and Rev. A. Trudel, who will be with Father Strubbe assistants to the Rector, are well known for their zeal and devotion to old St. Ann's.

PILGRIMAGES.—St. Ann's parish will hold two pilgrimages to St. Anne de Beaupre, as has been its custom for many years. The first will take place on July 9th for women and children, and the second on August 13th for men and children. The steamer Beaupre has been chartered for both occasions.

AT. ST. PATRICK'S.—Arrangements are now in progress by which the Catholic High School on Lagau-chetiere street, will again be the scene of activity for the rising generation of Irish Catholics. It is intended to transfer the pupils of St. Patrick's Boys School on Cote street to the beautiful building which has so long been vacant. Several pilgrimages are to be held in the early future, one to Rigaud and the other to St. Anne de Beaupre.

NOTRE DAME DE GRACE.—Rev. Father Dion has made arrangements for a pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre to be held on June 4th.

RETURNING HOME.—Bishop Macdonald, of Harbor Grace, will return to his beloved diocese this week after having spent nearly seven months at the Hotel Dieu. His medical adviser considers the distinguished prelate sufficiently restored in health to undertake the journey.

Rev. Father Murphy, the able and zealous secretary of His Lordship, will accompany him.

REV. FATHER CHISHOLM, who has been a patient at the Hotel Dieu for some time, will also leave for the East this week.

MR. BERNARD SULLIVAN, the well known baritone soloist, who has been in this city since he severed his connection with the Jefferson De Angeli Opera Company, and who is a favorite in Catholic circles owing to his many artistic interpretations of ballads at entertainments of Catholic organizations, will give a concert on Friday evening (this week) in the Windsor Hall. He will be assisted

by several musicians of acknowledged rank. We have no doubt that all our friends will avail themselves of the opportunity now afforded of showing their appreciation of Mr. Sullivan's talents as a vocalist of first rank.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Samuel Byrne, a former member of the local press and for many years a contributor to the editorial columns of the "Herald," and also a special correspondent of the True Witness, now editor of the Pittsburg "Observer," a prosperous Catholic American weekly, was in this city last week. He called at the "True Witness" to see his old friends. Mr. Byrne is a journalist of marked ability and has succeeded in introducing features in the "Observer" which have been much appreciated by the subscribers. In addition to his editorial duties he devotes much time to Irish national affairs. He is president of the Pittsburg branch of the United Irish League, as well as being associated with the administration of the A.O.H. and other Irish organizations. We are pleased to learn of the success of our old confrere in the great American beehive of industrial affairs where our race is prosperous.

THE CATHOLIC LAITY.

From a recent lecture on Catholic fraternal organizations delivered by Archbishop Gleason, we take the following extracts. His Grace said:

"Catholic lay activity can best be exercised in the form of the Catholic society, because in union there is strength and in deliberation the sanest results are always attained." A Catholic organization of laymen is, therefore, not only a commendable thing in the Church but merits, as it has always merited, the Church's blessing and encouragement. There has scarcely been a convention of Catholic laymen in this country for the past twenty years that did not obtain a special blessing for its body from the reigning Pontiff. And we know from the encyclicals of Leo XIII., that whenever he touched upon social activity, he always encouraged the formation of Catholic societies to the development of the same. Then again for a country that is largely non-Catholic, it is eminently proper for the members of the Church to band themselves together for the protection of their common faith and also for the assertion of their just rights. For, while it is true that in America there exist, from the standpoint of law, equal rights for all citizens, yet we know that there have been times when the law, though maintained in the letter, was not maintained in the spirit; that there were many, whether inspired by proper motives or not, who regarded it a duty to oppose Catholics and the Catholic Church. And, let it be said also, that we frequently notice discriminations even to-day, merely because of the religious beliefs of the people. There are some offices which no Catholic may attain, however well he may be fitted for the task; the fact that he is a Catholic is made the reason why he cannot receive that which he might attain if he were not of our faith. Again, upon the simpler grounds that the trend of the times is towards the formation of societies and that everybody now appears to regard it as a duty to belong to certain societies. It would appear as if Catholics had not only as strong, but much stronger reasons to patronize, than perhaps those who have no faith to defend and very few principles to assert. It will be seen then that the Church, as a wise mother, stands for the development of Catholic societies. Remarks have been made from time to time that the parish priest is either not in sympathy or positively hostile to the formation of a Catholic society in his parish. I would say that I do not believe this is true in the main, or if it be true it can be only because the society contemplated or already established is not genuinely Catholic. For a society to be Catholic it must be first of all pre-

pared to obey the rules of the Church concerning Catholic societies; it should have a chaplain who would be, not a figurehead, but a real force in its guidance; it should not depend upon the finances of the parish to sustain it; it should not be—unless it be altogether like the St. Vincent de Paul Society for the poor—it should not be a rival of the parish in raising money under the title of charity. The members of the society should not alone sustain themselves as a society, paying their just debts, helping one another in mutual interests, but ought to be prepared at all times to associate themselves with the priest of the parish for the development of parochial life and fulfillment of parochial duties. The Catholic society should be the select guard in the parish, prepared at all times to second their pastors' efforts and to act in conjunction with him in the various responsible duties he has to perform.

RECENT DEATHS.

MISS C. CULLINAN.—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cullinan, well known and highly esteemed members of St. Anne's parish, will have the sincere sympathy of their large circle of friends in this city in the great loss they sustained by the death of their daughter Catherine. Deceased, who was a graduate of St. Ann's and St. Patrick's academies, was a young lady of many talents. In religious societies, prior to her illness, she was a prominent figure, particularly in connection with the League of the Sacred Heart; while in all good works for the Church and poor she was most zealous.

Miss Cullinan had been an invalid for nearly two years, but it was only during the two months previous to her demise that she was unable to leave her room. She bore her illness with patience and calmness, and when the end came displayed that spirit of resignation so characteristic of all her actions during her all too brief career.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullinan have received many evidences of sympathy in their bereavement in the form of a large number of memorial cards for Masses to be said for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

The funeral, which took place on Wednesday morning from the family residence on Colborne street to St. Ann's Church, was attended by citizens from all districts of the city. A solemn Mass of Requiem was sung at which the brother of the deceased, Rev. A. P. Cullinan, of St. Mary's parish, officiated, assisted by Rev. M. L. Shea, of St. Anthony's, as deacon and Rev. James Killoran, of St. Patrick's, as sub-deacon.

In the sanctuary were noticed members of the clergy of various local parishes. The choir, under the direction of Prof. P. J. Shea, organist, assisted by the pupils of St. Ann's school, rendered the choral portion of the service in an impressive manner. After the Mass the funeral procession was reformed and wended its way to the Cote des Neiges cemetery, where the interment took place.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cullinan, Rev. A. P. Cullinan, and other members of the family, the True Witness offers its most sincere sympathy in their sad loss. R.I.P.

MR. JAMES MANNING.—This well known resident for long years in the East End, but recently residing in St. Michael's parish, passed away suddenly this week of heart failure. Mr. Manning had been connected with the Inland Revenue Department of this city for nearly a quarter of a century. He retired a few years ago. Of a kindly and quiet disposition, he made many friends during his long career. The funeral was held at St. Michael's Church, where a Requiem Mass was chanted. Many citizens were present, including the members of Branch 26, C.M.B.A., of which deceased was a member. The interment took place in Cote des Neiges Cemetery. Mr. Manning is survived by his widow, three daughters and four sons. R.I.P.

NOTES FROM QUEBEC.

(By our Own Correspondent.)

PILGRIMAGES.—The first pilgrimage of the season from this city took place on Sunday last to the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, under the auspices of Notre Dame d'Espérance Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Chaplain of the Conference accompanied the pilgrims, and the singing was entrusted to the choir of the Third Order of St. Francis. A very large number attended. Next Sunday the Congregants of Upper Town will make their annual pilgrimage to this famous shrine, where every year numerous miracles are wrought through the powerful intercession of St. Anne. Several other societies are at present making arrangements for pilgrimages, some of which will take place shortly.

ORDAINED PRIEST.—Mgr. Cloutier, Bishop of Three Rivers, arrived in Quebec on Saturday afternoon and immediately proceeded to Chateau Richer, where, on Sunday morning, His Lordship ordained Rev. Abbe Philippe Cauchon dit Laverdiere, in the parish Church. A large number of priests from this city and the surrounding parishes assisted at the imposing ceremony.

RETREAT.—On Wednesday, the 18th instant, a three days' retreat commenced in St. Patrick's Church for the children who are preparing for their first Holy Communion. The exercises of the retreat are being conducted by Rev. Father Delargy, C.S.S. R.

SACRED HEART LEAGUE.—On Ascension Thursday the young men of the League of the Sacred Heart of St. Jean Baptiste Church made their annual pilgrimage to the Church of Notre Dame des Victoires, in the Lower Town. Mass was celebrated at 8 o'clock, and a sermon preached by Abbe L. Larue. There was quite a large turn out of young men.

LAVAL UNIVERSITY.—On the occasion of his farewell audience with the Pope, on April 18, Mgr. Begin presented the Holy Father with an address from Laval University, extending congratulations on his accession to the Pontifical throne. His Holiness signified his intention of replying to the address.

FIRST COMMUNION.—On Sunday last ninety children, boys and girls, of St. Malo parish, made their First Communion. Rev. Father Genest officiated at the ceremony. At the convent of the Good Shepherd, as also at the Franciscan Convent the same ceremony took place on Sunday. On the 19th instant the children of St. Jean Baptiste parish will make their First Communion at the 7 o'clock Mass, and in the afternoon at 4 o'clock the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered.

ORDINATION.—At the Seminary Chapel on Sunday morning six priests were ordained. Only the parents of the young priests and students of the Seminary were admitted, the Chapel being too small to allow admittance to the public.

COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—The semi-annual meeting of the Catholic Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, for the transaction of general business, was held on Wednesday. On Monday morning Mgr. Bruchesi arrived in town to attend this meeting, and had an interview with the Premier the same day, afterwards attending a sub-committee meeting of the Council.

We may glean knowledge by reading, but the chaff must be separated from the wheat by thinking.