

Clerical News.

Rev. Father Gendreau, O. M. I., pastor of Notre Dame, Rat Portage, was here last Monday to arrange for the consecration of his church on Oct. 11. His Grace the Archbishop will perform the ceremony. It was at first thought that Bishop Émard, of Valleyfield, would be there in time to do so, but His Lordship has had to postpone his visit. As is well known all churches must be blessed, but few are consecrated, for consecration supposes freedom from debt at the time when the ceremony is performed. Notre Dame du Portage was blessed long ago, but it has only recently been freed from debt. Other churches in this diocese that have been consecrated are St. Augustine's, Brandon, consecrated on Aug. 29, 1903, by Mgr. Langevin, St. Mary's, St. Norbert's and the Cathedral consecrated in 1889 by the late Archbishop Fabre of Montreal. Father Drummond will preach at the consecration of Notre Dame on Oct. 11.

The Very Rev. Dom Benoit, C.R. I.C., was a guest at the Archbishop's palace last Monday, on his way to Montreal, where he will supervise the publication of his "Life of Archbishop Tache," on which he has been working for the past two years. He was accompanied by Rev. Dom Ambrose.

Rev. Dom Augustin, C.R. I.C., and Rev. Dom Ambrose, C.R. I.C., are guests of Hon. Senator Bernier, the father of Dom Augustin.

Rev. Charles Poirier, late of St. Maurice, Assa., is about to take charge of the new parish of St. Georges de Chateauguay between here and Fort Alexander. He will be succeeded at St. Maurice by his brother, the Rev. Napoleon Poirier, late curate at L'Ange Gardien, Que.

Rev. Father Canpeau was in town on Thursday.

Rev. Father Camiran, curate at St. Eustache, was here at the beginning of the week.

Rev. H. Hogue, pastor of St. Adelard, came in on business last Tuesday and returned to his parish the next day.

Rev. Father O'Connell, of the diocese of Winona, preached at High Mass in St. Mary's last Sunday. He left the next day to visit some of his friends in the west.

Rev. Father Boutin, E. M. I., of Whitewood, was here last Wednesday on business connected with his new establishment in the west.

Rev. Father O'Dwyer, O. M. I., left last Tuesday for Rat Portage for a few days' rest.

Rev. Father Joyal, parish priest of St. Stanislaus, diocese of Three Rivers, returned on Wednesday, after spending a fortnight viewing the Northwest. He is delighted with this country. He was accompanied by the Registrar of Champlain county, Mr. Trudel.

Obituary

DEATH OF DR. BOURBEAU.
At nine o'clock last Tuesday morning a life of great promise was cut off in the strength and bloom of youth. Alexander C. Bourbeau, born in Montreal May 4, 1878, was brought here by his parents as an infant. He received his early schooling in St. Mary's Catholic school, and entered St. Boniface College in 1891, remaining there two years, always remarkable for his application, talent and good conduct. Then he was sent to the Petit Séminaire de Québec, where he completed his university course with great success in 1898. That year he began his medical studies in Laval University in the city of Québec and after a brilliant course he graduated M.D. with high honors in 1902. For a little over a year he had been practising in the parish of St. Agathe, where his ability was greatly appreciated. About three weeks before his death he came to the home of his father, Mr. Alexander Bourbeau, 449 Broadway, who is chief messenger and postmaster at the Parliament Buildings. Dr. Bourbeau sought the

quiet of his home in order to prepare for the final year examinations which are required of outside physicians. But, while driving to St. Pierre in the cold weather of three weeks ago, he had caught a severe chill which soon developed into typhoid fever. Shortly after he was confined to his bed Rev. Father McCarthy, O. M. I., visited him, and finding him very ill, advised his preparing for the worst. In spite of his strong constitution, the young physician fully realized the danger and expressed his cheerful readiness to receive the last Sacraments and he did so with that spirit of faith which had always been remarked in him. It was providential that he thus chose the acceptable time, for he soon became delirious and did not recover consciousness till just before his death. In the height of the delirium his devotion to his profession was seen in his words and motions, all directed towards imaginary operations and dressings of wounds. Had he recovered he was to have accepted Rev. Father Garon's invitation to practise his profession at Wolseley. Father Garon, having known young Bourbeau at college in Québec, set great store by his painstaking devotion to duty and hoped much from the presence of so promising a physician in his parish. But it was not to be. The Lord took him away lest the defilements of the world might reach his truly Christian soul. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved father, mother and sister, for he was really the light of their life. It is a comfort, however, to know that, with characteristic virtue, their bitter grief is assuaged by utter resignation to God's will.

Doctors Peatman and Jones were in attendance when the end came through failure of the heart. Miss Gertrude Billiard, a graduate of St. Boniface hospital, nursed the patient throughout his short but painful illness.

The funeral took place on Thursday morning at 10, in St. Mary's Church. Rev. Father Frigon, O. M. I., sang the Requiem Mass, with Rev. Father Heiland, O. M. I., lately arrived from Germany, as deacon, and Rev. J. Mireault as subdeacon. The church, which was heavily draped in black, was filled with mourners. The pallbearers were Doctors Belanger, Devine, Dubuc, McKenty and Peatman and Mr. Arthur Bertrand. Mr. Coutu had charge of the funeral arrangements. Miss Pambrun sang very touchingly "Les Adieux" of Schubert, and "Pie Jesu." Rev. Father Cahill, O. M. I., pastor of St. Mary's, officiated at the cemetery; a large number of carriages formed the cortege. Rev. Fathers Cahill, Drummond, Trudel and Bourret were present at the funeral service.

PILGRIMAGE AND ORDINATIONS.

As last Sunday the Rev. Gonzague Belanger, a native of St. Anne's parish, was to be ordained priest in his parish church, the Most Rev. the Archbishop of St. Boniface wished to make the occasion memorable by combining therewith the annual pilgrimage to St. Anne's shrine which, owing to some misunderstanding, did not come off on that great saint's feast day, July 26th. The coming event had been unfortunately antedated by a week in the most widely circulated of our dailies, and, when the right date was given a few days later the announcement was so meagre as not to set at rest the many questionings suggested by former lack of accommodations in previous pilgrimages. Hence the number of the pilgrims was not very great and in particular English-speaking Catholics were very few. His Grace and Rev. Dr. Trudel had gone ahead the previous day. However, among the 166 passengers on Sunday last were many of our most prominent Catholics. The clergy were represented by Rev. Dr. Beliveau, Rev. Father Drummond, Rev. J. M. Mireault, Rev. R. Dumoulin and Rev. Mr. Perisset.

The special train left Winnipeg a few minutes after 8 a.m. and arrived at St. Anne about 9.30. All the travellers were most decorous and edifying, especially in their collective attendance at Mass and Vespers.

The Mass, which began at 10, was celebrated by His Grace, assisted by Rev. Fathers Beliveau, Drummond and Trudel. After the collects and before the ordinations

began, Rev. Dr. Trudel preached an instructive and eloquent sermon explaining the function that was about to take place. Then the Rev. Rudolph Dumoulin was ordained subdeacon. Rev. Jean Marie Mastai Mireault was ordained subdeacon and finally came the great event of the day, the elevation to the priesthood of Rev. Louis de Gonzague Belanger, the first clergyman who was both a native of this province and a recipient of priestly orders therein, to which is added the further distinction of having been ordained a priest in his native parish.

After the Mass, which ended a little before noon, all the pilgrims were entertained at dinner in the large convent hall. The first table, somewhat raised above the others, was occupied by His Grace, Rev. Father Giroux, the parish priest, who has been 35 years pastor of St. Anne's, Rev. Father Delyon, the curate, the other clergymen present, and many relatives of the newly ordained priest. During the dinner it was announced that Father Belanger had been appointed curate to the venerable Monsignor Ritchot, of St. Norbert.

At 2.30 p.m. Father Belanger blessed crosses, medals and other pious objects presented to him for that purpose by the faithful. He had already given his first blessing to the members of his family immediately after his ordination. His Grace then delivered a thoughtful and impressive discourse on true and solid piety, after which the Rosary and special prayers to St. Anne were recited in common. The newly ordained priest, deacon and subdeacon officiated at the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The closing ceremony was the veneration of a relic of St. Anne.

At 4.30 the pilgrims walked to the station, or rather to the platform, for there is no shelter there, and waited cheerfully in the bright sunshine for the train, which drew up at 5.30, reaching St. Boniface at 6.30 and Winnipeg a few minutes later. All were manifestly pleased with their well filled day.

WE NEED ACTION, NOT RESOLUTIONS.

About all our large Catholic societies have now met in annual session for the present year, says the Church Progress. From the published reports of these gatherings all have accomplished some notable work during the year. Particularly have we given attention to their financial standings, and from the same source are pleased to learn that all are in a very healthy condition. This is a matter of congratulation, because it best reflects the future of the Catholic fraternal organizations.

With scarcely a single exception, all passed the usual complimentary resolutions urging the support of the Catholic press. As we stated once before, for even this recognition the Catholic press is grateful. But as the support rarely goes beyond the convention hall, is it not about time that this empty formality be done away with? Or, if it is to stand, then make it honestly stand for something substantial that it has not represented in the past.

Such being the case, why not make a change? In this connection, would it not be a good idea to test these resolutions at the next convention? This could be easily done by taking a standing vote upon the propositions, first, as to what number of business men among the delegates advertise in such papers; and, secondly, what number are subscribers or have become subscribers since the last meeting. If the showing is unsatisfactory, then let the resolutions be eliminated in the future.

The experience of the majority of Catholic journalists at present is against the efficacy of such resolutions. In the way of dollars and cents, the support resulting from them during the year would not be sufficient to pay the chewing gum bill of the office boy for a week. Such resolutions put the Catholic press in a false attitude before the public, as the latter is led to believe the goods are actually delivered. It is time there was more fact and less hurrah gotten into these loud demonstrations of friendship.—Michigan Catholic.

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Last Tuesday morning at 9.30 Miss Maymie E. Whyte, daughter of Mr. Thomas Whyte, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony at a nuptial Mass to Mr. John E. Kavanagh, of the Winnipeg Creamery Company, by Rev. A. A. Cherrier, pastor of the church. Miss Alice Kavanagh was the bridesmaid and Mr. Geo. Warren the groomsmen. The organist played the wedding chorus as the bride, leaning on her father's arm, entered the church. During the Mass solos were well rendered by Mrs. Andrew Kavanagh and Mr. S. M. Barre. The church and especially the chancel were beautifully decorated. The wedding breakfast was at the home of the bride's cousin, Mrs. Wm. J. Bawle. Mr. and Mrs. Kavanagh left on the 1.45 train for the south; on their return they will take up their residence in their new home on Elgin avenue.

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