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PASSION SUNDAY.

Passion Sunday was observed in all our churches on Sunday last. The day evidently originated from a desire on the part of the Church to draw our attention directly to the time set apart for the particular contemplation of the sufferings which immediately preceded the death of our Divine Saviour. The previous four weeks of Lent have been in preparation for this and the succeeding week, and the Church now reminds us in every possible way of the mournful and penitential season upon which we have entered. On Passion Sunday the "Gloria" is omitted from the Mass and the statues are concealed under coverings of penitential purple. It is said by some that the concealment of the pictures and statuary is typical of Our Lord hiding himself from the Jews when they attempted to stone him. The time of the origin of the name "Passion Sunday" seems to be lost in the obscurity of the past, and also the positive significance of the covering of the statues, but it seems most probable that from the very origin of the Lenten season, the last two weeks have been looked upon as the particular Passion-tide of Our Lord. The Gloria and all joyful canticles are eliminated and all beautiful statuary and pictures obscured, while in their stead only the prayer of penitence and the purple betokening penance are heard and seen; all this to show that during the time of Our Lord's passion and death joy and glory had departed from the earth and naught save sorrow and penitence remained.

ORDINATION AT ST. BASIL'S.

At St. Basil's church, on Saturday morning, the 8th inst. Mr. John W. Byrne received sub-deaconship from the hands of His Grace Archbishop O'Connor, assisted by Very Rev. Father Marion, C.S.B., and Very Rev. Father Cushing, C.S.B. There were also in the Sanctuary, Rev. Fathers Welsh, Gignac and Roache and Rev. Messrs. Carr and Pickett and Mr. McGrath. Mr. Byrne is from Ansonia, Conn., and is intended for the diocese of Columbia, Ohio. Before entering upon his five year course of philosophy and theology at St. Michael's, Mr. Byrne had taken classics at Niagara University. He is now engaged in teaching and studying, and will probably be ordained during the approaching summer.

UNDERGOING REPAIRS.

The chapel attached to St. Michael's has just undergone some much needed repairs. The plastering of the ceiling had given way, and it has been partially replaced by metallic roofing. For the past few years the chapel has been strengthened by iron supports placed along the centre of the ceiling, and the late repairs have helped to the general improvements. Before further work is needed, it is hoped that someone may be inspired to build a new chapel in connection with the institution. The cost would not be an impossibility for some amongst our wealthy citizens, and an opportunity for connecting one's name with a building set aside for the service of God under such favorable conditions does not occur every day. The builder of such a chapel would be looked upon as a benefactor by the sick and afflicted, by those whose convalescing hours would be spent in the precincts of a building erected by his generosity, and the hundredfold reward would undoubtedly be his. Here then is a chance. Who will embrace it?

EASTER MUSIC.

The "Regina Coeli," sung throughout Easter-tide, is amongst the most glorious of our hymns, and yet it is one that has not given us a great deal in the way of variety in musical arrangement. Doubtless many compositions are in existence, but if we go over the repertoire of our city choirs we find that they as a general thing have only two or at most three arrangements. A Regina Coeli which would help to extend our musical category has just reached the Catholic Register. It is by Brother Sixtus, and is altogether pleasing and appropriately set. It is a four part composition, duet in part, and like all the music of this composer, it is musical, not too difficult, and always devotional. Some of our churches sang this Regina Coeli last year, amongst them being St. Paul's, St. Francis and St. Frances, but it is only of being in every choir, and its choir would be materially enriched by its acquisition. Regarding the work of Brother Sixtus in connection with that of another Canadian composer, the Bee, of Berlin, has been mentioned in the Catholic Register.

As to our ad-... examples of... enriched... person... Brother... The for-... ever an... whose... all... pres-... na-... those... ate... re... As... the members and friends of the Catholic Young Ladies Literary Association met on Monday evening at the home of the Mrs. O'Donoghue, 95 D'Arcy Street, where the splendid feature of the evening was a lecture on South Africa by Mr. Hugh Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson had gone to Africa on a special mission in connection with the Toronto Globe and his address was a digest of his experience

genius of the man is made to appear. His "Regina Coeli" and "Memorare" once heard cannot well be forgotten. There is that subtle softness and true delicacy of expression which, whilst soothing, at the same time exalts us. Mr. Fowler's "Mass of the Sacred Heart" and "Ave Maria" are a sufficient evidence of his musical abilities. He fully understands and appreciates the outraged feelings of the Holy Father with regard to the innovations in Church music and would fain instil into the prescribed compositions some of his own personal magnetism. If one would know him as a man he must hear him as a musician and become familiar with his writings. Canada may justly feel proud of two such talented sons.

D. M.  
The music of Brother Sixtus may be obtained at Blake's Catholic Book Store.

MRS. THOS. J. RIORDAN.

On Monday, the 10th inst., Mrs. Thomas Riordan died at her late residence, 807 Queen street west. The funeral took place to St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday morning, and the interment at St. Michael's Cemetery.—R.I.P.

MISS ELIZABETH MAHAR.

After an illness of about a week, the death occurred on Monday, 10th inst., of Miss Elizabeth Mahar, of 16 Fenning street. The deceased was a daughter of the late Matthew Mahar, and is survived by her mother and two brothers, Frank and William, both of this city. The funeral took place on Wednesday to St. Francis Church, thence to Port Credit for interment.—R.I.P.

AT ST. PATRICK'S

The Forty Hours, as conducted at St. Patrick's Church, shared in the general success of the devotion throughout the city, and perhaps unrivalled in the way of numbers anything before experienced in the parish. During the closing exercises the crowd filled the church, and surged out even to the outside steps, where they remained until the close. The devotion opened on Friday morning, and the solemn ending took place on Sunday. Sermons were preached by Rev. Fathers Urban, Stuhl and the Very Rev. Rector, who at the close of an eloquent sermon, complimented the people on their fine attendance and general compliance with the spirit of the devotion. The altar as usual of festive occasions at St. Patrick's, was a brilliant and tasteful centre for the eye to rest upon, and the singing of the Mass on Sunday by the choir under the new constitution, was magnanimously praised by old members as something very fine. It is customary for things at St. Patrick's to be done in a dignified and splendid way, and the present accomplishment was every way in keeping with past traditions.

AT ST. HELEN'S

At St. Helen's the Forty Hours opened on Sunday morning, when solemn High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Walsh, assisted by Rev. Fathers Kelly and McGrand. The usual sermon was omitted, but the pastor, Rev. Father Walsh, explained the nature of the devotion about to be inaugurated, and urged upon his people to come out in their numbers, and thus to do honor to the occasion and to themselves. The ceremonies were very impressive, the beautifully arranged altar and sanctuary, the handsome vestments of the celebrant and his assistants, the dalmatics of purple and gold being especially attractive, all tending to the enhancement of the occasion. In the evening the request of the pastor was abundantly complied with, the church being far from adequate to accommodate all who sought admission. An earnest and touching sermon from the text, "It is I, be not afraid," was preached by Rev. Father Doherty, of St. Cecilia's.

On Monday evening Rev. Father Canning preached an appropriate and choicely worded sermon on the Blessed Sacrament, and the closing sermon on Tuesday was by Rev. Father Williams, who took for his text, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love, I have drawn thee because I have pity on thee." The sermon was a masterly exposition of the love of God, existing even before the beginning and accompanying us down through the ages, until a correspondence with it will bring us at last "home, to rest in the bosom of God's love."

The singing on Sunday evening was the best yet done by the choir of men and boys. The trio in praise of the Blessed Sacrament, the O Salutaris as a duet, and the chorus were all given in good time and voice, and showed excellent progress. During the days on which the exercises continued so many approached Holy Communion that it would seem as if there were not even one "but had put on the wedding garment," that all had availed themselves of the opportunities of the time. On Tuesday morning the solemn closing took place, Rev. Father Walsh being the celebrant of the Mass, and Revs. Fathers Doherty and McGrand, deacon and sub-deacon. The Litany of the Saints was chanted by Rev. Father McGrand, assisted by the boys of the Sanctuary. If externals may be regarded as proof, no people in the city surpassed St. Helen's in the fervor with which they entered upon the work of the Forty Hours.

LECTURE BY MR. J. T. LOFTUS.

The last lecture before the Literary Society of St. Francis parish, was given by Mr. J. T. Loftus and is described by one amongst the audience as "a magnificent lecture." The subject was "water" and before his advent of the address it was thought by some that contrary to all logical conclusions on the matter his subject would prove a very "dry" one. This theory however was fully exploded when Mr. Loftus developed many new phases of the therapeutic qualities of his life sustaining fluid. The address throughout proved highly entertaining.

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MR. JOHN ANGUS McKINNON.

Among recent deaths is that of Mr. John Angus McKinnon, who at the age of twenty-two years, died at his home, 36 Regent avenue, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. The funeral took place from St. Paul's Church on Thursday morning to Mount Hope Cemetery.—R.I.P.

DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL HARRIS

After a long and painful illness the death occurred on April 6th of Mr. Samuel Harris, late proprietor of East Toronto Hotel. A short time before the end Mr. Harris received grace to enter the church, being received and attended by Rev. Father Dodsworth, C.S.S.R. Though scarcely arrived at life's prime, being but his thirty-eighth year, Mr. Harris died reconciled and contented. He leaves a widow and three children, besides four brothers and two sisters to mourn his loss. The funeral took place from St. John's Church Saturday morning to Mount Hope Cemetery.—R.I.P.

Prisoner—"It is difficult to see how I can be a forger, your worship. Why, I can't sign my own name."  
Judge—"You are not charged with signing your own name."

A SATISFACTORY RETREAT.

The retreat given for the young men of St. Basil's parish came to a successful close on Sunday afternoon, when those taking part were addressed in words of commendation and encouragement by his Grace the Archbishop. This is the fifth annual retreat given to the Student's Union and St. Basil's Society, and a point of attendance and in the number of those who approached the Sacraments it was very satisfactory. Rev. Father

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A diminutive and mournful messenger boy answered a call from the Midland Hotel cafe yesterday, and as he entered the building there sneaked at his heels an apologetic, emaciated dog. A guest, who is fond of boys and dogs, stroled up and eyed the pair.

"Is that your pup, boy?" he asked.  
"Ya-as," replied the boy, sadly.  
The man leaned over, snapped his fingers, smiled engagingly and coaxed, "Doggie, doggie! Nice doggie! Here doggie!"

But the canine slunk back and tucked his tail tighter between his legs, his weak eyes shedding tears, indicative of a comprehensive knowledge of man's perfidy. His sorrow-wrapt little master eyed him with melancholy approval.

"Your dog doesn't seem to be very friendly, boy," commented the man.  
Don't want him ter be friendly," was the reply. "Want 'm to be a-r-r-c!"—Kansas City Star.

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#### ENTRY

Entry may be made personally at the local land office or the District in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires he may on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the Local Agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for a homestead entry.

#### HOMESTEAD DUTIES

A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected therewith, under one of the following plans:

- (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.
- (2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.
- (3) If a settler was entitled to and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead.
- (4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

The term "vicinity" used above is meant to indicate the same township or an adjoining or cornering township.

A settler who avails himself of the provisions of Clauses (2), (3) or (4) must cultivate 30 acres of his homestead, or substitute 20 head of stock, with buildings for their accommodation, and have besides 80 acres substantially fenced.

The privilege of a second entry is restricted by law to those settlers only who completed the duties upon their first homesteads to entitle them to patent on or before the 2nd June, 1899.

Every homesteader who fails to comply with the requirements of the homestead law is liable to have his entry cancelled, and the land may be again thrown open for entry.

#### APPLICATION FOR PATENT

Should be made at the end of the three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

#### INFORMATION

Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg, or at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the North-west Territories information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa; the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the North-west Territories.

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