

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Grey Nuns are at present in retreat at the Mother House of the Order at Guy street.

Loyola Court, C. O. F., will hold a grand picnic and games at the Shamrock lacrosse grounds, Mile End, on Saturday, July 22nd. The affair promises to be very successful. Programme—10 o'clock a.m., games including foot races for young and old, tug-of-war, baseball. In the afternoon a lacrosse match and hose reel competition between C.P.R., Canadian Rubber Company employees, and others. Refreshments will be sold on the grounds at city prices.

This evening St. Gabriel's Young Men's Society will hold a trolley drive around the mountain and to Cartierville. Quite a large number of tickets have been sold for the affair.

The annual retreat of the Holy Cross Fathers and Brothers opened on Sunday evening and will close next Sunday. About 100 members of the different houses of the order in the Province of Quebec are in attendance.

The closing of the Forty Hours' devotion took place at St. Mary's Church on Sunday. Solemn high Mass was sung by Rev. Father Lafond, C.S.C., of Cote des Neiges College. The choir rendered a special programme of music.

Rev. Louis McGinn, of the Diocese of Brooklyn, preached at the nine o'clock Mass at St. Patrick's Church last Sunday, his subject being the visibility of the Church. The rev. gentleman is on his way to Australia to act as Secretary to Bishop Murray there.

The closing of the Christian Brothers' retreat at Mount St. Louis College took place this morning. Yesterday a solemn scene was enacted when over fifty members of the order made their vows. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed all day. The Brothers leave for their respective places this evening. The retreat at Varennes and St. Jerome are still in progress and will continue for some days yet.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS. On Sunday next the Stations of the Cross will be preached by Father Christopher, O.F.M., in the grounds attached to the Chapel of Reparation at Pointe aux Trembles. A few words will also be delivered before the statue of St. Francis, which represents the saint embracing the figure of his crucified Master. The devotions will begin at 3 p.m. All who desire to assist at these exercises will be welcome. The Montreal Terminal cars running from City Hall avenue and from La Salle avenue will carry passengers straight to the chapel at Pointe aux Trembles.

PILGRIMAGES. The 25th annual pilgrimage of St. Ann's Parish, which took place on Saturday, was a great success, over 400 participating. The exercises were conducted by Rev. Father Flynn, assisted by several of the Fathers.

St. Joan Baptiste Parish held a largely attended pilgrimage to the Shrine on last Wednesday, returning on Friday morning.

Next Saturday St. Patrick's parish will have theirs, and a large crowd is expected.

On July 29th the men's branch of the Franciscans will hold theirs. About 600 will participate in the religious exercises.

IN THE LACROSSE WORLD. Last Saturday afternoon the intermediate Shamrocks defeated the Westmounts by a score of eight goals to one. The match in the beginning was inclined to be rough, but matters took another turn and some fine stick handling was shown by players on both teams. For want of encouragement from the executive of the different associations, the practices of juniors and intermediates are poorly attended, the result being that many a promising player gives up the game.

Next Saturday afternoon another great match will take place at the National lacrosse grounds between the champion Shamrocks and the Nationals. The Nationals are without doubt the swiftest team in the senior league, and are also good stick-handlers. It is to be hoped that the game will start on time and not keep the people waiting for over an hour after advertised time. Punctuality in starting the game and efficient refereeing, together with good lacrosse, would greatly add to the attendance and popularity of our lacrosse matches.

Montreal defeated the Cornwall team on Saturday by the score of 5 goals to 1. The heat was intense and was very hard on the players. The attendance was small.

CAUSE OF TEMPERANCE FLOURISHING. The temperance cause is evidently gaining ground in our midst. Last Sunday afternoon witnessed the inspiring spectacle of sixteen juniors from St. Ann's School taking the pledge of total abstinence at St. Ann's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society meeting. The pledge was administered by Rev. Father D. Holland. The youngsters were congratulated on their entrance into the Society by many of the members present. Rev. Father Holland gave a short address congratulating the members on seeing the society increase, and spoke of the great benefits to be derived from being total abstainers. The resignation of Ald. M. J. Walsh, M.P.P., as vice-president was accepted, and Mr. J. F. Quinn was chosen to succeed him. Masters Harry Hyland, Charles O'Brien and Edward Shanahan were appointed pro tem to offices. The first two on the executive committee and the last as recording secretary.

The annual picnic will be held on Thursday, July 13th, to Lake St. Peter.

The treasurer's quarterly report showed a balance of \$4,627.96 to the credit of the society in the bank. Ald. Gallery, president of the Association, informed the members that he would be absent two months, as he was leaving on a trip to Ireland.

St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society held their monthly meeting on Sunday and made all arrangements for their annual excursion to Lake St. Peter on August 3rd.

Next Sunday afternoon the regular monthly meeting of St. Gabriel's Juvenile Total Abstinence and Benefit Society will be held at St. Gabriel's Hall.

Ald. Gallery honored.

Last evening a large gathering of the members of St. Ann's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society waited on Ald. D. Gallery at his residence, Notre Dame street, for the purpose of wishing him and his family a pleasant holiday, and also to give both Ald. Gallery and his wife a souvenir of the occasion. Mr. M. F. Murphy read the following address:

Ald. D. Gallery, M.P.P., President of Ann's T. A. & B. Society.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

Permit us on this occasion, the eve of your departure for the land of your birth, to express our gratitude for the noble work you have done in connection with our Society, and to bid you a safe and pleasant voyage.

By your tireless energy, your devotedness, and your zeal in the temperance cause, you have advanced St. Ann's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society both numerically and financially.

The years you have spent with us have made known to us your warm affection and generous nature. Please accept this little gift as a souvenir of the occasion.

That you, your wife and family may enjoy a happy and a glorious holiday, and that you may return with renewed vigor and zeal to still continue to spread the cause of temperance in the Metropolis of Canada, is the wish of the members of St. Ann's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society.

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After the reading of the address, Mr. Murphy presented Ald. Gallery with a valuable diamond ring, while Mr. Bernard Pooney presented a beautiful bouquet to Mrs. Gallery.

Ald. Gallery, in reply, said that he was completely taken by surprise. He did not expect such a manifestation of goodness by the members of St. Ann's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society, as he had done nothing more than his duty in the work in connection with the society. He was glad to see that the cause of temperance was about to extend, and referred to the fact of so many juniors joining St. Ann's Society at the last meeting. He said that he was not a man of words, but a man of action, and that he tried at all times and in all places to help the people of St. Ann's ward. He thanked the members on behalf of Mrs. Gallery, for presenting her with such a beautiful

bouquet. He hoped to return with renewed vigor and zeal as the address expressed, and would continue to labor even more strenuously than in the past. He again thanked the members for their kindness and thoughtfulness on this occasion.

This evening, immediately after the excursion returns from Lake St. Peter, the uniformed Knights of the Hibernians, headed by St. Ann's brass band, will accompany Ald. Gallery and family to the steamer.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Father McLennan, of the Diocese of Charlottetown, P.E.I., was a guest at St. Patrick's Presbytery during the week.

Rev. Father J. P. Kiernan, P.P., St. Michael's, is enjoying a holiday at Quebec.

Rev. Father Frank Singleton, curate at St. Agnes, is spending his holidays at Old Orchard Beach.

OBSEQUIES OF BISHOP DECELES.

The funeral of the late Bishop Decelles, of St. Hyacinthe, took place on Tuesday. The remains had lain in state at the Palace since Saturday and were removed to the Cathedral on Monday. His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi sung the solemn requiem Mass, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. In the sanctuary were: Archbishop Duhamel, of Ottawa; Bishops Emard, of Valleyfield; Archambault, of Joliet; Racicot, of Montreal; the Mitred Abbot of Oka; Bruneau, of Nicolet, and nearly 500 priests from different dioceses in Canada and the United States, including representatives of the Dominicans, Redemptorists, Franciscans, Jesuits, Oblates and Capuchins. The funeral oration was pronounced by Bishop Bruneau, of Nicolet. All business was suspended to do honor to the memory of the good Bishop while the body was being removed from the Palace to the Cathedral.

The funeral procession went through the principal streets, which were heavily draped in mourning. After the Libera was sung and absolution pronounced, the remains were placed in the vault under the Cathedral, where rests the remains of his venerable predecessors. R.I.P.

OBITUARY.

The funeral of the late Daniel Kiely, a well known Customs' broker, took place on Saturday morning from the family residence, Clarendon avenue, Westmount, to St. Leo's Church, where a solemn requiem service was sung. The chief mourners were Martin, John, Thomas and James Kiely, brothers; William Brennan, Joseph Brennan, M. Brennan, T. Brennan, J. Wickham, and James Wickham, cousins; William P. Kearney, D. J. Kearney, and E. Boyne, brothers-in-law; Harold Kearney and Victor Kearney, nephews.

The Customs were represented by Messrs. H. E. McLaughlin, A. Giroux, M. Roache, P. Martin, W. Murphy, J. Mullally, E. Lavoie, W. Dickson, M. Marcuse and Wm. Finn.

The business section of the community was represented by Jas. McShane, Jr., P. J. Cullen, R. Hendens, K. P. McCaskill, Frank McKenna, E. Finn, P. J. Shea, R. Byrne, E. Cavanagh, M. Derrick, D. Callaghan, T. Lynch, H. Seate, F. Candish, C. Lacour, E. Duval, W. Holland and C. Neville.

Interment took place at Cote des Neiges, R.I.P.

MRS. M. CREGAN.

On Monday, July 10th, there passed away Margaret Honessy, widow of the late Matthew Cregan. For the past few years the deceased had been a constant sufferer. Three days before her death she was seized with paralysis. She was a member of the Third Order of St. Francis, and on Sunday, July 9th, Rev. Father Christopher, of the Franciscan Monastery, attended her and gave her general absolution according to the rules of the Order. The deceased was the mother of Mr. Michael Cregan, the well-known old Shamrock lacrosse player. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place this morning to St. Anthony's Church, where a solemn re-qui-em Mass was sung. Interment took place at Cote des Neiges cemetery. To the sorrowing relatives the True Witness tenders its sympathy. R.I.P.

We are all servants of a Supreme Master. He has set for us tasks of many kinds. Some seem more pleasant than others, but none exempt us from effort or trial. And those which demand the greatest physical labor, as a rule, carry with them the least responsibility. This is the working of the divine law of compensation, which is the parent of universal justice.

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Rev. Father Routhier, of Masson, chanted high Mass; the Archbishop assisting at the throne, attended by Rev. Father Archambault and the pastor, Rev. Father Cavanagh. In the afternoon at two o'clock the Archbishop took his departure from Buckingham. He was conveyed thence by Rev. Father Cavanagh and a long line of parishioners of St. Malachy with a mounted escort in the fore.

The Archbishop before leaving again addressed the people, expressing his deep appreciation of the reception given to him on this occasion.

The people of St. Malachy and their pastor as well have felt this an occasion of great joy for them and they will long remember the visit of the noble prelate who ministered to their spiritual wants as a priest some forty years ago. May he live long and visit us many times in the future blest with health and the vigor that he enjoys to-day.

Mayo, July 5, 1905.

There is this to remember: The things you want and can not have are imaginatively yours forever. They are part of your ideal life, part of your hope, and part of your ambition. They will never become common; they will never be superfluous.

I heard a robin yesterday, And in the dusty lumber rooms Where summer hopes were hung aside I opened all the windows wide. Warm rain and honest winds deride My hoard of doubting; busy brooms Have swept the winter's dust away