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NEW OBLATE GENERAL.

The Oblate Fathers, who have several religious houses in Canada, have elected a new general of the order at Rome in the person of Rev. Pere Lavillardiére, of France. Among Canadian delegates at the chapter was Rev. Father Tourangeau, provincial. Other delegates were present from the United States and other countries. The order was founded in 1816 and approved by Pope Leo XII in 1826. In 1848 a branch house was established in Montreal.

PATRONAL FEAST OF FRANCIS-CANS.

English-speaking clients of St. Francis and Franciscan Tertiaries in particular will be pleased to know that this year for the first time they will have an opportunity of celebrating the feast of their Seraphic Patron, Thursday, October 4. On that day a special service will be held for them in the lower church, 964 Dorchester street west, at 7.30 p. m. Panegyric of the saint, ceremony of the Transitus (or Passing) of St. Francis, Solemn Benediction and veneration of the saint's relic.

BISHOP RACICOT BLESSES LAND FOR CHURCH.

Mgr. Racicot, auxiliary bishop of Montreal, on Sunday consecrated the land for the new church of the parish of St. Jean de l'Évangile. Rev. Abbe Desnoyers who has been named pastor of the newly established parish, and Rev. Abbe Belanger, of St. Louis de Franco, assisted His Lordship.
Rev. Abbe Deschamps, chaplain of the Deaf Mute Institute, delivered the sermon, after which Abbe Desnoyers added a few remarks thanking the Bishop for coming to preside over a ceremony which marked the forward progress of the parish. It is expected that the new church will be ready for service for mid-night mass at Christmas.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD.

At the weekly meeting of the Catholic School Commissioners held on Tuesday evening, a letter was read from the Hon. Rodolphe Roy, fixing the opening of the Catholic night schools for Oct. 1, the classes to remain open until the end of February.
Ald. Vallières gave notice of a motion providing for the selection of a new set of teachers for the night schools. The Provincial Government grant for those schools is \$5000, and Mr. J. H. Bergeron is maintaining in the position of director.
The grant to schools under the direction of female lay teachers was fixed at \$6.25 for each pupil during the current year.
Mr. Maurice Cullen was appointed drawing teacher at St. Paul School, in succession to Mr. Henri Beau, who has gone to New York.

ASSEMBLY OF FRENCH BISHOPS

The last number of the "Univers," the principal organ of the French clergy, tells us all that there is possibility of learning concerning the important deliberations of the French

bishops: "The last assembly of the bishops was held this morning (the 8th). This afternoon the ceremony at Notre Dame will take place according to programme already published. Some papers have been giving more or less detailed accounts of proceedings, which were held in secret. All that we can say is that the bishops having taken cognizance of events which will call for resolutions, will make them public at a propitious time and in proper form. It is, however, possible that they will address the Catholics of France in a collective document in which it will be made plain that their Lordships will unanimously decide to remain in statu quo. Bishops, priests and the faithful will remain in their different establishments while awaiting the Government's orders banishing them."

OPENING MEETING OF LOYOLA CLUB.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1906, the first regular meeting of Loyola Club will be held in their rooms, 96 Alexander street, at 4 p. m. sharp. Mrs. F. H. Waycott, President of the Montreal Women's Club, 1903-'06, has kindly promised an informal talk; Miss Cecile Quirk will recite, and tea will be served.

An invitation is cordially extended to the young lady readers of The True Witness to be present.
The year-book for 1906-07 will be ready for first meeting, and the programme included therein is one of great attractiveness.

Many papers on Church history have been promised by clergymen who are famous for their eloquence as well as learning, but owing to uncertainty of date it was thought advisable to leave subject and contributor to be announced by the secretary.

Any one wishing to become a member will please address Miss Mary Tansey, 14 Drummond street, who will gladly send year-book and give all information.

ST. PATRICK'S BOYS' SCHOOL GAMES.

Last Friday afternoon was the annual field day of St. Patrick's Boys' School on the Shamrock grounds. Perfect weather lent itself to make the day most enjoyable, and well contested games were witnessed by the large gathering attending.

The following gentlemen acted as field officers:—Starter, Mr. F. Lukeman; Judges, Mr. J. L. Murphy, Dr. Prendergast, Mr. B. Tansey; Clerk of the course, Mr. John Brophy; Referee, Mr. Frank Maguire; Umpires, Mr. E. Ryan, Mr. James Rowan, Mr. Jas. McMenamin.

The special championship prize was won by Master Leslie Dann, the senior championship going to Master Richard Lynch, and the junior championship going to Master J. Graham.

The following were generous donors to the prize list: Rev. Father P. Heffernan, St. Patrick's School; Dr. W. J. Prendergast, Mr. R. Walsh, Mr. R. Kiley, Mr. J. T. Murphy, Mr. Bert. Hyland, Mr. J. J. Gallery, Mr. F. Lukeman, Mr. Jno. Warren, Mr. Frank Brady, Mr. M. Delahanty, Mr. Frank Brophy, Mr. J. Brophy, Mr. J. Dawson, Mr. J. Rowan, Mrs. J. P. Nugent, Mr. W. Altamas, Mr. J. A. Ryan, Mr. John Graham, Mr. Jno. Nugent, Mr. H. Hoobin, Mr. F. Donovan, Mr. Thomas McCracken, Mr. Jos. Primeau, Mr. Lea Hale.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CONCERT.

Last night witnessed a state of things in the Catholic Sailors' Club seldom recorded to the credit of our social gatherings, viz. that the hall was altogether too small for the number of people that sought admission. The evening's entertainment

was in the hands of St. Patrick's Society, and certainly nothing was left undone to make it a success in every respect. Mr. Frank Curran, president of the society, occupied the chair, and at the opening of the concert a more encouraging outlook would have been hard to expect. The programme was well furnished. Mention is due in a special manner to Misses Fitzgerald, Furlong, Patterson and an engaging little companion, as also to Messrs. Jackson, Boston, Wilson, Miller, Brown, Forrester, Hurst and Corrigan.

Rev. Father Killoran, of St. Patrick's Church, in a few well-chosen words of praise and encouragement, eulogized the courage and general work of the sailor, pointing out graphically and forcibly the part played by him in the extension of all the resources of the many countries it is his mission to pass through, as well as the dangers and privations which it necessarily becomes his lot to suffer in the fulfilment of his manifold duties.

On the whole the concert was one of those events which should serve to show the solid feeling of appreciation and friendship which exists in the heart of the general public of our city in recognition for the signal services bestowed upon the human race through the work of the sailor.

Next week's concert will be in the hands of Father Dowd Court, C.O.F., when, let us hope, as large a gathering will attend.

IMPORTANT MEETING AT TOWN OF ST. LOUIS.

A largely attended conference was held in the St. Louis town hall on Tuesday night, the outcome of a petition, bearing one hundred and fifty signatures, asking the town council to reduce the number of licenses for the sale of intoxicating drinks in the town, and further requesting that all the saloons should be compelled to close at 7 o'clock every Saturday evening and at ten o'clock on other evenings in the week, to re-open only at 7 o'clock the following morning.

Mayor Gelinat presided, and there were also present Aldermen Godon, Chaffoux, Neville, Grignon, Dubinville, Desjardins and Turcotte. The clergy were represented by the Rev. Canon Lepailleur and the Rev. Messrs. D. J. Graham, T. Brown and J. F. Flanagan. The hotel interests were represented by Messrs. Laing, Garipey, Gagné, Dupras and Cloutier; and those who signed the petition were represented by Messrs. Lewthwaite, Gladston, McFarland, Drysdale, Blachford and Miller.

Canon Lepailleur, after emphasizing that there were altogether too many licenses in the town, took occasion to remind the Council that on May 9 last a by-law was brought before them on this question of licenses. That by-law, which had not yet been passed, contained the following clause:

"Any hotelkeeper who is convicted twice of keeping his premises open on Sundays, shall lose his license."

"If that by-law had been adopted," added the curé, "the request, which has called us together tonight would not have had its raison d'être. I ask, then, that the town Council shall adopt that by-law without further delay. Though I deplore the too great number of saloons we have in this municipality, I do not ask for their suppression purely and simply, because, as I have already said, that might be an injustice, but I do say there should be a diminution when the circumstances are such that there would be no injustice."

"As to the earlier closing of the saloons, I am in favor of the principle, but I appreciate that it is not practicable unless the same measure is adopted in Montreal."

In conclusion, Canon Lepailleur suggested that a committee be formed to interview the City Council of Montreal and the Councils of the neighboring municipalities with a view of carrying the question before the Quebec Legislature, demanding a reform of the Licensing Law.

The Rev. D. J. Graham endorsed the remarks made by the Rev. Canon Lepailleur, and heartily supported the suggestion to carry the question to the Legislature.

TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

Although it is a well known fact that the temperance movement as we have it to-day is essentially the outcome of the expressed wish of His Grace the Archbishop, yet his manifold duties have prevented him from being present at any of the meetings. However, at Tuesday night's gathering in St. Pat-

rick's Hall, he was represented by His Lordship Bishop Racicot, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal.

Touching the question of the meeting proper, it was certainly a most interesting one. Questions of vital interest were dealt with, and much animation and interest were evinced throughout.

The various English-speaking parishes of the city were well represented. Besides His Lordship Bishop Racicot, there were present on the platform the following: Rev. Father James Killoran, chaplain of the union; P. McDonald, St. Mary's; P. Heffernan, St. Patrick's; R. E. Callahan, St. Agnes; President J. Kelly; vice-president P. Polan; recording-secretary J. J. Collins; treasurer R. J. L. Cuddihy; Delegates E. J. Colfer, W. H. O'Donnell, St. Gabriel's Senior T. A. & B. Society; E. Foster, J. Redmond, St. Gabriel's Juvenile T. A. & B. Society; J. Easton, St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society; P. Marnell, C. Shanahan, St. Ann's T. A. & B. Society.

Rev. Father Killoran welcomed His Lordship Bishop Racicot, and explained to him the aim and object of the new Union. His Lordship said that he was glad to be present as the representative of the diocese to give his hearty support to the work of the Union. His Grace the Archbishop had inaugurated a temperance campaign, but it was a heavy task. The drink habit was the crying evil of the present day, as it not only destroyed the soul of its many victims, but their bodies as well. Bishop Racicot was glad to see that the Archbishop was receiving worthy support from the temperance societies of the city and the union also.

The payment of employees by cheques, which were afterwards cashed in saloons, was discussed at length. Rev. Fathers Heffernan and McDonald, Messrs. Easton, M. J. O'Donnell, E. J. Colfer, giving their views on the matter. His Lordship Bishop Racicot said that he had not studied the question.

A motion was passed that a special committee, consisting of the parish priests of the English-speaking parishes, the chaplains of the different societies, and a representative of each of the total abstinence societies represented in the union, wait on His Grace the Archbishop to discuss the matter so as to adopt ways and means to put a stop to the evil.

A message from Rev. Brother William, director of St. Ann's School, was received, announcing that he was about to establish a juvenile total abstinence society for the pupils and ex-pupils of the school.

Chief of Police Campeau had been written to by the Union on the Sunday liquor traffic, the side doors for women and young girls, and the selling of liquor to minors, but the Chief had not acknowledged the receipt of the document.

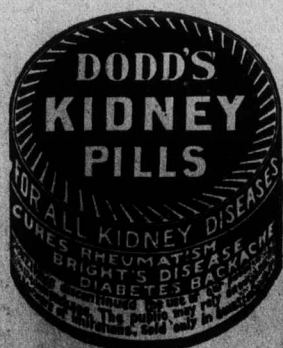
Letters of regret were read from His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, who was called away to attend a meeting of the Council of Public Instruction at Quebec; Rev. Father Rioux, P.P., C.S.S.R., St. Ann's; Rev. Bro. Prudent, director of St. Patrick's School.

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PERSONAL.

His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi is in Quebec, where he will attend the session of the Council of Public Instruction.



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S. T. WILLET,
President.

Death of Mother Mary of the Rosary.

During the week just ended, an eminent religious, Mother Mary of the Rosary, Superior-General of the Congregation of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, whose mother house is at Hochelaga, was called to her eternal reward. Surrounded by her grief-stricken Sisters and attended by the Chaplain of the Community, the venerable Superior awaited her final summons with complete resignation and a childlike confidence.

Mother Mary of the Rosary, known in the world as Miss Henriette Prefontaine, was early chosen by the Master for His special service. Left motherless at the age of eighteen months, she was brought up in her native village, Beloeil, by an uncle and an aunt, the grand-parents of the Rev. A. X. Bernard, Bishop of St. Hyacinthe. After attending school for some years at the near-by convent of Beloeil, Miss Prefontaine, in her eighteenth year, asked and obtained admission into the Novitiate at Hochelaga. Since that period her religious life of over forty years has been wholly given to the interests of education, and to the up-building of a Christ-like character in the many to whom she has ministered as teacher, as Mistress of Novices, or as the directing spirit of a numerous and widely disseminated Sisterhood.

Her administrative talents led to her being appointed to the headship of houses in Rutland, Vt., Windsor, Ont., and Winnipeg, Manitoba. During thirteen years she exercised the functions of Novice Mistress, and in 1900 was elected, according to the constitutions of the Order, General Superior for the term of five years. Re-elected only a year ago without a dissenting voice, Mother Mary of the Rosary seemed to see before her a lengthened career of usefulness in her appointed portion of the Lord's vineyard. But the malady, cancer of the stomach, which has terminated so fatally, soon afterwards began its ravages, and compelled her, about Easter time, to withdraw almost entirely from active duty. From that period, her sufferings, increasing day by day, made manifest the beauty of a soul to whom God becomes visible in every mandate of His will. Like the saints of old, she did not refuse to die. After the return of the pupils in early September, the dying Superior expressed the wish to see them all for a last time. They filed slowly through her room, each receiving a sweet glance of recognition, a motherly word of advice, or, if new-comers, a gentle smile of welcome. Love for young people had ever been one of her marked characteristics. In each

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youthful student she discerned the Christian woman of the future, yielding an influence proportionate to the training received, and such were her gifts that she was successful in making of virtue the most attractive every-day philosophy. At the news of her death, former pupils, friends of long standing, and a numerous clergy flocked about her to pay a last tribute of respect and veneration. Her funeral, largely attended, was honored by the presence of Archbishop Bruchesi, who officiated at the Requiem Mass, and accompanied her remains to the cemetery of the community at Longueuil. Perhaps, the most fitting close to this imperfect notice will be the reflection made by a visitor to the room where the remains of Mother Mary of the Rosary lay while awaiting burial: "How consoling to remember, now that she is gone, that of the many opportunities she had for making people happy, she lost not one."

A consistently unselfish life seems a palpable manifestation of God's goodness to man. When such a life is transformed by spiritual aims, it becomes a revelation of His holiness, an aid or encouragement to the many who falter by the way.

Among those present at the obsequies, besides His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal, were the following: Right Rev. A. X. Bernard; Very Revs. C. A. Beaudry, J. A. Senecal, F. X. Jeanotte, C. A. Choquette, Sup. F. Larose, Sup. St. Hyacinthe; Very Revs. F. L. T. Adam, Ecc. Sup. Sisters Holy Names; A. P. Dubuc, G. M. Lepailleur, Montreal; F. Ph. Beauchamp, Ottawa; Revs. Chs. Le-coq, P.S.S., Sup. R. Labelle, P.S.S., Director, J. Filiatreault, S.J., Rector, J. Jodoin, O.M.I., Sup. A. Fiset, C.S.S.R.; Sup. V. Pauze, Director Assumption College; C. Ducharme, C.S.V., Prov. Sup., also numerous other clergymen, parish priests, representatives of religious communities, sympathizing friends and former pupils of the Sisters of the Holy Names.

There is as yet no culture, no method of progress known to men, which is so rich and complete as that which is ministered by a truly great friendship.—Phillips Brooks.

Thos. Sabin, of Eglington, says: "I have removed ten corns from my feet with Holloway's Corn Cure." Reader, go thou and do likewise.

Amid the tireless breaking of the billows on the shores of experience, there is no surer anchorage, than friendship, that beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things.—Sarah Cooper.