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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

"FUTURE OF THE BIBLE." — An English Protestant clergyman writes in the "Contemporary Review" an article headed "The Future of the Bible." It is not necessary to follow him through all his speculations regarding what the years to come have in store for the Book of Holy Writ. The entire subject may be expressed in one quotation from an eminent Catholic pen: "One Church will preserve the Holy Book in the future, as it has done in the past; the other churches will develop into 'higher criticism,' and will have no use for or belief in the Bible, except for its mere literary value." Were we to write columns we could not convey more than does this simple paragraph; and the most important consideration is that it is exactly true, both as concerns the past and the future—the present proves both.

PIUS X. AND THE NEGROES. — It is characteristic of the Catholicity of the Church that she is on earth for all the human race, and she knows no difference of color, language or other accidents. And her Pontiffs have ever displayed the same spirit as that which belongs to her and came to her from Christ. Nicholas Chiles, editor of a negro paper, called the "Plain Dealer," in Topeka, has received a letter from Cardinal Merry del Val, who writes in the name of the Pope. The Western Negro Press Association, of which Chiles is president, at its annual meeting, adopted a resolution urging the Pope to use his good offices for better treatment of the negro race in America. The resolution was sent to Rome through Cardinal Gibbons. The letter in reply also came through the Cardinal. The negro population of the South is highly pleased and honored, and wide circulation is being given to the letter, which reads thus: "The Sovereign Pontiff is well aware that there are many Catholics among the negroes of the United States, and this knowledge increases his interest in the welfare of your race."

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contributed one million, five hundred thousand dollars to assist in building a Cathedral—that is expected to cost three million dollars—and that will be composed of the two richest parishes in the city of St. Paul. The other wealthy citizens will subscribe the other half of the cost. It will be the grandest and richest Cathedral in the West. It will stand on the summit of St. Anthony's Hill, in the heart of the aristocratic section of the city. The work of construction will commence this summer. Certainly, if ever there were an object worthy of the millionaires' attention, it is that of erecting temples to the glory of God. No doubt the people of St. Paul will highly appreciate this gift and that Mr. Hill's generosity will have the effect not only of adorning the West with a glorious Cathedral, but also of contributing largely to the workmen's incomes—far more than does this simple paragraph; and the most important consideration is that it is exactly true, both as concerns the past and the future—the present proves both.

ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR. — Soon the press of America will be filled with accounts of the great World's Fair now open at St. Louis. It has been suggested that the names and historical associations connected with this great event are so fully and thoroughly Catholic, that the Catholic element should be greatly represented there. There has been talk of a Catholic Congress to be held at St. Louis during the course of the summer, but we have not been able to ascertain whether or not any practical steps have been taken towards the realization of that scheme. At all events, there should be some very good Catholic exhibits there, as the scope of the Fair leaves room for the same. And in the guides, or books of reference, there is ample opportunity of quietly bringing before the public a great deal of what has been done by Catholicity for the civilization and subsequent development of that grand state.

ST. ANTHONY'S LAWN CARNIVAL.

Plans are being prepared on an elaborate scale for the festival and summer carnival to be held on the spacious triangular lawn of St. Anthony's Church, on June 13th, 14th and 15th, for the benefit of the Church fund. The occasion of this gigantic enterprise is the celebration of the patronal feast of the parish, and judging from the number of persons interested and the extensive preparations now under way, the affair will eclipse anything of the kind ever attempted in this city. There will be a gorgeously illuminated lawn dotted with attractive booths, floral pagodas, soda fountains and ice cream pavillion; there will be Japanese tents, and entertainments by proficient musicians in gaudily decorated tents; stereopticon trips through Rome, and Vesice, and scenes of life and activity on the Pike at the World's Fair; there will be a candy booth, a fish pond, and a reed rack for the smaller boy and girl, and popular music by a brass band. Finally there will be many unique and high class side attractions, which will furnish up-to-date and healthful amusement for all. Admission to the Lawn Carnival will be twenty-five cents, and for a smaller coin the visitor can obtain admission to the brilliant, useful, instructive and pleasing shows.

LOCAL NOTES.

ST. AGNES PARISH. — On Sunday last, the first parochial Mass was celebrated in the new parish of St. Agnes. Rev. Father Casey, the parish priest, sang the Mass, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. The large hall of the Olier school, on Roy street, was fitted up as a temporary chapel, or Church. The choir was led by Mr. P. McCaffrey, and the music was of a very fine character. It was a novel scene that Father McPhail, C.S.S.R., looked out upon when he stepped to the altar rail to deliver the first sermon to the new congregation. He referred to the great difference there is between faith and opinion. He spoke of supernatural faith, that special gift of God to man, and then of practical faith, which is the hand-maid of the former. This moment, in the life of a new parish, when every effort must be put forth to build up the structure both spiritually and materially, is one in which persons who enjoy the blessings of supernatural faith have an opportunity, and a duty, of practising faith in its practical form. In the course of the afternoon a committee of parishioners was formed to select a site for the new Church. Several are spoken of. It will be either on St. Denis street, Laval avenue, the corner of City Hall and Duluth Avenues, or on Esplanade avenue. A report is expected on next Sunday.

ST. JAMES THE GREATER. — Last Sunday, at the Cathedral, during the High Mass, Rev. G. Gauthier, as parish priest of the new parish of St. James the Greater, was proclaimed as such to the congregation, and in consequence made his public profession of faith. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Abbe Lecoq, the worthy and beloved Superior of St. Sulpice. His Grace the Archbishop preached a sermon, in which he clearly set forth the reasons for the erection of the new parish. He said that he had hopes that within the near future the Cathedral would be erected into a Basilica. In a city like Montreal, in view of the rapid growth and development of the city, it would be impossible not to change with the times, and to arrange affairs to correspond with the increasing population. Heretofore the faithful had little to pay, as the Sulpicians built their churches and administered the parishes. The Cathedral itself, is a work due to the entire diocese. The ordinary revenues, from pews, collections and such like sources, will suffice to keep the parish and to pay interest on the \$100,000 debt still due. As His Grace simply lends his Cathedral for parish purposes, it will not be necessary to elect churchwardens. It is firmly believed that, from the start, the new parish will be a great success.

AT ST. ANN'S. — The young members of the Society of Perseverance of St. Ann's, held an entertainment in St. Ann's Young Men's Hall on Monday evening, which was unique from many points of view. The attendance of parishioners was large, and much interest was manifested in the programme, which included musical selections, vocal and instrumental; declamations, exhibitions of physical culture, and the ever new and inspiring Maypole dance. It was an evening when the rising generation displayed some of the training they are receiving in the parochial establishments within the shadow of the old Church, and all interested are to be congratulated on the result of the performance.

The programme was as follows: PART I. Instrumental Duet, "Come to the Feast," Miss K. Forrester and Miss M. Kenehan. Chorus, "Welcome." Song, "Always in the Way," Miss S. O'Brien. Cantata (in two scenes) "The May Queen," Princess Goodwill, Miss K. Forrester; May Queen (Charity) B. Rossiter; Flower Maidens, Katie Clarke, G. Downs, M. Kenehan, F. McDonald, W. Merriman, M. Munday,

M. Peterson, B. Slattery, E. Wilkinson. Fairies—G. Campbell, A. Gallagher, V. Gallagher. Maypole—G. Campbell, M. Christian, K. Fitzgerald, A. Foley, A. Lynch, Agatha Lynch, D. McMillan, M. E. McMorrow, M. O'Brien. Chorus—M. Barry, E. Belware, G. Boyle, R. Burns, N. Caniff, A. Carey, C. Considine, F. Conquest, M. Kindellan, P. Klock, K. Leonard, E. McGown, M. O'Donnell, N. Ryan, L. Welsh, M. Cooney, M. Christian, M. A. Craig, M. Dempsey, M. Donnelly, K. Fitzgerald, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Foley, M. J. Lappin, M. Leonard, M. Lavin, M. O'Brien, G. Pitts, E. Thompson, L. Weyer, J. Gregory, S. Guinness, L. Harkins, M. Harrigan, M. Healey, S. Hughes, A. Kearns, A. Lynch, L. Mitchell, S. O'Brien, F. Reddy, A. Webb.

PART II. Instrumental Duet, "Irish Airs," Miss A. Sivers and Miss M. Kenehan. Song, "Savourine," B. Slattery. Song and Tableau, "Ora pro nobis," Miss M. Cooney and Miss J. Gregory. Dumb-bell Exercises—M. Callaghan, M. Campbell, M. Dewar, K. Finlay, A. Fitzpatrick, M. Hagan, N. Higgins, M. Hyland, S. Kannon, M. Kearns, A. Manning, M. McCarthy, R. McMorrow, A. McCarthy, C. McEwan, E. O'Brien, M. Peachy, M. Power, A. Riley, N. Rossiter, R. Scullion, N. Stewart. Chorus, "The Dear Little Shamrock."

Bar-bell Exercises. Instrumental Duet, "Dance of the Sunflowers," Miss M. Dewar and Miss B. Slattery. Recitation and Tableau, "Joan of Arc," Miss Annie Manning. Song, "Spirit of Love," Miss M. Munday. Fann Drill—Misses B. Slattery (captain), G. Campbell, M. Cummings, M. Donnelly, B. Fitzpatrick, A. Foley, M. A. Gallagher, L. Harkins, S. O'Brien, A. Sivers, L. Weyer, M. Hughes, M. Lavin, P. Klock, Agatha Lynch, Alice Lynch, E. McGown, D. McMillan, M. O'Brien, N. Ryan, A. Webb. Chorus, "Away to the Fields," Song, "Where the Swanee River Flows," Miss Ella Wilkinson. Farce—"No Cure no Pay," Mrs. Languish, Fannie Reddie, Alice (daughter) Stella Guinea; Aunt Midget, Mary Munday; Lucy Aiken, E. McGown; Susan Dean, P. Klock; Jenny Carter, L. Weyer; Bridget, M. A. Gallagher. Chorus, "Good Night." "God Save Ireland."

The Redemptorists At Brandon.

Referring to a recent visit made by Rev. Father Drummond, S.J., to Brandon, Man., the Northwest Review offers a tribute to the stalwart Redemptorists whose missionary and parochial work, in that thriving centre, as elsewhere, have always been so productive of untold benefits. Here is what our contemporary says: "Father Drummond was the guest of the Redemptorists Fathers and preached in their beautiful new Church three times, twice on the two Sunday evenings, and once in the evening of the 27th to the Children of Mary."

The new St. Augustine's Church is the finest specimen of ecclesiastical architecture in Brandon, and one of the finest in the West. The acoustic properties of the building are admirably suited for singing; for preaching they are also very good, provided the preacher does not speak too loud; else the resonance makes the articulation indistinct. The Redemptorist Fathers are doing excellent work here and in all their missions. The praise of the late Father Gods for his kindness, generosity and cheerfulness is in everybody's mouth. Father Gerard, the new Superior, built the fine Redemptorist residence in Brandon. He is also a journalist of long experience, having been the first Redemptorist to edit the Annals of St. Anne de Beauce, a very successful pious periodical. Father Borgonie preaches every Sunday in Polish for the bene-

fit of the Poles and Ruthenians who form the most numerous element in the parish. It is very interesting to hear the Polish Vespers sung by all the congregation on Sunday afternoon. Father Lietart and Father Deceene attend outlying missions.

OUR OTTAWA LETTER

(By Our Own Correspondent)

This has been a broken week in Parliament. The new batch of amendments, brought in at the last moment, by the Opposition, to the Grand Trunk Pacific Bill, were not considered until Wednesday. Thursday being a holiday, there remains only Friday. And it can easily be understood that little or nothing, in the way of a general advancement of business can be attempted in a week so badly cut up. Some progress was made with private legislation, but, after all, in the mass of matter before Parliament, it was not "a drop in the bucket." Meanwhile society is at its gayest—in fact the entertainments were never more numerous. Every Monday night there is a gala reception in the Speaker's apartments and every week Hon. Mr. Belmont gives a dinner. And while all these gay things are taking place, there is a shadow of another character over the place. The Angel of Death has hovered around the Senate and Commons for two weeks or more, and a third victim has fallen. Last week it was Senator Reid, of British Columbia, and Mr. McCreary, member of Parliament from Winnipeg, who died. This week the Hon. Senator Dever, of St. John, New Brunswick, was the one to go. While the bell was ringing, on Monday, that summons the legislators to duty, at three o'clock, the hearse was under the main tower awaiting the remains of the dead Senator. It was a cross-topped hearse, which told that a Catholic had departed. As deceased was a man of very exceptional importance, your correspondent will devote a special paragraph to his life.

LATE SENATOR DEVER. — The late Senator James Dever was 79 years of age at the time of his death, having celebrated his birthday on the 2nd May this year. He was appointed to the Senate of Canada in 1868, and was, consequently, with the exception of Senator Wark, the oldest member of the Upper House. James Dever was a native of Ireland, a Catholic, and a splendid type of the true Irish gentleman. He was born at Ballyshannon, on the 2nd May, 1825. At an early age he came to Canada with his parents, who settled at St. John, New Brunswick. There he made a very brilliant course of studies, especially in the commercial line. At a comparatively young age he launched into business, and soon built up quite a fortune. He was called to the Senate on the 14th March, 1868; and, what has not been remarked by any of the press, he was selected at the suggestion of Hon. T. D. McGee, then a member of the government, and within three weeks of his own tragic death. Senator Dever had married, on the 25th November, 1853, Margaret, daughter of Daniel Morris, of Lancaster, New Brunswick. As a result of this happy union nine children were born to them. The name of the Dever family is historical. At the time of William the Conqueror, an officer named Paul Eugene Dever came over to Ireland and settled there. This officer was drowned in Lough Erpe, near Ballyshannon. He left one son, also named Paul, who married a niece of Sir Anthony Cohen, of Higginston. These had also only one son, named James, who was married to the only daughter of Daniel Gallagher and Margaret O'Donnell, of Tyrconnell. These were the parents of the late Senator. On his mother's side the family name and residence recalls the olden Irish war-song, "O'Donnell Aboo," and that special reference in it:

"On with O'Donnell then; Fight the good fight again; Sons of Tyrconnell the valiant and true."

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A family so essentially Irish could not have been other than profoundly Catholic.

HIS SUCCESSOR. — While nothing positive has yet been settled, there is every probability that Hon. John Costigan, will be called to the Senate to replace the late Senator Dever. There are many reasons why the choice should fall on him. Since Confederation he has represented the county of Victoria, N.B., in the Commons. He is a New Brunswick man in every sense of the word; then he is an Irish Catholic. Besides, he has given the main part of his life to active politics, and the retirement to the Senate would be, but a fitting termination of such a career. If the choice falls upon Mr. Costigan, it is not likely the appointment will be made until after this session, as it would be undesirable, on the part of the government, to open a constituency so near the general elections.

A MEXICAN ENVOY. — When the Postmaster General, Sir William Mulock, was recently in Mexico, he had several interviews with President Diaz in connection with lines of steamers between that country and Canada, postal regulations, and other matters of international interest. As a result the Mexican Government sent Senator Santiago Menday to Ottawa, with his secretary, to study the subjects on the ground here. He had interviews this week with Sir Richard Cartwright, Minister of Trade and Commerce, and with Sir William Mulock. The Mexican government asks for a subsidy of \$50,000 for a line of steamers to start, one month, from Montreal, and the next month from Vancouver for Mexico; thus giving a service on the Atlantic and the Pacific. Timber, fish, coal, wheat, and such like Canadian products find a ready market in Mexico. A two-cent postage rate is also under consideration. The Mexican visitors find Ottawa one of the most beautiful, clean and picturesque cities on the continent.

GENERAL NOTES. — Rev. Pere Delor, the Dominican preacher, who held the pulpit of Notre Dame, in Montreal, during the last Lenten season, is here and gave a splendid lecture on Monday night, in St. Patrick's Hall, under the auspices of the Institut Canadien of Ottawa.

An old citizen named John Carty has just died, at the age of ninety. His wedding, which took place in 1846, was the first ever held in the Basilica—the Cathedral in those days. There had been considerable rivalry for the honor of being the first to be married in the new Church. They then called it the "French Church," to distinguish it from St. Patrick's Church that was in Centre Town. As Mr. Carty had had all the formalities, of publication of bans and so forth, done beforehand, he secured the distinction. He was one of the oldest of Ottawa's Catholic pioneers.

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