

## AN IMPOSING CEREMONY.

## DEDICATION OF A CHURCH IN OTTAWA.

The New St. Joseph's Church Open for Public Worship—A Beautiful Edifice Crowded by Prelates and People.

The dedicatory services in connection with the opening of the new St. Joseph's Catholic Church were conducted on Sunday last with all the pomp and splendor of Catholic rites and ceremonies. The spacious edifice was crowded to the doors, many standing in the aisles. The dedication ceremony commenced at 10 a.m. by a procession around the outside of the church. The Most Reverend J. T. Duhamel, D.D., Archbishop of Ottawa, assisted by the Very Rev. J. M. McGuckin, O.M.I., D.D., rector of the University; the Very Rev. A. Pallier, O.M.I., pastor of the church, and others, according to their rank, formed in line at the grand central porch of the church and turning to the right proceeded around the exterior of the building, the bishop sprinkling the walls with holy water and chanting the antiphon, "Thou shalt be sprinkled with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleaned; thou shalt wash me and I shall be made whiter than snow." After finishing the prayers and chants used on such occasions, the procession entered the church, the vast audience arising, and the priests chanting the litany contributing to make a scene inspiring in its grandeur and beauty.

## THE SERVICE

inside the church was continued by the chanting of the Litany of the Saints, followed by a dedicatory service somewhat similar to that which had taken place outside. The procession, starting from the Gospel side, passed through the church, the Most Reverend John Walsh, D.D., Archbishop of Toronto, sprinkling the interior walls with hyssop, repeating of the same chant as used outside. At the close of the dedicatory services proper, Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by the Most Reverend James V. Cleary, S.T.D., Archbishop of Kingston, assisted by the Very Reverend J. M. McGuckin, O.M.I., as Arch Priest; the Rev. Wm. Patton, O.M.I., as deacon, and Rev. John McRory, O.M.I., as sub-deacon. The Mass used was that of St. Elizabeth, Queen of Hungary, with commemorations of Sunday, 26th after Pentecost and St. Pontianus.

A magnificent dedication sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Archbishop Walsh, of Toronto. The musical part of the service was superb. The choir was under the leadership of the Rev. Father Nellis, O.M.I., and the organist was Mrs. Kearns.

Amongst the distinguished personages present were Archbishops Duhamel, of Ottawa; Walsh, of Toronto; Cleary, of Kingston; and Bishops Lorrain, of Pembroke; Emard, of Valleyfield; MacDonald, of Alexandria, and a vast number of other eminent clergymen. The lay element was represented by Hon. Sir John Thompson, Premier; Hon. J. J. Curran, Solicitor General, and other prominent citizens of the Dominion. The whole ceremony was imposing, and long will it be remembered by the Catholics of Ottawa.

## THEY RENEWED THEIR VOWS.

An Impressive Ceremony at the Grand Cemetery.

This was the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin and the patronal feast of the Seminary and Clergy. In keeping with the time honored custom the fête was observed with becoming solemnity. At half-past nine o'clock Monday morning high mass was chanted in the Chapel at the Grand Seminary. Mgr. Fabre officiated, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. De Lavigne, Chapin and Duchene, all members of the Sulpician Order. Among the other members of the Order present were the Rev. Abbes Colin, Superior, Lecocq, Lacroix, Deguire, of St. James Parish, R. Rousseau, Palatin, Lovellie, Maure, Laberte, Lelandais, Portier, Demberton, Denis, Roussel, Labrosse, Seyres, St. Jean, Simon, Tranchmontagne, Chevrier, Daniel, Sorin, Maillet, Filiatreault, Leveille, James and Martin Callaghan, McCullum, Mony, W. P. O. Hebert, Ducloux, Urique, Loppoupon, Vabart, Bastien, Parent, Schekling, and Dupret. Among

the other members of the clergy in attendance at the ceremony were the Rev. Abbes Blanchard, cura of St. Isidore; Duprat, cura of Ste. Philomene; Geoffrion, Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross; Deguire, O.M.I.; Descaries, cura of St. Henri; Ecrement, cura of Ste. Anne; Charpentier, chaplain of the Convent of Mercy; Cavanagh, chaplain of the Hochelaga Convent; Langevin, Vicar at St. Vincent de Paul; Cardin, professor at the College of Varennes; Bernard, cura of Sorel; Prevost, of Pointe aux Trembles; Reed, Chaplain of the Sacred Heart. The students of the Grand Seminary formed a powerful choir and their singing during Mass was most impressive. After the gospel the Archbishop delivered a brief address in which he referred to the many duties of the priesthood and to the obligation which existed for the members of the clergy in renewing their clerical vows, to fulfil their duty faithfully. An impressive service was witnessed in the chapel immediately after Mass. While the choir sang the hymn "Veni Creator" and that to the Blessed Virgin of "Quam pulchra" all the members of the clergy present, commencing with the oldest and followed by the students in theology marched up to the altar two by two. On the footstaple stood His Grace and all the priests renewed their vows. After the ceremony all the clergy repaired to the dining hall and partook of dinner as guests on the occasion of the ceremony.

The ceremony of renewing the vows also came off Monday in all the convents of the order of Grey Nuns, as is customary to do so every year.

## AN ABLE TRACT.

God Proclaimed by Reason.

The Rev. L. P. Paquin, the learned and zealous pastor of St. John Baptist Church, Sioux City, Iowa, has commenced a series of Catholic Tracts explaining the fundamental principles of religion, and dedicated to the American young men. The first of the series, which has just come to hand, is entitled "God proclaimed by reason." In the space of thirteen small pages the author presents the most irrefutable arguments—from a rational standpoint—in favor of the existence of God. This is but the Alpha of a long series of equally interesting and instructive tracts. We knew Father Paquin well, in the good old days when he was professor of mathematics, astronomy, civil engineering, history, the philosophy of history and a half dozen other subjects, at the then rising but still young college of Ottawa. We remember well his zeal, his fine talents and his indomitable energy, and we are confident that wherever his lot may be cast the community that has the happiness of possessing such a priest must reap untold benefits and blessings. May his days be long in the land and may his new enterprise be crowned with well-merited success.

**THE COLORED HARVEST.**—This is the name of a yearly publication edited by the Rev. J. R. Slattery, Rector of St. Joseph's Seminary for Negro Missions, at Baltimore. Its sole purpose is to aid that noble of all works—The Evangelization of "God's Poor" who linger blindly in the bondage of Paganism, or in the base religions of their own invention, not merely in Africa, but here under the very shadow of our own threshold. Heretofore the Catholic Church has done surprisingly little in elevating the spiritual condition of these poor creatures, and she has thereby given her adversaries ample time to reap a glorious victory on this field of unconquered millions of souls. It is a sad fact, that, whilst the other denominations claim to have about four millions of adherents among the unhappy Blacks of the South, the Catholic Church can hardly claim 200,000 of the still remaining millions. But, thanks to God, we can now say with security that, at least in the near future, she will faithfully administer to these so long ignored children of God. The Colored Harvest is the main factor to aid the realization of these our cherished hopes; for it is the Colored Harvest that supports the Seminary, and the Seminary in its turn, produces men, who will be fit to bring about the noble end in view. The price of subscription to the Colored Harvest is but twenty-five cents (25),—a trifle to anyone, but a large support to God's work, who has promised us to reward a hundred fold a glass of water given to our brother in

His name. In aiding the evangelization of these poor people, you do not only give to your brother in God's name, but rather to God Himself. Now, who will deny that our Colored Brethren are thirsting for the word of God? And, who is it that will deny his brother this refreshing draught?

Indeed, the "Colored Harvest" deserves a wide-spread circulation and should be found in every Catholic home since it is both interesting and fit for young and old. Many are the blessings and spiritual benefits promised to the subscriber on the part of God and that of the missionaries, as well as of the saved souls. To any one becoming a Zlator, i.e. getting twenty subscribers, special blessings are promised, besides a beautiful picture of St. Joseph—a picture, fit to become the centre-piece and attraction of your parlor. As Catholics, it becomes our duty to aid God's work with the means He has given us, and to aid the poorest of all poor "God's Poor," who will have an excuse to stand back? Sample copies will be sent on application, and likewise any required number. Address, R. v. J. R. Slattery, St. Joseph's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.

## ST. ANN'S BAZAAR

Brought to a Successful Conclusion on Saturday Evening.

The bazaar which has been going on for ten days in St. Ann's parish practically came to a conclusion on Saturday evening. The attendance was always very large, and a great deal of enthusiasm was evinced by all the parishioners, notably the ladies, who devoted so much of their time to the object of procuring food and clothing for the poor. The hall was beautifully decorated, and the articles were numerous, costly and pretty. The result reflects flatteringly on the ladies.

The carved "Santa Maria" was ably navigated to the termination of its voyage, laden as it was by specimens of almost everything in the Columbian exhibition, by Mrs. W. Brennan, president of the bazaar, assisted by Miss M. Bailey, Miss M. Tucker, Miss Maggie Heelan and Miss McCarthy. The Fairy Journal and post office were in charge of Miss O'Brien, assisted by Mr. J. Martin, Miss Maggie O'Brien and Miss Minnie Heelan. The gypsy's tent was in charge of Miss Lesperance and Miss Maggie Bailey who succeeded in doing a good business. The fancy tables were presided over by Mrs. Power, Mrs. Dowd, Miss Drew, Miss Power and Miss Cullinan. The fish pond was in charge of the Misses Kane, who showed great ability in keeping a ready supply for the tireless anglers. The harbor of fortune was in charge of Miss E. Brennan, Miss Enright, Miss Cloran and Mr. Casey, the last named acting as Chinese auctioneer. The refreshment table were under the management of the Miss O'Connor, Miss Daly and Miss Power. Miss Annie Gireau had charge of the wheel of fortune. The lottery table and its many treasures were in charge of Miss Agnes Brennan.

There was a competition during the week for a beautiful banner, to be presented by the ladies of the parish to the Society proving itself most popular. The contest took place between the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Ancient Order of Hibernians. It was won by the last named by a majority of 695 votes.

## St. Mary's Catholic Young Men's Society.

Most of your readers know the causes which, some months ago, brought about the suppression of the above society. Happily for St. Mary's all the young men have not lost sight of the great principle of authority, and especially of ecclesiastical authority, coming so directly from Jesus Christ himself. Measures were taken to establish a society that would improve its members spiritually, intellectually and socially, and be at the same time a source of edification to the parish, and of help to its chief priest.

The necessary permission having been granted, many young men received Holy Communion on October 22, feast of the Patronage of Our Lady, to draw down upon the proposed organization the blessing of God and the protection of His Holy Mother.

Preliminary meetings were held on October 27 and November 5, and the broad lines of a constitution were drawn up. It was resolved to call the associa-

tion "St. Mary's Catholic Young Men's Society." The objection as to confusion with another society was laid aside, because that society had failed to exist as a parish organization, and consequently had no right to the name reserved for the parish society of young men.

The members bind themselves to monthly communion in order to give to their association that religious character which its name implies. A reading circle, a library, a chess club, and free evening lessons are proposed, and will, in time, be certainly carried out.

The first annual election of officers was held on November 22, and resulted as follows:

President, J. J. Maguire; vice-president, H. J. Codd; secretary, J. McGovern; assistant secretary, T. Smyth; treasurer, W. Kelly. Special committee: Messrs. Murray, Potter, Walsh, Heffernan and P. Kelly. Other offices are not yet filled.

The society already numbers more than thirty members, and it is hoped that many more worthy young men will soon swell the ranks and be animated with the same spirit as the pioneers of the undertaking.

Rev. Father O'Donnell is highly pleased with this movement coming spontaneously from the young men of his parish. He has accepted the spiritual directorship of the society, and has placed at its disposal St. Mary's Hall for reading, games, debates and entertainments.

How gratifying this communication will be to sincere and thinking Catholics! The high tide of insubordination and free-thought may deluge our young country as it has in older lands, but here, as there, it will find insurmountable barriers.

When the Church's authority, be it in the person of Pope, Bishop, or Parish Priest, is set at defiance champions will come forward to espouse the cause of right and duty, and to show that they at least are resolved to lighten if possible, but never to increase, the arduous labor involved in the "stewardship of souls."

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## Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will celebrate the first anniversary of the founding of the Order in this city on the 23rd inst., by an entertainment in the Windsor Hall, for which they have secured the services of the Irish National Minstrels of St. Ann's Young Men's Society. An address appropriate for the occasion will be delivered by the Rev. Father O'Meara, P.P. of St. Gabriel's. The Hibernians, although only a year in existence in this city, have grown rapidly, there being two divisions, with a membership of over 250. The object of the society is to establish a fund for the maintenance of the sick or disabled, and for the burial of deceased members.

REGARDING the Fathers General of the Jesuit Order we have been asked how many there were since the days of their founder. In reply we give the following information:—

Father Martin is the twenty-fourth General of the Jesuits. Appended is a list of his predecessors with the dates of their elections:

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| St. Ignatius Loyola, Spaniard.....   | 1541      |
| Jacques Laluz, Spaniard.....         | 1558      |
| St. Francis Borgia, Spaniard.....    | 1565      |
| Everard Mercurion, Belgian.....      | 1578      |
| Claude Aquaviva, Neapolitan.....     | 1581      |
| Mathias Vitelleschi, Roman.....      | 1585      |
| Vincent Caraffa, Neapolitan.....     | 1585      |
| Francis Piccolomini, Florentine..... | 1589      |
| Alexandre Gontier, Roman.....        | 1592      |
| Goswin Nickel, German.....           | 1592      |
| Jean Paul Oliva, Genoese.....        | 1591      |
| Charles de Noye, Belgian.....        | 1591      |
| Thyre Gonzales, Spaniard.....        | 1597      |
| Michael Tamburini, Venetian.....     | 1598      |
| Francis Reiz, Austrian.....          | 1599      |
| Ignace Vitellio, Milanese.....       | 1591      |
| Louis Centurion, Genoese.....        | 1595      |
| Laurent Ricci, Florentine.....       | 1598-1599 |
| Thadde Brzozowski, Pole.....         | 1595      |
| Louis Fortin, Veronese.....          | 1599      |
| Jean Routhan, Dutch.....             | 1598      |
| Pierre Boez, Belgian.....            | 1593      |
| Antoine Maria Annetty, Swiss.....    | 1597      |

During the suppression of the Society four Vice-Generals ruled in succession in White Russia, of whom three were Poles and one a German.

The great Welsh preacher, Christmas Evans, was one summer morning walking over a mountain in Pembrokeshire to a distant village, where he expected to preach. On the way he met Mr. Herring, a celebrated revivalist. "Good morning, Mr. Evans," exclaimed Herring. "But who would have thought of seeing Christmas in the middle of summer?" Christmas was, however, equal to the occasion, and quietly retorted, "Good morning, sir. But who would have thought of meeting a Herring on the top of a mountain?"