cluding Monday, July 27th. This means that Excursionists can leave Quebec on the night trains on Monday, July 27th, and Montreal on the morning of July 28th, but if a stop-over at Quebec and Montreal is desired, it must be so timed as to leave Montreal for a continuous journey home, not later than the morning of Tuesday, July 28th. Passengers from Haliburton and Lindsay will take regular trains and connect with special at Port Hope. Passengers from Mariposa will take regular train and connect with special at Whitby Junction. Excursionists from Toronto, western Ontario and other points will leave Toronto by regular morning express trains on Tuesday, procure regular return tickets as far as Whitby or Myrtle, purchase Pilgrimage ticket at either of these stations, and then take special train, which will be awaiting them, and proceed to Ste. Anne de Beaupre. For the benefit of the excursionists of Toronto and west thereof, it may be mentioned that ten persons traveling together can purchase regular return tickets from any station to Myrtle or Whitby for one fare and a third. This will make return tickets —Toronto to Ste. Anne's—considerably less than $10.

The Pilgrimage will be under the immediate direction of Rev. D. A. Twomey, Tweed, Ont., who will promptly send posters containing the fullest information to intending pilgrims.

Dining Cars will be attached to the C. P. R. Special Pilgrimage Trains, in which excellent meals may be procured both on the downward journey and whilst at St. Anne at the nominal cost of 25 cents.

OUR CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS.

The University of Ottawa Review (May and June) says:

"During the scholastic year, now nearing its term, many newspapers have been received weekly at our sanctum board. Owing to circumstances they have not received the notice in our exchange column that they merit, nevertheless they have always been sought for eagerly and perused by us with the greatest pleasure. The value of such reading matter as is found in those various Catholic publications cannot be estimated; especially at the present time when so much danger is to be apprehended from the numerous worthless and demoralizing periodicals, scattered throughout the whole country. They serve as a gentle reminder to the people of the duties they owe to God and man; they are especially adapted for the guidance of youth, and upon their pages are ever to be found true Christian and Catholic ideas. Every right-thinking man who has his own and his family's interest at heart, will have one, one at the very least, of those weekly visitors at his home. We tender our sincerest thanks to the editors of those various publications for their courtesy in affording us such pleasurable company during the current year.

"Among our home Canadian papers the coming of the CATHOLIC RECORD of London is always looked for with interest. It is a weekly which no Catholic family can afford to be without."

NOT "ANTI-CHRIST.

The Presbyterian Church, which is so weak in New England that we rarely hear of it, but which is one of the more numerous Protestant sects in the United States, has just made a new statement of belief.

As the custodian of the hideous fatalistic doctrine known as Calvinism, which affirmed the damnation of infants, the sect has for a dozen years been struggling for a less horrible expression, if not a less horrible dogma. The recent general conference at Los Angeles finally accomplished the change of phrases, though there is no real rooting out of the fatalism.

If the new wording comforts modern Presbyterians, then Catholics should take comfort also in the change of phrases which the new creed makes in describing the Pope, though it still expresses toward him a sentiment of undiminished suspicion, condemnation and wrath. The old statement in the Westminster Confession read thus:

"There is no head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ, nor can the Pope of Rome in any sense be the head thereof, but is the Antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition, that exalteth himself in the Church against Christ and all that is called God."

The same subject is now treated with the following accession of manners:

"The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church, and the claim of any man to be the vicar of Christ and the head of the Church is un-Scriptural, without warrant in fact, and is a usurpation dishonoring to the Lord Jesus Christ."

There can be no doubt that this change was made in obedience to a desire on the part of Presbyterians to show their admiration and respect for the present occupant of the Papal throne and also in general the greatly increased esteem in which they now hold American Catholics. They feel that they must stand by their belief, but they are unwilling longer to give needless offence by exaggerated forms of invective.—The Republic.

THE QUESTION BOX

by Father Conaway, is a book of some six hundred pages, being the replies given to questions received during missions to non-Catholics. It has a good index—often a neglected part of many otherwise useful publications. All sorts of questions from the days of St. Peter—was he ever in Rome?—down to the fads of the day, like Christian Science, have been asked in these missions, and in this book find an answer. We predict for this work a large circulation and much good. Just such a little book as Catholics might have and hand to their non-Catholic neighbors. It is bound in paper and can be had for 20c. post-paid from the CATHOLIC RECORD Office, London, Ont. The sale has already in one month reached 30,000.

A Wonderful Beautifier.

Happiness is indeed a wonderful beautifier. Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, speaking about a woman's greatest charm, says: "A woman who does not carry about with her wherever she goes a halo of good feeling and desire to make everybody contented—an atmosphere of grace, mercy and peace, of at least six feet radius, which wraps every human being upon whom she voluntarily bestows her presence, and so flatters him with the comfortable thought that she is rather glad he is alive than otherwise, isn't worth the trouble of talking to as a woman; she may be well enough to hold discussions with." The woman who shows a gentle courtesy to all humanity—who is considerate and kind and, best of all, charitable—creates an atmosphere of happiness wherever she goes and she attracts to her the best minds and the rarest natures.

Be True.

Love is the greatest of human affections, and friendship is the chaste, fragrant flower that springs from it. Do not be too sensitive as to the little failings of your friend. People who are too easily offended are gathering for themselves the clouds that hide from their view the sunshine of life. Would you throw away a diamond in the rough simply because it pricked you? It is very easy to lose a friend, but a new one will not come for the calling. "There are no friends like the old friends, after all." Even though they have their faults and failings, is it not one of the duties of friendship to overlook the unpolished edges of the gem? Some people talk of the inconstancy of friends, not knowing that if they themselves were more true, more generous, others would be more loyal.

A WORTHY HAMILTONIAN.

Monday, June 22, 1903, is a memorable date for an old and respected citizen of Hamilton—Mr. Alban Charles Best of 281 West Hunter st. On that day Mr. Best reached the Psalmist's mortal mile mark of three score and ten.

Mr. Best would gladly let this natal commemoration pass by unnoticed—since he is one who does not wish his left hand to know the achievements of his right hand.

However, on this his birthday, it may be permitted to the writer to state that Mr. Best came to Hamilton in the early sixties. He is, and has ever been, a staunch and loyal Canadian—and an adherent to the Conservative party.

If Mr. Best has a hobby it is for holy mother Church. Before all, above all, and in all, he always looks at everything from a Roman Catholic standpoint. Mr. Best is in the direct line of several Welsh generations who for more than a century fought for the faith.

He comes from a family which has made its mark in the world. Amongst Mr. Best's relations are to be mentioned Prof. Best, the famous English organist of Liverpool, and Miss Susie Best, the poetess, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Best was born at Bristol, on the historic Avon River, not far from the birthplace of the immortal Shakespeare. It may, too, be of interest to mention that Mr. Best's first wife was of the famous Hill family and hence by marriage closely allied to Southey, the poet.

Mr. Best has been for many years very active in Church and charitable affairs. He saw the birth and growth of the parochial school and as a zealous Trustee was foster father to more than one educational institution. Coming from a musical family he loved the art of singing, and in and out of season lent his voice to the St. Mary's old cathedral choir. In addition to this Mr. Best was a worthy and untiring member of St. Vincent de Paul Society. His pioneer work in his own conference is recorded by the good angel.

When the Sacred Heart devotion was first introduced, Mr. Best became at once an ardent associate and has since remained an indefatigable Promoter.

Mr. Best has three children, all of whom are in religious institutions, namely: Rev. Denis F. Best, Superior of the Carmelites at Niagara Falls; Rev. Philip Best, Professor of the higher English classes in St. Cyril college, Chicago, and Sister Catherine, in the Sisters of Charity convent, Buffalo, N. Y.

OBITUARY.

MRS. JOHN BRUCE, SOULE, MICH.

The sad news has reached us of the death of Mrs. John Bruce of Soule, Mich., who was well-known around London and vicinity, being a daughter of Mrs. Mary McDonnell, this city.

Mrs. Bruce had been ill for some time past of an affection of the stomach, which, despite the attention lavished on her by several physicians, her devoted husband and family, terminated fatally on Sunday, June 14, her soul passing to its Maker fortified by the consolations of our Holy Mother Church. The calm resignation displayed all through her illness was truly becoming the Christian mother being ever mindful in the guidance of her family until almost her very last moments.

Interment took place at St. Felix's cemetery, Pinnebog, Mich.

Requiescat in pace!

MISS TERESA WINGLE, McKILLOP.

"In the midst of Life we are with Death."

Such were the thoughts that filled the minds of the people of this neighborhood as the news flashed over the wires that Miss Teresa, youngest daughter of Mr. John Wingle of McKillop, had died in St. Joseph's hospital, London, on the verge of undergoing a surgical operation. On Monday morning she left her home, bright, and with full expectations of returning in a short time fully restored to health, but God, Who does all things for the best, willed otherwise, for on Wednesday morning, as prayers were being offered to God for her temporal welfare, He called her home to rest within His Sacred Heart. How tranquil is the death of one, who has ever lived in God's favor! With holy aspirations on her lips and the prayers and consolations for the dying ascending like incense to God's Holy Throne (read by her pastor, Rev Father A. McKeon,) her death was, we are sure, a truly happy one. Her mortal remains were conveyed to her father's residence Wednesday evening. How sad it seemed to those loved ones, to see their dear sister come home to them silent for ever! Yes silent to our mortal ears, but she will pray before the Great White Throne that God's directing hand may ever guide those who are left behind. Miss Wingle was an accomplished young lady. She was a member of St. Columban's church choir, and that she was a general favorite was in evidence by the large number who attended her funeral, Friday morning, June 12th. High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by the Rev. A. McKeon, and during his pathetic sermon sobs arose from the bosoms of the large congregation in sorrow for a devoted child, a kind and thoughtful sister, and a cherished friend. After Mass the sad procession wended its way to the St. Columban's cemetery, and amid the prayers and tears of a host of friends they laid her mortal remains to rest.

We mingle our falling tears with those of her bereaved parents. Only a year ago they saw the remains of another daughter tenderly lowered in the grave. We will pray for them in their sad hour of affliction, knowing it is the truest condolence for a sorrow such as theirs, and we can rest assured our dear Lord will not leave the friends of His Sacred Heart unrewarded for the painful sacrifice He has asked of them. Let us say May her immortal soul rest in peace.

AN HONOR THAT IS WELL DESERVED.

Under the above heading the Waterbury, Conn., Democrat says:

Mother St. Cecilia, Superior of the Convent de Notre Dame has been promoted to be one of the six provincials of the Order of Notre Dame in Canada and the United States. Mother St. Cecilia will probably remain for the remainder of the school year. Then she will leave for Ottawa, where she will assume the duties of her new office. Her departure from Waterbury is viewed with mingled feelings of regret and pleasure; regret that a lady so well known and so esteemed should be leaving, pleasure in that she is to fill a higher and more important office, and to enjoy an honor that is well deserved.

For forty-eight years Mother St. Cecilia has worn the garb of a member of the Order of Notre Dame and has faithfully observed the rules of the Order. For nearly half a century she has labored earnestly, zealously and indefatigably in the field of religion and education. Hers has been an eventful and a most successful career. She was the founder of the Waterbury house of Notre Dame. For fourteen years, from 1868 to 1882, she was the head of the house, and under her faithful guidance the convent gained an enviable reputation as an institution of learning. She has also opened houses in Providence and Lewiston, Maine. For several years she was stationed in Ottawa, whence she came to Waterbury two years ago to become again the Mother Superior of the institution which she had founded. Mother St. Cecelia is a woman of great executive ability and well deserves the high honor which she has received. During all these years she has shown renowned ability as an administrator. The crowning honor of a successful career of nearly half a century in the service of God is her appointment to one of the most important offices of the order.

DEATH OF CARDINAL VAUGHAN.

(Associated Press Despatch.)

London, June 20.—His Eminence Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishop of Westminister, died at midnight. The Cardinal, who had been sinking for some weeks from heart disease and dropsy, died peacefully. His death was not expected so soon.

Yesterday Cardinal Vaughan was wheeled in a bath chair about the corridors of St. Joseph's College. On the previous day he appeared in the college chapel in full Cardinal's robes, and made a farewell address to his Bishops and priests.

His remains will lie in state in the cathedral at Westminster, another monument to Cardinal Vaughan's work, and will be buried at St. Joseph's College.

Cardinal Vaughan was born at Gloucester, April 15, 1832, the eldest son of the late Lieut.-Col. Vaughan of Courtfield, Herefordshire. He was educated at Stonyhurst College, on the continent and in Rome. He was the founder of several colleges for foreign and home missions, among them St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary College, Mill Hill, Middlesex, and in 1871 he accompanied the first detachment of priests sent from that institution on a special mission to the colored people of the United States. He succeeded the late Bishop Turner to the Bishopric of Salford in 1872, and was made Archbishop of Westminster in 1892. He laid the first stone of Westminster Cathedral, June 29, 1895. While still Bishop Vaughan he acquired considerable reputation as a preacher, and published a series of pastorals, besides numerous pamphlets and letters on educational, social and religious questions.

May he rest in peace!

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Very Rev. Pius Rucolph Mayer, the Superior General of the Carmelites, recently arrived in this country from Rome, and next week will conduct a retreat to be held at the Hospice, Niagara Falls, for the clergy of the Toronto Archdiocese.

During this month Father Mayer will preside at several important Carmelite meetings in Canada and the United States, embracing an election for a new Superior at the Niagara Falls Monastery, and ordination services in St. Cyril's Chicago college.

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

FIRST COMMUNION AT STRATFORD.

On Sunday, June 20, at St. Joseph's church, Stratford, first Communion was administered to a large class of children at the 8:30 Mass. Long before that early hour the little ones were assembled in the spacious and beautiful terraced lawn which surrounds the church and presbytery. From thence they marched in procession to the sacred edifice which they entered and proceeded to their reserved seats, singing an appropriate hymn, under the direction of Rev. Father Tobin, who had spent weeks of earnest labor, assisted by the Ladies of Loretto, preparing the children for the reception of and their first holy Communion. Rev. Father Roussell said the Mass and administered the Blessed Sacrament to the little ones. Rev. Father Tobin gave a short instruction on the ceremony, and requested the congregation to remember in their prayers, their beloved pastor, Rev. Dean Kilroy, who was just recovering from a protracted and dangerous illness.

THE BISHOP AT M'GREGOR.

On Sunday, June 21, the Bishop of London blessed and laid the corner-stone of the new solid stone church in the parish of McGregor, in the presence of a very large congregation.

Rev. Father Beaudoin, P. P., of Walkerville, preached a sermon in French; the Very Rev. Father McBrady, C. S. B., Superior of Assumption College, Sandwich, preached in English.

The following priests were present: Venerable Archdeacon Andrieux, P. P., Belle River; Rev. Father Marseilles, P. P., Canard River; Rev. Father McGee, P. P., Maidstone; Rev. Father Meunier, P. P., Windsor; Rev. Father Langlois, P. P., Tilbury; Rev. Father Chalandard, C. S. B., Sandwich; Rev. Fathers Renaud and McNulty, Amherstburg; Rev. Father Ladouceur, Jeanette's Creek; Rev. Father Martin, Staples.

Rev. Father Parent, the pastor, and his people deserve the greatest praise for their energy and generosity in building so beautiful and substantial a parish church.

DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION AT LINDSAY.

On Sunday, June 14th, His Lordship, the Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, D. D., Bishop of the diocese, confirmed one hundred and forty-four children and adults, some of whom were converts. It was also the day of First Communion for most of them. His Lordship arrived on Saturday morning and during the afternoon examined the candidates and found them well prepared. The children had a three days' retreat conducted by the pastor, Ven. Archdeacon Casey. The benefit of these days spent in recollection and prayer was manifest in the modest, humble and devout manner in which they approached the sacraments.

A little before 9 o'clock the children marched in line from the Parish Hall singing a hymn in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and took their places in the pews reserved for them in the centre aisle. At 9 o'clock His Lordship began the Mass during which the choir sang many selections. Immediately after the Mass, at which all received Holy Communion, His Lordship addressed the candidates for Confirmation. He explained the great sacraments which they were about to receive and the graces it would confer on them. By baptism they had received the beginning of the supernatural life, and became the children of God. By confirmation they were about to receive the fulness of that life, the Holy Ghost with His sevenfold gifts. They would then be soldiers of Christ, strong to champion His cause, and to fight His battles and gain the victory over His enemies. The sacraments have their power and effect from the merits of Christ. To produce good fruit in your souls you must cooperate with the graces which they bestow. Before the farmer can expect an abundant harvest, he must not only sow the seed, but he must prepare the ground for it, and wait with hope for the heat and moisture necessary to give life to the seed that it may grow and produce fruit. In your souls will be planted the graces of confirmation. Much depends on the nature of the soil and the manner in which it is prepared. These graces must be nourished with the warmth and moisture of the divine virtues, with prayer and co-operation, so that they may produce fruit to life everlasting. You have to meet with temptations on all sides. The devil goes about like a roaring lion. He will assail you on all sides. You will have need of the graces of confirmation. The dignity of soldiers of Christ will oblige you to certain duties. You must ever profess your faith openly. Never be ashamed of it, never to yield to human respect, but be ever faithful to Christ, and He will give you the victory to which is promised the crown of eternal glory.

The Bishop robed in pontificals and assisted by the pastor, Archdeacon Casey, and Father O'Sullivan then conferred the sacrament of confirmation on the candidates.

His Lordship then in kind words encouraged the newly confirmed to give thanks for the graces they had just received, and to fulfil their new obligations of soldiers of Christ with fidelity, and to guard themselves against temptations of every kind bearing in mind they had now the Holy Ghost to strengthen them. He then exacted of them the usual promises, 1st, that they would faithfully say their morning and evening prayers; 2nd, that they would never neglect their Easter duty; 3rd, that they would all abstain from intoxicating liquor until the fullage of twenty one years. By keeping these promises they would preserve the grace of God in their hearts, makes their lives happy and be faithful soldiers of Christ.

His Lordship then briefly addressed the parents. He impressed upon them the duty of watching over and guarding their children of seeing that they go to confession and Communion regularly, of assisting them and encouraging them to be faithful to the promises they had made. To do this parents must teach, not by word only, but especially by example. Make your homes, he said, comfortable, pleasant, and peaceable, and your children will learn to love home. Let them not have to go elsewhere to seek amusement, the nature of which you oftentimes know not. If your homes are free from family contentions, if there is union and charity among the members, if religion is always respected, and its duties uniformly fulfilled by the parents; if the children are trained to accompany them to confession and holy Communion; then home will always remain holy in their memories. Encourage your children, especially by your example in the love of home, of religion and of God. "Children," said His Lordship, "bear in mind that the only true happiness is to know, serve and love God here on earth, that you may be happy with Him for all eternity in heaven."

The children formed into procession and singing a hymn in honor of the Sacred Heart returned to the parish hall. The children deserve praise for the decorous and devout manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the long ceremony. The altars were beautifully decorated with flowers and lights. The whole ceremony was most edifying.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the children reassembled in the church to renew their baptismal vows, and receive the scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. After an act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin, read by one of the young girls, and an Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart, read by one of the young boys, His Lordship officiated at the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Thus finished the children's share in His Lordship's visit. Their hearts were filled with joy and thanksgiving to God for the graces they had received and of gratitude to His Lordship for his coming to them.

C. M. B. A. RECEPTION.

The members of Branch 77 C. M. B. A. attended Vespers in a body as a mark of respect to Bishop O'Connor, who is a member of the order, and at 8 o'clock His Lordship became their guest at a reception held in his honor at the parish hall, where over seventy-five of the brethren were assembled. Mr. J. J. McDonell, president of the local branch, occupied the chair. When His Lordship, Ven. Archdeacon Casey and Rev. Father O'Sullivan had taken seats on the platform, Dr. Blanchard stepped forward and read the following address:

Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Peterboro:

Mas it please your Lordship—The pastoral visits of your Lordship to Lindsay, have always been a source of joy and happiness to your spiritual children in this parish—the large congregation of St. Mary's.

Your auspicious arrival on this occasion gives additional pleasure to us, the members of Branch No. 77 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, as it affords us an opportunity to invite your Lordship to our hall, to spend a social hour with us, that we may be edified by your gracious presence and fatherly advice.

With profound respect and reverence we now welcome you, our beloved Bishop, to our rooms, and we earnestly pray that your Lordship may long be spared to govern with wisdom and ability this large diocese intrusted to your care by His Holiness, the illustrious Leo XIII.

We are pleased to inform your Lordship that St. Mary's Branch of the C. M. B. A. has made steady, if not rapid progress, since its inception fifteen years ago. It has now a membership of one hundred and one, in good standing, and the tendency to increase becomes greater as the usefulness and stability of the society become better known.

To the zeal, energy and fostering care of our late lamented pastor, Monsignor Laurent, our branch is chiefly indebted for its healthy growth in the past, and we are much pleased to assure your Lordship that a like interest in the welfare of the society, is now taken by our present worthy pastor and spiritual adviser, Venerable Archdeacon Casey, who is himself an honored member.

In conclusion, we humbly ask your Lordship's blessing, and we trust that the fraternal bond of Christian union, which is the mainstay of our widespread association, may long endure under the benign influence of the Church.

Signed on behalf of the Branch,

J. J. MACDONELL, Pres.
LEWIS PRIMEAU, Sec.

The address, which was composed by Bro. W. F. O'Boyle, had been beautifully engrossed and illuminated by one of the Sisters and was a work of art of which any professional might well be proud.

In the course of his reply His Lordship referred to the good work being accomplished by the C. M. B. A. and other Catholic societies in upholding the faith. Such a society was a great help to the pastor of a church, and he was always pleased to hear of the formation of a branch of the C. M. B. A. in any parish, because the members were sure to derive financial, intellectual, moral and social benefit therefrom. The late Mgr. Laurent had taken a deep interest in the society, of which their fine hall and parish building was a monument, and as their present devoted pastor, Ven. Archdeacon Casey was a member of Hastings branch, and had already given them many proofs of his interest and sympathy, he expected to hear from time to time that the Lindsay branch was increasing rapidly. In that and every other aim he wished the society the greatest possible measure of success.

Ven. Archdeacon Casey made a few brief but happy remarks, after which short speeches were given by Bros. T. Brady, E. Kingsley, W. F. O'Boyle, H. Harry, J. Rogers, Principal of the Separate school, J. O'Reilly, Wm. Steers, and the president, Mr. J. J. MacDonell.

The brethren then passed in procession before His Lordship, who gave each member a hearty grasp of the hand as he was introduced by the president.

Bishop O'Connor remained in town till Monday evening, visiting the schools and discussing parish affairs with the worthy pastor. He left for Peterborough fully convinced that the material as well as the spiritual affairs of St. Mary's parish are in a flourishing condition.

MARRIAGES.

CASEY-SINNETT.

At St. Michael's church, at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, Rev. Father Boubat united in marriage Mr. Thomas Casey and Miss Mary Cecelia Sinnett, both of Howard. The bride, who looked lovely and was handsomely gowned, was assisted by Miss Minnie Lamb, and the groom had the support of Mr. Edward Sinnett, the bride's brother. The interesting ceremony was witnessed by the relatives and friends of the contracting parties who at its conclusion joined in tendering the young couple good wishes for their future.—Ridgetown Dominion, June 18.

CONNOLLY-SULLIVAN.

One of the brighest and most charming weddings of the season was solemnized in St. St. Francis Xavier Church this morning at 8 o'clock, the contracting parties being Frank X. Connolly, the popular and efficient local inspector of the Bell Telephone Company and Miss Ellen (Nellie) T., fourth daughter of Michael Sullivan, Wall street. The hour of this interesting event having become generally known it was not surprising that an exceedingly large number of friends and acquaintances of the parties were present to witness it. Miss Sullivan has long been regarded as one of Brockville's most estimable young ladies, occupying a high place in the social circle.

A tuneful march announced the arrival of the wedding party and all eyes were turned to the main entrance. The bride was the object of admiration, and looked charming in a handsome gown of grey voile over grey taffeta, with applique trimming. She wore a white picture hat and carried an exquisite bouquet of bridal roses, the gift of a Montreal friend. Miss Sullivan was attended by her sister, Miss Annie Sullivan, attired in a dainty costume of white silk, with large white picture hat to match. Her bouquet was red roses. Wm. J. Muldoon of Brockville supported the groom.

Very Rev. Dean Murray performed the marriage ceremony in all its beauty and solemnity.

The guests numbering about thirty, principally relatives and a few immediate friends of the bride and groom, drove to the bride's residence which was artistically decorated with palms, ferns, roses, carnations, etc. Congratulations were in order, then came the wedding breakfast, which for quantity and quality could not have been excelled. The tables presented an inviting appearance and the merry company did ample justice to the good things provided. The toast of the bride was right royally honored, and the groom's reply was a model of brevity and wit.

Mr. and Mrs. Connolly were escorted to the G. T. R. International Limited, by which they left for a two weeks' honeymoon trip to Toronto and other western points. The send-off was in keeping with the other joyous features of the happy event. The bride's going-away dress was a smart green cloth, tailor made, and hat prettily trimmed to match. Upon returning to Brockville Mr. and Mrs. Connolly will take up their residence in a cosily furnished home on Pearl street.

Among the out of town guests were Dr. J. R. and Mrs. Connolly, Miss Connolly, Renfrew; Miss Margaret Devine and Miss Mazie Sullivan, Canton, N. Y.; John B. Gallagher, Miss Nellie Cornell, Carleton Place; Miss Olive O'Keefe, Miss Maloney, J. J. Marnell, Herbert and Dennis Gallagher, Montreal.

The wedding gifts were exceedingly complimentary to Mrs. Connolly, being very numerous and of excellent quality. Among the many might be mentioned a silver chafing dish from the Children of Mary, of which the bride was a valued member, holding the office of vice-president; silver fern dish from the employees of the Bell Telephone Company.

The groom settled in Brockville three years ago, coming from Trenton. In that time he has made a host of friends. Now that he had decided to become a permanent resident here with a Brockville lady for a life-partner, the best of good wishes will go out to him.—Brockville Times, June 16.

O'BOYLE-DUNLOP.

An interesting event took place in the Catholic church, Mackey's, Ont., on Tuesday morning, June 2nd, 1903, the marriage of Mr. Daniel P. O'Boyle, a prominent railway contractor of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., to Miss Agnes Mary, youngest daughter of Mr. James Dunlop, Reeve of Head, Clara and Maria. Rev. Father Gagnon performed the ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a lovely gown of white organdie and lace, with bridal veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white roses and carnations. She was accompanied by her bridesmaid, Miss Beatrice M. Legge, who was also attired in white organdie and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Little Miss Grace Donnelly, niece of the bride, was very pretty as flower girl, in a frock of white muslin with tulle picture hat, and carried red carnations. Mr. Wm. T. Hart of Sault Ste. Marie supported the groom. During the service the choir rendered appropriate music, Mrs. James H. Dunlop presiding at the organ. After the ceremony the bridal party with a few intimate friends and invited guests repaired to the home of the bride's father, where congratulations were tendered the happy couple, and the wedding breakfast was partaken of, after which amid good wishes, Mr. and Mrs. O'Boyle left on the east-bound train for their honeymoon tour to Montreal, Sherbrooke and other eastern cities. The bride's going away gown was of brown broadcloth, with stylish hat trimmed with sequins and plumes. She received many beautiful and costly presents. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome gold watch, and to the bridesmaid a pearl cresent. Upon their return from their wedding tour Mr. and Mrs. O'Boyle will reside at Sault Ste. Marie.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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ing, A de Tamble; honors, Wm Marion, W Schuller; bible history, F Corrigan; honors, J Murphy, G Shillaire.

Grade B

Excellence, (Downey prize), 1 John Nash; 2 T Brophy; honors, W Laroque; reading, R Merdian; honors, A Stapish; writing, W Laroque; honors, T Brophy; bible history, John Nash; honors Jos Hogan—spelling John Nash—honors Thos Brophy—geography W Laroque—honors J Carney—grammar John Nash—honors Thos Brophy.

SPECIAL GRADE (MINIMS)

Reading William Brand—spelling William Brand—writing Jos Le Seno—catechism William Brand.

MODERNS

French—first class—prize A Ladouceur—honors H Robert, E Phaneuf—second class—prize D O'Connor—honors Jas Neville, E Tierney.

German—First class—First prizes, E McCormick, 2, J Wasylyszyn; honors, J Brighton. Second class—first prize, G Pare, 2 S Leipski; honors, Jos Nash. Special class—first prize, J L Brady, 2, F Minich; honors, D Hickey.

Mathematics—Trigonometry, prize, L Charlton; honors, E Paanneuf, J Griffin. Algebra, (3rd year), prize, E Tierney; honors, E Pacaud. Algebra, (2nd year), prize, J M Kingsley; honors, C A O'Connel, F Minich. Algebra (1st year), J O Brien; honors, J Brady, W Murray. Geometry, (2nd year), first prize, E Pacaud, 2, D Brisson; honors, Wm Kelly. Geometry (1st year), 1, J Neville, 1, J Kingsley; honors, W Murray, G Lareau.

Arithmetic—(second year), first prize, F X Gore, J Quigley (ex aequo); second prize, Jas O Brien; honors, D A O'Sullivan, J Harding, J Maloney. First year, 1, Felix Bourassa, 1, E Meldrum; honors, A Roy, L Brennan. Grade A, Wm Villeneuve; honors, W Marion, E Cox. Grade B, 1, A Schulte, 2, W Messplay; honors, J Schultz, T Brophy.

Gloucester Street Convent, Ottawa.

The closing exercises of the Gloucester Street Convent of la Congregation de Notre Dame were held on the 18th inst in the hall of the institution, which presented a festive appearance in its pretty decorations and wealth of summer blooms. A large number of clergy, and parents and friends of the pupils were in attendance. Vicar-General Routhier presided in the absence from the city of His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, and the priests present were Rev. Fathers Schaeffer, Froc, Chaplain of the Institution; O'Gara, Sloane, O'Boyle, Portelance, Labelle, Aylmer; Sherry, Beaupre, Feate and many others.

Lady Laurier, Mrs. W. Davis, Judge St. Julien, Mrs. F. R. Latchford, Mr. C. Guay, Mr. and Mrs. E. Langevin, Mrs. O'Gara were also among those present.

An excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered, the numbers interspersing the distribution of premiums in the various departments. The graduates read essays on subjects selected from their studies in literature. Mgr. Routhier addressed them in French urging them ever to stand firm to their almo mater, promising them that reward which always goes to those who have been faithful to duty. Rev. Father Schaeffer speaking in the same strain said to them that they were happy to day because of duty fulfilled and that greater happiness would be realized throughout life if they were faithful to the teachings of their alma mater.

GRADUATING CLASS

Received medals and crowns for deportment—R M Guay (Temiscaming)—K O Meara (Fallowfield) S Gamache M O'Gara, B Larcher (St. Joseph d Orleans) C Dupont.

Medal presented by His Excellency Mgr Donato Sbaretti, Apostolic Delegate, awarded to Miss Guay for excellence of deportment.

Silver medal presented by His Grace the Most Rev J T Duhamel, awarded to Miss O Meara for history of the Church.

Silver medal presented by His Excellency the Earl of Minto, awarded to Miss Guay for general proficiency.

Gold medal presented by Lady Laurier awarded to Miss Gamache for general history.

Gold medal presented by the Rev Mother Provincial awarded to Miss O'Gara for English literature.

Medal presented by the Very Rev Father Emory, rector of Ottawa University, awarded to Miss Dupont for success in English studies.

Medal for arithmetic presented by friend of the Institution awarded Miss Larcher.

First prize for household science presented by Her Excellency the Countess of Minto awarded to Miss O'Gara.

Special prizes for sacred singing, Miss Dupont, Miss Larcher.

Special prize for oil painting, Miss Guay.

Nazareth Academy, Kalamazoo County, Mich.

The sixth annual Commencement Exercises of this popular institution of learning came on Tuesday June 16th. The days previous the usual examinations took place, and the Commencement concert. The exercises at Barbour Hall the department for little boys, under the charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph were very largely attended and very satisfactory. Gold medals were awarded to Masters Leo Winter, Orville Mann, Hilary McGrath.

The Commencement exercises at the Academy were held in the grand hall which was filled to overflowing with relatives and friends of the students.

The following very interesting programme was presented and enthusiastically received, each and every number being warmly applauded. The students were recipients of many compliments on their achievement.

PROGRAMME.

La Grace Valse ..... Bohm
A June Fete .....
Theme with Variations ..... Haydn
Dramatic Scene ..... Christi
"In the Days of Alexander Severus" .....
Vocal Duet—"Swallow's Flight" ..... Haynes
Barcarolle in G. Major ..... Rubenstein
The Bride of the Greek Isle ..... Hemans
Overture to "Midsummer Night's Dream" ..... Mendelssohn
Vocal Waltz—"Blow Soft Winds" ..... Vincent
Grand March ..... Engelman

Gold medals were awarded the following: Misses Mary Myron, Catherine Miller, Margaret Shaw, Gertrude Shanley, Marie Dickson, Anna Shields, Marie Madden, Effie Baumann and Marguerite McGurrin.

After the conferring of honors the address on the occasion was made by Very Rev. Thos. F. Hickey, V. G., L. L. D., of the Diocese of Rochester, who came to preside on the occasion. It was an eloquent tribute to the great cause of Christian education. The distinguished orator clearly displayed the teachings of his great master, the Bishop of Rochester, who has done so much in the cause of education.

Doctor Hickey is an earnest and forcible speaker. His address was listened to with rapt attention and warmly applauded. Hearty congratulations were tendered him at the reception which was held after the exercises. A large number of the clergy of the Dioceses of Chicago, Detroit, and Fort Wayne were present. The visiting clergy were entertained at the lunch served by the pupils later on.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Nazareth Academy lay great stress on the home-life of their institution, and the excellent housekeepers, as well as the clever women who are privileged to be its graduates.

The displays of domestic work, cooking, manual training, needle work, fancy work, drawing and painting were very fine and excited the admiration of all the visitors.

Nazareth Academy is situated on a one hundred and sixty acre farm, on the highlands, near Kalamazoo, pleasantly overlooking one of the inland lakes. It is home-like, sweetly sensible, cherry and altogeter praiseworthy. It is a rest to enter into its atmosphere, youthful, joyous with the love for the good, the beautiful and the true. The flower studded beds; croquet and tenis grounds; and the old orchard haunted by live fairies for a good share of the year, is of easy reach to the great cities in its neighborhood. There is a tone of good fellowship and simplicity in the entire surroundings. It did one good to hear the fresh young voices singing "Praise ye the Lord." The close attention and appreciation of the class-room; and the jolly recreations; the hush of the library and the chorus of good-byes to the Sisters, and their guests, all blended pleasantly into one glad picture long to be remembered.

GRAND PICNIC AT BIDDULPH.

The picnic under the auspices of St. Patrick's parish, Biddulph, took place last Wednesday, June 17th, and was a great success it is estimated over one thousand people, being in attendance. Rev. Father McMenamin, the parish priest, certainly merits the great credit given him by all present for conducting the picnic in such a worthy and efficient manner. No matter how busy, he was at all times courteous and kind. The neighboring parishes were well represented, many persons coming from London, Elderton, Goderich, Clinton, Seaforth, St. Mary's, Mount Carmel, Parkhill and Forest. Amongst the clergy present were: Rev. M. J. Tiernan, Mount Carmel; Rev. P. Brennan, St. Mary's; Rev. P. Corcoran, Seaforth; Rev. D. J. McRae, Parkhill; Rev. T. West, Goderich; Rev. D. J. Egan, London. The competitions were carried out in a very satisfactory and amicable manner. The first prize, for the lady who sold the greatest number of tickets, was won by Miss Kate Ryder; the second by Miss Mary Ryder; the third by Miss Bridget Dewan; the fourth by Miss Maggie Casey; the fifth by Miss Kate Benn. The following were the successful ones in the drawings: An oil painting—Holy Cross Abbey—by Rev. D. P. McMenamin, won by Miss Cecilia Hogan, London, Ont.; eight day parlor clock, Cathedral gong, presented by Senator Coffey, won by Mr. Michael Gilligan, London, Ont.; oil painting—"The Meeting of the Waters" by Rev. D. P. McMenamin, won by Mr. Daniel Ryder, Lucan.

The weather was exceptionally fine, bright and sunshiny all the day.

After thanking the large concourse of people for their attendance and generosity in helping the people of Biddulph to make their picnic such a successful undertaking, Rev. Father McMenamin presented the prizes to the various winners. He then introduced Mr. J. Farrell of Forest. After making some appropriate preliminary remarks, Mr. Farrell sang in a very pleasing manner, "The Pioneers of Sixty Years Ago," for which he was warmly applauded.

The chairman, Mr. James Dawan, and the various committees are entitled to every praise for their painstaking efforts to make the picnic a financial and social success. The dining tables were well supplied with the choicest delicacies, and they were liberally patronized. The ladies who had charge of the various departments did everything possible for the comfort and happiness of the people, and in their turn, the people thoroughly enjoyed the good things provided. The following are the names of the successful competitors in the various races: Garfield Walls, Clare Downing, Katie McLaughin, Nora Lamphier, Ben Quigley, Willie Whalen, Thos. Quigley, Mr. Carling (Exeter) and P. Quigley.

About 8 o'clock in the evening Rev. Father McMenamin announced the closing of the picnic, and once more heartily thanked the large gathering for their co-operation in the success of the day;