

FATHER McCALLEN

SPEAKS STRONGLY ON TEMPERANCE AND MORALITY.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Patrick's T. A. and B. society held Sunday afternoon was largely attended. Prior to the opening of the business meeting the members assembled in St. Patrick's church for religious exercises, when the Reverend president, Father McCallen, preached on the lessons to be learned from the life of Father Mathew. The recurrence of the anniversary of Father Mathew, he said, should always prove to the members of our temperance societies an incentive to renewed energy and zealous devotion to the cause. This zeal may be manifest by greater fidelity, if there is any such need, to their pledge. By increasing the efforts of all who endeavor to secure obedience to the laws which govern the liquor traffic; and by using their influence to induce their friends to enter the societies. Referring to the enthusiastic uprising of virtuous citizens in New York, Chicago and Montreal to protect the fair name of these cities from the loose manner in which laws governing morality were enforced, he proclaimed it a high and solemn duty to lend every assistance in their power to carry out an investigation which those in authority demanded. Such investigation, if properly conducted, would weed out the men unworthy of their position, and remove from the faithful officers of the law the stain on their good name which they now bear in common with the others. It was to be hoped that as far as the liquor traffic is concerned there will be as much zeal manifested to bring to light the evil done in the glided saloon with its side Sunday entrance as is shown when it is the question of the more humble saloons along the harbor front.

Hon. Senator Murphy presided over the business meeting and opened the business with a short address. Several new members were admitted. The reports of the secretary, Mr. J. J. Costigan, were read and adopted. Mr. A. Brogan, N. P., seconded by Mr. John Walsh, moved a resolution of condolence to Mr. M. Sharkey on the death of his sister, Mrs. John J. Dolan, who was also a member of the society. Considerable business of a routine character was transacted, after which the meeting closed with prayer.

GRAND CELEBRATION

IN HONOR OF ARCHBISHOP FABRE'S PATRON SAINT.

On Saturday, the feast of St. Edward, patron saint of Archbishop Fabre, was celebrated at the Cathedral with great ceremony. At 8 o'clock the Archbishop said Low Mass in the Cathedral. Before Mass the choir sang the "Veni Creator," and during Mass they sang various plain chants. After Mass in the name of the professors of Laval the Confession of Faith was read by the Rev. Father Payette, assistant vice-rector of Laval. At 10 o'clock the Archbishop held a reception of priests from all parts and of the heads and members of the Catholic order in Montreal. Notwithstanding the bad weather His Grace's reception was largely attended. An address of congratulation was then read to him and the Archbishop replied in a few sentences.

The guests then filed before the Archiepiscopal throne and went through the ceremony of kissing his ring. As occasion required, remarks were exchanged between the Bishop and the priests. After an interval there was adjournment to the Refectory to a sumptuous repast in honor of the occasion. The congregation at Mass in the morning was made up chiefly of professors and students. Those from the Grand Seminary mustered strong, the students in Philosophy were also numerous and those from Laval College. The Professors and students of Laval attended well. The Professors wore their robes. The theological students wore gowns bordered with ermine and violet; the medical students gowns adorned with ermine and red; and every faculty had a special variety whether for its Professors or its students.

C. M. B. A.

CONVENTION AT PHILADELPHIA.

The sixth biennial session and tenth convention of the Supreme Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of the United States and Canada, was held in Philadelphia, last week. There was a large attendance of delegates.

On Wednesday certain amendments to the constitution were adopted, including one providing for the payment of the sum of fifty dollars to the organizer of each new branch of twenty members.

The amount of per capita tax to be paid to the Supreme Council was increased from thirty to forty per cent. of the amount collected from members.

The report of the supreme recorder showed that during the term 6,777 members had been elected, 2,60 expelled, 265 resigned, 658 died, leaving 34,025 members, not including 7,500 transferred to the Grand Council of Canada. New York leads with over 16,000 members, Pennsylvania is second with nearly 6,000 members, Michigan has nearly 5,000, while Ohio has over 3,000. During the term 47 new branches were organized and 3 dissolved.

The liabilities of the council are \$550 and the assets \$2,775, exclusive of money in the general, beneficiary and reserve funds. The treasurer's report shows a balance in the beneficiary fund of \$1,641; disbursed during the term, \$1,244.45; since organization, \$4,837.450; balance in general fund, \$1,769; in the reserve fund, \$134,524.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Supreme president, Michael Brennan, of Detroit; first vice president, John E. Molampy, Pittsburgh; second vice president, John Fitzgerald, New York; supreme recorder, O. J. Hickey, Brooklyn; treasurer, James M. Walsh, Hornellville, N. Y.; marshal, D. B. Hughes, Titusville, O.; guard, J. B. Drouyn, Quebec; trustees, W. J. Bulger, Chicago; Rev. M. J. Keen, Bergen, N. Y., holding over; Rev. P. A. Baart, Marshall, Mich.; William Franklin, Buffalo, and Frank Randall, Cleveland, O.; committee on laws, John J. Hyman, Buffalo; Eugene Bertrand, Buffalo; N. P. Whelan, Cleveland; finance committee, James A. Flanagan, Seneca Falls, N. Y.; James L. Whalen, Rochester;

John H. Breen, Detroit; legal adviser, J. F. Keena, Detroit. These officers were installed in the evening.

On Thursday evening the Board of Trustees met and elected Rev. P. A. Baart, chairman; Bishop Ryan, of Buffalo, supreme spiritual adviser, and Dr. Kinler, of Omaha, Neb., supreme medical adviser. Grand Rapids, Mich., was decided upon as the next place of meeting.

AFTERNOON TEA

IN AID OF A FREE LIBRARY.

On Saturday, the 20th inst., at Hall & Scott's Rooms, 2289 St. Catherine Street, will take place the annual "Tea" in aid of the English Free Library, in the basement of the Gesù. This year the "Tea" will be held from 4 to 6.30 in the afternoon, and from 8 to 10 in the evening, thus giving every one an opportunity to be present. The "Tea," which is always a social event, enables all to meet their friends in a pleasant and informal manner. Tea, coffee, and other refreshments are included in the price of admission, which is 50 cents; children, 10 cents. Music of the choicest description is prepared, and those who attend the "Tea" one year are very certain to do so the next. A special table for children with a variety of dolls and other attractions, will be rivalled this year by a table for grown up people. Articles on both will be sold at the lowest possible rates. Choice home made candy will be, as usual, a feature of the "Tea."

By means of this "Tea" the Free Library is mainly supported. The Library and the work it is doing have become too well known to require much explanation here. Its utility none can deny. The actual circulating library contains 3,600 volumes, in addition to which a splendid reference library has been donated to the Committee. During last year upwards of 18,000 books were put in circulation, that is to say, the 3,600 volumes were passed from hand to hand, from home to home. This proves how great a want is being filled here in our city by this Library, in so far as its resources will permit. It is bound neither by parochial limitations nor by distinctions of creed or race. It is open on Friday and Sunday afternoons, and for men exclusively, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. The best way to assist this noble work is by the sale or purchase of tickets for "The Tea," on October the 20th.

PERSONAL.

The Rev. Brother Arnold returned to the city from the Hot Springs of Arkansas on Thursday last. The Rev. Brother spent over two months at the springs and speaks enthusiastically of the climate of Arkansas. He is very much benefited in health by his visit.

MR. J. J. LANNING.

On Wednesday last, our popular and genial fellow-citizen, Mr. J. J. Lanning—assistant to the General Manager of the Grand Trunk—left for a couple of months' sojourn in the South. He is accompanied by Mrs. Lanning, and has gone to Esdaile, North Carolina. While wishing Mr. and Mrs. Lanning a pleasant and prosperous trip, as well as a safe return, we regret to state that the immediate cause of Mr. Lanning's journey southward is the precarious state of that gentleman's health. He has been feeling unwell for some months, and doubtless the increased work consequent on his recent well deserved promotion, and his own natural assiduity, contributed considerably to wear down the system. Some weeks of absolute repose, absence from business and change of climate became imperative, and as a consequence Mr. Lanning will seek that rest and relaxation in the milder and healthier climate of the South. We feel confident that his host of friends and all who are acquainted, or have ever come in contact with him will join us in the sincere expression of hope that the holiday may prove all that is desired, and that when the festive seasons come around we will be enabled to greet Mr. Lanning once more, and to find him in perfectly restored health and animated with his habitual good spirits and indomitable energy.

MRS. THOMAS HEFFERNAN.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Thomas Heffernan, of St. Mary's parish, one of the most popular and exemplary as well as charitable ladies of that section of the city, has been dangerously ill from weakness of the heart and congestion of the lungs. On Monday last she was anointed, but yesterday she appeared to have revived somewhat. We would request that our readers would kindly pray for this good lady and ask that she may yet be spared to continue the numerous splendid and Catholic works that she has carried on for years.

OBITUARY.

THE LATE MRS. JOHN J. DOLAN.

The many friends of Mrs. Dolan, wife of Mr. John J. Dolan were pained and surprised when they learned of her demise which took place at the residence of her mother on Sunday Oct. 7th, her death was unexpected, the deceased was a daughter of the late Patrick Sharkey, and sister of Mr. Michael Sharkey, Vice-President of the St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society and Supl. of the Harbor Works, her husband is also an active member of the St. P. T. A. & B. Society and other Catholic Associations. The funeral which took place from 1338 Notre Dame St., on Wednesday Oct. 10th was a very large one, shortly after 7.30 a.m. the cortege was formed and proceeded by way of Notre Dame, St. James, Craig and St. Alexander Sts. to St. Patrick's Church, the remains were received an arrival at the Church by the Rev. Father McCallen, Rev. Father Toupin celebrated the Solemn Requiem Mass, after the service the procession was reformed and proceeded to Our Lady of the Neiges Cemetery. The chief mourners were Mr. John J. Dolan, husband of the deceased; Mr. M. Sharkey, brother; Mr. M. F. Dolan, brother-in-law; Mr. P. Dolan, uncle, and other relatives.

The following resolution of Condolence were on motion of Mr. Brogan, N.P. seconded by Mr. John Walsh adopted at the regular meeting of the St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove by death, the sister of our esteemed Vice-President, Mr. Michael Sharkey, wife of our respected member, Mr. John J. Dolan.

Resolved—That the most sincere sympathy of the members of this Society is hereby tendered to Mr. Sharkey and Mr. Dolan also to

the respected mother and sister of the deceased in this their great affliction.

Resolved, that these resolutions be entered on the minutes of this meeting, and that copies of the same be forwarded to Mr. Sharkey and Mr. Dolan, and published in the True Witness.

OYSTER SUPPERS.

The annual oyster suppers, for the benefit of the poor, under the auspices of the Ladies of Charity of St. Patrick's parish, will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 8th, 7th and 8th, in the Victoria Armory Hall, Cathcart street. These annual oyster suppers are always very enjoyable and this year everything that can be done in the way of entertainments, instrumental and vocal music, will be looked after by the ladies. So as to make the suppers even more popular than they are already, it has been decided to reduce the price of admission from 25 to 15 cents.

EUCRE PARTY.

The first eucure party took place at St. Ann's Young Men's hall, on Saturday evening, and was a great success, about forty members took part. The prize was won by Mr. James Burke.

ARNOLD READING CLUB.

The weekly meeting of the Arnold Reading Club was held on Sunday afternoon. The committee had an interesting and instructive program prepared. Essays were read by T. Donnelly, T. Gleason, J. Manning, Gummer, D. Leger, J. Quinn, F. Burns and A. O'Leary.

FREE SINGING CLASS.

Professor Fowler's free singing class has proved a most popular mode of instruction. The pupils now number about fifty, and practice twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays. The class on Thursday evenings is now devoting special attention to the practicing of the Mass for Christmas eve.

A. O. H. CONCERT.

The members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will give their grand annual concert in the Windsor Hall, on Friday, November 23rd. The very best talent in the city will contribute to the evening's entertainment, among them will be Miss Hollinshead, the Irish National Minstrel quartette, composed of Messrs. Quinn, Morgan, Murphy and Finn, Professor Sullivan, and Mr. Shea, who will act as musical director.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.

At the meeting of the Catholic Truth Society in the Gesù library hall, on Friday night, it was decided that the next monthly meeting should take place on Friday next. A special and interesting programme will be provided, in which will be included the reading of a special selected article, "Was St. Peter Bishop of Rome," by Mr. Wurtels. The usual polemical readings will also be continued.

DIOCESAN NEWS.

The Archbishop of Sherbrooke will officiate at the benediction of the new Church of St. Anne at Stukely, on November 8th.

The Archbishop of Druzipara has made the following ordinations at the St. Hyacinthe seminary:—Tonsure—L. Girard, L. M. Dorais, J. A. Seguin, F. A. Tanguay, J. R. Gingras, F. M. Gosselin, F. L. E. Cormier, J. E. D. Moulins, J. E. E. Chartier; lesser orders—P. Lavolette, N. Poirier, J. F. A. Halde, R. Desnoyers, O. Casavant; sub-deacons—F. Z. Decelles, J. C. Guertin, I. Larose, H. Barsalou, J. E. Roy.

ST. ANN'S BAZAAR.

St. Ann's Charity bazaar opens to-night in St. Ann's Young Men's entertainment hall. The room has been prettily decorated and a very large number of articles are exposed for sale. Every evening during the bazaar entertainments, either musical, vocal or instrumental, will be given. There will also be drill by St. Ann's school cadets, tableaux and dramatic performances. The bazaar will close Saturday, October 27th.

CHRISTMAS MASS AT ST. ANN'S.

The Christmas Mass at St. Ann's Church is already being practiced industriously. The Mass selected is Fauconnier's Messe Noel, and Mr. Shea, the musical director, is training some thirty boys to augment the men's choir of about 25 voices. These, assisted by the orchestra, under the directorship of Mr. Cahart Wallace, will make the celebration particularly grand one.

IRISH DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION

The Irish National Dramatic and Concert Association of St. Ann's Young Men's Society, under the musical directorship of Mr. Shea, will take part in no less than fourteen concerts and dramatic entertainments during the coming winter. Their popularity is perhaps accounted for by the fact that the association has been in existence for nine years, and during that time their entertainments have always tended towards the elevation of the Irish people in the eyes of other nationalities.

VILLA MARIA BARAAR.

The bazaar to raise funds for the building of the Villa Maria convent will open November 12th, either in Windsor Hall or the Monument National. A large number of Irish ladies are rendering assistance. On Wednesday, November 14th a supper will be given in the hall. Anyone wishing to send donations may address them to Mrs. Collins, 818 Palace street, who is the lady treasurer.

THE WONDROUS WAYS OF GOD.

[Inscribed to those Christian (?) critics of Lourdes who so boldly deny even the possibility of miracles.]

'Tis vain to strive to fathom all the wondrous ways of God,
Who draws His glory from the stars and from the lowly sod;
His works are wrapt in mystery, and the Infinite alone
Can comprehend the systems that are subject to His throne;
He hides marvels in the ocean and in each shell and flower,
A grain of sand or mountain can alike reveal His power.
His ways are dim and hidden, but they're always wise and just,
'Tis ours to bend in reverence and in Him humbly trust.

Can we forget how Moses made the Bara-
waters sweet?
Or how 'he Red Sea's rocky floor dried up be-
neath his feet?
Or how God showed His mercy, at the sound
of Israel's wails,
And spread the sands with manna and made
brown the camp with quails?
Can we expound how Horb by Jehovah was
illum'd,
And the shining bush kept burning, and yet
was not consumed?
How dare we set a limit to the love and power
of God,
Who heal'd by brazen serpents and wrought
plagues by Moses' rod?

What bands of snowy lepers have been
cleaned in Jordan's tide,
What a monument of miracles in Sinai's hal-
lowed side,
A stage of glorious wonders is the ancient
Jewish land,
Whose hills and plains have witnessed oft the
marvels of God's hand.
Who dares to laugh at wonders, yet remem-
bers Palestine,
Where Jesus raised the dead to life, changed
water into wine?
The Exodus and Books of Kings, ay, each
glowing Scripture page,
Rebuke the flippant scoffers of this faithless,
mocking age.

Who says the laws of nature are as firm as
heaven's decree,
And cannot be suspended even by the Deity?
The waters of all Egypt by a stroke were
turned to gore,
The Prophet's hand brought darkness on a
land all bright before.
Nature is but the handmaid, the fair mes-
senger of God,
And must obey His mandates in star, and
wave and sod;
How can true Christian thinkers the miracu-
lous deny?
Their Church, their creed are falsehoods if all
miracles are a lie.

REV. WILLIAM P. TREACY.

MGR. SATOLLI AT ST. ANN'S.

Mgr. Satolli, the Papal Delegate, paid a visit to the Fathers of St. Ann's Church yesterday afternoon and stayed for about an hour. His Eminence seemed very interested and pleased with all he saw.

THE ORPHAN IMMIGRANTS.

The Catholic Immigration home on St. Thomas street will be enlarged some time during the winter to make accommodation for the number of orphans who will come here next spring. At present there are 20 boys in the home; some half dozen or so of these little fellows are quite musical ad-pts and can sing and drill splendidly. Miss Brennan, the super-intendent of the home, intends to allow a party of them to perform at St. Ann's bazaar, which opens to-day.

MOUNT ST. LOUIS CADETS WIN THE FLAG.

On Sunday afternoon, at Mount St. Louis College, Mr. L. O. David, on behalf of the ladies of the Monument Nationale bazaar, performed the pretty ceremony of presenting a flag to the cadets.

The flag was given by the ladies for competition by the cadets of St. Mary's and Mount St. Louis, and the latter won by a good majority. A pretty programme of music had been provided, which included an overture by the college band, choruses, violin solo by Mr. A. Tasse, as well as an address by Mr. T. Dubreuil, which was answered eloquently and humorously by Mr. L. O. David. The programme was completed by a triumphal musical march rendered by the band.

ST. ANNS CHURCH.

There was a grand celebration of the anniversary of Father Mathew in St. Ann's church on Sunday evening. A special sermon was preached by the Rev. Father McPhail, on the advantages of temperance; in the course of his remarks the preacher dwelt eloquently on the miseries endured by those who were intemperate and said the safest guard for every one was the total abstinence pledge, as moderate drunkards were on all occasions pressed to take liquor while those who were known abstainers escaped this temptation. There was a very large attendance at the service and the musical programme under the directorship of Mr. Shea was excellent.

A LADIES' READING CIRCLE.

After the close of the bazaar the young ladies of St. Ann's parish intend agitating with a view to establishing a reading circle among themselves. There are quite a number of young ladies deeply interested in the project, and they are sure that the establishment of such a circle would bring about excellent results.

That a circle for ladies would be successful is clearly demonstrated by the flourishing condition of the young men's reading circle and literary class.