

In and Around Toronto

CLOSING OF MISSION FOR WOMEN.

The closing of the Women's Mission going on during the past week in St. Joseph's Parish, under the direction of the Passionist Fathers McCloskey and Barrett, came to an impressive close on Sunday at three o'clock in the afternoon, when the women of the parish and from outside assembled until every available inch of space was occupied, even the aisles and gallery being utilized, and until there was gathered so large a congregation as was never before in the history of St. Joseph's. The brightness of the festive season was still in the air and in the surroundings and the many gleaming lights and varied foliage of the altars aided in imparting an air of joyousness to what was in every sense a happy and memorable occasion. A week of hard work, and to many perhaps a week of doubts and fears, was now happily ended, nothing remaining but to receive last words of advice and farewell from lips that throughout the week had, early and late, poured forth words of exhortation, instruction and warning. The recitation of the Beads opened the exercises, and the closing sermon preached by Rev. Father McCloskey, was from the text, "be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life." The Rev. speaker referred briefly to the work of the past week and then warned his hearers that the danger now to be feared was that of a relapse; temptations were sure to come, the world, the flesh and the devil were still to be met in mortal combat, and the shield he would leave with them was the thought of Heaven, the reward promised to all who persevere to the end. Father McCloskey then gave a vivid portrayal of the departing soul and the entrance of the just into eternity, where the first sound that falls upon the ear is the voice of the Divine Master, giving welcome in the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over few things, I shall place thee over many." Then followed one of the most gracious word pictures of heaven which has ever been one's lot to hear. In heaven, said the speaker, martyrs in crimson robes will meet with groups of virgins clad in snow-white vesture, and the many choirs of angels shall join and converse with the myriads of saints who, coming up from earth, shall receive the reward of all who have fought the good fight. Group shall visit group and the Blessed Virgin, Queen and Mother, shall converse lovingly with the many who on earth sought her intercession and prayers. She will repeat to them the story of Nazareth and go over again the history of the Little Infant at Bethlehem, and of Him who advanced in age and wisdom and grace, even to the day of terrible Calvary. Then the Lord Himself, the loving and majestic centre of all beatific joy, will appear and He will show to all the wounds now glorified and the crown of thorns transformed into a diadem resplendent. Friends shall meet, those we loved and those who loved us, and the meeting will be without alloy, for there shall be no parting forever more. In speaking of eternity, Father McCloskey showed by an apt illustration how even the thought of time is impossible in heaven. If, he said, it were announced that a little bird were appointed to go every thousand years and gather one grain of sand and one drop of water until the whole earth was so disposed of, and if it were known that then, but not until then, the joys of heaven should disappear, how miserable would be the knowledge for to know that an end would come even at so remote a day would destroy all present enjoyment. But in heaven there can be nothing but complete and supreme pleasure, therefore there can be no thought of any but an eternal existence. All were advised to keep the picture of heaven perpetually in mind, for with that as an incentive, present temptations and allurements would assuredly be overcome. The sermon throughout was an eloquent and strong presentation, and in the portrayal of the delights of the heavenly Jerusalem the speaker reached a high and impressive height of oratorical effort. After the sermon the women renewed their baptismal vows, and the Papal Benediction was then given, the huge mission-cross being used in giving the blessing, and then removed to be erected later at the opening of the mission for the men. Rev. Father Canning, the pastor of St. Joseph's, and Rev. Father Barrett, assisted at the exercises. The girls of the choir sang several hymns to the Blessed Virgin during the collection and the boys in the sanctuary sang the hymns for Benediction. The success of the Mission is vouched by the entire satisfaction of the Pastor and by the words of Rev. Father Barrett, who pronounced the attendance and earnestness to have been "wonderful" and considering the size of the parish, the hope expressed at the opening, that it might surpass all former missions, was perhaps altogether and in every way fulfilled.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Holy Name Society of St. Basil's Church was held at that church on Sunday, Jan. 7th, at 3.30 p.m., about 180 members being present. Rev. M. V. Kelly, C.S.B., spiritual director, spoke a few words of advice and instruction to those present on the object of the Society. He especially dwelt on the necessity for all members to observe the rule of attendance at Holy Communion in a body four times a year. Rev. J. R. Teely, C.S.B., D.D., who had kindly consented to address the meeting, delivered an eloquent and scholarly discourse on the Holy Name of Jesus, and on this society which was founded to do honor to that Name. It was expected that the members would exhibit zeal, fortitude and fidelity, and would appreciate the grandeur and nobility of their vocation in being associated so closely with the Holy Name. Their's was the work to lessen blaspheming by that Holy Name—first by example, and then by gentle words of advice and encouragement. True and faith-

ful associates of this society will have their reward where pain is no more, and will be associated in glory with Jesus.

VISITING THEIR ALMA MATER.

On Friday afternoon last the lecture room of the De La Salle Institute was the scene of a pretty gathering when the teachers and pupils assembled to welcome two of the past pupils, lately ordained to the Holy Priesthood. The programme, which was an informal one, began at about 3 o'clock, when Rev. Father Drohan, C.S.B., and Rev. Father Kelly, the guests of the afternoon, were conducted by Rev. Brother Odo Baldwin to seats on the platform. This was followed by selections in vocal and instrumental music and a few impromptu speeches by some of the pupils. At the close of the programme the Rev. Fathers addressed encouraging words to the boys, pointing out the importance of a religious education and of faithful correspondence to a divine vocation. They expressed their great pleasure at meeting once more their old teachers and again viewing the scenes of their happy school days and impressed upon the present pupils the necessity of making the best of their opportunities. Before leaving the Rev. Fathers visited the different departments of the Institute.

PRESENTATION BRANCH 15, C.M.B.A.

At the last meeting of Branch 15, C.M.B.A., held Thursday, Jan. 4th, 1906, the President, Bro. H. E. R. Stock, presented Bro. L. A. D'Entremont with a silk hat donated by Bro. Frank M. Clancy for having secured the most members for Branch 15 during the year. The Chancellor, Bro. T. F. Callaghan, then installed the officers for 1906, as follows: Chancellor, T. F. Callaghan; President, H. E. R. Stock; 1st Vice-President, Dr. E. F. Woods; 2nd Vice-President, Thomas McCann; Recording Secretary, E. V. O'Sullivan; Assistant Recording Secretary, T. J. O'Leary; Financial Secretary, Wm. Moran, 284 Huron street; Treasurer, F. M. Clancy; Trustees, Joseph Moroney, E. V. O'Sullivan, T. F. Callaghan, E. J. Walsh, W. J. Ryan.

SEPARATE HIGH SCHOOLS.

A plea for separate high schools was made by Rev. Father Rohleder at the final meeting of the Separate School Board for 1905. Replying to a vote of thanks he pointed out that separate schools in Ontario are handicapped to a certain extent. He expressed his belief that if Catholic children in this Province were extended the same privileges as in Quebec in regard to separate high schools the local school boards could show better results. Mr. John Hall, Assistant Secretary, presented the financial statement for the past year, which showed an overdraft of \$7,052, about \$1,000 less than the previous year. The receipts were \$67,812, which included taxes, \$52,133; Government grant, \$3,870; bank overdraft, current account, \$7,052. The chief items of expenditure were: Furniture, \$1,669; interest on debentures, \$8,357; sinking fund, \$4,292; capital account, \$2,316.80.

MEETING OF CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Management of the Children's Aid Society, took place in St. Vincent's Hall, Shuter street, on Monday evening, and despite the cold a fair number of members were in attendance. Rev. Father Murray of the Cathedral was in the chair and Mr. Matthew O'Connor, President of the Society, and Mr. P. Hynes, Agent, were both at their post. The usual routine business was transacted, the Agent's report showing that during the past three months 90 cases of dependent, neglected and delinquent children were brought to the notice of the officials, said cases affecting the interests of 34 children. This number were disposed of in various ways, four being made wards of the Society. This last addition leaves the Society with 17 wards, for whom they are anxious to obtain good comfortable homes. The treasurer's report, which showed the financial standing to be quite satisfactory, showed also a new item in the shape of collections from boxes stationed in different public buildings, said collections amounting to \$22.06 for this, the first quarter. The outstanding accounts for the past three months reported that one of the committee, Mr. Hanretty, had brought in ten new members together with the fine sum of \$70.00, the result of his canvass. A letter of regret at being unavoidably absent, together with a cash contribution, from Dr. McKenna, was read. In his letter the doctor said: "In my professional capacity I am often in a position to observe the results that have been obtained in the Industrial School conducted by the good Sisters at the Monastery of Our Lady of Charity, and the results are simply wonderful. I have seen wild-eyed little creatures rescued from the most vicious surroundings, transformed within a year or two into modest little girls with an air of refinement about them not to be surpassed by the majority of the children who have never been separated from good influences. The exercises in the school-room, at the piano and in the singing classes, are such as you would expect to find only in an academy devoted to the education of growing girls. I enclose my mite in aid of the good work."

It was reported that the conference of St. Vincent De Paul of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, had sent in a donation of \$50.00, and Messrs. Pape and Hanretty were appointed to look after the collection boxes. The question of procuring an assistant to the Agent, Mr. Hynes, and also that of securing a telephone for the office were left in the hands of the officers. Rev. Father Minahan broached the subject of a Catholic Hall, which would afford rooms for just such meetings as the one then in progress. Mr. L. V. McBrady, K.C., made a

forcible appeal for more protection and greater margin in the case of infants, illustrating by a case in point where a child had been released admittance into different institutions because the mother in wishing to relieve herself from it was unable to lay down a certain stipulated amount. On the other hand it was argued that the mother being young and strong, was able to earn the requisite amount. Many points pro and con were argued in the case ending in the request of Mr. McBrady that the Advisory Board of the Society be advised that it was the consensus of opinion of the meeting that while in this instance no officer or individual was blamable, still it was thought that greater margin should be allowed in special cases, such as the one instanced. Rev. Father Minahan supported Mr. McBrady and Mr. Matthew O'Connor, the President, promised that if the child in question were again located, steps would be taken to place it under Catholic influences without further delay.

During the evening Mr. O'Connor drew attention to the fact that for the first time in the history of the society, one of its wards had married while still a ward. The late ward had now a little ward of her own and to mark this first event Mr. O'Connor proposed that a sum be placed in the bank to the credit of the child, there to remain until she was twenty-one, or until she is turned married. Nothing definitely was done in the matter.

Rev. Father Murray, in his closing remarks, as chairman, thought that the assistant to the Agent should have it as one of his duties to look after cases of truancy in the schools. The meeting then adjourned. Note.—The 17 wards now in care of the society are open for homes amongst the Catholic families of Ontario. Nothing would encourage the officers, who are working so hard for those children, more than the prompt offer of such homes for those now ready to accept them.

MEN'S MISSION AT ST. JOSEPH'S.

The mission for the men of St. Joseph's Parish, going on this week as a continuation of the good work inaugurated a week ago, by Rev. Fathers McCloskey and Barrett, is proving in every way most satisfactory. At the 5 and 8 o'clock Masses each morning the church is well filled and at some of the exercises, chairs have to be brought into requisition to accommodate the overflow. The fervor and devotion of the men are on a par with that of those who shared in the work of the first week. It is expected that His Grace the Archbishop will be present at Mass and at the closing on Sunday next.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN RADEY.

The head of a large and respected family of St. Francis Parish has just passed away in the person of Mr. John Rahey of 46 Brookfield street. Mr. Rahey came with his family from Elora to Toronto some years ago, and was since at different times a devout member of St. Mary's, St. Helen's and St. Francis' parishes. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning from the parish church to St. Michael's Cemetery, where interment took place. R.I.P.

FUNERAL OF VINCENT BERO.

The funeral of Vincent Bero took place from St. Francis Church on Tuesday morning, when a High Mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Father McCann. The deceased, who was the son of Mr. Vincent Bero of Arthur street, a well-known resident of the West End, was only twenty years of age, and had been ill but a few days with appendicitis when he died. He is survived by his parents and two sisters. R.I.P.

MR. FRED CARNEY.

Among recent deaths is that of Fred Carney, which took place on January 8th at 171 Rose avenue, the home of his grandfather, Mr. John Ross. The funeral took place this morning (Thursday) from the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. R.I.P.

CARD OF THANKS.

The Sisters of St. Joseph in charge of St. Michael's Hospital, desire to express their appreciation of the kindness received during the Christmas season. The many gifts from their many friends tended greatly to the comfort and pleasure of the patients in their charge, and in their behalf and their own, the now extended to their patrons and friends most sincere thanks.

INTENTION OF SACRED HEART LEAGUE.

The General Intention of the League of the Sacred Heart during the present month is "The coming elections in France." Speaking of the needs of this now revolutionized "Elder daughter of the Church," the Canadian Messenger says: "No nation needs intercessors at this moment so urgently as France. Her present attitude is belying her historical past. During fourteen centuries France had been one of the most profoundly Christian nations. No other in the history of the Church has sent so many devoted men and women to spread abroad the teachings of Christ; none has labored so strenuously for the spiritual uplift of the heathen. Every continent has heard the voices of the sons and daughters of France preaching and teaching. In this hemisphere alone French priests and nuns have been found from Alaska to Patagonia. The role of France has been so prominent in the work of evangelizing the pagan peoples of the East, and in bringing them to a knowledge of the true God, that un-

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til lately it has been to her that our foreign missions have looked for protection. Realizing the truth of the above ought to make the associates in Toronto in common with those throughout the world, enter most heartily into the spirit of the intention prescribed by the Holy Father, an intention in which Canadians everywhere should join with special fervor.

DEATH OF MRS. T. K. ROGERS.

Towards midnight of Christmas there passed to her eternal reward Mrs. Mary A. Rogers, wife of Mr. T. K. Rogers of the Registrar General's Department of this city. The deceased lady had been feeling ill for only a few days, and up to about 10.30 o'clock had been conversing with relatives, when she retired. Towards midnight she summoned her husband to her side, and without the slightest warning to him that anything of such terrible moment was about to happen, breathed her last. Mrs. Rogers was born in Quebec and had been, for upwards of 40 years, a resident of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parishes in this city. Of a genial and very kind disposition, especially with those to whom she was well known, it was often said of her that to know her was to love her. Her great charity to those in suffering, her heart overflowing with sympathy to those in distress, a cheery word at all times to those afflicted brought consolation to many a parishioner where she was best known. She will be missed by all her friends, and especially by those with whom she was well acquainted. Her funeral took place on the 28th of December from the residence of her nephew, Mr. A. J. Gough, 46 Leopold street, to St. Patrick's church, where, after solemn High Mass had been offered for the repose of her soul, the body was interred in the family plot in Mount Hope Cemetery. The floral tributes were very numerous, testifying to the esteem in which she was held among her friends, and among those noticed was a beautiful floral tribute from the Registrar General's Department, and also one from Council 347 of the

Knights of Columbus. The pall-bearers were six nephews of the deceased. The chief mourners were Mr. T. K. Rogers, her husband, Mr. T. J. Day of Guelph, Mr. Joseph Walsh of Stratford, Mr. Alexander Walsh of Stratford, Mr. B. J. Gough of Lindsay, E. D. Gough, A. J. Gough, R. P. Gough, James E. Day, Fred A. Day, Guelph, Dr. T. F. MacMahon, John MacMahon, Mr. Bryan MacMahon, and Mr. Chas. MacMahon of New York.

Amongst others noticed in the funeral cortege were Mr. Patrick Burns, James W. McCabe, Mr. Frank P. Lee, Mr. A. J. Cotton, Mr. John L. Lee, Mr. W. T. J. Lee, Mr. L. J. Cosgrove and Mr. M. P. Doherty.

The Registry extends to Mr. Rogers its deep sympathy in the hour of his affliction. May the soul of the deceased lady rest in peace.

The Metropolitan Bank

Annual Statement Shows a Year of Progress. The detailed statement of the affairs of the Metropolitan Bank as at December 30, 1905, published elsewhere, shows that the past year was in every sense one of satisfactory progress for the institution named. Profits, after deducting charges of management, interest due depositors, rebate on unmatured bills and after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, were \$120,085.55, being more than twelve per cent on the paid-up capital. A perusal of the statements will show that the bank is carrying on a very large business on a sound basis, and is entitled to rank among the foremost of Canada's financial institutions.

Immense Seminary Opened

With the opening of the immense seminary for priests at Austin, it is stated that the initial step has been taken towards making the diocese of Chicago the greatest centre of education in America. Other buildings will be added and eventually a Cathedral. Five millions is the sum named as the expenditure.

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Liabilities	Assets
Notes of Bank in circulation \$ 887,592 50	Specie and Dominion notes ..... \$ 414,419 98
Deposits not bearing interest ..... 770,294 06	Deposit with Dominion Government for security of note circulation ..... 46,523 37
Deposits bearing interest (including interest accrued to date) ..... 1,969,814 86	Notes of and cheques on other banks ..... 174,899 73
Deposits by other Banks in Canada ..... 88,125 61	Balances due from other banks in Canada ..... 207,572 13
Balances due to Agents in United Kingdom ..... 55,885 04	Balances due from agents in foreign countries ..... 128,735 23
Capital Stock paid up ..... \$1,000,000 00	Railway and other bonds, debentures and securities ..... 555,998 53
Reserve Fund ..... 1,000,000 00	Call loans secured by bonds, debentures and stocks ..... 596,332 37
Rebate on Bills discounted ..... 20,150 51	Current loans and discounts ..... 2,124,481 34
Dividend Number Four, payable January 2nd, 1906 ..... 20,000 00	Notes and bills overdue (estimated loss provided for) ..... 5,194 09
Former dividends unclaimed ..... 42 00	Bank premises, safes and office furniture ..... 153,617 28
Balance of Profit and Loss Account carried forward ..... 133,133 34	3,820,556 58
	\$5,945,037 92

Profit and Loss Account  
Dividends Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 ..... \$80,000 00  
Written off Bank Premises ..... 10,000 00  
Dec. 30, 1905—Balance carried forward ..... 133,133 34  
\$ 223,133 34

Dec. 31, 1904—Balance at credit of account ..... \$103,047 79  
Dec. 30, 1905—Profits for the year, after deducting charges of management, interest due depositors, rebate on unmatured bills, and after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts ..... 120,085 55  
\$ 223,133 34

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