

## Petition Of Promoters Of New Parish.

The following is the text of the petition addressed to Archbishop Bruchesi, by the promoters of the new parish of St. Stephen, which it is their aim to organize in the north-easter section of the old mother parish of St. Patrick's.

The humble petition of the majority of the English-speaking resident freeholders and heads of families of the hereinafter described portions of the parishes of St. Louis de France, St. Jean Baptiste and St. Patrick, in the city of Montreal, professing the Catholic religion, respectfully sheweth:

1. That the said territory forms a square mile in width and depth.

2. That the said territory is bounded as follows: Towards the southwest by Park Avenue, towards the northwest by Mount Royal Avenue, towards the southeast by Sherbrooke street, and towards the northwest by Park Lafontaine west and Christopher Columbus Avenue.

3. That the district in question is inhabited by a large number of English-speaking Catholic families, forming a minority of the inhabitants of that faith, and the number of such English-speaking Catholic families in the said district is constantly increasing.

4. That the English-speaking Catholics in the said district are well able to provide for the support of a pastor, and the proper maintenance of a church and ecclesiastical service.

5. That they reside at a considerable distance from any English parish Church, and find great difficulty and expense in obtaining religious instruction and service in their own tongue.

6. That it is in the interest of the Church in this archdiocese and of your petitioners in particular, that a parish should be canonically erected, composed of the English-speaking Catholic minority residing in such portions of the three above named parishes in the limits above described.

7. Wherefore, your petitioners respectfully pray that Your Lordship be pleased to canonically erect a parish under the invocation as patron to St. Stephen, the English-speaking minority residing in the district above described.

A meeting will be held in the Oiler School on January 15th next, at which the matter will be discussed in the presence of Mgr. Archambault.

## Non-Catholic Missions

The Flood City is known to the world. The world stood silent in deep sympathy when the wires flashed the news of the calamity that came on the Conemaugh Valley in May, 1889. Through the pluck and energy of those left, a fairer Johnstown, Pa., has risen over the ruins of the old. The population has doubled since then. Fine business blocks, splendid hotels, and commodious and luxurious homes are seen on every side.

The Church is in the lead. There were four Catholic churches before the flood—now there are nine. During the coming year there will be two more. St. John's is the oldest.

Fathers Michael, Xavier, and Urban gave a very successful mission which lasted two weeks, and during that time was announced a non-Catholic mission to begin after the Catholic one closed. Cards of invitation, and an explanation of the object of the mission, with a list of the

subjects for each evening, were enclosed in envelopes, and the Catholics were asked to send them to their non-Catholic friends. Three thousand were sent out.

Father Xavier lectured every evening, beginning Monday, the 23rd, and ending Monday, the 30th. His lectures were masterly. Never were the truths of faith put forth more clearly. His rich voice breathed charity and good will to our separated brethren in every word. The vast crowds drank in the message with a greedy ear. All were very favorably impressed, and the comments were very flattering and consoling to the zealous, humble, and eloquent follower of St. Paul of the Cross. Several evenings hundreds were turned away from the doors, who could not find standing room. The church can seat twelve hundred; besides, every available space was used for temporary seats. The sanctuary, sacristies, and the steps outside the sanctuary were packed with men.

The church itself, grand and beautiful as it is, was an object-lesson to every non-Catholic. They were filled with admiration and awe when, the electric lights being turned on, the majesty and beauty of St. John's stood revealed to them. After service many lingered to take a nearer view of the altar, statues, stations, and decorations. One evening a prominent gentleman was seen standing near the Pieta (Our Lady receiving the Body of Christ in her arms). He was observed to take his handkerchief and wipe away a tear. The pastor, Father Boyle, saw him and said, "I need not explain to you the object of these statues." "Oh!" said the gentleman, "is it not sad? It is a sermon in itself."

I need not describe the method followed by Reverend Father Xavier in these lectures. Your readers are familiar with them. Questions of every description poured in, and their answers gave additional interest to the great work. Twelve hundred copies of "Clearing the Way" were given to non-Catholics. The members of St. John's parish were never done expressing their surprise at the attendance of non-Catholics and their eagerness to obtain a book. "I never would have believed it," was the common expression heard on all sides.

One lady, who came to be received, said: "Well, I've four children, and I want them to be baptized with me. When I informed my husband of my intention of becoming a Catholic, he said, 'Well, if you and the children become Catholics, I suppose I'll have to go along too; so let me have that book, 'Clearing the Way,' to study.' " Some of his friends, hearing what was his intention, said to him: "If you become a Catholic we will also; so get us a book, 'Clearing the Way,' " and as the lady said: "I expect, father, you will have several come into the Church from my neighborhood."

Father Xavier asked a young man as he came up for a book, "Are you a non-Catholic?" "I am more a Catholic than anything. You cannot tell me anything about the devotion of priests to duty. I saw them in the Philippines cast themselves into the trenches to assist a dying soldier, when bullets were flying around thicker than hail."

A mother and her seven children were baptized. Several others are under instruction, and some are waiting for the consent of their family to take the step.

A general interest in the Catholic Church has been aroused.—The Missionary.

## Mr. Yates to Lecture.

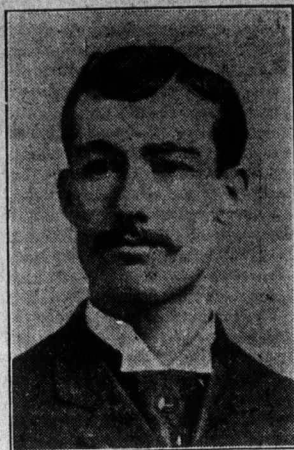
Mr. William Butler Yeats, the Irish poet, who is to deliver a lecture in Montreal, just as we are going to press, recently visited Brooklyn and addressed a large audience. We take the following extracts from the reports of the local newspapers of that city:—

Mr. Yeats is a slenderly built man of pleasing appearance. He was a little ill at ease for the first few moments of his discourse, but after he had warmed up to his subject he lost all self-consciousness, and before he was through he showed that he is not only a man of culture and learning, but that there is in his make-up much of the wit and humor that are characteristic of his race. He was favored with an appreciative audience, which both welcomed him cordially and applauded liberally.

Mr. Yeats was introduced by Assistant Corporation Counsel James McKeen. There were also on the platform Dr. St. Clair McKelway and ex-Mayor Charles A. Schieren.

In his lecture Mr. Yeats dealt principally with the revival of the Irish language in Ireland and with the events which led up to it. He referred in passing to the efforts of the political parties in Ireland to bring about a union.

## DEATHS IN CATHOLIC RANKS.



LATE MR. J. J. BARRY.

There died at his home in this city on Sunday evening last a man whose sterling character was often referred to years before the summons came that called him, in the prime of life, away. When, after an illness of but four days it was announced last Sunday evening by the pastor of St. Michael's parish, during the service, that John J. Barry, a leading member of the choir, was dead, the silence that fell over the throng there assembled told only too plainly that in the parish the noblest heart had ceased to beat. Well may his character be summed up in the following:—

"Rich in saving common sense, An iron will, to true occasion true, A tower of strength, that stood four square To all the winds that blew."

Mr. Barry was 37 years of age, a type of physical manhood, as perfect as his heart was pure. He was at the time of his death, Chief Ranger of Father Dowd's Court, No. 622, Catholic Order of Foresters, and president of Division No. 10, Ancient Order of Hibernians. He leaves a wife and three little children to mourn the loss of one whose presence has been the sunshine of a happy home.

"Green be the turf above thee, Friend of my better days, None knew thee but to love thee. Nor named thee but to praise."

Tears fell when thou wert dying, From eyes unused to weep, And long where thou art lying, Shall tears the cold earth steep."

COMRADE

BROTHER SIGISMUND. — Last week a member of the Irish section of the great teaching order of the Christian Brothers—Bro. Sigismund—died at the Mother House in Maisonneuve. He had been during his long and active career connected with the establishments of the Order in Toronto, Quebec and other cities.

The funeral service, which was held at Maisonneuve house, was most impressive.

Rev. Henry McRory, of the Bishop's Palace, Chatham, N.B., a nephew of deceased, officiated at the Requiem Mass. Brother Sigismund was a native of Ireland, and, like many of his countrymen, silently and humbly performed his duty. May his soul rest in peace.

JOHN POWER.—At the ripe old age of 90 years, Mr. John Power, father-in-law of Mr. Thomas McBrearty, passed to his reward last week. Mr. Power was a native of Waterford, Ireland, and came to Canada in the pioneer days. He, like many others of his nationality, located in old St. Ann's, where he held the rise and progress of that great commercial district during the past two generations. The funeral, which was held on Sunday, from his son-in-law's residence, was a large one. May his soul rest in peace.

MRS. JAMES J. ROGUE. — Another member of a family well known in commercial circles of Montreal, a quarter of a century ago, in the person of Mrs. James J. Rogue, died last week. She was the youngest daughter of the late Mr. Anthony Walsh, a well known pioneer in the Irish Catholic section of that courageous and enterprising little band of our fellow-countrymen, whose names were prominent in the trade of this city in the good old days that are gone.

The funeral, which was held at the Gesù Church, and to Cote des Neiges

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Cemetery, was largely attended by citizens of all classes. May her soul rest in peace.

A DISTINCTION. — An exchange says:—

Speaking before an audience composed of public school teachers, Professor E. Hershey Sneath, head of the philosophy department of Yale, and brother of one of the leading congregational clergymen of New Haven, said on Nov. 21: "In this matter of divorce, I am a Roman Catholic to the backbone."

## LOCAL NOTES.

ST. MARY'S PARISH. — A most successful and well attended dramatic and musical entertainment was given by the young ladies on Dec. 9 in the Monument National. Prof. Jas. Wilson, the well known organist of the parish and experienced in dramatic presentations, assisted the ladies in staging "The Chaperon," in which the following young ladies took part:—Misses M. Altman, M. A. Hynes, B. Benson, L. Robitaille, A. Doyle, M. Coyle, L. Cox, A. Hayden, E. Ryan, M. Brennan, K. Carrington, M. O'Brien.

Between the acts several specialty artists entertained the audience. The proceeds were intended for the "Building Fund" of the Church and netted a good amount.

## CIVIC AFFAIRS.

Editor of the True Witness.

Sir.—It seems passing strange to me that the Irish Catholic element of St. Lawrence Ward, the old home of hundreds of pioneers of our race in this city, where the parent Irish parish Church is located, and where the late Bernard Devlin, and other fellow-countrymen won victories in the civic domain, that there should be so much lack of public spirit, so much indifference, so much want of nerve and pluck to go into the arena and secure one representative in the City Council for that district. As I pen these lines the names of a score of Irish Catholic residents are recalled, all men of integrity and honesty, men who have proprietary interests in the section, men who would be acceptable to the non-Catholic element. What are the Irish Catholics afraid of? Can they not unite and select one of their number?

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Rev. Dr. Kelly, at one time Professor of Ecclesiastical History of Maynooth, is quoted as follows:—

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## THE POET CRE

BY "ORI"

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A CHECKERED CAR the individual life of t have nothing to do. W alize the personal lines bards of different countr find in many of them—a the very greatest of th and shortcomings that ever pardoned by an exa So sublime are their w grand their conceptions so noble their expressio are inclined, when judg their poems, to elevate rank of demi-gods. The shocked beyond all mea find, from facts, that th human beings like ourse not like to see in them that belong to the com men; and, while we inw the same, we feel a kin in their regard, and we to be much less just, m- ciful, much less consider than for ordinary men a It may be well to learn ledge in order to utilize tages as a warning; but careful not to allow the aneasch with their fault the effect of their great above all, we should no exaggerate their errors, them through the magn of envy. If we take up ture we will find that i parts are the products o lives were not devoid of with them we have noth They have gone with the their virtues to their re grave precludes all possi ture reparation, repe change. But they have l them the imperishable m their genius, and these s as long as literature last nationalities exist, as lo are men to enjoy the so their labor and children instructed in the glories o All the personal mistak cannot take one iota fr spiration of "Scots w "A man's a man for a t the sins attributed to E never change the fact th Harold," and such poem Descent of Senacherib," r all time unshakable pill temple of English literat "Raven" and "The Bells" rive and will charm gene after the brief and bolis of the poet shall be for misery-haunted life and death of poor Man's ar deep regret and pain, b not take from the poetic and patriotic feeling of a admirable and immortal "It is it is a great work. I he had struggled for a early method he asked a friend to book-sell