

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

## ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITION OF LOURDES.

On Monday last the Church celebrated the pious anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin at Lourdes, the touching story of which is well known in the Catholic world.

## Lenten Preacher for Notre Dame.

Father Plessis, of the Order of Dominicans, who will preach the course of Lenten sermons in Notre Dame Church, arrived on Tuesday from Paris. Father Plessis is a tall, spare man, 50 years of age, and of striking appearance. This is his second visit to Montreal. His speaking is marked by depth of thought and power of speculation.

## FATHER MCKENNA TO LECTURE.

Rev. M. J. McKenna, of the Holy Family Church, will give a lecture in Court Square theatre, Springfield, Mass., Sunday evening, March 11, in honor of St. Patrick. He will take for his subject "Daniel O'Connell," and the proceeds will be for the church treasury. Father McKenna gave a lecture a year ago in Court Square theatre which gained for him a splendid reputation as a speaker.

## EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS.

The most interesting exhibit of paintings we have had in a long time is that at present being held in the Art Gallery. It is composed of the work of the masters of the French Impressionist school and is of rare merit. Twenty-nine canvases by twelve different artists make up the exhibit and are the property of Mr. Duane-Rill, of New York. Besides the paintings there is also a fine collection of Tiffany bronze lamps and vases.

## SUCCESSFUL EUCHRE HELD AT ST. HENRY.

The euchre given at St. Henry in aid of the St. Columban Church was quite a success. Much praise is due to the committee in charge, who were as follows: President, Mr. H. C. McCallum; secretary-treasurer, Mr. John Gillies; committee, Messrs. J. A. Monaghan, Jos. Stewart, P. McGreevy, M. O'Brien, Thos. Stewart, J. J. Tierney, W. A. McCallum; reception committee, Messdames John Gillies, Thos. Ryan, H. C. McCallum, Miss Donnelly; talent committee, Miss M. Gillie, A. Sullivan.

## LECTURE AND RECEPTION AT MONUMENT NATIONAL.

In response to an invitation from Mrs. F. L. Belque, president of the lady patronesses of the Association St. Jean Baptiste, Earl and Countess Grey on Tuesday attended a lecture on the subject of domestic science given by Melle de Beaujeu at the Monument National. The lecture was preceded by a reception. Among the guests presented to their Excellencies was His Grace Archbishop Bruchési.

After the lecture, which proved highly instructive, the Governor-General and Archbishop Bruchési each delivered a short address.

Among those present were Mrs. Raoul Dandurand, Mrs. R. Thibaut, Jean, Dr. Lachapelle, Dean Walton (of the McGill Law Faculty), Mr. Kleczkowski (Russian consul-general), Mr. de Struve (Russian consul-general), Mr. Clarence I. de Soles (Belgian consul), Miss Marie Louise Milhan (of Royal Victoria College), and the Misses Barry, de Montigny, Vanier and Cholete.

## LECTURE ON DANIEL O'CONNELL.

On Thursday, March 8, at 8.15 o'clock, at the new Stanley Hall, Rev. Thomas Hart, of Killarney, will deliver a lecture on "Daniel O'Connell." The subject matter is less than the motive for which the lecturer has come among us, (to obtain funds for the completion of the memorial church at the birthplace of the Liberator) should ensure a crowded house. His Honor Judge Curran will preside.

## ST. GABRIEL'S YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.

Last Thursday evening saw the large hall of St. Gabriel's Church filled to repletion with the many friends of the young men, who were called together for a euchre party, the object of which was to furnish their hall. Long before the appointed hour friends from all parts of the city poured in, and as the signal was given fully one hundred tables were taken up, and the play lasted for two hours. Twelve very nice prizes were contested for. The names of the donors and the articles presented are as follows: Set of carvers, Ald. T.

O'Connell; lady's companion, Dr. Virolle; pair of gloves, Dr. Dagonais; bottle of perfume, W. Hamel; pair of shoes, T. Hickey; pipe, T. O'Sullivan; match safe, a friend; box of cigarettes, a friend; safety razor, a friend; box of cigars, Rev. P. McDonald; tea set, Whalen Bros; set of carvers, L. A. Rivet, M.P.

In every corner, encouraging the good work by a kind word or genial smile, might be seen Rev. Father O'Meara, who has certainly done much good work for the society since its formation, and has proven himself as true and untiring in his efforts to help the young men as in everything else that he has undertaken.

On the whole, the evening was a memorable one, and let us hope, only the beginning of a solid foundation to an institution calculated to do so much good.

## CARD OF THANKS.

The committee in charge of the euchre given by the English-speaking parishioners of St. Henry in aid of St. Columban Church beg to acknowledge with thanks the following prizes received: Pair of Slater shoes, Rev. Canon Decarie; bronze statue, ex-Mayor Guay; meerschaum pipe, Mr. O. David; ladies' silk umbrella, Mrs. O. David; cut flower vase, Mrs. B. McNally; silver cake basket, Mrs. H. C. McCallum; silk cushion, Mrs. John Gillies; Japanese vase, Mrs. Thos. Ryan; carving set, Mr. P. Hart; gent's companion, Miss N. O'Shaughnessy; Mexican vase, Mrs. J. J. Tierney; order for gent's hat, Messrs. Brennan Bros; donation, Mr. H. A. Wilder; smoking set, Mr. J. A. Monaghan; Japanese pitcher, Mrs. J. A. Monaghan; artificial palm, Miss G. Monaghan; glass dish, Mrs. Jas. Stewart; rocking chair, Mr. A. Abinovitch; tobacco jar, Mr. A. Michaels; prayer book, Mrs. Bazin; rose bowl, Mrs. Archambault; ladies' kid slippers, Mrs. Brunetti; ladies' English slippers, Mrs. Arsené Lemay; fairy lamp, Mr. J. A. Gascon; perfume bottles in case, Dr. A. Bernard; vaporiser, Mr. A. Giroux; Mexican vase, Miss Donnelly; box of cigars, Mr. Brophy; box of cigars, A. Friend; shaving set in case, A. Friend; cake, Mrs. Boyer; fancy table, Mr. A. Viau; ladies' satchel, a friend; toilet box, a friend; bottle of wine, Mr. R. Elliott; tin of coffee, Mr. T. Elliott; one brooch, Mr. A. Lamarche.

ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT REFUGE. Report for the week ending Sunday, 11th Feb., 1906. The following people had a night's lodging and breakfast: Irish, 167; French, 44; English, 9; other nationalities, 14. Total, 234.

## ST. JOSEPH'S HOME.

The following contributions are most gratefully acknowledged: Mgr. Legris, Bouchonais, IM., twenty-five dollars; Mr. T. C. Collins and Mr. D. Tansey, city, six dollars each; Messrs. M. J. Walsh, G. Max Sinn and Hugh Gallagher, five dollars each; Mrs. Andrew McCarthy, Cripple Creek, Colorado, and Mrs. Decker, Bronx, New York, three dollars each; Mr. J. S. Buckley, Syracuse, N.Y., Mrs. Wolfarth, New York, and Messrs. F. Gogerty, Jos. O'Brien and Miss Kate Gallagher, city, two dollars each; Mrs. Ella Stoughton, Rockville, Conn.; Mrs. P. Kelly, Mrs. J. Kelly, Mr. E. Kelly, Miss Laplante and Mr. O'Leary, of Bray's Crossing, Ont., and Mrs. Cavanagh and Miss Cahill, city, one dollar each. Several parcels of clothing have been sent to the Home from unknown benefactors. The Ogilvy Milling Co. sent a sack of flour. Mr. McLaren a case of baking powder; Messrs. Mathewsons Sons, twenty-five pounds of coffee; Mr. Gahan, three large pans of cake for the euchre party—recently held and splendidly attended. Father Holland returns his sincere thanks to the ladies who sold the tickets and helped in every possible way, to Mrs. McArthur, who wanted to stand all the expenses connected with the entertainment, but who was forestalled in some of the details by other kind friends; to Mr. Hart, president of St. Ann's Young Men's Society, who together with his committee worked hard to make the euchre a success. The originators of the scheme, Mr. D. Bennett and the Messrs. Shanahan, are to be congratulated on the successful company present, and as Father Holland told the players, all are invited to the St. Ann's Young Men's euchre, which will be held next Tuesday evening, also in St. Ann's Hall, when valuable prizes will be offered to the successful. There are now thirty people in the Home, all healthy and happy in their modest surroundings. A second hand kitchen range was recently repaired and put into place by Mr. G. R. Prowse, the coal bill, consequently, is not as high as it was last year, and money will be saved for other requirements.

## BENEDICTINES RETURN TO IRELAND AFTER THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS.

Without any flourish of trumpets, the Benedictines have returned to Ireland, after three hundred and fifty years, says the Dublin Weekly Freeman. A small community from the famous College of Downside, near Bath, have entered on possession of Ballinacorney House, near Ennis, and, with the sanction of the Lord Bishop of Ferns, have opened it as a high-class preparatory school. In a short time the Fathers intend extending the present buildings, as already many applications from prospective pupils have been received. Before the "Reformation" the Benedictines had ten houses in Ireland, including one in County Wexford, at Glasarrig, and it is interesting to find them again opening a priory in that country. The last Abbot of Glasarrig was Charles MacMurrough, whose name sufficiently indicates his nationality.

thy to its kind friend Mr. Gogerty in the great loss he has sustained in the loss of his beloved son by drowning on Sunday last.

## Catholic School Board Discuss Mr. Langlois' Bill.

At Tuesday night's meeting of the members of the Catholic School Board, an interesting discussion took place on the bill now before the Legislature to make the appointment of the lay school commissioners elective by the people.

Commissioner Vallieres was absent from the meeting, and Commissioner Gallery had left when the subject was introduced, towards the end of the evening, by Mr. Sample, who thought it might be well to ascertain the opinions of the Board on the bill.

All the members present were opposed to the bill, with the exception of Mr. P. G. Martineau, who declared that he intended to abide by the principles of democracy which he had always advocated.

Father O'Meara said that the board as actually constituted had done and was doing good work, and personally he saw no reason for a change.

Mr. Piche qualified the bill as a hybrid measure, which would at once tend to deprive certain people of their rights and open the door to others who were not competent to deal with matters of education. The rights of the laity were sufficiently safeguarded under the present system, since they had a majority on the board.

Canon Dauth remarked that the proposed change was unnecessary, since the commissioners, with the exception of the clerical members, of course, were virtually elected by the people under the present system. It was through the people's vote that the members of the Legislature and the aldermen were placed in office, and they, in turn, appointed the lay members of the board.

Mr. A. Lacroix, the secretary, having stated that the existing system was now followed in several large cities in the United States, the Rev. Abbe Troie, the chairman, considered it an argument against the elective system that Americans, who were the most democratic people, should have removed education from the immediate control of the masses.

Mr. Martineau remarked that, if it was an interference on the part of the government to have the Provincial Secretary a member of the Council of Public Instruction, then the same argument must logically apply to the appointment of school commissioners by the same government. Anyhow, this was a question of principles, and he thought the people should not be refused the right to take a more direct part in matters of education.

Canon Dauth said that the functions of the Council of Public Instruction and those of the school commissioners were quite different. Commissioner Sample thought that with the elective system inferior men would be placed in office. He was strongly against the bill proposed by Mr. Langlois.

After some further discussion the question was dropped, without a vote being taken.

Contracts were awarded for the construction of an annex to the St. Joseph's school.

The examination of lady school teachers, not having yet their diplomas, was fixed for Feb. 24, and the contest in gymnastics for the different schools was fixed for June 23.

At the request of Mr. Martineau, who wished to ascertain what would be the approximate cost of furnishing school books free of charge, the secretary produced a statement showing that, for the year 1904-05 the principals of the seven Roman Catholic schools had sold their pupils \$3,669.98 worth of books.

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## OBITUARY.

## DEATH OF CARDINAL PERRAUD.

Cardinal Adolphe Perraud, Archbishop of Autun, France, died there on Sunday night from pneumonia. An inventory of the Cathedral at that place was about to be made on Saturday afternoon, but hearing that the condition of Cardinal Perraud was much worse, the sub-prefect ordered a suspension of the work out of respect for the distinguished prelate.

## REV. ABBE TREPANIER.

The Rev. Abbe Francois Trepanier, honorary canon of St. James Cathedral, and chaplain of the Deaf and Dumb Institute for females on St. Denis street, died on Sunday morning at the latter establishment, after a few days' illness, at the age of 71 years.

Abbe Trepanier was a native of Ste. Genevieve. After a full course of studies in the Montreal College, he studied for the priesthood. In 1866 he was appointed private secretary to the late Archbishop Bourget, and was ordained a priest two years later. In 1870 he became a director of the Varannes College, and the following year was appointed chaplain of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, a position which he held until his death. He had been an honorary canon of the Cathedral since 1891. His untiring zeal for the education and comfort of the poor deaf mutes had endeared him to that unfortunate class of the community. In 1879 he went to Europe to study the best methods then known for the training of deaf mutes. Ever since he has followed with great care all improvements calculated to benefit those to whose welfare he had devoted his whole life.

The funeral took place yesterday. The service was held at 9.30 a.m. in the chapel of the institute.

## MRS. W. E. GRACE.

The funeral of Mrs. W. E. Grace was held from St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh, N.Y., on Monday, the 5th inst. The solemn requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Dias, with Fathers Berneche and Pallotier, deacon and sub-deacon respectively. The pall bearers were Messrs. W. T. Burleigh, E. McKeever, P. F. Girard, Frank Valley, P. J. Flair and P. J. Tierney. A large congregation assisted, testifying to the esteem in which deceased was held. Those who were present from out of town were Mr. Archie Paylor, Mrs. Denvers, Messrs. Frank Galaise, Wm. Grace and George Grace, Montreal; Mrs. Chas. Grace, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Moynahan, Procter; Miss T. Grace, Montreal; Miss Helaire, Galaise, Saratoga. Interment took place in the old Catholic Cemetery.

## DEATH OF A SEIGNEUR.

Mr. L. A. Globensky, seigneur of St. Eustache, who has been suffering from a lingering illness, died at his manor on Saturday evening last, at the age of 76 years.

He was the son of Lieut.-Colonel Maximilian Globensky, who fought by the side of de Salaberry at Chateauguay, and was born in 1830 at St. Eustache, where his grandfather, who came from Poland, had settled. After going through the St. Therese and Montreal Colleges, he commenced the study of the notarial profession, but after his marriage with his cousin, Virginie Marguerite Lambert, Dumont, seigneresse of Milles Isles, in 1854, he devoted himself entirely to the advancement of the best agricultural methods, and to the study of political questions. Mr. Globensky was for several years Mayor of St. Eustache and president of the Agricultural Society of his county. In 1875 he was elected to represent the county of Two Mountains in the House of Commons, but resigned a few months after. In 1888 he refused a seat in the Senate, which was offered him. Mr. Globensky was given the first prize and a gold medal for having the best kept farm in his region. Besides other works which he wrote, is a historical sketch of the rebellion of 1837. In 1888 he was created a knight of the Royal Order of Melusine by Pope Pius IX. He leaves four sons and one daughter.

The funeral took place yesterday morning at St. Eustache.

## ANNIVERSARY SERVICE FOR THE LATE MR. ANDREW CULLINAN.

The anniversary service for the late ex-detective Andrew Cullinan took place at St. Ann's Church on Saturday morning at eight o'clock. The celebration of the Requiem Mass was Rev. Andrew Cullinan, curate of St. Mary's parish, and son of the deceased. The choir, under the direction of Prof. P. J. Shea, organist, and W. Murphy, leader, rendered the service impressively.

## GREAT AMERICAN POET.

## Circumstances Under Which He Wrote Some of His Pieces.

I once wrote to the poet Longfellow, writes H. Rutherford, asking him to give me some account of the circumstances under which he wrote "The Bridge"—"I stood on the bridge at midnight"—a poem which an eminent English critic has called "the most sympathetic in this language." I received in return a cordial note from the poet, in which he said: "If you will come over and pass an evening with me, it will give me pleasure to tell you the history of the poem, and also of any of my poems that may interest you."

A few evenings later found me at the poet's door at his Cambridge home. He was then verging on seventy years, in the fullness of his experience and the ripeness of his fame. I paused at the door before ringing the bell. I rang, and was shown into a long halllike room, dimly lighted, in which was a broad table, antique furniture, and a tall colonial clock. The poet was there alone. He arose to meet me, and formed a striking and statuesque figure, with his kindly smile and long, white hair and beard.

"And so you would like to know something about the first inspiration of some of my poems—what led me to write them?" he said, when we were seated. "Well, you are very kind."

"I will tell you first how I came to write the 'Psalm of Life.' I was a young man then. I well recall the time. It was a bright day and the trees were blooming, and I felt an impulse to write out my aim and purpose in the world. I did not intend it for publication. Some months afterwards I was asked for a poem by a popular magazine. I recalled my 'Psalm of Life.' I copied it, and sent it to the periodical. It saw the light, took wings, and flew over the world. There you may see it written on a Japanese screen!"

He pointed to a high, richly ornamented screen which stood before a great fireplace. He added an anecdote which I have always regarded as a true picture of his soul.

"When I was in England I was honored by receiving an invitation from the Queen. As I was leaving the palace yard my carriage was hindered by the crowd of vehicles. There came to the door of the coach a noble-looking English workman."

"Are you Professor Longfellow?" he said.

I bowed.

"May I ask, sir, if you wrote the 'Psalm of Life'?"

"I answered that I did."

"Would you be willing, sir, to take a working man by the hand?"

"I extended my hand to him, he clasped it, and never in my life have I received a compliment which gave me so much satisfaction."

"I wrote 'Excelsior,'" he continued, "after receiving a letter full of lofty sentiments from Charles Sumner at Washington. In one of the sentences occurred the word 'Excelsior.' As I dropped the letter that word again caught my eye. I turned over the letter, and wrote my poem. I wrote the 'Wreck of the Hesperus' because after reading an account of the loss of a part of the Gloucester fishing fleet in an autumn storm, I met the words 'Norman's woe.' I retired for the night after reading the report of the disaster, but the scene haunted me. I arose to write, and the poem came to me in whole stanzas."

"The clock in the corner of the room," he went on, "is not the one to which I refer in my 'Old Clock on the Stairs.' That clock stood in the country house of my father-in-law, at Pittsfield, among the Berkshire hills."

The great clock in the room was beating the air in the shadows as he spoke. I could seem to hear it say—"Toujours-jamais!"

"Jamais-toujours!"

It was these words by a French author that had suggested to him the solemn refrain:

"Forever-never!  
Never-forever!"

"Excelsior" had been set to popular music by the Hutchinsons, when the poet met one evening the minstrel family after a concert in Boston Music Hall. "I have," he said, "another poem which I will send you."

He did so. It was the first copy of the "Old Clock on the Stairs."

One of the family set the words to music.

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## BUILDING ASSOCIATION IN AID OF

## St. Michael's Parish, Montreal.

By a resolution passed at a meeting of the Fabrique of St. Michael's, dated the 8th of January, 1904, and with the approval of His Grace the Archbishop, the Fabrique binds itself to cause to have said in St. Michael's during four years two masses a month according to the intention of those who contribute 50 cents yearly. Help yourselves, help your deceased friends and help the new church by joining this Association.

The two masses in favor of contributors to St. Michael's Building Association, are said towards the end of every month. They are said with the intentions of those who contribute fifty cents a year. Contributions may have any intentions they please, they alone need know what their intentions are, they may change their intentions from month to month—they may have a different intention for each of the two masses in every month, they may have several intentions for the same Mass, they may apply the benefit of the contribution to the soul of a deceased friend.

Contributions for the year 1906 (50 cents) may be addressed to

REV. JOHN P. KIERNAN P.P., 1602 St. Denis Street, MONTREAL, P.Q.

(All contributions acknowledged.)

return near midnight by the same way. The way was silent, save here and there a belated footstep. The sea rose and fell among the wooden piers, and there was a great furnace on the Brighton hills, whose red light was reflected by the waves. It was on such a late solitary walk that the spirit of the poem came upon me. The bridge has been greatly altered, but the place of it is the same."

## TRIBUTE TO THE IRISH PRIEST.

Rev. Dr. Watson, more widely known by his pen name, Ian MacLaren, at a Catholic bazaar in Liverpool, said: "No minister of religion had been more true and faithful to a poor and suffering people or done more to sustain a high standard of morality, than the Irish priest, and no body of men in England made greater sacrifices for their principles during the last three centuries, or, in proportion to their numbers, made a larger contribution to sacred and other learning."