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MONTREAL, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1903.

1RISH CHRISTIAN BROTHERS.

This Order, of which there is now a

citing aid in behalf of the building

fund of a new college, it is rumored,

will open a novitiate in a leading

A NEW FLAG .- From the tower of

St. Ann's Church a new flag, said to have been designed by Rev. Father

Holland, C.SS.R., floated to the

breeze on the occasion of the A.O.H.

MR. HEALY AGAIN .- This disap-

striving to arouse enmity to Ire-land's able leader, Mr. John Red-

mond, in connection with Wexford es

tates which came into his possession

nominally, through the death of his

late uncle. Our readers who read

last week on the subject, are in a

position to place a proper apprecia-

NIGHT WORKERS' MASS .- Fol-

owing up the example of New York,

Archbishop Quigley has decided to

have a Mass said in Chicago at 4

o'clock on Sunday mornings. This

Mass will be for printers, newspaper

men and others who work nights

For a long time it has been realized

that something must be done in the

religious line for the night workers

of the business section of the city.

A large number of these workers are

Catholics, and they have been com-

pelled to wait from 3 to 4 o'clock

in the morning until 6 and 7.30 be-

fore they could attend divine ser-

vices. It is to enable them to go

work to church on Sunday morning

that the Archbishop has ordered the

CATHOLIC FEDERATION .- Cer-

tain newspapers are now engaged in

the task of trying to discredit the

Federation of Catholic American so-

cieties on the grounds that President

Minahan, who is a Republican, was

working the organization in the in-

terest of a candidate of that party

That is the old cry against every

immediately from their places

early morning service.

in Ohio.

the article publish in our issue

tion on Mr. Healy's new move

pointed Irish parliamentarian,

church parade on Sunday last.

centre of the Maritime Provinces.

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"If the English-speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted thed but interests, they would soon make of the 'True Winness one of the most properous and putryul Catholic papers in this country. I heartily bless those who encourage this ezcellan "'PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal."

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

| ences that so naturally arise between ADVENT. - During many centuries the world prepared for the consorts of different creeds are only coming of Christ. After the fall of accentuated as time goes on, and man and the just condemnation inthey become the more evident when curred by him on account of original the first glow of human affection sin, a new dispensation began, and gives place to the calmer and more in the infinite designs of God a restern realities of life and its duties. demption of man was planned. The No matter what the judgment in this ages rolled away, prophet after prospecial case may be, we cannot but phet arose to declare his mission, see the ill-assorted marriage a vast and, at last in the fulness of time, deal of trouble and misery for the the promised One, the Messiah, apone who is the survivor. Enmities peared on earth. Each year, ever are created that time cannot efface, since that central event is commemand frequently, in order to avoid the orated, and it is known to the Chrisunpleasantnesses of the situation the tian world as the great festival of Catholic party is obliged to drift in-Christmas. And just as all the cento the channel of indifference, thence into that of neglect of duty, and turies were occupied in due preparation for the coming of the Rethence into the broader and swifter deemer, so, each year, the Church current of a non-Catholic life. Every prescribes four weeks of preparation time that such cases come before the for the annual celebration of Our public we feel inclined to repeat over and over the warnings of the Church Lord's birth. These four weeks are called Advent, and Sunday next, toagainst the dangerous course of mixmorrow, will be the beginning of ed marriage.

that brief period of penance, fasting, and expectancy. During these four weeks the Church dons the peniten-CATHOLIC WRITERS .- There are tial garments of purple; all rejoicings in Catholic circles quite a number of and pleasure seekings are forbidden; whose education and talents ladies she does not even celebrate marriages would justly entitle them to be conduring the Advent time. Days 0 sidered as literary. The only diffispecial fast and abstinence are preculty is that they are like " sealed scribed, and the faithful are requestbooks of knowledge," and they never ed to perform particular acts of deeven attempt to open the clasps and votion and /extra works of benevolgive their fellow-citizens the benefit ence. All this is for the same object their acquirements, or achieve-We need not enter into a history of ments. We have a few exceptions to this rule, and one of these is Miss Advent and its celebration, nor do we deem it necessary to dwell upon Bellelle Guerin, of this city, whose the great importance of making due beautiful poem, on the Immaculate

preparation for a holy and proper Conception, which we publish in this celebration of the coming Christmas. issue, and which we take from the These are all matters with which our pages of a Catholic monthly. readers are perfectly acquainted, and It is a pleasure to find one whose the details of which they receive in the instructions from their pastors. bright gifts are so evident making use of them in such a noble manner, We simply draw attention to the for the benefit of our literature and facts in order to make doubly 'sure for the glory of God. that there can be no forgetfulness on

ing these four weeks there will .bo A PROTESTANT CONFESSIONAL special sermons in all our churches, and these instructions will serve to -According to a reverend writer in stimulate to fervent piety and extra a New Orleans daily paper, there is a efforts by way of preparation. When strong effort being made in the Prothe time comes for us to wish a testant Church in Germany to have Merry Christmas to all whom we the confessional revived. The "Reichsconsider as friends and well-wishers, bate," an official organ of the Pruswe hope that we will be able to also sian Government and the mouthcongratulate each . one on a wellpiece of the Lutheran-Evangelical Synod, has just issued a strong plea for the confessional, and especially

in favor of private confession.

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would be a pastor who, himself a noly and sanctified person, would understand the spiritual wants and cares of every stricken soul; in whose discretion one could have full and entire confidence and to whose silence one could entrust one's past life as unto a silent tomb.

"There is another class of souls heavily burdened. They struggle against sin, to find how weak they are to combat, and who succumb again and again. Who takes care of these lambs? They are looking in truth for a pastor; but to resort to their preachers and confess their wants, to ask him for his helping prayer and intercession they do not feel the moral courage necessary. What they want is a house of retreat and a prudent pastor to whom they can confide their troubles; who will stand by them with his counsel in their trying combats. There are those who mourn, and their number is legion, who have none to console them.'

This seeking for consolation is very natural. But all the world, as long as it is sorrowing and suffering, is anxious to be consoled and relieved. The fundamental principle of Protestantism is that this consolation, or forgiveness, can only be obtained in a direct manner from Christ, Our Lord, and not through the medium of man. This has been at the bottom of all Portestant teachings; it was the one great rock upon which Luther first split. And yet the experience of centuries has proven that there is no such a thing as consolation without absolution, and that to obtain absolution it is absolutely necessary that there be a confession. Not a general statement or acknowledgment of having sinned. Any one an make freely such an aclnowledgment; there is no humiliation in it; there is no difficulty about it; for all men are liable to err, all are more or less sinful, and all have offended God in some degree. But when it comes to a particular conession, made to a representative of God, with the details of the 'wrongdoing given, and with contrition felt for the same, then can you receive a positive assurance of an absolution. of a forgiveness; and only the one

who is the instrument of God in that absolving operation can impart the consolation, bestow the advice, give the encouragement, and extend the needed and helping hand for which the battling soul so much craves. Hence it is that we find the very source of Protestantism admitting its own error and turning again, for a ray of hope, to the fountain of truth from which it had originally departed and the lights of which it had so coldly rejected.

We do not claim that this is an evidence of a return on the part of Luther's followers to the Mother Church from which he so wickedly turned away; but we do pretend that it is a strong testimony in favor of an institution which the Catholic Church has upheld throughout th centuries, and of a teaching that no time and no change have ever been able to alter in the slightest degree

LESSONS OF THE NEWS ingly suffer defeat in politics, in business, and in any other way, ra-ther than hear his Church insulted and he remain silent. TO ENTER AMERICAN ORDER .--

Seventeen young ladies from various districts of Prince Edward Island FAMINE-STRICKEN .- The people of the Cape Verde Islands are fam-ine-stricken. Letters received tell a passed through Montreal, recently, on their way to St. Paul's, Minn. frightful tale of loss of life, for in to enter the novitiate of St. the Island of Santiago alone Jos eph's Order of that city, which has number 10,000. The Cape dead the direction of an hospital and sev-Verde Islands belong to Portugal. eral educational establishments.

LOCAL NOTES.

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ST. PATRICK'S PARISH. - The announcement has been made that Mrs. James Cochrane, wife of His Worship the Mayor, has generously donated to St. Patrick's Church the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to erect a marble altar in place of the present one dedicated to the Most Blessed Virgin.

C.M.B.A.-The banner branch of the C.M.B.A., No. 26, will hold an open meeting on Wednesday next in heir hall Alexander street, when the Grand Officers will be present.

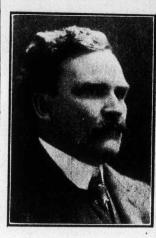
ST, ANN'S PARISH .- On Sunday, the 14th inst., as previously an-nounced in the "True Witness," the members of St. Ann's Young Men's Society, to the number of nearly one hundred, attended 8 o'clock Mass in the parish Church, and received Holy Communion for the repose of the souls of deceased members.

In the evening the blessing of the new and beautiful banner of the Society was held, when a special sermon was preached by Rev. Thomas Heffernan, of St. Anthony's parish. The banner which was made in Belgium, under the supervision of 'Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., the well known and enthusiastic patron and friend of young Irish Canadians, not only of St. Ann's, but of every parish in this city, is a work of art. Mgr. Racicot officiated, assisted by Rev. Father McGinnis, Verdun, 'and Rev. James Killoran, St. Patrick's Sole nn Benediction of the slost Blessed Sacrament followed the ser

The visiting clergymen were entertained after the service in the presbytery by Rev. Father Flynn, C.S.S. R., and officers of the Society,

ST. MARY'S PARISH .- The young lady amateurs of the East End, who gave such a successful performance last year when they played "Rebecca's Triumph," are to present other comedy-drama, in 2 acts, entitled "The Chaperon," at the Monument National on Wednesday even ing, December 9th. An orchestra and several other attractions will be the features of the programme. Prof. Jas. Wilson has charge of the per and as large committees of the ladies and gentlemen of the parish have the matter in hand there

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

MONTREAL'S PORT

NEW SURVEYOR OF

MR. HARRY MCLAUGHLIN.

The appointment of Mr. Harry Mc-Laughlin, an Irish Catholic of this city, to the highest rank in the Customs Department of Montreal, which is within reach of members of the staff and not considered as a "political plum," that of Surveyor, is a striking example to our young men of what may be achieved by industry, perseverance, self-reliance and an ambition to excel in whatever undertaking they may adopt.

Mr. McLaughlin entered the M. P. Ryan, who, for many years, was Collector of this port. He was assigned to do duty at the G. T. R. Depot in connection with the baggage department. He remained in that position until 1886, when he was summoned to enter the office of the Collector, where he remained until 1891, a period of nearly five years. During those years Mr. Mc-Laughlin laid the foundations of his subsequent success. He had the opportunities to make himself familiar with all questions of administration and he labored unceasingly to avail himself of them.

In 1891 he was appointed bookkeeper and paymaster, and mastered in a brief space of time the various duties of the office.

The first substantial recognition of worth came ten years after he had entered the service. This was his elevation to the important place of Tide Surveyor, in 1892. During the decade which Mr. McLaughlin has held the latter position he has has held the latter point, to spared no effort, day or night, to perform its many-sided duties with perform its many-sided duties intelligence and fearlessness. He has een called upon to perform many delicate acts of administration in his career, and never flinched when the call to duty was addressed to him

Mr. McLaughlin is a son of Mr. Thomas McLaughlin, and was born in Lachine, P.Q., in 1865, and received his education at the college of that place and at the Business College, Montreal. For more than 15 years he has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club and the Shamrock Amateur Athletic Association, in both organizations he has occupied offices ranging from that of secretary to president. ing his most recent terms in the Shamrock administration the hockey and lacrosse sections of the associa tion have won notable victories on many fields from ocean to ocean. In 1902 Mr. McLaughlin married one of Montreal's most charming Irish Catholic ladies, a daughter of an esteemed and patriotic Catholic Irishmen Mr. Patrick Wright. True Witness" congratulates The Mr. McLaughlin on his well-earned triumph after twenty odd years of nceasing labor in the old Chiefo building and in the Port of Montreal generally, and wishes him long years of health +- enjoy his promotion

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A QUEER CASE .- In the Supreme Court at Brooklyn there is at present a peculiar case being tried. is a dispute for the possession of the body of a deceased merchant. He had

of the Catholic Church. She had hin

The details of the case do not ex

may be argued that the young wife

had the happiness of having her hus

spent Advent of 1903.

daughter.

the part of any of our readers. Dur

such should be the case, but here is what it says:-Tt

"What our Church to-day needs, married a second wife, in his old age, and she was a Catholic. He !.eas much as we need our daily bread. came a Catholic with her, and died is the revival of private confession after having received the last rites Whoever has a long experience in the care of souls knows that our Church buried in the Catholic cemetety. Now is full of people who should go to the son of the deceased, by his first confession and also of such who wife, wants to have the body taken up and buried in the Protestant would gladly go. Not only may it be said of the murderer and perjurer cemetery beside his first wife and his that peace deserts him unless he conhis crime to man, but there

are thousands who are persecuted by actly interest us; but we see in this difficulty, and in all the trouble that their past life as by a spectre. They may wash away the dark spot in the young widow is having, another their book of life by tears or blood and a very striking evidence of the if they will, but their conscience rewisdom displayed by the Church in mains sore and their souls sick; the opposing, as much as possible, mixed marriages. In the present instance it word of forgiveness is missing, the word of God from human lips, the promise of God communicated to the person of the repenting sinner. And why would such people not go to band become a Catholic and die as such. But that is an exceptional their ordained confessor? Oh, that case. As a rule, the result is very different. And no matter what the outcome, from the standpoint of conwould require a certain moral greatss and a certain amount of humility, of which but few are capable. Besides, not every preacher is a good confessor, nor the best confessor a version, there is never that unity, that harmony and that perfect union of spirit which are the necessary ac-companiments of a truly Christian and suitable marriage. The differconfessor, nor the best confessor a confessor for all. The right thing would be a house where one could ritre for a time and where there ers were as thoughtful.

Eventually all-even Lutherans-will may seem to be very strange that have to return to the olden Church for consolation for hope, for salvation

With Our Subscribers.

DOWN BY THE SEA .- A subscriber of a well known Catholic and Irish district down by the sea, bearing an honored name in Irish history, kindly writes:-

"I might say that I subscribe for four different papers, and I would miss the "True Witness" more than all the others. No Catholic family should be without it; the news is wholesome and reliable and is good Sunday reading."

IN ANOTHER DIRECTION .- From a distant district in the United States another subscriber send the "True Witness" three dollars to pay

attempt to unite Catholics. It has the effect very often of frightening weak-kneed Catholics, but Catholic men who have the courage of their convictions and are prepared to mal. a sacrifice to live up to them are not to be put aside by such tactics.

RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE. - At the recent elections held in this State, says the "Catholic Columof Columbus,, O., Mr bian, Joseph L. McDowell was andidate on the Democratic ticket for prosecuting attorney of Coshocton County. That he is competent and trustworthy no one can deny. But he is a Catholic, and for that eason he was defeated.

The district has been usually Democratic by about 600 votes. But religious bigotry was excited; a revolt ingly foul liar named J. D. William went about the region preaching the most violent, stump speeches. The only organ of the party in the county, gave currency to these atrocious falsehoods and helped to defeat one of its own organization's candidates. Mr. McDowell was rejected by a majority of 26 votes.

During the campaign, Mr. McDowell got out a pamphlet which he sent into every home in the county proclaiming to all the world that he was a Catholic, that he was proud of the fact, and that he would will-

evening, and of a substantial amount being realized in aid of the re-building of St. Mary's Church. The sale of seats is now open at Brennan Bros., St. Catherine street. . . .

The regular parochial Mass will be celebrated in the basement of the St. Mary's Church, Craig street, on Sunday next, when Mgr. Racicot will officiate. Rev. Dr. Gerald McShane will be the preacher.

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH. - The Grand Officers of the C.M.B.A. of Canada aftended a most succes open meeting of Branch No. 50 in the basement of St. Anthony's.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Rev. L. W. Leclair, director of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, was seen by a "True Witness" representative Wednesday, at the Hotel Dica, and the hosts of friends of the saintly priest will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from the effects his recent indisposition.

MR. M. J. F. QUINN, K.C., is re ported to be gaining strength. His condition at present, according, to his intimate friends, warrants the crpectation that he will be able to be out in ten days.

ENJOY PEACE.

Caution in crediting, resorve speaking, and in revealing one's a to a very few, are the best security both of peace, and a good und-standing with the world, and to a inward peace of our own minds.