

lin died today, aged 72. Requiem Saturday. Interment, Blackpool cemetery." We make the announcement with deep regret. Father McLaughlin was one of the best known priests in the British Isles. Born in the north of Ireland, he felt called to the service of God at an early age. He joined the Redemptorists and became famous as a missionary preacher. Some ten or twelve years ago, owing to family reasons, he resigned membership of the Congregation, but he continued the work of giving missions with undiminished zeal. His book "Is one religion as good as another?" has had a circulation of over fifty thousand, and "The Divine Plan of the Church," with a preface by the late Cardinal Vaughan, is also popular.—Catholic Times (England) Feb. 5.

Rev. Father Vales, O.M.I., of Fort Alexander, was here at the end of last week.

The Very Rev. H. Leduc, V.G., O.M.I., who returned from the east on Friday of last week, reports that arrangements have been made with the Fathers of St. Viateur for the opening of a new College at Edmonton, whither Father Leduc returned by last Tuesday's train.

Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick, O.M.I., late pastor of the Catholic Church in Calgary, passed through the city last Wednesday, on his way to New York. Rev. Father McCarthy O.M.I., will take his place at Calgary until another permanent pastor can be appointed.

Rev. Father Plourde, O.M.I., of St. Laurent, is resting at St. Mary's presbytery in this city. His health has been somewhat impaired of late.

Rev. Fathers Desrosiers, Hogue, and Lalonde were at the Archbishop's house this week.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface went to the Trappist Monastery at St. Norbert on Wednesday, and on Thursday morning conferred subdeaconship on Father Francis, and priesthood on Father Louis, of Gonzaga.

The Archbishops and Bishops of Canada are invited to attend, either in person or by proxy, a preliminary conference to be held on March 2 in Ottawa, in the presence of His Excellency the Delegate Apostolic, in order to prepare for the first Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Canada.

**Regina Notes.**

Rev. Father Suffa, O.M.I., spent Sunday at Maharihilf. Rev. Father Kim, O.M.I., spent Sunday in St. Mary's. The Rev. Father drove out on Friday returning Sunday afternoon. A very long and exceedingly cold drive. Rev. Father Kasper, O.M.I., said both Masses, German and English, in the city, and clearly defined the Lenten regulations. Stations of the Cross will be held in the church Wednesdays and Fridays at 7.30 p. m. All were exhorted to attend these devotions and the Mass every morning at 7.30.

Very cold weather still prevails. On Tuesday, February 16, a terrible blizzard raged. So violent was the wind that some merchants in the city did not open up their places of business at all. Yet a great number of ladies of St. Mary's Altar Society were at the town hall that morning to clear up after their successful tea and entertainment. Our indefatigable President, Mrs. C. J. McCusker, was the first on the scene.

The St. Valentine's tea and entertainment of St. Mary's Altar Society was a most distinct success, both in point of attendance and in the pleasing programme provided for the entertainment of the very large audience present. For some weeks the ladies have been working very hard and are surely to be congratulated on the success of their efforts and on the very handsome sum realized for the society, the proceeds being about one hundred and eighty dollars. The only disappointing feature of the affair was the enforced absence of Rev. Father Sinnett, Vicar General of Prince Albert, who was to have delivered an address, but who was

unable to get to Regina on account of the railway blockade, caused by the bad weather. A telegram from Rev. Father Sinnett, explaining the cause of his absence and conveying his best greetings, was read by the chairman. The absence of the dearly beloved and very popular ex-pastor of St. Mary's, was keenly felt, as it is now three years since he has visited Regina and many were looking forward to greeting him. The tea was from 6 to 8.30 p.m., and the way the immense quantity of good things provided by the ladies disappeared, was enough to prove that their efforts in the culinary line were appreciated. There were five tables, in charge of the ladies of the Society, and to say that the cuisine and service were excellent is putting it very mildly. After supper was disposed of, came the entertainment, and an extremely pleasing programme was carried out under Mr. J. A. McLellan, as chairman. Mr. McLellan made an excellent presiding officer. The first number on the programme was a solo by Mr. E. Trudel in his usual pleasing manner. Mr. Trudel is always a favorite with a Regina audience and this time, as ever, he was obliged to respond to a hearty encore. Number two on the programme was a comic recitation, "The one haired man" by Mr. Osborne Adamson, and the audience thought so well of it that he was encored. He announced that if not too fatiguing to the audience he would give "Napoleon's Farewell." Something in the heroic line was expected, he just gave one line in most melodramatic style, bowed, and retired, thereby bringing down the house. The third feature was a vocal solo "Mona" by Miss Murphy who made her first appearance before a Regina audience, and made such a pleasing impression that she had to respond to a hearty encore. A recitation by Mr. J. A. McKay entitled "Joek McCoy" came next. This was rendered in broad Scotch, and Mr. McKay displayed in it his high talent as an entertainer; to say that the audience appreciated it, could not convey an idea of his reception, he had to respond to an enthusiastic encore. The Highland Dance in kilts by Mr. D. Macaulay, to the sweet strains of the bagpipes played by Mr. Bruce, as only a Scotchman can, was exceedingly well rendered; the audience, especially the daughters and sons of "Auld Scotia" present, testified their appreciation, and Messrs. Macaulay and Bruce had to re-appear more than once. "Come back to Erin," sung by Mrs. Keenan in her usual excellent voice, was the next number, and Mrs. Keenan was forced to bow her regards in response to a recall.

The next was a duet: "When ye gang awa Jamie" rendered by Miss McLaughlin and Mr. Bayne; it was received with most evident pleasure by the audience, and at its close the people did their best to bring these talented performers back, but to no avail. Mr. Adamson then gave a recitation "Character Sketches" imitating, in excellent style, drawingroom rehearsals, also an English, Irish and American version of "The Light Brigade." To a rousing encore Mr. Adamson gave "The Light Brigade" and showed he was a past master in the art of elocution. The next number a vocal solo, "The Organist's Last Amen" was by Mr. Bayne. The beautiful and touching words of this selection, the splendid enunciation of those words by the singer, his fine and well trained voice, all combined to make this one of the best numbers of the evening, but the audience did not succeed in making Mr. Bayne respond to a recall. The last number was from Mr. J. A. McKay who, in his own inimitable manner, gave a series of short recitations, as children give them. "My Sister's Beau" was capital; his imitation of a child who had a recitation to give, but on reaching the stage was so frightened that she forgot it, and greeted the audience with a flood of tears, was an excellent piece of elocution. To an encore he gave "Billy, Billy, Who's got the Button." In this he stated how upon the suggestion of his life partner he had been inveigled by a crowd of young people into being blindfolded and hunting for the Button. After serious damage to his shins and knees he concludes to

get down on all fours only to make his way to an open door where he encounters a goat, who gives him all the "butting" that was coming to him. This concluded the programme, and Mr. McLellan on behalf of Mrs. McCusker the president, and the other ladies of the Society, thanked the audience for their attendance, Mr. Murphy, who so kindly loaned a piano, and the many friends who so generously assisted. Thus a pleasant and happy evening was concluded by the singing of the National Anthem "God Save the King."

The president, Mrs. C. J. McCusker and the ladies of St. Mary's Altar Society, would wish to especially thank Mr. Farron who so kindly acted as accompanist, also Messrs. Adamson, Bruce, Macaulay and McKay, who took such a prominent part in making the entertainment a grand success. They are also grateful to the entertainment committee of St. Mary's Social and Literary Association, who acted in conjunction with the ladies in arranging the programme for the evening.

We are all proud of the grand record, made at the bonspiel, by our highly esteemed member of St. Mary's congregation, Mr. E. McCarthy. Congratulations. GENA MacFARLANE. Regina, Feb. 22, 1904.

**Obituary**

MR. J. R. VACHON.

Shortly after three o'clock on Monday morning, February 22, Joseph Robert Vachon (not Cauchon as the daily papers had it), a brakeman, had just reached the city on a special freight loaded with hogs from Brandon and got off near the overhead bridge where he uncoupled a car. As he retreated from between the cars he stepped back on to another track in front of a yard engine running at a good rate of speed, was knocked down, run over and terribly mangled. Both legs were nearly destroyed, his right shin broken in three places, the hip also run over and the whole leg crushed to a jelly. His left foot was badly crushed, and all the toes cut off, while he also had one hand severed.

As soon as he realized his condition he asked for a priest, and one of the officials present telephoned to Father Cherrier, who, dressing rapidly, rushed to the spot and administered Extreme Unction to the dying man. Doctors Andrews and Trick, who had been also summoned, with several officials and workmen gathered round the horribly mangled body, did all they could for the injured man, who was then taken to the General Hospital.

There Father Cherrier visited him on Tuesday afternoon about two o'clock, and, finding him fully conscious and resigned, heard his confession again and more fully than could be done in the C.P.R. yards amid a crowd, and gave him the Viaticum. The dying man showed signs of a superior education and had been a regular attendant at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. He was 27 years of age. His mother resides at Acton Station, Que., and he has a sister living in Montreal. The remains were shipped on Thursday to Acton Station, where the funeral will take place.

R. I. P.

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