



NAZARETH.

THE HOME OF THE HOLY FAMILY.

The Church of the Annunciation—St. Joseph's Workshop—The Mensa Christi—Mount Tabor.

"Pilgrim" writing from Nazareth to the New York Freeman's Journal, says: The first mention of this city is found in the first chapter of St. Luke's gospel. And in the sixth month the Angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin whose name was Mary. And the Angel being come said unto her, 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women.' It was in this humble town of Nazareth that St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin lived, and that the Son of God took upon Himself our humanity. The town stands at the end of a fertile valley, abounding in fig trees, and having many well-cultivated fruit gardens. It is very picturesque. On account of the high cliffs which hang over the town, the houses of Nazareth are better and more substantial than any other town in Palestine. The beautiful Church of the Annunciation and the Monastery of the Franciscan Fathers add much to the appearance of the town. The inhabitants number about ten thousand. Their dwellings are cleaner, their habits more European, and their education is of a high standard. The majority of the people are Roman Catholics, and are under the teaching of the Franciscan Fathers and the Nuns. The first visit of the pilgrim is to the Church of the Annunciation. This beautiful church is close to the Monastery, and both are surrounded by a high wall. The church is well furnished with altars, a pulpit, and a good organ. The walls are adorned with pictures by the old masters. The high altar, dedicated to the Archangel Gabriel, is reached by marble steps on either side. Beneath it is the crypt, to which we descend by a flight of fifteen marble steps. At the eighth step the guide pointed to a black marble slab set in the wall, which, he said, marked the southern extremity of the holy house on descending further we found ourselves in a chapel, the space in which

also herds of sheep and goats grazing on the mountain. There are vineyards, which supply the convent and pilgrims with good wine.

The Papal Encyclical.

ROME, May 14.—The Latin text of the Pope's encyclical on the labor question is about to be published. An analysis of the encyclical shows that His Holiness refutes the Socialist theory tending to abolish private property and it holds the principles of the Church as the first and main element in the solution of social questions. The true solution, the Pope says, can be found in the Gospel which, if rightly studied, would teach employers and the employed to become united while fulfilling their respective duties. The Church has always sought to promote the application of the principles stated in the Gospel, and to give moral and material help as inculcated by Christ's doctrines. Then it should intervene to regulate disputes in regard to property in order to secure the public peace and the moral and material welfare of the working people. His Holiness comments on the necessity of Sunday rest and deals at length with questions of strikes, wages and hours of labor for workmen, women and children. The Pope dilates on the subject of workmen's associations, including mutual aid and accident, insurance societies, sick funds, classes for technical education and mixed syndicates of employed and employers. The state, he holds, ought to countenance all such institutions as calculated to improve the existing conditions. The Pope praises the work these institutions have already done and calls upon all Catholics to assist in their formation, urging that all should be animated with a Christian spirit.

ROME, May 15.—The Pope has suddenly ordered that the publication of his encyclical be delayed.

ROME, May 18.—The long expected encyclical of the Pope upon social questions has been distributed among all the cardinals of the Roman Catholic church. The synopsis recently published presented the main points of this important paper. The encyclical is entitled: "De Conditione Operarii."

An Unwelcome Rumor.

The Quebec Telegraph of Friday says: L'Electeur today mentions a startling rumor to the effect that Rev. Brother Stephen, Principal of the Christian Brothers, is to leave Quebec shortly to take charge of the most important House of the Order in Canada, the new establishment at Montreal or of another very large establishment of a similar kind recently opened in the United States. Our Liberal contemporary can hardly believe that there is any truth in these reports, especially at a time when Brother Stephen is about to bring to a successful conclusion the great project of which he has been the principal promoter and director, namely, the erection of one of the finest educational establishments of the Order on the old Jesuit Barracks grounds in this city. We sincerely trust also that there is no foundation for these rumors, as the loss of Brother Stephen would be a severe loss to Quebec under the circumstances.

Irish Catholic Benefit Society.

At the regular monthly meeting of this society, held on Thursday night, the following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing six months:—President, Mr. John Power; first vice-president, Mr. Daniel O'Neill; second vice-president, Mr. Wm. Grace; secretary, Mr. Joseph McGinn; treasurer, Mr. Patrick Corbett; collecting treasurer, Mr. John Davis; assistant treasurer, Mr. William Inskip; grand marshal, Mr. John Dwyer; assistant marshals, Messrs. Nicholas Roche and Patrick McGauran; auditors, Messrs. A. Jones, Michael O'Brien and James Tolan. The auditors' report showed a large expenditure on behalf of sick members and orphans. A vote of condolence was unanimously passed with the family of the late Mr. Thos. Buchanan, an ex-president of the society.

A Warning.

L'Etendard states that in one of the northern parishes, not far from Montreal, much excitement has been caused by a recent death under peculiar circumstances. It appears that during the Federal elections the care of the parish having taken a more prominent part than was pleasing to some of the parishioners, the latter had stated that the pastor would be obliged to leave the locality. Having heard of this the priest said: "Let them go away, beware, for they may perhaps go first." Some time later, one of the parishioners who had thus criticized the priest's conduct took ill and died, and another, who also spoke against his pastor, is now dangerously ill.

A Busy Day for the Archbishop.

The Colonization Society of the Diocese of Montreal on Sunday celebrated the feast of St. Isidore, their patron saint, by attending the Church of St. Jean Baptiste in a body. Archbishop Fabre officiated at the service. At two o'clock His Grace confirmed the children at St. Jean Baptiste church, and at four at the Church of St. Louis de France.

Christianity in Japan.

The growth of Christianity in China, while not so rapid as in Japan, where ten Catholics represent large Christian districts in the Native Parliament, is yet substantial and most assuring. The work is by no means confined to the cities or coast regions, but the missionaries have penetrated into the very heart of the country. Bishop Antonucci of Southern Chen-Si, in the interior of China, has issued a circular letter, in

which he states that his district has an area of 30,000 square miles, and a population of 5,000,000, only 8,000 of whom are Christians. The missionary work of this vast region falls upon the Bishop and assistant priests, and only means and assistants are lacking to see a great revolution in the faith of the people of that region. It is in such worthy efforts that the faithful are exhorted by Pope Leo to contribute generously towards the support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, in whose behalf Cardinal Simeoni has just issued another appeal.

ST. ANN'S PARISH NOTES.

Communion of the Men's Sodality and the St. Ann's Young Men's Society—Arrangements for the Fete Dieu Procession.

The parishioners of St. Ann's had a gala day on Sunday last, several interesting events contributing to make it a memorable day for them. In addition to the great festival of the day, Pentecost, the usual grand services in connection with the month of May were held. In the morning at 7 o'clock all the male members of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family, as well as the St. Ann's Young Men's society, approached the altar rails in a body and received Holy Communion, the spectacle of so many hundreds of men performing this solemn act of religious being most impressive and edifying. The mass was celebrated by Rev. Ernest Dumais, C.S.S.R., provincial visitor of the Redemptionist order, who arrived in the city last week from Belgium on his periodical visit to the various houses of the community in Canada. At the High Mass at 10 o'clock Lambert's Mass was sung by the efficient choir of the church, the soloists being Messrs. Morgan J. Quinn, W. P. Clancy, W. Murphy and John Morgan. The sermon, a special one for the occasion, was preached by Rev. Father McGarry, C.S.C., of St. Laurent college, and a collection was taken up for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul society in aid of the poor of the parish. In the evening the services were very grand, their being a reception of over 200 members into the young ladies' section of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family, followed by a procession through the church, in which the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was borne, the choir singing Zangarini's "Magnificat" during the procession. An eloquent sermon was preached by Rev. Father Hendricks, C.S.S.R. At the benediction of the Blessed sacrament, which closed the evening's exercises, Lambert's "Dixit Dominus," Haydn's "Regina Cœli" and Rossini's "Tantum Ergo" were rendered by the choir, accompanied by a full orchestra, with very fine effect.

The Irish Catholic Benevolent society of Kingston intend taking part in the Fete Dieu procession in this city with the St. Ann's Young Men's society. Delegates from the Kingston society attended the meeting of the Young Men in their hall yesterday afternoon when arrangements were made to give a hearty reception to their Kingston brethren.

Next Sunday (Trinity Sunday) will witness another interesting religious ceremony at St. Ann's Church—first communion day for the children of the parish, the Sacrament of confirmation being administered in the afternoon of the same day.

The annual Irish-Catholic pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupre, under the direction of the Redemptionist Fathers, is announced to take place on the 15th of July.

BAD LIQUORS.

The Analysis of Adulterated Liquors Brought Before the House of Commons.

On Thursday last, Mr. J. J. Curran, M. P., moved in the House of Commons for copies of petitions that have been presented to Parliament asking for the analysis of intoxicating liquor manufactured or offered for sale, by wholesale or retail, in the Dominion of Canada. He remarked:

"I make this motion, Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of performing a duty, and, secondly, to fulfill a promise made in the month of October last, when, as you are aware, in every English speaking community all over the world, there was a grand celebration commemorating the centenary of the birth of Father Mathew, the great apostle of temperance. In the city of Montreal the celebration was carried out by what is known as the Convention of Catholic temperance societies, which is composed of various total abstinence organizations brought under one head. They have a platform which I have had the honor of laying before the House more than once and in which, among other reforms they ask for a law to be enacted for the analysis of intoxicating liquors manufactured or sold in the Dominion, either by wholesale or retail. On that occasion very many eloquent addresses and practical speeches were made and perhaps none more so than that delivered by the Rev. Father McClen, the apostle of temperance in my own city, in the course of which he said, 'It is a lacerating and tainted meat, a drugget compounded an injurious prescription, or a lacerating adulterated his food products, they were pounced upon by the law; but if those who sent men to their homes intellectual, physical and moral wrecks through the sale of adulterated beverages, which so quickly affect the brain, shatter the health, bring disease to the body and create an irresistible craving in the drunkard for still greater quantities, and did so with an impunity which was simply appalling to contemplate, why not demand a law for the inspection of all

alcoholic drink and see that it be rigidly enforced, not only by heavy fines, but by imprisonment. On the occasion of the late celebration I took occasion to point out to those who are agitating for this reform that in the revised statutes of the Dominion of Canada the Food Adulteration act provided for such analysis of liquors, and provided, further, what should constitute adulteration by referring to the schedule of ingredients contained in the act, which were held to be drugs and

INJURIOUS TO HEALTH.

It was pointed out, however, that while our blue books contained under the application of that act the results of the investigations of the officers of the Government with regard to various articles of food, even down to pepper and other articles that are offered for sale in groceries and elsewhere, there was no such return of any analysis made of intoxicating liquors. The physicians who spoke upon that occasion pointed out that years ago, when nothing but pure liquor was sold, there was comparative little delirium tremens in the country, while under the present state of things that disease was very prevalent and it took a very low year to reduce men to the condition so eloquently described by Father McClen in the extract I have read from his speech. I believe some steps are being taken whereby officers of the Government are being instructed to analyze the liquors that issue from cooperators and the distillers, but I am not aware that anything is being done regarding the places where liquors are sold by retail. That is where the great injury is done, and I am satisfied everyone will feel that it is of very great importance that the officers should be instructed to make this analysis in the latter places. It would be a great protection to the public, even if heavy penalties and imprisonment were not imposed, as called for by total abstinence advocates upon this secret adulteration of beverages. The very fact that the names of the persons so disposing of them would appear in the blue books would itself have a very deterrent effect and be a warning to those who are in the habit of indulging in intoxicating liquors. Under those circumstances I do not wish to detain this House any longer. I think it is quite sufficient to point out to the Government and the Hon. Minister who is in charge of that department the wish of these temperance organizations which have done so much good as the offshoots of the work of Father Mathew, and I, therefore, leave the matter in the hands of the administration, satisfied that steps will be promptly taken to carry into effect the desires of these organizations."

Will Become a Priest.

An Ottawa Exchange says:—The many friends of Rev. Bro. Modowald of St. Bridget's School, of this city, will be pleased to learn that he leaves the Christian Brothers' Order at the end of the present month to study for the priesthood. He will spend the months of June, July and August visiting friends in the vicinity of Ottawa. In September he will begin his studies in the Ottawa university. Brother Modowald has always been a special favorite, both of parents and pupils of the parish, in which he worked for nearly three years, with great zeal for God's glory, and the welfare of the children under his charge. The Rev. Brother is now in one of the houses of the Order in Montreal, settling affairs with his superiors. The name of Bro. Modowald will long be remembered in St. Bridget's School of Ottawa.

Laval.

QUEBEC, May 13.—A solemn high Mass in celebration of the introduction of the case of the canonization of Mgr. de Laval at Rome was chanted in the Basilica here this morning. Archbishop Fabre, of Montreal, officiated, all the other Roman Catholic Bishops of the province being also present. The Sacred edifice was splendidly decorated and on the high altar was placed two famous reliquaries brought to this country by Mgr. de Laval, transferred to the Ursuline Monastery during the siege of Quebec, and brought back to the Basilica in 1782.

The Temporal Power.

ROME, May 12.—The Vatican is seeking to reopen the question of the temporal power of the Pope through the instrumentality of the recent explosion, which injured some of the ecclesiastical buildings and works of art. As the explosion was an indirect result of the occupation of Rome, and was caused, it is alleged, by the negligence of the Government officials, the Vatican objects to paying for the damage. It is very probable that the incident will become a matter for diplomatic negotiations; but no European Government will undertake to reopen the question of the unity of Italy.

Conductor Bishop of Quebec.

QUEBEC, May 15.—Owing to his advancing years and the state of his health Cardinal Taschereau has asked the Pope to give him a conductor to assist him in the government of the archdiocese, and at a meeting of the bishops of the ecclesiastical province of Quebec, held on Wednesday, three names were agreed upon and forwarded to Rome for selection by the holy father.

The Pope and the Emigrants.

ROME, May 15.—At the special request of the Pope the Propaganda has submitted to His Holiness the documents prepared by M. Cahenisi in reference to the appointment of bishops to supervise immigrants in America in order that he may personally study them. Besides

the points already specified M. Cahenisi has requested the formation of national committees to superintend the embarkation and disembarkation of emigrants, and the establishment of clerical institutions in European countries on the model of that for the instruction of priests charged to accompany the emigrants. The European committees would endeavor to dissuade the emigrants from departing.

A FEARFUL CRIME.

An American Tourist Attempts to Kill His Wife.

LONDON, May 14.—A dispatch from Chester states that a Mrs. Duncan, of Baltimore, Md., has been found shockingly injured in the Snowdon mountains, near Bettwy-Y-Coed, in North Wales, a favorite resort of summer tourists. It is believed in police circles that Mrs. Duncan has been the victim of foul play and that some person attempted to murder her. The local authorities are investigating the case. Mrs. Duncan is so severely injured that she has not yet been able to give her version of the affair. Though the theory of a possible attempt at murder is being followed out in the investigation, the fact is not lost sight of that every year during the tourist season a number of people sustain more or less severe injuries by falling down the mountainous slope when the pathways are obscured by the dense fogs which prevail in that section.

The latest advices from Chester in regard to the lady found shockingly injured in the Snowdon mountain say that R. C. Duncan, of Washington, arrived there weeks ago at the Bener View hotel, at Bettwy-Y-Coed, accompanied by a young foreign lady whom he introduced as his wife. Duncan was already known at the hotel, which he visited last summer with two other Americans. Tuesday Duncan and his wife left the hotel ostensibly with the purpose of going to Liverpool, but having left their baggage at the railway station they

RETURNED TO THE HOTEL.

They started at mid-day apparently on friendly terms to take a walk. At six o'clock in the evening a farmer passing through a plantation in a secluded spot saw Duncan leaning over a woman who was lying on the ground. Duncan shouted that the woman was his wife, who had fallen and hit her head on a rock. The doctors who heard Duncan's statements are unable to reconcile the nature of the wounds with his story. Her skull was fractured over the right ear, obviously from a blow. The operation of trephining was performed.

Duncan, who was arrested, confessed on being informed that his wife was still alive that he had battered her head, and the police have found a stone covered with blood and hair near the spot where the woman had lain. Duncan, on being taken before a magistrate, made no explanation of the affair and was remanded. Duncan is 27 years old, is short, slight and fair haired and wears spectacles. He is a noted linguist. His family in Washington occupy a good social position. It is stated that he met his wife in Stockholm and her father is a cigar manufacturer at Abo, in Finland. Mrs. Duncan is still unconscious and there is only the smallest hope of her recovery. Duncan's motive for the crime has not been explained.

To Reimburse the "Times."

LONDON, May 12.—The other British newspapers of Conservative and Liberal-Union politics do not receive kindly the proposition to subscribe to reimburse the Times for its expenses in the Parnell controversy, and the Carlton Club has made a vehement appeal to the country on the subject.

Has Enough to Get Home With.

LONDON, May 14.—At a meeting last night of the electors of North Wexford it was resolved to stop payment of the salary of John E. Redmond, who represents North Wexford in Parliament, and to devote the money thus saved to the relief of the evicted tenants. John E. Redmond is one of Parnell's envoys now in the United States to collect funds for the Parnellite cause and recently spoke in Montreal and other parts of Canada.

Epidemic in England.

LONDON, May 14.—Seventy members of the House of Commons are now suffering from influenza. T. P. O'Connor is among the number. As Chestorfield the death rate owing to the spread of influenza has increased 41 per thousand above the normal rate. The Prince of Wales is suffering from a slight attack of influenza, and indisposition prevented him from attending the drawing room at Buckingham palace to-day by the Princess of Wales. The Queen has ordered the Duke of Connaught to hold the levee to-morrow instead of the Prince of Wales, where Mr. Gladstone's residence is situated, was to-day again blocked with carriages containing persons anxious to obtain the latest news from the sick room. Baron Bressé's brother Henry has died from pneumonia following influenza.

Times' Change.

In the present House of Commons there are only thirteen members who sat in the first Parliament at Confederation, and twenty-six who were returned on the following election in 1872. The members returned at Confederation are Messrs. Bourassa, Bowell, Bowman, Cameron (Huron), Cartwright, Costigan, Doust, and Geoffrey; the Hector, Langdon, Sir John Macdonald, Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, and Messrs. McGeorge and Mills of Bothwell.

A Month's Work at the Holy Sepulchre.

OUR LADY OF BONDAGE.

AN EDIFYING RELIGIOUS CONVENT.

Annual Communion of the Holy Family of the Congregation of the Holy Family of the late Conception, St. Patrick's, Montreal, P. Q., May 17th, 1891.

The young ladies of the Congregation of the Holy Family, who are under the presidency of Miss Isabelle McCarry, of St. Patrick's, were engaged in their usual pleasing duty of gratifying the pilgrimages established in her honor. At 5:30 sharp the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered by Rev. James Callaghan, the Director of the Association. The whole congregation arose as if one man, and with reverence and love the Communion-Table. The joy of each communicant was deeply impressed upon each countenance. The choir singing was executed with remarkable accuracy and sweetness. A chorus of fifty well cultivated and well trained voices, under the careful supervision of Rev. Sister St. Aloysius of the Sacred Heart, firmly sustained the rich and melodious soprano-voices of Misses B. Alty, Nellie Foley, Maggie McAnally, Louie Kearns, in their faithful rendition of the following hymns: "We come, dearest Mother, 'All for Thee, O Heart of Jesus,' 'Communion Hymn,' 'The Storm.'"

The Mass being over, the Rev. Director recited the usual formulas of thanksgiving, and particularly the act of consecration to the Virgin Mary, and addressed a short but impressive allocution, in the course of which he alluded to the prosperous condition of the Confraternity, to the generous devotion of the associates, to the mutual love that binds the members in one large family, to their faithfulness to the rules and constitutions which govern their external conduct, and concluded by stating that if their general appearance on public occasions, such as the Fete Dieu procession, has hitherto made a favorable impression, it will be considerably promoted and enhanced on May 31st of this year, owing to the well known fact that their numbers had more than quadrupled within the last twelve months and also owing to the heightened effect which will be produced when worn graciously by young ladies whom education has refined. Among other matters referred to, the Silver Jubilee of the 10th and continued to-day of their Pilgrimage to Bonaventure, and appealed to the members to unite their efforts to the C. Y. M. S. to make the grand Pilgrimage to St. Ann de Valerme, on the 30th June, a decided and marked success. At the conclusion the Rev. Director blessed the pious gathering.

The associates will be pleased to read the following correspondence lately mailed to Rev. Director James Callaghan by Miss Elizabeth Austin, ex-president of the Confraternity:

CONVENT OF SACROSANCT BLOOD, ST. HYACINTH, P. Q., May 17th, 1891.

Reverend and Dear Father, You will please find enclosed the sum of five dollars (\$5), my contribution towards the statue of our Immaculate Mother, which has lately come into the possession of our society. In last week's TRUE WITNESS I read a description of this magnificent shrine, also an account of the jubilee exercises which took place last Sunday in St. Patrick's church. Please accept, Reverend Father, the respectful salutation of my Sisters, as well as mine.

ELIZABETH AUSTIN.

The reverend director, the president, Miss Isabella McCarry, the 1st vice-president, Miss Catherine Burns, the 2nd vice-president, Miss B. Alty, the secretary, Miss Louisa Shepherd, acknowledged with thanks the above receipt as a mark of honor, confidence and love on the part of the distinguished donor.

The Society is Thankful.

Rev. James Callaghan, director of the Catholic Young Men's society, acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of a handsome cheque payable on the Bank of Montreal to Mr. James Nobbs, secretary, from Sir Donald A. Smith to be disposed of at pleasure, in favor of the society's games at Highgate Springs, May 25th, (Queen's birthday) and the prizes and donations from Hon. Sir James Murphy, Messrs. J. J. Curran, C. C. M. P. Dr. Hingston, Ad. Stephens, Martineau, Cunningham, Lieut.-Col. Hughes, chief of police; Messrs. Arthur Danvers, postmaster; J. A. O'Brien, H. E. O. M. Feron, U. H. Dandurand, H. Birse, Co., L. P. Dufresne, M. Pishan, H. White, N. J. Britton and T. A. Bull. The competition prizes are either gold or silver and are valued at over \$1000.

A New Departure.

A new feature has been introduced in the services at St. Patrick's, Ottawa, over which Rev. Father O'Brien presides, and was carried out to-day for the first time. Copies of the Bible were distributed during the service, and were read by the young ladies of the Holy Family, who were assisted by the young men of the Holy Family. The effect being most impressive, it is likely to become a permanent feature of the services at St. Patrick's, Ottawa.