

GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE CITY.

The Forty Hours' devotion opened at St. Ann's Church last Friday morning and closed on Sunday after High Mass.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Hibernians, Division No. 2, held a very successful euchre party in St. Gabriel's Hall on last Monday evening.

Hon. Rodolphe Laméux, Solicitor General of the Dominion, was banqueted on Saturday evening at the Reform Club rooms on University street.

The euchre party held at the Brothers' Hall, corner Rachel and Sanguinet streets, on Tuesday evening, in aid of the building fund of St. Anges' Church, was quite successful.

On the feast of the Immaculate Conception the patients of the Blessed Virgin's ward of the Hotel Dieu were given a treat by the Sisters in charge of the ward. This took the form of a dinner to which only the medical faculty and their friends were invited.

St. Bridget's Night Refuge reports: For the week ending Saturday, 10th Dec., the following had a night's lodging and breakfast: Irish 250, French 107, English 81, other nationalities, 16. Total, 404. Men can be had for attending funerals or any other work by calling up Main 2019.

The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council has sanctioned a decree annexing the following portions of Ste. Cumeconde to St. Leo. The territory bounded as follows: On the south by the Canadian Pacific Railway track, on the west by the limits of the municipality of Westmount, on the north by a line passing in the centre of Dorchester street, and the limits of the said municipality of Westmount to Edgell street, on the east by a line passing in the middle of Edgell street, from Dorchester street to the Canadian Pacific Railway track.

Right Rev. Mgr. Archambault, Bishop of Joliette, held an ordination service Monday morning in the chapel of the Sisters of Mercy, Dorchester street, when Rev. Pierre Roy, of Hochelaga, a professor of the Normal School of this city, was raised to the priesthood, Mr. Williams, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was made a deacon, Mr. Cousineau, of Ottawa, was made sub-deacon, and the tonsure and minor orders were received by Mr. Junker, of St. Boniface, Rev. Fathers Nantel and Dubuc, honorary canons, assisted Bishop Archambault.

MEETING OF A. O. H.

Friday evening last, the regular fortnightly meeting of No. 2 Division A.O.H., took place in their hall, Centre street, Point St. Charles. After the transaction of the regular business of the meeting, a friendly game of euchre was indulged in between the members of No. 2 and the Hibernian Knights, thus passing a very pleasant evening.

Catholic Order of Foresters.

Loyola Court, No. 1461, C.O.F., held a well attended meeting in the Raby Hall, Monday evening, when the following officers were elected: S. J. O'Neil, Chief Ranger; J. Mahoney, V.C.R.; J. J. Gethings, P.C.R.; M. J. Gahan, Rec. Sec.; C. A. Fairfield, Fin. Sec.; W. A. McCallum, Treasurer; Wm. Donohue, W. P. Geraghty and Jas. McGeever, Trustees; Dr. W. H. Donnelly, physician; Rev. T. F. Heffernan, Spiritual Director.

ST. MARY'S YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY

The 8th instant saw the first meeting for the purpose of the re-organization of the above society. About thirty-five or forty members presented themselves for admission. Words of encouragement were lavishly given the young men by Rev. Fathers Brady, McDonald and Cullinan, as also from the well-known friend of all young people, Mr. Du-gald McDonald, from Mount Royal Vale.

New Franciscan Monthly

On January 1st, 1905, will appear the first number of The Franciscan Review and St. Anthony's Record, a magazine, for lovers of St. Francis and St. Anthony, under the direction of the Franciscan Fa-

thers, 1222 Dorchester street, Montreal. Contents: Franciscan Literature and Interests; Religious Topics; Prie-dieu Thoughts; Third Order Notes and News; St. Anthony's Corner; Franciscan Cameos; Flotsam and Jetsam; Chronicle; Our Bookshelf. Yearly subscription, 50 cents. Manager, Mr. Robert Warren, 28 Brunswick street, Montreal.

ABBE LEPAILLEUR HONORED

The parishioners of the Church of St. Louis du Mile End honored their pastor last week on the occasion of his being appointed honorary canon of St. James Cathedral. An address and purse were presented by the children, and a similar offering was made by the senior members of the congregation.

An Evening with the Habitant

The evening of the 13th inst. witnessed one of those pleasing social gatherings which do so much to keep alive the grand spirit of the beautiful among those whose privilege it is to come in contact with them, when Karn Hall was well filled to assist at one of those entertainments given by Mr. J. S. McCarry, in which he so graphically describes the life and customs of our friend the Habitant. The musical portion of the programme was carried out by Mr. Jos. Saucier, baritone, and Mr. J. B. Dubois, cellist, who did much to delight and entertain those present. In every detail the evening was a charming one, and too much praise cannot be given to our talented entertainers for the way in which they performed their respective parts.

Defrauded of their Wages

To the Editor of the True Witness: Sir,—I beg leave to put the following statement before you for consideration, and, if possible, kindly use your best endeavor to have something done to put a stop to such a scandal. I know quite a lot of men who have been working in the lumber camps in Maine and Northern New York who have worked from two months to ten weeks and did not get one cent for the time they worked. The sub-contractor skipped and left the men to starve or beg, whichever they pleased to do. This statement can be proven by reliable witnesses. I took pains to enquire into the matter and found their story to be correct. I am glad to say that, with few exceptions, Canada has none of those sharks, defrauding the poor working man.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

ST. JEAN BAPTISTE. Before Grand Mass the blessing of five beautiful statues destined to ornament the different side altars took place, viz: The Immaculate Conception, the Sacred Heart, St. Ann, St. Anthony and St. Joseph. Grand Mass was sung by the Rev. Father de Lamirande, assisted by Rev. Fathers Pare and Dufort, as deacon and sub-deacon. The musical portion of the services was plain chant, with a full orchestra. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Auclair, P.P., on the feast of the day, and was a series of proofs of the authenticity of the feast taken from the Bible, Fathers of the Church, Doctors and Universities, and confirmed by the apparition at Lourdes. At 3 p.m. solemn Vespers and Benediction were sung. At 7.15 p.m. there was a grand reception into the Children of Mary, sermon by Rev. Father Meloche, S.J., and solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The day's events were brought to a close by a grand illumination of the church, priests' residence and several private houses throughout the parish.

ST. LOUIS DE FRANCE.

Grand Mass was sung at 10 o'clock by the Rev. Father L. Boissonault, assisted by Rev. Father Melancon as deacon, and Rev. Father Geoffrin as sub-deacon. About 4000 people approached Holy Communion. The choir, under the direction of Mr. A. Clerck, rendered a harmonized plain chant Mass with good effect. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Bryant, Dominican. At 3 p.m. took place the closing of the ladies' triduum, as also the reception of a large number of young ladies into the Sodality of the Children of Mary, closing by a solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At 7.30 the men's Triduum was brought to a close by a grand sermon on the Immaculate Conception, given by Rev. Father Mondru, Dom. The illuminations and

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interior decorations of the church were of a superior order, and reflect much credit upon the artistic taste and practical knowledge of the Rev. Father Provost, under whose personal supervision they were carried out.

OBITUARY.

REVEREND MOTHER MARY MARGARET.

On Monday, the 5th Dec., the funeral of the Rev. Mother Mary Margaret took place from the mother house of the Sisters of the Holy Names, at Hochelaga. The Requiem Mass was sung by the Chaplain, the Rev. Abbe J. A. Boucher, and the Rev. Fathers Christopher and Ethelbert, Franciscans, served as deacon and sub-deacon. In the sanctuary were the Very Rev. Father Colomban, Superior of the Franciscan Order, Rev. F. L. T. Adam, cure of the Sacred Heart parish; Rev. D. Chevrier, S.S., and Rev. Abbe H. Charpentier. Amongst the relatives present were her two first cousins, who are nuns of the Congregation Community. The cortege was accompanied by the Rev. Mother Superior and many nuns, and several priests.

A Libera was sung in the Linguelul Convent Chapel, where Mother Mary Margaret made her first Communion, 60 years ago, and made all her vows. In 1859 she went with the first missionaries to Oregon Territory, at the request of the saintly and noble Bishop Blanchet, where she remained 36 years, and was Provincial many years. On her return here in 1895, she was chosen Provincial Superior for the State of New York, which position she filled until last year, when she reluctantly withdrew from active work owing to ill health. Mother Mary Margaret was noted for her great piety, from her childhood. She had an elder sister, Mary Francis of Assisi, belonging to the same Order, who died in Oregon. She was a sister to Mr. John O'Neill, and Mrs. Doody, of Montreal.

THE LATE FATHER DOWD

Next Monday will be the twelfth anniversary of the death of the lamented Father Dowd. It seems but yesterday that he walked among us, with his happy word and kindly smile for every one, yet twelve years have passed since he fell into his dreamless sleep. Let those who remember his work try to assist at Mass on that day that he may enjoy the sweet rest promised to those who have so faithfully served the Master.

Requiem Mass.

On Monday morning a solemn Requiem Mass was offered up at St. Patrick's Church for the late Mrs. Mary Celestine Fitzmaurice, mother of Rev. Father Christopher, O.F.M., of the Franciscan Monastery. Very Rev. Father Colomban, O.F.M., Prior of the Monastery, officiated, assisted by two Franciscans as deacon and sub-deacon. In the sanctuary were several of the Franciscan Fathers and the priests of St. Patrick's. The church was draped for the occasion. The choir rendered the "Messe de Requiem," by Abbe Perreault. A large congregation assisted, including the male and female English members of the Third Order of St. Francis.

Requiem for Manchester Martyrs

A Requiem High Mass for the repose of the souls of the Manchester Martyrs was celebrated in the Church of St. Anne's, Underwood street, London, and was attended by a crowded congregation of Irish Nationalists from all parts of London. Contingents from the various branches of the United Irish League assembled about an hour previously on the Tower Hill—itsself the scene of the executions of many Irish Catholic martyrs at the time of the Reformation—and a procession numbering many hundreds, headed by the St. Anne's, Bermondsey, and Commercial road bands, and bearing several handsome banners, marched to the church. The procession presented a most impressive spectacle, and aroused great interest along the thoroughfares en route. The Mass was celebrated by Father Murphy, a great-grand-nephew of Father John Murphy, of '98 fame. Subsequently

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a meeting was held in St. Anne's Hall, at which Father Murphy presided, and a number of speeches were delivered by prominent Nationalists, after which the procession returned to Tower Hill, where the contingents dispersed.

FREEMASONS AS SPIES.

More Revelations of their Employment Against Catholics in the French Army.

The system of informing in the French army discovered by the Nationalist deputies and journalists is still being used as a stick for the punishment of M. Combes, whose Cabinet is in a sorry plight than it has ever been before. "Fiches," or sheafs of paper written out by Freemasons, are still published daily, and in one of them some tale-bearing is revealed about an officer with a thoroughly Irish name, to wit, Lieutenant O'Gorman, of the Thirtieth Artillery Regiment. Lieutenant O'Gorman is charged by a Freemason spy named Bourguell with having, together with Colonel Delpit, Major Benoit, and Captain de Verchere, all of his regiment, taken part in a Corpus Christi procession at Orleans in 1902. Not only that, but Lieutenant O'Gorman and his brother officers joined in the singing of the magnificent hymn, "Lauda Sion Salvatorem." The scandalized Freemason notes that the officers offered an singular spectacle, and that they sang de tout coeur. The truly eminent Bourguell, who is a Government clerk at Orleans, in his additional reports to "Brother" Vadecard, the head Mason in Paris, puts black marks against Major Denis, of the 20th Artillery, who goes to Mass, and who during the Dreyfus case said that daylight ought to have been let through the bodies of Picquart and Reinach. Bourguell also notes that he proposes to track the Marist Fathers of Orleans, in spite of the "good" Press which will fire off "rotten pears" at him, which he does not mind, since his "skull became harder and balder."

DIED.

ROONEY.—At Danvers, Mass., Nov. 29, 1904, Mrs. Bridget Rooney, widow of the late Daniel Rooney, formerly of the Harbor Commissioners of Montreal. Interment in Malden, Mass.

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IMMACULATE CO. Opening of the Congress in Rome Jubilee.

The Pope has, from the beginning of his Pontificate, summing up all things in Christ, amongst the first of the things he thought of to this end in the Brief that he addressed to the Cardinal Presidents of the Holy See for the public celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Immaculate Conception, was devotion to the Mother of God, which was the beginning of the jubilee which he addressed to the Holy See, and the names of the Cardinals, Bishops, and other prelates, and the names of the members of the Pontifical Commission mentioned in the Brief were read day morning, November 1st, 1904, at the assembly of the Cardinals, Bishops, and other prelates, who stood up respectfully to the words of the Pontifical Brief.

The place of assembly was the Church of the Twelve Apostles, in one of the most central parts of the city. The church presented an unusual appearance. One of the central nave, under the dome of one of the great series of benches, rising from the other until they culminated in a central bench, was built and occupied by the Presidents of the Holy See, instead of facing the altar in the apse of the church. Behind the altar a great white drapery, which hangs above a throne from the vaulted ceiling, with dark purple velvet at gold lace, formed a background for the altar. In the centre of the altar, a picture of the Immaculate Conception is placed, and a head twelve double electric candles, and stars set the head of the Woman seen in the Apocalypse, near to the speakers were the members of the press and foreign. These were the members of the press, and their presence had played the widespread interest in the Catholic world at least since that concern religion.

pers represented were the O'Connell, the official organ of the Vatican; the Civiltà Cattolica, the official organ of the Jesuits published fortnightly in Rome, and thirteen Italian newspapers, from the most famous of the country. Besides these, there were other newspapers, such as the "Avvenire," the "Universo," and the "XX Secolo," of the Kolnische Volkszeitung; the "Westfälischer Merkur," the "Westphalia;" the "Vienna," the "Liberte," of the "Freeman's Journal," of the "Sun," of Baltimore; the "Herald of India;" the "Tablet," of London; the "Gazet van Antwerpen;" the "New York Journal;" the "Volksblatt," of the Luxembourg; the "Wort," of Burg, etc., etc.

Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli, and no less than twelve Cardinals were present. Nowhere in Rome could such a gathering of Princes of the Church be seen since the presiding Cardinal, Eminence Mariano Rampolla, and the names of the Cardinals, Vives y Tuto; and in the bench on the floor beneath the names Tripepi, Casali del Dracello, Italiani, Martinelli, Adorni, and Gennari sat, a crimson arrayed members of the hierarchy of the Church. Behind them were the Archbishops, and Bishops, and members of various religious orders and congregations, representing the beneficence of the Church in the ways of its charitable works. Amongst these were the representatives of the Governments according to the Holy See. That of the Government of France was completely absent. In every public cere-