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His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi Condemns French Theatre.

Archbishop Bruchesi last Sunday caused a pastoral letter to be read in several of the churches, forbidding the faithful to attend the Theatre des Nouveautés in the future. The play "Le Ruffale" is the object of His Grace's condemnation, which for the second time is being produced at the above theatre. Following is the text of the pastoral letter:

"Many times we have sounded a solemn warning against dangerous theatres. During the last few years theatres have been multiplying in Montreal. We have not been sparing of warning and advice to the owners and managers. Often we have besought Catholic newspapermen not to advertise plays that were admittedly improper or immoral. In doing this we are only fulfilling one of the most imperative obligations of our calling—to guard the faith and virtue of the people under our charge. About a year ago, on the occasion of a memorable event, we saw fit to issue a letter, which concluded with the following:

"As everybody knows, there exists in this city a certain theatre, where some of the most obscene representations have been offered and where dramas of the most depraved taste are frequently played without scruple. Complaints against these representations have been addressed to us from various sources. Let the managers of this theatre remember that the criminal code of Canada severely condemns such theatricals. It being their duty to maintain good order, the civil authorities are under the grave obligation to watch and act; we are taking the liberty to remind them of this. For our part, acting in accordance with our right and episcopal authority, we to-day give warning to these directors that if they continue in the path where they have entered, we shall have recourse against them through measures of a moral order, that may perhaps prove more efficient than the sanction of the laws of the state.

"We shall not hesitate before our duty and we will then know those who are willing to be submissive sons of the Church and those who scorn its commandments and morality. Let us hope that we will not have to perform this painful duty."

"My dear brethren, the theatre which we were then aiming at was the Theatre des Nouveautés. We are compelled to perform the duty of which we spoke, be it ever so painful. We must above all protect the young people, fight scandal and work out the salvation of souls!

"But a short time ago, warned and reprimanded by us when he had placed before the public a play which was certainly bad, the proprietor of the theatre himself and one of his principle colleagues came to see us, and after having pleaded good faith and offered their excuses, they pledged their word of honor that no more immoral dramas would be played. They assured us of their faith and Catholic sentiments, adding that they would deem themselves worthy of condemnation and of censure, on the day their promise would be broken."

"Now let us see what took place. During the week when our soul expands in holy rapture, they have posted and advertised everywhere a play, which is nothing but a display of low sensuality and the apology of suicide. As a French critic observed, instead of bringing out the cowardice of this retreat before the troubles and the responsibilities of existence, the author intends to hold it up as a symbol of courage in the face of death. Instead of invoking against this crime, the duties of an austere life, he has deliberately opposed to it nothing but the

pleasures of a sensual life. Instead of making an appeal to religion which regards life as a sacred trust, he has recourse to materialism which looks upon life as an instrument of pleasure.

"It is too much, dear brethren. We cannot allow that such perverted teachings should be placed before our population, which, thank God, is still virtuous and strong in the faith."

"Warned by us, and made aware of the measures that we would be compelled to take against them, if they did not give up their designs, the management of this theatre have closed their ears to our paternal admonitions, we might almost say our prayers. And the newspapers—not every one, we are happy to see—did not hesitate to advertise the play in question."

"Is this not setting pastoral authority at defiance, the guardian of holy morals? Is this not setting at defiance all the families where honor, faith and respect of virtue prevails? These families are not rare, and we are proud of it. Indeed, our people are composed of them."

"Dear brethren, we like art, literature, and progress rightly conceived, and we are in nowise opposed to honest amusements. But we declare war on all these amusements which lead to sin and crime. We do not wish our Canadian soil to be fraught with the productions of misguided minds and corrupted hearts; let these productions be ignominiously returned to the country where they came from."

"As a consequence, exercising our episcopal right and pastoral authority, we strictly forbid all the Catholics of this diocese to attend the representations at the Theatre des Nouveautés. We hope that the managers of the other theatres will bear this lesson in mind when selecting plays, as well as the newspaper men when writing up the same, and it is also our wish that they will henceforth behave in such a way that there may be no complaints against them."

PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.
The management on Wednesday night had the grace and common sense to withdraw the objectionable play, and have temporarily closed the theatre.

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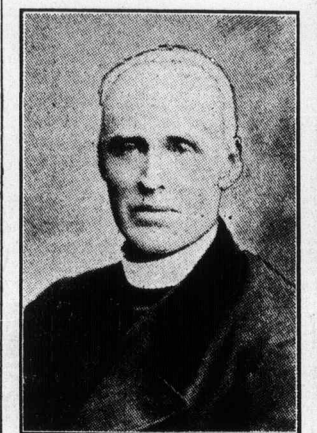
Tommy—It ain't my fault that I am your only child. It is tough on me to be good for a lot of brothers and sisters I haven't got.

Newtownbarry in Mourning.

Death of Very Rev Dean Busher, P. P., V. G.

On Wednesday morning, March 6th, one of the oldest priests in the diocese of Ferns passed to his eternal reward in the person of the Very Rev. Dean Busher, P. P., V. G., Newtownbarry. The news of his death was not altogether unexpected. For the past few years, as was well known throughout the diocese, the venerable Dean was in failing health. Some few weeks ago he met with a sad accident which no doubt hastened the end. He was coming downstairs, and missing his footing on one step, he fell and rolled on to the end. The severe shock was too great for a man of his advanced age, as he was 80 years. He was conveyed to his bed, and Dr. Lawlor was in attendance on him daily since the accident. But though everything that medical skill could suggest was done for him, the feeble frame never recovered from the shock, and he breathed his last at five o'clock on Wednesday morning. In his demise Newtownbarry loses a great and venerable figure, and who at all times had the interests of the town at heart.

The deceased was born on St. James's Day, the 25th July, 1825, at Mount Pill, Kilmore, coming of a highly-respected Catholic family. At an early age, evincing a desire for a holy life, his pious parents in every



THE LATE VERY REV. DEAN BUSHUR, P. P., V. G.

way encouraged him in his desire. He entered St. Peter's College, and went thence to Maynooth, where he was ordained priest in 1852 by the late Rev. Dr. Keating. His first parish was Ferns, where he only remained for six months, being then transferred to Clongeen, where he also only remained a short time. On Canon Doyle being appointed to Ramsgrange, Father Bushur was transferred to New Ross. Here three most useful years of his life were spent from 1853 to 1856. Those were exciting times in politics, coming immediately after Sir Gavan Duffy's election, and were filled with fierce contentions. Father Bushur, then in the prime of life, plunged into the vortex of politics and fought the people's cause with an ardour and vigor that could not be excelled. In the three years of his missionary career in New Ross he won the warm affection and esteem of the people, and many were the regrets at his departure from amongst them. For Wexford, which took place in 1856. From 1856 to 1870 Dean Bushur labored in Wexford, and there the news of his death will be learned with much regret by those old enough to remember his labors of long ago. As far back as 1870 he was appointed to the pastoral charge of Newtownbarry. In 1889 he was made Vicar Forrairie, and was created Vicar General on the death of Very Rev. Dean Murphy, P. P., Taghmon. To give any details of the work done by Dean Bushur in Newtownbarry would be like writing the town's history for the past thirty years. One of his first tasks in the town was to devote himself to providing the parish with proper schools. When he first took over pastoral charge of Newtownbarry the boy's and girl's schools were in the one building. This he changed by having a boy's school built. He had a school built at Marshalls-town and also teacher's residence. He also had built schools at Castle-dockrill and Kilmyshat. But a special care of the late Dean's was the Convent of the Faithful Companions of Jesus in Newtownbarry. The Convent and all connected with it were as dear to the Dean as the apple of his eye. He watched over its work with the fondest paternal care. Never did he grudge an hour, a day, or a pound if he could only see his way to

improve this brilliant seat of learning. And the result of his twenty years' attention and patronage amply justified all his labors and care. The Convent is second to none in provincial Ireland to-day. The good Sisters miss Dean Bushur more than anyone. He was always their guide and friend. His devotedness and zeal for the interests of the Convent and welfare of the pupils could not be done justice to. Long years after the pupils have left the Convent have they written to Dean Bushur for guidance and advice, and these letters were not alone confined to Ireland, but came from different countries, such as France, Germany and America. And those letters, pledges of the writers' faith in his wisdom, kindly solicitude and paternal care, were always welcomed, highly prized and on all occasions promptly replied to. A strict disciplinarian, the late Dean never shirked any duty. No matter whether well or ill, when duty called he obeyed without question. It was that devotion to duty that brought upon him an attack of smallpox and fever in New Ross while attending to patients. And while in Wexford he was stricken with cholera, which he took from one to whose spiritual aid he was attending. No soldier in the battle ran greater risk than he did in duty's cause. In 1895 the late Dean Bushur celebrated his silver jubilee as pastor of Newtownbarry. At that time the people showed the high esteem and devotion they entertained for him from the different confraternities. Dean Bushur did not take a prominent part in politics, but was nevertheless a generous supporter of the National movement. He greatly helped in the organization of the county on the Financial Relations Question, and made a very stirring speech in connection with it in Newtownbarry in '98. In that speech he showed up the great injustice that Ireland suffered at the hands of England, and conclusively proved that it was the action of the predominant partner that left Ireland as she was to-day, with a dwindling population.

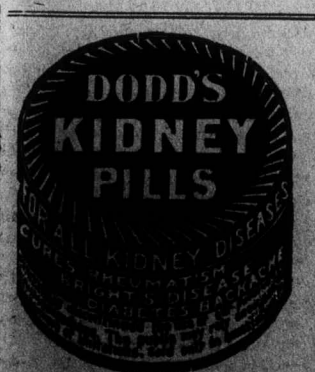
The visitor to Newtownbarry on Wednesday or Thursday would easily discern the air of settled gloom that pervaded the place. All business houses were closely shuttered and on every side evidence was forthcoming of the sincere grief of the inhabitants at the departure from amongst them of one who was always looked up to for advice and consolation. Testimony was not wanting of the many kindly qualities that the late Dean possessed. His foresight was greatly admired, and the absence of any sectarian strife in the town was solely attributable to his fine spirit of toleration. Kindly Irish and Christian. In the troublesome times of '81 and '82 he took the reins in hand and prevented the heartrending scenes that were witnessed in other parts of Ireland when Irishmen were at each others' throats. Newtownbarry will certainly miss its pastor, remembrance of whom will not easily fade from the minds of those whose spiritual welfare he attended to for so long a period.

On Thursday evening the remains were conveyed from the Parochial House to the chapel, the pupils of the Convent and National Schools walking in Processional order, with the members of the different confraternities in the town also taking part. The remains were placed at the foot of the front altar, and all during the evening there was a constant stream of people to the sacred edifice to offer up prayers for the salvation of one who to them was always their best friend. The interment took place in the chapel after Office and High Mass.

A CENTENARIAN GONE.

Margaret McDonnell, aged one hundred and one years, died here at the residence of her cousin, Patrick O'Brien, on Saturday, March 30th. The deceased lady was born in Cork County, Ireland, 1806, and came to this country in 1847. The last sixty years she spent with her relatives here. She was above all things remarkable for her piety and charity. May her soul rest in peace. EOGAN.

Corkery, April 1st, 1907.



Struggling Infant Mission

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Best outside help is, evidently, necessary. Will it be forthcoming?

I have noticed how willingly the CLIENTS of ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA readily come to the assistance of poor, struggling Priests. May I not hope that they will, too, cast a sympathetic and pitying eye upon me in my struggle to establish an outpost of the Catholic Faith in this so far as the Catholic Faith is concerned—barren region? May I not hope, good reader, that you, in your zeal for the progress of that Faith, will extend a helping hand to me? I cry to you with all earnestness to come to my assistance. You may not be able to do much; but you CAN DO LITTLE. Do that little which is your power, for God's sake, and with the other 'littles' that are done I shall be able to establish this new Mission firmly. DON'T TURN A DEAF EAR TO MY URGENT APPEAL.

May God bless and prosper your endeavors in establishing a Mission at Fakenham.

ARTHUR,

Bishop of Northampton.

Address—Father H. W. Gray, Hampton Road, Fakenham, Norfolk, England.

P.S.—I will gratefully and promptly acknowledge the smallest donation, and send with my acknowledgments a beautiful picture of the Sacred Heart.

This new Mission will be dedicated to St. Anthony of Padua.

SOCIETY NEWS.

ST. GABRIEL JUVENILE T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

On Easter Monday night, the young men composing St. Gabriel's Juvenile T. A. & B. Society gave a most enjoyable entertainment in Sarsfield school hall. The programme was of a very select nature, and was certainly carried out in a manner calculated to reflect credit upon all parties concerned. It consisted of two distinct parts, viz., a concert properly so called, and a dramatic representation entitled "Justice in the Woods," in which mention is due to Messrs. O'Flaherty, Collins, Finerty, D. Foster, E. Foster, Walsh, Kelly, Colford, W. Polan, M. Flood and J. Polan. On the whole the evening was all that could be reasonably looked for, and we heartily congratulate its promoters on the success of their noble efforts.

CELTIC LACROSSE CLUB HOLD MEETING.

At a largely attended meeting of the Celtic Lacrosse Club, the following officers were elected: President—Mr. J. Turner. Secretary—Mr. J. Brennan. Captain—Mr. L. Brennan. Trainer—Mr. C. Foley.

It was decided to form an Independent Juvenile Lacrosse League. All clubs wishing to form part of said league are requested to write the secretary, 1649 St. Hubert street, or telephone J. McMorro, East 4876. The following clubs are preferred: St. Ann's, St. Gabriels, Verduns, St. Patrick's Cadets, Alerts.

Rather Tough on the "Priests."

In a sermon, on the "New Orthodoxy" delivered at St. George's Episcopal Church, Rochester, Rev. U. C. Richmond remarked: "The influence of certain English and Canadian priests (Episcopal) in our American pulpits is contaminating our patriotism and our progressive American spirit. Our pulpits should ring out real, true patriotic sentiment for what is democratic and broadly humanitarian. I am sick of these weak, sentimental clergymen, who are so afraid of heresy, but who don't do much except visit the women in their congregation, and take

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Entry must be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land is situate.

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- (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.
- (2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.
- (3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon said land.

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W. W. CORY,

Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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