

Rev. Father Vignot, the celebrated preacher of the Lenten Sermons at Notre Dame church, Montreal spent a couple of days here this week on his way to the Pacific coast.

Rev. Father Drummond, S.J., will preach next Sunday evening in St. Mary's church.

His Lordship, Bishop MacDonell, of Alexandria, Ont., died at the Hotel Dieu, Montreal, in the morning of May 29. The Right Rev. Alexander MacDonell was the son of James and Christina MacDonell and was born in the township of Lochiel, Glengarry, Ont., Nov. 1, 1833. He was educated at the local schools and taught therein for three years. Later he took a full theological course at St. Joseph's college, Ottawa, and was ordained to the priesthood 1862. His lordship commenced his pastoral service as assistant priest at Gananoque. In June 1863, he was appointed parish priest of Lochiel where he remained for sixteen years, being then called to the pastorate of Alexandria. He was appointed Vicar-General of the diocese of Kingston, September 1886, and on July 18, 1890, was raised to the episcopate as first bishop of the newly created diocese of Alexandria, which comprises the counties of Glengarry and Stormont, with 19 priests and a Catholic population of about 24,000. His consecration took place in St. Finnan's cathedral, Alexandria, a beautiful edifice raised through his personal exertions, October 28 of the same year. The diocese is largely composed of Highland Scotch and as the bishop spoke Gaelic with the same fluency as he did English and French, he was in all respects well fitted for his office.

The Most Rev. Archbishop Symon, of Rome, who arrived in New York Friday May 19, in company with his secretary, Monsignor Fiori, left for Washington on Monday, May 22. Archbishop Symon is a Polish prelate, and before leaving to return to Rome will visit a number of the Polish communities of this country to encourage the Catholic members speaking that tongue to remain steadfast in their faith. Aside from this, his visit is purely one of pleasure.

The visit of Archbishop Symon to this country is an outgrowth of the agitation seeking the appointment of Polish Bishops in America. An endeavor was made to have Archbishop Symon sent here officially by the Pope to investigate the merits of the Polish claims, but this effort not succeeding, Archbishop Symon came here of his own volition. The Poles in this country intend to arrange some big demonstrations in his honor. The visitor is a distinguished prelate, who formerly directed the affairs of a diocese in Poland. He incurred the displeasure of the Russian Government, however, and he was expelled from the country. Since that time he has been in Rome, with a titular but not an actual see.

On his arrival in New York the Archbishop was met by a party of 200 Polish priests from all parts of the country. The reception party went down the bay on the steamer Isabel, and took the Archbishop off the Deutschland at Quarantine. While in New York Archbishop Symon was the guest of Archbishop Farley.

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Persons and Facts

The British Home Office has issued a statement and list of religious and charitable institutions in which laundries are carried on. An explanatory note states that the list was prepared for Home Office use after the passing of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901. It was compiled from directories of charitable and religious institutions, supplemented by local information in possession of the district inspectors of factories and workshops, and from other sources. The Home Secretary states that he was anxious to know whether any considerable number of institutions would be willing to accept inspection by the district factory inspectors or the lady inspectors on the Home Office staff. The list of the institutions is in two parts, the first giving those which accepted the offer of inspection. These number 117 in the United Kingdom, of which 96 are in England and Wales, and 21 in Scotland and Ireland. Of the English and Welsh institutions, 49 belong to the Church of England, 42 are Catholic, and five belong to other bodies. Of the Scotch and Irish, two are Anglican, 14 are Catholic, and five belong to other bodies. Fourteen of the institutions desired to be visited by lady inspectors. There follows a list of 87 institutions in the United Kingdom which have not accepted inspection. Of these 31 are Anglican, 39 Catholic (20 of them being Irish), while 17 belong to other bodies.

It is unlikely that M. Paderewski will play again this season. He will spend the summer at his chalet on the Lake of Geneva. M. Paderewski is suffering from nervous prostration and myalgia of the muscles of the neck and scapular region, rendering prolonged rest absolutely necessary. The direct cause of his illness was the shock he received on the night of April 19th in an accident on the New York Central Railroad. Ever since M. Paderewski has suffered intensely with pains running from the top of his head through his neck to the top of the spinal column.

The "Eclair" announces that Kaiser William will shortly visit Pope Pius X. to arrange for a nunciature at Berlin, and also to press on the Holy Father his desire to become Protector of Catholics in the near East.

A remarkable wedding took place at Penzance, England, on May 21, the contracting parties being Francis Russell Vincent Hale, widower, aged 86 years, and Annie Harvey, a widow aged 96 years, their united ages being thus 182. Both are natives of West Cornwall, but have only known each other a few weeks. Each had been married twice previously.

The "Osservatore Romano" denies the report published in Paris that negotiations are on foot for a visit of the Emperor Francis Joseph to Rome. The journal recalls the events which followed the visit of President Loubet to Rome, and adds that the Holy See will maintain the same attitude in future as it has done in the past.

In the House of Commons on May 23 Mr. Wyndham made a statement as to the circumstances which led to his resignation of the Chief Secretaryship of Ireland. Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman moved his vote of censure on the treatment of Sir Antony MacDonnell, sharply criticising Mr. Balfour's line of conduct. Mr. Wm. O'Brien, in a notable speech, expressed the desire to conciliate Liberals and Conservatives in the interests of Ireland, and said he was most anxious to end the conflict between the two countries. Later in the sitting the Prime Minister defended his policy. On a division the motion was rejected by a majority of sixty-three.

The tercentenary of the publication of "Don Quixote," the immortal work of Cervantes, was celebrated all over Spain last month.

The memorial of Russian Catholic Bishops to the Russian authorities at St. Petersburg, a copy of which was presented by Bishop Pallulon to Pope Pius, on May 8, begins with a recognition of the liberality with which the Russian law treats the Catholic Church, allowing free exercise of worship, but deplores the successive ukases modifying the law to the detriment of Catholics, preventing the visits of bishops to their dioceses, rendering seminaries only nominal, and almost preventing the clergy from administering the sacraments.

The memorial ends with asking not for reform, but only enforcement of existing laws, which are sufficient, the memorial claims, for the present needs of Catholicism in Russia.

Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont and other women of great wealth have organized a syndicate to build a mammoth tenement exclusively for families with children. It will be twenty stories high and fill a whole block in Brooklyn, thus making it the largest tenement in the world. It is to be a children's tenement and is intended as a blessing to families who are fighting race suicide against the terrible odds raised up by the landlords of New York.

Mrs. Belmont is the leader in the work of planning, contracting and financing, although she is ably supported by some of the most powerful women in the high social world of New York. The plans call for a department store to occupy the entire ground floor. The store is to be a business enterprise for the making of money, but at the same time a store where the occupants of the model tenement may buy everything at wholesale cost. Outsiders will have to pay full retail prices.

The New York Sun seems to take stock in certain statistics which concede one-third of the population of Greater New York to be Catholics, and a million of the remainder "churchless Protestants." These statistics are gleaned by the so-called Federation of churches. They show too, that the Jews in New York, who number 725,000, actually outnumber the total communicants of Protestant churches.

One Joseph G. Kitchell, knowing of the possibilities of composite photographs, has done a curious thing. He has produced a composite Madonna from 271 of the world's famous Madonnas, including those of Raphael, Corregio, Murillo, Da Vinci and Guido Reni. The resultant picture is decidedly spiritual in its characteristics.

J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, and London, is willing to become the Pope's financial agent, according to a dispatch from Rome, and has assured His Holiness that he would profit greatly by such an arrangement.

When the Pope gave a private audience to Mr. Morgan recently, according to the dispatch, the financier availed himself of the opportunity to refer delicately to the reports that the Vatican's financial condition is somewhat straitened.

Mr. Morgan volunteered his services to reorganize the Pope's finances on a more productive basis. He referred especially to the arrangement which places the Vatican's money in the hands of the Rothschild's where they earn on an average only 2 per cent. per annum.

Mr. Morgan expressed himself as certain that the same amount invested in sound American securities would produce 4 per cent., thus increasing the Pope's annual income by \$500,000 from this source alone.

His Holiness thanked Mr. Morgan for his suggestions and promptly ordered a report from his treasurer on the Vatican's investments, which undoubtedly are managed in the most old-fashioned way.

Governor Warfield of Maryland, has made the 25th of March a State holiday, in honor of the landing of the Catholic Pilgrim Fathers on that date in the year 1634, under the Charter obtained by Cecilius Calvert, second Lord Baltimore, from King Charles I., and the immediate establishment of religious freedom as the basis of the new state. By a happy coincidence, Maryland Day is also the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin.

An unknown man garbed as a priest, asked for permission to pray in St. Peter and Paul's church, Green Bay, on Sunday, May 21. Soon after the supposed worshipper left, Rev. M. T. Andereg discovered that silverware used in the service of the Mass, and also other property were missing. The police are looking for the clerical looking individual. Father Andereg was absent on a sick call when the stranger visited the church. The first request made by the priestly looking individual was for permission to celebrate Mass.

In the sixteen-page Woman's Hospital Aid edition of the Regina Leader there were just four full-page advertisements, and three of these pages were contracted for by Catholics: J. Murphy & Co., territorial agents for Bell pianos and organs, the McCarthy Supply Co., Limited, and F. de S. Henwood, agent for the Williams Piano Company. This speaks volumes for the enterprise and generosity of our brethren in the territorial capital.

The Catholic wife of Joel Chandler Harris, "Uncle Remus," is very zealous in all matters concerning her parish of St. Anthony, Atlanta, Ga.

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Colonel John L. Rapier, proprietor and editor of the Mobile (Ala.) "Register," died lately and his truly Catholic life was praised at the funeral by Bishop Allen, of Mobile.

Last Thursday, feast of the Ascension, at the cathedral of St. Boniface, His Grace the Archbishop announced the novena to the Holy Ghost in preparation for Pentecost.

The annual pilgrimage of the diocese of St. Boniface to Ste. Anne de Beaupre will leave the Winnipeg C.P.R. station at 7.45 p.m. on Monday, June 26. Tickets to Quebec and return \$40.00, good for thirty days. Pilgrims may return by any train within the 30 days limit. Pullman sleeping berth to Quebec \$9.50; tourist berth, \$5. All applications for passage and berth tickets should be sent to Rev. Dr. Beliveau, Archbishop's House, St. Boniface, on or before June 19. Children under five years, free; from five to twelve, half-rate.

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