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In and Around Toronto

AT ST. MARY'S.

Hundreds pouring forth, and hundreds of others waiting in solid masses to gain entrance, was what one encountered at St. Mary's on Sunday morning, where the Forty Hours opened at the High Mass. This is undoubtedly the largest parish in the city, even now after losing many of its members to the new parishes adjacent, and the large congregations are in themselves a feature. At the High Mass every seat was occupied and many stood in the aisles. In preparation for the devotion about to be inaugurated many beautiful cut flowers and stately palms were added to the usual adornments of the altar and sanctuary. The feast of the day, that of the Annunciation, was also celebrated at this mass, and in honor of the event the altar of the Blessed Virgin was beautifully decorated. Very Rev. J. J. McCann, P.P., V.G., was the celebrant, he was assisted by Rev. Fathers Williams and O'Donnell, and Rev. Father Kelly was also in the sanctuary. After the Gospel a short explanation of the meaning and origin of the Forty Hours was given by Rev. Father Williams, who also read the epistle and gospel of the day, and after the mass a procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place. A contingent from the men of the Literary and Athletic Association of the parish formed a guard of honor and lined up on each side of the centre aisle of the church. Through their open ranks came the other processions, first the leading acolyte, followed by a little maiden bearing an armful of lilies, typical of the purity of the day and of the occasion, then came the banner of the Holy Angels and row after row of the members in white veils and dresses and the red ribbon of the sodality. Next came the boys of the League of the Sacred Heart and those of the Sanctuary, preceded by the processional Cross and in cassocks of many colors and all carrying lighted tapers. Immediately before the canopy under which the celebrant accompanied by the assistant priests, carried the Blessed Sacrament, came a number of white cassocked and white surpliced figures, these were flower boys for the occasion, who bestrewn the path with blossoms. The procession would itself round and round the church, encircling the kneeling congregation, while the bell from the tower pealed solemnly and the tones of the Pange Lingua came from organ and choir in full devotional melody. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed and afterwards the Litany of the Saints was chanted from the choir by Mr. Frank Fulton and assistants, the closing prayers being said at the altar. A Cantic Mass by Cruber was sung under the direction of Mr. Donville. It was celebrated finely in every particular. The attacks in the fugue parts were strict and spirited and the tone and quality were very delightful. Several times this choir has been noticed in this column, so that little remains to be said, except to suggest to those interested to hear this body of singers on some special occasion, and learn what can be done in the way of training boys. The sweetness of the treble and the rich quality of the alto will be found to be a matter for surprise. The adults, too, are good, but this is not unusual. The evening services witnessed a much larger gathering than even the morning, then there were no aisles, the entire stretch of the nave of the church being covered with a living mass, many standing throughout the entire course of Vespers, and the Benediction. A very beautiful sermon was preached by Very Rev. Vicar-General McCann, from the words "Behold I am with you all days even to the consumation of the world." The devotion lasted until Wednesday morning, three masses being said each day and a special sermon from visiting priests being delivered on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

OPENING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The opening of the House came off with special éclat on Wednesday, the 22nd inst. To the boom of cannon and strains of the National Anthem, with prancing horses and military salute from the martial figures drawn up in front of the big house in Queen's Park, the Lieutenant-Governor with an imposing entourage entered and declared the existence of the eleventh term of the Provincial Legislature of Ontario and the first under Conservative ascendancy since that of thirty-two years ago. The beautiful chamber was filled with a gathering of "fair women and brave men," the thousand or so who were fortunate enough to gain admittance of six times that number of ticket-holders. As for the other five thousand, they remained blocked in the corridors until it became quite evident that none further could gain entrance and then they turned disappointedly away. To Mr. Chase, who had charge of the reception rooms, and whose duty it was to see that as many as possible were ushered into the chamber, much thanks are due for his courtesy under stress of calls from numberless excited visitors. The "opening" is a very simple ceremony and as a picture, except for the gay attire of women, it is perhaps not worth all the crushing and effort attached to witnessing it. Many ladies gowned in most costly apparel, were forced to stand during the entire function. On the entrance of the gubernatorial party the entire house rose. Mr. Whitney, the new Premier, accompanied the Lieutenant-Governor, and a score or so of officers in different uniforms followed. The election of the speaker was the first business proceeded with. Here an innovation took place in the shape of a historical sketch delivered by the Premier on the duties of the Speaker, illustrated by several episodes in the career of by-gone speakers and the

of the British House of Commons. Mr. Harcourt, for the Opposition, followed, both gentlemen doing themselves and their party credit. Mr. St. John, the nominee for the position, accepted his nomination in a brief speech. His voice is clear and penetrating and the gentlemen who preceded him vouched for the judgment, knowledge and tact with which he will fill his new office. After retiring to don his robes of office Mr. St. John re-appeared before the assembly and it was conceded that the bare fact with its strong and prominent features looked well under the three cornered hat, and that the black gown appeared to excellent advantage on the stalwart figure of the new Speaker of the House. The reading of the speech from the throne followed, after which the Lieutenant-Governor and his suite withdrew and the House adjourned to meet for business on the following day.

ROUND OF THE FORTY HOURS.

The Forty Hours open at St. Francis' Church and at St. Joseph's, Leslieville, on Friday of this week, and at St. Basil's on Sunday morning.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION.

At the High Mass on Sunday the Feast of the Annunciation was celebrated in all the churches. At the Cathedral the Archbishop presided, when the Mass was sung by Rev. Father Whelan, assisted by Rev. Fathers Rohleder and Ryan, as deacon and sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Murray. This beautiful Feast brings to mind the announcement of the beginning of the great work of our Redemption and recalls a mystery so wonderful and sublime that pen or tongue less than that of the inspired dare scarcely touch upon it. In the ritual of the Mass of the day our faith in the Incarnation of our Divine Lord is very forcibly expressed by the kneeling of the priest and people at the singing of the Et Incarnatus est. The Annunciation brings before us the picture of Mary, the second Eve, the ever seen, kneeling in her little home at Nazareth, then the coming of the Angel and the wonderful salutation, "Hail! full of grace!" then the interview ending in the words for which the worlds above and below waited and listened. "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, he it done unto me according to Thy word." Hearing this and understanding, even though but in a very imperfect way, we gather the snowdrops and making them in acknowledged and thankful giving to her the instrument of our salvation; we place it with prayer and praise at Mary's feet.

LECTURE BY PROFESSOR KYLIE.

A treat of unusual excellence was given the Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Association and their friends, when on Monday evening they gathered to the number of about fifty at the home of Mrs. Moore, 195 Bloor street east, and listened to a lecture by Professor Kylie of Toronto University. The lecturer was introduced by the President, Miss O'Donoghue, after which he at once entered upon his work, his subject being two English Catholic poets, Mrs. Meynell and Francis Thompson. The speaker was fortunate in being the possessor of something new, for it is pretty safe to say that outside the few who may have come across incidental references to those of whom he had come to treat, the matter of the lecture was altogether fresh and unbroken ground to the audience. Mrs. Meynell, said Mr. Kylie, commands a high literary standing in her own country, and her home is the refuge and resort of the men and women of letters of the day. Mr. Meynell is a journalist of note, and their home is truly a Bohemian one. Of the family, parents and children, Mr. Kylie drew a very gracious picture, emphasizing the Catholic atmosphere which surrounds them and the lovely charity which is so striving a characteristic of the lady of the household. The portrait drawn of Mrs. Meynell was that of a tall thin person dressed always in black, a somewhat sombre figure of great dignity; a face pale and intellectual with the most wonderful dark brown eyes that the lecturer had ever seen. The writings of Mrs. Meynell are not voluminous, being only two small volumes of verse, and a half dozen or so small books of prose. This, however, is in keeping with the theory that reticence even in writing is the great secret towards the attainment of all that is best and beautiful. Delicacy, taste and reserve, were noted as conspicuous marks of the work of this lady. "Reticence and reticence combined with keen insight," said Mr. Kylie, are the mark of genius and this mark is possessed in a high degree by Mrs. Meynell, though she never attains to high flights and the masculine creative power is altogether lacking. Selections of much beauty and often great philosophic analysis were read from the prose and poetry of the author, under discussion and the information that she may shortly pay a visit to Canada was welcome information to the audience. Francis Thompson is one of those found amongst the cosmopolitan gatherings at the Meynell home. His writings are portrayed by the selections read, possess great religious fervor, strength, passion, exaltation of language and the pathos that comes from the sad experiences of life. A great deal of information was imparted by Mr. Kylie and the vote of thanks tendered him on behalf of those present by Mrs. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Moore, was no mere matter of form. The lecturer may be fully assured that the association owe him a debt of gratitude for something quite tangible and altogether in keeping with the work of a Catholic literary society. The young lecturer spoke for an hour and a half. With full knowledge of his subject, with a easy flow of words and much pedagogic fact he taught his audience many things, but so skillfully was this done that it was only afterwards that the fact was realized, at the time there was only the consciousness of a great pleasure; later it was discovered that all had acquired no small increase of intellectual gain. A short programme of recitations by Miss Margaret Dunn and Miss Mary Power, and musical selections by Miss M. O'Donoghue, were given after the lecture.

ST. FRANCIS LITERARY SOCIETY

St. Francis parish can now boast of one of the strongest young men's societies in the City. Although only a few months organized, it has, owing to the encouragement of the Pastor and the energetic efforts of the managing officers, developed surprising strength. There is a membership of about eighty five composed chiefly of young men who meet in the basement of the school and occupy their evenings with debates, recitations and other literary pursuits. The progress made in self improvement has been marked, and Messrs O'Byrne, Kelly O'Brien are certainly entitled to credit for the time and attention they are giving to the work. The last two public meetings were particularly interesting. On the first of these the Honorary President, Mr. D. A. Carey, gave a stirring address on the work of the Society. On the second occasion, Tuesday evening of this week, Mr. J. J. Murphy of the Crown Lands Dept. gave a most instructive and interesting talk on the subject of "Planting the Faith in Canada." By the help of something in the neighborhood of one hundred and twenty lantern views Mr. Murphy led his listeners step by step and one by one with the early pioneers and their successors, continuing the journey until he stood with them on the very ground now trodden by the latest addition to the apostolic train, the territory of the new Bishop of Saulte Saint Marie. The lecture was much appreciated, and then thanks of those present were tendered Mr. Murphy for his interest and time spent on their regard.

NURSES READY FOR CALLS

Two of the most efficient of the graduate nurses of St. Michael's Hospital are establishing themselves at 486 Church street. They are Miss Stubberfield and Miss McNevin, two Toronto young ladies well read and capable to answer the calls of their profession. Miss Stubberfield will be remembered by her many friends in St. Helen's parish and Miss McNevin is by no means a stranger in St. Basil's Hospital and come before the public highly commended for their work. They may be reached by phone, North 3798 after they leave the Hospital on the 5th of next month.

NEW ALTARS FOR ST. FRANCIS

Two new altars have just been placed in St. Francis' church. One in honor of the Sacred Heart is the other in honor of the Blessed Virgin is now almost fully equipped, showing the energy and generosity of the parishioners towards their new church.

DEATH OF MR. NICHOLAS DELANEY.

On Sunday, the 26th inst. the death occurred of Mr. N. Delaney at the home of his mother, 493 King street east. An attack of grip of six weeks standing terminated fatally. Deceased had spent his life in Toronto. He was twenty-eight years of age, and was well known in aquatic circles and was a member of the firm of his late father, the Queen City Coopers. The funeral took place from St. Paul's church on Wednesday morning. Mr. Delaney is survived by his mother, three brothers and three sisters, R.I.P.

DEATH OF MR. W. BIRKETT.

Amongst the recent deaths is that of Mr. William Birkett, which occurred at St. Michael's Hospital after an illness of four weeks. Deceased was a member of the Toronto Waiters Alliance, but had no relatives in this country. The funeral took place from H. Ellis' undertaking establishment, 2525 College street, to Mount Hope Cemetery, R.I.P.

"USE AND ABUSE OF READING"

The "use and abuse of reading" was happily illustrated by Very Rev. Dean Egan of Barrie, when he appeared before the Choral Society of St. Michael's Parish on Tuesday evening last. The lecture was productive of much profit and pleasure and was greatly appreciated by the large number of members who had assembled for the occasion. No man can even begin to please God who does not renounce sharp practices, give up unfair dealings and start out to act equitably, to render to others their just dues and determine to be in all matters an honest man. That is the very beginning of religion, the elemental buttress of a devoted life. A good Catholic home is desired within the next two months for a nice, healthy, attractive looking baby girl, at present four months old. This child can be transferred to foster parents in such a manner that there will be no future interference on the part of parents.

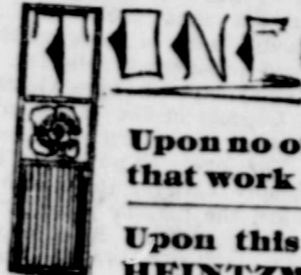
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D'Youville Reading Circle

D'Youville Circle held its fortnightly meeting on the evening of Tuesday, 21st inst., with very full attendance. The order of exercises was a digression from the usual programme, the evening being devoted to a special study of five contemporary Irish writers.

Notes of appreciation were presented by the chairman, and by Rev. Father Sherry, the Misses M. O'Grady, G. Moran, and Mrs. K. B. Coultis on the following women who are enriching the world's literature as well as that of Ireland. Rosa Mulholland (Lady Gilbert), M. Connor Eccles, M.A., Jane Barlow, Lady Gregory and Katherine Hynan Hinkson. Some of the members read selections from some of the latest writings of these clever women: Miss Agnes Baskerville, two poems, "A Song" and "The Shamrock," by Rosa Mulholland; Mrs. Redmond Quain, a few passages from "Mountain Theology" and "The lament for Ireland," by Lady Gregory; Miss Margaret Leyden, a clever reading of a portion of "The Chronicle of Toomevara," which illustrated to perfection the Irish characteristics, and written by M. Connor Eccles, M.A.; Miss J. MacCormac read three short but exquisite poems of Katherine Tynan's: "De Profundis," "Fresh and Green," "An Island Fisherman," and Miss A. McCullough read from Jane Barlow's "A Windfall." All these readings proved exceedingly interesting, the readers being very clever in delivering the Irish dialect.

The programme consisted of selected Irish melodies by Miss G. Kehoe, pianist; Miss M. Weir sang a quaint folk song, Miss Robitaille accompanist, Miss V. Poulin sang a sweet old melody, Shule Agra. This programme was intended to constitute a sequel to the recent lecture on the Irish Renaissance. A timely gift from Rev. Dr. McGinnis of Brooklyn, to the Reading Circle was acknowledged gratefully. It is Saint Patrick in History, by Rev. Father Sheehan of the Washington University. Before the meeting closed a synopsis of the book "On the Heights," by Aurbach, was made in connection with and as a preparation for the lecture on that subject to be given by Mr. John Francis Waters, M.A., on Monday, the 27th inst. The next meeting will be held on the 4th of April.

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O. dination in Hamilton A Hamilton despatch says Rev. Father Savage, formerly of Brantford, was ordained as a priest by Bishop Dowling at St. Joseph's Chapel. A large number of his relatives and friends from Brantford witnessed the ceremony. His Lordship was assisted by Rev. Father Cushing, president of St. Michael's College, Toronto; and Rev. Father Holden. Rev. Father Savage officiated at vespers at St. Mary's Cathedral and will officiate at his first mass at St. Basil's Church, Brantford. He will then return to Hamilton, and will be attached to the cathedral staff for the present.

There is but one thing greater on earth than genius-and that is holiness; united they work miracles.

The Canadian North-West

HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-west Territories, excepting 8 and 26, which has not been homesteaded, or reserved to provide wood lots, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

ENTRY

Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the District in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the Local Agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for a homestead entry.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES

A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected therewith, under one of the following plans:

- (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.
(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.
(3) If a settler was entitled to and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead.
(4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.
The term "vicinity" used above is meant to indicate the same township or an adjoining or cornering township.
A settler who avails himself of the provisions of Clauses (2), (3) or (4) must cultivate 30 acres of his homestead, or substitute 20 head of stock, with buildings for their accommodation, and have besides 80 acres substantially fenced.
The privilege of a second entry is restricted by law to those settlers only who completed the duties upon their first homesteads to entitle them to patent on or before the 2nd June, 1889.
Every homesteader who fails to comply with the requirements of the homestead law is liable to have his entry cancelled, and the land may be again thrown open for entry.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

Should be made at the end of the three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

INFORMATION

Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg, or at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the North-west Territories information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the North-west Territories.

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