

THE ARNOLD READING CIRCLE.

There was a meeting of the Arnold Reading Circle in St. Ann's school on Sunday afternoon. Master T. J. Donnelly, who makes an excellent chairman, presided. The subjects principally treated were English history and Church history. Masters O'Leary, Hart and Supple had taken several chapters of the House of Hanover as their subject, and Masters M. Scott and T. Gleeson had selected for study several chapters in the history of the house of Stuart. Master C. Lennan read a very instructive essay on the sufferings of the early Christians. The boys are taking much interest in the Reading Circle and are making much progress, especially in the study of history. After the vacation the boys will have more leisure time and new subjects will then be added to the curriculum.

DORAN-GILLIGAN.

Mr. J. B. Doran, the well known and very popular secretary of St. Anthony's Court, No. 26, of the C. O. F., was married on Tuesday, the 5th inst., to Miss Sarah Gilligan. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Donnelly, in St. Anthony's Church; after the service the wedding party proceeded to the house of the bride's father, on Aqueduct street, where a sumptuous wedding breakfast had been prepared. Afterwards the happy couple left on the Western train for Toronto and Niagara Falls, where they intend to spend the honeymoon. The presents were very numerous and costly; among them were: A handsome suite of dining-room furniture, from Mr. P. Doran, the bridegroom's father; silver cake and fruit dishes, from Mr. and Mrs. J. Driscoll; silver cruet, from Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Walsh; cutlery, from Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bussiere, a dinner set, from the fellow employees of the bridegroom; a silver mounted set of carvers and cake and bread knives, from Mr. and Mrs. E. Hubert, and a large number of other valuable and artistic presents.

THE LATE MR. DENIS MOONEY.

The funeral of Mr. Denis Mooney, a respected brother of St. Anthony's C. O. F., also of branch No. 2 of the A.O.H., took place on Saturday morning. Mr. Mooney, who was a young man, only 28 years of age, died of pneumonia after a very short illness. Between four and five hundred persons attended the funeral and strong bodies of 150 of the C.O.F. and over 100 of the A.O.H. turned out to do honor to their deceased comrade. Among those present were Bro. Ryan, District Deputy, High Chief Ranger of the C.O.F.; Bro. M. J. Watson, Deputy High Chief Ranger; Bro. H. C. McCullum, Past Chief Ranger; Bro. Lynch, Past Chief Ranger, and many other prominent members of the C. O. F. and A. O. H.

EXHIBITION OF CLASS WORK.

The class work of the young ladies of Mount St. Mary's Convent was on exhibition on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The work consisted of fancy work on silk, canvas, plush and other materials; there were also some excellent specimens of painting and penmanship. An oil painting of the Immaculate Conception, by Miss Ann Deroma, was executed with a skill which shows Miss Deroma to be a truly and talented artist. As well as the above there were also specimens of literary and epistolary composition. The work was viewed and very much admired by many friends and relatives of the pupils. The distribution of prizes will take place on the 26th of this month.

LACROSSE.

NATIONAL VS. EMMETS.

A match between the National lacrosse club and the Emmets is being arranged. The match will be played at the St. Ann's Young Men's picnic at Sherburnham Park, on Dominion Day, and as the Emmets are in excellent form some smart play is expected to take place.

CATHOLIC ORPHANS.

Owing to the premature death of Miss Lacy, the energetic and zealous lady who used to make it her duty to accompany the Catholic orphan children from Liverpool to this country, a batch of 50

orphans, whom we announced last week would be here on the 6th or 7th inst., have had their journey postponed until the 21st of June. The orphans, on their arrival, will be boarded at the new Catholic Immigration Home, which is under the direction of Miss Brennan.

ST. PATRICK'S CATECHISM CLASS.

On Sunday afternoon the Rev. Father Martin congratulated the children of his catechism class on their generosity in devoting their savings to the object of the Bazaar, and he advised them to devote these savings to an effort to become possessors of the rabbits or the live goat, which caused them so much amusement each time it put in an appearance at the Bazaar. The Rev. Father then gave his little charges some good advice in reference to their conduct during the forthcoming holidays.

THE SISTERS WILL FOUND A NEW HOSPITAL.

Six of the Sisters of the Hotel Dieu Convent left for Burlington, Vermont, on the 23rd of last month to found a new hospital at that place. The hospital will be called the Fanny Allen hospital, as it was near that place where Fanny Allen saw the vision of St. Joseph. The grounds and buildings of the hospital have been generously donated by Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, an Irish Catholic lady and gentleman. This will be the first hospital opened in the States by the order of the Sisters of Ville Marie, and as Burlington is an excellent field, much good work is expected to be done. The names of the good Sisters who have undertaken this new task are: Sister Superior Bonneau, and Sisters Renaud, Campbell, Frechere and two lay Sisters.

CHILDREN OF ST. ANN'S TAKE THE PLEDGE.

On Sunday evening a most impressive ceremony took place in St. Ann's Church. Two hundred little children, boys and girls, the first communicants of this year, assembled in the church to pledge themselves to abstain from intoxicating drink until the age of twenty-one. The Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., delivered a sermon appropriate to the occasion; he proved the drunkard to be a parricide and a suicide. The rev. speaker then sketched the career of a drunkard in a manner that could not fail to make a life-long impression on all who heard him.

In the pulpit Father Strubbe calls a spade a spade, especially when speaking on the evils of intemperance, and if words such as he used on Sunday evening in St. Ann's Church were heard more frequently from our city pulpits, the demon of intemperance would very soon disappear from our midst.

ST. ANN'S Y.M.S. READING CIRCLE.

St. Ann's Young Men held their usual fortnightly Reading Circle in their hall, Ottawa Street, on Monday evening; there was a good attendance. The chair was occupied by Mr. Joseph Johnson. The Rev. Father Strubbe presided. Mr. Jos. Johnson read a clever and incisive essay on the art of conversation.

The Rev. Fr. Strubbe then proceeded to give a full exposition of the Catholic dogma on the subject of indulgences. The Rev. Father's logical refutation of the arguments of Protestants against the custom of granting indulgences was much valued by the members of the Circle, many of whom will no doubt remember sufficient of the discourse to hold their own in any future argument they may have with their non-Catholic acquaintance.

At the next meeting of the Reading Circle, Messrs. McGinn and O'Neill will provide a reading; Messrs. Sullivan and Orton, a point in the history of Canada; and an essay on Vanity will be contributed by Mr. J. Martin. Mr. Martin's ability as a litterateur is well known, and the members will appreciate this essay. The Rev. Father Strubbe will make Evils of Mixed Marriages the subject for his discourse.

A. O. H. CONVENTION.

The annual convention of the A.O.H. took place in this city, on Saturday. There were quite a number of delegates from Quebec and other places. After the transaction of business the visiting delegates were entertained by the city members of the A. O. H.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

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The Catholic Columbian tells the following story:—

An editor wrote a ball-room puff, saying: "Her dainty feet were encased in shoes that might be taken for fairy boots." But the blundering compositor made it read: "Her dirty feet were encased in shoes that might have been taken for ferry-boats."

Several years ago we wrote an editorial for a paper with which we were partly connected. It was our first editorial; we were proud of it; we told several of our friends in the House of Commons to look out for it. It was upon "Justice and Injustice." Amongst other things we spoke of the infamous system of "packed juries" in Ireland. This passage we considered to be the most glowing in the whole article. When the paper came off the press we discovered that we had told the public of a "system of injustice based upon cracked juries." We also had written that the day was at hand when "the sunburst of Erin would flash upon the hills of the future, &c. &c." This passage read, "the sun burst off Erin, one dash up the hills with Blucher." The present Lieut. Governor of the Northwest kept up the joke upon us for a long time. But we saw no fun in it.

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It is well known that in order to be ordained a priest a Catholic must not only show the necessary mental and moral qualities, but must be physically perfect. That is to say the loss of an eye, or a hand, or even a finger or thumb, is a source of impediment. In view of the Church's exactness on this point the following becomes interesting:

"The famous Italian Capuchin, Father Pietro di Posteria, had an arm blown off by the explosion of a gun, but succeeded in replacing it by a piece of mechanism so ingeniously constructed that he is enabled still to minister at divine service by permission of the Holy Father. All the ordinary movements can be performed by the artificial limb. The Pope required the fact of his capacity to use his artificial left arm without danger to the sacred vessels to be certified by two ecclesiastics before liberty would be given to the injured priest to officiate. He is now residing at Rome."

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In 1896 there will be a grand *fete* in the ancient city of Rheims. It will be the fourteenth century of the baptism of Clovis, the first Christian Monarch of France. The Pope has approved of the celebration and has accorded his blessing to all who take part in it. It will be a strange spectacle: France, "the eldest daughter of the Church," celebrating the anniversary of the nation's Christian birth, and the France of our day looking on, with sneer and scoff. A regular story of Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde. But who can tell? Maybe in 1896 France will have had enough of Infidelity, Atheism, Anarchism and Anti-Clericalism; perhaps the Providence that has ever watched over that great nation may deem it well to break the fatal spell and stir the rulers into a sense of their responsibility and their dependence in Him. If so, the feast at Rheims will be a glorious event.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL CLOSINGS.

The following dates have been arranged for the closing exercises for the summer vacation at the Roman Catholic schools:—

Catholic Commercial academy—Dramatic and musical entertainment evening of 21st; distribution of prizes, 22nd, at 2 p.m.

Montcalm—Distribution of prizes, 23rd (morning).

Champlain—Dramatic and musical entertainment, 20th; distribution of prizes, morning of the 25th.

Sarsfield—Distribution, 26th.

Belmont—Entertainment and distribution of prizes, 27th, at 7:30 p.m.

Olier (Roy street)—Distribution of prizes, on the 28th.

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JERUSALEM'S GROWTH.

The British Consul at Jerusalem, in his latest report, gives some interesting details respecting the present condition of the Holy City. It appears that buildings of various kinds continue to be erected in the vicinity, and that the city is far outgrowing its former limits. On the western side houses have increased so rapidly within the last few years that quite a large suburb has arisen where formerly there were fields and vineyards.

Every available piece of land is now being bought up by private persons or by benevolent societies and missions, and already the name of "Modern Jerusalem" has been given to this new quarter. Last year the first public garden was completed outside the Jaffa Gate, and trade is generally increasing, especially that in Jaffa oranges, olive-wood work (now an important local industry), and olive oil. The export of colonynth declined in consequence of the levied on it by the authorities. It is gathered by Arabs in the neighborhood of Gaz, where it grows wild.

An interesting enterprise which has recently been commenced is the collection of the bitumen which rises to the surface and floats about on the Dead Sea. Two sailing boats were taken by train from Jaffa to Jerusalem, and then conveyed on carts to the Jordan, where they were floated down the river to the Dead Sea, and they are now engaged in picking up the bitumen, which is in much request in Europe. The Consul thinks it would be advantageous to trade with the inland districts if a steam launch and several lighters were placed on the Dead Sea to ferry across the produce of Moab, which is a country rich in cereals, fruit and cattle. At present it is conveyed by caravans round the north or south end of the Dead Sea, entailing a journey of from four or five days. Kerat, the chief town of Moab, is now garrisoned with Ottoman troops, and authority is established there, so that if rapid communication were established the whole produce of Moab would find its way to Jerusalem and the coast.

More dead than alive—Hercules.