

Rev. Father Poirier, pastor of St. Adelard, is spending some time at the Archbishop's palace.

Rev. Father Rockliff accompanied by His Grace the Archbishop and Rev. Dr. Beliveau, left last Wednesday, June 3, by the C.P.R. train for the east. The Archbishop and Father Beliveau are to stay for one day at Rat Portage.

Rev. Fathers Giroux (St. Anne), Fillion, Gendron, Jubinville and Perrault were the Archbishop's guests last Tuesday.

Rev. Father Drummond will preach in St. Mary's Church next Sunday evening.

Persons and Facts

The Ladies' Aid of Notre Dame Church, Rat Portage, gave a supper on Tuesday, June 2nd, in the Clougher Block, in aid of St. Joseph's Hospital.

In our last week's editorial, "A Thought for Pentecost," one line dropped out from the second column making our Lord's words "If thou hast," instead of "If thou wilt be perfect, go sell what thou hast." Moreover, in the third paragraph of that same column, "perpetrated" should be "perpetuated," but, alas! the blunder will be perpetuated all the same.

Recently at St. Jean, at a meeting of the local St. Jean Baptiste Society, all the local societies, the C.M.B.A., the Foresters and the Alliance Francaise, united with the St. Jean Baptiste Society in approving the new French Canadian flag. Last Monday evening in St. Boniface, at a meeting of the St. Jean Baptiste Society of the cathedral town, a similar resolution was adopted unanimously. The President, Mr. Roger Goulet, introduced the subject in a delicately worded address. Judge Prud'homme spoke eloquently in favor of adopting a national standard. The French Canadians already had a national song, "Vive la Canadienne"; what they now needed was a banner that would represent their religious belief and their trust in the Sacred Heart. Mr. Ernest Cyr, also read a carefully prepared speech with telling effect.

The frontispiece of "Le Messenger Canadien du Coeur du Jesus" for this month is the new flag—a light blue ground, traversed in all its length and breadth by a broad white cross, in the centre of which is the Divine Heart, in red of course, crowned with thorns, and surrounded by a garland of maple leaves. The meaning and appropriateness of this emblem is admirably set forth in the pages of "Le Messenger," and also in a masterly contribution, signed "Ch. Blanchet," which appeared in "Le Manitoba" of last week. The new Montreal Catholic paper, "La Croix," continues to advocate, with remarkable skill and vigor, the same project. In its issue of May 24, it publishes a stirring poem sent from Belgium to "Le Messenger Canadien," exhorting French Canadians to repair the crimes against religion perpetrated by France, which was once the standard-bearer of Christ.

The husband of the Irish Joan of Arc is not sure that his wife was insulted in the Dublin emeute; but assuming that she was, he tells the three members of Parliament whom the doughty Joan assaulted, that if they come to Paris, where he is unavoidably detained, he will fight them. We think we have heard the last of "Major" McBride and the Irish Joan of Arc. The poor woman made the mistake of believing that the Irish people took her seriously. They will take her seriously if she again attempts to Joanize an Irish meeting.—Western Watchman.

The statement of Lord Kelvix, who has been well described by Lord Reay as "Prince of Science" that we are "absolutely forced by science to admit and to believe

with absolute confidence in a directive Power—in an Influence other than physical, dynamical, electrical forces" has been attacked by Sir William Thiselton Dyer, Professor Carl Pearson, and Mr. Mallock; but as the "Times" says, "its weight, to all impartial minds, will be increased rather than diminished by the hostile irrelevance which some of its critics have displayed."

Twenty-five young Breton novices of the Brotherhood of Christian Instruction landed recently in Montreal. They averaged nineteen years of age. Being freed from their community obligations by their superiors, on account of the Draconian Combes law, they nevertheless preferred exile in a religious community of their order to that false freedom of which the Combes crew pretend them to be unjustly deprived. So, with money generously subscribed by pious friends, they paid their passage to Canada in order to join the novitiate of their order at Laprairie, Que. One widow gladly paid the passages of several in order, as she said, that they might go to a country where they were free to serve God in a more perfect manner.

ST. ANNE DES CHENES.

Last Sunday the feast of Pentecost was also the day on which the children made their First Communion. In all there were 32, of which 19 were girls and 13 boys. The ceremony, which took place at the first Mass at half-past seven, was largely attended. Rev. Father Dufloy said a few well chosen words to the children just after the gospel, exhorting them to be filled with a lively faith and love for the good God who was about to give himself to them in the most Blessed Sacrament. The children received Holy Communion first, and immediately afterwards a number of their relations and friends also received. Nine tables were counted, which would mean somewhere about 150 communions. Just before the last gospel Father Dufloy again addressed a few appropriate words to the children. How sweet and touching a ceremony is this, and how it carries us back to the pleasant and innocent memories of childhood.

Father Giroux used for the first time on Sunday the magnificent Chalice and Ciborium, for the purchase of which "Les dames de Ste. Anne" had presented him the money on his last feast day.

It has been definitely arranged that the annual pilgrimage to St. Anne's will take place on July 16, which day is the 85th anniversary of the arrival of Father, afterwards Bishop Provencher, in Manitoba. He was accompanied by Father Desmoulins. They landed at the spot where now stands the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The C.N.R. has promised to provide trains and coaches (not flat cars or cabooses) in abundance. The pilgrimage has been advanced, as it is impossible for the Company to provide the necessary cars, just after the exhibition. The sisters provide dinner at the convent, the same as last year. It is not generally known that the convent here is recognized by the Department of Education as a preparatory school for the teachers' examinations. The scholars do not have to go to Winnipeg to write, there being sufficient pupils writing to acquire the privilege of having an examiner here.

The convent possesses a complete laboratory for chemical and physical experiments; also a studio for drawing and painting. This last department was only added this year, but the pupils have already made considerable progress. I must not forget to say a word about the chapel, which is charming. The whole of the convent well repays a visit. There are about sixty boarders this year.

Sunday evening there was a concert at the convent, which was given by the little boys who are day scholars there. It is the first time they have ever done anything in that line. The following is the programme:—

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Address.

Oremus for the Pope.

The comedy was well acted and the sword drill certainly deserves special mention. For "Mon Drapeau" the little boys were all provided with a fac-simile of the new flag which has just been adopted by the French Canadians as their distinctive national banner. We all think that this flag is a great improvement on the "Tricolor" or French Revolutionary flag.

The country is at its prettiest now. Everything is growing fast.

Electioneering is the order of the day. We expect that our county will be hotly contested, the contestants are Mr. Sajemodiere, Liberal, and Mr. Lauzon, Conservative.

Mr. Richer has just had his house freshly painted white, with green window frames and cornices. It is a great improvement. The convent is also getting its coat of paint, but it will be some time before it will be finished.

Mr. Pare has sold his property, which is one of the finest and best situated in St. Ann, to Mr. Bleau, of St. Boniface, who will shortly take up his residence here.

SOME REMEDIES FROM THE OLDEN TIMES.

The "grandmother remedy" is not always a thing to laugh at, for sometimes it cures; but sometimes, too, the matter or the manner of it seems to warrant a smile, as in the case of these health hints, which, says the Philadelphia Record, were written in a family bible eighty years ago by the grandmother of the present owner of the bible.

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