Parish News of the Week.

FIRE AT HOME FOR INCURABLES

At ten o'clock on Thursday evening a fire was discovered in the basement of the Hospital for Incurables, at Notre Dame de Grace, and within a very short time the corridors of the building were filled with smoke. Alarms were promptly sent in by the sisters and the Westmount and Montreal fire brigades arrived in time to suppress the flames before any serious damage had been done. There are two hundred and fifty inmates in the home, many of whom are incapable of helping themselves so that a serious fire at the institution would have meant untold possibilities. As soon as the fire was discovered, the Sisters hastened to get everything in readiness for any emergency, and those who were capable of moving were warned to be ready to leave the building should it be found necessary.

STATUE OF PATRON SAINT BLESSED.

Last Sunday evening was the occasion of the blessing of a statue of the patron saint of the new parish of St. Aloysius. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Kavanagh, S.J., who, in a scholarly discourse, traced the life of St. Aloysius from the cradle to the grave, dwelling in a forcible manner upon the virtues which most distinguished the saint in his short yet eventful and well-spent life.

The statue was blessed by Rev. Father Brady, P.P. of St. Mary's, after which Benediction was presided over by Rev. Father Kiernan, P.P. of St. Michaels, thus bringing to a close a very consoling event. The music was furnished by the ladies' choir of the new parish, and did great honor to those who took part.

ST. GABRIEL'S YOUNG MEN'S EUCHRE.

The euchre and musicale given by St. Gabriel's Young Men's Society on Shrove Tuesday evening proved a grand success. The friends of the Young Men's Society were present in large numbers, some three hundred and fifty people playing euchre. During the evening Miss McDermott furnished some very pleasing selections. The prize winners were: Ladies—1st, Miss Ross; 2nd, Mrs. Fanning; 3rd, Miss Maloney; 4th, Miss Murray; 5th, Miss Kilfeather; 6th, Miss Laken Gentlemen—1st, Mr. Enright; 2nd, Mr. M. J. Flood; 3rd, Mr. Merrigan; 4th, Mr. Lane: 5th, Miss Bella Rowan.

The Young Men's Society wish to extend their hearty thanks to all who helped to make the euchre such a grand success.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL EUCHRE.

That Rev. Father Kiernan and the members of St. Michael's school board enjoy the sympathy and friendship of the Catholics of the city of Montreal was proven beyond a doubt at last Friday evening's euchre by the unprecedented attendance and enthusiasm shown in behalf of the new school work. Upwards of four hundred were present to compete for the valuable prizes offered, which were won as follows

1st, Trip to the Saguenay, won by Miss B. Prescott (playing gentleman's part.); 2nd, set of carvers, won by Mr. D. P. Delaney; 3rd, tobacco jar, won by Miss G. Robillard (playing gentleman's part); 4th pipe, won by Mr. M. T. Carmody; 5th, an umbrella, won by Mr. P. Murphy.

Ladies—1st, cushion, Mrs. P. Murphy; 2nd, pickle jar, Mrs. O'Rourke; 3rd, clock, Miss Birmingham; 4th, pitcher, Mrs. Scanlan; 5th, Jewel case, Mrs. Walsh.

Before the serving of refreshments Rev. Father Kiernan heartily thanked his assistant, Rev. Father McCrory, for the part he had taken in bringing the event to such a successful issue, and congratulated those who had so ably assisted him. Then light refreshments were served, after which the entertainment was brought to a close.

As the guests of the evening dispersed, expressions of delight and congratulation were heard on all sides. We heartily add our word of encouragement, and sincerely hope that the work so happily begun may have a long and prosperous continuance.

LENTEN PREACHER AT ST. PATRICK'S

Throughout Lent at high Mass and in the evening at St. Patrick's there will be special lenten sermons delivered by Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan, formerly of St. Albans, Vt.. Father O'Sullivan enjoys the almost unique distinction of having sat for several sessions in the Vermont Legislature. A very ardent temperance advocate, he has done splendid work for the cause. Father O'Sullivan is well known in the United States and a treat is assuredly in store for those attending the Lenten services.

ASH WEDNESDAY.

Services were held in all the churches yesterday and ashes distributed, both morning and evening.

MISSION AT ST. GABRIEL'S.

On last Sunday Rev. Father O'Meara announced to his people that s mission would take place in the parish this year. The exercises will open on Sunday, 29th inst., and will be conducted by the Rev. Jesuit Fathers.

TEMPERANCE RALLY AT ST. ANN'S.

The usual temperance rally of the St. Ann's T. A. and B. Society took place on Ash Wednesday night. The officers and members of the various Temperance societies of the city assisted in a body. The sermon of the evening was preached by the Rev. Father McCrory, of St. Michael's. On Sunday evening last a preparatory sermon and the administering of the lenten temperance pledge took place. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father McPhail, and was largely attended, there being fully one thousand people present.

NOVENA.

The novena of grace, a favorite devotion in St. Anthony's, which always gathers together a large following, began on the 4th and will continue until the 12th instant.

ST. ANTHONY'S JUVENILE T. A. & B. HAVE BANQUET.

The Juvenile T. A. & B. Society celebrated Shrove Tuesday by a banquet in the Young Irishmen's hall, which was done full honor to by those who attended.

FATHER REID FOR ST. PATRICK'S.

We learned to-day that there was a possibility of Father Reid, who is presently at the Canadian College in Rome, joining the staff of priests at St. Patrick's. This gentleman is a Montrealer, and it will doubtless give pleasure to his many friends to know that he will take up the work of the active ministry in the mother Irish parish of the city.

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Lenten Regulations.

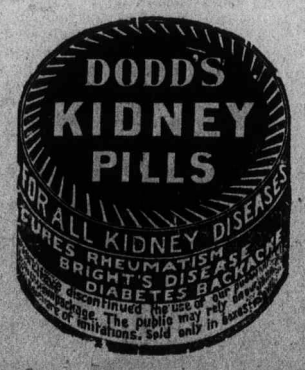
The Lenten regulations for the archdiocese of Montreal were read in all the churches on Sunday morning last.

Every day except Sunday is a fast day. All Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence; Saturday of ember week, the 11th of March and Holy Saturday, April 15th, are days of fast and abstinence.

On all Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays excepting the two Saturdays above mentioned, meat may be taken at the principal meal. Those who are legitimately exempt from fasting may eat meat on those days at the three meals.

All Sundays are free from fast and abstinence. Fish and flesh must not be eaten at the same meal, even on Sundays.

In conclusion, His Grace reminds those who are exempt from fasting that there are many other acts of penance and of merit, which should be practiced in compensation for the exemption from the law, such as extra prayers to be said, special visits to the church to be made, passions to be curbed, charities to be given, kind words of consolation to be spoken, kind deeds to be performed, sin to be always avoided, and virtues to be continually practised.



The Church and Science.

There are, writes Mgr. Mignot, Archbishop of Albi, in Le Correspondant (Paris), two grievances against the Church, which her adverse critics never fail to lay to her charge, to wit, that she is the uncompromising adversary of science, and that she holds the Bible as different from the sacred writings particular to all nations; that she claims it of divine origin, and not simply an expression of idealistic sentiment. In regard to these beliefs, the Archbishop proposes to dissipate certain prejudices.

Formerly, says his Grace, in the sixteenth century, for example, men disputed as to points of doctrine, but not as to the existence of a God. To-day it is different; some believe in a God; others believe that their reason and senses are the measure of all things, and that, consequently, there is no justification for dogmatic authority.

Yet in regard to geography or astronomy, or in regard to any well ascertained and established scientific discovery, is there one which the teaching Church has ever rejected as contrary to revealed truth? Far from it.

Her role has ever been to safeguard the deposit of faith and not either to take the place of, or to control the genius of scientists; and in doing so, she has followed ever the policy of adopting a conservative and circumspect attitude till scientific theory has become scientific certainty.

Assured of possessing the truth, if not in its entirety, at least in the measure attributed to each century by Providence, she examines, compares and analyses the different elements of each successive scientific theory, always rejecting those which appear to her to be in opposition to the conditions of her divine mission. If human science is active, Catholic science by no means remains inactive. That infallibility which is exercised either in the councils general, or in the person of the Supreme Pontiff, speaking ex cathedra, does not consist in a new revelation, but in an inventory of the treasury of thought from which she draws and gives that sufficiency of light which is suitable to any given century.

Those who are at all acquainted with theological questions, know well what protracted preparatory labors are necessary before definitions of dogmatic belief can be made. It will suffice alone to read the Bull of the Immaculate Conception, in order to learn from the lips of Pius IX. to what an extent Catholic divines and thinkers of the entire world were consulted in regard to matters of traditional faith. And so the Church has ever fought shy of hypotheses, however plausible; her policy has ever been to "quarantine" them until Time works its own effect and produces its own light. Many a time she has at first appeared to be adverse to theories which she has ultimately accepted. And such theories have always proved sounder for the purification to which her conservatism and spitituality had submitted them. Such conservatism, be it further said, is by no means confined to the purely scientific domain; but is also applied to the sphere of moral and religious thought.

To give but one instance: We know that the worship of the Sacred Heart which is the most pronounced devotion of our time, perhaps, was at first received by the representative men of the Church with a certain amount of coldness, and that the work of a man of learning in favor of this devotion was placed upon the Index.

Far from opposing a study of science, the Church favors it, and indeed, it could hardly be otherwise, since it was through her efforts that science, in the course of the ages of unrest and long-drawn wars, civil and religious, was saved for the advantage of humanity. Has the present Sovereign Pontiff not just founded a scientific society, the mission of which is to guard Christian Colleges and students against hazardous theories or discoveries of investigators, who give the results of their researches to the world as the irrefutable conclusions of exact science?

The Church in her wisdom is well aware that to the true child of the Church, his faith grows in proportion as his intellectual horizon expands. The more the greatness of God is proved, the more the necessity of His Being imposes itself upon the reflective mind. To deny His existence is not only a great error, but an error rendered all the more evident by the progress of science.

In regard to science, the Church is as actively interested as the most enthusiastic of scientific workers.

In regard to history and criticism she is not in a different position,

If any proof were wanting of the desire of the Church that criticism and history shall be properly directed, surely it is to be found in the fact that Pius X. has just established in the Catholic Institute of Paris a professorial chair of history and criticism which shall have its counter-effects upon the irresponsible critics of the anti-Christian factions. In all things the action of the Church is that of God, directing in her wisdom the events of the material world.

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