

CORRESPONDENCE.

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A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS:

SIR,—The friends of the TRUE WITNESS must feel grateful to Rev. Father Quinlivan for having cordially endorsed its present management, and for having publicly added his potent voice to raise it to a higher level. The friends of the paper cannot fail to see in the advocacy of this distinguished clergyman, a reasonable guarantee of its future permanent success. In relation to the TRUE WITNESS, the gifted and devoted pastor of St. Patrick's recalls to my mind the zeal of the distinguished Bishop Charbonnelle, in his appreciation of the salutary power which is imparted through the medium of a well directed press. Bishop Charbonnelle—as you are doubtless aware, was a member of the "Seminary" here, before he was consecrated Bishop of Toronto.

Having had the honor of an intimacy with him, I knew his views on various subjects. He told me that, if he had the power, he would have a thorough Catholic organ—at the cost of the Seminary—disseminated in the interest of truth and justice. That is all we Catholics want. We don't want to pelt those who differ from us with "clods," let that be left to bigotry.

J. K.

Montreal, Feb. 27th, 1894.

ROMEWARD, HO!

POPULAR CATHOLIC DEVOTION BEING INTRODUCED IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The newest anomaly in Episcopalian novelties is the recent introduction of a very popular Catholic devotion into the Episcopal Church of St. Mary's the Virgin, New York.

The following is a summary of the report of the service given in the New York Sun:—The service was attended by an unusual large number of men and women who made a genuflection to the altar on entering and crossed themselves on kneeling in preliminary prayer. Lamps burned before the altar, and the inner sanctuary lamp had a red light, showing that the Sacrament was reserved in the repository, contrary to the teaching of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The service was conducted by a Rev. Mr. Brown, assisted by twelve or fourteen surpliced men and boy choristers.

The bearer of the Crucifix was followed by two bearing large lighted candles. As the procession passed the altar, all in turn sank on their knees before it. After a short prelude recited in the chancel, the procession preceded by the Cross bearer and candle bearer, set out to pass in adoration before fourteen scenes, with figures in full relief, of as many different stages as Christ's Journey, from the Hall of Judgment to Mount Calvary. As they proceeded from one station to another, the choristers sang the Stabat Mater, after which Rev. Mr. Brown read descriptions of the scenes, the stations represented, and the congregation sinking on their knees responded to the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary and Gloria.

Rev. Mr. Brown deserves to be congratulated on his "new departure" in Episcopalianism, even though this devotion has existed in the Catholic Church for many centuries.

M. L. S.

HIS CRUSADE A FAILURE.

Now that, with the doctorial and surgical help of the Montreal Witness, the only religious paper, and the only one happy to do the dirty work, Chiniquy has been delivered of the child of perdition of his mind and heart, i.e., his fabrications, misrepresentations, etc., on "Confession and Confessional," the question might, may, could and should be put: What has been the net result of all his ravings on that subject, or what has been the outcome of his crusade against one of the most consoling and soul-saving of the seven Sacraments instituted by our Blessed Lord?

Now, really and truly, I feel tempted to answer by an exemplification and comparison: "The dog howling at the moon"—the dog's howl provokes other dogs, and sets them howling, and the stillness, calm and peace of night is horrified at the howling chorus; the queen of night looks down silently, placidly, on the host of barking brutes, and con-

tinues, at its Creator's command, to pour around its heavenly, soothing, beneficial light on God's creation.

Let us now consider the effect of Chiniquy's outburst on Protestants and Catholics:

1st. Chiniquy has disgusted honest, well-meaning, sensible, and, above all, pure-minded Protestants, and, thank God, there are many of them here.

2nd. He has pleased the debased, impure, filthy-minded, who delight in feasting their eyes and ears on immoral and scandalous tales, just like so many birds of prey devouring with relish the putrid remains of *chorogrines*.

3rd. He has delighted the fanatics of all shades and colors—Orangemen, P.P.A.'s, etc., etc., and of course and above all, his own preferred child of predilection, *La Clique Suisse*.

Colporteurs, Bible-mongers, suisse missionaries, jubilate! Money will pour in, French evangelization will be fanned, salaries increased, and, above all, the old renegade will get a well-filled purse. The old story repeated over. From Judas, the first renegade priest, ordained by our Blessed Lord Himself, down the course of ages to the present day, the Catholic Church has often been, like her Founder, betrayed for base motives by some of her priests, but still remains firm and solid on the Rock, just as she was placed nineteen centuries ago by our Lord—the gates of Hell have not, and will never prevail. The world will pass, but our Lord's work remains—and will eternally.

We shall consider Chiniquy's influence on Catholics hereafter.

J. A. J.

ORGANIZATION.

On Thursday evening next, in the hall attached to St. Patrick's Presbytery, the different delegates from the city parishes will meet to organize the celebration of the 17th March. It is hoped that a good number will attend, and that no delay may exist in the completion of the preparations. It is well that St. Patrick's day should be celebrated in a manner worthy the Irish Catholics of this city and in accord with the traditions of the past.

ST. MARY'S PARISH.

MISSIONS TO COMMENCE NEXT SUNDAY.

On Sunday next, March 11th, the Mission for the women of the congregation of St. Mary's Parish will commence, and on the following Sunday, March 18, that for the men will take place. A retreat is one of the greatest boons that a Catholic parish can receive. The exercises must be followed with assiduity, earnestness and prayer. On this occasion the preachers of the Mission will be the Rev. Fathers Doherty and O'Byrne, of the Jesuit Order. Numberless are the retreats and missions that these two eloquent and zealous priests have given, and we trust that the parishioners of St. Mary's will take advantage of their presence to reap the benefits that always come to those who participate in these holy exercises and profit by the fund of instruction given. The following is the order of the services to be held during the Missions:

Masses at 5.30 and 8.30 A.M., with instructions.

Way of the Cross and instructions at 8.30 P.M.

Beads, Sermon and Benediction at 7.30 P.M.

A NOVENA.

On Friday evening next the exercises of the St. Patrick's novena will begin in St. Patrick's Church. It is a time-honored custom to prepare for the festival of the patron saint of the parish by nine days of special devotions, and this year, as usual, the custom will be kept up. We trust that the attendance will be in accordance.

THE FEAST OF ST. GABRIEL.

The Feast of St. Gabriel was celebrated Sunday with due solemnity in St. Gabriel's Church, Centre street. At ten o'clock High Mass was chanted, Rev. Abbe Pelletier officiating, and Rev. Father O'Meara delivered an interesting panegyric on the saint. In the evening at 7.30 the church was again well filled. The main altar, very tastefully decorated with flowers, tapers and lights of various colors, presented a pleasing spectacle. Rev. Father Shea delivered

a brief address on Heaven, taking for his text these words of St. Matthew (v. 12): "Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in heaven." Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed.

The choir, under the direction of Mr. J. S. Shea, rendered some special music in an excellent manner. Miss O'Byrne presided at the organ.

CHANGE OF FIRM.

Mr. John Barry, the well-known fruit and commission merchant, has taken his two sons, Richard C. Barry and Frank J. Barry, into partnership with him, and the firm now stands John Barry & Sons. *Trade Bulletin*.

MGR. FABRE'S BIRTHDAY.

Archbishop Fabre celebrated the sixty-seventh anniversary of his birth on Wednesday last. On this occasion the Archbishop said Mass at the residence of his mother, who is now eighty-three years old. He was assisted by the Rev. Cure Deguire, and by the Rev. Father Lacombe, the famous Northwest missionary, who was born in the same year and on the same day as the Archbishop himself.

OBITUARY.

THE LATE WILLIAM FARREL.

It is with regret we announce the death of William Farrel, who died at his residence, Macy Ridge, Parish of Notre Dame des Anges, County of Missisquoi, P.Q., on Tuesday, Feb. 20, aged 83 years.

Mr. Farrel was born in County Cavan, Ireland, and came to Canada when 15 years of age. From here he went to Fairfield, Vt., where he remained two years, then returned to Canada, and resided in the parish of Notre Dame des Anges till his death. He was a man of remarkable vigor, both mental and physical, which he continued to enjoy until seized with the grip, which terminated fatally. He was greatly respected for his genial manner, as well as his uprightness and integrity. He was a kind neighbor, a faithful friend and devout Catholic.

He was agent for THE TRUE WITNESS for several years. He was unmarried, and leaves one brother, a sister and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his loss. May he rest in peace.

From "St. Mary's Church Calendar" (Our Lady of Good Counsel), we clip the following *in memoriam* notice:

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins" (2 Mach. xii, 46).

The parents and friends of the following persons have had Anniversary and Requiem Masses offered up for the happy repose of their souls: Mrs. John Quinn, father and mother; Mrs. Normandin, Mr. John Murray, Catherine Eva O'Hara, Mr. William O'Neill.

In the loving economy of God's Providence, every step we take to assist the holy souls is a step further on our own way to heaven.

THE Kingston Canadian Freeman referring to THE TRUE WITNESS, has the following very kind remarks:

The transfer of the Montreal TRUE WITNESS to its new proprietors has been completed. It is probable there will be a daily edition of that paper ere long. A week ago last Sunday Rev. Father Quinlivan made a strong appeal in behalf of the Catholic paper and very properly stated that "it would not only be a deep humiliation to have to say that between thirty and thirty-five thousand English-speaking Catholics could not uphold one weekly paper, (THE TRUE WITNESS) and the only mouth-piece they had, but it would also be a loss that would affect the community at large, and each one individually, were any apathy or other cause to allow it to disappear. It is true we have other Catholic papers in Canada, but nothing can take the place of a local one. This is the oldest, the wealthiest, and most numerous colony of English-speaking Catholics in Canada, and surely we should not have to go to our co-religionists of other provinces for defence of our rights. Attacked on all sides by the American A.P.A., the Canadian P.P.A., by fallen priests and ex-nuns, by a press that frequently is only too glad to turn us into ridicule and to crush our prospects, if we do not hold fast to the only shield of defence that we possess, we have no one to blame but ourselves. Unless you are prepared to become protestants or change your language, you will need a public organ to voice your wants and insist on your rights; and without being a

prophet one may well predict that it will be a long time before you make either of these changes." Father Quinlivan's remarks were well received and it is to be hoped will have the desired effect. Catholic papers should be more generously supported by all who have the interests of the Church at heart.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. P. Clarke, President of the Shamrock Amateur Athletic Association, left yesterday morning for Boston on business, and will spend a few days at "The Hub." We trust he will have an enjoyable and prosperous time and a safe return.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

At High Mass, on Sunday last, in St. Patrick's Church, the following gentlemen were requested to take up the offerings for the next three weeks:—Messrs. Kingston, M.D., J. J. Milloy, Bernard Tansey and Edward Irwin.

GONE TO ROME.

The Rev. Father Renaud, S.J., Superior-General of the Jesuits in Canada, has left for Rome on business connected with the Order. During his absence the Rev. Father George Kenny, S.J., who is now stationed at Guelph, Ont., has been appointed Superior-General for the Province of Canada.

THE NEW TRUSTEE.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the fact of the unanimous appointment of Michael Burke, Esq., President of THE TRUE WITNESS Printing and Publishing Company, to the important and honorable position of trustee for the St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum. The office was held by the late Mr. James Sadler, and since his death the place was vacant. The election of Mr. Burke was entirely spontaneous and took place without Mr. Burke's knowledge. We heartily congratulate the new appointee on the signal honor conferred upon him.

AN INTERESTING EVENT.

The members of the English Academy of St. Mary's College will hold their regular meeting on next Sunday afternoon, when Hon. Mr. Justice C. J. Doherty will deliver a lecture. It is expected that a goodly audience will be in attendance, as decidedly something attractive and instructive may be expected. Judge Doherty is a pupil of the institution and one whose eloquence and erudition are too well known to require any special commendation from us. It is a boon to the students to have those lectures, and serves to bring them in touch with the world, to which they are gradually tending.

A NOBLE OBJECT.

At a meeting of the St. Patrick's Society of St. Mary's College, held on Sunday last, the following resolutions were adopted:

The students of St. Mary's College, desirous of showing their sympathy for the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame in the great loss they sustained last year by the destruction of one of the finest establishments in Canada, have resolved to kindly ask them to accept the proceeds of the literary and musical entertainment to be given in the Academic Hall, on Friday evening, the 18th of March, eve of St. Patrick's day.

It was further resolved, that the proceeds from the dramatic and musical entertainment, "The Hidden Gem," which will be rendered by the students on the second of April, shall be applied towards the same end.

A GRAND CONCERT.

The numerous protectors and friends of the Nazareth Institution will learn with pleasure that this year again their interesting proteges propose entertaining them with one of those musical treats for which Nazareth is so renowned. This concert affords to the sympathetic public the double advantage of performing an act of charity and spending an agreeable evening. On the 4th of April will take place, in the National Monument, 220 St. Lawrence street, the annual concert of the young blind. Several distinguished artists have been engaged for the occasion, and it may be affirmed with safety that the concert will be one of the most brilliant of the season. Tickets may be procured at the stores of M. E. Hardy, 1537 Notre Dame street; MM. Cadieux & Derome, 1803 Notre Dame street, and at the Institution, 2009 St. Catherine street.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

THE FORTY HOURS DEVOTIONS.

On Saturday last the Forty Hours Devotions commenced at St. Patrick's Church and terminated on Monday morning. The opening mass was sung by Rev. Father Deguire, of St. James Church, and the closing Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Marre, S.S., of Notre Dame. Perhaps never in the history of the parish were the Forty Hours better attended. In fact, on last Sunday morning the communions were so numerous that the priests were occupied, almost uninterruptedly, from the six o'clock Mass until nine o'clock, distributing the Blessed Eucharist. Great praise is due to the ladies of the parish for the zeal and taste with which they aided in the decorations of the sanctuary. Actually the profusion of flowers was magnificent; the sanctuary was a real conservatory. The grand new decorations for the altar, that were used for a first time at Christmas, were brought out, while the two splendid candelabra, each with its twenty five lights, flashed a splendor upon the scene. The church was thronged as it had seldom been before and the confessionals were occupied until nearly midnight on Saturday. One lady generously and unselfishly came forward and offered half the price of one of the new candelabra. In fact rarely were the Forty Hours ever kept as they have been this time in St. Patrick's. The music and singing was in accordance and the reverend Pastor and his assistants are overjoyed at the results.