ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON.

CHRISTMAS AT CHESTERVILLE.

Christmas Day was observed with all due solemnity by the Catholics of Chesterville. At the different Masses large congregations assembled, and many took advantage of the great occasion to receive the sacraments. The altar was ablaze with different colored lights, and looked very pretty. New flowers were purchased lately for the altar and these with the two adoring angels—donated by a pious lady of the parish—added very much to the decoration of the sanctuary.

The choir, under the leadership of Misses Nellie Wheeler and Minnie Flynn, rendered choice selections at the early Masses, and at the High Mass celebrated at 10 o'clock won golden opinions by the charming way in which the Mass was rendered. Vespers and Benediction at 7 o'clock closed a most joyous festival.

Nor was the esteemed pastor, Father Quinn, forgotten. The offering taken up by Messrs. Frank Dwyre and Michael E. Curran amounted to $225. Both young and old vied with each other to show their deep appreciation of the services done in their midst by Father Quinn. Two new chairs were placed in the sanctuary last week—one, a beautiful black walnut chair dressed in crimson, destined for our beloved Archbishop when he visits the parish; and the other, an oak chair, to be used by our worthy pastor, during divine service.

At a meeting of the C. M. B. A. last week the following officers were re-elected by Branch 309, Chesterville: President, Francis McCloskey; 1st Vice-President, Thos. Flynn; 2nd Vice-President, Patrick Kirby; Treasurer, Thomas McMahon; Recording Secretary, J. T. Kearns; Assistant Recording Secretary, Paul Charlebois; Financial Secretary, Frank Dwyre; Trustees, John MacAvoy, Donald M. McDonald, P. D Grady, Edward Gibbons, Peter Heverman, Marshal J. P. Burns; Guard, J. J. Bary; Spiritual Director Rev. J. S. Quinn.

The branch has now a membership of 44, all in good standing, and the present indications are that the C. M. B. A. of Chesterville will have a large number of members at the end of 1901.

PARISH OF PERTH.

On Monday afternoon, Dec. 24th, Reverend Father McPhail, of the Redemptorist order, Montreal, arrived in Perth to hold a Triduum, in order that the congregation of St. John the Baptist might have an opportunity of performing their Christmas duty. The announcement of his coming had been made in due course by the zealous pastor, Reverend Father Davis, and this in itself was sufficient to have the sacred edifice filled to overflowing to greet the Reverend Father when he made his first appearance in the pulpit. Father McPhail came not as a stranger to the parish because he had already been here on three previous occasions, and the impression created by his former visits was such as to make the congregation always anxious and eager for his return. No sooner had he arrived than he began his work, and from 3 o'clock until midnight he was engaged in hearing confessions. The following days Masses were celebrated at 5 o'clock and at 9 o'clock and an instruction was given after each Mass. To say that the exercises were well attended would give a very faint idea of the number that crowded the sacred edifice even at the early hour of 5 o'clock. Confessions were heard throughout the entire days and even extending into the small hours of the morning, and some idea of the labor performed can be gained when it is known that in the three days over one thousand four hundred and fifty Communions were given. The earnestness and unflagging attention with which the Reverend Father performed his work was sufficient incentive had any been needed to arouse enthusiasm and ardor in those for whom he worked.

Following the sacred festivities of last week another treat was in store for the congregation. Christmas Day was ushered in by the celebration of Midnight Mass by the indefatigable pastor, Rev. Father Davis and it is now nearly twenty-two years since the like was last celebrated here. The church was literally packed with people, and the spectacle presented when the main altar was illuminated was simply indescribable. The choir rendered Leonard's 3rd Mass in B flat and their singing was such as to show them to be one of the best musical organizations in the Diocese of Kingston—thanks to the painstaking and zealous Sister who teaches them. After the singing of the Gospel Rev. Father McPhail ascended the pulpit and delivered a very forcible and instructive lecture. He took for his text the words from the Gospel of St. Luke, "And you will find the Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes." He began by expressing his great delight at being once more among the good, kind people of Perth. Although it was always a pleasure for him to come to Perth, yet on this occasion that pleasure was intensified by the fact that since he had last visited them they had under the guidance of their beloved pastor improved their church to such an extent that to-day it stood out in bold relief as the grandest church in the Archdiocese of Kingston. This is only as it should be in such a parish as Perth, where the faith that had been implanted by the sons and daughters of old Erin had been nourished and succored so as to bring forth such good fruit as evidenced by the large and faithful congregation. Continuing, he said that they were assembled here to night to celebrate and commemorate the greatest feast in the Catholic Church, one which went to the very root of the Church, namely, the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Yes, ages and ages ago in a crib at Bethlehem was enacted a scene which the Catholic Church has perpetuated and will continue to perpetuate until the end of time. A crib is all that is given to recognize the Son of God. The Prophets had foretold the coming of the Messiah. The Jews expected it, but the Messiah so expected by the Jews differed from the Messiah of the prophet. Man was lost in sin and Jesus Christ sent His Divine Son to redeem him; that the gates of Heaven which had been closed by Adam's fall should be opened. He next went on to speak of the vices which ruin men to day and close as far as they are concerned the gates of Heaven against them, how the teachings and maxims of the world were in direct contradistinction to those of our Lord and Saviour. Impurities in opposition to virtue; love of ease in opposition to suffering; pride in opposition to humility. Notwithstanding all the insults, all the calumnies, all the wrongs that had been done to our blessed Lord He established a means whereby men could still be said and that means was and is the holy Catholic Church, the Church of God—the Church, where the poor can be saved as well as the rich where the young have inculcated into their tender hearts the teachings and maxims of Christ Himself, and which enables them to go forth in the world and still preserve their innocence; where the old are fortified and comforted in their last hours. Ina word, where all, without distinction, are placed on a common footing. Yes, in a crib, in a stable, exposed to the weather, was Christ Our Saviour born!—Born under such circumstances and under such conditions to teach us more forcibly the lesson of humility. Yea, He has said "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for they shall see God. Blessed are they who are detached from the things of this world, for they shall see God. The learned Father next proceeded to show the sufferings of Our Lord from His birth. He said Our Lord's life was one of suffering; His advent into the world was one of suffering, for did He not suffer from cold and deprivations of many kinds. His journey throughout life was one of suffering, and, as a grand consummation of His desires, He was nailed to the cross! Yes, He suffered exteriorarily and interiorarily. He suffered exteriorarily, as we already saw, and He suffered interiorarily because He saw with His mind's eye the things that were to come to pass. He saw how men would insult Him. He saw how men's souls, notwithstanding that He was dying to save them, would still be lost. He saw all the vices and all the misery that would be through out the world. He saw the false pride of men the origin of all their misery. He saw how the very angels themselves would fall through pride. He saw how Adam and Eve, through pride, would bring destruction upon the whole world. All this He saw, and more too, and He says within Himself: I will descend to the earth and I will map out as it were a path whereby man may even yet be saved. I will teach man to curb his passions. I will teach man to be humble. He says "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart." All this He fulfilled when He established the Holy Catholic Church for in that Church alone can men be saved. After showing how all this could be accomplished in the Catholic Church, he closed what was a grand and instructive address, by exhorting the congregation to be firm and steadfast in their devotion to their Church.

At High Mass at 10:30 o'clock Father McPhail again spoke on "The Justice of God," and in the evening at Vespers on "The Fear of God." During the remaining days instructions were given three times each day, and embraced "Purity," "Temperance," "Mental Prayer," "Mortal Sin," "Death and Judgment," "Penance" and "Devotion to the Sacred Heart." His instructions on Temperance and Devotion to the Sacred Heart were among the most forcible and instructive ever heard in Perth. The impressiveness of his appeal on behalf of Temperance was so sublime that over three hundred men and boys of the parish renewed or took the Pledge for one year. To say that Father McPhail is an unwearied worker is but placing it mildly, and the only wonder is how he bears up under such a strain. He is an orator who, being endowed by nature with a good voice, a commanding appearance, and fine physique, avails himself of any external object to illustrate his words. His address on Thursday evening on Devotion to the Sacred Heart, when he admonished the faithful to practice and continue this devotion, was such as to create a profound impression on the minds of his hearers. No metaphor, no simile was too bold for his imagination, and in the grand tableaux he presented on giving the Papal Benediction to the congregation, when drawing his missionary cross from his girdle, he held it aloft, accompanied by the most fervid and soul stirring words, the effect was such as to form a sublime climax to what was throughout a masterpiece. The effect was heightened by the Children of Mary. Arrayed with exquisite taste in spotless white veils crowned with wreaths, and with lighted candles in their hands they, on behalf of the congregation, renewed their allegiance to the devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This being finished, Father McPhail, in a few well chosen words, thanked the congregation for the manner in which they had attended the devotions, thereby lessening his labors, and in most touching language bade them farewell, closing what was one of the most successful triduums ever held in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Perth.

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

MIDNIGHT MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL.

Shortly after 11 p. m. on Monday, the 31st December, the seating capacity of St. Peter's cathedral was taxed to its utmost, and the very great number of worshippers who arrived after that time and who were not fortunate enough to secure seats on the benches temporarily arranged for their accommodation, were obliged to remain standing during the celebration of the Solemn Pontifical Mass at midnight. The imposing ceremonies in commemoration of the termination of the Holy Year and the opening of the twentieth century, lasted until after 2 a. m. In the celebration His Lordship the Bishop was attended by Rev. J. T Aylward as assistant priest, Rev. Father Heath C. S. B., and Rev. James Hanlon deacons of honor; Rev. P. J. McKeon deacon of the Mass, Rev. F. Forster, C. S. B, sub-deacon; Rev. D. J. Egan and Mr. Powell, C. S. B., masters of ceremonies. The main altar was ablaze with lighted tapers and vari-colored lights artistically interspersed throughout which were a number of the choicest variety of flowers obtainable at this season—the arrangement being the work of two of the Sisters of St. Joseph. To the beautifying of the earthly dwelling place of the Prisoner of the Tabernacle have these good ladies for years lovingly given their time and talent.

At the Gospel Rev J. T. Aylward ascended the pulpit and delivered an earnest and practical discourse eminently fitting the occasion. He began by remarking that, standing as we were on that night at the beginning of a new year and likewise of a new century, our thoughts naturally grow retrospective. A year has floated past and gone—never to be recalled. With this thought comes another, and a solemn one: we are one year nearer to our judgment—nearer to eternity. In glancing back over the fleeting year there are indeed many things which we should like to be able to change, but not one instant of that time can we ever hope to recall into existence. However much we might wish to repair the many good acts we left undone, or the sinful ones we may have committed, our wish is useless so far as the year that is gone is concerned. Throughout the past year many moral and physical evils, worst of all, war, have visited us. It may be that sickness and death have come to some. To others, sorrow, trials — lack of consolation or dissension in our family life, or failures in our business prospects. Again, looking on the other side, we have many things for which we should be truly thankful—the thousands of acts of kindness we have received, although unmerited, from Almighty God; the many, the priceless blessings He has conferred upon us; the many interior graces which have brought us nearer and nearer to Jesus making us realize our own littleness and our need of complete submission to His Divine will. In the world to-day on all sides we hear words of good will and happy wishes, but these expressions coming from the lips of a pastor to his people—coming from the depths of the heart of the guardian and custodian of the treasures of the Church of Jesus Christ — are, surely, more sacred. Continuing, Father Aylward, on behalf of the Bishop and priests of the Cathedral, extended to the immense congregation best wishes for a happy, a truly happy and blessed New Year. First for the parents—he implored God to grant them happiness with themselves and their families, and he trusted that throughout the New Year they would enjoy the submission and obedience of their children. Next, the young people—the young men and young women—he earnestly hoped would be guarded and protected from the many pitfalls, dangers and temptations to which they are exposed. What a pity it is, said he, when our young people, instead of being the pride and glory of Mother Church, bring the blush of shame to her cheek! If they would take there solution of regularly receiving the sacraments, through which sacred channels God's grace enters their soul, they would be stronger and braver to battle against temptation, and this year would be for them a truly happy one. To the city of London Father Aylward likewise extended a happy and prosperous new year, and remarked that we are proud—and justly so—of the city in which we reside, and he trusted it would always bear its present good reputation. People who once lived in London were, he said, glad to return. To our country also he wished a happy New Year. O her countries might make greater boast of their privileges, but there is no other nation which enjoys larger freedom. He trusted our beloved Canada would always enjoy its present harmony. And standing at the dawn of the twentieth century Canadians should feel true and heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon our country. But how few—alas!—are mindful of the Author of the gifts so lavishly bestowed. Take the majority of the rich people of the world for example—how completely forgetful they are of the Giver of their wealth! In fact they seem to place God out of existence so far as practically employing His gifts as He intended they should. They should constantly remember they are but stewards, and in God's good time they will have to render an account of the manner in which they employed His treasures. In the crib of Bethlehem the poor have a divine example. Jesus Christ wore the garb of poverty, and since that time Poverty has been deified. The King of kings came into this world in the direst and most abject poverty. We find Him in the stable of Bethlehem wrapped in swaddling clothes, and "He had not whereon to lay His head." Christ sanctified and ennobled poverty. Rich and poor should therefore offer grateful thanks to Jesus for all the blessings He has given them.

Now let us, said he, look to the future. The past has been a lesson. During the twelve months gone by how many times have we not outraged the infinite justice of God! In fact were it not for His loving mercy many of us might even now be suffering eternal torments. As the opening of another century our resolve should, therefore, be to atone for our past transgressions and to lead better and nobler lives—lives in perfect conformity to the will of God. If we continue to think and act only for this world how can we expect Almighty God, before Whom we must all one day appear, to number us amongst His elect in Heaven! We should have a higher aim, a loftier motive, remembering that we are co-heirs of Jesus Christ and destined to the enjoyment of an eternity of happiness. During this coming year let us therefore, serve God more completely. And in order to do this, the rev. speaker counselled, amongst other things, regular and devout attendance at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, diligence in our morning and evening prayers, purity of intention in our daily thoughts and actions. He admonished the parents—especially the mothers—to see to it that their children attend faithfully to their religious duties, and above all to themselves give the example. At the beginning of the New Year let us offer to God our grateful homage and resolve to always give our love and gratitude to Jesus Christ our Redeemer. In doing this our lives will be truly happy in this world and we will merit for ourselves an eternity of happiness in the world to come. This is the wish the rev. speaker, on behalf of the Bishop and priests, in conclusion earnestly extended to all present.

The greater part of the immense congregation received Holy Communion—truly an edifying spectacle.

Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by the Bishop, assisted by the priests above mentioned, after which His Lordship imparted the Papal blessing.

The following programme was cleverly rendered under the direction of Messrs. Hubert C. Traher, organist, and W. E. Miller choirmaster:

11.45 to 12 p. m.—Organ Recital.....
(a) Communion in E Minor.....Batiste
(b) Melody in C.....E Silas
(c) Elevation in A.....Guilmant
Mass No 3 (The Imperial).....Jos Hayden
For Soli, Quartette and Chorus.
Offertory.
Ave Verum—Quartette.....Ch Gounod
Benediction.
O Salutaris—Solo.....Bonner
Tantum Ergo—Chorus.....E. Dethier
Te Deum Laudamus.....Gregorian

Immediately after the singing of the Te Deum His Lordship imparted the Papal Benediction.

Hymn.
"Holy God we Praise Thy Name".....German Choral
.....Lemmens
Marche Pontificale.....
The Children's Choir assisted at the Benediction.

Two other Masses were celebrated—at 8.30 and 10 o'clock. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed from 8 a. m. until noon on Tuesday. Benediction was given at 12 o'clock, terminating the religious services for the day.

NEW YEAR'S AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, LONDON

The opening of the new century by Midnight Mass, so graciously permitted by the Holy Father, was impressively celebrated in St. Mary's church by the pastor, Rev. Father Traher. The altars and sanctuary were brilliantly lighted while abundant floral decorations added their tribute to the festal scene. The very fine music of Christmas was repeated by the choir, which sustained the high reputation earned at the first rendering of the Mass, and showed still greater perfection of execution. Not the least noticeable feature of the service was the large number who approached the Holy Table, almost all present in the crowded church receiving the pledge of their Master's love, thus bringing on themselves and their Church a special blessing for the Holy Year. At the conclusion of the Mass, Father Traher addressed a few words of encouragement to the congregation, thanking them all for their co operation during the past, and wishing them every blessing for the incoming year.

PRESENTATION TO REV. D. P. M'MENAMIN, P. P., AT ST AUGUSTINE.

Rev. Father McMenamin, who is about to take charge of the new parish of Clinton and Blyth, preached his farewell sermon at St Augustine last Sunday. The congregation took advantage of the occasion to manifest their great esteem and affection for their worthy pastor by presenting him with an address and purse.

Mr Richard Phelan read the following address, which was signed on behalf of the parish by Thomas Cummins, P. O Connor, M. Leddy, P Kearney, John Foran, W. Brophy, A. McCabe, and others:

ADDRESS.

Dear and Rev. Father—This being the eve of your departure, we profit by the present occasion to offer you a slight testimony of our esteem and affection.

It is only one year and a half since you came amongst us, a stranger, but with a golden character which has only increased in lustre and merit. We have listened with great pleasure to your very eloquent sermons and marked your untiring zeal and earnest efforts in the interests of our Divine Master and the sanctification of our souls. You have been our true model, our guide, our friend and worthy pastor. It is right, then, that we regret to lose you, but rest assured that the people of St. Augustine will never forget you.

We respectfully ask you to accept this testimonial of our love and the accompanying purse. It is little compared to what we would like to make it, and our words are weak in the expression of our good wishes.

We wish you success and pray God to bless you and your efforts in your new field of labor.

Father McMenamin responded in his usual happy style, but with emotions of pain in leaving, he said, a congregation so dear to him, and a home where he spent the most peaceful and happiest days of his life. He thanked them sincerely for their worthy testimonial and generous gift, but he assured them that he would treasure far more the fond remembrance of the good and kind people of St. Augustine. He hoped they would ever remain faithful to God and His holy Church, and prayed God to bless them and theirs.

On the Thursday previous, the members of the C. M. B. A. presented Father McMenamin with an address and a beautiful gold-headed and ebony cane as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his efforts and success in laboring for the good and advancement of their association.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH, WATERLOO.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. Spetz, C. R., and the congregation of St. Louis Church are to be congratulated on the great improvements which have been made in their church. During the fall months the exterior, including the spire, was repainted and the interior has been recently decorated at a cost exceeding $500.00. The designs and figures are very appropriate and beautiful, and the decorations, taken ensemble, very artistic. The sanctuary has been newly carpeted and the aisles covered with cocoa matting, imparting an air of comfort and refinement to the sacred edifice.

The New Century was ushered in by the celebration of Midnight Mass, the Rev. Dr. Spetz, C. R., being celebrant. The sermon of the Rev. Father, which was in German, was earnest, practical and instructive, and the services, which were well attended, grand and impressive throughout. The crib—a miniature representation of the manger at Bethlehem—was very realistic, recalling the thrilling scenes which accompanied the birth of the new-born Saviour, nineteen hundred years ago. The music and singing were excellent. Miss Bertha Ridell presiding at the organ. The offertorial selection, a beautiful Pastores, was much admired.

At the 10 o'clock High Mass on New Years day the celebrant was Rev. A. Waechter, C. R., and the sermon was preached by the Rev. D Fennessy, C. R., who gave a most eloquent discourse on the Gospel of the day. Large numbers of the faithful received Holy Communion—a most edifying sight. The church was crowded to its full capacity both at the Midnight and the forenoon services.

ST. PATRICK S REJOICES.

A very large congregation was present at the 10 30 Mass in St Patrick's church, Hamilton, on the 23rd inst., the occasion being the celebration of the first Mass of the Rev. Father Crofton. The young priest was assisted by Father Donovan, while Father Doyle was deacon and the Rev. Mr. Flynn, subdeacon. Father Coty, the pastor, preached on the Dignity and Excellence of the Priesthood, taking occasion to congratulate the congregation on the honor conferred on them of having another of their young men chosen for the priestly office. He also congratulated the young priest's parents on the happiness they now enjoyed of seeing their son standing at the altar of God, and he further congratulated the young priest himself on the happy termination of his studies. The music of the choir was excellent. At the end of the Mass, the members of the congregation approached the railing and received the blessing of the newly-ordained priest. Father Crofton is at present attached to the cathedral.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES.

As usual the services in the churches were carried out in a splendid way. The decorations were tasty and the music excellent. At the Cathedral the new incandescent lights added materially to the beauty of the altar. His Lordship sang Pontifical High Mass at St. Mary's at 10:30. He was assisted by Father Mahony as assistant priest, Father Holden as deacon and the Rev. Jos. Flynn as sub deacon. The Rev. Fathers Jos. Crofton and M. Kane were deacons of honor. Father Donovan was master of ceremonies. The Bishop also addressed a few words of congratulation to the priests and people, and briefly showed the reason why we should rejoice on the Feast of Christmas. The choir was assisted by a strong orchestra and Mass—Gounod's Messe Solennelle—was rendered in grand style. Musical Vespers were sung in the evening. At the 6 o'clock Mass a children's choir and orchestra, under the direction of Father Donovan and the Sisters of St. Mary's, St. Ann's and Sacred Heart schools, rendered a beautiful programme of music suitable to the feast.

At St. Patrick's, Father Coty was the celebrant of the 10:30 Mass. Father Doyle preached. The choir was assisted both at Mass and Vespers by an orchestra, and easily sustained its reputation for good music. Father Brady sang the 10:30 Mass at St Lawrence's church and also preached an excellent sermon on the Nativity. Father Lenhard officiated at St. Joseph's, in the absence of Father Hinchy, who is sick. The music of the choir was very good.

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD.

The Rev Jos. Flynn, and the Rev. Michael Kane, students of St. Jerome's college, Berlin, were ordained priests by His Lordship in his chapel, Sunday morning, the 30th inst. The ceremony was begun at 8 30. After the ordination the young priests officiated as deacon and subdeacon at the High Mass at the Cathedral, Father Crofton being the celebrant. The newly ordained are natives of New York State, Father Flynn coming from Wappingers Falls, and Father Kane from Cohoes. Their field of labor will be in the diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They are both energetic and earnest young men and full of zeal. We wish them every happiness.

SODALITY CONCERT.

The Cathedral Young Ladies Sodality gave a concert in the parish hall on the 27th. The programme was of real merit and deserved the praise it is receiving. It was carried through chiefly by the members of the Sodality, and is as a consequence all the more worthy of praise. A large audience was present. The programme consisted of a solo and a recitation by Miss Long, solo by Miss Findlay, solo by Miss Byrne, solo by James Wilmot, and two sketches by ladies of the Sodality. A one-act farce entitled, Tip Top, was the first presented, and it was thoroughly enjoyed. Those who took part were: Misses McKenna, Rowan, Condon, Donnelly Daly, Smith, Dillon, Fee, Burke, Presnail and Sullivan. A very seasonable drama entitled, "The Gloria in Excelsis Deo," was also presented by the following young ladies: Misses Dore, Keough, Cushion, Fletcher, Presnail, Seery, Doyle, Campbell, Organ, Eustice, M. Smith, C. Smith, Seery and Long; Our Lady, Miss Laura McKenna; St. Joseph, M. McKeever; angels, Gertie and E. Fletcher.

To the following committee is due the success of the entertainment: Miss Hagerty, President; Miss Dore, secretary, Misses Galvin, Cushion, Smith, Fletcher, Keough and Hanley.

MIDNIGHT MASSES.

The Bishop celebrated Midnight Mass at the Cathedral, New Year's. He was attended by Father Mahony as assistant priest, Father Holden was deacon and Father Flynn, subdeacon. Fathers Crofton and Kane were deacons of honor. His Lordship spoke a few words of greeting to a congregation that crowded the church to the doors. The number of communicants was very large. The choir repeated the music of Christmas.

A large congregation were also present at St. Patrick's and St. Lawrence's, and at both these churches the numbers that approached Holy Communion were large indeed. The music of the choir was excellent.

A RECEPTION.

A ceremony of reception and profession took place Saturday morning at St Joseph's convent. Mass was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Right Rev. T. J. Dowling, and at its conclusion His Lordship formally received the following young ladies into the Sisterhood: Miss O'Reilly, of Alliston, in religion Sister Fidelis; Miss Hinsperger, of Mildmay, in religion Sister Demetria; Miss St. Denis, of Pembroke, in religion Sister Sylvia; Miss Searle, of Elora, in religion Sister Mildred.

After the reception ceremony two novices, Sisters Ignatia and Euphrasia, who have completed the required two years' probation, advanced to the foot of the altar and pronounced the vows of perpetual poverty, chastity and obedience, by which they become life members of the Congregation of St. Joseph.

Besides the Bishop there were present in the sanctuary Rev. Fathers Holden, Brady and Mahoney, and the chapel was thronged with the friends and relatives of the new Sisters. Appropriate music was furnished by the convent choir.

The Bishop said the children's Mass in the cathedral on the feast of the Epiphany. The children's choir sang.

A PRESENTATION.

The Rev. Father Croften, recently ordained, was presented with a purse of gold by the old and new sanctuary boys of St Patrick's church, Hamilton, Jan. 3rd. The presentation was made by Father Craven (Galt) at the St. Patrick's club. Father Crofton briefly thanked the boys for their kindness. After the presentation a musical programme was gone through.

ST MICHAEL'S, DUNVILLE.

St. Michael's church was comfortably filled by members of all denominations on Monday night 12 o'clock to hear the Grand High Mass. The sermon by Rev. Father Crinion was most appropriate. He dealt with the discoveries, achievements, inventions and benefits of the past century, also the increase of knowledge and the spread of Christianity. He dealt with good resolutions in a thorough manner, and also spoke on the efficacy of prayer. The organist and choir leader, Charles Kenny, deserves great praise for the high class musical part of the programme. Nearly all the selections were from Peter's Mass in D. The choir was assisted by J. A. Holroad, the local bari tone, and Miss Annie Benning of Paris, who both sang solos. The former rendered "Ora Pro Nobis" and the latter gave the "Quoniam," both in good voice voices. Solo were also given as follows: Mrs George Martin, "Benedictus;" Vieva Cleary, "Crucifixus;" Tessie Jewhurst, "Credo," Gertrude Henry, "Qui propter nos homines." The three first mentioned sang "Adeste Fidelis," taking one verse each. Low Mass was held New Year's morning at 10:30. A generous offertory was received at both services, and these funds are to be applied to the reduction of the church debt.—The Dunnville Chronicle.

FROM SAULT ST. MARIE, ONT.

Though the customary Midnight Mass on Christmas night was omitted at the Sacred Heart Church owing to want of room to accommodate the rapidly increasing congregation, the members were given every opportunity to celebrate the great festival in a fitting manner. The first Mass was celebrated at 6 a. m. on Christmas Day. At 8 o'clock Mass general Communion for the parish was given to a very large number. At 10 30 solemn High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Primeau, who also gave a brief but very beautiful instruction on the great lessons of humility and love of poverty to be learned by the lowly surroundings of the birth of the King of kings. The altars looked very pretty with their decorations of dark-hued palms and sparkling lights, the Maiden-Mother bending modestly over the crib of Bethlehem at her feet, from a bower of foamy lace and clustering lilies. Streamers of pink and rich hued orange spanned the nave and high up on the main altar the Imperial standard and Canadian Ensign drooped their bright folds over the Tabernacle of the Mighty God of Battles. Flags floated from every pillar and added much to the attractive appearance of the pretty little church.

Vespers at 3:30 in the afternoon were very well attended. Memo.

C. M. B. A.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Chesterville, Dec. 27, 1900.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 309, C. M. B. A., it was unanimously adopted that the Secretary send a resolution of condolence to Bro. John Braithwait:

That whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove by death your kind and affectionate mother,

Resolved that we, the officers and members of this branch express our sympathy for the loss sustained by you and extend our sincere condolence in your sad affliction; also that a copy be sent to the afflicted family, the Winchester Press, The Canadian and the CATHOLIC RECORD for publication.

Chesterville, Dec. 27, 1900.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 309, C. M. B. A., Chesterville, Ont., it was unanimously adopted that the Recording Secretary send a resolution of condolence to Bro. Thos. M Donald and family:

That whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove by death your esteemed daughter,

Resolved that we, the officers and members of this branch express our sympathy for the loss sustained by you, and extend our sincere condolence in your sad affliction; also

Resolved that copies be sent to the Morrisburg Herald, The Canadian and the CATHOLIC RECORD for publication.

St. Brigids, Dec. 5, 1900.

At the regular meeting of Branch 317, C. M. B. A., the following resolution was moved by Brother Michael Hagarty, seconded by Brother John McGrath, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved that we, the members of Branch 317, C M B A., having heard with deepest regret of the death of Mrs. Wm. Ryan of Mitchell, sister of our worthy President and beloved pastor, take this opportunity to express our sincere sympathy with Father Downey and the other members of the deceased lady's family.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Father Downey also to the CATHOLIC RECORD and The Canadian for publication.

JOHN J. HAGARTY, Rec Sec. Branch 317.

FATHER SINNETT'S LETTER.

To the Editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD:

Winnipeg, Dec. 31, 1900.

Dear Sir—I see in the last issue of your much esteemed paper a letter from the Rev. Father Sinnett, who was in the South African war. I was well acquainted with the rev. gentleman—and a gentleman he is, every inch of him, and a good, kind man—and I am glad he is able to refute the statement about the Boers destroying a convent and church and committing other alleged depredations. I do not for a moment doubt that the Boers have not their faults as well as other people. But it is to be regretted that they have been blamed for acts of which they are not guilty and heralded over the world, and perhaps handed down to generations yet unborn. The truth is that out of such calumny as this a great part of some of the history of the present day has been made and handed down to us. For refuting this unjust charge, then I say, all honor to Father Sinnett. He has succeeded in finding out the truth and correcting false reports. All I regret is that there are not more men of his stamp in those far off countries to find out the truth or falsity of some of the statements we read.

Yours truly,
D. J. MURNAHAN.

God's Spirit in the innermost depths of our being is soothing, healing, strengthening, comforting, purifying us, hour by hour. He is ever gently stirring our souls, as the summer air that breathes so softly amid the forest leaves. Truly God is with us. Truly we are His temples, bearing Him in our bodies—a precious treasure in earthen vessels.

CARD OF THANKS

From the Sisters of Mount Hope Refuge—Donations Gratefully Acknowledged.

The Sisters of St. Joseph offer their sincere thanks to the many kind friends, far and near, who caught the Master's spirit, and like Him made Christmas beautiful for the aged and lowly under their care. As the "Father of Orphans" has promised to hear the little ones prayers, the year 1901 will be indeed a blessed year for these generous benefactors.

Following are the names of the donors with their offerings: Mr. John J. Cox, turkey; a friend, 6 turkeys, 10 doz. fried cakes, large fruit cake, choice flowers; Mrs. G. McBeth, turkey; Mrs Michael Devan, turkey; Mrs. Thos. Coffey, $5; Mrs. R. M. Burns, $2; Rev. J. T. Aylward, $10; Rev. P. Corcoran, $10; Mr. Richard Payne $2, 6 pickled tongues; E. A. Adams & Co., 10 lbs currants, 10 lbs. raisins, 1 crate Spanish onions, 25 lbs. rolled wheat, 25 lbs. barley, 2 pails jam; Mr. John Daly, 2 turkeys, 5 doz. oranges, box raisins, 10 lbs. candy, 5 lbs. nuts; Mr. R. H Dignan $5; Mr. John Garvey, quarter of beef; Mr. P McGlade, 4 dozen oranges, pk. of apples, packages of nuts, figs and cranberries; Mr. D Collins, turkey, ham; Rev. H. G. Traher, $10; Mrs. Shore, $20; Mr. M Heenan, St. Thomas, $5; Mr. Waddick, Chathan, turkey; Mr. Hickey, Merlin, turkey; Mr. M. Gould, $5; Mr M. J. Gould, $1; Mr. C. O Hagan, 8 and 25 qts. milk; J. H. Chapman & Co., box boys' caps, box of toys; Mr. W. Robson, turkey; Mr. James Hove, Westminster, 2 bags of potatoes, 2 bags of apples, bag of flour; Mrs. H. Tierney, plum pudding; The McClary Manufacturing Co., 10 lbs. sausages, 10 lbs beef; Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, turkey, goose, web of flanelette; Mr. Michael Phelan, turkey, goose; Rev. T. J. Valentine, $5; Rev. P. L'Heureux, $5; Mr. T. J. Murphy, $5; Mr. D Regan, $5; Mr. T. Fallon, $5; Sodality B. V. M., $5; Mrs. W. T. Strong, turkey; Mr Geo. Johnston, Westminster, turkey, box of potatoes; Mrs. McLeod, a dozen beautifully trimmed hats; Mrs. A. F. Cunningham, turkey; ladies of the Sacred Heart, a barrel of apples, 3 bbls. potatoes; Mrs. G. C. Gibbons, turkey; Mr. John Roche, turkey, duck; Mr. James Murray, turkey; Mr. M. Mulkern, turkey; a friend $10; a friend, Windsor, $1; Mrs. Brennan, $1; Mrs. B. Dewan, $1; Mrs. John Pocock, $2; Mrs. W. Moylan, $2; Mr. J. Costello, $1; Mrs. E. O'Brien, turkey; Mr. D. McIntyre, Dorchester, turkey; Mr. J. Ginge, Canadian Packing Co., 32 lbs. beef, 2 boxes pressed meat; Mrs. H. Beecher, turkey; Mrs T. Fleming, turkey; A. M. Hamilton & Sons, 5 lbs. barley, 5 lbs. beans, 10 lbs. corn meal, 2 bags salt; Mr. Skelly, $2; Mr. R Brown, box children's shoes; Mrs. W. H. Smith, goose, box of toys; Mrs. James Butler, turkey, ham; Mr. Geo. J. Aust, 2 bags oatmeal; M Masuret and Co. sack of rice, mat of figs, box of macaroni, box of laundry starch, box valencia raisins, box table raisins, 3 cans chicken soup, 2 pails jam, packages of cocoa, chocolate, popcorn, licorice, shoe polish, nuts, oatmeal, 12 packages flaked beans and peas, 16 packages of candy; Mrs. Martin O'Sullivan, turkey, ham; Mr. Jos. Pocock, ham; London Drug Co, 75 cakes toilet soap; Mrs P. Pocock, 2 hundred of flour; Mr. T. J. Green, turkey; Mrs. (Dr.) Meek, turkey; Mr. T. J. Smallman, turkey, 1 dozen oranges, candy; Mr. J. Hanley, hundred of flour; Miss Flood, St. Johns, crock of butter; Mrs. Darcy, 2 turkeys, 2 dozen oranges; Mr. Chancey Smith, 7 doz. oranges; Mrs. Cleary, goose, crock of butter; Mr. Jas. Wilson 8 doz. oranges, large pail mince meat, 10 lbs. candy; R. C. Struthers, web of print; Mrs. Archie McNeil, fruit cake; Mayor Rumball, large quantity of candy; Mr. J. Ward, 2 turkeys, 2 doz. oranges; Mrs. Jas. Durkin, 4 doz. oranges, packages of candy, nuts, raisins; Ryan & Russel, mat of figs, box of dates, 3 boxes of pressed meat, 6 boxes of Rolston pressed food; Mr. N. J. McDermid, gross of popcorn; The McCormack manufacturing Co., 2-pound box of choice cakes and candy to each of 199 inmates, also 30 lbs cream and chocolate drops; Calumet Tea and Coffee Co. $10; Mr. Kargus, 25 loaves current bread; Mr. Boomer, 10 doz. buns; Mr. Wilkinson, 2 bags potatoes; Mrs. McGrady, $10; Mr. S. Mitcheltree, turkey.

MARKET REPORTS.

LONDON.

London, Jan. 10.—Grain, per cental—Wheat $1.03 to $1.05; oats, 79 to 81c.; peas, 80 to 90; barley, 70c to 80; corn, 75 to 80c.; rye, 70c. to $1.00; buckwheat, 85 to 95; beans, per bushel, 90c. to $1.10; alsike clover, $6.50 to $6.60.

Farm Produce — Hay, new, $7.00 to $8.00; straw per load, $3.00 to $3.50; straw, per ton, $5.00 to $6.00.

Live Stock—Live hogs, $5.40 to $5.50; pigs, pair, $3.50 to $5.50; export cattle, $4.50 to $5.

Poultry — Ducks, dressed pair, 80 to 90c.; spring chickens, (dressed) 50 to 70c; live chickens, 30 to 50c.; geese, per lb., 7 to 8c.; geese, each, 60 to 90c.; turkeys, per lb. 8 to 9½c.

Meat—Pork, per cwt., $7.75 to $8.20; beef, $4.50 to $6.00; veal, by the carcass, $6 to $7; mutton, by the carcass, $5 to $5.50; lamb, by the carcass, 8c; lamb, by the quarter, 8 to 9c.

Fruits—Apples per bag, 50 to 75c.; apples, per barrel, $1.50 to $2.25; citrons, per dozen 50 to 60c.

Dairy Produce—Eggs, fresh laid, per dozen, 22 to 25c; eggs, basket lots, 18 to 22c; butter, best rolls, 20 to 22c.; butter, best crocks, 18 to 20c; butter, store lots, 17 to 19c.; butter, creamery, 23 to 24c; cheese, pound, wholesale, 10 to 11c.; cheese, pound, retail, 12½ to 14c; honey, per pound, 12½ to 15c; lard, per pound, wholesale, 9 to 9½c; lard, per pound, retail, 10 to 11c.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 10—Flour quiet; demand moderate; 90 per cent. patents quoted at $2.40