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## EPISCOPAL APPROBATION.

If the English Speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the TRUE WITNESS one of the most prosperous and powerful Catholic papers in this country. I heartily bless those who encourage this excellent work.

PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

SATURDAY.....FEBRUARY 23, 1901

## NOTES OF THE WEEK

**ST. PATRICK'S**—Arrangements are being made for special retreats for the young women and young men of the parish during Lent.

**THE GESU**—The Lenten course of sermons commences next Sunday evening at eight o'clock. Father Kavanagh, S.J., will open the series, taking as his subject: "The Bible as it was written and as it is to be read."

**CHINA ACCEPTS**—China has finally accepted the ultimatum of the Powers. What next? The answer must greatly depend upon the determination to be shown by the Powers, and upon China's chance of effective resistance to "the strangers." We know well that if the Chinese Government can see any possibility of crushing the "intruders," it will not take long to tear up any treaty or agreement that may be signed.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY ADVERTISING**—One reason why our advertisers should make sure that their orders for St. Patrick's Day issues are placed with the "True Witness," is that, by so doing, they will reach a constituency of "bona fide" subscribers, of people who take the paper week in and week out, and from whom they can legitimately expect some return in patronage. We, therefore, advise all our friends to make sure that their advertisements for that special season be placed in the right hands.

**THE ICE MOVEMENT**—The exceptionally early movement of the ice in the St. Lawrence has given rise to considerable speculation. Does it forecast an early spring, or not? Will it be productive of an inundation? or will the harbor improvements suffice to resist any abnormal rising of the water? These are questions of moment for our city. At all events one result may be looked for; that is the breaking up of the winter roads from the different villages on the South side—this, in itself, will be a great inconvenience to hundreds.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**—The attendance in all the Catholic churches on Ash Wednesday was remarkably large. It is evident, if for reasons of sufficient moment. His Grace the Archbishop has lessened the rigor of the Lenten rules this year, that the Catholics of Montreal are determined to observe the recommendation made them of a closer observance of the Sunday and a more zealous attendance at this holy season. Salutary are the sentiments inspired by the solemn sprinkling of the blessed ashes on the heads of the faithful. It is a promising sign, for the time of Jubilee privileges that so much devotion should be manifested.

**THE DELPIT CASE**—The daily press has furnished the public with full reports of the arguments and evidence, on both sides, in the now famous Delpit case. The presiding judge has taken the matter on deliberation, and a judgment may soon be expected. Of course we, in common

with all others who have followed this case, have our private opinion concerning it; but as long as the matter is "sub judice," we do not feel at liberty, nor would we be justified, to express our views. The moment, however, that judgment is delivered, we will be in a position to deal with the whole issue.

**IRISH IN PARLIAMENT**—The attempt of Mr. O'Donnell, the Nationalist M.P., to address the House of Commons in Irish, and the peculiar discussion that flowed from the speaker's decision, may have a very humorous side, but equally is there a serious aspect to the question. We firmly believe that were any member of the Canadian Parliament to address the House in Irish he would be allowed to proceed as long as he desired. If he was not understood by the members that would be his own loss, but no rule of the House can prevent him from making use of any language he wished to speak. It is strange that Ireland is the only section of the whole Empire that is subjected to an ostracism that would not be tolerated in any other part of the world wide British dominion.

**AN INVITATION**—We received a card, as did all our neighbors, informing us that we were invited to attend the "Evangelical Services" that Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have been conducting all week in the Sherbrooke Street Methodist Church. The card in itself is an interesting document. It tells us that "whosoever will," and that "He that is called to the Lord," also that Mrs. Gordon "is an interesting and attractive speaker," but it says nothing as to Mr. Gordon's qualifications. The most emphatic point is to the effect that the services "will be continued from 8 to 9.30 p.m. (not later)." This reminds us of John Willet's prediction about the rising of the moon—"precisely at eleven, not sooner, not later." Needless to say that we did not attend, but this fact in no wise takes from the perseverance and zeal displayed by our Protestant fellow-citizens.

**THE POPE'S HEALTH**—A week ago last Thursday, in the Sala of Consistors, the Holy Father received about 250 ladies, members of the Association of Work for Poor Churches. The Holy Father looked exceedingly well, and spoke a few kind words to each of the ladies. And yet the irrepressible correspondent will have it that the Pope is ill, that he is slowly weakening, or that very grave anxiety exists, in Vatican circles, concerning his health. When the Holy Father is really ill—which we pray may not be for many a long day—the Catholic press will inform the public of the fact. Meanwhile all other reports may be set down as so much fiction.

**THE CORONATION OATH**—As an evidence that Rev. Father Fallon's action in regard to the coronation oath has been more far-reaching than may be supposed by some, we quote the following from a leading Catholic organ of England:—"We are glad to observe that our demand for the excision of the blasphemous and insulting words on Transubstantiation

from the Coronation Oath before it is taken by the King, is supported in various quarters. In a letter to the "Daily Chronicle," Mr. A. S. Clarke, of Eastleigh, Hants, asks the very pertinent question why the King should be required at the beginning of his reign to stigmatise Catholic doctrine as superstitious and idolatrous, when the proposal that he should begin his reign by publicly declaring that the Mohammedan religion was false would be universally rejected. Another correspondent writing to the "Cork Examiner" with reference to our remarks in last week's issue, justly says: "One of the most encouraging signs of the present day is the perfect freedom enjoyed by the different denominations of the world. This, of course, is the result of education and points to the decay of intolerance. Why, then, should England of all nations still preserve this relic of antiquity?" We can only say that if there are any subjects of the Crown who would insist on thus needlessly wounding the most sacred feelings of some twelve million people within the limits of the Empire, they are bad and dangerous citizens. We trust that Catholics will not let this matter rest.

**LENTEN SERMONS**—Every year the Lenten sermons at Notre Dame are preached by some eminent pulpit orator from France. This year the pulpit will be occupied by Mgr. Rozier, one of the most eminent preachers in Europe. He is a member of the Jesuit Order, and he has won a continental reputation by his wonderful eloquence. In Rome, at Lyons, at Bordeaux, in all the leading churches of Paris, his magnetic oratory has drawn immense congregations. All who will have an opportunity of hearing him in Montreal this Lent will be privileged, and will enjoy that which hundreds have gone miles and miles to hear—the sound and brilliant instructions of the eminent preacher.

**THE MINING DISASTER**—This week has witnessed another of those terrible events in which human lives are destroyed in numbers. The fearful story of the recent disaster in the Cumberland, B.C., mine, whereby a score of lives were lost, comes to us with an effect like that produced by the going down of a vessel at sea. Yet of the two, we almost think that the loss of a whole crew on the ocean is less dreadful than the wholesale destruction of a body of men buried down in the earth, away from all human aid, in a perpetual darkness, walled in by the impenetrable rocks, and cut off from the light of day by hundreds of feet of narrow passages. No imagination is sufficiently vivid to conceive the horrors of such a situation. Truly earth's hidden wealth, take his life in his hands each time that he descends into those dark pits. There is heroism in such a life, and a heroism that knows no proportionate recognition or reward. May it be long before we ever read of a similar catastrophe again.

**THE WORLD GONE MAD**—Truly, in glancing over our daily exchanges from across the line, and in perceiving the mass of sensationalism that is furnished to the press by the strange events that hourly occur one is inclined to ask if the world has gone mad. Before us is a copy of a New York daily of last Tuesday; just glance at the headings of the items that fill up two columns on the first page. "Stole His Prize Oration," "Gave His Life for His Boy's," "\$40 A Plate Dinner to Capt. Kear," "Girl Robbers Caught," "Break in Commercial Relations," "Chicago Hotel Fires Bogus," "One Elder Kills Another," "Church Hears Defiant Confess," "American Interests in Danger," "\$10,000 in a Dirt Pile," "Kneel Naked at Cathedral Door." There ought to be enough sensationalism in these two columns to furnish ground work for a dozen dime novels. Yet they say that the world is improving.

## THE SITUATION IN SPAIN.

While we are perfectly aware that the bulk of the reports that the Protestant press gives us concerning the present turmoil in Spain are grossly exaggerated—especially in regard to the anti-Jesuit movement—still we must admit that there is a foundation for it all, and that such foundation is sufficiently serious to cause all right-thinking people to pause and reflect. There is no doubt that a band of anti-Catholic masonic politicians has recently come to the front in Spain, and is aiming at the control of the entire country. A recent editorial, of great length, in one of our contemporaries seems to go to the very fountain-head of the difficulties. It would be difficult, in turn, to sum up the situation more exactly than the writer of that article does, in these terms:—

"Though Spain is supposed to be the most Catholic country of the

world, her affairs are in the hands of those who are wedded to Masonry and who are cordially set against the Church. They are capable of any violence and mock at all religion. If loyalty and unselfish devotion were not virtues beyond their comprehension their bad aims would result in unbounded evil.

"In Spain as in the other Catholic countries of Europe, the sanest and most trustworthy citizens seem to retire from public life, preferring to leave the destinies of their country in the hands of the unscrupulous and the designing. It would be interesting to know the real cause of this apathy. Some, of course, are satisfied to lay it at the door of the Church and to proclaim triumphantly that the Catholic religion reduces its votaries to mere harmless chatelains, forcing them to forget the things of time and work only for the things of eternity. But the history of the Catholic religion in all ages and in all lands is a story of the best son of the Church is he who works best both for the things of time and the things of eternity. When Spain and the other nations of Europe were most Catholic they could point to the best and most devoted patriots. When they lost sight of the ideals held out by religion their downfall was two-fold. The nearer they came to the teachings of the Church, the greater will be their zeal for country as well as for God."

As to the anti-Jesuit class of so-called patriotism, it is the mere outcome of ignorance and prejudice. The men loudest in their howls against what they are pleased to style "Jesuitism," and the people and the press that applaud them, simply know nothing about the Jesuit Order, and less of it were possible—about individual Jesuits. They have a nightmare conception of some vague phantom, distinct from Catholicism yet constituting the undercurrent of Catholic action; and they label that creature of their fevered fancy "Jesuitism." Possibly they do not even know that they are actually fulfilling the dearest wish of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It was in Spain that his wonderful life was passed. From the field of Pampaluna, where, a wounded soldier, he closed his militant career as a servant of his country, to his death-bed whereon he closed his militant career as a soldier of God's Church, Spain has the honor of being the theatre of his activity. And, when dying, he prayed that the Order he had founded would always be obliged to fight and to suffer. To the Catholic the motive of that prayer is patent. And history proves abundantly that his prayer was heard and granted.

## ABOUT THE PARISHES.

**AT ST. ANN'S**—The earnest and enthusiastic members of St. Ann's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society held their annual religious celebration on Ash Wednesday evening, in their parish Church. Judging by the large attendance of parishioners, there are hundreds in the grand old parish of St. Ann's who are in warm sympathy with the endeavors of the organization to promote the noble cause.

The ceremonies were opened with prayers, after which the Rev. Father Spellman, of St. Patrick's, ascended the pulpit and preached an eloquent discourse. The evils of intemperance and the miseries and punishment it entailed were vividly described, and contrasted with the cause of temperance and its good effects upon the individual and the family. The Rev. Father's sermon produced a deep effect, as was evident from the large number who immediately after took the pledge of total abstinence.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed. The Rev. Father Lemieux officiated, with the Rev. Father Reivelt and Rev. Father Saurier as deacon and sub-deacon. The altar and sanctuary were specially decorated for the occasion. Seats of honor were arranged within the sanctuary rails and were occupied by Ald. D. Gallery, M.P., St. Ann's T. A. & B. Society; Mr. J. J. Costigan, St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society; Mr. P. O'Brien, St. Gabriel's T. A. & B. Society, and the other officers of the respective societies. Immediately after the services a special meeting of the St. Ann's Society was held, when Mr. Gallery in the chair, when twenty new members were admitted and signed the roll of membership.

The choir, under the direction of Prof. F. J. Shea, rendered a number of solos, duets and choruses, in a manner which added greatly to the solemn occasion.

**LADIES OF CHARITY**—This excellent association of ladies, in St. Patrick's parish following up the programme mapped out in the opening days of the winter, held another successful euchre party in St. Patrick's Hall last week. It was attended by a large number. The following ladies and gentlemen were the fortunate ones in the contest, and were awarded the handsome prizes:—

Ladies: First, Miss McGrath; second, Mrs. Reynolds.

Gentlemen: First, Mr. Owen Tansey; second, Bernard Tansey.

Ladies' consolation, Mrs. Ryan.

## ST. PATRICK'S T. A. &amp; B. SOCIETY

## 61st Anniversary.

The St. Patrick's T. A. and B. Society, the parent Total Abstinence Society of this continent, celebrated its 61st anniversary on Tuesday last by an entertainment in the St. Patrick's Hall, St. Alexander street. The friends of the society showed their appreciation of the good work done, and being done by attending in force, as notwithstanding that the event had not been advertised, the hall was crowded long before 8 o'clock, and even standing room was at a premium.

Mr. J. J. Costigan presided, and was supported by the Rev. J. P. Kiernan, Rev. President of the Society, Mr. John Walsh, Chairman of the Committee of Management, Mr. Jas. H. Kelly, treasurer, Mr. M. Sharkey, Mr. John P. Gunning, secretary, Mr. J. Easton, financial secretary, and other officers of the society. The Rev. Father McGrath, Rev. President, was unavoidably absent.

Mr. Costigan opened the proceedings by a short address of welcome, in course of which he gave some interesting details regarding the society, from its foundation in 1840, by the Rev. Patrick Phelan, to the present day. The good work done by the society during its lengthy career was an impossibility to estimate, it had been true to the intention of its reverend founder, its aims and objects were to-day the same as they were in 1840, and the society was still as active as of old in their promotion and advancement. The present condition of the society was a most satisfactory one, and the membership was being continually increased. The membership of the society was divided into three classes, viz., regular branch with benefits attached and which had since its inception done much good, this branch had paid out close on \$15,000 in benefits to members, and had to its credit \$3,000 in bank. The ordinary branch was also satisfactory and doing good work.

The junior branch, which was now in full operation, thanks to the zeal of the Rev. Father McGrath, was advancing with rapid strides, it had a membership close upon a hundred boys ranging in ages from 13 to 18 years, all zealous in the promotion of the cause of temperance. Following the Chairman's address, the first part of the programme was proceeded with as follows:—

1. Song, "Will my soul pass thro' Ireland," Miss Lillie McKeown.
2. Song, Mr. Jas. Legalles.
3. Song, "The Swallows," Miss M. McNally.
4. Violin solo, "Cavatina," Mr. J. St. John.
5. Song, "Monarch of the Woods," Mr. Joseph H. Maiden.
6. Comic recitation, Mr. N. J. McIlhorne.
7. Song, "Asleep in the Deep," Mr. W. F. Costigan.

All of the above items were most effectively rendered, and each and all were most heartily applauded. The Chairman then rose and paid a marked and fitting tribute to the many Rev. Fathers, who from time to time had filled the important office of Rev. President of the Society, to whose watchful care was justly attributable its past and present prosperity and without whose guidance the Society would not have accomplished much. He then introduced the Rev. Father Kiernan, who had been Rev. President of the Society in 1879-80. The Rev. Father on coming forward, was most heartily greeted, he thanked the audience for its warm reception, he did not intend to make any lengthy address, he was pleased to be present to celebrate with them the anniversary of the Society. Their Society had had a long and honored career, of which they might well feel proud, the work in which they were engaged was a noble one, they had the assistance and help of the Church and the clergy, and the Rev. Father who did have charge of the Society always found willing co-workers in the lay members and officers of the Society, and it was thus that the Society had prospered. The Rev. Father then dwelt upon the evils which had called the society into existence, he described the ravages which intemperance made on society, the individual, and the family, he depicted the blighted homes and the wrecked careers which followed in its wake. This great evil was rampant sixty years ago, and it was still doing its deadly work. The society had done much, and there was still much for them to do, he exhorted the members to be true to their principles, to renew their energy; he then pointed out the necessity of the society and the many wants which it could still employ to promote the spread of its principles, the promotion of its prosperity was the promotion of the prosperity and the happiness of

the people at large. Father Kiernan on resuming his seat was most heartily applauded.

Mr. Patrick Reynolds, one of the veteran members of the Society, in a few appropriate remarks, moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. Speaker of the evening. The motion was seconded by Mr. M. Sharkey, and was carried by the vast audience rising in their seats.

The second part of the programme was then gone on with, and was as heartily appreciated as the first, the following being the items:

1. Piano Duet, "Merry Skaters," Master David Walsh, Mr. J. I. McCaffrey.
2. Song, "For Old Times Sake," Mr. Jas. Kennedy.
3. Recitation, Shamus O'Brien, by special request, Mr. Richard B. Milloy.
4. Quartet, "I wonder where she is to-night," the Misses McKeown, Miss Harney, Miss May Palmer.
5. Coon Song, Selected, Mr. W. Hennessy.
6. Song, "Beyond the Gates of Paradise," Miss McNally.
7. Song, "The Old Postmaster," Miss Lillie Harney.
8. Vocal Duet, "Joys of Life," Messrs. J. Kennedy and J. Legalles.

Mr. John I. McCaffrey was the accompanist, and was assisted by Miss Florence Costigan and Mr. J. McNally.

John P. Gunning, secretary, acted as master of ceremonies, and the manner in which he conducted the various details was much praised by all who took part. The Committee of Arrangements, Messrs. W. P. Doyle, W. H. Turner, W. F. Costigan, D. J. Kelly, J. C. Reynolds, Thos. Harding and John I. McCaffrey, are deserving of congratulations on the success which attended their efforts.

## FATHER MCGARRY CELEBRATES HIS SILVER JUBILEE.

One of the best known priests in the archdiocese of Montreal, Rev. M. A. McGarry, the esteemed and zealous Superior of St. Laurent College, celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination this week. A large number of the former students of the institution assembled to join with the pupils of the institution in congratulating the reverend father and presenting their best wishes for his future. The celebration opened by a solemn High Mass in the college chapel in the morning. In the afternoon His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, accompanied by a number of the priests of the Cathedral, paid a visit to Father McGarry. Among the members of the clergy present were Rev. Father Dion, Provincial Superior of the Holy Cross Order; Rev. Father Ducharme, Provincial of the Clerics St. Viator, Rev. Father Lemieux, Provincial of the Redemptorists; Rev. Father Art. Guertin, of the Oblate Order; Rev. Father Geoffrin, C.S.C., Superior of Cote des Neiges College; Revs. Bourget, of Ste. Genevieve; A. Jarnin, Ste. Therese; F. Beaulac, curate of St. Laurent; Moulou, chaplain of St. Laurent convent; Cousineau, of Ste. Cunegonde; Decary, curate of Ste. Cunegonde; Messrs. A. Harwood and McDermott, advocates, and many others.

In the evening the students and guests assembled in the public hall of the college, where addresses were delivered to Father McGarry by Messrs. A. Rousset and J. Dwyer, in French and English. A musical and dramatic entertainment was then given, the latter carried out by the members of the St. Jean Baptiste Society of the college.

## THE ANTIDOTE TO RATIONALISM.

In that wonderfully comprehensive document, the joint Pastoral Letter of the Cardinal, Archbishops and Bishops of the Province of Westminster, in England, we read the following regarding the imbibing of rationalism: "But indiscriminate reading is, perhaps, the most insidious form under which the poison of rationalism and unbelief is injected into the soul. Without attracting attention men, and women too, take up books and magazines that lie about, and as it were casually turn to the cleverly written and highly spiced articles against their faith which they find within. Their minds have no tincture of philosophical or theological training; they possess no antidotes to the poisonous drafts. But they read on without excuse or necessity, allured by fashion, curiosity or a desire to taste the forbidden fruit. A common result eventually produced is either distrust of the Church, doubt of revelation and of the existence of God himself, ending in secret or open unbelief, or a general loosening of the spiritual life, and bonds that hold the religious structure together."

Here is a great truth set forth in clear terms. The natural antidote to this literary poison is sound Catholic literature, including the wide circulation of Catholic newspapers.

## THE LATE

We translate the full tribute to the late Callaghan, from "La Semaine Religieuse."

"The Angel of his victims among Fathers. In less than them have fallen fatal strokes. T. Rev. James Callaghan, down of life, at a time of fruitful ministry, been expected from many expectations do not always come over, of the collectivity, even as a soul of man, it must said, that like unto came dropped upon never sheds around more delicate perfume resting upon the b severe trials. And why we have beheld others, this excellent down to the tomb. emn language of H was cut down as h James Callaghan Montreal, where he 18th October, 1855 rich in faith and h been an object of since he drew about to strengthen the priesthood. Two of even now priests o Martin Callaghan, rick's, and Rev. laghan, connected v copal household. S bers of the family positions occupied world.

Being sent to the studies, James became lively spirit and in humor. In the autumn went to the Montreal his elder brother h three years. If he acted to that cate known as "delivered masters remarked for work, a pliable mind, and a golden his classmates two priests, and one—Valleyfield—was the hierarchy of O suffice to show the that these students.

After eight years course, young Callaghan the study of theology, an ardent borderer that he divined into sacred learning, into retreat he received tonsure, and subdiacon, and under the action his heart felt attachment founded by balled for France, Seminary of Ste. concluded his the was there received cil, who, ten year, came to Montreal, visitor of the Orfessor of moral t Rev. Mr. Hogan, rior of the Boston ad: was at that t ed in France; while Piche and Balliar philosophy at Isey te, Duckett and followed the highlogy in Paris. On the 26th May, 18 laghan was admind of the same tude—or novitiate St. Sulpice. T spent; a year of future ministry; association, under and of initiation life. Into that Father Callaghan ant and jovial al main forever in fellow-novices.

On his return to autumn of 1878, curate to St. Ann der the care of t He launched hear rise of the various istry, and soon a talented preacher with a peculiar t the hearts of the ing them in the had won his way and affection of suddenly he was of duty. The Sem given over the p to Mgr. Fabre.

After a year of Seminary, Father sent into the actry for the exerci sessed such mar late Father Dow a son, was happy a curate of St. h he spend the th