

NOTES FROM THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE CITY.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH.

The Redemptorist Fathers from Saratoga, N.Y., will open the Lenten retreat next Sunday at high Mass. Rev. Fathers Heffernan and Polan, who have been ill for the past few days, are steadily improving.

On Sunday afternoon a largely attended meeting of the Ladies' Branch of the League of the Sacred Heart took place. Rev. Father Killoran, in the absence of Rev. Father P. Heffernan, presided. Solemn Benediction closed the proceedings.

ST. MARY'S PARISH.

Last Wednesday evening the annual supper of the choir took place at St. Mary's Hall. Nearly sixty members attended. Rev. Father Brady presided. After justice had been done the good things placed before the company, speeches and songs passed a pleasant hour away.

The contract for the new organ for the church has been signed, and it will be ready in June of this year. The new picture of Our Lady of Good Counsel has been placed above the high altar.

The Young Men's Society, the ladies of the parish, the girls of the Convent school, and the boys of the Edward Murphy school, all are busily engaged in preparing different items for the grand concert to be held on St. Patrick's night, which promises to be the event of the parish.

ST. AGNES PARISH.

On Sunday evening special devotions were held in honor of the League of the Sacred Heart, at which several new members joined. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Casey, of the diocese of Springfield, Mass. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament brought the ceremonies to a close.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH.

On Sunday afternoon a meeting of the wardens was held at which matters pertaining to the work of the interior of the church were discussed, and also the separate school bill, which will be presented at the session of the Provincial Legislature in a few days.

On Wednesday evening at 7.45 the opening exercises in connection with the month of St. Joseph took place.

On Sunday afternoon the members of the League of the Sacred Heart held a meeting.

Commencing next Sunday, there will be three masses instead of two, the first at 7.15, the second at 8.15, and the last at 10.15.

At the Franciscan Church.

Last Sunday afternoon the English speaking men of the Third Order of St. Francis held a largely attended meeting at the Franciscan Church, Dorchester street. After the recitation of the office of the Blessed Virgin, a sermon was preached by Rev. Father Christopher, O.F.M. The Rev. Father took for his text: "Unless your justice abound more than that of the Scribes and the Pharisees, you cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven" (St. Matthew).

"It is thus," said the preacher, "that our Divine Lord condemns the Pharisees, and in future ages those who would imitate them in their vices and passions. Who were they that our Lord spoke about? They were men who by their practices and exterior conduct gained the applause of men. Yet they were condemned by Christ in the words, 'Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; because you make clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but within you are full of rapine and uncleanness.' It is the heart that Christ wants, and not the false piety like the Pharisees, who prayed with their lips but their hearts had no part in it. Such piety was false piety. The Pharisees upbraided our Saviour for healing on the Sabbath day. Yet they did not scruple to blacken His character on the Sabbath day. The Pharisees were strict in the observance of minor matters, but passed greater things. They looked for no reward from God, and they received none. They gained the approbation of their friends, but they gained nothing more; a very poor reward for all the trouble they gave themselves. Finally said the preacher: 'We must seek the glory of God, and not the glory of men, if we would be happy with Christ in His Kingdom.'

Solemn Benediction was imparted by Rev. Father Whitman, O.F.M. At the ceremonies, Rev. Father Whitman addressed the members in the large assembly room on Catholic literature, and urged the members to get subscribers for the Franciscan Monthly Review. He referred to the letter in last week's True Witness, on the encouragement of a Catholic paper, and was particularly well pleased with the writer's kindly reference to the new Franciscan Monthly.

A VISIT TO ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

At the north end of the city at the head of St. Denis street, and near the Carmelite Convent, a modest and unpretentious little church stands. It is known as St. Michael's. It is for the English-speaking Catholics who are scattered over a large territory, comprising six French parishes. When this parish was formed about three years ago, the English-speaking Catholics held services over the St. Denis street Fire Hall. At last a site was purchased, and a church built. The vicinity was almost a wilderness, but to-day it has grown up wonderfully, and several large dwellings are now in course of erection, and in all quarters the steady hand of time has built up the once lonely-looking wastes of land and transformed the place into a pleasant habitation. St. Michael's Church stands as a sentinel in the midst of the buildings surrounding it. It was only a few months ago that the opening ceremonies in connection with the church took place, a memorable one, as it was the last official act of His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi before leaving for the Eternal City. The interior of the building was not quite finished then. On Sunday last the writer paid a visit to the church, and the chaste appearance of the interior, with its new pews, its many and beautiful statues, its three altars with pretty lamps, bespoke the generosity and interest taken by friends and the congregation to make their little temple worthy of the Living God. As the hour for the high Mass approached, a steady stream of worshippers arrived, and as the officiating priest commenced the intonation of the "Agnus Dei," almost every pew was filled. The congregation was indeed a large one, one that surprised even the good and zealous pastor. The rendition of the Sixth tone plain chant Mass was very acceptable by the fine choir of the church. An excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Killoran. The subject was "Theft." He began by saying: Theft was always held by God, by the Church, and by the heathen as the most unprincipled and dishonorable of crimes. In the Sacred Book it is written: "Confusion is on the thief." We have examples in the Book of Judith, ancient history in the Kingdom of Greece, the Medes and the Persians, the captivity of Babylon, and even nowadays, in the Papal lands, which had been unjustly taken; and at the present time people groan under heavy taxes and are left to starve. In all such examples are to be seen the work of injustice. The end of the thief is pitiable. There was one among the Apostles—Judas. His end was despair. After being humbled and disgraced for all ages, he hanged himself. The example of Judas should be a warning to the thief, the defaulter, the embezzler and the swindler. If the temporal woe which follows the thief is pitiable, the spiritual woe is still more so. On the day of judgment God will show no mercy to those who did not give from their abundance, and how much greater will be the punishment of those who have taken what is not theirs. "What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?" The loss incurred by the thief is the friendship of God. Restitution must be made. In the Sacred Book it is written: "He that will not render that which he has taken shall die the eternal death." "Prayers, fasts and good works will not suffice for restitution," St. Augustine says. "Without restitution there is no forgiveness." The holy man Tobias had forty years added to his days for his honesty. Honesty is the best policy before God and man. In conclusion he exhorted the congregation to be strictly honest so that happiness and peace would be theirs.

The work of the church is now finished, the parish is in good working order, and a practical lesson of unity, good will and perseverance on behalf of all may be taken from the parishioners of St. Michael's, and another example of what our people can do when they stand united.

The devil tempts only those souls who are in a state of grace or who are trying to arise from sin. The others are his own, he has no need to tempt them.—Cure of Ars.

GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE CITY.

THIRTEEN TUESDAYS IN HONOR OF ST. ANTHONY.

The devotions of the Thirteen Tuesdays in honor of St. Anthony will begin on Tuesday, March 14, at 7.30 p.m. There will be a special sermon every Tuesday evening, followed by devotions and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

CHARITY SERMON.

On Sunday evening, the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul held services at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester street. The charity sermon was preached by Rev. Father Lewis, O.M.I. A very large congregation assisted.

CLOSING OF NIGHT SCHOOLS.

Last Tuesday evening the different city night schools, under the direction of the Catholic School Commissioners, closed for the season, which had been a very successful one, the attendance being large throughout the term.

SILVER CUP FOR ST. ANN'S HOCKEY TEAM.

A silver cup, donated by the Shamrock Amateur Athletic Association in the School League, and won by St. Ann's hockey team, will be presented shortly to the team, when a pleasant gathering of friends will take place to witness the affair at St. Ann's Hall.

RUMMAGE SALE.

The young ladies of Loyola Literary Club held a very successful rummage sale on Tuesday afternoon. Many availed themselves of the opportunity of securing serviceable goods at very moderate prices. The many friends are hereby thanked for responding to the call by such generous donations.

FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION.

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Notre Dame Church took part in the forty hours' devotion on last Friday evening at the Convent of the Good Shepherd, and on Tuesday evening at Notre Dame des Lourdes. At both places the altars were gems of artistic arrangement, with myriads of lights, banners, streamers, cut flowers and potted plants.

MONTREAL COUPLE MARRIED SEVENTY-SIX YEARS.

Mr. Pierre Forget dit Despatie, and his wife, Adelaide Aubin, of 318 Rivard street, celebrated yesterday the extraordinary event of the seventy-sixth anniversary of their marriage.

Mr. Forget is aged 100 years and six months, and his wife 96 years. Both are in good health, and retain the use of their faculties. They had 13 children, eight of whom are still living, and the eldest, Mrs. Larose, now aged 67 years, will herself celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of her marriage three years hence.

Mr. Forget's father died at the age of 100 years, and his wife's mother at the age of 104 years.

Mr. Forget is an old patriot, and he took part in the battle of St. Eustache during the rebellion of 1837.

Opening of St. Gabriel's Amusement Hall.

Last Thursday night was a gala one for the members of the St. Gabriel's Juvenile Total Abstinence and Benefit Society, and will long be remembered by them as such. It was the opening of their amusement hall. At 8 o'clock a happy scene presented itself, that of some 200 boys ranging from 9 to 18 years, all bent on enjoying themselves at the several games which had been donated for their pleasure. The President, Mr. John Collins, read the rules governing the euchre games, and then the battles started. For over an hour game after game was played, and then followed a concert at which piano solos, recitations and several songs were given. Refreshments were then served, after which the boys wended their way homewards. The officers of the young boys deserve great praise for the able manner in which they performed their several duties. It was a Herculean task they undertook, yet they succeeded nobly. They worked in unison, and success crowned their efforts. Rev. Father Fahey, "the boys' friend," was in his element that night, and felt proud of his young temperance society, and he had every reason to. Mr. Patrick Polan greatly helped the officers and looked after the games. Messrs. O'Donnell, O'Connell and Colfer also

gave valuable assistance. Among those present were Rev. Fathers D. Holland, C.S.S.R., Rietvelt, C.S.S.R., St. Ann's; T. McDonald, Imperial Oil Company; J. Kane, City Hall.

Seven valuable prizes were donated. A writing desk by D. & J. Sadtler, a valuable inkstand by a friend, a penknife by Mr. J. Colfer, a book of poems and music by Mr. E. J. Colfer, and three valuable prizes by Mr. Patrick Polan.

New Building for Catholic Sailors' Club.

The Catholic Sailors' Club, situated at the corner of St. Peter and Common streets, will erect a new hall on St. Peter street, adjoining the premises now occupied by them. For nine years the present building was leased to the Club, but last year the building was purchased. The growing needs of such an institution for the Catholic seamen was apparent on every side, and under good and capable management the Catholic Sailors' Club has done yeoman service for those who spend their lives on "The Billowy Ocean." That the Club has taken a very prominent position is shown by the fact that the captains of several of the steamships running to this port divided the proceeds of the concerts held on the different trips. In this way handsome sums were received by the Club. At the weekly concerts, the Catholic societies and Catholics from all over the city took a great interest in the good work, and last year was the banner year in the amount of money received by the Club. But the room at the disposal of the Club has been found to be inadequate, and the committee of management have at last decided to make alterations. It has been decided to tear down the front of the stores and to build a new front of buff pressed brick, using the present foundations and ground floor. Steel construction work will be employed in the new building. The hall will be fifty-four feet square, and about \$12,000 will be spent upon it.

With the improvements there will be space for a chapel, a large amusement hall for games for the sailors, a concert hall, an office, a waiting room, etc. Mr. F. B. McNamee has directed the work of the Club most successfully, and the present onward step is due to his tireless energy.

Plucky Loyola College Boys.

Last Friday evening an important hockey match between Loyolas and St. Lambert's, in the junior series, took place at Victoria Rink. The game was to have decided the championship of section B, of the junior C.A.H.L. It was a great, fast and scientific hockey match for junior teams, as at least one was a junior team, Loyola; for St. Lambert's the same could not be said. Their goal keeper was a man of thirty years of age, and a great contrast to the younger guard guarding the goals for Loyola, a little chap of only fifteen years. Yet he stuck to his guns like a veteran, and stopped some hot shots. The centre and rover players for St. Lambert's belonged to the intermediate Montreals, and yet they were classed as juniors. It is time to draw the limit when men the ages of twenty-two, twenty-four and thirty are classed as juniors. Yet in spite of this the Loyola boys were not discouraged, but fought manfully and with pluck, skill, endurance and perseverance, succeeded in tying the score five seconds before the call of time. Great excitement prevailed among the four hundred spectators. Another match will take place between these two teams. Congratulations, boys of Loyola, for your great fight against such odds, and may success crown your efforts next match.

MOUNT ST. LOUIS SPORTS.

The annual winter sports of Mount St. Louis College took place on last Friday afternoon at the Stadium. Crowds of spectators witnessed the sports, which were highly successful. The prizes were many and valuable. His Worship Mayor Laporte donated a silver watch; Rev. Bro. Symphorien, director of the institution, a gold medal, the chaplain, a silver medal, and several friends of the institution, other prizes. The following were the winners in the different events:

800 yards, senior class—1, N. Latraverse; 2, R. Gingras; 3, A. Ducheneau; 4, F. Reynolds. 640 yards, intermediate class—1, R. Tanguay; 2, R. McDonald; 3, G. Paquin; 4, R. Mount. 480 yards, junior class—1, J. Norton; 2, G. Picard. 320 yards, backwards, senior class

—1, R. Gingras; 2, A. Ducheneau; 3, C. St. Louis. 160 yards, backwards, intermediate class—1, R. Mount; 2, R. McDonald; 3, G. Paquin.

320 yards, beginners—1, E. Moquin; 2, C. Delorme; 3, E. Hebert. One mile, senior class—1, R. Gingras; 2, F. Reynolds; 3, C. St. Louis; 4, N. Latraverse.

960 yards, intermediate class—1, R. Mount; 2, G. Paquin; 3, R. Tanguay; 4, R. McDonald.

800 yards, junior class—1, G. Martin; 2, L. Archambault; 3, C. Delorme; 4, A. Bernard.

640 yards, backwards, senior class—1, A. Ducheneau; 2, R. Tanguay; 3, F. Reynolds.

320 yards, backwards, intermediate class—1, H. Whissel; 2, P. Brunette; 3, E. Vallieres.

One mile, senior class, final—1, L. Barbeau; 2, H. Lefebvre; 3, E. Gravel.

960 yards, intermediate class—1, B. Ibbotson; 2, G. Picard; 3, H. Renault.

THE TEACHING ORDERS.

The great system of schools which the Catholics of America are rapidly developing would be impossible except for the self-denial of our teaching orders, says Rev. John Gaynor, of Baltimore.

What a strange, inhuman thing is the saintly desire to be lost to the world and all the world holds dear! It is a reversal of all the desires and passions of men. Almost universally the heart is consumed with intense greed for honor, human respect, human esteem, human reward. The courage of the warrior, the pride of the statesman, the vanity of the public official, the thrall of fashion, the whirl of society, the delirium of love, all are created and stimulated by one central motive, the apotheosis of the material. And lo! here in the Catholic schoolroom a young man or a young woman, without affectation or hypocrisy, segregated from loved ones, trampled into dust all power of indulgence and pleasure, and with mere pittance of food and raiment is dedicated inflexibly to instruct the young in paths which lead through the perils of life into the bosom of the eternal God.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF DR. BROPHY.

One of Quebec's best known and highly esteemed physicians, Dr. Michael Henry Brophy, was summoned away to his eternal home on Friday evening after a short illness from inflammation of the lungs. Dr. Brophy had a large practice, especially in the St. Foye and Sillery districts of the county of Quebec, and was beloved by all his patients and neighbors for his kindly, genial disposition and conscientious duty to all entrusted to his professional care. He was an upright gentleman, courteous in demeanor, and charitable in disposition, and the poor lose in him a sincere, generous friend. Deceased was only 45 years of age. He was a graduate of Laval University, and resided on the St. Foye Road ever since he commenced to practice. He was a sterling Irishman, though a native of Quebec, and belonged to all the national organizations in that city formed to promote the Irish national cause or work of benevolence, and was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. The demise of Dr. Brophy has caused a feeling of deep regret in Quebec city, and the whole community sympathize with the family in their sad bereavement.

MR. THOMAS DONNELLY. On Wednesday of last week there passed over to the majority a well-known resident of St. Ann's Ward, in the person of Mr. Thomas Donnelly, master carter. The funeral took place on Friday morning from the family residence, 113 McCord street, to St. Ann's Church, and was largely attended. The different firms with which deceased had been connected, such as the Intercolonial Coal Mining Co., Hy. Dobell, Wm. Dow & Co., sent representatives to attend the funeral.

At the Church a solemn requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., assisted by Rev. Father Fortier as deacon, and Rev. Father Holland as sub-deacon. The full choir of St. Ann's rendered in a beautiful manner the impressive music of Peral's "Messe des Morts."

The chief mourners were Messrs. Thomas and Michael Patrick Donnelly, sons of deceased; Daniel and Patrick, brothers; Michael, William and Daniel Donnelly, nephews. Interment took place at Cote des Neiges cemetery. R. I. P.

MR. MICHAEL P. BURKE. Michael P. Burke, an old resident of Buckingham parish, has gone to join the silent majority in the world

beyond the grave. He died in St. Charles Home, in Ottawa, on Sunday, Feb. 12th, and was buried according to his own wishes in Buckingham cemetery, Tuesday, Feb. 14.

He had gone to the institution only a few weeks prior to his death, and did so because he had no one near of kin to see after him in his enfeebled state. Though feeble of body, his mind was bright and his heart sound, that is, his breast was filled with noble, moral principles which made him so highly esteemed.

He was a native of Innisfail, and no other fact did he feel prouder of, with the solitary exception of his adherence to the Catholic faith. He was born at Ballycastle, County Mayo. He was married about forty years ago to Elizabeth McCusker, who was, like himself, a native of Mayo, Ireland. She died some fifteen years ago, and left a family of two sons, Patrick and Michael. The latter died a few years ago, and bore the reputation of a good and dutiful son.

Mr. Burke, a few years ago, retired from his farm and gave it over to Mr. Stuart, until recently of Buckingham, but now of Ottawa, for his keeping, and lived with Mr. Stuart as before stated, until a few weeks ago. Then finding his strength failing, and realizing that his end was near, he made arrangements to spend his last few weeks in St. Charles Home, where he hoped to have all the consolations of religion in his last hour. This he had and more, for his old former pastor and life-long friend, Very Rev. Canon Michel, was with him when he breathed his last.

He could speak and read the Irish language, and was thoroughly conversant with the stirring history of his native country one hundred years ago. As the admirer of a noble soul the writer requests all who, like him, devoutly believe in the communion of saints, to offer a prayer for the repose of his soul.

The grim reaper has recently been unusually busy in this vicinity. Within two weeks three deaths have occurred. The first was Mrs. Michael Colligan, suddenly and unexpectedly called away from a young family, and ten days later a young girl of seventeen, Anna McAndrew, of this parish. Miss McAndrew was an estimable young girl, and this was evidenced by the widespread sympathy for her family, and by the large funeral cortege that followed her remains to its last resting place. She was a promoter in the Apostleship of Prayer, and a member of the Wolf Tone branch of the Gaelic League. The third party to answer the stern summons of the grim reaper was Anthony Colligan, who died on the same day as Miss McAndrew. Mr. Colligan had always been a man of delicate health, and though his illness was brief, he received the last rites of his church, while he was still conscious. May their souls rest in peace.

At a meeting of the Promoters of the Apostleship of Prayer, held on Sunday, Feb. 26th, a resolution of condolence and sympathy to Mrs. Michael McAndrew was proposed by Miss Mary Burke and seconded by Miss Mary Dunnigan, and a copy of same was forwarded to the bereaved family.

DEATH OF ABBE CHAMPEAU. The Rev. Abbe Champeau, for the last thirty-one years pastor of the Catholic Church at Berthier, died on Monday, last, which was the 83rd anniversary of his birth. He was born at St. Jean Baptiste de Rouville, and was ordained priest in 1847. Before going to Berthier he was pastor of St. Michel de Napierville. Abbe Champeau was a man of progress, who took great interest in the cause of education, and during his pastorate he was instrumental in furnishing the town of Berthier with a splendid college. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning, and was largely attended. R. I. P.

REV. DR. CHISHOLM. Rev. Dr. Chisholm, parish priest of St. Joseph's Church, North Sydney, died on Tuesday afternoon after a protracted period of illness. Dr. Chisholm was considered one of the ablest priests in the lower provinces. He was a man of marked scholarly abilities, and was for some time rector of St. Francois Xavier College, Antigonish. Ill-health compelled him to resign some six years ago.

MR. M. LEONARDO. On Sunday evening Mr. M. Leonardo, a well-known figure of the Italian colony of this city, passed away after a few days' illness. The deceased was a brother of Rev. Father Leonardo, the Italian pastor. R. I. P.