

ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON

NEW CHANCEL AND VESTRY OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, NAPANEE, COMPLETED AND DEDICATED

The improvements to St. Patrick's church, Napanee, begun in July last, have been successfully completed and the new portion of the edifice dedicated on Sunday last.

The plans for the work were prepared by Mr. H. P. Smith, architect, of Kingston, who at various times came to direct and overlook the construction.

The contract for the masonry and plastering was fulfilled by the firm of Alex. McCartney of Kingston: the carpenter work by A. S. Raymond, Napanee: and the heating by Boyle & Son, Napanee.

The magnificent stained glass windows, which are so greatly admired by all who have seen them, were furnished by Mayer & Co., Munich, Germany.

The work was materially interfered with at times by inclement weather, and delay in the arrival of material. But thanks to the efforts of the energetic committee in charge, it has been successfully completed and stands to-day a credit to the parishioners of St. Patrick's parish, who have so generously contributed towards it, both by cash donations and various articles of statuary and decoration.

In connection with the church improvements mention might be made of the parish hall which has also been erected on the church property.

The new chancel was dedicated on Sunday last by the Most Rev. M. J. Spratt, Archbishop of Kingston, before a congregation of both Catholics and non-Catholics that filled the church to overflowing.

High Mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Father O'Connor. The choir, lately organized under the direction of Mrs. Jas. McGrath, rendered the Mass with good effect.

Consequently they give us some conception of what should be the beauty and the excellence of God's temple to-day, where He is present, not in figure but in reality.

As the sun, rising in the morning, shines into thy house if thou dost but open thy windows, so God the unsleeping Keeper of Israel, will shine in upon the emptied soul, and fill it with good things.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

GRADUATION EXERCISES AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, GUFLPH

Many of the citizens, including the rev. clergy, city doctors, and members of the Hospital Board, visited St. Joseph's Hospital on Tuesday evening, February 4th, to witness the closing exercises of the sixth graduating class from the Training School and to congratulate the following young ladies who have completed the three years' course:

At the completion of the musical programme, which was tastefully arranged and executed under the supervision of Mrs. A. Kennedy and Miss T. Coffey, Rev. Father Doyle, S. J., presented the Hospital Medal and briefly addressed the young ladies, pointing out to them the necessity of keeping in mind their religious training at all times, and particularly in the practice of their duties as trained nurses.

The Gold Medal presented for general proficiency by the Rev. Mother Superior, St. Joseph's Convent, Hamilton, was won by Miss Clara Buckel.

At the conclusion of the programme refreshments were served in the dining-room and a pleasant evening was brought to a close.

THE DEAD SOUL AND THE LIVING

Dead in the lonely wood the black pool lies; Into its fetid heart no graces stray Of healing light; thick brambles give no way To balmy winds; gross vapors hide the skies; Foul lives here suck on aged death and rise; In slimy swarms and make for death a prey; Foul the darkness grows, and blessed day Creeps farther off and leaves despair a prize.

Oh, fairest is the soul that clings to God— The little lake among the hills that smiles With constant blessing, and with blessing falls Into the brook. Its life to every valley sod Is life; and long though seem a thousand miles, Its heart goes singing where the Ocean calls.

—REV. M. EARLE, S. J.

BLAMES COURT FOR THE DIVORCE EVIL

"Marriage and Divorce," was the theme of Father James J. O'Brien, pastor of St. Margaret's Catholic Church, Flavel avenue, on Sunday night, January 6. Father O'Brien delivered to his congregation a series of striking thoughts on the divorce evil, and on choosing a mate. "No judge or jury can free one from the bonds of matrimony," he said. "The parties are united by a divine law and no human decree can separate them."

DIVORCE PERCENTAGE HIGH

Father O'Brien declared that the United States leads all Christian nations in the divorce evils. Seventy-three couples out of every 1,000 are divorced in the United States, he said. Japan alone surpasses the United States in the percentage of divorces to marriages.

The speaker gave the girls of his congregation advice in regard to methods of conducting a courtship. "Bait your hooks with the right kind of bait," he said. "Don't be too forward, and yet don't be too shy." "Don't spend any time on a man you don't think will make a true and capable husband. Don't marry for money."

According to the philosophy of Father O'Brien, husband and wife should never keep anything from each other.

CHILDREN HOLD PARENTS

The speaker emphasized the fact, as he understands it, that there seldom are divorces in families where there are children in the home. The gospel of forbearance finds a prominent place in the advice of the pastor.

Admitting the possibility of conditions under which the granting of permission for separation might be allowed, the speaker declared that no judge or jury has a right to grant divorce, and that the granting of a decree does not annul the marriage, which is of divine origin.—St. Louis Star.

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McGILLIS.—At Lóchiol, on January 20th, 1913, at her father's residence, Annie R. McGillis, aged twenty-six years. May her soul rest in peace!

KELLY.—At Uxbridge, Ont., on Monday, Feb. 10, 1913, Charles Kelly, aged fifty-eight years. May his soul rest in peace!

ALEXANDER.—At Missoula, Montana, on January 11, 1913, Mrs. S. W. Alexander, nee Miss Josie Jones of Goderich, Ont. May her soul rest in peace!

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FROM A SEPARATED BROTHER

An honest, though separated brother of ours, addressing recently a congregation assembled in a public theatre, gave striking and even pungent expression to certain truths which no doubt it was good for that congregation to hear. Among other pronouncements were these:

"So long as toil is honoured, we are a deathless nation. Our strength is measured by our attitude toward work and the worker. We grow old rapidly when we degrade the pick and shovel and exalt the golf stick. "There is no greater menace to America and to the Church of America than to spend four years in educating our sons and daughters in college to do nothing, and do it profitably and gracefully. "America has developed the purposeless woman, who is not wife nor mother nor worker. How many women there are in the churches of this country who are nothing but clothes racks, upon which indulgent husbands hang wonderful garments! "The future of the Church does not lie with such—they have no future. The Church of Christ is the Church of the carpenter. It is not the Church of the automobile, but the Church of the baby carriage. "Nor is charity within the Church what it ought to be, this eloquent divine maintains. He likens the usual "clasp of fellowship" to taking hold of "a lukewarm doughnut. One might grow reminiscent over this saying. There was, for instance, the early Christians' kiss of peace, symbol of the divine and human love which distinguished them in the eyes of this pagan neighbors. "These Christians, see how they love one another!" And we might recall the great charitable work of the ages of faith, and pass on down to a dread and disastrous reading of the body of Christ in the sixteenth century. And then it is only a short step to this well-meant discourse and the lukewarm handclasp.—The Ave Maria.

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