

EDITORIAL NOTES.

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THE "Church Times"—always so wise—desires to explain certain terms, that it calls "misused,"—to its readers. It says that a "super-altar" is a "portable marble slab for celebrations in places where there is no consecrated altar." It is also used, the Times says, for Holy Communion in private houses. As a rule, Holy Communion is only given in private houses in cases of approaching death—that is to say, when the Holy Viaticum is necessary. Imagine a Catholic priest carrying a slab of marble around with him whenever he goes to visit the sick or the agonizing. The next thing we will hear of is a priest carrying a whole altar, or a church upon such occasions. It is strange how ridiculous certain organs make themselves when attempting to explain Catholic practices; especially when trying to Catholicize the Church of England.

In this issue we give a short account of the Golden Jubilee of the Rev. Sylvestre Malone, parish priest of St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Brooklyn, New York. There are a host of Father Malone's friends in Montreal and thought-out Canada, and we are confident that they will all rejoice in learning of the grand tribute paid to that venerable, exemplary and zealous priest. May his days be long in the land, and may his good works never cease to bear the fruit that he so much desires. Perhaps no prelate in America was ever more honored than was Father Malone. A special blessing was sent by His Holiness and the number of archbishops, bishops, priests and eminent Catholic laymen present far exceeded that at any other similar celebration for long years back. It is consoling after half a century of labor to feel that one's work has been duly appreciated, and that heaven's blessing is showered upon it.

The Abbe Leone Monteunis, editor of the "Moniteur de Rome," has been expelled from the Eternal City. He was summarily dealt with under Article 90 of the Laws of Public Security. It appears that he commented somewhat severely on the Procurator of the king—equivalent to our Crown Prosecutor—and as a result he was seized by the arm of the law. The order was to be put into immediate execution, but the Reverend editor asked to be allowed a day to put his ward-robe in order. He was permitted one hour for that purpose. From the police station he was conducted to the railway terminus, where he and some of his staff were allowed to take a light repast. Thence he was accompanied by two guards to the Italian frontier at Modane. Here is a sample of the vaunted liberty of the press in Italy. If every newspaper editor who criticises a Crown Prosecutor in Canada were to be treated in that manner there would soon be a revolution in the country. But such is Liberty under an anti-Papal government.

A WRITER in one of our Irish exchanges, who speaks of the fall in the price of bread, and refers to a four-pound loaf being sold for 2d., quotes the Liverpool Express as follows:

"The Spalding Guardians accepted the tender of Stephen Smith, baker, of Spalding, to supply bread for the workhouse and outdoor poor, at 2d per 4 lb. loaf. The sample of bread submitted was of good quality, and Mr. Smith, who has held the contract for many years, has given satisfaction. The price is the lowest charged anywhere in the country. The bread is stipulated to be made of the best season's flour." I may mention that in Ramsay flour is sold at 7s. 6d. per 100 stone bag, and very best pastry flour at 1s. 8d. a stone.

Now, this announcement should ap-

pear strange to Canadians. This is the country from which the greater portion of the wheat is sent to Great Britain, and yet they can sell bread at two pence per four-pound loaf, while we in Canada are obliged to pay six and seven cents for a two-pound loaf. How is this? The wheat is imported from this country; our bakers have no transatlantic freight to pay, no transshipments, and yet the bakers in England and Ireland can sell at a price that would astound our Canadian bakers. There must be some reason for this; a screw is loose some place. While congratulating our transatlantic friends on their cheap bread, we would be highly pleased to be enabled to pay the same compliments to our Canadian citizens.

THE death of Dr. Holmes removes the last of the nine illustrious men of letters who came upon life's scene in the early days of the American Republic. It was these men who laid the foundation of what might be styled American literature. Of course we cannot endorse all that was written by these pioneers in the field of letters; but there is a certain credit due to them all that will not be grudgingly granted, and certainly their names will go down to the future as the Fathers of American Literature. We might here mention their names and the dates of their births and deaths: Washington Irving, born 1783, died 1858; William Cullen Bryant, born 1794, died 1878; Ralph Waldo Emerson, born 1803, died 1882; Nathaniel Hawthorne, born 1804, died 1864; Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, born 1807, died 1882; John Greenleaf Whittier, born 1807, died 1892; Edgar Allan Poe, born 1809, died 1849; Oliver Wendell Holmes, born 1809, died 1894; and James Russell Lowell, born 1819, died 1891. Looking over the field of American literature to-day we can well ask ourselves this question: "Who is there to replace any of these men?" Of course each generation brings its own eminent personages; but will the dawn of the next century produce such a galaxy as that which arose upon the morning sky of this one?

A WEDDING.

A pretty wedding took place in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart, St. James Church, St. Denis Street, on Thursday morning. The contracting parties were Mr. M. F. Sheridan and Miss Alice Rajotte, daughter of Mr. Alex. Rajotte, of the C.P.R. The bridesmaid was Miss W. Rajotte, sister to the bride; and the maids of honor were Miss R. Sheridan and Miss M. Sheridan. The groomsmen were Mr. P. Sheridan, brother to the groom. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a charming dress of brocaded satin with orange blossoms, a veil and a diamond star, the present of the groom; she carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid was attired in white surah silk, trimmed with white velvet and ostrich feathers. The maids each wore a white pearl pin, the gift of the groom. Rev. Father Huot, of Lavalrie, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan left for New York on their wedding trip.

ST. MARY'S FANCY FAIR OPENED.

The Fancy Fair managed by the ladies of the Good Council Sewing Circle was opened last evening. There was a grand display of fancy and useful articles, and the large number that attended speaks well for the energies of the ladies and Father Shea and Father O'Donnell. The home-made cake and candy contest was entered into enthusiastically and splendid specimens of confectionery art were on view, the prizes offered were a valuable gold watch for the candy and a handsome silver cake basket for the cake competition. Each evening there is a promenade concert at which first-class talent assists, also between 8 and 10 a supper is served by the ladies at a moderate price. The proceeds of the Fair will be devoted to the poor. Tonight is the last night, and all who can

possibly do so should certainly pay a visit to St. Mary's Hall and spend a jolly sociable evening, and do an act of charity at the same time.

THE A. O. H. APPROVED.

At the annual conference of the Archbishops of the United States, held in the city of Philadelphia on October 10th inst., the subject of the official recognition of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was the one subject upon which there was a long discussion. It was shown that the Order now numbered over 100,000 members in the United States, and that its national chaplain was a Bishop; that it had Bishops and numerous priests in its ranks, and that none but Catholics were admitted. After a full and free talk it was unanimously decided to recognize the Ancient Order of Hibernians as a most admirable society.

A GRAND CEREMONY.

THE BLESSING OF THE NEW CHURCH AT AYLMEER, P.Q.

One of the most important and imposing events that has, for long years, marked the history of the Ottawa Valley, was the blessing of the new Roman Catholic Church at Aylmer. The event took place a week ago last Thursday, and the magnificent ceremonies gathered together the representatives of the hierarchy, clergy, and laity of the Church. The Archbishops of Ottawa and Montreal were present, accompanied by over one hundred priests. The special train bringing the illustrious visitors was met at the station by the St. Jean Baptiste Society and the Hull band, as well as by a large concourse of citizens and strangers. The success of the magnificent celebration must have made the heart of good Father Labelle, the genial and zealous parish priest rejoice; for he beheld the realization of a grand dream and the accomplishment of what might be styled a life purpose. We clip the following account from the Aylmer Gazette:

"The services commenced at 10 o'clock sharp. The Archbishop, of Ottawa, followed by the priests of his diocese marched around the church before entering it and upon entering the building, a circuit of the outside siles was taken from the Sanctuary and back to it again.

The Archbishop of Ottawa occupied the Archiepiscopal throne during the ceremony supported by Canons Michel and Bouillon. Archbishop Fabre, of Montreal, said High Mass, supported by Canon Compeau as assistant priest and Fathers Myrand and Coutlee as deacon and sub-deacon respectively.

Father Devlin delivered the sermon in English, taking as the text for his discourse words found in the account of Solomon's dedication of the temple. "I have chosen this place as my house of Sacrifice." The reverend gentleman arranged his theme under three heads:

First, a house for sacrifice. The sacrifices of old were typical of Christ the great sacrifice; the sacrifice of the Mass is in remembrance of Christ's suffering upon the Cross.

Second—People came to this House to hear God's word—not man's word; but God's, and consequently when the priest preached from the pulpit, God was speaking to the people through his minister the priest.

Third—It was the people's duty to give heed to what they heard in God's house and prepare to offer the sacrifice of good deeds. The Apostle said, a man might have the faith that would move a mountain, but without the charity that prompted him to works, his faith would not save him.

The Reverend gentleman occupied three-quarters of an hour, especially elaborating on the teaching of the Catholic Church in regard to the sacrifice of the Mass.

Father Alexis followed in French. His address was chiefly a history of the Catholic Church in Canada, beginning with the formation of Montreal diocese, followed by that of Kingston, then of Ottawa and lastly of Pontiac; when the Reverend gentleman came to deal with later times he alluded specially and feelingly to the labors of the several priests of the Ottawa diocese and more particularly still to those priests who had occupied the parish of Aylmer. Some of them had gone to their reward and others were present in the church.

The musical portion of the service was conducted by the Aylmer choir, assisted

by the Hull band. Solos, choruses and responses were beautifully rendered.

Peters' Mass was the music chosen. In the Kyrie—Christe, the alto solo was sung by Miss Macdonald.

In the Gloria—Laudamus, the soprano solo was sung by Miss Quirk and bass by Dr. Quirk.

Deus Pater—duet by the Misses Rainboth and Roney.

Quoniam—Solo, tenor by Mr. Parent, of Hull.

The Sanctus—Benedictus, soprano solo Miss A. McArthur; tenor, Mr. Parent; Duet, the Misses McArthur and Macdonald.

Agnus Dei by Farmer—Soprano and alto, Misses Devlin and Roney; tenor and bass, Messrs. Parent and Dr. Woods.

At the Offertory: Veni Creator by Millard—The solo was sung by Miss Bourgeau.

Miss Woods, the organist, played the instrument with her accustomed skill.

At the close of the religious portion of the ceremonies, C. R. Devlin, Esq., M.P., approached and standing on the front of the Sanctuary, read the English address of welcome to the Princes of the Church and Mr. Doumouchel, N. P., read the French address, both being on behalf of the Congregation of St. Paul's, Aylmer.

The Archbishops of Ottawa and of Montreal, both replied in French and English, expressive of their pleasure and praising the people for the church they had built.

When the services were over Rev. Father Labelle, the parish priest, gave a banquet in the Convent to the Archbishop, and visiting priests; there were also at the banquet Hon. Justice Malhiot, Dis. Mag. St. Julian, C. R. Devlin, Esq., M. P., C. Devlin, Sheriff Coutlee, Postmaster Woods, J. L. Doumouchel, President of St. Jean Baptiste Society of this town, Mr. John Ryan, with the representatives of La Presse, of Montreal, and the local papers. About one hundred priests and other ecclesiastical dignitaries of the church accepted Father Labelle's invitation to the blessing of the new church. The reverend gentleman's heart must be glad at the success of the day's proceedings and he and his congregation are to be congratulated on the success.

The editor of the TRUE WITNESS very naturally feels a deep interest in the completion of the magnificent temple, whose spire flings a shadow upon the silent church-yard where slumber the pioneers of his native place, and under whose mounds repose the ashes of many a well-remembered friend of the days now dead, of many a face familiar to boyhood, of many a tender hand whose gentle touch is not forgotten, of many a generous heart whose pulsations were the effects of love, reverence or friendships. Again, when he recalls that the first humble church erected on that ground, away back in the thirties, was the work of Joseph Lebel, James Smith (God rest their souls), and his own father, John Foran, who still survives, healthy and energetic, at the grand old age of eighty-four years, it is but natural that he should summon up the memories of the past, and silently tell over the chaplet of names connected with Catholicity in that old and yet ever young town.

The first priest to administer to the religious wants of Aylmer was Mgr. Desautels, afterwards parish priest of Varennes. His successors were Rev. Fathers Lynch, Hughes, Hand, Michel, Brunet, Angel, Beauchamp and the present incumbent, Labelle. The majority of these have gone to their eternal reward. Father Michel, now a canon of the Archdiocese of Ottawa, is stationed at Buckingham, Father Brunet is at Portage-du-Fort; Father Beauchamp is in St. Ann's parish, Ottawa, and Father Labelle, the present incumbent, is there—in Aylmer—to carry on the magnificent work commenced by his predecessors, continued so energetically and successfully by himself, and which promises results that will yet bring untold benedictions upon the parish, the district and the children of other generations.

ST. ANN'S C.O.F. CONCERT.

The members of St. Ann's C.O.F. are preparing for a grand Concert to be given on Wednesday next, Halloween Night. First-class talent will assist with the programme and a very large attendance is sure to reward the energy of St. Ann's C.O.F. The Concert will take place in the Victoria Armory, and the Irish National Minstrel Troupe will present some of their unique selections.