

NOTES FROM THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE CITY.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH.

On Sunday at high Mass, Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan, acting pastor, read "The Grand Prayer." This consists in reminding Catholics of their duty especially in the faithful observance of the Sunday. The Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, the Apostle's Creed, the ten commandments of God and the seven commandments of the Church were then recited.

In the evening the Holy Rosary Sodality held a reception, at which Rev. Father Couture, O.P., St. Hyacinthe, preached. A large congregation assisted.

The retreat for the ladies will open on March 5th, and will be preached by the Redemptorist Fathers of Saratoga, N.Y. Rev. Father Klauder, C.S.S.R., will be superior of the mission band.

Rev. Father Dixon, P.P., Newcastle, N.B., who had been a guest at the presbytery, returned home a few days ago.

The sanctuary boys were given a grand supper by some friends on last Wednesday evening.

ST. ANN'S PARISH.

Rev. Father Bloux, C.S.S.R., rector, received a letter lately from the Superior General of the Order at Rome, saying that all the necessary documents in connection with the canonization and celebration of the feast of the new Saint, Gerard Majella, would arrive in a few days. The feast will be celebrated with imposing ceremonies. A statue of the saint will be placed over the main altar, surrounded with hundreds of colored electric and other lights.

The Children of Mary held a largely attended meeting on Monday evening. Rev. Father Fortier, C.S.S.R., presided.

ST. MARY'S PARISH.

At the half-past seven o'clock Mass on Sunday morning, the members of the Holy Names Society received Holy Communion in a body. At the high Mass Rev. Father McDonald preached a very instructive sermon on "Revered Religion." He maintained there was only one religion revealed and proved the existence of religion. Never was there any tribe, however barbarous, that had not some form of religion. The speaker dwelt at length on the false claimants of the true religion. The true religion comes from God and has certain marks which can never be effaced. These were three: (1) Miracles; (2) prophecies; (3) antiquities. A miracle is the work of God. Almighty God, who is truth Himself, cannot do anything to confirm a lie. God, who is truth Himself, could not perform a miracle in order to inspire prophets to reveal a false religion. Religion is the bond which unites God with man. There can be only one religion, because truth is one. A thing cannot be true to-day and false to-morrow. It cannot be false in one country and true in another. Religion cannot change. Man cannot change it because it comes from God. God can change it without changing His own nature. If He would His command, which has been repeated a thousand times, would not be true. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My word shall not pass away."

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH.

The eucharist and musical given on Wednesday evening by the ladies of the parish proved a great success. Fifteen valuable prizes were drawn for, and an enjoyable time was spent by the large number who attended. Rev. Father Donnelly, P.P., whose birthday it was, honored the affair with his presence. Rev. Father Shea is to be congratulated on the success attending each eucharist and social.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH.

A good magic lantern entertainment will be given on Shrove Tuesday evening in aid of the Church fund. A New York company has charge of the affair, and it promises to be quite successful. Rev. Father Kiernan leaves in a few days for Quebec, where he will look after the bill in reference to the establishment of a Separate School Board for St. Michael's parish.

ST. AGNES PARISH.

At the early masses and before the sermon at the high Mass Rev. Father Singleton took occasion to refer to a certain Protestant Sunday School to which the boys and girls of the parish are being enticed. The acting pastor warned the parents against such a practice, as it was strictly forbidden by the Church for

Catholics to attend Protestant services.

At the High Mass Rev. Father Christopher, O.F.M., of the Franciscan Monastery, preached.

The choir are preparing for a grand opera to be held shortly at the Monument National.

EXTRACT FROM CIRCULAR ON RULES FOR LENT ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF DIOCESE.

An apostolic indult of Jan. 27, 1905, allowed His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal and his venerable suffragans to mitigate the general discipline of the Church relating to fast and abstinence. But, as each Ordinary should dispense for one year only, mentioning the favor accorded through the merciful bounty of the Sovereign Pontiff, I come to bring before your knowledge the privileges granted this year again in the amelioration of the rigor of the laws—in promulgating the regulations for the coming Lent.

Flesh meat will be allowed on all Sundays, and at all meals if desired. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, except the Saturday of the Ember Days and Holy Saturday, all may partake of flesh meat at the principal meal. On those days, persons validly dispensed from fasting may partake of flesh meat at their three meals if they wish. On the other days, that is to say, the Wednesdays and Fridays, as also the two Saturdays mentioned above, shall be days of abstinence. The obligation of fasting exists, as usual, for those in a position to fast. The Roman Indult asks the Bishops to exhort the faithful who make use of those dispensations, to replace by their good works the salutary practices of fast and abstinence.

The obligation of doing penance is a divine one, and if the Church through consideration for the weakness of her children, somewhat relaxes the severity of her discipline, yet she no less preaches the indispensable law of the Gospel: "Except you do penance you shall all likewise perish." You will therefore exhort the faithful to expiate their sins by devoting themselves to works of expiation. In our own days, as well as in those of St. John the Baptist, we must produce "worthy fruits of penance," so as not to expose ourselves to be cast into the fire as trees producing no fruit.

Among the expiatory works we first find prayer. Prayer in elevating the mind to God, gives back to the soul what sin by its power had lost to it. Let the holy season of Lent be a time of prayer, and above all, of public prayer. Assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, at the special exercises performed in the churches shall be held in honor; and the faithful will thus draw down upon themselves and their families the blessings of Heaven.

There is also another work of satisfaction that the Holy See particularly recommends; it is charity. Let us never forget that charity, fruit of compassion and love, corrects by a holy use the abuse which is sometimes made of the gifts of God; and according to the language of Holy Writ, it delivers from sin and death, and does not leave the soul in the darkness of the other life.

In all the churches and public chapels, a special collection box will be placed, bearing the inscription "Lenten Offerings." All those who wish to avail themselves of the relaxations referred to higher up will kindly place their offerings in this box; this will be a compensation that cannot help being agreeable to the Master of all of us; and it will permit of the prosperity of numerous works of charity, left to the care of the first Pastor of this Diocese. Kindly send all sums offered to the Rev. Canon Martin, at the Archbishopric.

Lastly, gentlemen, you will repeat to those who look to you for the words of salvation, this teaching of the Council of Trent, in order that Lent should not lose its primitive seal, at least in the spirit that animates the faithful: We must meet trouble spontaneously, or receive it with love from the hands of God; that is the light in which to contemplate the punishment due to sin. It is an excellent manner to crucify the flesh, and to live in Christian mortification, which is, in the words of Lacordaire, "the sacrifice of the senses to reason; the slavery of the body so that the soul may be at liberty."

Accept, venerable brethren, the respectful expression of my most devoted sentiments.

ZOTIQUE RACICOT.

Vicar-General, Administrator. Every fresh act of contrition brings a fresh ray of light and sunshine into our souls.

GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE CITY.

ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR DANCE.

The members of St. Patrick's choir were given a dance and social in Drummond Hall on last Friday evening. There was quite a large gathering present, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

THIRD ORDER MEETING.

Next Sunday afternoon, the English-speaking men of the Third Order of St. Francis will hold their meeting at the Franciscan Church. Rev. Father Christopher, O.F.M., will preach.

ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT REFUGE.

Report for week ending Saturday, 18th February, 1905: The following people had a night's lodging and breakfast: Irish, 217; French, 138; English, 14; other nationalities, 28. Total, 393.

Five Nuns Celebrate Anniversaries.

An unusual event took place in the chapel of the Hospital General in Quebec not long since, when four Sisters celebrated their 60th anniversary and a fifth her golden jubilee. Archbishop Begin presided, and there was witnessed the touching sight of those venerable nuns renewing the vows which they had plighted at the same altar fifty and sixty years before.

One of the jubilarians, St. Mary John, eighty-two years of age, is a sister of the late Bishop Horan, of Kingston, Ont.

Handicraft Exhibition at Art Gallery.

Much interest attaches to the fine loan collection of old silverware at above exhibition, but the main feature lies in the remarkable development shown in the cottage industries. The catalogue is most unique. The cover is of grey homespun linen, taken from the web in the Handicraft shop on St. Catherine street. Besides the list of exhibits it contains a new poem by Dr. W. H. Drummond, "Josseline." Her Excellency Countess Grey has kindly loaned a necklace given to her by Lady Brooke, who became the wife of the Maharajah of Sarawak. Lady Sibyl Grey has also sent an enamelled butterfly, the handiwork of Countess Grey. The exhibition will remain open two weeks.

Grand Deputy of Quebec Grand Council Visits St. Lambert Branch.

Grand Deputy Warren, of the Quebec Grand Council, C.M.B.A., accompanied by Supreme Marshal Neihan and Past Chancellors M. J. O'Donnell and Jas. Hughes, and Secretary Martin J. O'Donnell, of Branch 4, paid a fraternal visit to the members of Branch 8 at St. Lambert on Monday evening. The Grand Deputy was well pleased at the progress the south shore members were making, and highly congratulated the Branch on its efficient working. Impressive addresses were delivered by Supreme Marshal Neihan and Past Chancellor O'Donnell. The St. Lambert boys will give an "at home" on Friday evening, the 24th of March, and for the accommodation of the city members visiting on that occasion a late train will be run from St. Lambert to Montreal, leaving St. Lambert at 11.30 p.m.

The Asile Bethlehem Banquet

On Tuesday evening an immense banquet was held at St. Joseph's Richmond street. There were over 600 in attendance. Among those present were: Right Rev. Mgr. Emard, Bishop of Valleyfield; His Worship Mayor Laporte, Ald. Ames, Rev. Fathers Belanger, P.P., St. Joseph's; Canon Lapaille, P.P., Mile End; Dubuc, P.P., St. Helen's; Kavanagh, Decarie, Legace, Roux, Chailfoux, of St. Joseph's Church; J. V. Desaulniers, Principal of the Belmont School. Speeches were made by His Lordship the Bishop of Valleyfield, Rev. Father Belanger, Rev. Canon Lapaille and Mayor Laporte. In the afternoon on Wednesday another banquet was held for the children of the parish, and was largely attended. They enjoyed themselves to their hearts' delight and also did justice to the good things provided for them. The proceeds of both banquets go to the Asile Bethlehem, Richmond Square.

Graduating Exercises at St. Agnes Academy.

Tuesday afternoon was a pleasant one for the pupils of St. Agnes' Academy, St. Antoine street. It was a double event, the first being a reception to the pastor of St. Anthony's, Rev. J. E. Donnelly, in honor

of his birthday; the second being the presentation of gold medals to the graduating class. An hour with Cardinal Newman was the subject of the evening's programme. The proceedings opened with an instrumental duet delightfully rendered. Then Miss Jennie McLaughlin read the valedictory address. The Biography of Newman and Essay were the next numbers, after which was a scene, entitled "The Dream of Gerontius," in which the Misses Henrietta McLaughlin and Hilda Levesque rendered pretty solos, assisted by the Misses Winnie McLaughlin and May Mullins. Miss Gertie Sweeney, who took the part of "Gerontius," did remarkably well, as did also Miss Millie Moriarty, who impersonated "The Guardian Angel." Miss Jennie McLaughlin read the congratulatory address to Rev. Father Donnelly, to which he made a happy reply. Among those present were: Rev. Fathers Kavanagh, S.J., St. Mary's College; P. Heffernan, St. Patrick's; M. L. Shea, St. Anthony's; T. Heffernan, St. Anthony's; the Rev. Mother General of the Congregation of Notre Dame, and several of the Sisters of Mount St. Mary and St. Agnes' Academy. Miss Nellie Driscoll, at the conclusion of the proceedings, thanked Rev. Father Donnelly for the great interest taken in the school, and also for his kindness in donating the gold medals to the graduating class. The graduates, the Misses Jennie McLaughlin, Nellie Driscoll and Millie Moriarty, then advanced to the stage and received their medals, and were crowned by the Rev. Father Donnelly. The children enjoyed a holiday on Wednesday in honor of the birthday of the rev. director.

LENTEN PREACHERS.

ST. JAMES' CATHEDRAL, Rev. Father Hage, O.P., will deliver the Lenten discourses at St. James Cathedral. Father Hage is a pulpit orator, and a few years ago preached during Lent at Notre Dame Church.

NOTRE DAME CHURCH.

Rev. Abbe Vignot, of Paris, France, a distinguished preacher, will probably be heard at the old historic Church of Notre Dame during Lent.

THE GESU.

Rev. Father Doherty, S.J., who gave the English sermons for some years at the Church of the Gesu, Bleury street, will be replaced this year by Rev. Father Connolly, S.J., of the Immaculate Conception Church. Rev. Louis Lalonde, S.J., will preach in French.

ST. GABRIEL'S JUVENILE T. A. & B. SOCIETY

Sunday afternoon proved a red-letter day in the history of St. Gabriel's young temperance society. The officers and members had been working hard to add several new members to the list. The Rev. Father Fahey, the spiritual director, at all the Masses on Sunday strongly urged parents to see that their sons who were not already members would join. At 3 o'clock, the worthy president, Mr. John Collins, called the meeting to order, and the first order of the day was the enrolment of new members. Sixty-two presented themselves, a record-breaker. The first crowd was a contingent from Belmont School, Guy street, numbering thirty-eight, consisting of Masters Charles Piche, Leo Nolan, Martin Callaghan, William Wilson, Charles Boyle, Edward Boyle, Edmond McKelton, Harold McKelton, Albert O'Keefe, John H. Wood, Gordon Filiatrault, Harry Filiatrault, John Davis, Richard Egars, Francis A. Walker, Russell Lavallee, Walter Lamontagne, Frederic Bell, Alexander Bell, Robert Smith, James Haynes, Arthur Leroux, James Nealon, Matthew Lacey, James O'Shaughnessy, Hugh O'Shaughnessy, Edgar Neville, Albert Watson, John Flynn, Arthur J. Kelly, John Ryan, James Burke, James Lindsay, Francis Johns, Thomas McDonald, Joseph Finnegan, William Provost and Joseph Doherty.

The second crowd numbered twenty-four, principally boys from St. Gabriel's parish. All knelt down together and repeated aloud the pledge of total abstinence for life, which was administered by Rev. Father Fahey, after which each one was presented with a medal and a badge. The medal bore the inscription: "I promise to abstain from all intoxicating liquors." It was an imposing sight to see such a large crowd swell the brave little army of total abstainers in our midst. The society now numbers nearly 250 members in good standing, comprising pupils of Loyola College, St. Gabriel's Christian Brothers' school, Sarsfield School and the working boys. A re-

solution of condolence was passed to the family of Mr. Patrick Polan, on the recent loss sustained in the death of Mr. James Polan, who was accidentally killed a few days ago. A resolution of condolence was also ordered to be sent to the families of Messrs. Kelly and Myles, who also had been visited by the angel of death.

The president announced that the pastor, Rev. Father O'Meara, had given one of the large rooms of the hall for amusement purposes for the society, to be used on Wednesdays and Fridays each week, and also had given a piano for the benefit of the members. Rev. Father Fahey kindly donated ten dollars for games for the youngsters. On Thursday evening, February 23rd, the formal opening of the amusement hall will take place, with a grand eucharist and checker party, to be followed by a concert, after which refreshments will be served. Mr. Collins hoped that all the juveniles would attend and show by their good conduct that the St. Gabriel's young temperance society was worthy of St. Gabriel's parish. The first quarterly statement of the society will be presented at the next meeting.

The meeting on Sunday afternoon was conducted in a business-like manner, and the officers deserve well of the society, as they take a great interest in their work, and are bound that the total abstinence movement with the young generation will be successful. Among those present were: Rev. Father D. Holland, C.S.S.R., St. Ann's; Messrs. Patrick Polan, James Burns, W. H. O'Donnell, James Kane, M. O'Connell and R. J. Louis Cuddihy, guardians or advisers of the young society. The True Witness congratulates the young total abstainers on the rapid strides they are making, and hopes that other parishes will follow in the footsteps of St. Gabriel's.

OBITUARY.

MISS MARY GALLERY.

Last Thursday the death occurred of an estimable young lady in the person of Miss Mary Gallery, daughter of the late Patrick Gallery, and niece of Ald. D. Gallery, M.P., and Ald. M. J. Walsh, M.P.P. The deceased had been ailing but a short time but bore her sufferings with Christian resignation, and passed away after being fortified with the consolation of our holy religion. The funeral took place on Saturday morning from the family residence to St. Ann's Church, and was largely attended. At the church the body was received by Rev. Father Fortier, C.S.S.R., director of the Sodality of the Children of Mary, of which the deceased was a member. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Fortier, assisted by Rev. Father Cullinan, St. Mary's, as deacon, and Rev. Father Trudel, C.S.S.R., St. Ann's, as sub-deacon. The choir rendered the requiem service impressively. At the end of the service, St. Ann's boys' choir rendered "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The pupils of St. Ann's convent attended in a body, as Miss Gallery was a former pupil of the school, as well as the members of the Sodality. At Cote des Neiges cemetery, Rev. Father Holland, C.S.S.R., officiated. R. I. P.

REV. EDWARD KELLY, S.J., DUBLIN.

By the death of the venerable Jesuit, Father Edward Kelly, the last survivor of the Examiners for the Catholic University of Ireland in 1857 has passed away full of years and honors. He was one of a trio of brothers who enrolled themselves at an early age in the great Society founded by St. Ignatius, and was the last survivor of the three. Having been an Examiner at the Catholic University from 1857 to 1859, Father Edward Kelly, with the sanction of the late Bishop Ryan, opened St. Munchin's College, Limerick (he himself having been appointed first Rector), in 1859, and one of the first pupils was the present Bishop of Limerick. As Rector of Clongowes Wood College, in the 'eighties, he was exceedingly popular, and he had a great celebration in 1884 for the tercentenary of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.

On Monday morning a solemn requiem anniversary service was held at the Franciscan Church for the deceased benefactors of the Monastery.

REQUIEM SERVICE.

A requiem service will be held in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday, February 28th, at 7.30 a.m., for the repose of the soul of Mrs. John Kane. R.I.P.

"The Star Spangled Banner."

(From the New York Evening Sun.)

In the version of the "Star Spangled Banner," printed in certain books used in the public schools of this city, one verse is omitted. It is a particularly strenuous stanza, reflecting the frame of mind of early Americans with regard to certain late unpleasantnesses with "the mother country," or stepmother country. The poet describes the iniquitous conduct of Great Britain, with a vigor which is almost equal to the remarks made on the same subject in the British Parliament and elsewhere by respectable and respected British statesmen who thought that the Americans were right and that their own country was wrong.

But this is a detail. If the national anthem was bawled off by any ladylike persons who thought that in the present era of good feeling we ought not to irritate our English friends by reminding school children of the villainy of the ancestral enemy, then whoever did the tinkering was absurd. The Englishman who was annoyed or insulted by the patriotic determination to stand on nonsense, expressed in the lines in question, would be capable of regarding the Declaration of Independence as a constant menace to the English-speaking world. We have not heard of any suggestion that this fateful piece of prose should be modified to suit existing happy conditions.

But some one will say that a national anthem ought not to be topical, in fact that it ought to be general and not express the feelings of the nation on a special occasion, no matter how important. Unfortunately, the particular is much more effective than the general. Besides, when a row is over, one side, instead of being irritated by the songs and airs of the other, finds them particularly interesting because of the associations, even if the associations were tragic. There is no air which has such an effect on an audience at the North as "Dixie." No Scot is so loyal to the British crown and constitution as not to be stirred by "Scots wha hae," which reeks with hatred of England, and we know a staunch Ulster Unionist who sings Dr. John Keble's Ingram's rebel ballad, "The Memory of the Dead," with all the feeling of a Young Irishman.

When the Czar and Czarina visited Paris some time ago, the "Marseillaise" was played on all state occasions after the Russian national anthem. Would it not have been a case of the French carrying their natural and habitual politeness to an absurd length if they had suppressed the anthem of the Revolution, out of deference to the feelings of the imperial visitor? For it cannot be forgotten that the hymn of the men from the South, which afterward became the official national air, was intended to rouse the people everywhere, not merely in France, but all over Europe, against not one king, but all kings. It might have been urged that it would be rude to compel the ally from St. Petersburg to salute at the sound of the refrain, which, if sung by a mob in Moscow or Warsaw, would have the same effect on the occupant of the Winter Palace as the knocking at the outer gate had on the shaken nerves of Macbeth. The French did not take this view. The "Marseillaise" being official was accepted as such. And the Autocrat, as the great and good friend of the Republic, touched his military hat every time he heard it. Modesty is not a thing to be looked for in national or fighting hymns. It is absent even in Luther's hymn, "A strong tower is our God," emphasis on the "our." There is a certain characteristic English bashfulness about "When Britain first, at heaven's command, arose from out the azure main," which leads up to the statement of the historical fact that the charter of the land was "Britons never shall be slaves." In the National Anthem an overruling Providence is confidently expected to give special attention to the founding of the politics and the frustration of knavish tricks of the foes of King Edward.

The best thing to do with "The Star Spangled Banner" and all other national affairs of the sort is to keep the hands of the vandals off them. In the matter of patriotism too much vehemence is better than too little.

I believe philosophers have not noticed one thing—the abhorrent character of the soul. Marvelous is its power of receptivity. It is a wonderfully impressionable substance. An hour in the company of saints is enough. The whole heart is revolutionized. All Scriptures bear testimony to this blessed influence.