

that fine weather on St. Patrick's Day is an exception, Foster is pretty safe in predicting, as he does in his forecast of the 5th inst. that it will be well to look out for squalls between March 17 and 21.

Last Monday at 8.30 a.m. in the Cathedral Rev. Dr. Trudel sang the first anniversary Mass for the repose of his father's soul. Rev. Father Mireault was deacon, Rev. Father Camiran sub-deacon. His Grace the Archbishop was present, assisted by Rev. Father Dandurand, O.M.I., and Rev. Father Blain, S.J. Besides a large gathering of lay relatives and friends there were present in the chancel Very Rev. A. Dugas, Rev. Dr. Beliveau and Rev. Father Kujener.

Clerical News.

The Dublin "Freeman's Journal" remarks that the only surviving Bishop whose episcopate goes back to 1854, the year of the proclamation of the Immaculate Conception, is the Venerable Archbishop of Hobart, Tasmania, the Most Rev. Daniel Murphy, who was at that date Bishop of Hyderabad. Dr. Murphy was born at Belmont, Crookston, County Cork, in 1815, and was ordained at Maynooth in 1838, sixty-six years ago. He was consecrated Vicar Apostolic of Hyderabad in 1846, whence he was translated to Hobart in 1865. The golden jubilee of his episcopate was celebrated with much pomp in 1896, his See of Hobart having been made archiepiscopal in 1888.

The Rev. Reginald Colley, Provincial of the English Jesuits, was found dead, sitting up in his bed with his hands devoutly joined, on Feb. 12, at Stonyhurst College. For many years he had suffered from asthma, which had recently been aggravated by a touch of pneumonia, and it seems certain that his sudden death was due to heart-failure during a fit of coughing in the night. Reginald Colley, who belonged to a well known English Catholic family, was born on May 26, 1848, and educated at Stonyhurst, where he made his first appearance at the age of ten, and remained till the completion of his course. Entering the Society of Jesus in 1870 he went through his novitiate at Roehampton and during his philosophical course at St. Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst, he took the degree of B.A. in London University. After teaching "Rhetoric" with exceptional success in Stonyhurst College for several years he was transferred for his theological studies to St. Beuno's College in 1880, and was there ordained priest Sept. 23, 1883. Only two years later he was appointed Rector of Stonyhurst, being at the time the youngest priest in the house, a proof of his singular merit. This office he held for six years, when his health broke down from fatigue and anxiety occasioned by a bad epidemic of measles among the students. In 1891 he was sent by his superiors to South Africa in hope that the purer and more invigorating atmosphere would restore his health. There he stayed for about two years doing good work as Rector of St. Aidan's College, Grahamstown. But his health grew worse and his asthma became chronic. On his return to England in 1893 he was made Prefect of Studies at Stonyhurst, and in January 1901 he was appointed Provincial, a position he retained till his death. What he must have endured all these years from the constant attacks of his malady could scarcely be realized by those who witnessed his unvarying placidity and cheerfulness. During the time he was Rector and Prefect of Studies at Stonyhurst he was a prominent member of the Catholic Head Master's Conference, and through Dr. Vaughan, then Bishop of Salford, he received a special letter from Pope Leo XIII., containing his Holiness's approbation of the English philosophical course which Father Colley established on a firm footing. "His chief characteristics," writes Father Drummond, who lived in daily contact with Father Colley in the theologate and the tertianship during four years and a half, "were sincerity, trustworthiness, fidelity to grace and to the

rules of the Society, self-denial amounting to self-effacement, breadth of intuition and sympathy, total absence of insular prejudice, untiring industry, accurate scholarship, and above all spotless purity of soul, untarnished by even the momentary weaknesses of early youth. It was supremely fitting that such a man, ever leading the truest of lives hidden with Christ in God, should die in the lone watches of the night, in the very act of agonizing prayer to the Maker whom he had served so well. In a lesser degree it was likewise fitting that his ever blameless life should end in the discharge of the highest position of trust his English brethren could bestow upon him."

The Reverend Oblate Fathers, Legault and Prod'homme, who arrived here last Saturday, began on Sunday a mission to the French-speaking Catholics of Winnipeg in St. Mary's Church. They will afterwards give other missions in different parishes in this diocese, notably a two weeks mission in St. Boniface Cathedral, beginning with Passion Sunday.

Rev. Father Kujener, a French priest, arrived last Saturday to work in this diocese.

Rev. Father Perrault returned from the east on Thursday of last week. Last Sunday at Fannystelle he was assisted by Rev. Father Plante, S.J., who preached once on Saturday evening and twice on Sunday.

Rev. Father Lalonde, who was here last Monday, expressed his complete satisfaction with the mission preached in his parish of St. Adolphe last week by Rev. Father Proulx, S.J.

A Roman paper states that a circular has been sent from the Vicariate to all the priests in Rome requiring them to state their age, residence, native diocese, occupation and income. It is reported that the Pope has decided that no priest's revenue is to exceed £240 annually, and that these provisions are but the prelude to a most important pronouncement which will affect the clergy of the whole world.

The Right Rev. Richard Phelan, Bishop of Pittsburgh, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a priest on May 4 next. He is in the 19th year of his episcopate.

The funeral of the late Rev. Father Godts, C.S.S.R., takes place on Friday, March 11, at Brandon. The Very Rev. Father Lemieux, Provincial of the Redemptorists in Canada is expected from Montreal.

About the middle of last month many of the European papers reported that the Pope was more or less seriously ill. In contradiction to all this, however, the Pope's brother Angelo has received a letter, in which his Holiness says: "Although the newspapers state that I am suffering from neurasthenia, home-sickness, sleeplessness, aversion to food, and particularly sore eyes, I thank God, that, up to the present, I do not feel the least symptom of any of these ailments. For some years I have never been so well as I am now. I must smile at these makers of falsehoods, who can never guess aright. You have no cause for anxiety."

The total number of religious establishments ordered to be closed in France by the present Cabinet during the eleven months of its existence amounts to nearly ten thousand—in actual number 9,998. The Government submitted to the Chamber the petitions for authorization from 54 Congregations of men, and from 81 Congregations of women. These applications were refused. The number of unauthorised establishments amounted to 12,612, of which 9,934 were devoted to teaching. Of these M. Combes has closed 7,567; as to the others there is some delay, either because they exist as free schools in places where public schools are insufficient or because they represent primary schools which are to be secularized.

Rev. Father Thibaudeau, O.M.I., of Selkirk, was here on Tuesday.

Rev. Father Drummond, S.J., is to lecture at Pembina on St. Patrick's Day.

His Grace Archbishop Langevin, Very Rev. A. Dugas, V.G., Rev. J. Dugas, S.J., Rector of St. Boniface College, Rev. Father Cherrier, Rev. J. U. Poitras, O.M.I., and Rev. Dr. Trudel, went on Thursday the 10th inst. to Brandon for the funeral of the late Rev. Father Godts next day.

Rev. Father Proulx, S.J., left on Thursday for Ishpeming, Mich., where he will take the place of the pastor of St. Joseph's Church during several weeks.

Rev. Father Gendron was at the Archbishop's Palace this week.

Rev. Dr. Beliveau went to St. Anne on Wednesday.

Very Rev. Vicar General Dugas went to Letellier on Tuesday to receive the vows of some of the Sisters there.

Rev. Father Camiran went to St. Eustache on Wednesday.

On Thursday evening, the Rev. Father Cote, S.J., conducted the services at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in the absence of Father Cherrier, who was at Brandon.

A VISIT TO THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR.

Written for the Northwest Review.

It was the President's idea, and moreover the President, had all the trouble, we only came in for the fun. Some money had been left in the cash-box, after the Christmas tree for poor children, and, by some means or other, she heard that a treat for the pensioners of the Little Sisters' would be welcome. A kind friend ascertained the number of old people and what day and hour would be most convenient. That active little President then made some wonderful bargains in red handkerchiefs and white handkerchiefs, in peppermints and red cross tobacco, she made sure of some girls that could play, sing, or recite, rented a piano, and all was ready long before the appointed day. There were eighty neat little packages containing two ounces of peppermints and one white handkerchief (blue would have been more appropriate, we thought, but dearer) and sixty gay little parcels, with a silver paper box of tobacco, folded in a red handkerchief.

When we reached the big, smiling convent that overlooks the busy, low-lying part of western Montreal, the Little Sisters beamed upon us in the doorway, in their plain white caps, and poor little shawls. We gathered in a very small room, about fifteen girls and five or six ladies who take a kind interest in the aforesaid girls. We were then led into a big airy room, the "old-ladies" dining-room. There was the piano at the head of the room, and on either side a double row of placid old faces and neat old bodies. At once an odd association of ideas leaped into our minds. Not so many years back we had often sat in such rows waiting for solemn convent receptions. But what a contrast was here! What a queer looking school! This, however, was not by any means a solemn reception. Those kind ladies, who knew just what to do, at once went up to the old bodies and began shaking hands and talking, so we followed suit. How those old faces smiled, and how, "God Bless you!" began to resound on all sides! That little prayer told of what nationality were the majority here.

At last we reached our chairs at the head of the room, and the concert began. A few of the Little Sisters were sitting beside their acquaintances, others were standing among the old women, now and then saying a few words to them or caressing them in a singularly affectionate way. How completely, how refreshingly unaffected are those Little Sisters!

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