

History of the Church.

(Continued.) "Each one according to its kind," said the Creator, and this word has remained for all plants a law of nature. Mingled together in the same earth, sprinkled with the same water, breathing the same air, they do not become alike. Each one is the same as God made it in the beginning. The cedar does not produce the oak; nor the oak the hazel; each one begets according to its own image and resemblance, with the same sort of leaves, flowers, fruits, which differ totally from an infinity of others. The distinguishing is a rough manner the sorts, the kinds, the families of plants one from the other, our learned men are obliged to use a new language, which is, we might say, a part of no other. But, even with the help of this tongue, they cannot describe exactly a simple leaf, the scollops around its edge, the shades of its color, the artifice of its tissues, the veins of its surface, the sort of taste which it contains. Much less can they understand its intimate nature. During the last three or four centuries Divine Providence has, by unexpected discoveries, taught more than was known in ancient days. However, with all their progress, with all their physical and chemical analysis, with all their gasses, salts, acids, and alkalis, our learned people cannot compose or even recompose a single blade of grass. What then of an entire herb? What of all the herbs, plants, and trees? What of the whole vegetable kingdom? We say "kingdom" not only on account of the admirable order which reigns, but also because it is made for a king who is to enjoy it, for man and animals, his natural subjects. At the feet of the monarch a grassy carpet is spread, dotted with countless flowers, with the magnificence of which Solomon in all his glory could not be compared. The animals that serve him will find within reach an abundant pasture always new. For him the cereals which will be his principal nourishment will grow neither above nor below his height. They will be easy to handle and to gather. They will give grain to his hen, bran to his pig, and provender and bed to his horse and his ox. The trees will grow higher than himself to shade him; they will bend down their fruit-laden boughs which will drop their burden at his very feet. Besides, if the trees are so high and grow so robust, it is to give him the wood to make ladders and other appliances by which he may mount anywhere; to make barns and lofts in which to store the fruits of different seasons; to make ships with which he may go and collect different tributes all over the earth. The different provinces of the vegetable kingdom do not produce the same things: this depends upon the climate and temperature. The warmer climates will have broader leaved trees and more refreshing fruit. In the torrid zone we will see a sort of fig tree which not only can carry

our thirst with its fruit, but will also present entire valleys with paradises. It will grow on the burning sands of the sea beach and from the ends of its branches will throw out a multitude of sprigs which bend down to the soil, take root and from around the parent trunk a whole grove covered with impenetrable shade. In northern countries and on the tops of cold mountains we see the pine, spruce, hemlock, cedar, and the greater portion of resinous trees which will shelter man from the snow by their thick foliage, and supply him during the winter with torches and wood for his hearth. In temperate climates we find a similar benevolence on the part of vegetable nature, for it is in the warm and dry season that she will give us juicy, refreshing fruits, such as cherries, peaches, melons, and at the opening of winter we have fruits such as nuts which warm us through the oil which they contain. But of all the parts of the earth, the most favored will be the cradle of the human race, Asia. There will grow spontaneously the olive, the orange, the lemon, the peach, the apricot, the cherry, the tea-plant, the sugarcane, coffee, rice, balm and spices. There like living columns crowned with green capitals, the tall palms will lift their heads to the skies; the great palm tree spoken of by the prophets of Israel and sung by the poets of Gentile nations as the emblem of victory on earth and in heaven, and which in the great deserts of Palestine and Egypt will supply numberless hermits with clothing by its broad leaves, with nourishment by its marrow and dates; the cocoanut palm which, growing on the shores of the most navigable seas, will supply the sailor or with wood to build vessels, with leaves to shape sails, its trunk will make the mast, its fruit the cargo. It is above all from that favored country, and from it distributed over the earth, that two plants are found which, though feeble to the view, possess nevertheless an inestimable virtue; the one a slender brittle herb without beauty of either foliage or flower, and odorless; the other a useless climbing, creeping weed, not fit to be made even into a peg. It is nevertheless these two plants, which possess neither vigor nor beauty, viz., the wheat and the vine, that sustain life in man and gladden his heart. Those are the humble plants which change earth and water into bread and wine, and which, changed again in our regular meals into our flesh and blood, cause us to live a temporal life; and in the sacred banquet changed into the Body and Blood of the Man-God, communicate to us eternal life. What an admirable transubstantiation, making earth and water participate in the nature of the plant, the plant in the nature of man, and man in the nature of God!

(To be continued.)

Parish News of the Week.

C.M.B.A. BRANCH TO HOLD MEETING AND ELECT OFFICERS.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of Branch No. 10, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of America, was held in their hall, No. 329 St. Antoine street, at which the following officers were elected, viz.: President, Bro. Michael Lynch; 1st Vice-President, Bro. J. V. P. Desaulniers; 2nd vice-president, Bro. P. J. Fitzpatrick; recording secretary, Bro. Jas. McIvor; assist. rec. secretary, Bro. D. F. Lynch; treasurer, Bro. C. F. Flanagan; financial secretary, Bro. A. Dughan; Marshal, Bro. Jas. Corbett; guard, Bro. Michael Johnson. The reports of the various reporting officers were read, showing the Branch to be in a highly prosperous condition numerically and financially, and ten applications for membership were referred to the board of trustees.

ST. GABRIEL JUVENILES HOLD CONCERT.

Last Monday evening witnessed a very pleasing as well as successful gathering in St. Gabriel Church hall, when the Juvenile T. A. & B. Society repeated the entertainment given in aid of their proposed present to the church. Their object last Monday was to assist the St. Joseph's Home for boys, and their efforts were highly appreciated, judging from the large audience present.

Each one of those taking part in the drama acted as though success depended upon him alone, and the society is to be congratulated. May their noble and generous work long continue.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME.

A large and delighted audience assisted at the reproduction of the Irish drama, "By Killarney's Lakes and Fells," given by the St. Gabriel Juvenile Temperance Society in their hall on Monday evening last in aid of the above worthy institution. The young men played their parts admirably, and were sustained by a brilliant little orchestra under the direction of Mr. P. J. Shea, organist of St. Ann's, who is always ready when it is a question of charity to give his services gratuitously. Songs, serious and comic, were sung between the acts and kept the large audience attentive until nearly 11 o'clock. Reverend Canon O'Meara, the promoter of the entertainment, was present and made a few remarks when the performance was over. Father Holland, the founder of the Home, was present, as also were Father Kierman of St. Michael's and Father Callahan of St. Agnes. Miss Brennan, the most worthy matron of the institution, also occupied a front seat. We hope to see the Juveniles again in the near future.

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OUR MONTHLY CALENDAR

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Includes February 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

The Cure and Church-wardens of the Fabrique of the parish of Notre Dame de Montreal will apply to the Quebec Legislature, at its next session, for an act on the following matters: Enact that the second paragraph of article 3450 of the Quebec Revised Statutes does not apply to the cemetery of Notre Dame des Neiges; confirm, in so far as may be useful, the acquisition by said Fabrique of lot number five of the official plan and book of reference of the village of Cote des Neiges, and the deed of agreement relating to said acquisition, passed on the thirtieth of December, 1907, before A. E. Prud'homme, notary, between said Fabrique on the one part, and Jérôme Marcel Aubry, Dame Marie-Archange-Victoria Aubry et David Nelligan, ex-qualité, on the other part; enact that all lands acquired by said Fabrique to enlarge said cemetery since February 23, 1875, shall be annexed for religious and Fabrique purposes to the parish of Notre Dame de Montreal as well as the lands which might hereafter be acquired for the same purposes. TAILLON, BONIN & MORIN, Attorneys for the said Fabrique.

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late William Kerr will apply to the Quebec Legislature, at its next session, to obtain an Act to ratify a deed of sale by the testamentary executors and fiduciary legatees of the late Honorable Sir George Etienne Cartier, et al., to M. M. Browne & Perley, executed before J. L. Coutlée, notary, the 5th May, 1874. For the interested parties, L. LYMAN, Attorney. Montreal, 17th December, 1907.

NOTICE.

The Fabrique of the parish of St. Francois d'Assise de Longue Pointe, having decided to reconstruct the church and the sacristy of the said parish, destroyed by fire on Nov. 7, 1907, and being duly authorized to this effect, give notice that they will make application to the Quebec Legislature at its next session to obtain the passing of a law authorizing a special loan with assessment on the immovable property of Catholic property owners to provide for the cost of reconstruction of the said church, sacristy and other necessary appurtenances; and for the payment of all expenses occasioned by this reconstruction; to form a syndic office, having all the powers, rights and obligations required and necessary for the ends of said reconstruction, the assessment and everything else required in similar cases; to authorize the Fabrique to give to the Syndic to use for the said reconstruction, all the moneys they can dispose of, proceeding from the insurance on the old church destroyed by fire; and to authorize the said Fabrique to lend to the Syndic for the ends of said reconstruction all sums of money which it can dispose of proceeding from the price of sale of the immovable possessions commonly known under the name of "land of the Fabrique." JOS. A. DESCARRIES, Of the firm of Cressé & Descarrés, Attorneys. Montreal, Feb. 11, 1908.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The following sums have been received for the Rev. R. F. C. Mascarenhas, missionary in India, who is in such urgent need of funds to build a church: An Italian Reader, \$1.00 D. Corcoran, Lachine Locks, P.Q. \$2.00

The Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome.

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OTTAWA TRAINS.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the Legislature at its next session, to obtain a charter of incorporation to them and all such persons becoming shareholders in the company, under the name of "Hochelega Insurance Company." The object of the proposed company is to transact all kinds of insurance and reinsurance against fire and its consequences, plate-glass, steam boiler, live stock and of all kinds, and to perform all matters and things connected with such objects and suitable to the accomplishment thereof. Montreal, January 9th, 1908. Henri Wilfrid Cathcart. J. M. Robitaille. H. Landry. M. E. Bourcier. Pierre-Auguste Hubert.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal.

Application will be made at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, for the incorporation of the "Third Order of Saint Francis, Saint Patrick's Fraternity," as a religious and philanthropic corporation, with power to hold real estate, and for such other powers as may be necessary or incidental thereto. BEAUDIN, LORANGER, ST. GERMAIN & GUERIN, Attorneys for Applicants. Montreal, 15 January, 1908.

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NOTICE.

Notice is given by Philias Vannier, gentleman, Narcisse Laurier, gentleman, both of Montreal, that they will, with other proprietors, apply to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session, to amend the act of this Province, 3 Edward VII., chapter 62, section 52, subsection 15, paragraphs C and D, in order that the City of Montreal be forced to pay alone that part of the cost of expropriation, representing the amount of damages and the value of buildings erected on or beyond the homologated line of Saint Antoine street of said city, for the third and fourth section, in as much as the proprietors who have constructed in this manner, have done so because the said city gave them an erroneous line to erect their said buildings. Montreal, 22nd January, 1908. BEAUDIN, LORANGER, ST. GERMAIN & GUERIN, Attorneys for Petitioners.

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