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CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

- MARCH. 24, Sunday—Fourth Sunday in Lent, Solemnization of the Resurrection of Christ.

THE SCHOOL CASE.

As we go to press we are in receipt of a dispatch from Ottawa announcing that His Excellency has assented to the Order-in-Council providing for remedial legislation, and Parliament is called to meet on the 18th of April next.

Death and Funeral of Mrs. McNeerney.

We take the following from the Pawtucket (R. I.) Evening Post:—Mrs. Mary McNeerney died at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. Francis Johnson, Pine street, at 9:45 o'clock on the evening of Friday, 8th of March, after a painful illness of ten weeks.

She came to America nearly half a century ago and located in Canada. She survived her husband, who died over 40 years ago and has resided in this city about 25 years.

The deceased was the mother of the late wife of Dr. Johnson and also of Mother Leo, superior of the Rhode Island Catholic Orphan asylum, and of Mrs. William O'Brien, of Hamilton, Ont.

Mrs. McNeerney had a very large circle of acquaintances who were endeared to her on account of her kind and affable disposition. The funeral took place from the residence of Dr. Johnson and services were held at St. Mary's church Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

A solemn High Mass of requiem was celebrated and the church was well filled by a large number of relatives and friends of the deceased.

Many of the old and prominent residents of the city were present. Rev. Father James Smith of Taunton was celebrant of the mass; Rev. William Galvin, of Westley, deacon, and Rev. George Maguire of St. Michael's, Providence, sub-deacon. Rev. P. F. McKenna officiated as master of ceremonies.

In the sanctuary were seated Rev. Fathers Gillan, Garcin and Delemarre.

The choir was augmented by several soloists and the music was of unusual excellence and impressiveness. At the offertory Mrs. William Gillan rendered the Pie Jesu. Mr. Robert Casey sang the Agnus Dei, and Miss Sarah Graham the Libera.

At the close of the services Rev. Father Galvin gave an eloquent eulogy on the life of the deceased and her devotion to the church. The casket was then conveyed to Old St. Mary's cemetery, where interment took place, the committal service being read by Rev. P. F. McKenna. The bearers were Thomas Glancy, Bernard McGrath, Michael Cassidy and John F. Bligh. The floral tributes were numerous and handsome. Mrs. McNeerney was the grandmother of Mrs. (Dr.) J. K. Barrett of this city.

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IMPOSING RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Eloquent Sermons by Visiting Church Dignitaries—Grand Concert at the Bijou Theatre for the Poor of the City.

The glorious Seventeenth of March falling this year on a Sunday, and the presence in the city of so many distinguished Prelates and Priests from various parts of the Dominion who had come to attend the consecration of our new Archbishop, gave an opportunity for the carrying out of the religious observance of the festival of St. Patrick with a degree of solemnity and grandeur which had never before been attained on a like occasion in this country, and in all probability has never been excelled in any other part of the world.

This year, however, so far as attendance is concerned the record was more than maintained, in fact, never before do we remember seeing a larger or more appreciative audience assembled in the Bijou Theatre. We congratulate the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society on this fact, and at the same time we would say that they deserved the support they received, for they had arranged for their patrons what proved to be a most interesting, and, in every sense of the word, enjoyable entertainment.

As will be seen by a reference to the programme which we give below most of Winnipeg's leading vocalists, instrumentalists and elocutionists had a part, and as nearly all of their selections were appropriate to the occasion the enthusiasm of the audience was at times raised to the highest possible limit, and throughout was well maintained. The concert was under the patronage of His Honor Lieut.-Governor Schultz, who, however, was unfortunately unable to be present, and owing to the late arrival of the train from the east none of the visiting dignitaries were able to attend. However, in the midst of his many other pressing obligations His Grace Archbishop Langevin found time to visit the concert. He came in shortly after the programme had commenced, and his appearance as he advanced up the hall to take his seat was greeted with a spontaneous and hearty burst of applause. The following was the programme presented:—

- PART I. 1. Quintette, "The Harp that Once Through Tara's Hall." Mandolin: Miss E. Chevier, Messrs. A. Made and V. Bouche. Guitars: Messrs. D. E. McLaughlin and L. Bouche.

Almost every item on the programme was encored, and Mr. Hall had to respond no less than four times before the audience were satisfied. One of the gems of the evening in our opinion was the recitation by Mr. O'Connell Powell. His selection was a beautiful one, and the gifted elocutionist rendered it in a manner that went straight to the hearts of his hearers. Miss Barrett's rendition of "The Wearing of the Green," was another of the best pieces of the evening, and Mrs. McIvor pleased everyone. Dr. H. D. Smith was in splendid voice, and the same can be said of Messrs. Crick and Cowper. Mr. McGinn kept the audience in roars of laughter while he was on the stage, and all the instrumental selections were much appreciated. Too much praise cannot be given the lady accompanists to whose skill not a little of the success and enjoyment of the evening may be attributed.

At St. Mary's church on Sunday morning His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, of Ottawa, preached the sermon, taking his text from the first epistle of St. Peter, chapter ii, verse ix, beginning "You are

a chosen generation." It was the distinguishing mark of the true Christian, the preacher said, to love even those whose sole ambition seemed to be, so to speak, the crushing and persecuting of the servants of Christ. Persecution but increased the number of Christians, and the Church flourished in the face of bitter opposition. Illustrating the conflict of soul and body, he said that every true Christian ought to live in this world as the soul in the body, avoiding that which is evil and cleaving to that which is good. Under the old dispensation, Moses, the leader was greater than Aaron, the high priest; but the new teaching of the school of Christ had reversed this order of things, and the spiritual was greater than the temporal; hence, whenever a people was Christianized kings descended from their thrones and bowed their heads before the followers of Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist might be found the fulfilment of the prophecy "From the rising of the sun, even to the going down of the same, a clean oblation is to be offered." The faithful of the Church were in themselves a kingly priesthood, since Christians were as kings when they surrendered their passions of the flesh and overcame the enemies of the soul.

Justice, said His Grace, was the glory of God, and he hoped that justice might be brought to this glorious land, which should reach not only Ontario and Quebec, but spread to Manitoba, and the other provinces. "If we asked for rights," said he, "it is because we know that Almighty God has given us these rights. The church, inspired by the Holy Ghost, will ask only what is right. The church claims the right to teach our children in school and in church. It is because the church is inspired by the Holy Ghost to proclaim the truth to the smallest child as well as to the highest intellect in the land, and the child will be better instructed if religious and secular teachings be combined. The family, the school, and the church are dear to the faithful."

The offerings were given to the schools in accordance with the custom of the parish, which devotes the offertories of the third Sunday in the month to this purpose. At the close of the offertory Mrs. Barrett sang, "The Harp that Once Thro' Tara's Hall," very sweetly. At the beginning and end of the service in honor of the day, the organist played a harmonious selection of Irish melodies. His Lordship Bishop Grandin, of St. Albert, celebrated the mass. The choir sang Gonnod's mass of the Sacred Heart. At vespers the Rev. Father Guillard, provincial of the Oblates, preached on St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

Sunday last at this beautiful little northern church recalled vividly to our minds that other St. Patrick's Day, some two years ago, when our late lamented Archbishop celebrated the first mass within its walls. Those who were present on that occasion will remember the deep solemnity of the services, the beautiful and touching music of the choir, the inspiring sermon which was delivered, and the immense number of people who thronged the edifice. In all these respects was the experience of two years ago repeated on Sunday. If we mistake not, the choir rendered the very same mass—to our mind one of the very best, an most devotional in their extensive repertoire—viz.: Leonard's Mass in C; in place of our late Archbishop we had on Sunday last His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal, who addressed to the congregation some stirring and inspiring remarks suggested by the feast of the day; and the attendance was a very large one. We cannot praise too highly the admirable manner in which the choir rendered the delightful and soul-inspiring music of the mass. This organization has during the past two years gone on from one success to another, each effort seeming to be better than the last, and we have no hesitation in saying that they were never heard to better advantage than on Sunday. The leading quartette composed of Mrs. A. Bernhart, soprano; Mrs. Buzzard, alto; Mr. Markinski, tenor; and Mr. Tomney, bass; is certainly a most powerful and exceedingly well matched combination, and they are admirably supported by the other members of the choir, and are constantly showing with admirable effect the improvement they are making under the training of the talented organist Mrs. Geo. Germain, and the zealous parish priest, who takes a very deep interest in all things pertaining to the musical portion of the services. During the offertory Mrs. Geo. Germain and Mr. Tomney gave a magnificent rendering of Lambillotte's grand "Justus." The mass was celebrated by His Grace Mgr. Fabre, Archbishop of Montreal, with Canon Racicot as assistant priest, Father Gaudet, of L'Epiphanie, P. Q., as deacon, and Father Grenier, S. J., of St. Boniface, sub-deacon.

In the evening the church was thronged to the doors, and everyone who was present must now be congratulating themselves on the fact, as they had the privilege of assisting at a most beautiful service and of hearing one of the most masterly expositions of what Catholics actually believe regarding St. Peter and his successors, and the proofs on which that belief rests. His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, who sang the vespers and also gave benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, was the preacher, and for upwards of an hour he held the undivided attention of the packed congregation, whilst he eloquently and impressively discoursed on the important topic he had under consideration. The choir acquitted themselves admirably, the special points calling for mention being the "Laudate," and the "Magnificat" at vespers; Mr. Tomney's "O Salutaris," Mrs. Bernhart's "Ave Maria," and the "Tantum Ergo," at Benediction.

At the cathedral High Mass was celebrated by Mgr. Begin, Archbishop of Quebec, and the sermon was read by His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal, Mgr. Fabre. Special music was also given by the choir, and the sacred edifice could barely accommodate the throng of worshippers.

Summing up our account of the St. Patrick's festival this year in the city, we would repeat what we said at the commencement, that the circumstances being propitious for a grand celebration, they were taken advantage of to their fullest extent.

Nothing that the church could do in honor of the great Apostle of Ireland was left undone, and coming as it did on the eve of the consecration of our beloved Archbishop, the whole Catholic community, with their hearts full of gratitude

to Almighty God, thoroughly entered into the true spirit of the occasion.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY BANQUET.

The banquet held by the St. Patrick's Society at Kenealey's English Chop House was a great success. President D'Arcy was in the chair, supported on either side by U. S. Consul Duffie, Mayor Taylor, Ald. Andrews, Mr. O'Malley, M.P.P., A. F. Martin, M.P.P., Colonel Brophy and others. There was an abundance of good cheer, and the mingled wit and eloquence which characterized the after-dinner speeches gave a distinctly national tone to the gathering. The toast list comprised "The Queen," "The President of the United States," "The Local Dominion and Civic Governments," "St. Patrick's Day," "The Land We Live in," "The Emer Isle," "The Army and Navy," "Sister Societies," "The Learned Professions," "The Ladies," and "The Press." Mr. Thomas Mathers, replying to the toast of the day, spoke eloquently of the real worth of Irishmen, their achievements and their victories, and Mr. Jos. Fahey, in response to "The Land We Live in," made a most patriotic address. Between the toasts there was a constant succession of songs and recitations, so that the enjoyment of the occasion as well maintained throughout, and when the company dispersed in the wee sma' hours of the morning it was felt that they had been present at one of the most pleasant reunions ever held by the St. Patrick's society.

LECTURE BY FATHER FOX.

Are Catholics Anxious to Make Converts? An Interesting Discourse.

Under the auspices of the Catholic Holy society the Rev. Father Fox, O. M. I., at St. Mary's church on Monday night delivered a lecture entitled "Are Catholics Anxious to Make Converts; if so, why?" There was, considering the numerous other attractions, a fair sized audience. The reverend lecturer said that Catholics were often accused of holding doctrines which they repudiated, and inculcating practices that were utterly unknown to them, or if known would be repugnant to their Christian principles. Although they might deny those accusations over and over again, they were continually renewed, so that it seemed further denials were useless, and whilst they were ready boldly to take their places beneath their standard and proclaim the faith that was within them, the time had passed for always being on the defensive and arrived for bringing the war into the enemy's camp. But there were some things which Protestants held to be errors which Catholics were convinced were right, and these they were always ready to uphold and defend. For example should they refrain from assisting at the holy sacrifice of the mass because there were many who believed the mass to be merely a vain invention of man? Should they refuse adoration of the blessed sacrament lest they might be accused of idolatry? One accusation which some believed to be very damaging was regarding the anxiety to convert others to the faith, and it was said that they were ready to avail themselves of every opportunity to make as many converts to the church as they could. He was ready to admit at once that there was much truth in this assertion: for, believing that the church was the one true church of Christ, the only true church, that she was founded by Christ who was Himself the chief cornerstone, that the apostles were the pillars thereof, the chief of them being Peter, moreover, that he promised to remain with that church until the end of time, a Catholic would fail in his duty if he did not avail himself of every opportunity of winning souls to Christ and leading them by the grace of God and the light of His holy spirit to the knowledge of the faith once delivered to the saints, which could be found only in the Holy Roman Catholic church. Catholics, therefore, were anxious to make converts, and if they were asked why, he would say because they were bound to love their neighbors as themselves; because the mission given to the Church was to go and teach all nations; because, being on what they believed was the right road themselves, it was their duty to point it out to others who, on the journey through life, appeared to have wandered from the proper path. A charge was often made against them of uncharitable exclusiveness on account of their holding that outside Church there is no salvation, but Father Fox explained that the Church held that Protestants who had the necessary good dispositions, who had no suspicion of their religion being false, who had no means of discovering the true religion, or who would embrace it if they knew it better, were in a sense members of the Church. They were united to the soul of the Church, although not to the visible body by external communion with her. The lecturer went on to argue that fairness as well as common sense should prompt every man to study the Church, and not condemn her until they had studied for themselves authorized Catholic works. He quoted from theological writers as to the teachings of the Church on this point, by whom it was held that the Church was guiltless unknown to many, and as there could be no actual punishment without actual sin, there was no actual sin without liberty, and no liberty without knowledge. God would not punish people for being outside the Church by no fault of their own, but supposing a doubt presented itself to the mind of anyone, he was bound in conscience to take every means possible to satisfy himself as to the truth. Father Fox concluded a very interesting lecture by strongly endorsing the Catholic Truth society and giving some advice to its members.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH.

We come to thee, O Blessed Joseph, in our sore distress, and having sought the help of thy Most Blessed Spouse, we now confidently implore thy assistance also. We humbly beg that, mindful of the dutiful affection which bound thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and of the fatherly love wherewith thou

didst cherish the Child Jesus, thou wilt lovingly watch over the heritage which Jesus Christ purchased with His Blood, and of thy strength and power help us in our urgent need.

O Most Provident Guardian of the Divine Family, protect the chosen race of Jesus Christ; drive far from us, most loving Father, every pest of error and corrupting sin; from thy place in Heaven most powerful deliverer, graciously come to our aid in this conflict with the power of darkness; and as of old thou didst deliver the Child Jesus from supreme peril of life, so now defend the holy church of God from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity; have each of us always in thy keeping, that, following thy example and borne up by thy strength, we may be able to live boldly die happily, and so enter into the everlasting bliss of Heaven. Amen.

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