

L'UNION ST. JOSEPH.

PROCESSION TO THE CATHEDRAL.

MR. FABRE CELEBRATES MASS.—ADDRESSES
AT THEIR HALL—EXCLUSION OF FOREIGN
SOCIETIES ADVOCATED.

"L'Union St. Joseph," the oldest French-Canadian benevolent association in Montreal, on Sunday celebrated the feast of its patron saint as usual by attending Mass in a body.

The members assembled at the Society's hall, corner of St. Elizabeth and St. Catherine streets, in large numbers despite the inclement weather.

Nearly a thousand out of a membership of eighteen hundred took part in the turn out. There were also the invited guests, including His Worship Mayor Villeneuve; Hon. James McShane, President of the St. Patrick's Society; Hon. Mr. Justice Loranger, President of St. Jean Baptiste Society; Mr. J. J. Curran, M.P.; Mr. Martineau, M.P.P.; Mr. L. H. Laporte, President of the Chambre de Commerce and of the Alliance Nationale; Mr. L. E. Morin, jr., President of l'Union St. Pierre; Ald. Grothe, of the Artisans' Society; Mr. Therien, President of l'Union St. Vincent; Mr. J. H. Morin, President of l'Union St. Joseph, of St. Hyacinthe; Mr. Lafontaine, President of l'Union des Commis Marchands; Ald. Renault and Ald. Leclerc.

The members marched in procession with banners flying and accompanied by l'Union Musicale and the Harmonie bands, by way of Sherbrooke and University Streets, to the Cathedral of St. James the Minor. Many of the houses along the line of march were decorated and there were many evidences of widespread sympathy with the demonstration.

Mgr. Fabre, who was the first chaplain of the Association, officiated at the Mass, with Canon Racicot as assistant priest, Rev. Paul Leblanc and Rev. J. A. Vaillant as deacon and sub-deacon, and Rev. M. Perras, as master of ceremonies.

The choir sang the Mass of St. Cecile, under the able direction of Prof. Couture, and among the soloists were Messrs. Ed. Label, Des Troismaisons, and Soum, the baritone of the French Opera, who sang at the Offertory with great effect.

The sermon, a very eloquent one, was delivered by Rev. Abbe Cousineau, of Ste. Therese. He spoke of charity and liberty, and devoted his attention principally to demonstrate that the men who were telling every one that they could be independent of everybody else were not true friends of the workingmen. He held up as fitting examples to imitate the members of the St. Joseph's Society, who respected authority, accepted the direction of the church, and were willing to make some sacrifices to conform themselves to the wishes of the clergy.

After Mass the members marched back to their hall by way of Windsor, St. James and St. Lawrence streets. At the hall a lunch had been prepared for the guests.

It was both preceded and followed by numerous speeches, the burden of which was, of course, praise for the good work accomplished by L'Union St. Joseph.

The President of the Society, Mr. Ludger Cousineau, in his opening remarks, quoted figures, showing that the Society has paid out in the course of existence, as insurance and benefits, a sum of \$280,000, of which not less than \$36,500 was paid during the last year.

Mayor Villeneuve congratulated the members for having had the good thought of marching through the western section of the city. It would show their English citizens what powerful and respectable societies they possessed. Indeed, His Worship, wished that some restrictions might be put on those new societies which are now being introduced from the United States, so as to give a chance to the Canadian organizations and so as to keep the money at home.

Judge Loranger, who followed, fully concurred in these ideas of the Mayor.

Hon. James McShane expressed the warmest sympathy for l'Union St. Joseph. He noted with pleasure the progress of French-Canadians in the city. He hoped to see the day when they would march together.

Hon. Mr. Curran, in the course of his speech, also impressed upon French-Canadians that he was greatly in sympathy with them. But he also appealed for tolerance. They must remember that men who did not belong to the same

societies as themselves held different views. It would be through tolerance that they would succeed in vanquishing the most obstinate prejudices.

And when he replied to the toast of the Federal Parliament, he said:—

"We need the assistance of settlers from all parts of the world to develop our great territories. And to receive this assistance it is essential that we should have permanent guarantees of liberty. I believe that Parliament will find the means of establishing the most complete liberty concerning those things which are dearest to our heart."

Mr. Laporte again referred to the question regulating foreign societies seeking a foothold in Canada, and announced that the Chambre de Commerce would probably take up the question.

Speeches were also made by Messrs. L. E. Morin, jr., Ald. Grothe, Martineau, M.P.P., Therien, Morin, of St. Hyacinthe, Joseph Contant, R. Lemieux, Pascal Leclerc and Lachance.

Great credit is due to the officers of the Society, Messrs. Louis Cousineau, C. Beauchemin, A. Blais, J. A. Prudhomme, A. Gosselin, A. Boire, J. L. David and Jas. Robichaud.

A BRIGHT LITTLE LAD.

A YOUTH OF SEVEN MAKES HIS MARK.

In the different reports given by the Ottawa papers of the grand concert held on the evening of the 18th March, in the Opera House of that city, we notice very special mention made of the wonderfully effective manner in which Master Anson Howard recited a piece appropriate to the occasion and delivered a second one in answer to the enthusiastic *encore* which greeted his first effort. When it is remembered that the boy is only seven years of age, and not exceptionally robust, it sounds phenomenal that he should display such splendid elocutionary power and such fine talents. We may some day in the future expect to hear from this bright little fellow in larger and more remarkable spheres of action. Meanwhile we congratulate him on his success and extend the same to his father, who must be naturally proud of his gifted son.

NUMISMATIC AND ANTIQUARIAN.

THE CHATEAU DE RAMEZAY MUSEUM DISCUSSED BY THE SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society was held last week in the Natural History Library, and Mr. Hermann H. Wolff presided. Those present were: W. D. Bastien, de Lery Macdonald, Alain Macdonald, R. W. McLachlan, F. X. Langelier, secretary. The question of forming a historical gallery and museum in the Chateau de Ramezay was discussed and the following committee was appointed to look after it: Judge Baby, president; Messrs. Rouer Roy, H. J. Tiffin, L. W. Sicotte, W. Huot, H. H. Wolff, de Lery Macdonald, with power to add to their number. Reference was made during the evening by Mr. de Lery Macdonald to the monument an American society purpose erecting at Louisburg to celebrate the downfall of that fortress. He made a suggestion that the Society make a protest against the Federal Government's granting permission for the same, as being very objectionable to the Acadians. The Society decided not to take any action in the matter.

THE REV. ABBE CHARRIER.

LIFE OF THE NEW PARISH PRIEST OF ST. JAMES.

After the official appointment of Rev. Abbe Troie as Parish Priest of Notre Dame, came that of the Rev. Abbe Charrier as his successor as Cure of St. James' Church, St. Denis street. The new Parish Priest although yet quite young is very popular in this city, and his appointment was favorably received by all the Catholics of this city. Rev. Stanislas Charrier, P. P., was born at Machecoul, Loire Inferieure, in the diocese of Nantes, France, on the 4th of January, 1853, and is therefore in his 42nd year. He studied at the Petit and Grand Seminaire of Nantes, France, under such able men as the Rev. Abbes Gahier, now Superior of the Petit Seminaire and the Rev. Messrs. Picherit and Drouet. He was ordained priest on the 29th of June, 1879, at Nantes, by Bishop Leccoq. He joined his Order on the 1st of October,

1879, and for one year attended the University courses. He joined what is known in the Order as *La Solitude D'Issy* in October, 1881. Being a very clever student, and in fact one of the strongest theologians of his class, it was deemed advisable that his experience should be extended to Canada, where he would secure a field for the extension of his knowledge. Accordingly the Council of his Order sent him to Montreal on the 25th August, 1882, and he was at once made acquainted with the general routine and administration of the Montreal College. A few weeks after his arrival, he was appointed one of the professors of the Montreal College, and for thirteen years he was one of the most popular professors of that College. He was also the econome of the Montreal College for several years, and his abilities have placed him as one of the most popular financiers of his Order. On July 1, 1894, he was appointed Vicar of St. James' Church, and up to the present filled that important position to the satisfaction of all. He was also the chaplain of the Montcalm School, and the spiritual adviser and director of the Men's Congregation of St. James' Parish, and was universally esteemed.

CATHOLIC DIRECTORY FOR 1895.

We have just received the first quarterly 1895 issue of Hoffman's Catholic Directory, Almanac and Clergy list. The volume contains over 900 pages and gives complete reports of the dioceses in the United States, Canada and Newfoundland. It is published in Milwaukee by Hoffman Brothers Co., "Printers to the Holy Apostolic See," and is retailed at 50 cents per year for the four numbers. Apart from the fund of information contained in this large volume, it gives a very fine and complete map of the different ecclesiastical provinces of the United States and Canada. It is almost a necessity in this age of hurry and competition to have at hand ready-reckoners, and directories of all classes. Time and worry are thereby saved. In the Catholic institutions, presbyteries, newspaper offices and professional bureaus Hoffman's Directory should be found.

AN EASTER MAGAZINE.—Probably no two words in the English language are more misused and abused than "lady" and "woman," and there is much wisdom, therefore, in a popular discussion of the proper usage of the words, such as is given in the April Ladies' Home Journal, by Margaret Deland, Mrs. Burton Harrison and Sarah Orne Jewett. "The Burning Question of Domestic Service" is treated intelligently and interestingly by the Countess of Aberdeen. Jessie Bartlett Davis, the well-known contralto of the "Bostonians," contributes a valuable article on the "Uses of a Contralto Voice"; Mrs. Burton Harrison speaks of the deportment of "The Well-Bred Girl Abroad," and her travel requirements; Kate Greenaway, whose quaint pictures have never before appeared in the pages of a magazine, is represented by a page of April children, whose histories are delightfully told in rhyme by Laura E. Richards. "The Story of a Vivacious Girl" is the title of a new, bright novelette of girl life of today which Grace Stuart Reid begins and Frank O. Small illustrates. John Kendrick Bangs is irresistibly funny in "The Paradise Club," and Josiah Allen's Wife is pathetically humorous in her new two-part story called "The Earthquake of Eighteen Eighty-Three." The vigorous pen of Dr. Parkhurst is most evident in his definition of "The True Mission of Woman." The editor discusses with much force three serious subjects, "Making Marriage a Problem," "Taking Things for Granted" and "Frittering Away our Time." "The Personality of a Charming Writer," who is Kate Douglas Wiggin, is most charmingly pictured and described by Emma B. Kaufman. Easter brides, Easter hostesses and Easter students are remembered by Isabel A. Mallon, Mrs. W. F. Peck and Jane Searle. A beautiful page, "A Revival of Spangle Work," is daintily illustrated. "Laying Out a Small Country Place" is the attractive title of a very practical article by Elizabeth Bisland. The cover of this April Journal is a reproduction of two of C. D. Gibson's most stylish and charming girls, and all through the issue is the freshness and daintiness of springtime and Easter days. This ideal magazine is sold for ten cents a number and one dollar a year by The Curtis Publishing Company, of Philadelphia.

CEROLE VILLE MARIE.

There was an enjoyable entertainment at the Cabinet de Lecture Paroissial last week, under the auspices of the Cerole Ville Marie. The chief feature was an address by the Rev. Abbe Choquette, of St. Hyacinthe College, upon the subject "Has Science Failed?" The reverend gentleman discussed the beneficial results of scientific research, but also pointed out the dangerous tendency of scientific studies to infidelity. He also showed how this tendency should be combated. Messrs. Beique, R. Barre, E. d'Amours, Dufour, J. Plamondon and J. E. Nolet and Miss Franchere contributed some enjoyable musical items and recitations. A one act comedy, *Les Deux Sourds*, wound up the evening. The principal parts were filled by Messrs. R. Barre, C. Amiot, A. Borque and J. D. Lemay.

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