



AT ST. PATRICK'S.

CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES ON ASCENSION DAY.

Agallicent Music and Singing—Father Martin Callaghan's Eloquent Sermon.

On the evening of the Ascension, at half seven o'clock, St. Patrick's church was most beautifully illuminated...

promised to stand by his or her temperance pledge until twenty-one years of age. They were fully instructed in the nature of the pledge.

RELIGIOUS NEWS ITEMS.

On May 1, Rt. Rev. Edward McColgan, Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, was 80 years of age.

The third Congress of the Catholics of Austria will be held at Luz, the principal town of Higher Austria, in the beginning of August.

Incendiaries supposed to be Anarchists are again active in Vienna. Their latest outrage is the burning of the panorama of "Christ Crucified" by Tigethim, a work of great labor and considerable art.

A great festival took place in the Timok Valley, in Serbia, to celebrate the baptism of 400 Mohammedan gypsies belonging to the tribe of Ibrahim Hamil.

Mgr. John Farley, pastor of St. Gabriel's Church, New York, has received from the Pope the title of Domestic Prelate.

On May 15, Archbishop Elder, assisted by Rt. Rev. Bishop Watterson, officiated at the dedication of Holy Angel's Church, Columbus, O.

the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy at Sacramento. This generous contribution of the distinguished United States Senator is another illustration of his high regard for Catholic Institutions.

Rev. Philip O'Doherty, the popular and patriotic priest of Innishowen, County Donegal, Ireland, has been appointed a member of the Royal Irish Academy.

Monsignor L. C. Caillet, whom the Pope at the request of Archbishop Ireland, has just made a domestic prelate, is one of the oldest priests of the St. Paul archdiocese, and has done duty in that city for the past twenty or more years.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Dallas, Texas, has decided to establish mission stations at Hico, Gentry's Mills and Goldwaite in Hamilton county; at Lancaster, Dallas county, at Godley, Johnson, and Blum, Hill Co. He has accordingly, directed the Rev. Dr. Coffey to look after Catholic interests at these points.

The French Minister of Marine has sent a fine ostensorium in silver gilt, ornamented with enamel and precious stones, to the Franciscans of the Convent of Jaffa, who received the shipwrecked of the cruiser Segnaty in April of last year, with an appropriate inscription.

Bishop Wigger of Newark, has been sustained by the Supreme Council of the Catholic Benevolent Legion. Last summer the Bishop ordered the suspension of St. Antoninus' Council, No. 116, of Newark, for selling beer at a picnic in the shooting park.

The pupils of the Archbishop's Academy, of which Bishop-elect Edmund has been spiritual adviser for many years, presented him with an address and souvenir on Monday, the 29th May. The gift consisted of a set of rich vessels for altar service, contained in a leather case.

In Favor of Early Closing. La Semaine Religieuse, the official organ of His Grace Archbishop Fabre, says: "The City Council has already commenced, and will continue to discuss a question of the highest importance, the early closing of places in which liquor is sold."

A correspondent writes to the Minerve approving the stand it has taken in claiming that the descendants of the French settlers should be designated as "Canadians" pure and simple, as thirty years ago, the placing before it the word "French" and the addition of "the word 'Roman'" is not added before the word "Catholic."

How It is Non-Catholics Go To Heaven. Cardinal Manning, in the Review of the Churches, explained for the satisfaction of the renegades of Christianity how it is that the Catholics die and go to heaven, and the non-Catholics do not.

Senator Leland Stanford has presented to Bishop Manogue, of Sacramento, a check for \$5,000. The money is to be used towards making improvements to the convent.

THAT EARLY CLOSING BY-LAW.

ALDERMEN NOT ANXIOUS TO CLOSE SALOONS EARLY.

The Temperance League in Great Force—No Representatives for the Licensed Victuallers—Small Meetings Amount to Nothing.

Once more the question of early closing of "places where liquor is sold" has been discussed. This was at the meeting of the special committee appointed to amend the by-law referred thereto, and which was held on Friday afternoon.

A.H. Prefontaine presided, and made it his business to head off the precipitate rushes made by either side to settle the question regardless of the feelings of the other. There were present Ald. Thompson, who is the strong temperance man of the committee; Ald. Wilson, who is inclined to use discretion in backing him up; Ald. J. M. Dufresne, whose business puts him on the anti-side of the fence; Ald. Farrell, who is also in the business, and A.H. Cresce.

The Licensed Victuallers were altogether unrepresented for a while, until the President, Mr. Hogan, was sent for, and in a few minutes made his appearance. When asked if he had anything to say he replied that owing to the short notice it would be impossible for him to give any idea of what the Association would do.

By-law to regulate the time of closing of establishments where liquor is sold: Whereas it is expedient, in the public interest to fix and determine the hours within which it shall be lawful, for persons keeping establishments in which liquors are sold in the city of Montreal, to allow such places to be open to the public:

Be it ordained and enacted by the council of the city of Montreal as follows: Sec. 1.—All persons keeping an establishment in which liquor is sold in the city of Montreal, shall close such establishment at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening, on Saturdays, and at ten o'clock in the evening, on the other days of the week.

When the above was discussed it was admitted by all present that an amended by-law would be absolutely necessary. Ald. Thompson reviewed the by-law at great length, and said that he thought it should only apply to those particular portions of hotels, restaurants, etc., where intoxicating liquors were sold.

This would upset all social and commercial arrangements and be a source of great inconvenience and annoyance to the public at large. The platform (if he might so call it) which the Temperance league took was that they wished to close up those small grogeries where filthy liquor was sold to workmen, where they spent their hard earned wages and arrived home without a dollar to provide for the wants of their families.

Ald. Wilson fully concurred in the views expressed by Ald. Thompson. Some discussion here followed on the legality of the council enforcing such a by-law as was proposed. Ald. Prefontaine, as chairman of the committee, declined to give any legal opinion, but suggested that the parties who wished this early closing movement to be carried into effect should take the advice of their lawyers and submit them

to the committee. If the committee disagreed in their opinions, they had always the City Attorney to fall back upon for advice.

Mr. J. R. Dougall, Rev. M. Dixon and Mr. S. P. Leet addressed the committee in the same strain that Ald. Thompson had adopted and asked that the by-law be amended to meet the views of all parties concerned.

Rev. J. H. Dixon thought that the law at present was impracticable. They could, however, draw up a better by-law. They were the city's legislators and it was their business to draw up a suitable law. The question had the moderate drinking men at its back. Grocers should not be stopped selling groceries, but a separation could be arranged.

OUR SCHOOLS.

Annual Examination at St. Ann's School.

The annual examination of this popular school was commenced and continued through the entire of last week. The Rev. Father Caron occupied the chair, and the examination was conducted by the Rev. Director, Brother Arnold, in person, in the presence of large numbers of the pupils' parents and many warm friends of the school.

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Help for Ireland.

We hasten to reproduce the following from the Catholic Weekly Review, of Toronto:

HELP.—The Irish party (whatever be their differences on minor points) will advance the pending suit in an unbroken phalanx against the common enemy (we use an enemy's words). All the friends of Ireland should send quickly their contributions to the Irish fund, of which His Grace the Archbishop has kindly consented to be treasurer. An apocryphal tale is at hand and a million van raris will not supply the place of actual personal assistance. Give it at once!

A Proper Suggestion.

A correspondent sends the following very timely letter to an evening contemporary on the Deacon affair:

SIR.—It is somewhat singular that one very simple method of dealing with and abating the not infrequent and somewhat rampant crimes and criminal scandals such as the foregoing does not suggest itself to the modern legislator. One wonders whether he, like the accusing Pharisees of old, is too much afraid of his own skin to risk casting the first stone!

Some of the most important telegrams to be attached to the despatches in our daily contemporary are of London on matters concerning the Holy See. Still we give you the following from the Daily News for what it is worth.

IRISHMEN MUST UNITE.

A PLAN FOR BRINGING ALL FACTIONS INTO HARMONY.

A Meeting of Great Importance Held in New York.—The Results of It.

In 1891 a conference of Irishmen was held at Brevoort Hall, New York, for the purpose of considering the condition of the National movement at home.

After a long discussion resolutions were passed deploring the condition of affairs in Ireland where factions were contending with each other, and warning the leaders of these factions that support could not be expected from this country until all the troubles were settled.

This committee was in secret session the whole day. After a long and earnest discussion a programme was adopted. It will be the basis for a general call to the various factions. Here is the programme:

New York, May 24, 1892.

To the Irish Nationalists of America. FELLOW CITIZENS: The constitutional movement for Home Rule in Ireland, brought apparently to the verge of settlement, has reached a crisis involving grave danger of failure.

This is the position of the Irish cause to-day and its true friends must recognize the inadvisable fact before they can apply an adequate remedy. Union in Ireland and for Ireland, regardless of English parties, is the essential factor in the Irish question.

A desperate attempt is being made by Lord Salisbury and his colleagues to stir up sectarian feeling in Ireland by dividing the representation of the Irish race abroad into two camps: one for Home Rule and one for the status quo.

The undersigned were convened by a conference held in New York, Nov. 28, 1891, which represented many branches of the Irish National League in the United States and in all the principal cities of the United States.

Roman Despatches.

We clip the following from the London Universe: it gives us an idea of how much reliance is to be placed in Roman despatches.

"Not much importance is to be attached to the despatches in our daily contemporary are of London on matters concerning the Holy See. Still we give you the following from the Daily News for what it is worth. Our Rome correspondent telegrams: It is probable that no Consistory will take place before the second half of June and any surprise is possible in the present state of Government and Vatican affairs."