

A GRAND CEREMONY.

The Blessing of the New School at St. Bridget's.

Sunday was a grand feast day in the parish of St. Bridget; the occasion was the blessing of the new school. The exterior of St. Bridget's church on Maisonneuve street was gaily decorated with flags; the handsome new school which adjoins it was decorated with evergreens, hunting and every other emblem of festivity. At a little after three the new school was crowded with parishioners of St. Bridget's and their friends. Archbishop Fabre solemnly blessed the new school and then spoke to those present, congratulating them together with their good pastor on the handsome school they had built. He said that good schools were of vital importance to the child, the family and the state, for a child well grounded in Christian doctrine will grow up into a good citizen; after a few more words the Archbishop proceeded to the presbytery of St. Bridget's church.

In a few minutes His Grace the Archbishop gave Benediction in the church, which by this time was crowded to the door. Canon Bruchesi delivered two excellent sermons, one in the church and one in the schools, both of them being on education.

Among the many clergy present were: Rev. Fathers Quinlivan, of St. Patrick's; Lacasse, of St. Elizabeth's; Adam, of the Gesu; Brissette, Hochelaga; Deguire, Notre Dame; O'Donnell, of St. Mary's; Leclerc, St. Joseph's; Duhuc, Nantel, Lesage, Labonte, Jodoin, Gervais, Robillard, Picotte, Desjardins, S. J., and Plouffe. The laymen present included Messrs. Beausoliel, M. P., Martineau, M. P. P., Ald. Reneault, Dr. Chagnon and M. Belanger.

The new school is a handsome building in red brick faced at the front with rough hewn grey stone. The entire length of the building is 188 feet by 68 in width, contains 24 class rooms and accommodation for 1000 boys. The school will be directed by 12 Christian Brothers and three lay teachers. The cost of the school is \$60,000, \$10,000 of which was donated by the Pastor of the parish, the Rev. Father Lonergan.

The cornerstone of the new school was laid on May the 17th last, by the Rev. Father Lonergan, and the school will be opened for pupils in September, '95.

The Rev. Father Lonergan says that this school is the outcome of an idea that had been in his mind for years; to have a school that should be light, airy and comfortable, and, above all, contain every facility for the advancement of education. "Our old school," said Father Lonergan, "which accommodates 800 pupils, is cramped, and so dark that we need gas at three o'clock often in the winter time: Our new school will be for the education of Catholic boys, irrespective of nationality, although most of the teachers will be French."

The architects for the school were Messrs. A. Raza and G. A. Chausse.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOMINATIONS.

Archbishop Fabre has ordained A. Desautels, Albany, to the order of sub-deacon, and A. Bourgois, Montreal, and L. Giroux, Sherbrooke, as deacons.

Abbe Hetu has been nominated by Archbishop Fabre, foreign vicar in place of Louis I. Guyon, cure of St. Eustache. Abbe Calixte Ouimet, cure of St. Eustache, has been named an agricultural missionary.

Rev. Augusta Lacasse has been appointed cure of the new parish of St. Elizabeth du Portugal.

By the decision of Monseigneur Paul LaRocque the following ecclesiastical changes have been made:—Abbe O. Plante, appointed cure of St. Elie of Orford; Abbe I. D. O. Godin, cure of St. Fortunate, Wolfestown; Abbe H. Masse to that of St. Roch, Rock Forest; Abbe Thomas Hannan to that of St. Camille, Cookshire; Abbe H. I. Gelinas to that of St. Edward, Eastman; Abbe T. Thiberge to that of Joseph of Ham; Abbe J. N. Baron to that of St. Adrien, Wolfe; Abbe J. E. Goesselin to the new parish of St. Stanislas, Ascot; Abbe Bussieres is named vicar of Stanstead, and Abbe V. Dodier to St. Hippolyte of Wotton.

A poet says: "There is always sunrise somewhere." This is comforting. To the man who is just going to bed there comes the happy consolation that somebody has to get up and go to work.

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