

# RECENT CATHOLIC HAPPENINGS.

## MISSION TO NON-CATHOLICS.

As we announced last week the Rev. Father Younan, C.S.P., of New York, commenced on Sunday evening last, in St. Patrick's Church, his mission to non-Catholics. The effects of this new departure have been greater than even the most sanguine had expected. Each evening the church was crowded, and the audience visibly augmented in numbers as the days went past. The decorations, both natural and artificial, of the grand renovated temple, were of a class to correspond with the occasion and were admired and highly praised by many scores of Protestants. On the occasion of the opening of the mission great circumstance was added to the event by the presence of His Grace Mgr. Bruchesi. A great number of priests were noticed in the sanctuary, while the body of the church was one vast sea of heads. Occupying the front seats were about thirty Chinamen. The choir was most effective, and on each occasion, it gave proof of the merits which are universally acknowledged to belong to it. One feature of the service—for we may call it a service—was the singing of "Nearer My God to Thee," in which all the audience joined—the hymn being familiar to Protestants as well as to Catholics. Since the commencement of the mission elaborate reports of each evening's sermon and incidents have appeared in the daily press—especially in the French papers. Even the "Daily Witness" has not only given accounts of what took place, but has dedicated a lengthy editorial to the subject. While congratulating the Catholics of Montreal on their zeal, the "Witness" predicts that this will create a revolution in Protestant practices and beliefs. It believes that a grand revival must follow, as Protestants will be awakened into the realization of the fact that more energy is needed on their part, if they are to continue opposed to Rome. This is all very nice, but the "Witness," in referring to the Archbishop's remarks, makes the mistake of asserting that it is to convert Protestants that the mission is given. On the contrary, while the conversion of non-Catholics would be a fruit to be desired, still, as the Archbishop plainly said, the real object is to make Protestants better acquainted with Catholic doctrine and practice, and thereby make life and general intercourse more agreeable and more profitable.

On Sunday evening, before the Rev. Preacher of the Mission ascended the pulpit, His Grace the Archbishop delivered, in English, a very eloquent and concise address. It was a cordial welcome to all present and a splendid exhibition of the grand truths held and taught by the Catholic Church.

In his opening remarks the Archbishop expressed the pleasure it gave him to greet and welcome such a large number of separated brethren as were present. It was the first time he had ever addressed such an audience. The question had been asked, "Were Christ to come back to earth what would be His message to mankind?" The answer the speaker would give was found in St. John's Gospel, "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep. Other shepherds have I, which are not of this fold; them also I bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." Unity of belief and purpose was the end of the work, and suffering of our Redeemer. When He established His Church, He did not speak of "churches," but "My Church." Truth was one, as God was alone.

In looking about the speaker saw many churches. He respected persons who being brought up in different places and under different circumstances, had different beliefs; but he did not believe a creed was good if it was not true. Others might be Christians as he was a Christian, though they might not agree in the manner of adoring God. During this century many important persons had returned to the Roman Catholic Church, he believed, through no other motive than conviction of mind. In Montreal there was a mixed population living as mixed friends and brethren; but, though they had dealings with one another in business matters, it seemed as if they must not say a word about their faith or their church. Through this silence it was feared erroneous notions existed regarding the faith of the Catholic Church. A change should take place and they should speak together on the important questions of faith and the salvation of souls. These meetings should not be taken as a sign of ambitious proselytism; but indicated a desire for the salvation of souls, and the speaker hoped that all would pray and converse together for the purpose of getting light on questions of faith.

Rev. Father Younan then ascended the pulpit and delivered the first sermon of the series. We might here remark that, in connection with the mission, is a department known as the Question and Answer branch. The preacher is prepared to receive any pertinent questions that might be asked, and replies to them upon the evening following their reception. He was fairly deluged with questions, most of which are not of paramount importance, still the questions may come, and answer may be given—to what seems of little importance to a Catholic. It would be no easy task

for us to give even a synopsis of the admirable, logical, reasonable discourses delivered by the preacher. The ground covered in these few sermons is so extensive that we do not touch the subject. However, we cannot help remarking that the seven addresses constitute large links in a perfect chain of Catholic argument. Basing himself upon the simple wording of the "Credo," the erudite missionary was enabled to start with the creation and follow down through the ages, without one interruption, until he comes within the limits of the actual present. The first evening he dealt with God, His power, His wisdom, and His universal presence—and the necessity of Faith. On Monday he preached on the Divinity of Christ; the third evening he spoke of the necessity of a Divine, infallible, authoritative Teacher; the fourth attempt on the part of Father Younan, was an account of the true marks of a Teacher. On Friday and Saturday he will deal with the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist.

**CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN.**—Archbishop Bruchesi, at the request of the authorities at Ottawa, has appointed Rev. Father Simmet, who has been for some years assistant to Rev. Father Donnelly in St. Anthony's parish, as Chaplain to accompany the second Canadian contingent to South Africa. Father Simmet is a native of Ontario. He was born at Ridgeway, Ontario, in 1856. He was educated at Fordham, New York, and was ordained priest at Three Rivers, in 1887. He spent a few years in Montreal, and his apostolic zeal was so fervent that he found the field for his energies too circumscribed, and went to the Northwest, where he remained for ten years. The first two years he passed at Regina, and afterwards labored successfully at Fort-George in Prairie, and Saint Ste. Marie on the Canadian side. Three years ago he came back to Montreal, and he has since been a curate with Father Donnelly at St. Anthony's Church.

**AN INTERDICTED PARISH.**—An occurrence of a rare kind has recently taken place in one of the parishes of this diocese. Happily such events are not frequent either here or elsewhere. The excommunication of an individual is a matter of the gravest importance, but the interdiction of a whole parish, the closing of the church, and the removal of the pastor, is something that at once denotes some very important offence committed and the strictness of ecclesiastical discipline. In the parish of St. Ignace de Loyola scenes of a disorderly character recently took place. The Rev. Canon Archambault, of the Archdiocese of Montreal, read after a Low Mass, last Sunday, the decree of interdiction issued by His Grace the Archbishop. According to that decree the church was to be closed except for one Low Mass, at nine o'clock, each Sunday; baptisms and marriages will be celebrated in the sacristy; and when the priest is needed, they must go for him to the sacristy; no funeral services for the dead—merely a prayer at the cemetery. Such will continue until such time as the amendment is made for the scandal given and the sin committed.

**ARCHBISHOP AND LA PRESSE.**—No more striking illustration of the vigilance of Montreal's Archbishop, the power of ecclesiastical authority and the spirit of faith with which Catholics accept the reprimands and corrections coming from the spiritual head of the community, than that given by the incident of a few days ago. "La Presse" published its regular issue on the feast of the Epiphany; it was the only Catholic paper that did so. The Epiphany, in our Church is a feast of obligation, and consequently to be observed as is a Sunday. On the following day, the 7th January, His Grace the Archbishop wrote a letter to Mr. Demian, proprietor of that paper, in which he called his attention to the facts of Saturday's publication and of that day being a feast of obligation; also recalling the evidence of a true Catholic spirit on the part of "La Presse" on former occasions, and expressing the hope that such a mistake as that of the 6th of January, will not be repeated. In a very touching and beautiful article "La Presse" accepts the episcopal disapproval and bows to the will of the ecclesiastical head of this community. Very neatly it said that if error has been committed, good will flow therefrom, for it furnishes an occasion to renew the devotion to the faith and the obedience to religious authority which animate the organ. Immediately His Grace acknowledged the good will and devotedness exemplified in "La Presse's" reply, and wrote another letter in which he expressed his entire happiness over the result of this incident. Mr. Bruchesi took occasion to appeal to Catholic laborers and merchants to be more careful in sanctifying the holy days of obligation. In fact the whole has become a source of great edification for the Catholics of Montreal, and has served to show our non-Catholic friends how exacting is the discipline of our Church, while displaying the paternal sentiments which animate our illustrious Archbishop.

who settled in Boston several generations since. He took early to literature, writing for the Charleston Advertiser, owned by his brother William Hickling De Costa. For full twenty years he was a constant writer for that paper. After leaving the public schools he spent seven years in preparation for the Episcopal ministry. He served as rector of St. John's Church, North Adams, Mass., and St. Mary's Newton, Tower Falls, Mass. He passed thence to the army as chaplain to the Fifth and Eighteenth Massachusetts regiments.

In 1863 he became editor of the Christian Times, an Episcopal journal of New York, and afterwards of the Episcopalian, and the Protestant Churchman. Later, he wrote in all departments of the Churchman. He devoted some years to travel and study in Europe. For a long while he preached and lectured in connection with literary work, which included the editing of the Magazine of American History. In 1881, he became rector of St. John Evangelist and took a prominent part in all progressive work. He is a charter member of the Huguenot Society and one of the editors of its first volume of publications. He was also the first president of the Church Association for the Advancement of the Interests of Labor. With Bishop Potter he inaugurated the Church Temperance Society and was its first secretary. He was the American founder and president of the White Cross Society and the first mover in the Liturgical Reform Association. He is one of the chaplains of the Grand Army. His life has proved laborious, and the last twenty years have witnessed constant struggle with skeptical tendencies of the Episcopalians. In the midst of all his cares he manifested an unflinching devotion to liberal studies and pursuits, and the printed catalogue of his works shows an unusual variety. To carry on his studies he has worked much among the original sources in the libraries of Europe, including the Vatican. His work on "The Pre-Columbian Discovery of America by the Northmen," was republished at the end of fifteen years. He published under the non-descriptive of William Hickling, a novel, "The Rector of Roxburgh," and has also printed, privately, a small collection of poems. Among his minor productions is a memoir of his aunt, Sister St. Clair, a member of the Ursulines for over fifty years. He counts among the manifold influences of prayers tending to his reconciliation with the Catholic Church her prayers, as well as the blessing he received at the Vatican from Pío Nono, to whom, with Mrs. De Costa, he was personally presented by V. Chatelet, afterwards Bishop of Vincennes, U. S. He was one of the contributors to the "Narrative and Critical History of America," and has written much for the magazines and reviews, besides contributing to encyclopedias. He never knew an idle hour, being ever inspired by enthusiasm. His discourses and lectures have been reported for many years, and a large number of his sermons have been published. He has been classed with extreme opponents of Biblical criticism, but he distinctly declares that in this respect, he is misjudged. He objects to "unfettered criticism," which is little more than open hostility to the Bible, which he would have studied fearlessly, and with all the help that may be brought to the work. He has no fears about the future of the Bible, and believes that it will be amply protected by the Catholic Church.

Since his resignation from the Episcopal ministry, in September last, Fr. De Costa has had invitations to join many denominations. But God has shown him the true church, and he has fearlessly entered it.

## OBITUARY.

**BROTHER TOBIAS.**—The news comes from Toronto, of the death at Marsailles, France, December 22, of Brother Tobias, born in Quebec, and for many years the most prominent member of the Order of Christian Brothers in Ontario. Brother Tobias was director of the De La Salle Institute in Toronto, from 1878 to 1888. Afterwards to 1894, he was Provincial of the Christian Brothers of Ontario. His health broke down and he went to England and thence to France. He returned for a short time to Baltimore, Md., but his health was completely broken and he retired to France to die. He was the author of the English text books of the Christian Brothers' Schools.—R. I. P.

**BROTHER MAXIMILIAN.**—The death is announced of Rev. Brother Maximilian, late director of the Christian Brothers' School, St. Jerome. The deceased was for several years director of St. Patrick's, St. James' and St. Lawrence Christian Brothers' Schools in this city. He afterwards served at Longueuil and St. Jerome. Heart disease was the cause of his death. The funeral service was held on Monday in the chapel of the novitate of the Christian Brothers, on La Salle avenue, Maisonneuve.—R.I.P.

**KEARNS.**—The death took place last week of Mr. Daniel Kearns, one of Montreal's oldest Irish citizens. Mr. Kearns was a native of Ashfield Cross, County Cavan, Ireland, where he was born in 1823. He came with his parents to this city in 1835, and entered the grocery business in 1837. In 1846 he established business on his own account in which he succeeded in amassing a fortune. Mr. Kearns was the oldest possessor of St. Patrick's church, having rented a pew in that edifice since 1861.—R. I. P.

**DONAHOE.**—In the death of the ton—which sad event took place on the 29th ultimo.—Mr. Patrick Donahoe, the veteran journalist, has lost his oldest surviving son. While we convey to the venerable father the sincere expression of our condolence, we will record for the benefit of our readers some of the leading features in the short life of the deceased young man. If so doing we borrow

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the language of "The Pilot,"—that good old organ which owes its existence to Mr. Patrick Donahoe:

"Mr. Donahoe was born in Boston, on September 9th, 1814, and received his collegiate education at Holy Cross College, Worcester, and Mount St. Mary's, Emmitsburg, Md. On leaving college he made a tour of some years in Europe and the East, returning with a mind well stored with knowledge of the art treasures of the Old World. We went into business under his father with whom he remained until his death. In 1873 he married Miss Emma Brennan, of Rochester, N. Y., who survives him. "Mr. Donahoe experienced two great losses in his early life, in the deaths of his mother and his brother Benedict, a paymaster in the United States Navy during the Civil War, who was idolized by his young brother and, like the latter, warmly loved and admired by all who knew him best. Chrysostom made many friends and kept them all. No higher proof of his place in men's hearts could be given than the presence of lifelong sorrowing friends at his death bedside and by his coffin as it lay under the falling snow-flakes at St. Augustine's Cemetery, South Boston, on Monday morning last. He sleeps beside his mother, brother and other members of his family. May he rest in peace!"

## NOTES OF IRISH NEWS.

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The president, who was warmly received said: I suppose that we have reached such a stage in the history of the United Irish League movement that we are considered worthy of notice by Dublin Castle. That in my judgment, is one of the most encouraging and hopeful signs of the present position, and the future prospects of this powerful organization. I don't know what brings these spies here to-night. I objected to the County Inspector coming here to-night, and told him so. He said he would come in whether I liked it or not. He is bound to obey the orders of his masters, but, gentlemen, I can tell the County Inspector and his assistants that the members of the United Irish League have nothing to conceal—that this is a perfectly legal and political organization, maintained by a shadow of crime. You will be glad to hear that our revered Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, whom I had the honor of meeting this evening, fully sympathizes with the object of the forthright demonstration; and I think I am not exceeding the bounds of discretion when I say that we may have at that meeting a letter from him expressing his opinion in regard to the insults that have been heaped by Castle officials upon the Catholics and Nationalists of this town and county. I have been asked by prominent members of this league to formulate resolutions in reference to two or three subjects—a resolution in regard to jury packing; one in regard to the insult to the Nationalists of the town and county for the action of the police in tearing down on Saturday last the people's flag from the people's building.

## ORNAMENTAL WORK.

The ornamental decorations done in a house are luxuries. If done well, and if when finished, they are satisfactory, they are worth their cost, but no matter how cheaply done, unless pleasing, the money spent is worse than wasted. The decorations are a luxury. Anyone contemplating putting money into ornamental glass glazing should see the beautiful work just completed in the Windsor Hotel. The glazing is by the electric process, perfected by the Luxor Prism Company, and it is just perfect. The joint is about one-sixteenth of an inch in thickness only and yet weathertight. The panels are beautiful.

People look round at a nice head of hair on the street, so rare has that beautiful ornament become at the present day. Why is this? It certainly is not LUBY'S Parisian Hair Renewer, which is an almost infallible remedy against premature grey hair. Only 50 cents a bottle.

Some one has been investigating the religious beliefs of the Irish bar. Out of 499 barristers he found 253 Protestants, 150 Catholics, and only one Jew; the rest were non-committal. Only 16 out of 56 Queen's Counsel were Catholics and only 3 of the 18 judges.

There are now about 350 public libraries in Great Britain. These libraries contain over 5,000,000 volumes, and issue about 27,000,000 books each year. The annual attendance of readers is about 60,000,000.

## THE CONNAUGHT RANGER'S CORNER.

As cum gloria De agnus onora na h-Erienn  
(For the glory of God and the honor of Ireland.)  
The motto of the Gaelic Society of Montreal.

The classes of the Montreal Gaelic Society were resumed on Tuesday evening, in the rooms of the Hibernian Knights. The opening was a grand success, ten new members being enrolled. Previous to the class instructions a letter was read from Mr. Patrick McHugh regretting his inability to attend. The letter was written in Irish and was the first one written by a member of the local branch in that language. Needless to say that when the letter was read by Mr. Lavelle it was received with great applause. If I can secure a copy of the letter I will publish it in full in next issue. A new class for beginners was formed under the superintendency of Mr. James Clarke, a gentleman well versed in the language of the Gael. It was very encouraging to notice the attendance of so many veterans of the society, before adjourning the executive adopted the motto at the top of this column as the emblem of the Society.

**DIVISION NO. 4.** A. O. H. held a large meeting on Monday evening, president H. T. Kearns presiding. A delegation from the Knights consisting of Messrs. Foley and Clarke were present and asked the co-operation of the members for their annual entertainment. The members present promised to do so, and after thanking the Division the delegation withdrew.

**ST. MARY'S COURT, NO. 161, C. O. F.** held another largely attended meeting on Thursday evening, the occasion being the installation of the court officers for ensuing term. Mr. J. J. Ryan, Deputy High Chief Ranger and ex-Provincial Treasurer of the organization was the installing officer.

**THE HIBERNIAN KNIGHTS** resumed their semi-monthly drills on Sunday afternoon in the Bonsecours Market Hall. There was a good attendance and the physical and running exercises reduced the avoirdupois of many members. Keep it up Captain!

**THE PROPOSED BAND.**—The project of organizing the A. O. H. Band, is now assured. A meeting of the committee was held on Tuesday evening, and after transacting some important business adjourned to meet on Sunday afternoon. It should be remembered this movement has received the endorsement and financial assistance of the County Board.

**THE ORDER BUTTON.**—I am in a position to state that the new official button of the A. O. H. adopted by the National Directors at their meeting in September is ready for distribution. The members of the Order are cautioned against imitations. The genuine button can only be obtained through the National Secretary. There are no agents for this emblem.

I am requested to say that Mrs. Halley, of Bligny Street, wife of the veteran President of the Y. I. L. and R. A., who is also a member of Division No. 3, can furnish the regulation Badges adopted by the County Board, at a very reduced price. The workmanship of those badges cannot be excelled. Every Hibernian should patronize this patriotic lady.

**VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.**—Resolved, that we the members of the Irish Catholic Benefit Society hereby extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. John Davis and family in the demise of a dear husband and kind father, and also an esteemed member of fraternal societies of this city. Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. Davis expressing our deep regret, and placed on the minutes of the proceedings of this Society; and Resolved, that a copy be sent to the "True Witness" and city press for publication.

**THE PIONEER DIVISION.**—The first meeting of the new year of Division No. 1, A. O. H., was the most successful and harmonious meeting of the pioneer branch for a long time. President Hugh McMorro presided, and initiated three new candidates from Lachine. Nine propositions for membership were read, and referral to the proper committees. The quarterly reports of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer were presented, and considered very satisfactory. It may be of interest to the members of the Order in Montreal to know that the total receipts of the Division since its inception eight years ago exceeds twenty thousand dollars, which clearly indicates it to be the most successful Division in Canada. A delegation from the Knights was present in connection with their entertainment, and President McMorro in a spirited speech advised the members of the Division to attend. Mr. McMorro also paid a glowing tribute to the nationalism of the gentleman who will deliver the address.

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## DR. DE COSTA TO LECTURE IN MONTREAL

The distinguished historian and literature of New York, Dr. De Costa, whose reception into the Catholic Church was chronicled in the daily papers recently, will be in Montreal next week. He is announced to lecture in St. Mary's

Academic Hall, Bligny Street, on Wednesday evening, the 17th.

The New York Freeman's Journal gives some details of the life and work of this distinguished man. He is remotely a descendant of an old French Catholic family, but his more immediate ancestors were Huguenots,