

Ecclesiastical Notes

JUBILEE CELEBRATION.—On the 5th and 6th August there was a grand festival held in the parish of Saint Jacques l'Achigan. The vast throngs of citizens and of people from the surrounding country trooped to the convent of the Sisters of Ste. Anne. It was the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of that institution. Fireworks on the night of the fifth opened the series of festive ceremonies. On the sixth Mgr. Racicot, V. G., officiated at High Mass, and Rev. J. Thibodeau delivered a most touching and eloquent sermon. At noon a grand banquet was given at the convent, and in the evening a dramatic and musical entertainment completed the celebration.

The convent was founded in 1853, and belonging to the episcopal corporation was, at first, confided to the care of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart. During eleven years this community occupied the convent. Then it was ceded, for purposes of education and instruction to the Sisters of Ste. Anne. It has been a flourishing institution from its very inception. At that time there were about 170 pupils. Now there are over 200 in the establishment. In 1896, the Convent of St. Jacques became the Mother House of one of the provinces of the institute. This province comprised ten houses or missions: St. Jerome, Ste. Anne des Plaines, St. Ambrose, St. Esprit, Rawdon, St. Cuthbert, St. Norbert, St. Felix de Valois, St. Gabriel, and St. Jacques. A grand edifice—provincial house and boarding school—100 feet by 55, of cut stone, has just been completed. Another 70 feet by 45 serves as chapel and for other purposes. These two buildings evidence the enterprise and generosity of the citizens of the place.

HOCHELAGA CONVENT.—Last week Mgr. Racicot, accompanied by Rev. Father Jodoin, O.M.I., and Rev. Father Desrochers, S.J., presided at a most interesting ceremony at the convent of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, at Hochelaga. The occasion was the pronouncing of perpetual vows by a number of novices. The sermon of the occasion was delivered by Rev. Father Gavary, O.M.I., and it was a most touching tribute to the spirit of sacrifice evidenced by all those young ladies, who, leaving the world behind have consecrated their lives to God and to the service of religion.

AT ST. BONAVENTURE.—On Monday and Tuesday, the 3rd and 4th August, a grand festive celebration took place in the picturesque village of St. Bonaventure. It was the silver jubilee of Rev. A. Blondin, pastor of the parish, and a former Pontifical Zouave. The residences of the village were brilliantly illuminated, and the citizens vied with each other in their efforts to prove their joy, their admiration and affection for their pastor, and their sentiments of congratulation and good wishes for his future. On Monday, the 3rd, the members of the Rev. Mr. Blondin's family, to the number of about thirty—including parents, sisters, brothers, and other relatives, came together to do honor to the hero of the occasion. The clergy was represented by a score of parish priests from all the surrounding district. Each carried a breast-pin, bearing a picture of Cure Blondin, and attached with Pontifical colors. The fireworks in the evening, the sending up of illuminated balloons, the music and singing all tended to stir up the enthusiasm of the vast assembly. On Tuesday morning a solemn High Mass was sung by Rev. Mr. Blondin, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Prince and Tessier, as deacon and sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Charlier, professor of rhetoric at the St. Hyacinthe Seminary. He preached from the words of St. Paul, "To work like a good soldier of Christ," and he delivered a magnificent eulogy of the priesthood, and here and there indicated how the one whom they had come to honor that day had nobly and faithfully fulfilled all the sacerdotal duties of his life. The address of the citizens was read, after Mass, by the Mayor, and the banquet that followed and the evening's entertainment "gladdened the heart of the good priest," as he expressed it in his feeling reply to their congratulations. With his parishioners we join in wishing Cure Blondin long years and happiness.

SHERBROOKE COLLEGE.—The College, or Seminary, of St. Charles Borromeo, of Sherbrooke, was founded in 1875, by Mgr. Antoine Racine, and affiliated to Laval University, in 1878, and incorporated by Act of the Provincial Legislature in 1879.

Directed by experienced and zealous priests, the institution it furnishes both classical and commercial education as well as securing to its pupils the safest of religious instruction. The plan of studies comprises a commercial course, followed by a classical one. The first edifice was destroyed by fire during the winter of 1897-98, and has been replaced by a superb building, one of the most extensive in the Eastern Townships. The cornerstone was laid on the 23rd June, 1898, six months after the burning of the old college, and to-day the Seminary of Sherbrooke holds one of the first places in the ranks of our educational establishments in this province.

Each year a number of pupils go forth from its walls to do battle with the world in their various spheres of life. As it is during the first ten years of life in the world that a young man's future is generally set, that is to say from about the age of twenty to that of thirty, it has been thought well by the former pupils to hold a ten year gathering at the college. Consequently, this year, on Sunday last, the pupils of ten years ago met and the grand feast was prepared and superintended by Mgr. E. C. Tanguay, the Bursar of the Seminary and Honorary President of the Association. By a pleasant coincidence not one of the pupils, who sat side by side in class ten years ago was absent. The hand of death had not touched that happy family, nor had the hand of circumstances scattered them too widely apart, for all were able to be present. It was a joyous "convention," under the leadership of its President, Mr. Achille Comtois, of Boston. Those present were Messrs. John A. McCabe, M.D., Windsor Mills, P.Q.; Wilfrid Lamy, M.D., Sherbrooke; Arthur Paquette, advocate, Shawinigan Falls; Joseph Raymond, priest, Vicar at Megantic; Frederic Gadbois, M.D., Sherbrooke; E. Lemaire, civil employee, Ottawa; J. A. Darche, M.D., Coaticook; Lindsay Crochetiere, Trappist; Joseph Begin, journalist, Montreal; William Tracy, law student, Sherbrooke; Henri Page, M.D., Quebec, and F. X. LeN. Duplessis, M.D., Montreal.

NEW SUPERIOR OF JESUITS.—It is said that Rev. E. Lecompte, S. J., so long connected with the novitiate at Sault au Recllet, has been named to succeed Rev. T. Filiatrault, S. J., as Superior-General of the Order in Canada. Father Lecompte was ordained sixteen years ago.

AN OBLATE EXCURSION.—For some time past a number of the members of the Oblate Order have been doing a colonizing and missionary service throughout the Province of Quebec and in new Ontario. It is well known that the valleys of the Ottawa, the Red River and the Saskatchewan, as well as in other regions North and West the Oblates have been the pioneer missionaries. They visited the Indians, followed the lumber camps, established villages, and built churches. Mgr. Guigues, in Ottawa district; Mgr. Tache, Mgr. Grondin, and now Mgr. Langevin in the great North-West. In the valley of the Ottawa Archbishop Duhamel continued the work of his predecessor, and the Oblate houses of Montreal and Ottawa sent forth yearly their contingents of missionaries. Around Lake Temiskaming magnificent townships have been cleared up, and appeared. Duhamel township is one of the most fertile in all Canada. A splendid steamboat service is given on Lake Temiskaming, and Booth's lumber railways carry passengers from the junction of the C.P.R. at Mattawa right to the shores of the Lake. Mattawa is three hundred and twenty miles from Montreal.

Since the clergy of the province, led by their Episcopal superiors have been pushing forward the work of colonization, the railway companies have co-operated with them and various excursions are held yearly to these new lands. The C.P.R. gives special rates—very low rates—for this purpose.

A year or so ago Rev. Father Blais, O.M.I., who has his headquarters at the Oblate Father's house on Visitation street, but whose mission is in the Temiskaming district, has had the duty of preaching a colonizing crusade in the more thickly populated sections of Quebec. Amongst his other plans is to organize excursions, and to invite those to whom he has preached to go with him and see for themselves what he has described. One of these giant excursions left the Windsor Station on Monday last, and so great was the number of excursionists that two extra cars had to be added to the Soo train. They were all French-Canadian farmers. The Garde Ville Marie band accompanied the party. They went to Mattawa, thence to Lake Temiskaming, and after a couple of days visiting that grand region returned by the same route.

MGR. CHATARD'S ILLNESS.—The Right Rev. Francis Silas Chatard, D.D., Bishop of Indianapolis, is reported dangerously ill at his home in the Indiana capital.

Bishop Chatard, who bears the distinction of being the first priest elevated to the episcopate by Pope Leo XIII., was born in Baltimore, Md., and received his education at Mount St. Mary's, Emmitsburg, Md., being graduated in 1853. He adopted the profession of medicine, but after finishing his course decided to enter the priesthood. With this end in view he went to Rome and entered Urban College in 1857. At the end of six months, for his excellence in a public thesis, he received the title of doctor of divinity.

BEAUHARNOIS CONVENT.—In mid-July the splendid convent of Beauharnois celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation. Or rather we should say that the former pupils of that venerable institution held the celebration. Mgr. Emard, the beloved Bishop of Valleyfield, in whose diocese the convent is situated, and of which diocese it is one of the brightest ornaments, presided at those festive ceremonies. It was, indeed, a pleasant sight to see so many of the former pupils returning to spend a couple of days within that sanctuary of their youth. Mothers of families, and even a few had attained the dignity of grand-mothers were there, and they seemed to forget the world, the long pathway travelled, the cares of the home, the griefs that had been met with on the road of life, and all the obstacles of an intervening past, to plunge light-hearted again, if even only for a day, into the spring of youth and to drink the draughts of girlish joy that once made their existences so happy and hopeful. The progress of the institution has been very marked, especially during the past six or eight years, and while the good Bishop, in his modesty, takes none of the credit to himself, but on the contrary lavishes it on the Sisters and then on the faithful, still he certainly must feel pleased with the potent fact that the success of the convent and its recent developments are coincident with the creation of that diocese and with his assumption of the control of the new Episcopal See. We feel a great confidence in the future of this institution, and we trust that it may progress proportionately during the coming half century, for the good of the Church and the glory of God, brothers, steamship Marina; Riley, steamship Pretorian; Wm. Dent, steamship American; Jos. Samuel, Mr. Artie Edwards, steamship Maxman; Seamen Reid, Prof. McCaffrey and Miss Orton were the accompanists.

ST. ANN'S PILGRIMAGE.—The annual pilgrimage of the men of St. Ann's parish, this city, to Ste. Anne de Beaufre, was a most edifying spectacle and worthy of the best efforts of that parish in the same direction for many years past. Hundreds of men assisted, and all shared, with much fervor in the spiritual exercises. Rev. Father Flynn, C.S.S.R., assisted by Rev. Father Holland and other members of the Order, accompanied the pilgrims on the good old steamer Beaufre, and they were much pleased with the manner in which all the pilgrims conducted themselves.

Catholic Sailors' Club

The regular weekly concert of this Club was held on Wednesday at its rooms, and from every standpoint was most successful. In introducing the chairman of the evening, the President of the Club, Mr. F. B. McNamee, referred to recent little troubles which a few seamen had encountered in the port, and offered them some seasonal advice in order to avoid a repetition of such unpleasantness.

Mr. John O'Connor, of St. Gabriel's parish, then took the chair, and in a spirited speech dwelt upon the importance and utility of the work of the Club. Mr. O'Connor has, since the inception of the organization evinced an enthusiastic interest in its work, as he has done in all other undertakings concerning our race and creed during the long years of his residence in Montreal.

The programme was much appreciated, and the performers taking part were as follows: Miss Bertha Cairns, Miss Pearl Clock, Miss May Cardiff, Miss Weston, Master Arthur McGovern, Master Cowan, Mr. McCaffrey, Mr. Maiden, Eamon F. O'Neill, steamship Lake Champlain; Baxton brothers, steamship Marina; Riley, steamship American; Jos. Samuel, Mr. Artie Edwards, steamship Maxman; Seamen Reid, Prof. McCaffrey and Miss Orton were the accompanists.

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Dyspepsia and constipation, when due to stomach and intestines, or to deficient secretion of the digestive juices, or to a sluggish liver, are often miraculously relieved by properly directed physical exercises. The overfat, also are good subjects for "reducing cures" by dieting and exercise, and so are the gouty and those suffering in other ways from what is called, rightly or wrongly, the "uric-acid diathesis."

SLEEPING.—A lecturer on hygiene recently advised his hearers as to the proper position for sleeping. "Always lie on the right side," he said, "with legs stretched out full length, and arms rather close to the side of the body and straight down, or, if that is not comfortable, in any downward position. On no account clasp them above the head, which sometimes may seem restful at first. This position drives the blood away from the heart and sends it to the head, causing restlessness and uncomfortable dreams, even if it does not prevent sleep. The muscles of the face and neck should be relaxed—all muscles, indeed—to get real rest, and the mouth should be gently closed. The latter caution is emphasized for older women, who must

combat a tendency growing with the years, to drop or protrude the jaw as the face is settling for sleep—a habit which leaves its imprint in waking hours."

PRESERVE JARS.—Housewives should not forget that the lids, rubbers, and fasteners of preserve jars, taken usually at preserving time from the top shelf of the kitchen closet, or some other not often invaded corner, should be sterilized before using. Mere washing is not enough. They should be put in a kettle or large pan, the vessel filled with cold water that is then brought to the hard boiling point over the fire. The cold water heated slowly soaks off any gummed preserve juice left from careless washing, and the later boiling sterilizes. Afterwards handle as little as possible with the hands, using a clean skimmer to slip the lids on the jars, and taking care that soiled kitchen towels do not undo the sterilizing work.

ABOUT TEETH.—Watch the child's teeth, have them regularly inspected by a competent dentist, and keep them in their places until these are usurped by the rightful permanent owners.

These little teeth should be kept clean and filled just as carefully as permanent teeth. One of the most obvious reasons is to spare a tiny child any unnecessary pain. One sleepless night spent in the care of a suffering child with the toothache is more than enough to convince a mother. Filling the tiny cavities that a dentist finds in such teeth does not give a child pain. The bit of soft filling stops the decay, and the tooth is thus kept in its position in the jaw until thrust out by nature. A child's first tooth should not be pulled until it fairly drops at the touch.

A Voice From The Tomb

By "CRUX"

ALTHOUGH it is but a few days since the stiff, Leo XIII., died of him as though long a figure in history. Spirit lives on and will ages to affect the Church world. His encyclical letters are texts for future generations. Even now as we quote from his recently deposed, we feel that it is the tomb that speaks to recent number the "Messias" is a very apt and time by from one of the most critical of the great Pontiffs serves well to be reproduced upon. It would not be apparent remarks on the state that precede it, and as marks are too lengthy for poses of my contribution I will take the liberty of synopsis of them.

In presence of the disbelievers driving into exile thousands of men and women, done in France to-day, the very naturally arises as should be expedient, in the great liberty and of advancement to thus treat generations of men and women present the elite of the that has so long been in culture and Christianity. question of the Jacobin the French Deputies and verb the vague and verbi that the reason lies "in of ideals, in the incomplete the religious life and th it tends to develop, by its vows, its methods, its itions, with that type of which modern civilization oring to cast in the masonry and the Revolution the same question of Truth points to the opposition corrupted in sin, dominated cupidity and lust, to the God and the law of rest it imposes, in order to l the highest good and true If they have persecuted persecute you. If the you know ye that it hat before you. If you had world, the world would b but because ye are not o but I have chosen you o world, therefore the wo you."

This is a conflict that ceases since the first Heaven. The writer, from above is quoted, instances occasions when it has ree ute stage. As when H plundered the monasteri pelled the monks; as wh attempted to nationalize education by means of th kamp. To-day Masonry is playing in France of Henry and the Iron The Priest of Doneraile "It is the desire to g Pagan license of life that root of all modern irrel that rage against Christ their apology in its rest down in their hearts is desire of unlimited licen when one comes to consi the one doctrine, or rath of the Church against Gentiles rage and the pe ate vain things, it is fo one word, Restraint! Co this cold discipline that the world; and still more, of those who in practisi have found the secret of happiness."

Leo XIII., in his beauti the Superiors of the Fren gations most clearly set contention. And it is to that letter that the writ article in question penned ments, and it is for the poe that we here repeat brier space.

These two words "Rest Control" cover the ent What is the life of the we mean the religious co is based upon the restrai individual puts upon him control that the legitim ity has over his life and i two words might well b in the one "Obedience." exactly in precept, at lea stant example they tes to the rising generation.