

## OBITUARY.

Died, in St. Joseph's Convent, Toronto, on the 29th inst., Sister Mary Perpetua (Kidd) in the twenty-ninth year of her age and the eleventh of her religious life.

Such was the brief notice which caught our attention a few days since. Ah! little did the thousands of readers who scanned with indifferent eye the mortuary column think what a beautiful soul had appeared before her Creator, little did they know of the noble heart whose beatings the angel of death had stiller forever. According to human reasoning she was called away too soon, but we measure not time by God's standard, and in His eyes she was not in the spring or summer of life, for her soul was adorned with the rich fruits of Autumn. So thought those who knew her best, and the retrospect of her life but confirmed their belief.

Sister Perpetua was graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in 1874. Some months later she entered the Novitiate when the world smiled upon her and strove to attract her to itself. But its charm could not lure the pure-minded girl who had resolved to give herself entirely to God. All that the world could offer she generously gave up. Him who had won her heart's pure love—her talents she laid at His feet, wishing to employ them only for His greater glory. Well and nobly did she perform her work. During the greater part of her religious life she was engaged in teaching in the Academy, her own dear Alma Mater; and for the past two years she was its Directress.

Perhaps none employed in the instruction of youth ever achieved more success, fully or gained more thoroughly the universal esteem and love of pupils, being to them all gentleness—a living model which if they faithfully copy—will guide them to the portals of that home she has already reached. Many long years will pass before the memory of Sister Perpetua will fade from the hearts of her pupils; when the cares of life cluster thickly around them her sweet, patient face will rise before them, and her soft voice will whisper the words so often on her lips "bear it for love of the Sacred Heart." She was indeed a true spouse of Christ—a perfect nun—beloved for her charity and devotedness; charity ever ready to soothe the pain of others and console the suffering heart—devotedness ever ready to make sacrifices for others, no thought of self or murmuring, always ready and zealous for the promotion of God's glory. During illness she edited all by her submission, according with sweet patience to the least wish of those around her. Our Lord faithful to His promise of rewarding at the hour of death those who are especially devoted to His Sacred Heart, made her death a foretaste of heaven. In life she strove to make her dear Lord loved, and in death she lay upon His bosom without a thought or feeling of dread, but with perfect childlike trust. May we be as happy in death, our souls justified with the sacrament of love as was hers, but one short hour before she went to rest with heavenly delight upon His Sacred Heart and gaze with rapture upon His adorable face. R. I. P.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.  
FROM ELLICE.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION TO MISS BARRY, OF ST. MARY'S, TEACHER OF THE SEPARATE SCHOOL, ELLICE.

A very pleasant time was spent on this occasion. At the time appointed, the parents and relatives of the children attending school wended their way to the public institute, where they were very kindly received by the teacher, and made as comfortable as possible.

After considerable social conversation the children opened the meeting by Nellie Crowley reading the address, supported on the right by Mary Murray, holding a pair of beautiful gold bracelets, and on the left by Katie Harkin, holding a lady's gold chain, which they presented to their respected teacher. The following is the address:

TO MISS ELIZA JANE BARRY—DEAR TEACHER—We, the pupils of the Roman Catholic Separate School, Section No. 7, Ellice, have learned with much pleasure that you are going to be our teacher. We avail ourselves at the end of this term, and the approaching beautiful festival of Christmas, to present you with a slight token of our affectionate regards towards you personally, and our high appreciation of your valuable services during the last four years. Since your first coming amongst us, you have succeeded in gaining the well wishes and esteem of the whole section. We cannot speak in too high terms of your abilities as a teacher, your gentle, yet firm enforcement of discipline, and the great progress the school has made while under your kind and able tuition.

We have exceeding pleasure in stating that you have not only confined yourself to imparting knowledge essential to our temporal welfare, but you have also devoted yourself to imparting religious education, upon which all true education is based.

Fully convinced of the debt of gratitude we owe you, we now present you with this chain and pair of bracelets, not for their intrinsic value, but that it may in future bring to your mind pleasant memories of the many hours spent together. Signed on behalf of the pupils of this school,

NELLIE CROWLEY,  
MARY MURRAY,  
KATIE HARKIN.

MISS BARRY'S REPLY.

DEAR CHILDREN—I must express my surprise and pleasure, at receiving such a beautiful present from you. Words can scarcely express my gratitude. I assure you I prize the gifts very highly, and they shall ever be to me a most precious memory of the many happy days spent with you. I am sure it is more than I really could anticipate from so small a section. It shows the generosity and manliness of all concerned in getting it. I also heartily thank the majority of the people, not only in this section, but also in the neighboring sections, for their unreserved kindness to me during the past four years. I hope, however, that during the coming year I may exert my energies for the welfare of the school in such a manner as to express my gratitude better by actions than words.

Mr. Crowley then replied:—I am exceedingly happy to have the pleasure of

being present on this occasion. I, as trustee, am entirely satisfied with the manner in which the school has been conducted during the past four years. I will conclude by hoping that the good feeling existing among us at present may ever be maintained. Mr. Carly, trustee, and all the gentlemen present concurred with Mr. Crowley's sentiments. All then dispersed to their several homes, much pleased with the proceedings.

Correspondence of the Record.  
CHRISTMAS DAY IN PICTON.

On Christmas day the joyous feast of the Nativity of Jesus Christ was appropriately celebrated in Pictou, Ont. Special attention had been paid to music and decorations, and no effort was spared to render the ceremonies as grand and imposing as the greatness of the feast demanded. The altars were all richly decorated and brilliantly illuminated, as well as the beautiful chandelier in the centre of the church, which presented an imposing appearance. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Brennan at 11.30. The choir rendered Balmus's Grand Mass in E flat. It is a brilliant composition and was given for the second time by the choir. It contains some grand choruses which the choir sang with much enthusiasm and with great artistic finish. The solos were rendered in a very pleasing manner, full of sentiment and melody. Father Brennan after Mass ascended the altar and preached an eloquent and impressive sermon suitable to the occasion, which was listened to with marked attention by his many hearers. The collection was very large, amounting to about \$300. The church was filled to its utmost capacity.

Father Brennan announced that on New Year's Day he would call a meeting of the committee appointed on repairing the present church or building a new one, and told them it was His Lordship Bishop Cleary's wish for them to build a new church. The Bishop, he said, had a large experience in repairing and building churches, both in this country and in the old, and his views would be worthy of deep consideration by the committee.

After mass on New Year's Day a meeting of the committee took place in the school house, when it was decided that it would be imprudent to repair the old church, and they concluded unanimously to build a new one costing about \$15,000, the work to commence early in the spring. No doubt it was very gratifying to our good pastor Father Brennan, to see the committee decide, without a dissenting voice, for a new church, and the deep interest every member of the committee seemed to take in the matter, all being determined to push the work to a speedy completion. Father Brennan also explained that the church would not be for the present congregation, but for their children and children's children, and for future generations to enjoy, and it would be a credit to the congregation, and even to the town, as well as a lasting monument to our holy religion. He was also very much pleased with the congregation for the very generous manner in which they came forward, like men and good Catholics, and subscribed generously towards the erection of the new edifice, and more especially the youth, as it was a sign of their having the faith solidly implanted in them. Over five thousand dollars have been subscribed already, with several more in the congregation to hear from. The young people of the congregation intend getting up several entertainments during the winter months to raise money to apply to the building fund, and in the near future it is intended to hold a large bazaar for the same purpose.

Since our respected pastor came amongst us it has always been his desire to have a more suitable place than the present in which to celebrate the holy sacrifice of the Mass, and we hope his anticipations will soon be realized. He has already built one of the finest schools in the Province, which would be a credit to a city, and improved the presbytery, which presents quite an imposing appearance. He also improved our present edifice by putting in new pews, stations of the cross, and made a great many other repairs. Last year a new cemetery was purchased, which His Lordship Bishop Cleary consecrated in the fall, at the same time stating that it would be one of the finest in the Province in time. Our good pastor is deeply attached to the people, and the people are to him. The best of harmony prevails between priest and people, as he is always guarding their best interests. Protestants, as well as Catholics, speak of him in the highest terms of praise, and he has made many warm friends amongst all denominations since his coming amongst us as our pastor.

## Orillia Separate School.

The following is an extract from the verified report of Inspector Donovan on his visit to the Separate School at Orillia on the 29th of October:—Miss L. Overend, the head teacher, has a second class normal certificate and has been teaching for 19 years, 9 in Orillia; salary \$400 a year. Miss Julia O'Connor had been there for four years and a half, at a salary of \$200 a year. The following is the number of pupils enrolled in each class:—1st, 66; 2nd, 45; 3rd, 20; 4th, 32. Number present: 1st, 52; 2nd, 34; 3rd, 16; 4th, 36; total number enrolled, 161, number present 131. The following marks the proficiency of the classes:—Seniors, reading, 2, 3; juniors 2; spelling, seniors, very good; juniors, 2; writing, seniors, 2, 3; juniors, 2; Arithmetic, seniors, 2; juniors, 2; geography, excellent; grammar very good; composition, 2, 3; history, very good; English literature, very good; doctrine, very good; accommodations are good—an excellent brick building, two large airy class rooms and two cap rooms recently renovated and put into good condition; yard divided into two parts both large and well shaded; organization, good, school, well supplied with good seats, desks, boards, and maps.

The Catholic school is certainly a credit to the Catholics of Orillia, and Miss Overend deserves great praise for its very satisfactory standing, as shown above. She is a very efficient and successful teacher, faithfully discharging the duties of her position. As we pointed out last year, she had the largest per centage to attendance of passed pupils to the High School, and under her management the school will show a good record.—News Letter.

Correspondence of the Record.  
FROM PEMBROKE.

The Separate School of Pembroke closed on Tuesday of last week, and the teachers are now enjoying their well-earned holidays. The same staff of teachers are engaged for next year with the exception of Mr. McDonald, who was first assistant in the male department, Mr. Long, the principal, remains in Pembroke during the holidays. Miss Dowdall, second assistant of the male department, spends her holidays in Perth and Mr. McDonald left on Saturday morning for his home in Peterboro.

Before closing on Tuesday he was the recipient of a beautiful inkstand from his pupils, accompanied by the following address:—  
DEAR TEACHER:—Hearing with regret that after spending one year in our midst you are about to depart from amongst us, your pupils cannot let this opportunity pass without in some way showing our good will towards you. We ask you to accept this inkstand as a slight token of remembrance of us. We also hope that our loss for the present will be your gain in the future, and will close our address by wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. McDonald made a short reply to his pupils, expressing his surprise and thanking them for their kindness, he closed his farewell address by wishing them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The inkstand, which was presented to him, was a beautiful one, and was given by the pupils of the school. The same staff of teachers appear at their old places, with the exception of Miss Stack, who takes charge of the room vacated by Mr. McDonald. The progress of this school during the past few years cannot be overlooked. During the last two examinations for entrance to High School, not less than 13 pupils from this school passed there. The Principal, Mr. W. J. Long, is indeed to be praised for the interest he has taken with his pupils. The space made in his room has been more than filled with pupils out of his assistant's rooms, who were Mr. J. A. McDonald and Miss Dowdall. Great credit is reflected on those teachers for the superior way in which they have cultivated the young children's minds.

The Sisters in their work are not to be overlooked. The interest with which they instruct the children is known by all parents. At the last two examinations for High School, seven out of the girl's department have passed. In fact, now Pembroke can boast of having a Separate School which is equal to any school in Ontario to day.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.  
WOODSLEE BAZAAR.

The Woodslee bazaar, which began on Tuesday, the 30th ult., and came to a close January 1st, was, despite the unfavorable state of the weather and the bad condition of the roads, a great success. The display of articles was good and the artistic manner in which they were displayed spoke well for the good taste of the ladies having this matter in charge. The building in which the bazaar was held was rather small for the purpose, but all possible space was utilized so as to make it answer fairly well. On the left and extending the entire length of the room were displayed many beautiful articles, whilst in the further end of the building was set a table, heavily loaded with all the delicacies of the season, and presided over by our accommodating hostess, Mrs. Ann Mulhens. It is needless to say that she was well patronized.

The musical part of the programme was quite up to the expectations of all. Many nice pieces were rendered in elegant style by the Woodslee choir in the evening of each day, and on the evenings of the first and third days this was largely supplemented by the good taste of the Band which was present and delighted all by its nice rendition of many fine pieces.

The drawing for the gold watch took place on the evening of the second day, and was conducted by a committee appointed for the purpose, and of which the Rev. Father Cummins was a member. The names of the other members of the committee were Messrs. John Murray, Bernard Conway, Jno. Daugherty, Jno. McInerney, John Graham, Clans, Patrick Day and Mr. McHugh. No prizes were spared by the committee to make the drawing as fair for all ticket holders as it possibly could be, and so well did they succeed that, although the building, was literally packed with people, nearly all of whom were ticket holders, the greatest satisfaction prevailed when the winning No. 532, was announced; and from every section of the crowd came the exclamation, "Nothing could be fairer," although all present were well acquainted, as the lucky possessor of this ticket was not in the room.

The result of the bazaar must be highly pleasing to the Rev. Father Cummins, and is another instance of his tact in procuring means to continue his laudable work of beautifying his church property without drawing too heavily on his parishioners. Too much praise could not be given the young ladies who so ably assisted in bringing about so satisfactory a result.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.  
FROM ST. JOHN, N. B.

The anniversary celebration of St. Malachi's T. A. Society is an event always looked forward to with anticipation of pleasure by its members and also by members of the other Catholic temperance societies, many of whom have enjoyed the hospitality of the "oldest society." On January 5th St. Malachi's celebrated its seventeenth anniversary, and the supper was given in the Victoria Saloon, King Street. The president, P. Gleeson, Esq., J. P., was supported on his right by Hon. R. J. Ritchie and the President of St. Aloysius Association, Mr. J. H. McHugh, and on his left by the president of the Father Mathew Association, Mr. B. T. A. Union, Mr. John Boden. Mr. Patrick Moran, vice-president, occupied the vice chair. There was a good attendance of the members and their guests, and the re-union was successful in every respect. There was a long list of toasts:—The Queen, the Governor-General, the Lieutenant-Governor, Ireland as she should be, the Bishop and Clergy, Canada, the Total Abstinence Union of New Brun-

wick, Sister Societies, the Guests, the Press and the Ladies, bringing forth speeches from Solicitor General Ritchie, Messrs. Richard O'Brien, Thos. O'Reilly, John Boden, J. O'Regan, J. H. McHugh, John Alken, Miles E. Agar, Patrick McCarthy, James Berry, J. L. Carleton and other prominent workers in the cause. Mr. P. McCarthy sang several songs in good style. Mr. O'Regan's toast "St. Malachi's Society" was enthusiastically received, and Messrs. Gleeson, Moran, R. Coleman and P. McHinniman responded. Then the Solicitor General proposed Our Next Merry Meeting, and Lang Syne was sung and the gathering broke up.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.  
PRESENTATION TO THE MINISTER OF INLAND REVENUE.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 31st, 1885.  
Hon. John Costigan has been in New Brunswick during the past fortnight. He spent a few days in Newcastle and St. John and then proceeded to his home at Grand Falls, Victoria County. He was accompanied by Mr. F. B. McNamee, of Montreal, and others. At Grand Falls he was entertained at a public dinner, and delivered a lengthy speech in which he reviewed affairs in the Northwest, defended the action of the government in reference to the execution of Riel, and claimed that the rebel chief was not entitled to the sympathy politicians were now claiming for him. On his return to St. John to day Mr. Costigan was waited upon by a committee and presented with the following address and gold watch, chain and seal.

To Honorable John Costigan, Minister of Inland Revenue.  
SIR—We the undersigned, on behalf of your very many friends in the cities of Saint John and Portland, and the county of Saint John, take the opportunity now afforded us, by your presence among us, to give expression to our sentiments of esteem and regard for you.

During the many years of your legislative career both in our local legislature and in the higher sphere, the Dominion parliament, we have observed with pleasure your many and consistent course, ever reflecting credit and honor upon yourself, on the county and province of which you are the honored representative.

We heartily appreciate your efforts on behalf of the Irish people as evidenced by the passage through parliament of the famous Costigan resolutions, and are full of hope that the spirit and letter therein expressed may prove fruitful in the crisis now pending in the mother country in reference to the future government of Ireland.

We are not unmindful of your strenuous and steadfast exertions in connection with the New Brunswick school law. Whilst some among us have had the great pleasure of a personal intimacy with you for years, and who esteem you for your strong attachment to your native country and the fatherland, and who love you for your many gifts of heart and mind, it is a source of regret to others among us that we have not had that honor at an earlier time.

In conclusion, we ask your acceptance of this our Christmas offering, accompanied by our heartiest wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

In reply Mr. Costigan said that in his political career, his one aim had been to speak and vote on all questions that came before him, so as to obtain the esteem and regard of all classes and creeds, without distinction, and he was proud to know that he had in some measure attained that end, when gentlemen with whom he had so much intimacy had done him so great a honor. In thanking them, he hoped at no distant day to meet them again and become, with their consent, better personally known.

The minister took his departure for Ottawa this evening.

## THE CLOSE OF A CONTROVERSY.

Orillia News Letter, Dec. 25.  
The controversy over the 12th of July sermon has been kept up for about five months, an unusual period in such discussions. Publishing the correspondence in the first place to let both sides be fairly heard, we have given the fullest latitude to each correspondent to fully present his views and uphold his contentions. We desire to be brief in noticing the matter, and therefore we will say nothing of the treatment of the subjects as discussed by each party, nor of the results likely to be produced in consequence. As far as we are aware the controversy might have ended with the public consent months ago, and now announce that we will give to R. C. and Mr. Galbraith space for the insertion of one letter each, only after this issue, that will give ten letters to each. In making this announcement our attitude towards each and both our correspondents is one of friendship. Throughout the controversy they both manifested the same feeling towards us, knowing that whatever may have been said by an opponent in a personal character was fairly endorsed by the editor and permitted only under pressure of circumstances. As far as we are aware (and we are in a position to fairly judge) there is no personal feeling cherished on behalf of either of our correspondents, and we trust that when the discussion is closed it will leave behind it no unkindly feeling anywhere.

"R. C." WON'T REPLY.

To the Editor of the News Letter:  
SIR—Since you have laid it down as a rule which is as inviolable as the law of the Medes and Persians that each party in the controversy carried on through your columns was to be allowed the same number of letters or communications, and since we are now on an equality in that line, I do not intend to reply to the rapid production of last week. If anything further appears, I claim my right to reply. So far I am well satisfied with the result of the discussion, and, as I wish to address a larger jury than could be reached by the News Letter, I challenge the Rev. Mr. Galbraith, L. B. D. C. L., "Protestant Champion of Orillia," to share with me one half the expense of getting the controversy as it stands published in pamphlet form. What has he to say to that?  
R. C.

MR. GALBRAITH ACCEPTS "R. C.'S" CHALLENGE.

To the Editor of the News Letter:  
SIR—I have never yet authorized the

publication of anything which did not pay for printing. But that which is enunciated with a superabundance of "cheer," does not command a ready market?

It is no uncommon occurrence for an inflated egotism to so magnify its own feeble efforts as to make it feel "well satisfied with the result," which is generally regarded as a hopeless failure.

I accept R. C.'s challenge on the following reasonable and common-sense conditions:—

1. No one but myself is responsible directly or indirectly for a single sentence in any of my letters. To each of them I have affixed my name. Let R. C. & Co., therefore subscribe their names to the portions each one wrote in their several letters.

2. Failing to do this, let them get the imprimatur of the Roman Catholic bishop or their letters. The responsibility of publishing the slander, the falsehood, the mutilations of history, and the garbled and manufactured statistics in their letters must rest somewhere. I will not assume this responsibility, which would be the case if my name appeared alone in the publication; or

3. Let R. C. & Co. secure some one possessing a name and a character, who may be fairly regarded as representing the Roman Catholic Church—layman, bishop or pope—and I will debate the whole question of Protestantism versus Romanism with him, either orally or in writing; and then I will assume all the responsibility of publishing the debate, either in pamphlet or book form.  
W. GALBRAITH.  
Orillia, January 4th, 1886.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.  
NOTES, TAKEN AT THE BAZAAR AND CONCERT AT WEST LORNE.

The bazaar in aid of the new Roman Catholic church of this place opened on Dec. 31st, and closed on New Year's day. Notwithstanding the bad roads and inclement weather, a marked interest was evidenced by the people in all its proceedings. Trigger Hall never assumed such a cheerful appearance. It was tastefully decorated with evergreens. The centre of attraction was the skillfully arranged table managed by the zealous ladies of St. Thomas and West Lorne, and laden with valuable gifts, the generous offerings of Father Gnam's many friends.

The names of the donors and the gifts they presented are as follows:—A handsome figured plush rocking by the M. C. R. employees, St. Thomas; a porcelain plush toilet case by Miss Kate Hugheson, St. Thomas; a china tea set by Mrs. Clappe, St. Thomas; an eight day clock by Mr. Morgan, jeweller, St. Thomas; a glass set by Miss Maggie Kelly, Yarmouth; a red plush album by Miss Aggie Fitzgerald, St. Thomas; a colored glass set by Miss Maggie Cahill, West Lorne; a magnificent bible by Miss Kate Tracy, Detroit; a beautiful white spread and a pair of vases by Miss Mary Quigley, West Lorne; a silver casket by J. J. Blackmore, St. Thomas; a silver fruit basket and picture easel by Miss Annie Salter, St. Thomas; a beautiful patched quilt by Miss M. J. O'Neill, West Lorne; a china lamp by Mr. Dishier, St. Thomas; a silver pickle dish by Mrs. John Doyle, St. Thomas; a pair of vases by Miss Julia McCarthy, St. Thomas; a pair of vases and a piano by Mrs. Howard, Buffalo, N. Y.; a beautiful whisk and case by Strong & Co., St. Thomas; a magnificent lamp by Mrs. H. McDonald, West Lorne; a rich lace apron and cushion by Mrs. J. Burns, St. Thomas; a pair of hand-made slippers by Mrs. Anastasia King, St. Thomas; a handsome toilet set and pair of vases by Miss Maggie Moore, St. Thomas; a pair of hand-worked slippers and a three story cake by Mrs. J. Tracy, Dunwich; an encased rack rack cross by Miss Lizzie Daly, Aldboro; a smoking esp and cushion by Mrs. J. McCrae, Medicine Hat, N. W. T.; a pair of vases and a half dozen fancy braided aprons by Miss Mary Lynch, Dunwich; a number of hand-worked notions by Miss Foley, St. Thomas; a pair of hand-worked lace pillow shamies by Miss Kildea, Ennals; a pair of brackets by Miss Riser, St. Thomas; five dollars in gold by J. J. Fitzgerald, M. C. R. agent, West Lorne; a handsome present by Mrs. Queen, of the Queen's Hotel, St. Thomas; many other articles were presented by Misses Maggie Crowley, Ella Cavanagh, Ellie Crowley, Mesdames Garret and Crowley, Dunwich; Ill, Helzel, McCabe, Schnecker-burger, Misses Hogan, Hoy, Fitzpatrick and P. J. Peiffer, Aldboro.

The table was under the direction of Mrs. Clappe, St. Thomas, an amiable and energetic lady, who displayed great skill in its management. She was ably assisted by Misses Hugheson, Foley, Fitzgibbon, Harvey, Salter, Fitzgerald, Moore and Clappe, St. Thomas. These ladies deserve great praise for their untiring efforts. They laboured with ceaseless activity, which is the prominent mark of all persons who have the interest of God and the holy cause of religion at heart. The Catholics of West Lorne will ever feel grateful for their kindness and generosity. Further assistance was given by Misses Cahill, Quigley, Hogan, O'Neill, Farrell, West Lorne. Music and singing was furnished in the afternoon and evening of each day by the Misses Hugheson.

In the evening of the second day great excitement prevailed, occasioned by the drawing for a gold watch and florentine plush toilet case. The watch was drawn by ticket No. 491, sold by Miss Foley, St. Thomas, and won by Miss Maria Medicine, Brantford. The case was drawn by ticket No. 272, sold by Miss Ella Cavanagh, Sutton, and won by W. Lethbridge of the same place. Also an exciting contest took place between two young ladies for an excellent book entitled, "Bible Stories." Miss Cahill received a majority of 184 votes more than her opponent Miss Hoy. The chair was filled by Mr. P. J. Crowley, who presided over the drawing, ably assisted by Mr. Arch. Cahill. The proceeds are over \$500.

At the close of the bazaar a concert was held which was a grand success. Before seven o'clock the hall was filled nearly to its utmost capacity by villagers and people from the surrounding country. A special train was run from St.

Thomas under the direction of Mr. Clappe. It brought about 150 visitors, very few of whom could be accommodated owing to the large crowd that assembled before they arrived. Dr. Cascadin, M. P., on being called to the chair made a masterly address. He spoke in warm terms of the kindly feelings that should exist among all denominations. It was always a source of great pleasure for him to be in the midst of the generous-hearted people of West Lorne. On the present occasion he felt greater pleasure than ever, because it was an occasion well suited to arouse the wholesome feelings of man and make him feel that he was a man breathing the free born breath of liberty in a land of freedom. At the beginning of the New Year everybody should be happy. In everything he saw around him there was an expression of cheerfulness. All should be happy and meet each other with friendly greetings and thank the Giver of all good things that in the last quarter of the nineteenth century the history of former days was no more. He then paid a glowing tribute to Father Gnam, who, he said, was silently and earnestly working amongst them. Finally he congratulated the members of the congregation on the energy and perseverance shown by them in the erection of such a neat and comely edifice.

The singing of the Misses Hugheson is always admired, and on this occasion it was greatly appreciated. Miss Florence Clappe gave a solo with splendid effect. Master Chas. Butler gave a comic song in that style peculiar to himself. Miss Moore, of St. Thomas, sang "Dripping Down Life's Stream." The peculiar charm of this lady's sweet voice enraptured the audience. Master Stev. Walsh gave a comic song and was loudly enjoyed. Mr. Miller, St. Thomas, sang a solo in grand style.

Rev. Father Fannery addressed the audience in his well known humorous way. He thanked the members of other denominations for the generous aid they gave the new congregation. He concluded by exhorting parents to give their children a christian education and thereby make them good members of the church and state.

After the concert a very pleasing event took place, the presentation of a gold headed cane, accompanied with an address, to Father Gnam. Mr. P. J. Crowley, on behalf of the congregation, read the address, which is as follows:—

REV. AND DEAR FATHER:—It is with feelings of profound respect that we approach you to express our personal esteem for you and our deep appreciation of your earnest and untiring efforts in the good cause since your advent amongst us. You have taught those committed to your care how they should serve God, not alone by your earnest exhortations but by the much more potent means of example, the example of a blameless life. As a testimony of the spirit which animates us towards you, accept our humble offering, and with it our best wishes, not only for the opening year, but for all your future years, which we trust may be many and happy. In the heartfelt hope that not a few of those years may be spent in our midst.

We are, dear Rev. Father, with sincere respect and esteem,  
L. H. Clappe, Hugh Daley,  
Wm. Burke, John Ryan,  
M. Heenan, Jas. Grant.

Then followed an exciting contest between two prominent villagers—Mr. H. McColl and Mr. Arch. McKillop—for the chair presented by the M. C. R. employees. Mr. McColl was the winner by a majority of 20 votes.

Mesdames McDonald, Hogan, Hoy, and Misses O'Neill, Cahill, Quigley and Fitzpatrick prepared an excellent supper. About 200 sat down to this sumptuous repast and did ample justice to the delicious viands.

Mr. Thos. Cahill and Hugh McDonald rendered invaluable assistance during the bazaar. They were its main support. In all matters pertaining to the church, they take a leading part, and the congregation of St. Mary's of West Lorne, are deeply indebted to them.

As the special train drew up to the station, to depart for St. Thomas, the visitors made the air resound with three rousing cheers for Father Gnam. This young and zealous priest deserves credit for the manner in which he conducted the bazaar. He showed great tact and foresight, and to his ceaseless efforts is due the crowning success with which it terminated. May such success always attend him, is the heartfelt wish of those amongst whom he is so faithfully laboring.

## Lines

TO THE MEMORY OF TERESA CARLIN, WHO, ON THE 22ND OF DEC., 1885, DEPARTED FOR A BETTER WORLD.

She is dead, they waited, and their burning tears  
Fell fast o'er the shrouded clod;  
But her angel smiled as she bore her soul  
To its rest in the home of God.

"She is saved!" sang the guardian spirit  
Fair,  
And his white wings rose thro' the yielding air.

"Ye seeders of Heaven your gates unfold,"  
Another soul enters the City of Gold—  
Alleluia! Alleluia! my work is done.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! the crown is won!

And the gates of pearl flew open wide,  
Bright on the sod bore the radiant tide  
Of God's infinite glory,  
While the song of the angels rang thro' heaven's great dome,  
"Sister spirit from earth, welcome home! welcome home!"

Back to earth her Guardian sped  
And whispered to those who still mourned  
Their dead,  
"To feel in the faith, look up to God,  
"Is her rest not your child, that is 'neath the sod;  
She lives in the light of eternity's day,  
She is crowned amid joys that pass not away."

PRESENTATION.—Miss Bridget Doyle, who has taught the school of S. S. No. 1, South Algoma, during the past four years, and is now retiring, was, at a recent examination of the pupils of the school, presented by them with a photograph album, a pair of vases, a crystal set, and flattering address. Mr. John McDonald, late principal of the Espanville public school, who has been engaged as principal of the Embro public school, was presented by his Espanville pupils with a handsome dressing case.