

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 eyes 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 stilled 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.

Perhaps none employed in the instruction of youth ever labored more successfully 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.

After mass on New Year's Day 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.

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.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record. FROM ELLICE.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION TO MISS BARRY, OF ST. MARYS, 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 again 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 amongst us the respect 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 possession.

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.

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 10.30. The choir rendered Balmann's Grand Mass in E flat. It is a brilliant composition and was given for the second time by the choir.

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 a Happy New Year.

The Sisters in their work are not to be overlooked. The interest 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.

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The musical part of the programme was quite up to the expectations of all. Many nice pieces were rendered in elegant style by the Woodilee choir in the evening of each day, and on the evenings of the first and third days this was largely supplemented by the Woodilee Starlight 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. McInteer, John Graham, Clans, Patrick Daly and 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. 832, was announced; and from every section of the crowd came the exclamation, "Nothing could be fairer," although the prize was not to be had.

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 28th 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, 31; 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 of attendance of passed pupils to the High School, and under her management the school will show a good record.

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.

Correspondence of the 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.

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 now 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 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 warmest 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 the honor of thanking him, he hoped at no distant date to meet them again and become, with their consent, better personally known.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record. 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 both sides we 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 comment month ago, and we are glad to 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, it was done in good faith, and 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.

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 mould be, the Bishop and Clergy, Canada, the Total Abstinence Union of New Brunswick, 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 Alton, 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, Auld Lang Syne was sung and the gathering broke up.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record. MR. GALTBRATH 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 enumerated with a superabundance of "sheff," 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.

2. 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 in writing; and then I will assume all the responsibility of publishing the debate, either in pamphlet or book form.

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4. Oillia, 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.

The names of the donors and the gifts they presented are as follows:—A handsome figure in black rocking by the M. C. R. employes, St. Thomas; a fine porcelain toilet case by Miss Kate Huggins, 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. Disher, 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 cases 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 rick rack cross by Miss Lizzie Daly, Aldboro; a smoking cap 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 shams by Miss Kildee, Pinal; 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, Hetzel, McCabe, Schneckeburger, Misses Hogan, Hoy, Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Clappe, St. Thomas.

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 Huggins, 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, Farrel, West Lorne. Music and singing was furnished in the afternoon and evening of each day by the Misses Huggins.

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 Melican, Bramford. The case was drawn by ticket No. 272, sold by Miss Ella Cavanagh, Sutton, and won by W. Leithbridge 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. Cascaiden, 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 martyr 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 bigotry of former days was no more. He then paid a glowing tribute to Father Guinn, 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 Huggins 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 cheered. 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 healed cane, accompanied with an address, to Father Guinn. 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. Huran, John Ryan, M. Beekun, Jan Grant.

Then followed an exciting contest between two prominent villagers—Mr. H. McCall and Mr. Arch. McKillop—for the chair presented by the M. C. R. employes. Mr. McCall 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 the 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 Guinn. 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 22D OF DEC. 1885, DEPARTED TO A BETTER WORLD.

She is dead, they wailed, and their burning feet fall o'er the shrouded cold; But her angel smiled as she bore her soul To its rest in the home of God.

"She is saved!" sang the guardian spirit And his white wings rose thro' the yielding air. "Ye orders 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 broke the radiant title Of God's infinite glory. While the song of the angels rang thro' heaven— "Welcome great souls, welcome home!"

Back to earth her Guardian sped And whispered to those who still mourned that they had lost her, "Do not weep, for the faith, look up to God, 'Tis her lot, 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 a flattering address. Mr. John McDonald, 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.