

The Mission at St. Paul's.

At 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon St. Paul's church was crowded to the doors by a vast concourse of women to hear the parting words of advice of the Missionary Fathers, and to receive from their hands the Papal Benediction. During the week the ladies attended most faithfully all the exercises of the mission. In the evenings many could not obtain standing room in the church, and now then the last sermon of their retreat was to be preached, all made an effort to secure the privilege of being present. Rev. Father Smith, director of the mission, preached the sermon. It was on the subject of Perseverance. His pathetic words made a lasting impression upon the good ladies of St. Paul's. At the conclusion of his sermon he imparted the Pope's blessing, and thus concluded one of the most successful retreats given to the good Catholic women of Toronto.

At 7:30 the same evening the seats which were granted under the overcrowding of the ladies a few hours previously were again taxed by an overflow congregation of men. Not a single sitting was vacant, and many stood in the aisles and around the porches during the sermon and devotions. The sermon was on Salvation. Father Bloem succeeded in stirring up the men to a keen sense of the importance of their eternal welfare. During the week the attendance of men at the 5 o'clock Mass has been phenomenal. Notwithstanding the very severe and stormy weather men literally flocked to every exercise to drink in the blessed words of advice and warning uttered by the good Fathers. The mission promises to bring down untold blessings upon St. Paul's congregation. The mission will close on next Sunday evening. His Grace the Archbishop will be present at the closing exercise.

St. Joseph's Academy.

On the afternoon of the 8th instant, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, nine young ladies, pupils of St. Joseph's Academy, were received into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin. After the ceremony, Rev. Father Teefy, Superior of St. Michael's, preached a very eloquent sermon upon the Blessed Virgin and her Immaculate Conception.

A short but well prepared entertainment was afterwards given in the hall. The Rev. Fathers Teefy and Frachon and Mr. Elmsley were the only strangers present. The performers displayed an excellent training given by the Sisters of St. Joseph's in the very tasteful programme of music and recitations which they rendered with talent and grace. At the conclusion Father Teefy thanked the young ladies for their very pleasant hour, given in honor of their welcome guest, Mr. Elmsley. And most deservedly so, for the name of Elmsley is so closely connected with the Catholic history of Toronto that younger generations should not be allowed to forget what this good family had done for religion and its many works.

Mr. Elmsley also made a few remarks and terminated by asking the Superior to grant a holiday to the pupils—which favor granted, the agreeable proceedings were brought to a close.

Assisting the Poor.

The Guelph conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul had its annual meeting in the basement of the Church of Our Lady Friday night. The President, Mr. J. E. McElderry, presided. Rev. Fathers O'Loane, Kenny and Kavanagh and a large number of the members and friends of the conference were present. The Secretary's report showed that in the past ten years 450 families comprising 1,980 persons were relieved; in making investigations and bringing relief the members made 9,670 visits; 22,000 lbs. of bread and 11,000 lbs. of flour, and \$575 worth of groceries were distributed besides clothing, boots and shoes, and medicine; the sick and dying were visited and consoled.

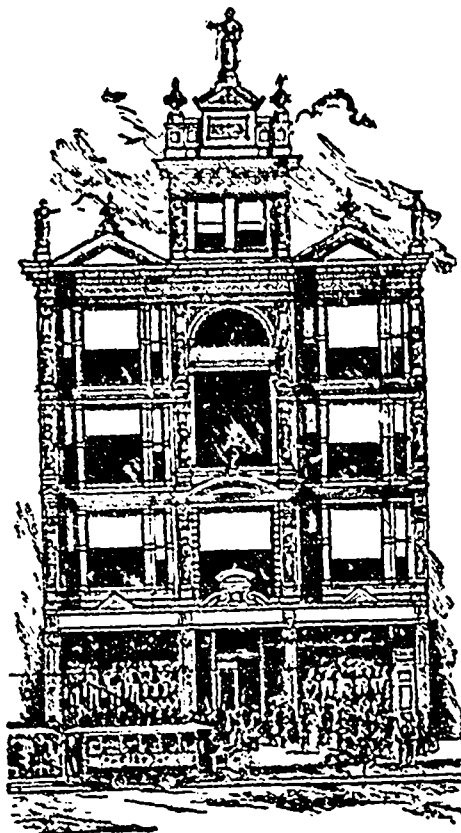
The President referred in eulogistic terms to the work of the ladies. During the past ten years the Conference had only to appeal to the congregation twice. The rest of the funds were raised by collection at the conference's weekly meetings. In giving assistance there was no religious test.

Rev. Father Kenny, S.J., spoke highly of the work, and traced the foundation and growth of the Society.

A liberal collection was then taken up in aid of the funds of the Conference and after prayer by Rev. Father O'Loane the meeting adjourned. —Guelph Daily Mercury

St. Boniface.

On the 15th of November last Mary Theresa McPhillips, daughter of Henry T. McPhillips, and granddaughter of the late Francis Flanagan, of St. Michael's parish, Toronto, took the holy habit of the order of Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary, at the novitiate of St. Boniface General Hospital. The Rev. Fathers McCarthy, Kavanagh, O'Dwyer and La Jennesse presided at the ceremony. Sisters Leontin and Agnes, her old teachers at St. Mary's



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The St. Alphonsus Club.

A meeting of this Society was well attended Tuesday evening, Dec. 12th, in their hall McCaul street. President McBrady was in the chair, and Miss Johnston contributed a piano solo and Miss Katie O'Donoghue and Mr. P. Costello vocal solos to the musical portion of the entertainment. The principal part of the programme was an address by Mr. Wm. Houston on "The Problem of Civic Government." At the conclusion of the address, which was listened to with great attention and frequently with applause, Mr. P. Cummins, seconded by Mr. P. Dolan, moved a vote of thanks, which was carried with great heartiness.

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| T. G. and B. | 7.00 4.30 | 10.45 8.50 |
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