### THE GREAT CANADIAN SHRINE.

Ste. Anne De Beaupre and Its Thousands of Daily Yisitors.

Some of the Recent Pilgrimages -The Facilities for Reaching the Sacred Spot-An Outline of the Institutions Located There -The Franciscan Convent and its Work.

Just yesterday I went by the Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix Railway. from Quebec city, down to the Sacred Shrine of Ste. Anne. The distance is only 21 miles and the route lies through historic districts, every rod of which re calls some stirring memory of the past. The scenery, too, along the way is strikthe city the train crosses the St. Charles river, and you are at the base of the sloping hills whereon stand the beautiful villages of Charlesbourg and Brauport, and without straining your eyes you can see the scene of the once Chateau Bigot, where the notorious French Governor held luxurious but profligate court, almost in royal splendor.

On the far side of the St. Lawrence, Lavis, St. Joseph, and the lovely Isle of Orleans come into full view, and seven or eight miles down along the shore the train halts almost under the famous water falls of Montmorency. With this cataract before your eyes, you instantly revert to the great Niagara Falls, and the overpowering volume of the latter makes the termer look small although it claims first place in point of height. With it asai tragedy of the past is connected, tor entembed beneath its boiling waters the bodies of an honest and virtuous habit int and his wife who were on their way to Quebec when the bridge over spanning the ravine above gave way under them, and the revisins of neither were ever tound or seen afterwards. The train runs along the shore of the S. Lawrence, and as it speeds on its way you involuntarily look back at the old rock bound city, for it seems to loom up aw 1y from it.

But from the moment you start out on the read to Ste Annes you feel yourselt in no mood to appreciate the works and objects of delight that nature and pruthe way down please the eye and heart, tentions cause a moment's uneasiness.

you are prone to feel the spiritual favors. The air up on that neight is pure and witnessed at the Shrine itself will overawe and inspire you with new views and sentiments of life. On realizing this interior feeling one quickly comprehends that the natural and spiritual orders are closely connected, and that the joint benefits that we derive are gifts from

grace seem to take complete hold of you; and transgressions of the past you chide yourself for having committed them, and | prices. you are humiliated to think that human to temptations that now appear as the very height of folly and abourdity.

On the day in question the Basilica was filled in the forenoon with a large organized pilgrimage from Springfield, Mass. They seemed to me to be a respect able and decent hody of zealous people who had some afflicted ones among them whom mere human surgical or medical skill could not relieve, and who thought it not too great a sacrifice to cross the Canadian border in order to place their belpless ones at the feet of good Ste. Anne, who, in the centuries gone by, has relieved so many stricken creatures. I did not learn the result of the mercies obtained, but I am certain every individ ual member of that pilgrimage returned home with a pious and vivid impression of the sanctity of the place they had visited.

Scarcely a few hours had passed after the der arture of the Springfield conting ent before another boat load arrived. think they were mostly of the French-Canadian race, for the fervent prayers and exercises conducted by the priests who conducted them, and recited from the landing wharf to the Church, were spoken in the French tongue. And so it goes on from day to day at Ste Anne's during this usual pilgrimage season. In fact it is a veritable harvest time at the boly place, and Rev. R. P. Holland. C.SS.R., a zealous priest of the staff there. assured me that preparations are being made to receive seven distinct pilgrimages on Sunday, the 17th of July inst.

The 16 resident priests and those who accompany the pilgrims will be taxed to the utmost in the confessionals, and it will be a day of happiness for all those who participate, for no matter what trials may be endured, the consoling thought will ever come to the mind that apart from the turbulent battles of every day life there are spots of peace and repose wherein the truly devout can enter into their own reflections and form a just opinion of he worthlessness of all concerns and strivings that must end in the

For good, solid and sober thoughts of this sort there is bardly another place equal to St. Anne's, because here is seen many specimens of humanity who are too much afflicted to expect any deliverance from their sufferings save and ex cept through supernatural means. In

ings and we get a glimpse of how helpless we are and how much we need assistance from above. The marvellous power of St. Ann. as evidenced here, cannot be denied or argued away by any cophist or infidel, because the proofs to the con-trary are visible here in the stacks of crutches, supports, trusses, bandages, etc., etc., left behind by cured persons who had no more need for them. Add to this proof the: cure of hundreds of people who had no eyesight when they came there, but left with a full vision of the sun, the earth and all the things that make the heart glad. In this presence, and confronted with these facts, no Atheist or Agnostic could hold up his head in argument or denial.

The present facilities for reaching the Shrine are first class. Beedes the many boats that transport pilgrims, there are many visitors that go there by vehicle who live within a radius of twenty or twenty-five miles, but of course the quick and ever ready conveyance is the Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix Railway, which carries passengers to and fro every day in the week, having a The scenery, too, along the way is strik-ing in its variegated features and natural day and six on Saturdays. Nor is this loveliness. Immediately after leaving an old-fashioned road, for it is new and up to date in every respect, as might be inferred from the fact that it is operated by such able and enterprising men as the Messra. H. J. Beemer and his brother, with a capable and courteous superin-tendent such as Mr. W. R. Russell, who is wide awake in all his precautions to tion, on Sept. 30 1893, the magnificent ensure the safety and comfort of the travelling public. Besides owning the railway, the Quebec Trolley System is in awaking the enthusiasm of our people. now in Mr. Bremer's hands, and ere long | At the biennish convention of the A. O H., the electric cars will carry pilgrims to

> beautifully situated on the hill above such material progress in Hibernianism the village and over-looking the Scala Scanta, the old Ste. Anne church, the Busilica and its group of institutions, city, which was to witness the birth of Then the outlying view from the upper | the Irish National Alliance, Mr. Keating windows of the convent home is simply | was the unanimous choice for secretary grand and inspiring. The city of Quebec and its crowning citadel can be seen plainly by the naked eve, Cape Tourment and the Isle of Orleans, as also the St Lawrence river for miles either up or down. The Convent itself is emhowered in trees, shrubs and plants and home. flowers which give it an air of contentment and repose, which must be southing to any one who has b en surfeited with the noises and endless clatter and turmoil of the outside world.

The respected lady friend, now a greater beauty the fartner you get boarder there, who took me through the place, has nod experience of both kinds of lite. She greatly profess her present way of living, and spoke of it as, in some sense, a foretaste of the peace and joys of neaven. And no wonder that dence have placed in your way, for you | she should so feel and express nerself. are proceeding to a spot hallowed by ages for there the passions and struggles of veneration and miraculous cures, the outside world do not obtrude them-And as the sensible objects met with on selves, nor do social vanities and con-

The air up on that neight is pure and wholesome, the hours of the day are well employed, and the sleep at night is sound and undisturbed. The Rev. Mother Superior and the nuns of the Community may have moments of misgivings as to their continued support, for they are very poor and have often to the surrounding parishes, still they have From Quebec to St. Annes takes barely | unbounded confidence in the protection an hour, and the train lands you under of Him who finds means to provide for the very shadow of the fine Church and all His servants who repose unfailing famous Shrine. Upon entering in there hope in Him. Tuition and board and treasurer; the Rev. Charles Donahue, the power of religion and supernatural lodging are supplied to pupils for the chaplain Suffolk county. Past State Prenominal figure of \$6 per month. Englien and French and all the needful whether you will it or not, when you lish and French and all the needful kneel before the altar and in the press branches are taught there, and yet there ence of the hallowed Shrine of Ste Annes, is room for more pupils, but when the you experience quite strange sensations merits of this house become known and a renewal of spiritual vigor stirring abroad, surely its halls will be over within you, and if you can recall lapses | crowded. Meanwhile, lady pilgrims are furnished with meals, etc., at village

To weary ones who travel far it must nature should be so very weak as to yield be a real pleasure to get inside that home of calmness and good order. WM. ELLISON.

### OBITUARY.

More than a month ago Mr. Edward R Fitzgerald had to lament the loss of his son Charles, 15 years of age, who died of heart failure and dropsy. This week we have the painful duty to record the death of Gerald Anthony, Mr. Fitz gerald's infant son, who died on the 13:h inst. The imposing service and largely attended funeral of the former attests the deep sympathy of the members of the community at large for their highly esteemed friend, Mr. Fitzgerald.

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES S. FITZGERALD. My days on earth—how quickly o'er! I quit this vale of strife, To dwell with angels evermore, And wear the crown of life.

Adieu, dear parents: be consoled; Your taith and hope-your stay, Until we meet in joy untold, To live with God for aye.

My grateful memory e'er shall cling 'R and these whom I revere; My ceaseless prayer snall blessings bring To all I love so dear.

From bitter pain to lasting bliss, Death's welcome summons calls. Farewell! Weep not! One parting kiss Before the curtain falls.

I long to quit this life of sin. Where strong temptations try; To dwell with saints and angels in Our home beyond the sky.

I long to be where one beholds. The gifts Christ does impart. I long to rest within the folds Of Jesus' Sacred Heart.

ъ. т. THE DOCTOR'S STRATEGY.

A good story comes to us in the La Moure (North Dikota) Chronicle, about a doctor who was called in to treat a lady, who put so many questions and talked so incessantly that he finally asked her to hold out her tongue, and immediately commenced writing. When ance from their sufferings save and ex cept through she said. 'You havn't cept through supernatural means. In looked at my tongue.' 'No,' said he, 'I the face of that we see the infirmity of didn't want to—I only wanted to keep it the flesh and the vanity of human striv. still while I wrote the prescription.

### NOTES FOR THE HIBERHIANS.

A Brief Sketch of the New National President.

Delegates Leave Boston for Ireland in Connection with the Proposed Union with the Board of Erin-An Irish Hospital for Brooklyn.

MR JOHN T. KEATING, the new national president of the A. O. H., was born in Cork, Ireland. After receiving primary instructions in the Christian Brothers' Dublin, and later on to Tipperary, to receive collegiate education. Returning home in 1872 he secured an important position with one of the leading mercantile firms in Cork. After bidding farewell to his native beath he crossed the ocean and went directly to Chicago, where, during the seventeen years inter vening, he has continually resided.

As secretary of the committee on arrangements for Irish Day, celebrated during the World's Columbian Exposisuccess of the effort may in a large meas ure be attributed to his tireless energy held in East St. Louis in June, 1894, Mr. Keating was unanimously elected state president of the order, and it is doubtful Before leaving Ste. Anne de Beaupré I whether any state officer can boast of called at the Franciscan Convent, having been instrumental in achieving

When the promoters of the New Move ment selected Chicago as the convention of the local committee of arrangements Mr. Keating's residence is in Hyde Park, overmoking the broad expanse of Washington Park where with such beautiful surroundings, a charming wife and an interesting family, his is indeed an ideal

### Delegates to the Old faind.

The members of the Ancient Order of Hipernians are deeply interested in the trip to Ireland of the H n. loan W. Glynn of Springfield, State vice president of the A O H of Massenhouse and Captain John J. Rogers, president or of the lary could telepher with the Manual Captain who sailed librally. Worcester county, who sailed l'anriedry, address t'r identification, le y or cause

O H. in America and the Burner Erm branch, the headquarters of which are in-Ireland. They will interview the prominent chicials of the order, and after a thorough explanation and discussion of the case it is anticipated the home officers will coincide with their views, and as a result a union between the A. (). H. in America and the European brethren will follow.

The evening before their departure complimentary barquet was tendered them at Chark's Hotel, Boston, by the present and past State officers of the A. O H. of Massachusetts. Among those present were: The Hon. E. J. Slattery, State president; Martin J. Roche, State sident James F. Stratton of Milford, Past State Treasurer William J. Mahoney of Westfield, County President Daniel J Twoomey of Springfield, President Thomas J. Keanney of Worcester.

Thursday morning, on invitation of State Treasurer Roche, who is local agent of the Dominion line, the entire party accompanied the outward b und on the New England as far as Boston Light, returning on the tug Juno.

### Proposed Irish Hospital.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Brooklyn, is planning the erection of an Irish hospital and they propose, if sufficient funds are secured, to erect a building in the fwenty sixth ward. It is to cost about \$100,000, and the money is to be obtained, it is hoped, by voluntary subscriptions from members of the United Irish Societies of Kings county and from entertainments to be held during the fall and winter. The United Societies will have a monster two days' festival at Ulmer park, beginning Aug. 22 On this occasion there will be a parade of Irish societies and 15 000 men are expected to be in line. Bourke Cockran has been invited to be the orator of the day. Then a fair is to be held in the Clermon: avenue rink in October. Tae members of the Order believe that

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