

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MEETING OF LADIES OF ST. PATRICK'S PARISH.

A meeting is called of all the ladies of the parish for next Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, in St. Patrick's Hall. Important business in connection with the consecration will be discussed.

PRIEST MEETS WITH ACCIDENT.

A painful accident was sustained by the Rev. Romeo Neveu, of the Grand Seminary. He was engaged in pruning trees in the garden of the institution when the axe slipped, inflicting a bad wound in the leg.

BLESSING OF ORGAN AT JO-LIETTE.

On Sunday next the blessing and inauguration of a new organ in the Joliette Cathedral will take place. His Lordship Bishop Archambault will officiate.

J. P. MONCEL.

We call the attention of our readers to Mr. J. P. Moncel's advt. in another column. This gentleman is prepared to supply badges for pilgrimages, conventions, picnics, societies, etc. He also does first class work in stamping in gold on books, sample cases, ribbon, leather and card. Give him a call and kindly mention this paper.

DEATH OF A CLERC DE ST. VIA-TEUR.

The Rev. Bro. Justin Louis Debru, of the Clercs de Saint Viateur at Outremont, died on Tuesday at the Hotel Dieu, at the age of 20 years, after a lengthy illness, of tuberculosis. He was a native of Canores, France.

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CATHOLIC SAILORS' CONCERT.

The usual weekly concert in aid of the Catholic Sailors' Club took place last night, and proved to be, as usual, fully up to the standard. The hall was tastefully arranged, and presented a very encouraging sight, as the evening's entertainment was begun. Mr. P. Wright made a fine chairman; and the way in which the several numbers were received proved beyond a doubt the grand spirit that reigns with so much intensity in favor of this noble work.

Special mention is due to Misses Menzies and Broderick, as also Mrs. Schmidt for their singing during the evening. The concertina solos of Messrs. Nagal and Patrick, the piano solo by Mr. Nicholson, the songs by Messrs. Mallon, Bell, Nicholson, James, Magal, Levis and Drysdale, the recitations by Messrs. O'Donnell and Bell, together with the singing of Messrs. Tierney and Watt, all blended together to make the evening a most pleasing one. At this point we certainly should not forget the part taken by the Scottish Orchestral Trio, who gave selections which were indeed works of culture of an altogether superior nature. It is understood that these gentlemen purpose favoring the sailors and their friends with an evening entirely under their own direction in the near future, and when this event takes place those who are in the habit of frequenting these weekly gatherings may certainly look forward to a grand treat.

On the whole, these entertainments only serve as another favorable occasion whereby the public of our city may show how much they appreciate the great work done by this club, and thereby give generously towards the support of an institution which has already done so much good, and for whose initiative there is such a grand and noble field of action in the near future.

OPENING OF DOMINION PARK.

An interesting feature of the new Dominion Park, which is to be thrown open to the public on Saturday afternoon, is that when the lights are lit at night and to a large extent in the afternoon, an electric power of fifteen hundred horse power will be used in the lighting and manipulation of the various enterprises in connection with gigantic amusements

of the park. To the general public this may not seem a remarkable proposition, but when it is told that it does not take more than this force to run the Montreal Street Railway, then the greatness of the enterprise managed by Mr. Donsey may be readily imagined. No such scene of electric grandeur has ever been known in Canada. But electric grandeur is only a minor factor in the greatness of the enterprise which has been arranged for the people of Montreal and district.

On Monday last several city aldermen paid a visit to the park. The occasion of their visit was the receipt of an invitation from the Mayor of Montreal to his first annual dinner, and a special car took them to Dominion Park to look over the grounds. Afterwards Alderman Gadsbould said:

"It is without exception to my mind the greatest attraction of its kind that the city of Montreal and indeed all Canada has ever known. We should be proud that capital, in the hands of Mr. Dorsey, has seen fit to give us what the great United States centres have had for the past few years. It is not a passing hour. It is a great national enterprise. It is something beyond which we have dreamed, and to my mind it means the inception of a class of entertainment that will mean much to the city."

Such words as these come from every one who has had a peep at the greatness of Dominion Park.

In a chat with Mr. Dorsey yesterday he said that while he felt that after months of advertising he ought to have opened the Park on Monday last, he was constrained from doing so by a series of circumstances, including the inability of many contractors to complete their work, and he therefore felt that until he was able to open the park in all its completeness he made the opening date a week later than he had intended.

THE MONTH OF MARY.

Great may we honor in this precious month
The one so grand above,
Who holds her hands out o'er our heads,
And gives to us her love.

She stands up o'er a holy light
To call to our reflection
That we are not left here without
A Mother of affection.

She throws on us her precious smile
Our troubles to release,
And makes us feel there is to come
A day of rest and peace.

She guides us in this world below
To seek her holy Son,
And tells us to say unto Him
"Thy holy will be done."

She watches us in all our cares
And leads us out of sin,
For she is filled with purity,
And one we must trust in.

She prays for all our earthly good
And leads us from all wrath,
So let us join together now,
And follow in her path.

T. J. M.

How Priests are Treated in France

A venerable old man of seventy-three years, an inhabitant of Saint-Christoly-de-Blaye, France, has received the following notice from the Procureur of the Republic at Blaye: "The Procureur of the Republic invites the person named Espanet, dwelling at Saint-Christoly-de-Blaye, condemned to twenty-four hours' imprisonment by judgment of the tribunal of simple police of Saint-Sevin, on the date of August 9th, 1905, to come and constitute himself a prisoner here; in default of which the judgment against him will be executed by armed force." Who is this "person named Espanet," and what fault has he committed? This redoubtable malefactor of seventy-three years is M. l'Abbe Espanet. He has lived for a considerable time in the district and is known to have done nothing but good to those around him. His crime is to have walked from the Church to the presbytery, in an orderly manner, with a few children who had just made their first Communion. This is the newly-devised "crime of procession," applicable to the Church only. For his he was led to prison between two gendarmes. With or without the Concordat the authorities could not entertain the thought of foregoing the pastime of harrying the clergy which is so dear to their hearts.—Catholic Times.

DIED.

ROONEY—At Norton Creek, Que., on May 22nd, Laura Hanratty, wife of Peter Rooney, at the age of 80 years.

A Dance in Donegal.

By reel, jig, and hornpipe the couples keep their blood gaily coursing from candle-light to cock-crow. Some of them will have stramped six or eight, or ten miles of mountain and moor to the house of merry-making, will dance hard all night, tramp their long home-tramp by the morning light, and then begin a day's labor like giants refreshed—all this notwithstanding the fact that they did not break their feet between quitting home and reaching it again. In the course of the night, too, some of them will have danced jigs in rivalry to prove who could dance longest, and quickest, and best. The competition dance is always the most enjoyable, as well as the most exciting, event of the night arousing the enthusiasm of the whole house, including even the fiddler, to almost unbearable pitch;—for the fiddler, who is wont to be wholly wrapped up in his music, is by the excitement raised out of his seat, drawn into the arena, and around and around the dancing pair, his eyes upon their nimble feet, and hand fast flying so that one may see half-a-dozen bows instead of one, and half-a-dozen jerking elbows likewise.

During the night the only rest for dancer or fiddler is when one or other of the popular songsters of the company propose to delight the house with a ballad, and has his proposal hailed with vociferous applause. It may chance, too, that a rival singer following him, a singing contest unprovided for in the programme is suddenly started,—a contest that may engross their rapt attention till cock-crow awakes an entranced audience, warning them to bend their faces homeward, though they meet some other night at house agreed upon to conclude the contest.—Seumas MacManus, in Donahoe's for May.

HEROIC PRIESTS.

(New York News.)

To the magnificent heroism of two San Francisco priests, Father Philip O'Ryan and Father Charles A. Ramm, is due the preservation of the Cathedral and the entire section of the city of which that edifice is, as it were, the acropolis. Immediately after the recent earthquake, and at the early stages of the subsequent conflagration the two priests, together with members of the great temperance organization, the League of the Cross, joined a volunteer fire brigade. Soon afterward the cross on the summit of the Cathedral became enveloped in flames. The priests at once made a perilous climb, and turning on a stream of water on the blaze extinguished it. Those who witnessed the deed were loud in their praises of the clergymen, and engineers familiar with the topography of San Francisco were a unit in asserting that the prompt action of Fathers O'Ryan and Ramm alone saved a large part of what still remains of the old city.

Father O'Ryan was born in Ardmore, County Tipperary, of a family that has ever contributed generously to education, religion, heroism and patriotism. His boyhood days were spent under the Rock of Cashel, that magnificent antiquarian pile which is at once a testimony to Ireland's past glory and an inspiration to preserve and to perpetuate the virtues and qualities which produced that glory.

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ed the local primary schools and, after a preparatory course at the College of the Holy Ghost at Rockwell, not far from his home, he entered the archdiocesan seminary of St. Patrick's, at Thurles. Here he made his studies in rhetoric, philosophy and theology, graduating with distinction. After ordination and on electing to make the California mission his field of labor, he took a post-graduate course at the Catholic University at Washington, where he made a reputation not only for brilliancy of attainments but for soundness and depth of scholarship.

In appearance and disposition Father O'Ryan is the typical Tipperary man sketched by Davis:

Tall of form, his heart is warm
And his spirit light as any fairy;
But his wrath is fearful as the storm
That sweeps the hills of Tipperary.

No one has yet seen Father Phil, as he is lovingly called, living up to the description contained in the concluding couplet, though no one doubts that for just cause and on a proper occasion he would exhibit the warm, fiery blood of his Tipperary sires. This undoubtedly was the blood shown in the heroic deed which won for the priest a fame that will live forever in the story of the San Francisco calamity.

While Father O'Ryan is a polished writer and speaker and a man of undoubted force, in ordinary life he is simple, unpretentious and unassuming. No one who knows him was surprised to learn that he risked his life and acted a hero's part when the occasion demanded it. They also know that Father Phil will think less about it than anybody else, and that his fame will prove embarrassing, is but distasteful.

The Rev. Charles A. Ramm is a convert and enjoys fame as one of the most eloquent preachers on the Pacific coast.

What the Blessed Mother Looked Like

The Abbe of Oraini, dipping his brushes in the colors of tradition, has painted for us a picture of the Bride of the Holy Ghost. Accepting St. Ephraim's portrait, the reverend writer tells us that our Blessed Lady was a little above medium height; her color, slightly darkened by the sun of her country, had the rich tint of ripe ears of corn; her

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hair was golden and waving; her eyes large and bright, with olive-colored depths; her eyebrows black and arched; her nose aquiline; her lips rosy; the shape of her face a delicate oval. . . . The young author of the Magnificat was not a stranger to the sublime inspirations of genius; nevertheless this brilliant side of her intelligence was never perceived, so adroit was she in concealing her gifts beneath her angelic modesty. The rich treasures of her mind and heart have been imperfectly revealed to the earth; they were the roses of Yemen, which the young Arab girl conceals beneath her veil, and the softened perfume of which is hardly perceived. The beauty and intelligence of God's most beloved creature were inferior to her transcendent virtues, which the saintly writers of old never tired enumerating and extolling. "Mary was the masterpiece of nature, the flower of the old generations, and the wonder of the ages to come. Never had the earth seen—never will the earth see—so many perfections combined in a simple daughter of men. Attracted towards good by a sweet and natural inclination, her pure and innocent actions were like those coats of snow which are silently heaped upon the lofty summits of the mountains, adding purity to purity and whiteness to whiteness, until a dazzling cone is raised upon which the light loves to linger, but which forces man to turn his eyes away as from the sun."

Gardien de do Lectur Feb 19 Assemblée Vol. LV Hon. Retirement On Saturday last S rier received the respl Charles Fitzpatrick, Justice, and the Cabl r meeting appointed tleman Chief Justice Court, in succession Elzear Taschereau. The newly appointe has been recognized part of the past de most member of the in the Dominion. Wh political life is felt a ed on every hand, th opinion regarding the has just assumed, th could not have suppli eminently qualified duties belonging to t ticeship of the highes nada. The predecessors of Justice have all acco of Knighthood. The position are linked to codant. Although Chl patrick could have h tion years ago, it go ing that his personal are characteristically may not interrupt the ferring upon the head Court of Appeal a di from the King that g dignity to the office. For the first time of Confederation an holds this prestige. tion of Sir Elzear Ta