

learned speaker then picture the scene enacted at the gate of the small town of Galilee, when our dear Saviour met the funeral procession, and his tender heart was moved to compassion by the tears of that mother going to the burial of her only son, and our Saviour, with one word of calm authority, stayed her tears:—"Weep not"—how he touched the bier, and with another word raised that young man to life. The Rev. Father then asked why did Jesus work this great miracle. He took his answer from St. Luke:—"He was moved with mercy for her." It was for the mother's sake. How clearly this shows us the heart of Jesus. He must comfort her. He in this case shows us the depth of His Sacred Heart and the power that mothers have over that heart. In a word He can refuse a mother nothing. Rev. Father Kasper then took two illustrations, the great mothers of St. Louis of France and of St. Augustin. He showed how sanctified was the life led by this great king, St. Louis—whom he designated, the flower of Christian chivalry—the pattern of Christian knighthood, the brightest glory of one of the brightest ages of the Church; withal, one of the bravest soldiers who ever lived and when dying on the shores of Africa, his last prayer was, that none of his soldiers should have the weakness to deny Christ. The secret of this sanctity was his mother, the pious Queen Blanche of Castile, who used to say to him when a child:—"My son I love you with all the tenderness of which a mother is capable, but I would infinitely rather see you fall down dead at my feet than that you should commit a mortal sin." Then St. Monica, the mother of the great St. Augustin, who in early manhood wandered far from the paths of duty, and even denied that faith, for which his mother would have gladly died. The Rev. Father told how she even followed her wayward son across the seas, and how St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan said to her:—"A child of so many tears cannot be lost."—And at last the Sacred Heart of Jesus was touched with compassion and he said to her: "Weep not." And He touched the bier, and he that was dead sat up and began to speak, "and He gave him to his mother." Father Kasper then drew a lesson from these stories:—that a mother is omnipotent. She cannot always keep her son as St. Louis, but even if for a time he wander away, she can turn him back to God by her prayers and her tears. All God requires of a mother is to be a true Christian mother. A mother's early lessons are never lost, even when they seem choked by the weeds of evil passion, her prayers will win from God the dew of His grace, so that they will spring up again in the child's soul. The Rev. Father then impressed on the mothers present the immensity of their responsibility. "Under God" he added, "the salvation of your children is in your hands." He concluded with a reference to those who were deprived of the loving, holy care of a mother. For these the loving heart of our Saviour made provision when He said:—"Mother, behold thy son, son behold thy mother." There is hope for all, yes, even for those of us who are lying dead in sin, those of us whom the world is carrying out to burial, those whom the darkness of the eternal tomb seems about to engulf. There is hope! Mary is our Mother. Her loving son will look with compassion on her tears and the dead will rise. "The Mother of Jesus is my Mother"—words that have consoled so many saints and should be the hope of the penitent. The sermon was not long, but its every word carried weight, carried conviction, and was listened to with the greatest attention.

On Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock Miss McCusker, daughter of Mr. D. McCusker, of St. Mary's congregation, was married to Mr. Hurley, of Vankleek Hills, Ont. Rev. M. J. Kasper, O. M. I., performed the ceremony and celebrated the nuptial Mass. The Rev. Father addressed a few words of advice to the contracting parties, and spoke of the seriousness of the step they were now taking. He urged them to continue in the ser-

vice of God, predicting for them the true happiness so dear to the Christian couple who plight their vows at the foot of the altar, and assisting at the holy sacrifice, is their first action of their married life. Miss Minnie McCusker, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. Whelan supported the groom. The bride looked charming—as all brides do. The happy couple left for eastern cities on the evening train and will, after their wedding trip, reside permanently at Vankleek Hills, Ont. Mrs. Hurley has been a resident of Regina for the past ten months, and has made many friends, who wish her and the husband of her choice much happiness and prosperity in their journey through life. Mr. McCusker, father of the bride, has a very fine residence a few miles from town and many pleasant evenings have been spent there by the young people of St. Mary's congregation. The evening before the marriage, a deputation of these young folk waited on the prospective bride and presented her with a very handsome epergne. The young couple received many beautiful presents.

Most bitterly cold weather prevailed.

GENA MacFARLANE.

Obituary

SISTER ST. THAIS.

On the 22, inst., Emelie Lemieux, known as Sister St. Thais, breathed her last in the Maternity hospital in this city, fortified by the last rites of the Church. Miss Lemieux was a native of St. Constant, Quebec, and entered the order of the Sisters of Misericorde, in Montreal more than 30 years ago. Owing to her skill and devotedness in fulfilling the various duties of her arduous vocation, she was employed in different houses of her order, having been twice stationed in New York city, whence she returned to Montreal and came here three years ago. Since her arrival she has always been assistant to the Superior. She had been suffering from pneumonia, but was apparently out of danger, and, as she seemed stout and strong, no fears were entertained, when suddenly, on Friday of last week, she began to sink. Rev. Father Perrault, O. M. I., the chaplain, was immediately called and he anointed her. She died soon after, fully resigned to God's will, at the age of 53.

The funeral took place last Monday morning in the chapel of the Maternity Hospital, Maryland street. Very Rev. Father Magnan, O. M. I., said the Requiem Mass at 8.30 in the presence of all the Sisters of Misericorde and of representatives of all the Sisterhoods in Winnipeg and St. Boniface. Very Rev. H. Leduc, O. M. I., V. G., and Rev. Fathers Beliveau, Cherrier and Robillard were also present. The interment was in St. Mary's cemetery. R. I. P.

JOHN MUTCH.

On last Tuesday evening, January 26th, John Mutch, born on the 17th of November, 1872 near Peterhead, in Aberdeenshire, died peacefully and resignedly in St. Roch's hospital, St. Boniface. Mr. Mutch was brought up a Presbyterian and had been a Freemason, but for the last three or four years he had thought deeply on religious subjects, and when he was confined to St. Roch's Hospital with Tuberculosis, he asked to see Father Drummond, and after a few interviews, embraced the true religion, and abandoned Freemasonry. He was baptised conditionally by Father Drummond on the last Feast of All Saints, Nov. 1, 1903, Mr. Joseph Guertin, chief of the special service department of the C. P. R., to which Mr. Mutch belonged, acting as Godfather.

Mr. Mutch was a man of unusual mental ability and he faced the great problem of eternity with perfect trust and love, asking earnestly for prayers in his last moments. He received all the last rites of the Church with great gratitude and peace of mind.

The funeral took place at 9 a.m. in St. Boniface Cathedral on January 28. The Requiem Mass was sung by Rev. Father Beliveau in the presence of a large number of friends, among whom we noticed Rev. Father Drummond, Mr. and

Mrs. Joseph Guertin and Mr. R. Chevrier. The interment was in St. Boniface cemetery. R. I. P.

CORRECTION.

The following item of information appeared in the last issue of the Review:

"It is rumored that the 'Immaculate Conception Girls' are going to give a party at which they intend inviting a great number of the St. Mary's young men, as this is Leap Year, it would be advisable for the young ladies of St. Mary's Church to take the necessary precautions to protect their lawful property."

How the above crept into the columns of the Review we know not, but we regret that it had not been submitted to the proper authority before being published. We are not opposed to lawful amusements, but we certainly object to parties of the nature of the one referred to above. We do not think that either the girls of the Immaculate Conception or of St. Mary's would crave the opportunity of a Leap Year to bring themselves to the admiration of young men. Our girls are goods too precious to be exposed on the Market Square, they must be sought in the sanctuary of a well regulated home.

None but young men of high moral standing need apply.

CATHOLIC CLUB AT HOME.

Nearly 200 Ladies and Gentlemen Were Present.

The Catholic Club held one of its enjoyable at homes last evening in its rooms, Commonwealth block. Upwards of 200 ladies and gentlemen attended to indulge in the captivating game of pedro, and the usual conversation. The comfortable club rooms were well filled, and after a very pleasant game the winners were announced. There was a superfluity of gentleman winners and judges were elected to decide who should carry off the trophy. Mrs. Thomas Jobin won the ladies' prize, and for the gentlemen's trophy, the following alarming array was posted as a dead heat: S. J. Golden, A. H. Kennedy, T. J. O'Callaghan, T. J. Murray, J. V. Dumoulin, C. Pelley and Martin Egan. Between the games a programme equal to that of any concert, was rendered, the following taking part: Aubrey Smith, Louis McQuillan, S. Goldstone and Lella Mawhinney. Frank Russell, president of the club, started on his series of fifty-five speeches per year and made a brilliant success of the initial attempt. Mr. Russell is the guiding-star of the club, and received an encore to which he refused to respond. He thanked all present for their attendance, and with his cordial good nature, invited them to make themselves at home, after all had been done to make them feel that way. The affair was a huge success, and many await the announcement of the next.—Free Press, Jan. 27.

AN OLD BIBLE.

In the parlor of the episcopal residence, in Grand Rapids, Mich., is a large Bible in vellum the property of Rev. John A. Schmitt. On it is the inscription: "Latin Bible. Printed in 1486, six years before Columbus discovered America; about 30 years before the Protestant Reformation; 39 years before Luther's New Testament; 41 years before Luther's old Protestant Bible in English; 118 years before King James edition was ordered. This Bible is actually like all Catholic Bibles, which are alike, for the word of God can never change."—Pittsburg Catholic.

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