

**MONSIGNOR O'CONNOR BLESSES NEW BELL**

A unique ceremony, seldom witnessed in Chatham, took place in the Blessed Sacrament Church, Victoria avenue, when the new bell of the church was blessed by the Right Rev. Monsignor Dennis O'Connor, Vicar-General of the Diocese of London. Clergy from many points in Western Ontario were present for the occasion and special music was provided by the choir of the church.

A feature of the ceremony was the seventeen sponsors for the bell, provided from members of the congregation who comprise seventeen different nationalities. The colors of the countries represented were worn by the sponsors in the form of a sash. The sponsors are: England, Percy Cornfield; Ireland, Edmund O'Mara; Scotland, Mary Freston; Wales, Francis Bevan; France, Stanley Trudelle; Belgium, Elsie Dewalder; Germany, Elizabeth Blonde; Spain, Anna Rodriguez; Iceland, Margaret Ericson Mindorf, who is a native of that country and a fluent reader and writer of the ancient language; Denmark, Anna Lund; Poland, Sophie Porcyniak; Russia, Olga Nikoloshan; Africa, Fred Turner; Syria, Joseph Bernida; Bohemia, Angela Bealey; American Indian, Fred Bell; Luxembourg, Jack Wildgeon.

The weight of the bell and equipment, together with clappers and ringing apparatus, is two tons. The bell after the ceremony was installed in the bell tower. It has the tone of "E" flat.

The origin of the bells is lost in dim antiquity. In the Book of Exodus xxviii., 33-35 "bells of gold" are mentioned as being attached to Aaron's robe that "his sound shall be heard when he goeth into the holy places before the Lord." Large bells were introduced by Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, in Campania, Italy, in A. D. 400. Pope Sabianus, in A. D. 604, prescribed their use for the universal church. The first metal bell was one of five bells which were presented to King's College, Cambridge, England, by Pope Calixtus III. in 1456. The ceremony of blessing a bell dates from the seventh century and is closely akin to the baptismal rite.

**STUDENT CRUSADERS**

Catholic Students have not forgotten the heroic work accomplished by the Crusaders of old, who went forth to dethrone the Turk from the tomb of Christ. They have not forgotten that Satan sits enthroned in the hearts of millions of Pagans even at this late hour and just as those heroic men of the past courageously set out to conquer the Mohammedan so do students of today rally forth to assist by prayers and works the Missionary in his effort to conquer the Power of Evil and Darkness.

They are not clad in a suit of mail, nor armed with sword and shield—no, their efforts are centered on the "Crusade Way" of accomplishing big things in a big way for the Missionary activities in our Home and Foreign Missions.

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Student reader will you not interest yourself, your institution, in this great nation-wide Crusade. Further information will be gladly given by the C. C. S. M. C., St. Augustine's Seminary, Kingston Road, Toronto, Ont.

**HOPES AND HINDRANCES**

In us human people, common, everyday sinners as we are, there yet seems to abide an unquenchable hope that some day we are going to do much better than we are and to do much better than we do. To think otherwise would be intolerable. The torch of hope for a holier life is always shining before us.

Let us for a moment consider what are the hindrances towards the fulfilment of our hopes. Mostly it is the little frets of every day that clog our steps upward. There are perhaps financial worries, money cares that corrode the soul. There

are disappointments that actually seem to cut away the very ground from under our feet. There are anxieties and uncertainties to steal away our peace. How can we be good, with all this to hinder?

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**STATUE UNSCATHED IN WAR DESTROYED BY ACT OF VANDAL**

Paris, France.—An act of sacrilegious vandalism has caused general indignation in the district of Montdidier. Near Cantigny, where the first attack of the American troops was made in 1918, the village of Grivesnes, which was the scene of furious infantry combats, had its church horribly mutilated, but, as though by miracle, an ancient statue of Saint Aignan, which was particularly dear to the faithful of the parish, remained intact in the midst of the ruins.

This statue has just been broken by a stupid act of destruction. A workman who had been engaged to mend the roof of the restored church, amused himself by throwing bricks from the roof at the statue which had gone unscathed through bombardment and fire. He finally succeeded in upsetting it. Arrested and brought before the court, the vandal declared to the judge that he had "done it for fun." He will be brought to trial.

**WOMEN OF VARIOUS NATIONS TO HONOR CARDINAL**

The Federation of Belgian Catholic Women, an organization founded by Cardinal Mercier, is planning to make the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of His Eminence next month, a brilliant occasion. To obtain widespread cooperation the federation is appealing to women outside Belgium to show their admiration for this illustrious Prince of the Church by joining with their Belgian sisters.

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**DIED**

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O'BRIEN.—At St. John's, Nfld., on Saturday, March 1st, 1924, Mr. William O'Brien, a native of Tipperary, Ireland, aged seventy-five years. May his soul rest in peace.

OVINGTON.—In Kitley Township, on March 11, 1924, Mrs. John Ovington, in her sixty-eighth year. Funeral from St. Philip Neri Church, Toledo, on Friday, March 14th. May her soul rest in peace.

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