

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

The Venerable Margaret Bourgeois Reading Circle in connection with the Gloucester Street Convent of La Congregation de Notre Dame, in which are enrolled the more advanced pupils, held their third bi-monthly session of the season, on Friday evening of last week. Very great proficiency and a close study of the subjects characterized each of the four interesting papers which were read. In addition an original poem in French was recited, and music and song filled up the intervals.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a more detailed report of the proceedings in connection with the meetings of the circle.

The St. Agnes Literary Society of La Congregation de Notre Dame, Gloucester Street, held the bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday evening last.

His Grace entertained in the course of last week, Bishop Christie of Vancouver, and his Lordship's secretary, Catholicity is making rapid strides in the far western province, and new churches are being built to meet the requirements of the growing population.

During his visit to the city last week, Rev. Father Arcander, secretary to his Lordship Bishop Christie, paid a visit to Rev. Sister Cecilia, Superior of St. Joseph's Home, who, like himself, is a Norwegian by birth.

A two weeks' mission will open in St. Patrick's on the 19th current. The preachers will be the members of the Congregation of St. Paul, (Paulist Fathers), of New York.

Rev. Sisters of the Rideau Street Convent are about to enlarge their premises by putting on another story.

The financial affairs of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Billing's Bridge are in a flourishing condition, as shown by the statement read on Sunday, by the Rev. pastor.

Monsignor Tanguay, the compiler of Le Clerge Canadien, and other similar works is lying ill at his home.

Improvement is reported in the case of the esteemed pastor of Gatinou Point, Rev. Father Champagne, who is lying ill in the Water Street Convent.

The Redemptorist Fathers of Montreal, who have been recently preaching missions in the neighboring parishes of Fallowfield, Gouldbourne and Richmond, have established tectotal societies, and a vast number here signed the pledge.

A "penny-in-the-slot" vitascope has

it appears, been on exhibition in Hull. The pictures shown are not conducive to morality, and the Rev. pastor has accordingly denounced it.

Rev. Father Burbilkeere of the Company of Mary, of Cyrville, has left for France to attend the triennial Chapter of the Order which will be held on May next. Others of the Fathers will leave later on.

An effort is to be made to obtain the wiping out of the oath taken by the Sovereign at his or her coronation, which is so insulting to Catholics. A pamphlet on the subject has been issued by the Catholic Truth Society of England, and a thousand copies of it have been sent for by the Truth Society of this city. These will be distributed amongst members of parliament, senators, the bishop and clergy and prominent laymen. It is proposed to have the matter brought up in parliament and an address to the Queen moved for, praying for the abrogation of the oath.

A business meeting of St. Dominick Society of St. Jean Baptiste Parish was held on Sunday.

Madame de Beaujeu was a guest for some days at the Gloucester Street Convent.

The X rays and electrical phenomenon was the subject of a lecture by Mr. Armand Higninn, Dominion Electrical Engineer of the Inland Revenue, on Friday night, before the St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Society. The audience was large and appreciative. On motion of Rev. Dr. Allim, director of Science and Prof. Lajeunesse—both of the University—a vote of thanks was accorded him. Amongst those present were the members of the Scientific Society of the University.

The fortnightly entertainment of the Columbian Club, of St. Patrick's Parish on Friday night, was a great

success. Vocal and instrumental music, dancing, club swinging formed the programme. His Worship Mayor Payment in a short speech congratulated the club on their progress.

The church at Rockland, recently destroyed by fire, is to be replaced by one of the priests in the diocese of Ottawa. The plans are now ready, and work will be commenced in the spring.

The "Guard of Honor" of Hull, had a special service in the parish church. Notre Dame de Grace, on Friday night, their monthly celebration. The Rev. Father Valiquette, O. M. I., preached, and hymns were sung by the ladies of St. Anne's Society.

The Rev. Father Calisse, and a Trappist Monk were guests at the University last week. They were here en route for Manitoba.

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It is to be hoped that the deliberations of the international commission that is trying to put our relations with Canada on a satisfactory basis may lead up to the conclusion of a reciprocity arrangement. A breach in the customs wall along the frontier would be of advantage to both countries. Besides the commercial profits it would give to both sides, the pleasant relations that would flow from it would facilitate the ultimate absorption of Canada in the continental union from which she is now unnaturally cut off.

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