

History of the Church

(Continued) The earth, naked up to that time, became clothed in a mantle of green; the meadows became grassy, the fields were covered with crops, the mountains with forests. The green groundwork of this immense picture gives the eye a sweet repose. The grasses, plants, shrubs, trees of different height and foliage give it a harmonious variety. Numberless flowers rejoice in their colors and embalm it with their perfumes. These pass away, but leave after them the luscious fruits that welcome the hand that plucks them and the mouth that eats them. In the middle of these fruits are the seeds, the image of the Word of God. The Word contains in Himself, the model and the essence of every possible being; the seed contains the future plant. Once planted in the ground, this seed mysteriously attracts to itself the elements in the water and in the earth best suited to itself, and transforms them into its own substance. It softens, swells out, opens and from its bosom comes the germ, the young plant which it nourishes and for which it sacrifices its own life. Fortified by this life-giving nourishment, the young plant sends out roots below and a stem above. By its roots it goes about seeking water and good earth, and then chooses and pumps the juices that it requires, and by a mysterious transubstantiation, changes these portions of water and earth into sap, the sap into threads, these into little channels, into bark, into stalk, into branches, into leaves, into flowers, into fruits and seeds which in their turn bear a new generation.

And all these wonders are but the commencement. Not only does the plant draw from the earth what is necessary to give it growth toward the sky, but furthermore it is from the sky that it obtains life and beauty. Put the plant in the best of earth, water its roots, but give it no air above; it will wither in the same way that man, deprived of air, smothered, and fire dies out. Give it air, but do not renew it; it will live for a time but will then perish, just as in air that is not renewed fire will extinguish and man smother. It has been discovered that the plant both sweats and breathes. When it has chosen from the earth the substance required for its nourishment, it sweats through its leaves the juice which it had pumped through its roots. It is even believed by some that the dew comes partly from this perspiration. By these means sweats it breathes, certain portions of the air and its vapors, passes them through its branches and by the bark of the trunk or stem, back to the roots; so that in the plant there is a circulation of sap as there is in man a circulation of blood, and air is as necessary to the one as to the other.

This is not all. With air and water the plant will live; but that it may take its own natural color and beauty, that it may bear flowers and fruits, something else is required; it must have light. Without the light of day, it would be pale, insipid, scentless, sterile. We see, for example, a plant which is shut up in a room stretch its branches and leaves towards the window, looking for the light; and the potatoes in a dark cellar run into stalks, sometimes twenty feet in length, in an effort to get to an opening where a little light enters. Everybody knows these facts, but who can understand the mystery? Here again is another. There is in plants not only an unexplainable instinct, a hidden force, a vital power that seeks darkness by the roots, and light by the stem; that decomposes air, water, and earth, extracts certain elements from them to compose new substances, marrow, wood, bark, veins, leaves, flowers; there is, like in the animals, a diversity of sex for the propagation of the species. In certain plants, such as hemp, the two sexes are formed on two different stems; in others, like the walnut, they are on the same stem but in different flowers; in the most part they are formed in the same flower, but with distinct organs. Fecundation is obtained by a sort of dust which is conveyed from one to the other. When a rain storm takes place out of season, or some other obstacle hinders this communication, there is no fecundation and the plant remains sterile. This is what happens to the vine when it runs, as they say.

(To be continued.)

Parish News of the Week

Last Sunday St. Ann's Church presented quite an imposing sight as the members of the Holy Family, about 150 in number, approached holy Communion in a body. The above-named society was also accompanied by quite a large number of their friends, in the person of the members of the St. Ann's Young Men, who turned out in splendid numbers to do honor to the occasion. There was a remarkable good attendance at the meeting of the Holy Family Society, on last Thursday evening. The congregational singing led by Mr. Geo. P. Holland, added an additional feature of interest to the meeting. Father Holland gave the sixth conference of his series, which appeared in the True Witness last week. The next meeting of the Holy Family Society will take place on Feb. 7th, when a larger gathering than any yet seen is expected.

We are glad to note that Mr. Berthel P. P. who has been seriously ill, is now recovering.

SERVICE FOR CHILDREN.

A very touching ceremony took place in the Church of St. Louis de France on Sunday afternoon, when all the young children of the parish were consecrated to the Infant Jesus. Several hundred little boys were brought by their parents, and these added to boys and girls a little more advanced in years formed a most interesting congregation. A procession, in which the crib and Infant were carried on the shoulders of some of the little ones, took place inside the church, after which all the children were permitted to kiss the feet of the little Infant.

A.O.H., DIVISION 4, GIVE CONFERT.

The A.O.H., Division No. 4, held a most successful concert in St. Mary's Hall, Craig street. The principal feature of the programme was a lecture by Mr. Justice Curran on his recent trip to Ireland, and was a graphic account of a visit to Wexford, Killarney, Dublin, Belfast and the Giant's Causeway. Much interest was evinced by the large and appreciative audience and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer at the close.

Rev. Brother Jerome, C.S.S.R. passed through the city on his way from Belgium to St. Louis, Mo., last week.

ST. ANTHONY'S.

High Mass on last Sunday was sung by Rev. Father Donnelly, P.P., who, at the prone, after making his usual weekly announcements, preached a most eloquent sermon on the sacrament of baptism, explaining its effects, its power and the channel which it is towards the receiving of the other sacraments.

ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT REFUGE. Report for week ending Sunday, 26th January, 1908: Irish, 158; French, 45; English, 31; other nationalities, 27. Total, 261.

C.M.B.A. BRANCH 383, INSTALLS OFFICERS.

Branch No. 383, C.M.B.A., Grand Council of Quebec, held their regular monthly meeting Monday evening, in their hall, No. 777 Sanguiet street (Lebeau's Hall), and it was one of the most enthusiastic ever held under its auspices. Amongst those present and who assisted at the ceremonies of installation were: Grand Trustee, Bro. Dr. Alex. Germain; Chancellor, F. J. Curran (committee on laws); Grand Marshal, Bro. J. J. Costigan; Grand Deputies, Bros. I. A. Lynch, T. Kane, J. F. Quinn, L. J. Bertrand, Dr. G. A. H. Dufresne, A. Gravel; Provincial Grand Deputy G. A. Carpenter and Grand Deputy G. A. J. Sears, who was the installing officer of the occasion. The following officers were elected for 1908: Spiritual adviser, Father W. Casey; chancellor, Bro. J. F. Murphy; president, Bro. J. F. Quinn, first vice-president, Bro. J. H. Feeley; second vice-president, Bro. J. J. Carroll; recording secretary, Bro. F. J. Cotter; assistant recording secretary, F. Nolan; financial secretary, Bro. J. P. Kavanagh; treasurer, Bro. T. J. Kavanagh; marshal, Bro. T. Butler; guard, Bro. H. Maguire. Board of trustees—Bros. J. P. Kavanagh, J. J. Carroll, F. Nolan, H. Maguire, H. W. McDavitt. Medical examiner, Dr. Germain.

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OUR MONTHLY CALENDAR

1 January, 1908.

- W. 1 The Circumcision of Our Lord.
Th. 2 St. Macarius, H.
F. 3 St. Genevieve, F.
S. 4 St. Titus, Disciple of St. Paul.

Octave of the Holy Innocents.

- S. 5 St. Theophorus, P. M.
M. 6 The Epiphany of Our Lord.
Th. 7 St. Lucian, M.
W. 8 St. Severinus, A. C.
Th. 9 St. Julian and Basilissa, M. M.
Th. 10 St. Agatha, P. M.
S. 11 St. Hyginus, P. M.

Octave of the Epiphany.

- S. 12 St. Arcadius, M.
M. 13 St. Veronika, M.
Th. 14 St. Hilary, B. C. D.
W. 15 St. Paul, First Hermit.
Th. 16 St. Macchus, P. M.
F. 17 St. Anthony, A. S.
S. 18 St. Prisca, V. M.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany.

- S. 19 Feast of the Holy Name.
M. 20 St. Fabian and Sebastian, M. M.
Th. 21 St. Agnes, V. M.
W. 22 St. Vincent, Anastasius, M. M.
Th. 23 Espousals of the B. V. Mary.
F. 24 St. Timothy, B. M.
S. 25 Conversion of St. Paul.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany.

- S. 26 St. Polycarp, P. M.
M. 27 St. John Baptist, B. D.
Th. 28 St. Margaret of Hungary.
W. 29 St. Francis of Sales, B. D.
Th. 30 St. Martin, V. M.
F. 31 St. Peter Nolasco, C.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the Legislature at its next session, to obtain a charter of incorporation to them and all such persons becoming shareholders in the company, under the name of "Hochelaga Insurance Company."

The object of the proposed company is to transact all kinds of insurance and reinsurance against fire and its consequences, plate-glass, steam boiler, live stock and to insure property rights and interests of all kinds, and to perform all matters and things connected with such objects and suitable to the accomplishment thereof.

Montreal, January 9th, 1908.
Henri Wilfrid Gauthier, J. M. Robitaille, H. Landry, M. E. Bourcier, Pierre-Auguste Hubert.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal. Application will be made at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, for the incorporation of the "Third Order of Saint Francis, Saint Patrick's Fraternity," as a religious and philanthropical corporation, with power to hold real estate, and for such other powers as may be necessary or incidental thereto. BEAUDIN, LORANGER, ST. GERMAIN & GUERIN, Attorneys for Applicants. Montreal, 15 January, 1908.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal. Application will be made at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, for the incorporation of the "Third Order of Saint Francis, Immaculate Conception Sisterhood," as a religious and philanthropical corporation, with power to hold real estate, and for such other powers as may be necessary or incidental thereto. BEAUDIN, LORANGER, ST. GERMAIN & GUERIN, Attorneys for Applicants. Montreal, 15 January, 1908.

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late William Kerr will apply to the Quebec Legislature, at its next Session, to obtain an Act to ratify a deed of sale by the testamentary executors and fiduciary legatees of the late Honorable Sir George Etienne Cartier, et al, to M. M. Brownne Perley, executed before J. L. Coullée, notary, the 5th May, 1874. For the interested parties, L. LYMAN, Attorney. Montreal, 17th December, 1907.

NOTICE.

The Fabrique of the Parish of Holy Angels, Lachine, has decided to enlarge the Catholic Church of this parish, and being duly authorized to this effect, give notice that they will apply to the Quebec Legislature at its next session, to obtain the passing of a law authorizing a special assessment on the part of the immovable property of Catholic landowners to enable them to undertake the expenses proceeding therefrom, to create a Syndic office, having all the powers, rights and obligations required and necessary for the purpose of enlargement, assessment and everything required in such cases. JOS. A. DESCARRIES, Cressé & Descaries, Attorneys. Montreal, Jan. 7, 1908.

New English Parish.

On Sunday next in the basement of St. Joseph's School, Desery street, near Notre Dame, there will be two masses at 8 a.m. and 10 o'clock, formally marking the opening of the new parish under the charge of Rev. M. L. Shea.

Mgr. Begin Received by the Pope.

The Pope yesterday received in private audience the Most Rev. Louis Nazaire Begin, Archbishop of Quebec.

DIED.

NORRIS.—On the 11th January, instant, at Athbay, County Meath, Ireland, John Norris, father of Sister Theresa of Jesus, of the Sacred Shepherd, and of Mrs. S. Beaudin.

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NOTICE.

Notice is given by Philias Vannier, gentleman, Narcisse Laurier, gentleman, both of Montreal, that they will, with other proprietors, apply to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session, to amend the act of this Province, 3 Edward VII., chapter 62, section 32, subsection 15, paragraphs C and D, in order that the City of Montreal be forced to pay alone that part of the cost of expropriation, representing the amount of damages and the value of buildings erected on or beyond the homologated line of Saint Antoine street, of said city, for the third and fourth section, in as much as the proprietors who have constructed in this manner, have done so because the said city gave them an erroneous line to erect their said buildings. Montreal, 22nd January, 1908. BEAUDIN, LORANGER, ST. GERMAIN & GUERIN, Attorneys for Petitioners.

NOTICE is hereby given that Messrs. Louis A. Lapointe, broker; Remi Gohier, real estate agent; Moses Heilig, manufacturer, all of the city and district of Montreal; Joseph Chevalier, trader, of Longue Pointe, and Charles Arthur Hogue, insurance inspector, of the said city and district of Montreal, will apply to the Legislature of the province of Quebec, at its next session, for an act incorporating them and all others who may become shareholders, in a company under the name of "The Modern Fire Insurance Company," having its chief place of business in the city of Montreal, with power to make insurance contracts and re-insurance against fire, together with all the powers necessary and useful for carrying out the operations of said Company. M. G. LA ROCHELLE, Advocate for said applicants. Montreal, Jan. 15, 1908.



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