

Bishop Emard's Pastoral. Local and Diocesan News.

On the International Eucharistic Congress of Montreal.

Mademoiselle Mance, whose pious hands had arranged and adorned the first little rustic altar for the first Holy Mass sung and celebrated in Ville Marie, she who, led on by love for God, had presided over the establishing of the Hotel Dieu, and whose whole life had been deeply marked by Eucharistic devotion, wished, by a supreme act in her last will and testament, to strongly bear out the fact that this devotion and love swayed the longings of her soul; she asked and obtained that her heart should be buried in the chapel precisely in the spot immediately under the lamp that forever gleams in the sanctuary and before the altar. She desired, so to speak, even on earth, after her death, to continue through that sacrificial offering of her heart, the acts of adoration made in her lifetime; and to the community which owed its existence to her zeal and endeavor, she was, thus, bequeathing her Eucharistic piety, heritage that is always been piously preserved.

men and children; the men were busy fighting the flames. The wind, at the time, was blowing from the south-east, and should naturally have cast the fire in the opposite direction, but, in some unknown way, the flames made headway with extreme rapidity against the very wind itself. The priest, then, in sorrow of heart, spoke to the people as follows: "It is plain," he said, "that God wishes to punish this town and that the sins committed in this place are fanning the fire and drawing these flames from heaven." The multitude then gave vent to voices of woe. The remainder of the day was spent in prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament in the church, and offerings of heartfelt amendment were offered to Our Lord. Finally, the fire stopped its work of destruction, after one hundred and sixty houses had been burnt among which were those of the richest business men. "It was truly apparent," says the writer quoted above, "that the envelopment of two-thirds of the town in fire, which happened on the octave of Corpus Christi, should be judged as a chastisement of God for the town and a just vengeance that God wished to take on account of the iniquity of the people."

AN EVANGELINE EVENING.—An entertainment which an audience will not soon forget was given last Tuesday by the pupils of the second class of St. Patrick's Academy, St. Alexander street. It was the result of a year's literary work and proved one of the most enjoyable evenings ever given in that Alma Mater whose reputation for hospitality is not the least of her charms. The young ladies were not only perfect in their different parts from an elocutionist's point of view, but Longfellow himself could have asked for no more tender and sincere interpretation. In fact the thought came that had the Cambridge poet been in the row of distinguished guests he could have realized to the full the beauty of his own genius, and felt, perhaps, well-just a little bit flattered, for he was a modest man.

Whether in the descriptive passages—class recitations—or in the conversations there was an intimate, sympathetic tone. Evangeline, the notary, Basil and Benedict, were very real and the scene of Gabrielle's death was particularly impressive. From beginning to end, not a word or tone or look or movement took from the simple natural grace of the whole.

Between times there were two pretty drills—with fancy hoops and silk scarfs; some very sweet musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental, and a graceful interpretation of "Lead, Kindly Light."

Rev. Father McShane, P.P., after expressing his appreciation of the evening and of the already proved talents and thoroughness of the Reverend teachers, urged the pupils, in his usual earnest way, to persevere in acquiring and developing that love of the beautiful in life which is now being imparted to them by the good Sisters. The Reverend Pastor made some reference to a vote he would like to take from the audience as a guarantee of their pleasure, which would, he knew, amply recompense both teachers and pupils for the time and energy required to achieve such success.

If such a wish had been carried out, the result would be the answer given by a little girl to the mother who asked what message might go to auntie in return for a fine box of candy. Just a smile and "tell her to do it again."

A GRADUATE. In Belgium there are upwards of 100,000 Franciscan Tertiaries, in the proportion of 30,000 men to 70,000 women. These are representatives of all classes of the Belgian society, servants and other functionaries, merchants, mechanics and working men.

How Fordham University, the New York City institution of the Jesuits, is forging to the front is shown by the fact that it now has in its various departments almost 1,000 students.

The Rev. Patrick Gleason, S.J., a veteran Jesuit missionary of the Eastern States for twenty years, died of paralysis at the novitiate St. Andrew on the Hudson.

THE BOOKLOVER'S CORNER

Book Review. BLESSED JOAN OF ARC, by E. A. Ford; price, \$1.00; postage, 8c extra; 313 pp., cloth bound; Christian Press Ass'n. Pub. Co., N.Y. (May be ordered through Milloy's Bookstore, St. Catherine street.)

Mr. E. A. Ford has done a real service to English-speaking Catholics, and to English-speaking readers in general, by publishing his admirable book on Joan of Arc, and he, together with the Christian Press Company, deserves our sincere thanks for the boon. The illustrations are few but choice. The only fault we find is with the paper, but in the present case, such a minor failing is easily condoned.

NEWMAN MEMORIAL SERMONS, by Rev. Fr. Joseph Rickaby, S. J., and Very Rev. Canon McIntyre; price 1 shilling; Longmans, Green & Co., 39 Paternoster Row, London, Eng. (May be ordered through Milloy's.)

HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTERN CANADA. We have already reviewed "The History of the Catholic Church in Western Canada," from the trained and indefatigable pen of Rev. A. G. Morice, O.M.I.; but the winning degree of success which the work is meeting on all sides—among men whose opinions are of golden worth—has prompted us to further speak of it.

Truly, Father Morice is a great worker. Notwithstanding the arduous labor and struggle of the poor mission-field, and in spite of many a barrier and obstacle, he found time to take up the study of our Western land in the most serious way, and, as a result of his talent, energy, and love of work, we are now able to read Western Canada's religious and political story in two good-sized, well-printed, and richly illustrated volumes, whose contents exhibit facts, figures and general treatment of matter which can suffer for no honest gain, and which are as thorough a boon for the student of Canadian history as they are an abiding treasure for the most determined research-maker.

Outsiders, such as the good and genial "Dean" of the Standard, may wonder at the wealth of story afforded by the account of Catholic doings in the West; they may question somewhat the boldness and enthusiasm of Father Morice's narrative. That is altogether natural. The Catholic Church, with the Order of Mary Immaculate in the van and all over the field, has made the West what it is. Men like the author or himself—and he is an Oblate—have made our West the free, grand, peaceful country it is; so let our good friends without the Falls do less wondering and offer more thankfulness for the common weal of Canadians made a possibility and a reality principally by French priests and bishops. Our author's pages are a hard rejoinder for the Greenways and Sifters.

It may be that Father Morice's English has a little French flavor to it in places, but the fact that it makes it all the more pleasing perhaps. Dry idiom and strict phrase have killed many a man. Let us remember that the author was born in France, that he spent his days and nights on the plains, and then we shall easily overlook the few little flaws of style or lexicology some critics have ventured to notice before we had a word to say about the like.

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NOTICE. Superior Court, Montreal. Dame Alexina Laurencelle, of Outremont, wife of Bela Barthos, furrier, of the same place, has, this day, instituted an action for separation as to property against her husband.

Oshawa Metal Ceilings. The process for the canalization of Mother Theodore Guerin, who founded the American branch of the Sisters of Providence, in Indiana, in October, 1840, has begun. She died fifty years ago.

Subscription List for Great Congress. A Subscription list has been placed in the True Witness office for St. Patrick's Church, for the equipment of fifteen altars to be used during the Eucharistic Congress, also for the decoration of the church and grounds with flowers and flags on the occasion of the visit of the Papal Legate and distinguished delegates of the Congress on Saturday, September 10, next.

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It will be at the same time the manifest fulfillment, on a given day and in a decisive occurrence, of the prophecy of which Father Vimont spoke, and an occasion to admire the majestic tree come forth from the little grain of mustard-seed sown in the soil of a wilderness of May 18, 1642.