

## Needs of Peru and Tom Pepper.

In the Free Press of April 9th an item appears under the title of "Needs of Peru," telling about the exploits of one Rev. George Smith, a returned missionary from that far-away land. The story told by Smith might well be compared to Rev. Mr. Gorman's account recently given of the "Catholic practice of giving indulgences," or Rev. George R. McPaul's yarns about the benighted people of the province of Quebec. It was a wonder that Mr. Smith had not some thrilling account to give his hearers "in the parlors of Knox Presbyterian church," of the sale of insurance policies for Heaven by those wicked "Romans." But he probably heard even in that far-off land that the Catholic Record of London, Ont., compelled the Presbyterian Review to swallow this whole-made lie. At all events it would be quite safe stuff now with which to regale his hearers. Very probably, too, he heard of the recent windy eloquence of Messrs. Gorman and Henderson and other good men and true who have been trying to steal that heretofore much abused "Roman" Purporting to be different from the "Papal" piece of that name. Smith had to give something fresh and new—something different from what we have been accustomed to hear about South America. Quite fresh and new indeed was his account. "In South America," he said, "there are 40,000,000 people, and of these 34,000,000 are practically uninfluenced by real Christianity." Now that statistics given for 1902 show that the Argentine Republic alone has 3,954,911 people, and of these 3,921,136 are Catholics. Other states of South America have a pretty close proportion of their population of the same faith, but for Smith the old Church established by Jesus Christ has no real Christian influence. Thus we see how truthful is the returned missionary when he is on the lookout for more funds. In fact he reminds us very much of the story about Tom Pepper. Mr. Pepper, we are told, was accustomed to tell yarns about Peru. Yet all this notwithstanding he died and was sent to hell, not to Mr. Gorman's new hell, but to the real old hell we all believed in before Messrs. Gorman and Henderson shook our faith in it by their eloquence against him. When Pepper got to this place, however, the old chief of the place became jealous of the new-comer's ability to tell yarns like those of Mr. Smith, and after making a few desperate efforts to retrieve his diminished dignity in this art, he became so furiously jealous that he kicked Tom out. Now the story does not say where Tom Pepper went after he was kicked out of hell and it may be if he did not go to Rev. Henderson's hades to qualify for his rightful place again, he may have returned to earth and gone as a foreign "missionary" to Peru to try to bring "real Christian influence" to bear upon the benighted Peruvians.

W. E. CAVANAGH.  
Ed. True Witness—Kindly insert the above in your next issue. The Ottawa Free Press was requested to do so, but published instead a garbled portion of it calculated to spare the feelings of these "Tom Pepper" missionaries. W. E. C.

## Pope Sends Benediction to Minneapolis Woman.

Mme. Rosa d'Erina has received a letter from Rome in which the Cardinal Secretary, Merry del Val, writes that the Pope is pleased to send her the Apostolic Benediction in connection with her work on St. Joseph's Island, Ont.

There is an interesting story in connection with this honor which has come to Mme. d'Erina. She is the talented organist of the Holy Rosary Church and has spent several summers on St. Joseph's Island, which lies in the St. Mary's river, about twenty-five miles from Sault Ste. Marie.

In 1901 Mme. d'Erina bought property on the island and she became much interested in the islanders. One day an Indian, 84 years old, came to her for advice.

For over a year Villette, the false archbishop, who tried to establish a new religion in France, had lived on the island. In 1900 he had gone to Rome and offered his submission to the Pope. He was told to retire into a monastery and do penance, but instead he went to St. Joseph's Island and started a mission among the half-breeds and the Catholics.

The old Indian was aware that Mme. d'Erina was a Catholic and he wanted to know if it was right for the people to attend Villette's mass. She told him it was not, and from the superior of the Jesuits at Sault Ste. Marie obtained a full history of Villette's rebellion against the Church. She called a meeting of the villagers and read the history. Then she made them a promise that if Villette would leave the island she would build a chapel of reparation to the Sacred Heart. Villette was sent back to France, and the chapel was commenced. By last fall the framework was up and a mass had already been said, on the Feast of the Seven Dolours. It was this work of Mme. d'Erina which brought to her the much prized honor from the Pope.

This is the very poor mission for which donations are being solicited by Rev. F. X. Descoeur, S. J., of Thessalon, Ont.

## Cardinal Logue Sailed for New York.

Cardinal Michael Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Catholic primate of Ireland, and Bishop Browne, of Queenstown, sailed for New York on Sunday last on board the steamship Lucania, which they will reach on Saturday morning next. They will take part in the centennial celebration to be held there.

The public rejoicing will begin at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Monday next, when Cardinal Logue will be the celebrant of the pontifical Mass of thanksgiving. Monsignor Falcooni, the Apostolic delegate, will represent the Pope at the ceremonies. He will make public a special message from Pius X. to the Archbishop and the Catholic prelates of New York, and at the close of the mass will impart the Papal blessing. In the evening there will be pontifical Vespers, and Archbishop Glendon, of St. Louis, will be the preacher. The following morning, children's day—five thousand children will march to the Cathedral and give thanks. On Tuesday evening there will be a mass meeting at Carnegie Music Hall, at which Cardinal Logue, with Bourke Cochran and others, will speak. On Thursday morning there will be requiem services at the cathedral for the deceased bishops of the diocese, and that evening the Catholic Club will give a reception in honor of the distinguished visitors.

The ceremonies will close Saturday afternoon, May 2, with a May day procession, in which 40,000 representative Catholic laymen will participate.

## James Jeffrey Roche.

James Jeffrey Roche was over young to reach the end of his career—barely turned 60; but he had won distinction with his ballads and lyrics in his thirties, and his star was ever in the ascendant until he fell a victim to insidious disease a few years ago.

He combined in a remarkable degree the fancy and fervor of the poet, with the application of the scholar and the common sense of the good citizen. He was not only editor of the Boston Pilot during and after John Boyle O'Reilly's regime, there, but also was considered qualified for membership in the Metropolitan Park commission, and made good the expectations entertained of him in that civic trust, while his literary pursuits permitted him to retain it. With all his humor, which overflowed at a touch, he was serious in his study of public problems and earnest in his convictions. Policies that commended themselves to his heart and mind he espoused warmly, but he was one of those same Irish poets and patriots who maintained a stalwart hold on actualities and refused to be stampeded by or for sentimentality.

It was his spirited sea songs and his brilliant satires that won for him the special favor of Theodore Roosevelt early in their respective careers, and when Mr. Roosevelt became President the intimacy only became closer. The consulship at Genoa was welcome to him as a refuge from some adverse fate in his publishing business, and as an opportunity for pursuing the literary career in comparative leisure and congenial atmosphere, as Washington Irving, Lowell, Hawthorne, Hay, Howells, and so many other American literary men have done, but the inroads upon his health had become already too serious, and the literary results of his residence in Italy have not been important.—Boston Transcript.

## Irish Pilgrimage to Rome.

With the approbation of Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland, an Irish pilgrimage to Rome is being organized in connection with the sacerdotal golden jubilee of the Holy Father. A provisional committee, has been formed under the directorship of Very Rev. Canon Fricker, P.P., Rathmines, Dublin, at the offices of the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland. So far, the arrangements are that the pilgrimage shall leave Dublin about the middle of October, travelling by easy stages to the Eternal City. There is likely to be an Irish gathering on the occasion that will do credit to the country and afford great pleasure to Pius X.

## Orangemen and Home Rule.

(Letter in London Standard.)  
Mr. J. Redmond, in the home rule debate last week, referring to a letter written by Mr. Lindsay Crawford on behalf of the Independent Orange Body in Ireland, appears to me to derive therefrom the inference that the Orangemen of Ulster are slackening in their opposition to home rule.

I know nothing of these Independents, but, speaking on behalf of the vast majority of Irish Orangemen, I can unhesitatingly affirm that at no time during the last quarter of a century has their hostility to anything in the shape of separation been so pronounced as it is at the present moment.

Since the general election of 1906 there have been by-elections for North Belfast, North Armagh and West Down. In every one of these constituencies, in which the Orange element largely predominates, the successful candidate placed opposition to home rule in the forefront of his programme, with the result that they were all returned by enormously increased majorities.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,  
ERNE,  
Grand Master of the Orangemen of Ireland.

## Parish News of the Week

**FATHER FAHEY BETTER.**  
It will doubtless be very gratifying to the many friends of the Rev. Father Fahey, of St. Gabriel, to know that he is now almost entirely recovered from his recent illness; and is expected to return to their midst within the next few days.

**RETREAT FOR WOMEN AT ST. ANN'S.**  
The women's retreat closed on Easter Sunday, and was a great success. The preacher was Rev. Father McPhail, and much praise is due the rev. gentleman for his noble work. The exercises were attended by fully fifteen hundred ladies of the district.

**FATHER CARON, C.S.S.R., DECEASED.**

The death occurred on Monday of Sir Adolphe Caron after a long and painful illness. He was the brother of the Rev. Father Caron, C.S.S.R., who was for some time attached to St. Ann's Church, this city, and who is at present stationed at Ste. Anne de Beaupre. We sincerely extend our sympathy to Father Caron and also to Lady Fitzpatrick, wife of the esteemed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, who is a sister of the deceased gentleman.

**ENTERTAINMENT IN AID OF ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH.**

On Easter Monday evening a very enjoyable time was spent at Nazereth Hall, when Dominion Council, Knights of Columbus, gave under their auspices an entertainment in aid of the building of St. Aloysius Church. Among those taking part were: Miss Alice Rowan, Miss Sullivan, Messrs. W. H. Costigan, Griffin, Phelan and H. Griffin. The affair was most successful and should prove very encouraging to the newly appointed pastor, Rev. M. L. Shea, who is untiring in his efforts to erect a church in keeping with the requirements of the congregation over which he presides.

**STATUE OF BLESSED VIRGIN TO BE ERECTED IN CEMETERY.**

On Tuesday next, in the Monument National, will open the tombola organized in aid of the erection of a statue of the Blessed Virgin at the cemetery. About 2000 objects have been donated. This project has met with much sympathy.

**PRIEST CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY.**

The Rev. Damase Dandurand, of the Order of Oblates of Mary Immaculate, has just celebrated his ninetyeth birthday at the Archbishopric of St. Boniface. The venerable priest, who is of a most amiable disposition, says his Mass daily at Hospice Tacie. Father Dandurand is the first Canadian to enter the Oblate order.

**VANDALS DAMAGE ORGAN IN ST. GABRIEL CHURCH.**

After trying to open the poor boxes in St. Gabriel's Church and being frustrated, parties unknown went to the organ loft and did considerable damage to the organ. In the way of removing metal which they hoped to dispose of. Canon O'Meara on Sunday last spoke with just indignation of the sacrilege which had been committed. Besides the attempted robbery of the poor boxes and the destruction of the organ the church was otherwise wantonly desecrated.

**BANQUET AT HOME FOR INCURABLES.**

To-day at twelve o'clock the annual dinner was held at the Home for Incurables, the gift of the benefactors to the inmates of the Home for Incurables at Notre Dame de Grace. His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi presided.

**A. O. H. CONVENTION.**

Ottawa was selected as the place for holding the annual provincial convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in August next, at a meeting of the provincial executive, held in Ottawa on Monday.

**THE LATE MISS CRONIN.**  
At a meeting of the Teachers' Association held recently, it was resolved that expressions of sympathy at the death of the late Miss Anna L. Cronin be sent to the family, also a card, testifying that thirty Gregorian masses would be chanted.

The passing away of Miss Cronin means that the Catholic Board of Education loses one who has taught under its direction for forty-seven years. She was the daughter of the late Mr. William Cronin, of the Commissariat Department of Quebec. She was born in that city, and while young came to Montreal.

It was at the instigation of the late Rev. Father Connolly, then pastor of St. Patrick's, that Miss Cronin undertook scholastic work. Many students passed through the school, some of them to-day holding prominent positions in this city. She was an enthusiastic teacher and even in her last days took a deep interest in everything concerning the class room.

**EUCHE at ST. MICHAEL'S.**  
The day set apart for a euche in St. Michael's. It is understood that this entertainment will, as former ones, take place in the school hall of the parish. Past experience justifies us fully in saying that those who will attend may look forward to a most enjoyable evening. There will be several prizes, refreshments will be served, and, on the whole, the evening promises to be one of the best yet held.

**ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL.**

At ten o'clock on Sunday last Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, assisted by Rev. Canons Martin and Roy, as deacons of honor, and Rev. Canon Vaillant as assistant priest. The sermon of the day was preached by the Rev. Anatole Martin, of the Palace. The choir rendered the "chant solennelle" in a most effective manner, setting forth most strikingly all the beauties of this rare and heart-awakening melody.

**ST. ANTHONY'S JUVENILE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY CONCERT.**

Easter Monday night was the occasion of a large gathering of the people of St. Anthony's and their friends. The programme was presented by the boys of the Juvenile T. A. & B. Society, and was most interesting. The choruses under the leadership and training of Miss Donovan, formed one of the special features of the evening. None could have believed that such success could be obtained in such a short space of time. Mr. Moffatt, in his class of calisthenics and dumb-bell exercises, fairly took the house by storm. The comedy, "Wanted, a Confidential Clerk," was splendidly rendered, and a great portion of the success of the evening is due to the untiring efforts of Rev. Brother Mark.

Then came the little boys, who, in their specialty, directed by Mr. Cuddihy, drew upon themselves and their kind trainer a generous and well-merited share of the praise of the evening. The Rev. T. Heffernan thanked all for their attendance, and deservedly complimented those who took part upon their success. There were present Rev. Fathers Donnelly, Kavanaugh, O'Brien, Gauthier and many others.

## OBITUARY.

**MR. P. C. McCABE.**

Although in bad health for some time, yet the end came rather suddenly on Sunday last to Mr. Patrick C. McCabe, surrounded by his family. Deceased was a most exemplary Christian, and he has left to his family the best inheritance—a good example. The funeral, which was a large one, took place from his late residence, 423 Manoe street, on Tuesday morning, to St. Patrick's Church, where the body was received by the pastor, Rev. Gerald McShane. Rev. J. Killoran officiated at the solemn requiem, assisted by Rev. T. O'Reilly and Rev. P. Heffernan.



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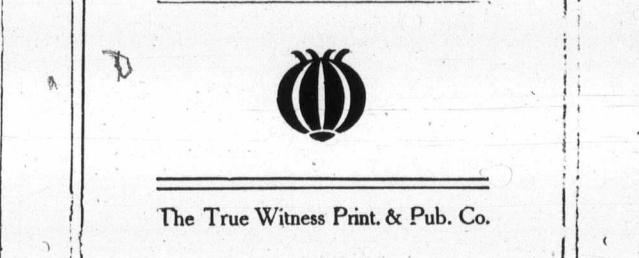
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Specifications and detailed information can be obtained from the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, and from the Agents of the Department of Marine and Fisheries at the cities already named.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, for the sum of \$600 to the order of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries. This cheque will be forfeited if the party whose tender is accepted declines to enter into a contract to deliver the Chain, Swivels and Shackles, or fails to carry out the contract. If the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned.

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F. GOURDEAU,  
Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries,  
Ottawa, Canada, 23rd March, 1908

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Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque equal to 10 per cent of the whole amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person sending in the accepted tender declines to enter into a contract with the Department and complete the steamer. Cheques accompanying unsuccessful tenders will be returned.

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Ottawa, 19th March, 1908.

nan as deacon and sub-deacon. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John and Charles McCabe, sons of deceased, and Mr. David Murray, Quebec, son-in-law.

A widow, five daughters and two sons survive, to whom the True Witness presents its deepest sympathy.

**MICHAEL McNAMARA.**  
On April 17 there passed away at Farnham, P.Q., Mr. Michael McNamara, at the age of 53 years. Deceased was for many years a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. A good husband and father, deceased was much beloved and highly respected by all with whom he came in contact. He leaves to mourn their loss a widow, formerly Miss Mary Ann McCormick, two sons and two daughters. Sergt. Maloney, of the Montreal Police, is a brother-in-law. The funeral took place to the parish church at Farnham and was attended by great numbers who wished to testify to the esteem in which deceased was held. The Rev. Father Languier officiated. The True Witness offers its sympathy to the bereaved family.

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