

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

There was a very large attendance both of parishioners and from other points at the funeral of the regretted Father Champagne, pastor of St. Francis de Sales, Gatineau Point, on Tuesday of last week. The attendance of the clergy included His Grace the Archbishop and the members of the Chapter, His Lordship of Pembroke, and representatives of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Capuchin, and Dominican Friars and Companions of Mary.

The Rev. Father Durocher, O. M. I., lying dangerously ill in Syracuse, N. Y., expressed a desire for a visit from his former pupil in Ottawa College, when he was a professor in that institution.—Rev. Father Whelan, now rector of St. Patrick's. Accordingly the Rev. gentleman left at once for that city.

Rev. Father Cote of the University preached a mission in the parish of St. Narcisse last week.

Amongst the distinguished guests at the University last week, were His Grace of Kingston, accompanied by Rev. Father Stanton, of Smith's Falls and Rev. C. Mea, of Regiopolis College; also, Rev. Father Garant, of Clayton, Ohio.

Consequent upon the difficulty of obtaining a sufficiently secure foundation, the proposed tower addition will not be made to the church of the Sacre Coeur on Sandy Hill, but a highly ornamented facade and a spire will be substituted.

Another distinguished guest of the University, during the last week, was the Very Rev. Father Lefebvre, O. M. I., formerly Provincial of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Canada, and presently holding the same exalted position in the United States.

Very Rev. Dr. Constantineau, O. M. I., rector of the University, was an invited guest at the conference of the Heads of Educational Institutions in Chicago, last week, which was convened by Right Rev. Mgr. Conaty, rector of the Catholic University of America.

Rev. Father McGovern, P.P., of Richmond, is lying ill at his parochial residence.

"Resolved that married life is happier than single life" was the subject of debate before the meeting of the McPhail Total Abstinence and Debat-

ing Society of St. Mary's Parish on Friday of last week, and evoked great interest. The chairman was ex-Reeve John O'Meara, Barrister, and at his side was seated the Rev. Father Cole, P.P. The proposition was urged by Messrs. Hatherly, Lee and Hogan and was controverted by Messrs. Joyce, Baxter and McKain. Music and song and recitation added to the pleasure of the evening, the performers being Misses Kenna, Taylor, Warnock and Jesson.

Rev. Father Campeau has resumed his duties at the University, after a severe illness.

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine of la bonne Ste. Anne will be in charge of the pastor of Sacre Coeur Church, Rev. Father Portelance O. M. I.

It is proposed to establish a junior conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society in St. Joseph's parish, similar to that in St. Patrick's.

Rev. Father Cottet, of the order of Canons Regular at Lake Nominique, was a guest at the Archbishop's Palace last week.

A full meeting of the Chapter of the Archdiocese was held last week. Very Rev. Canon Foley of Almonte celebrated Mass.

The officers of the St. Thomas Aquinas Academy composed of students of the University are:— J. E. Doyle, Pres.; M. Foley, Vice-Pres.; P. J. Galving, Sec.; J. A. McEhan and R. A. O'Meara, Councillors.

Universal sympathy has gone out to Separate School Master Alexander Duff, in the loss of his life's partner.

One visible effect of the mission lately preached by the Capuchin Friars in their Church of St. Francis de Assisi, Hintonbury, is a demand for seating accommodation to meet which the parish priest, Rev. Father Moise, is having an additional number of pews put in. This church serves for the French speaking as St. Mary's does for the English speaking Catholics of Hintonbury.

The quarterly meeting of the English-speaking members of St. Vincent de Paul Society was held in St. Bridget's Church on Sunday afternoon of last week. The members of the various conferences had received Holy Communion in a body in their respective churches the same morning.

Cross," both of which were responded to by an enthusiastic encore. The band played "God Save the Queen," which closed a delightful entertainment.

His Grace Archbishop Gauthier returned home on Wednesday after a visit to Montreal, Ottawa and Brockville.

Rev. Fr. Killen, who was tending to the spiritual wants of the people of Perth, in the absence of Rev. Fr. Duffus, who had been ill, was presented with an address and purse, prior to his departure for Toledo, the future scene of his labors.

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about one hundred miles from here. For some time past there has been a feeling of enmity against the Catholics smouldering among the evil-disposed and this at last came to a head in an attack on the Catholic converts at Shikhsushan. Father Victorin at first made his escape, but was so unfortunate as to be caught by a roving band of the rioters, who after beating him cruelly and stripping him almost naked, tied him on a board and brought him in triumph back to his former home, where a large band of rioters was assembled whose evil passions had been stirred up by the burning-out and slaughtering of converts in which they had been indulging. In the sight of his late home they tied the poor priest up to a tree and here I would gladly draw a veil over the rest of the ghastly scene but that I feel that the world should know of what the Chinese in their hour of triumph over a defenceless foreigner are capable, and I would warn all readers who are inclined to be squeamish to read no further or skip the next few lines. As this poor man hung from the tree to which he was tied, pieces were cut from his thighs and eaten by his tormentors. From the state of his poor body fire was evidently applied to it, and slugs were fired into non-vital parts. Finally, his body was cut open from the chest downwards, he was disembowelled, and the various organs were taken out and eaten by these semi-civilized people, who at the same time drank his blood. He was also mutilated in a way that cannot be described and his head cut off, there being a hole in the top of the skull large enough to put one's fist in.—Liverpool Catholic Times.

THE JUNIORS OF ST. ANN'S PARISH.

At the regular monthly meeting of St. Ann's Junior Y. M. Society held on Sunday April 18th, the following officers were elected:—

Pres., Thos. Walsh; Vice-Pres., Alex. Norval; Sec., Jas. McKenna; Treas., John Morey.

Promoters:—Thos. Walsh, Alex. Norval, Chas. Mulvey, W. Woodfine, J. McKenna, R. Foran, L. Benoit, J. Kane, J. McCarron, P. Burns.

The primary object of this society is the spiritual welfare of the boys who have left school and who are not yet 18 years of age.

It is under the direction of the Rev. Redemptorist Fathers and is governed by the rules of the League of the Sacred Heart.

A few months ago a spacious hall and well equipped gymnasium was opened for the boys. On Sunday April 23rd, the installation of the newly appointed officers will take place. This will be followed by an exhibition of gymnastics, in which the successful competitors will be rewarded by the presentation of lacrosse.

Parents should encourage this society and even become its benefactors; make themselves sharers in the good work. It affords the boys a means of profitable pleasure, and it gives the clergy an opportunity to encourage them to continue the religious practices of their school days.

RECENT HAPPENINGS IN EUROPE.

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This was the first ordination to priesthood ever conferred in the beautiful little chapel of the Canadian College. Of the 35 students at present in the College, 29 are priests.

At St. John Lateran Church, on Easter Saturday Rev. Wm. O'Boyle, O.M.I., of Lindsay, Ont., was ordained also to Holy Priesthood.

The Spanish Government has emerged victorious from the general elections. Under the circumstances, this is a striking proof that the Spanish people desire to settle down in a quiet and business-like manner to the work of rehabilitating their national finances and prestige, which suffered so much as a consequence of the recent disasters. The factionists who tried to make personal and political capital out of the situation have been severely rebuked at the polls for their unpatriotic conduct.

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MARKET REPORT.

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The most interesting news to farmers this week has been supplied by the egg market, which has been regularly demoralized by large receipts, fully fifty per cent in excess of the demand. Last week at this time eggs sold readily at 21c per dozen, whereas to-day they range from 13c per dozen. Demand at the decline is good however, and the low price has stopped the importation of United States eggs, large arrivals of which were the primary cause of the slump in the market.

Maple syrup and sugar has ruled remarkably steady during the week, and values on genuine new syrup are steady at 60c to 65c, the outside figure being for choice lots in tins. Sugar has sold at 7½c to 8c, but 7c to 7½c are the ruling prices to-day. Demand from Ontario points and Manitoba and the coast has been quite active, large sales having been made for shipment to all these sections. In the wood syrup sells at 5½c to 6c per lb.

The dressed poultry market keeps quiet, but prices continue firm for fresh killed turkeys which have sold at 10½c to 11c, fresh killed chickens have also sold at 7c to 8c and old fowls at 5c to 6c; fresh geese 5c to 6c, and fresh killed ducks 8c to 9c per lb. Old stock are from 1c to 2c per lb below the above figures.

Dried apples continue steady at 5 to 6c and stocks here are light. Sales of good sized lots of evaporated rings have been made at 8½c and prices range from 8½c to 9c, while some holders in Ontario it is understood refused bids of 9 to 9½c last week.

Demand for beans is slow at 95c to \$1.05 per bus., for handpicked pea beans; sulphur beans are steady at \$1.15 to \$1.20 and ordinary mediums 80c to 90c.

Hops are quiet, a lot of Ontario selling at 19c, and prices range from 18c to 20c as to grade. Honey continues dull. White clover in the comb sells at 8c to 9c in round lots, and 9½c to 10c for smaller quantities. White extracted honey ranges from 7c to 7½c in large tins, and 8c in smaller tins. Buckwheat honey in the comb is 5½c to 7c and extracted 4c to 5c as to quality. Shipments of 50 case lots of selected honey are being made to England this week.

Roots of all sorts rule quiet but generally steady. Potatoes are unchanged at the decline last noted sales being made at 68 to 70c per bag on track here. Quebec turnips are unchanged at 85c to 90c per barrel, and carrots are steady at 85c. Parsnips have sold at \$1.50 per barrel. All these prices are for wholesale lots, smaller quantities necessitating an advance of 1c to 2c.

Baled hay is firmer, and sales are reported in the country at \$4 to \$5 for clover, and mixture, as to quality. On spot prices are steady, choice No. 2 hay selling at \$5.50 to \$6.50, and No. 2 ordinary \$5 to \$5.50.

Baled straw is quiet at \$3.50 for bright straw on track, and ordinary \$2.50.

Tallow is held quite firm here at 5c to 5½c for refined, and 3c to 3½c for rough.

The wheat market is still unsettled, but this is the usual thing at this time of the year, when the crop of spring wheat has to run the gauntlet of all kinds of reports, one day the market being up on bad news, and the next day down on favorable news. Farmers in Ontario have withdrawn in the past few days accepted 68c to 69c for red winter wheat delivered at the cars. While there is little doing in peas, the feeling is steady at 72c to 73c in store here, and for the grain afloat in May, 74½c to 75c is asked. At Ontario points farmers are realizing 65c to 66c at the cars.

Business in oats has been very active during the past week, and from 100,000 to 200,000 bushels have been sold by Ontario farmers during the past eight days at 30½ to 31c on the cars. Exporters here are bidding 36c for the grain afloat here in May, and in store 95c is asked.

Barley rules quiet, malting grades ranging from 52 to 54c. The supply of buckwheat here is light, and prices are firm at 57c to 58c in store. Prices for rye are nominal in the absence of business at 59c to 61c.

Farmers continue to be heavy purchasers of bran in this market for stock feeding purposes, and are paying \$15.75 to \$16 for Ontario bran, on track here.

Enquiry for hog products continues good at steady prices, especially for hams and bacon, the former moving at 9½c to 10½c per pound, and the latter 10 to 11c. There has been a good demand for compound lard, which has advanced fully ½c per lb. and is now selling in pails at 6½c.

The cheese season of 1898-99 is nearing a close, showing the largest decrease in exports ever known since the industry was started in Canada, the shortage amounting to 215,902 boxes, and this added to the decrease from New York makes a total decrease from this continent of 544,873 boxes, which will not be very materially altered between now and the close of the season, April 30th. Contracts have been made by exporters here for new cheese at 9c to 10c, and old has sold at 11c to 11½c.

The exports of butter from Canada for the season 1898-99 show an increase of 100,874 packages, as compared with 1897 and 1898, which will not be changed to any extent before the opening of the new season. There has been a steep decline in prices in this market, sales being reported at 17c to 17½c and even lower. At this writing, however, a somewhat better feeling prevails and it is just possible that bottom has been reached. A notable circumstance in the butter market this spring has been the absence of demand for dairy butter for shipment to Newfoundland after the opening of navigation. This enquiry in past seasons usually made itself felt before this date, but so far this spring there has not been a sign of it, dairy butter therefore is not wanted and nothing is doing in it.

DOMESTIC READING.

We lose our griefs by making others cease to grieve.

No guilty man is ever acquitted; he lives self-condemned.

A man may know much, and get to nothing.—Dr. Parker.

Our influence is imperishable; not a particle is ever lost.

Humility ever dwells with men of noble minds.—Feitham.

To have faults and not strive to correct them is to add to them.

Many complain of lack of memory, but few complain of lack of judgment; yet the last is the commoner lack of the two.

To be a gentleman is to be honest, to be gentle, to be generous, to be brave, to be wise, and, possessing all these qualities, to exercise them in the most graceful outward manner.

The idea that a strict fidelity to truth demands accuracy is one which is seldom entertained; but until we receive it as a principle and embody it in action we shall never attain a high degree of truthfulness.

Age is not to be feared. The older a good and healthy person grows the greater becomes his capacity to enjoy the deeper, sweeter, and more noble kinds of happiness which the world affords.

Avarice keeps a man always in the wheel and makes him a slave for his lifetime; and his head or his hands are perpetually employed. When one project is finished his inclinations

roll to another, so that his rest is only variety of labor. This evil spirit it throws him into the fire and into the water and all sorts of hazards and hardships; and when he has reached the tombs, he sits naked and out of his right mind.

It is the united action of the brain and the eye that forms the action of close observation. We would think about what we see if it is to be a permanent impression. When the mind is vacant the eyes are robbed of half their value.

I have always preferred cheerfulness to mirth. Mirth is like a flash of lightning that breaks through a gloom of clouds and glitters for a moment; cheerfulness keeps up a kind of daylight in the mind, and fills it with a steady and perpetual serenity.

The man of faith is in possession of a joy that dwells in the very depths of his being and is neither dissipated or disturbed by the chances and changes of this mortal life. There are no storms at the bottom of the sea; on the surface the waves may mingle with the clouds without ever ruffling its serene depths.

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A LESSON OF THE WAR.

The official report of loss of life in the army during the Spanish war places the total number of dead at 5,781. The statement which refers to the period between May 1st, 1898, and Feb. 28th, 1899, says that 329 soldiers were killed in action, 125 died from wounds received, while 5,277 deaths were caused by diseases due to the climate, exposure and poor rations.

PATENT REPORT.

Below will be found a list of patents recently granted by the Canadian Government. This list is prepared specially for this paper by Messrs. Marion & Marion, Solicitors of patents and experts, New York, Life Building, Montreal.

62702. Wm. H. Wyman, St. Johns, N. Q., ribbon and braid display cabinets.

62909. Walter Geo. Collins, Coramba, New South Wales, prospecting dishes.

62912. Alex. Krefling, Christiana, Norway, apparatus for utilizing sea weed.

62947. Percy Avery, Mount Forest, Ont., steam boilers.

If religion be anything it must be everything.

Americans with social aspirations spend, it is calculated, at least \$10,000,000 in London during the season.

The good which sight or sense can no longer apprehend is yet as real an existence as when we could both see and feel it; nothing good can be ultimately lost; memory may still preserve it, and love carry us to it at last.

When we listen willingly to a detractor we are guilty of the same sin as he is. The detractor is a coward; he never has the courage to strike his enemy an open blow; he dare not stand before him face to face; he is like the sneaking assassin.

BARBAROUS MURDER OF A PRIEST.

The Ichang correspondent of the "North China Daily News" sends details of an atrocious tragedy on the young priest, Father Victorin (Jean Delbrousk) captured by the Hwei-fai

of Ko-lao-hui and murdered after the horrible torture for five days at Ch'ik-keo-shan. He says:—

Father Victorin was a Belgian, not quite twenty-nine years of age, and was appointed by his Bishop some two months ago to a Catholic station at Shikhsushan, in the Patung district,