

SILVER JUBILEE

OF REV. W. E. CAVANAGH

On the 12th and 13th days of June the Rev. Father W. E. Cavanagh, P. P., Almonte, Ont., celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood and of his first Holy Mass. The event was the occasion of one of the most remarkable expressions in word and deed ever shown to a priest in this Archdiocese. From the clergy and from his parishioners, from people in his former parishes and from many friends in other places came words of heartfelt congratulations as well as splendid gifts. There was no doubt as to the esteem for and appreciation of the services to the Church rendered by this typical Canadian "Sogart Aroon."

The festivities were begun when the school children of St. Mary's school, under the guidance of the devoted Sisters of St. Joseph, gave a beautiful concert, in honor of their pastor, father and friend, and made a presentation to him. This was followed later in the day by a gathering of the people at the parish at which several addresses and presentations from various groups were made. The address by the men was accompanied by a purse. The Society of the Holy Rosary followed with an address and presentation as likewise the Children of Mary.

At this gathering the pastor responded to the addresses in words which, though betraying some emotion were characterized by the speaker's usual sincerity. The meeting was also addressed by Fathers Connolly, Fay, Brownrigg, O'Toole, Fraser, McDonald and Burke, all of whom expressed their pleasure at being present on this occasion to join with the people of Almonte in paying tribute to one who had been, during a quarter of a century, an indefatigable and unselfish worker in the sacred ministry.

On the morning of the 13th Rev. Father Cavanagh celebrated the High Mass of thanksgiving. He was assisted by Rev. Thos. Fay as deacon and by Rev. Geo. O'Toole as sub-deacon. An eloquent sermon was preached by Rev. Father Brownrigg, P. P., Fakenham. The speaker showed the dignity, the power and the responsibilities of the priesthood, and at the conclusion of the sermon he testified that from his own personal knowledge of the jubilarian during the twenty-five years the latter had kept true to the ideals.

To the various speeches and addresses Father Cavanagh replied expressing his high appreciation of the evident sincerity and kindness of those who were celebrating the 25th anniversary with him. During those years he had endeavored to do his duty. He had, he acknowledged, his shortcomings. For these he asked the indulgence of his conferees and people. In the trials and difficulties which always come to a priest who strives to act on principle he had received many consolations and great help in the faith and prayers of the people. He thanked God for the strength and courage for his tasks in the past and asked the prayers of his conferees and people that in the future he might carry on the sacred work of the priesthood with greater zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

A THOUSAND CONVERTS CONFIRMED

Boston, June 17.—More than 1,000 men and women, converts to the Catholic faith, were confirmed by His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell last Saturday in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

The ceremony, always impressive, was the more so because of its peculiar significance—the sheep who had been feeding along the by-ways and in distant pastures brought, through God's grace, into the true fold.

Every seat in the great Cathedral was taken when the confirmation Mass began, with Cardinal O'Connell officiating, and Rev. Thomas McDonough the celebrant. The converts sat on either side of the central aisle of the church. Thousands of their friends—and a great body of them non-Catholics—filled the rest of the church.

Following the administration of the sacrament, His Eminence spoke to the great congregation upon the significance of the ceremony.

The confirmation of converts has become an annual event in the Boston diocese, it now being a practice for converts in all the parishes to receive the sacrament in a body at the Cathedral in June.

CHILDREN IN ENGLISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS FREE TO TAKE ASCENSION DAY

London, England.—Ascension Day in England is not a public holiday, like Good Friday or the Feast of St. Stephen, but it is a day when Christian parents whose children attend the public elementary schools may withdraw their children from school to attend religious worship, and the school authorities are obliged to give that child full marks as though attending school on the day. This privilege, or right which is most certainly, is one of the things that was secured to Christian parents largely through the attendance in the House of Commons of a body of

Irish Members—an attendance that no longer exists.

In the parochial schools, whether Roman Catholic or Church of England, there is a wider latitude in the matter of attendance on Ascension Day. For after assembly in the morning the children are marched off to church, to hear Mass or the Anglican service, as the case may be, and after the religious exercises a whole holiday is given for the rest of the day. The Protestant Dissenters do not observe Ascension Day, and so the question of attendance at church does not arise; but the law provides that all parents may withdraw their children on Ascension Day from school to attend religious worship.

YOUR PARTNER'S VACATION

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- July 7-10—For the Blind, Jesuit Father.
- July 14-17—General, Jesuit Father.
- July 20-24—General, Passionist Father.
- July 26-29—For married women, (opening at noon) Augustinian Father.
- August 3-7—General, Vincentian Father.
- August 8-13—General—Five days, (closing at 5 p. m.) Jesuit Father.
- August 17-21—General, Oblate Father.
- August 22-27—General—Five days (closing 5 p. m.) Paulist Father.
- Sept. 1-5—General, (over Labor Day) Jesuit Father.
- Sept. 6-8—For Girls 8-14 (opening 9 a. m.).
- Sept. 15-18—General, Jesuit Father.
- Oct. 6-9—For Social Workers, Jesuit Father.
- Oct. 18-21—In Italian, Jesuit Father.
- Nov. 30-Dec. 4—General, (after Thanksgiving) Vincentian Father.
- Dec. 28-Jan. 1—General, Marist Father.

JASPER PARK LODGE OPENED

Jasper Park, Alberta, June 15th.—With the unfurling of the Union Jack by Mrs. H. C. Fleming of San Francisco, the first guest to register, and hoisting it into position in front of the main building by Mr. John M. Imrie of the Edmonton Journal, Jasper Park Lodge was opened to the public today.

The importance of this event is chiefly in the fact that it is the first step to be taken by the Canadian National Railways in providing permanent buildings for the accommodation of tourists in this splendid mountain playground, set aside by the Dominion Government, consisting of 4,400 square miles in the heart of the Northern Canadian Rockies. The assembly for the opening represented guests from Australia, United States, Pacific Coast points, the Prairie provinces and Eastern Canada. The lodge is of artistic log construction, including a large lounge building, dining hall and separate sleeping quarters.

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Father Robert is soon to start for China, where he has spent thirty years of his life as a missionary, and it is expected that he will pass through this country en route from Europe to the Orient. He is probably one of the best known priests in the Far East, where as Procurator General of a Society numbering 1,400 priests, he has come in contact with all classes and many different interests. In Shanghai and Hongkong, Father Robert has been the initiator of many important developments in mission activity, especially in the field of education.

DIED

McGILLIS.—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. F. J. O'Connor, 528 King Edward Ave., Ottawa, March 15, Mrs. Catherine McGillis, relict of the late Ronald F. McGillis, May her soul rest in peace.

McQUADE.—On Thursday, June 15, 1922, at the Brant Military Hospital, Burlington, Ont., Harry McQuade, formerly of St. John, N. B. May his soul rest in peace.

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