

TS AND RUMORS

ed by Our Rambler.)

LECTIONS.—There are a
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ANTHONY'S.—Your Ram-
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Masses will certainly
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ER SUPPER.—The tick-
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of St. Patrick's parish
on Sunday.

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will be a great success.

PREJUDICE.—At its
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Among other things
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'S LECTURE.—On
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OUR OTTAWA LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SESSION CLOSED.—On Saturday last the longest session of the Federal Parliament that Canada has ever known was brought to a close. A part from the political results, and those affecting the entire nation, there is one very important fact that comes now to our attention. Seven and a half months is a long time for a Parliament to be in active session, and it is but natural that many serious changes should take place in that space. Legislators are mortal in every sense, just as are other men, and are just as liable to go the way of all flesh. During the space of time that elapsed, from the 12th March to the 24th October, eight of those who took active part in the work of government vanished forever from the scene; five Senators and three members of the Commons. This is surely a theme calculated to awaken serious reflections, and is certainly appropriate for the month that commences to-morrow—the month of the dead. Yes, the Angel of Death passed over the legislative halls eight times in succession, and each time in the shadow of his wing a soul left the scene of this life's activity and sped to the mysterious bourne whence no traveller returns.

Five vacant seats in the Senate on prorogation day. On April 13th Senator A. H. Gillmore died somewhat unexpectedly—just a month after the Parliament had commenced its regular work of the third session. On the 14th July news came that the aged Senator R. B. Dickey, had paid the debt of nature. He had not been able to attend during this year. On the 29th May, after a lingering illness which had lasted several months, ever since his return a year ago from a trip around the world, Senator O'Brien, of Montreal, died. On the 12th August, Senator M. H. Cochrane, somewhat unexpectedly closed a long public career, in death. And when the Senate adjourned on the 4th September, Senator Dr. Geo. Landerkin, left for his home, intending to return to Ottawa on the 22nd for the re-opening of the House; but on the 22nd he fell ill and died a week later. In him disappeared one of the most genial and witty souls that had ever sat in either House. Towards the beginning of the session, in March, Mr. Donald Farquharson, M.P. Queen's West (P.E.I.) died at his home. He had been unable to come to Ottawa to take up the duties of the session.

In mid-summer, just in the beautiful August weather, Mr. P. R. L. Martineau, M.P. for Montmagny, a genial and kindly gentleman, fell ill and was taken to the Water street hospital, Ottawa, where a few days later, after undergoing an operation, he died.

But the most tragic death of all was that of Mr. Henry Cargill, M. P. for East Bruce. At four in the afternoon he arose in the House to speak on the Redistribution Bill. He spoke with vigor until five o'clock. Then, feeling fatigued, he went out for some air. He had reached the door way when he fell. He was caught up by the Postmaster of the House, and medical aid was summoned. Finally he was taken into the dressing room of the Clerk of the House, and there expired at half-past ten. This was the first death to occur inside the Building since that of Senator Ogilvie, six years ago, who died in his own room in the Senate. In 1887 Mr. Samuel Burdett, M. P., fell dead in the smoking room of the House of Commons. The funeral of Mr. Cargill took place from the House, and his was the second coffin to be carried out through the tower entrance; the first was that of Sir John A. Macdonald, who received a public funeral in the 6th June, 1891.

Never before, in anyone session have legislators so often beheld the sadly eloquent wreath upon the desk. Vacant seats, so lately occupied, were never before so numerous. And it is firmly believed that had the summer been a very hot one, there might have been others added to the already too long list. As it is, sufficient signs have been given of the vanity of all human affairs, the uncertainty of life, and the truth of the words so powerful and solemn, "In the midst of life we are in death." It may be several months before the legislators will again be called together and we may well ask ourselves: "How many of them will be present, or rather how many will be absent, when the role is called on the opening of the fourth session of the ninth Parliament?"

IN CATHOLIC CIRCLES.—Although Parliament is closed and hundreds have gone away from the city, there has been many events of great interest during the past ten days in, and around Ottawa. Above all in the religious sphere has there been considerable activity, and we could not give a better idea of the progress of the faith in the vicinity of the Capital than by recording a few of the important events, in religious circles, which have marked the closing of October.

ARCHBISHOP'S FEAST.—The 29th anniversary of the consecration of His Grace, Archbishop Duhamel, was celebrated on Wednesday, 28th instant. There was a Pontifical Mass at 8.30 a.m. sung by the pupils of La Salle School, under the direction of the Christian Brothers. During the day, His Grace received visits from members of the different communities, the parish priests and laity.

SACRED CONCERTS.—On Sunday last, the last of the series of sacred concerts under the direction of Mr. A. Tremblay, was given, in the afternoon, at the Basilica. The following was the programme carried out:—"Fantaisie," by Rink; "Offertory," by Salome; Fiat Lux, by Dubois; "Andante," by Godard; "Prayer," by Guillemin; closing with Mr. A. Tremblay's own beautiful composition, which he played for the first time in public. Suite, for organ, in four movements. The Church was well filled, and the concert was greatly appreciated.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.—At High Mass, on Sunday, Rev. J. P. Fallon, O. M. I., preached an able sermon on "The Forgiveness of Injuries." In the evening, Rev. Father O'Boyle, O.M.I., delivered a splendid sermon on the "Eternal Priesthood." The musical programme, which was the final of the October Sundays, was exceptionally fine. The 7th and 8th parts, the conclusion of "The Passion," by Hayn, were given with great effect, especially the grand chorus, finale, "The Earthquake." In the last "words" the soloists were Mrs. M. J. Mahon and Miss Cadieux, who acquitted themselves with more than ordinary distinction, and Messrs. E. Belleau and Jno. Casey, both of whom though heard many times before, sang remarkably well. During the benediction Miss Richardson sang the "O Salutaris Hostia," by Giorza; Mr. Desbiens the "Ave Maria," by Monestel, and the "Tantum Ergo," by Lambillotte was a chorus by the full choir. The finale, on the organ, by Mrs. E. Tasse, was Lemmens' Fanfare. The choir has been practising Farmer's Mass for All Saints' Day.

CONVALESCENTS.—Rev. Father Foley, of Falloufield, who has been ill in the Water street Hospital for some weeks, is sufficiently recovered to permit of his returning to his parish.

Very Rev. Canon Beauchamp, of Gatineau Point, who has been laid up for over three months with a sore knee, is recovering rapidly. For the first time since his illness began he said Mass on Sunday last, and his parishioners and friends are greatly pleased at his improvement. Canon Beauchamp was originally of the diocese of Montreal, and is a native of Verannes. He is one of the most able priests in the Ottawa archdiocese.

THE DOMINICANS.—Much regret is felt at the departure of Rev. Father Lebon, O.P., who goes to St. Hyacinthe, P.Q. He was professor of dogmatic theology in the Dominican Seminary here, and will fill the same office in the Dominican Seminary at St. Hyacinthe. His place as chaplain of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum will be filled by Rev. Father Couture, of the Dominican Monastery.

UNIVERSITY SOCIETIES.—The Scientific Society of the Ottawa University, has elected for the coming year the following officers:—President, H. J. McDonald; vice-president, J. C. Walsh; treasurer, H. Halligan; secretary, V. Meagher; correspondent, John E. Burke; committee, O. J. McDonald, R. Lapointe and Chs. Jones. Rev. Father Lajeunesse, O. M.I., the director, spoke a few words of encouragement, and advice and a great deal of enthusiasm was aroused over the prospect of receiving a number of distinguished lecturers during the coming season. The members of the society will also deliver discourses on scientific subjects during the term. The society has for many years been a most flourishing institution at the university and its pro-

spects for the coming year are of the very best. An additional feature of special interest has been added this year in the organization of an orchestra of thirteen pieces, which will no doubt contribute largely to the entertainment of the members and their friends at their weekly meetings. There will be no excursion until the spring.

As to the Debating Society of the same institution, the following report is given out:—

"The debating society has also reorganized for the coming term under the following management: President, J. J. O'Gorman; secretary, F. W. Nagle; treasurer, V. Meagher; committee, Alex. McDonald, J. E. Burke and Chas. Jones. It is the ardent wish of the society to enter the Intercollegiate Debating Union, with Toronto, McGill and Queen's universities. A pressing invitation has been received, and the permission of the faculty of the university is earnestly sought to the end that they may join. If allowed to enter the union, representatives of the 'society' will compete in two debates, probably with McGill, one at home and one away, and the winner will meet the champions of the other half of the union Intercollegiate Debating Union. It is a most desirable object and the boys are anxious to get in touch with the other universities."

ST. PATRICK'S ASYLUM.—Owing to the number of the "True Witness" subscribers who are in Ottawa, and also many of whom are interested in the grand work of the St. Patrick's Asylum, it will please them to find in your columns an account of the thirty-eighth annual meeting and report of the council of management. It was held on Sunday afternoon, and was very largely attended. President A. T. Gow presided, and the following council was chosen:—Messrs. A. T. Gow, Ald. J. C. Enright, M. J. O'Farrell, J. C. Young, D. O'Connor, Jr., M. C. MacCormac, J. J. McGee, Jas. Mundy and H. F. Sims. The council will meet on Friday, Nov. 6th, for the purpose of choosing officers and formulating plans for the coming year. The secretary, Mr. J. O'Farrell, then read this report, which which we give in full:—

"During the year ended September 30th, 1903, 30 were admitted to the refuge, and 21 to the orphanage. At the close of the year ending September 30, 1902, the inmates in the refuge numbered 97, and in the orphanage 68, making the total in residence during this year, 216. There were 12 deaths among adults and none among the orphans, 21 adults and 33 children were discharged.

"Of the number of children shown as discharged, two were placed in homes found for them in the country, four sent in by the Children's Aid Society, and the others were taken by parents or relatives, leaving in residence September 30, 1903, 91 adults and 56 children.

"The collective stay of the inmates was 58,476 days, an average of 270.72. In the receipts of 1902-3 are the following bequests: Estates of the late Charles Newell, \$50; Miss Dunning, \$100; John A. MacCabe, \$100; Miss M. A. Gorrett, \$100; Mrs. Isabella Martin, \$200; John Shea, \$200. "The treasurer's statement showed for 1901-02, receipts \$13,023.87, expenditure, for maintenance, \$9,702.26; permanent improvements, \$589.75, and interest, \$100.00. For 1902-03, receipts, \$12,799.2; permanent improvements, \$252.92, and interest, \$100.00.

"The assets are \$57,169.39, and liabilities \$3,000. Insurance on property of the institution amounts to \$41,200.

"The question of securing a site in the country or of extending the present premises was discussed, but action was deferred.

"Votes of thanks were passed to

the retiring members of the council, Messrs. M. Brady, D'Arcy Scott and T. Smith, who are replaced by Messrs. D. O'Connor, Jr.; M. C. MacCormac and J. C. McGee, and Mr. A. T. Gow, auditor, replaced by Mr. E. L. Saunders.

"The following council of the Ladies' Association of the Asylum was almost re-elected, as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. M. P. Davis; president, Mrs. E. A. Mara; vice-presidents, Mesdames A. Colter, J. O'Reilly, H. Sims and Lee; treasurer, Rev. Sister Howley; councillors, Mesdames J. Casey, J. Baskerville, Jas. Blarke, Hm. King, M. A. Kavanagh, J. C. Enright, J. Provost, C. F. (Dr.) Dowling, J. S. Wilson, J. Gorman, Jas. Slater, McGarr, A. J. Warnock, P. Baxter, Lee, W. Armstrong, Gaffney, J. Murphy, John O'Reilly, M. Walsh, Duggan, Donohue and Miss Wade."

The Lessons Of The News.

"HEROIC SPORT."—Such is the sensational caption which an American sporting journal uses in announcing the death of a medical student at a recent football match. "The victim died on the line up after a hard scrimmage. His heart gave out suddenly under the exertion and excitement. These are the words of the report.

NON-CATHOLIC TRIBUTE.—Sometimes non-Catholic ministers are broad-minded enough and sufficiently fortified with the spirit of independence to say what they really think. An evidence of this fact was furnished by the remarks of Rev. C. D. Williams, dean of Trinity Episcopal Church, made at recent graduating exercises of a training school for nurses in Cleveland. He said among other things:—

"Wherever there comes a cry of need there stands the Catholic Church, the nun or sister ready to serve even the loathsome leper, like Father Damien; to serve Christ through his fellow-man, wherever there is an abode of sin, or degradation, there is a great hospital with the doors always wide open to the poor and unfortunate."

EDUCATION IN IRELAND.—Reports say that Secretary Wyndham has drafted an Irish universities' bill for next session, making a national university out of Trinity College, Dublin; Queen's College, Belfast; and a Roman Catholic college to be created in Dublin. Well, may it be said that the long years of sacrifice of the loyal and devoted men and women of the old land is now bearing fruit.

ABOUT MR. DOWIE.—An American Catholic journal in noting the arrival of Mr. Dowie and his army of followers in New York says:—

"Among all the travesties in the way of so-called religious movements the world has yet seen it is hard to find anything comparable with the Dowie monstrosity in New York, and it is a reflection upon the popular intelligence that a charlatan of his kind can attract a crowd to Madison Square Garden.

WAR AGAINST CORSET.—A French physician, Dr. Marechal, advocates the passing of a law-making the wearing of a corset by any woman under thirty an offence, punishable by three months' imprisonment if she is of age, and a fine of \$20 to \$200 imposed on her parents or guardians if she is under age.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON.—Bishop O'Connell, of Portland, is mentioned by the non-Catholic press as likely to be appointed coadjutor to Archbishop Williams.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—Mr. and Mrs. William Dermody, of Beaver Dam, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Oct. 15. Fifty years have passed since Mr. Dermody and Miss Margaret McCabe were married at Norwalk, Conn. Both were born in Ireland.

DIED IN CEMETERY.—A physician and prominent citizen of Cambridge—Dr. Francis A. Abbot—was found dead on the grave of his wife in Beverly cemetery.

Mrs. Abbot had been dead about 10 years, and it was the custom of the doctor to pay a visit to the cemetery occasionally and arrange flowers on his lot.

A PARISH FOR WOMEN.—Rev. Father Henry, of St. Patrick's Church, Cincinnati, contemplates the establishment in the parish of a St. Vincent de Paul Society whose members shall be women. This will be a radical departure from the accepted order; but the plan was originated and found efficacious in Venice under Cardinal Sarto, now Pius X., and Father Henry thinks it may succeed equally well on American soil.

FIRE IN HOUSE OF BISHOP.—On Oct. 4 fire was discovered in the residence of Right Rev. Edward J. O'Dea, Seattle, Wash., and before it could be extinguished had damaged the building and contents to the extent of about \$8,000.

BISHOP AND LAITY.—Bishop Thomas A. Hendrick, the latest addition to the Philippine hierarchy, returned from Rome last week on the Oceanic.

After a short stay in New York, during which he was made the recipient of a gold pectoral cross and chain, he made a visit to Rochester. On the trip he was accompanied by a delegation of fifty laymen, who came from that city.

A CATHOLIC SHERIFF.—Alderman Sir John Knill has been publicly admitted to office as sheriff of London. Sir John is the only surviving son of the late Sir Stuart Knill, who was sheriff of London in 1889-90, and Lord Mayor in 1893. Born in 1856, he was educated at Beaumont College, conducted by the Jesuit Fathers.

FRENCH RELIGIOUS.—The Bishop of Southwark, in South London, has lately opened thirty-one new missions for the employment of banished French religious men.

MUNICIPAL PROJECTS.—The voters of Cleveland will be asked at the coming election to vote on six propositions for the issue of bonds to the aggregate amount of \$1,900,000 for municipal improvements. Five of these issues are for park and boulevard extensions and improvements, street openings, and bridges and viaducts. The sixth is for the establishment of a municipal electric lighting plant on the West Side, as a preliminary to a far more extensive and costly system on the east side of the river.—Catholic Universe.

CATHOLICITY AND PROGRESS

Rev. Father Robert, a prominent member of the Order of Passionists, well known in St. Patrick's parish, Montreal, recently delivered a lecture in Hancock, Michigan, under the auspices of the A.O.H. and the Knights of Columbus, for the benefit of the new St. Joseph's Hospital. His theme was "Catholicity and Progress." A correspondent of the "Michigan Catholic" gives the following outline of the eloquent effort:—

"Historians for the past 300 years have formed a conspiracy against truth. Many of them not through malice have uttered that which was positively false, Macaulay and Gladstone were the two exceptions. Picture the Catholic Church as she is to-day, go back to the revelation and she is the peerless in progress then and to-day. We are living in an age that will be written in gold letters on the monument of time, and an intellectual age.

"Man has harnessed everything that is mighty and the question comes up has the Catholic Church kept up with this progress? It is said by historians that the Catholic Church has chilled the noble act in the heart of man. Is it possible that there was no progress until the Reformation? I must admit that Gallilee was put in prison because he dis-

covered that the world was round and that the sun stood still. But should the whole Catholic Church be condemned for this act? Suppose your school board had presented to them a great discovery by one of the teachers and that board condemned her as being too wise. Would it be logical to condemn the whole city or the state or the country?

"It is to the Catholics that we owe the discovery of gunpowder, the telescope, astronomy, the galvanic battery, the arts, and a thousand other things. Still we are told that there was no progress until the so-called Reformation. Sylvester, a poor monk, was the real discoverer of the steam engine, and I would ask who was Columbus? The greatest philosophers that the world has ever produced were Catholics. Tell me a single instance where the Church has interfered with the progress of man. As for literature, when I think of that I go in spirit to Rome and gaze on the thousands of volumes of literature written and gathered together by the poor monks. They are left there as a grand monument to Catholic progress. Examine them and you will say that you have done an injustice to the Catholic Church. There is not a lawyer that does not know that the foundation of law came from Catholics. Music belongs to the Catholics, and art as well.

Architecture! Go to Ireland and you will not find a Protestant church that is fit for a man to enter. There is but one piece of architecture of which the Protestants may feel proud, and that is St. Paul's in London, and that dwindle into a mere nothing when compared with Westminster Abbey. We are told that the Catholic Church shackles man's liberty. If you mean anarchy and socialism, we do. We speak of the dark ages. What have we to-day that the dark ages have not given us? The freedom which the United States enjoys to-day was given by the Catholics. The first amendment to the Constitution of the United States was made by the Catholics.

"Come down to the present day and tell us does Catholicity chill the heart?

"On the battlefield many a poor soldier's last words were 'God bless you Sister.' The Sisters of the Catholic Church are the true heroines of to-day. There is not an ill that Catholic charity has failed to cure.

"The Catholic Church does not chill the human heart, and to the Catholic Church is due the noblest impulses of the mind."

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