

"PAY THE PRINTER."

We are desirous of again thanking our subscribers for the prompt and business-like manner in which many of them have attended to the payment of their subscriptions. In the city and district of Montreal, especially, they have been most prompt, and the many new subscribers whose names have been added to our lists, during the past few months, is a source of very great encouragement to us. There are still, however, a large number in the country districts who are yet in arrears. It is fitting that we should remind these subscribers of the necessity of discharging their indebtedness, for if they take THE TRUE WITNESS and appreciate it, surely they should be glad to pay the small amount charged for its use. Already that amount is less than it reasonably should be, considering all the heavy expenses incurred in issuing such a paper; the more, therefore, the necessity of having the sum paid in when due. "Pay the Printer" is a good motto.

DURING the month of February the general intention of the Apostleship of Prayer is "The Increase of Love of our Neighbor." Commenting on this the Catholic Review says:

"When our divine Saviour gave the 'first great commandment of the law,' that we must love God with our whole hearts, minds and souls, he added at once that we must love our neighbor as ourself for the love of God. And we have all learned in the catechism that our neighbor, in this sense, is 'mankind of every description.' We are very apt to forget this, but the command and duty stand. There is no possibility of blinking or getting around them. The Bible itself says: 'If any man say, I love God; and hateth his brother, he is a liar. For he that loveth not his brother whom he seeth, how can he love God whom he seeth not? And the commandment we have from God, that he who loveth God loveth also his brother.' We must love our neighbor. Every living man, woman and child is made in the image and likeness of God. Our Saviour became man and suffered and died for them as well as for us. We are all brothers in Christ, with common duties to God and common destiny. God and nature alike require that we shall love all mankind, hold them in charity and goodwill, help them in their need and pray for them. The Holy Father requests us to pray during next month that this love and charity may increase among us. How happy a world would this be if all men loved one another as they should."

THE LAMENT OF THE YOUNG MAN.

To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS:

DEAR SIR,—The letter of a "Catholic Young Man," in your last issue, is but another voice lifted up in lamentation over the apparent apathy and coldness of Catholics. The matter stands thus: A Catholic young man comes to the city. He goes humbly to the Sacraments and to Mass, no hand is ever extended to him in friendly greeting. And as he passes in and out of the church, he is more utterly lonely in the crowd of his co-religionists than he would be among a crowd of strangers. The young man may be presentable and intelligent, yet the Catholics, by their coldness, close their doors against him and he is a social outcast. He has no faults that should exclude him, and there is nothing between him and social prosperity except the fact that by the grace of God he is a member of the True Church.

In this strait the Catholic young man, in the pursuance of his business, will, perhaps, make a Protestant acquaintance whose tastes are congenial with his own; acquaintance grows into companionship, companionship into friendship, and presto—the doors of a dozen Protestant homes fly open, and the young man in search of social pleasures is greeted on every hand with a cheery, smiling welcome. The coldness of Catholics to young men settling in the city is not a myth; and the cry against the lack of

opportunities for becoming better acquainted with Catholic families is not a cry against something that does not exist, but is a protest against a very real and a very prevalent evil.

To come to personalities. I myself spent two years in the city without really knowing a single Catholic family; yet among Protestants I was on intimate visiting, picnicing, boating, social evening and excursion terms with at least ten families. I was not an isolated case, for I know of a number of other Catholic young men equally forlorn. I believe that the ostracism of Catholic young men is not really the fault of Catholic families, but is due to the lack of opportunities offered for public social intercourse. If we had more smoking concerts, socials, conversations, etc., and if we resorted to the other means whereby Protestants become acquainted with each other the evil would dwindle and pass away like snow before the summer sun.

There is agitation in the air for the establishment of a central social club. Of course such a club would be the very best means for the furtherance of our social, intellectual, physical and moral improvement. But so long as the Catholic financial lions of our city continue to sleep while the subject is before them, there is but little possibility of its realization.

ANOTHER CATHOLIC YOUNG MAN.

THE HOSPICE AUCLAIR.

THE FLOORS ARE TO BE MADE OF IRON NETTING.

The Hospice Auclair, founded by the Rev. Father Auclair, the cure of St. Jean Baptiste parish, is expected to be completed by the early weeks of April. The accommodation provided is enough for quite a thousand invalids, and these will be admitted regardless of religions and creeds.

There remains only the interior of the hospital to be completed—the walls, the ceilings and the floors. Medical and sanitary authorities are always looking for some novel methods of improving and perfecting, as far as possible, the conditions of modern hospital hygiene. The founders of the Hospice Auclair are taking a step of experiment. They have made a contract to have the walls and ceilings of the hospital finished in steel. These surfaces are to be ornamented and embossed with artistic designs.

The floors are to be made of iron netting, suspended from wall to wall. There will be no joists or beams. On this wire netting will be a flooring of cement to the depth of some 6 or 8 inches.

The objects of this new style of building are more than one. It is, first of all, preventive of fire, and as for its hygienic qualities, it is calculated to suppress vermin and microbes. Again, it claims durability and the doing away with the necessity for the periodical visits of plasterers, painters and carpenters. This is the first work of the kind done in Canada, and has been arranged by Mr. Robitaille on behalf of the Philadelphia Steel Works.

C. M. B. A.

TWO BRANCHES HAVE ELECTED AND INSTALLED THEIR OFFICERS.

Branch No. 81 of the C.M.B.A. has elected and installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Spiritual adviser, Rev. M. J. Stanton; chancellor, John Meagher; president, D. Halpin; first vice-president, John Milloy; second vice-president, D. F. Woods; recording secretary, P. Delaney; assistant secretary, Wm. Edgeworth; financial secretary, Thomas Cushing; Treasurer, James Rielly; marshal, P. McNulty; guard, Lewis Bennett. Trustees, J. Meagher, William Edgeworth, Maurice Ready, M. Ryan and Thomas Salmon.

Branch No. 196 (St. Joseph's parish) of the C.M.B.A., has elected and installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Medical examiner, Dr. V. O. Daoust; president, E. St. Laurent; 1st vice-president, Aime Dubois; 2nd vice-president, T. Cassette; corresponding secretary, F. Riel; assistant secretary, M. Belanger; financial secretary, E. Dusseault; treasurer, L. N. Routhier; marshal, G. Ribardy; guard, G. Ribardy. Trustees, F. Riel, T. Cassette, L. Grenier, N. Paquin and G. Ribardy.

ARCHBISHOP LANGEVIN.—The consecration of Mgr. Langevin, the next Archbishop of St. Boniface, is to take place in his own Cathedral at the end of the month or beginning of March.

ST. MARY'S YOUNG MEN.

THEIR FIRST EUCHRE PARTY.

The euchre party held by St. Mary's Young Men, in the hall underneath the church, on Friday last, was a distinct success. There was a good number present and the arrangements were carried out almost perfectly. As a result, the evening was one of great enjoyment. The euchre prizes were won by Mr. W. Kelly of the king table, who won seven games, and the Rev. Father O'Donnell, who, owing to the short time he could spare to play, won but one game and the booby prize. During the evening refreshments were served and cigars handed round. The party was much enlivened by the musical part of the programme, in which the following gentlemen took part:—Messrs. O'Brien, D. J. Cotter, Walsh, Maguire, Smyth, Phelan, Dillon and others.

A great deal of the success of the party was due to the energies of Mr. Taggart Smyth, secretary of the society. This was St. Mary's Young Men's first entertainment, and its success must be a matter of great encouragement to them.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS

ST. ANTHONY'S COURT, NO. 126.

The following resolutions were passed at the last meeting of the above Court:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst Charles Donnelly, father of our beloved parish priest and chaplain of this Court; and

Whereas, the pleasant and intimate relations which we have enjoyed with the Rev. Father from the time of our institution, make it eminently fitting that we should place upon record our sincere regret for the loss which his family has sustained; therefore be it

Resolved, that this Court extends to the Rev. Father Donnelly, his family and near relations, our deepest sympathy, hoping that even in this the hour of their greatest sorrow they may yet find some consolation in knowing that the worth of his private qualities and the value of his public services are properly appreciated.

Resolved, that the secretary be instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the Rev. Father as a testimonial of our grief and sympathy, and a copy to THE TRUE WITNESS for publication.

H. C. MCCALLUM,
D. LYNCH,
JAS. P. DORAN, R. Sec. } Committee.

SIMCOE, ONTARIO.

ANOTHER LINK ADDED TO THE APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER.

The League of the Sacred Heart was established in Simcoe, on Feb. 1st, by the Rev. D. P. McMenamin, P. P. The occasion was something grand and solemn, a day never to be forgotten by the Catholics of Simcoe. Twenty-seven promoters received their crosses and diplomas. The ceremony was faithfully carried out and was most impressive. The very large number who approached Holy Communion and joined the League was very edifying, and is another proof of the very successful efforts of Father McMenamin, the beloved pastor whose inspiring words and untiring zeal, devotedness and example have accomplished so much. The altar of the Sacred Heart was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and with its many lights it afforded a rich spectacle that harmonized well with the canticles rendered by the choir. The good Catholics of Simcoe are delighted to have the League established there and are proud of being admitted among those who are specially devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

OFFENDED CATHOLICS.

VICTORIA, B.C., Feb. 5.—Neil Heath, a teacher in the Victoria high school, was yesterday suspended by the Superintendent of Education, for teaching in a manner offensive to the Catholics and thereby violating a section of the school law providing for absolutely non-sectarian education in the public schools.

CATHOLIC BENEVOLENT LEGION.—The Deputy Supreme Chancellor, P. O'Reilly, has instituted Drummondville Council of the Catholic Benevolent Legion, at Drummondville, P.Q. Amongst the

members initiated are the Mayor of Drummondville, Mr. J. E. Girouard, who is also M.L.A. for the county, Mr. L. A. Bernard, Registrar for the county, and some of the most prominent merchants and farmers of the locality. There are also several farmers from Belœil, and the Council promises to have a most successful future.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A PRIEST.

NEW YORK, February 2.—Rev. Michael A. Nolan, pastor of the Catholic Church of the Annunciation, was stricken with apoplexy at 8 a.m. yesterday and died two hours later. Father Nolan was to have sailed for Europe this morning, to remain two months, for his health. On Wednesday his congregation had presented him with a \$1200 purse. Father Nolan was fifty-two years old and was educated at St. Mary's College, Montreal.

A CENTENARIAN DEAD.—One of the first to enter the Hospice Auclair some years ago, Antoine Dube, died on Saturday at the Hospice at the age of one hundred years. Deceased was born at St. Gervais, and at the time of his death was quite sound of mind. He was a great friend of the many invalids in the Hospice, and narrated with much precision the various events which he had witnessed in Canada since his early age, and particularly the war of 1812, in which he took an active part, and the rebellion of 1837-38. The late Mr. Dube was once married, to a Miss Marie Louise Deladurantaye, who died but a few years ago at the advanced age of 97 years. The funeral of the late Mr. Dube was held on Monday morning at St. John Baptiste Church, Rev. Father Auclair, P.P., spiritual adviser of the Hospice, officiating with deacon and sub-deacon. A powerful choir rendered with much effect the Mass for the dead, while the church was packed to the doors with the citizens of St. Jean Baptiste Ward, who had turned out to offer a last prayer to the memory of their "old friend." The remains were subsequently taken to Cote des Neiges Cemetery for interment.

SERVICE AT ST. PATRICK'S.—Sunday evening in St. Patrick's Church there was an unusually large congregation. The occasion was the feast of St. Blaise. According to the tradition, St. Blaise was possessed of a special grace from Heaven enabling him to cure people suffering from diseases of the throat. The people came in hundreds on Sunday evening to receive the blessing of St. Blaise. Three reverend priests were engaged for over two hours last evening pronouncing this special blessing over each and every individual who came to ask for it. The exact words of the benediction are:—"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver thee from throat disease and from every other evil. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

A RETREAT FOR LADIES AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.—A retreat for young girls and unmarried women will be commenced in St. Patrick's Church, on Sunday, February 17th, at 7.30 in the evening. The retreat will be preached by a Redemptorist from Brooklyn, N.Y. There will be but two services each day, one at 5.30 in the morning, and the other at 7.30 in the evening. Owing to the decorations being carried on in the church it will be impossible to hold a third service.

ST. LOUIS DE FRANCE.—It is understood that the completion of the new parish church of St. Louis de France will be preceded with during the coming season. The trustees are now discussing the matter. It is said that when completed the church will have cost over \$100,000. The congregation for the past three years have been attending religious service in the basement of the building.

TO SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL.—The parish priests of the various Roman Catholic parishes of the city have been notified by His Grace the Archbishop that in future they would be called upon to contribute one-fourth of the revenues from the fees in connection with marriages, funerals and christenings for the support of the new Cathedral of St. James.

CORRECTION.—In our issue of January 23 the Montreal donations to the Catholic Protection and Rescue Society were, by misprint, placed at \$587.56, whereas the sum should have read \$287.50.