

RELIGIOUS NEWS ITEMS.

A recent Roman decree empowers the Bishops to dispense from fast and abstinence on days of higher feasts.

The Archbishop of Saragossa is dead. He was born May 10, 1810. He was consecrated archbishop March 12, 1877.

Mary Delany, the Milwaukee woman, who set fire to two Catholic churches in Washington, D.C., has been judicially declared insane.

Father Kneipp, the famous water cure priest, has been offered a professorship at the University of Friburg. He will not accept the place, as he has 10,000 patients to treat every year.

Princess Marie Schwartzburg, of Vienna, the younger daughter of that ancient and noble family, has completed her novitiate and taken the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

The Catholic bishop of Tarsus says that, since 1850, 200,000 people have returned to the Catholic Church in Armenia, and that sixteen dioceses have been erected there within the last forty years.

There are no fewer than 108 cathedrals in the United Kingdom. Of these 48 are Roman Catholic cathedrals, 36 Church of England, 12 belong to the Church of Ireland and 7 to the Episcopal Church of Scotland.

A magnificent silver chapel that costs \$25,000 will shortly adorn the Church of St. Augustine, Brooklyn. It is all of solid silver, with decorations of gold and precious stones, and is said to be the gift of Count Castellane. The work will be completed within six months.

The Faribault plan is in danger of being disposed of by the Minnesota Legislature. A bill is pending to prevent nuns teaching in public schools. It is substantially the same measure over which discussion has been had in the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Legislatures.

Miss Cleghorn was received as a novice in the Order of the Sisters of Mercy at Savannah, Ga. Vicar-General Cafferty conducted the services. Father Schlenke celebrated Mass. Vicar General Keiley, of Atlanta, preached the sermon. Father O'Brien of Washington, and Father Reilly assisted in the ceremonies.

It was like a bomb sent into the Anglican camp when Lord Rosebery, Prime Minister of England, in an answer to the arguments against disestablishment, declared that the right to the church property in England, so far as any right exists, rests not with the Anglican body, but with the Roman Catholics.

The preparations for the golden jubilee of Archbishop Williams' ordination are gradually assuming shape, and the event promises to be a notable one in the Catholic history of the archdiocese, the state and of New England. Archbishop Satolli has promised to grace the occasion with his presence; Cardinal Gibbons delays his departure for Rome to be present, and many other ecclesiastical notabilities will attend at the jubilee; while the attendance of priests will be very large. The orator of the day is to be the bishop of Manchester, whose years of life hardly equal those of the beloved jubilarian in the priesthood. The lay commemoration of the event also gives promise of being a notable demonstration.

ST. PATRICK'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

THE OFFICERS INSTALLED.

The St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society held its regular monthly meeting on Sunday afternoon, the 14th April, Mr. Michael Sharkey presiding. The installation of the newly elected officers for the ensuing year was the first business which engaged the attention of the meeting, the ceremonies being performed by the honorary president of the Society, the Rev. J. A. McCallen. The rev. gentleman afterwards delivered a most interesting address on the duties of members, during which he took occasion to compliment the Society upon the progress achieved during the year. A resolution of condolence to Mr. J. H. Feeley on the death of his father was adopted. Messrs. Walsh, Selby, Latimore and Smallshire spoke of the ser-

vices rendered the Society by the secretary, Mr. Costigan, and a complimentary vote of thanks was adopted. A committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the annual picnic at Otterburn Park in August next. Considerable business of a routine character was also transacted.

CATHOLIC FORESTERS.

Of the numerous fraternal organizations which have been instituted in recent years, there is probably none which has met with greater success nor achieved such remarkable results as the Catholic Order of Foresters. The history and rapid growth of this body in the city especially, is highly interesting.

The first Canadian charter was granted about eight years ago and Court No. 95 of Montreal became the pioneer Court not only of Montreal but of Canada.

After a careful perusal of the constitution and bye laws of the order, His Grace Archbishop Fabre formally gave his assent and approval, since which time the society has taken a firm hold on the Catholics of his large diocese.

There are to-day in this city and suburbs 38 subordinate Courts with a total membership of over 5,000, with several new Courts organizing.

The present is a busy time in Catholic Forestry as the elections are proceeding in all the different courts, and questions of vital importance to the order here are under consideration, principal among others is the creation of a provincial or district High Court.

One of the strongest and most prosperous Courts in the order is St. Lawrence, No. 263, of this city, of which the following gentlemen are the officers: Jno. Scanlan, chief-ranger; Wm. P. Meagher, vice chief-ranger; T. J. Maguire, recording secretary; A. Pilon, financial secretary; Jas. O'Shaughnessy, treasurer; Dr. Chas. O'Connor, medical examiner; Messrs. F. Loye, M. M. J. Flannagan, and P. Howard, trustees; T. J. Holland, past chief ranger.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

St. Anthony's Court, No. 126, Catholic Order of Foresters, has elected the following officers for the ensuing term:—M. J. Walsh, chief ranger; Jas. Daly, vice-chief ranger; T. C. Kelly, recording secretary; J. Pierson, financial secretary; W. J. O'Connell, treasurer. Trustees.—H. Pierson, H. T. Dechene, M. Toner. Dr. F. J. Hackett, medical examiner and Court physician; M. J. Walsh, delegate to Provincial Court; Wm. Flanagan, alternate.

ST. MARY'S COURT.

The election of officers for the ensuing year of the above popular court took place on Thursday evening and resulted as follows:—Chief ranger, Bro. James Morley; vice chief, Bro. M. Dunn; recording secretary, Bro. P. J. Sexton; financial secretary, Bro. Wm. J. Coughlin; treasurer (by acclamation), Bro. G. Armand; medical examiner (by acclamation), Dr. E. J. Kennedy; trustees, Bros. Charbonneau, Doonan and Frawley; delegate to provincial court, Bro. J. J. Ryan (by acclamation); alternate, Bro. J. Morley. The installation of the above officers will take place on the 2nd May.

GRAND CONCERT

BY THE PUPILS OF THE NAZARETH BLIND ASYLUM.

In the Monument National, on St. Lawrence Street, this evening, at eight o'clock, a grand Concert will be given by the clever pupils of the Nazareth Blind Asylum. Several prominent city musicians and vocalists will take part in the entertainment. Sir Donald Smith has kindly donated thirty dollars to the object of the Concert. If there is a charity to be recommended it surely is one in favor of those poor children of misfortune who are deprived of the great blessing of sight. We trust that the success of the Concert will be equal to those of former years and that a large number of our citizens will avail themselves of the occasion to do a good deed and to enjoy, at the same time, a most artistic and charming entertainment.

Rice imported from Japan is being sold in Savannah, Ga., at two cents a pound, exclusive of duty. The rice-growers of Georgia are uneasy at the success of the importation.

ST. MARY'S TOMBOLA.

THE REAL EVENT OF THE COMING SEASON.

The successful Fair that the parishioners are holding, for the benefit of the poor of that splendid parish, reminds us of the great and important drawing of prizes that is to take place in the early part of the summer in St. Mary's parish. Numerous, costly, attractive, useful and appropriate are the donations that have been, and are still being, received for that Tombola. The tickets are certainly at a very low figure. Only one dollar for a book of five tickets. It was intended holding the Tombola in May, but owing to the number and value of the fresh donations coming in, and the daily increasing sale and wide circulation of the tickets, it has been wisely decided to postpone the final drawing until the month of June. The exact date will be given in our columns in due time. Meanwhile, and until further orders, the managers of the Tombola, including the Reverend pastor and his able assistant, will be prepared to receive any further contributions in the way of prizes to be drawn for. It would pay every citizen who can afford it—and almost everyone can—to secure a book of tickets. For one dollar there is a chance of winning some most valuable presents—all along from five dollars worth up to a hundred and more. We make special mention of this Tombola, because it is really one of the best, as far as prizes go, that any of our citizens have ever known. Besides, the object is one that must of itself command the attention of all who have at heart the sacred cause of religion and the welfare of souls. As matters now stand it looks like a most splendid success. But we would advise all to secure their tickets as early as possible, for when the event is passed many will regret that they did not take advantage of the chance to do a good work and to secure a most valuable prize.

THE POPE'S APOSTOLIC LETTER

TO THE ENGLISH PEOPLE.

LONDON, April 20.—The Times has the English text of the Pope's recent apostolic letter to the English people. The letter fills three columns. In it the Pope said he greatly desired to address to the English people a special letter and thus give them a token of his sincere affection. He wished keenly that some effort of his might tend to further the great work of bringing about the union of Christendom. The letter then cites historical evidence of the love and care shown by the Pontiffs for England since Gregory the Great, and alludes to the exertions made by England for the solution of the labor question, for religious education, for charitable objects, for the observance of Sunday and for respect of the Scriptures. It says that man's labor cannot attain to full efficacy without the appeal to God in prayer and the divine blessing. It dwells upon the increasing need of the unity of Christians as the best means of defence against modern errors. It speaks with satisfaction of the increasing number of these religious and discreet men, who labor sincerely for re-union with the Catholic Church. The Pope wrote that, with a loving heart, he turned to all and every community in England, desiring to recall to them this holy unity. He would invoke the assistance of the Catholics of England, Saints Gregory, Augustine, Peter and George, and above all Mary the Mother of Jesus. Three hundred days' indulgence is granted to all those piously reciting the prayer with which the letter ends.

BIG PRICES FOR COINS AND MEDALS.

The collection of Canadian coins and medals of Gerald E. Hart, of Montreal, was sold by auction in New York last Saturday. It will be of interest to our readers to learn of the prices realized by some of our coins and medals. The Bank of Montreal side view halfpenny of 1889 sold for \$11.25 and the penny of the same issue \$27.50. A variety of the "Un Sou" tokens sold for \$30 and two other varieties of the same series \$16 and \$10.50. The Prince Edward Island halfpenny sheaf of wheat of 1840 sold at \$15.75, the New Brunswick McDermott token \$15, the Hunterstown token \$22, a variety of the White farthing \$15.50, and a large quantity sold at prices ranging from \$1 to \$10 apiece. Amongst the

medals, the Oswego sold at \$20.50. Three Indian medals from George III. sold for \$69, \$56 and \$83.50, and another from Victoria at \$94. The Chateaugay medals went as high as \$45, \$47 and \$54. The result was very satisfactory, the total amount realized being over \$4,000. The largest part was bought by United States collectors, who appreciate our coins and medals; from the prices realized at this sale it is inferred the demand for our coins will be great, and probably when Montreal will think of getting a collection for a museum it will be too late as the strangers are buying every Canadian collection they can get and only a few are left in Canada.

A REMOVAL.

For a long time the popular establishment of Messrs. R. Ducloux & Co. has been the centre of attraction for the ladies of Montreal. The familiar stand at 2001-2005 Notre Dame street, will be doubly attractive during the present week. Previous to removing to their new premises, at 2017 Notre Dame street, near Chaboillez Square, the members of the firm are selling off the balance of their dry goods stock, purchased at fifty cents on the dollar. If heretofore the business done by this house has been so marked and the public has been so thoroughly satisfied both with the attendance and the prices, as well as with the quality of the goods sold, certainly during this period of reduced prices the old stand will be entirely cleared out before the firm opens its new store. We heartily wish them every success.

Cardinal Bourret and other writers have collaborated in the composition of a historical study called "The Vatican, the Popes and Civilization." It is a history of the Papacy in reference to its work in the evangelization of the human race and the development of the arts and sciences.

Charles Heathorn, who sued the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, in Cleveland, Ohio, for \$100,000 for the loss of both legs and an arm in a collision in Indiana was awarded \$30,000 by the jury on Saturday.

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