

Robinson, president of the Harbour Commission; G. A. Drummond, Hugh McLeannan, Sir Donald Smith, Thomas Workman, Edward Murphy, and several others, and a committee was appointed to wait on the gentlemen nominated and get their consent to stand, to report to a future meeting. The general feeling is that no opposition will be given to whoever is nominated by the English speaking citizens. The retiring mayor, Mr. Beauregard, has promised his earnest support to an English candidate as his successor.

Here we have the French majority actually begging the English-speaking minority to put one of its representative men into the Mayor's chair for 1887-8. The minority, however, cannot, it is said, agree. Why not? We propose, without disrespect to that minority, to give our view of the cause of disagreement. The English-speaking minority consists, as we have said, of about 65,000 souls, 35,000 being Protestants, and 30,000 Catholics, principally of Irish origin. The trouble in great part with the minority is that the Protestant portion of Montreal's English-speaking population will not take the Irish Catholics into confidence. They are, if possible, more hostile to them than to the French majority. Then there is a ruling element in the Protestant minority, a sort of Family Compact arrangement whereby those who politically do not see with it eyes are ostracized, eliminated and condemned. Hence, division, disintegration and demoralization in the ranks of the tender and petted minority. One of a minority ourselves, we have the very kindest feeling towards the minority in the Province of Quebec, but that minority has been in its days too overbearing and intolerant to call for consideration now-days because of its own fairness in the past. At the present moment we find its so-called representative men in Montreal scuffling away a splendid chance of putting an English speaking Mayor in the civic chair. Little difficulty would be felt in the matter if an arrangement were entered into, and observed after being entered into, whereby the English speaking Catholics as well as the English speaking Protestants might have a share of the good things going to the minority. Till this is done, till the Protestant majority of the minority learn to understand that there are other uses for Irish Catholics besides fighting the French at their bidding, Montreal will have French rule in abundance and superabundance.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.

PARISH OF WOODLEE.

The Rev. Father Cummins, who for such a length of time filled so ably the position of pastor of the parish of Woodlee, preached his valedictory to his parishioners on last Sunday. The Rev. gentleman goes to take charge of the mission of Bismarck, Dunwich and Wardville. To those who know the high place which his reverence held in the estimation of his parishioners it is needless to state that the announcement of his intended departure was received with much sorrow.

After Mass a deputation of his former parishioners waited on him, and presented him with an address and a purse containing about \$100.

The following is a copy of the address:

REV. AND DEAR SIR:—We, the undersigned, in behalf of the people of the parish of Woodlee, amongst whom you have labored so long and so faithfully, desire to approach you on this, the eve of your departure, to thank you most sincerely, in the name of all, for the kind, self-sacrificing and zealous manner in which you discharged the manifold duties of your sacred office during the years that you were our parish priest. Indeed, Rev. and dear sir, the intelligence on last Sunday that the bonds so long existing between pastor and people were about to be severed, caused to vibrate the tenderest cords in the hearts of your many hearers, all feeling that they would soon number amongst the absent one to whom they were so forcibly drawn by the golden chains which bind the people to a kind and self-sacrificing pastor. But to none did the feelings of gratitude make stronger appeals than those of your flock who were called during your ministration, to mourn the loss of a dear departed friend. They knew best whose sympathetic heart felt for them in their sorrow, whose kind voice taught the poor sufferer on the bed of sickness to hear with Christian fortitude this last and most terrible trial; and whose kind hand administered the last solemn rites of Our Holy Mother the Church, which brought such sweet consolation to the dear departing soul. Our children, too, were marked objects of your attention. On them you lavishly bestowed attentions, not only instructing them in the sublime truths of our holy religion, but also in teaching them the duties they owe to God, to themselves and to their neighbors. We trust that with divine assistance the good seed sown by your hand has not fallen on barren soil, but will flourish and bring forth fruit an hundred fold, and that those children will continue to cherish the fondest recollections of one who deserves to be remembered by them with hearts overflowing with gratitude. Our church property, too, has undergone at your hands improvements which add much to its beauty and usefulness, and although these improvements necessitated the expenditure of a large sum of money, to your credit as a financier, it must be said, that all obligations contracted by you in connection with this laudable work were attended to at maturity, and that from funds acquired in ways which made the burdens exceedingly light on your parishioners. And now, Rev. and dear sir, we conclude with expressing a hope that your great mantle of charity

will obscure from your view all our shortcomings, and that notwithstanding the fact that our waywardness must have at times brought sorrow to your tender heart, you will in your charity give us a place in your memory at all times, but especially as we desire you to remember us in your prayers.

In token of gratitude, please accept this little present, accompanied by our fondest wish that God will bestow upon you his choicest blessings in your new field of labor.

Signed on behalf of the people of Woodlee parish, this 23rd day of January, 1887.

FRANCIS FUERTS, PATRICK MURPHY, PATRICK STONE, BERNARD MORAN, HUGH McPHARLIN, JAMES GRAHAM, M. McHUGH, JR.

The Rev. Father Cummins made a suitable reply, in the course of which he recapitulated his experience during the course of the four and one half years that he was pastor of Woodlee, and concluded with bespeaking for his successor, the Rev. Father McManus, of whom he spoke in the highest terms, a kind and hearty reception.

The children of Woodlee Separate School, as if determined not to be outdone by their elders in giving honor to whom honor is due, invited the Rev. Father Cummins to their school, and there presented him with a nice address and a very handsome silver tea-set. The following is a copy of their address.

REV. AND DEAR FATHER.—We, the children of Woodlee parish, have learned with the greatest sorrow of your intended departure from our midst to another field of labor. We cannot allow you to leave without expressing our heartfelt gratitude for the fatherly interest you have always manifested in us, and the great care you have taken of our spiritual welfare. Please accept as a slight token of our gratitude and love this small present, and with it accept our earnest wishes for your future happiness and success. Signed in behalf of the children, RICHARD LAMBERT, JOSEPH FUERTS, TILLER HOGAN, ANNIE GAUGHAN.

Woodlee, Jan. 25th, 1887.

This manifestation of gratitude on the part of the children must have been gratifying in a special manner to one who was so tenderly attached to them; and who labored so hard in their behalf as did the Rev. Father Cummins.

Later a number of priests from the neighboring parishes called on the Rev. Father Cummins to bid him good-bye; and as a souvenir of the kindly feeling which they entertained for him, presented him with a handsome gold-headed cane.

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

His Lordship the Bishop of London is announced to lecture on next Sunday evening in the Cathedral for the benefit of the poor under the care of St. Vincent de Paul's Society. The subject of the lecture will be "Catholic Worship and the Fine Arts." In this connection we have pleasure in laying before our readers the last annual report of this most deserving and praiseworthy society.

Report of the Conference of Our Lady of London for the year ending December 31st, 1886.

The Council meets on Sunday of each week, at one o'clock p.m., in St. Peter's School House.

COUNCIL OF THE CONFERENCE.

Spiritual Director—Right Rev. John Walsh.

President—T. J. O'Meara.

First Vice-President—M. Gould.

Second Vice-Pres.—John A. Miller.

Secretary—C. G. Wright.

Treasurer—John Denaby.

MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

Members on Roll at last Report.....31

admitted during the year.....1

deceased, President John Wright.....1

now on roll.....31

Average attendance at meetings.....13

Subscribers.....6

WORKS OF THE CONFERENCE.

Families relieved at date of last Report.....8

Number of families relieved during the year.....154

Number of persons comprising said families, adults, 168; children, 185.....

Number of families now relieved.....8

persons comprising these families, adults 8; children, 17.....

Number of visits made.....205

sick visited.....20

dying assisted and consoled.....1

Meetings held during year.....52

RECEIPTS.

Collection, weekly meetings.....\$95.13

Donations.....36.60

Total.....\$131.73

EXPENDITURES.

2336 lbs of Bread.....\$73.35

500 lbs Flour.....10.00

100 lbs Meat.....15.00

Clothing, Boots and Shoes.....10.00

Groceries.....42.00

Fuel.....8.00

Patronage of Schools.....11.00

Money.....15.00

Rent and Board.....10.00

General Expenses.....9.15

Total.....\$198.00

SUMMARY.

Balance on hand last Report.....\$121.83

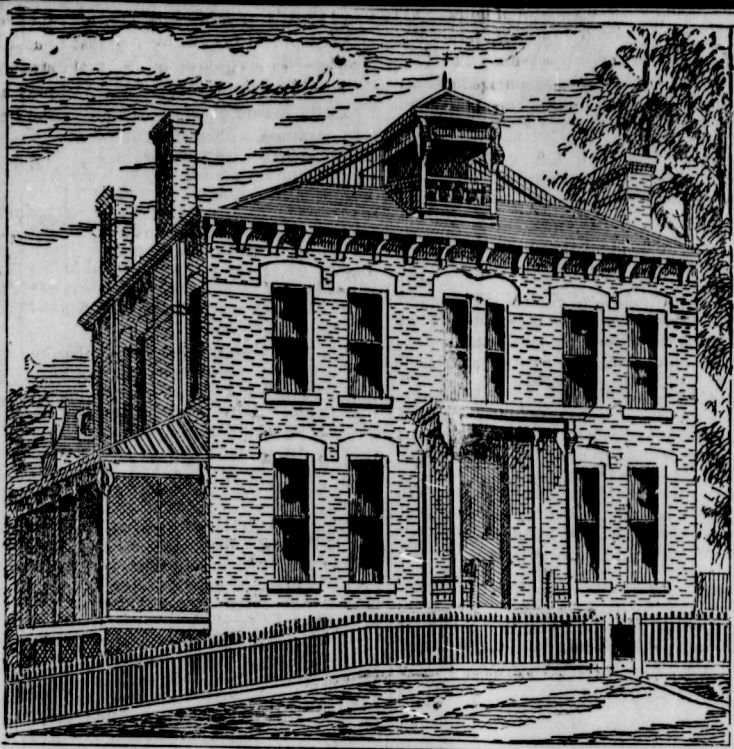
Receipts during the year.....131.73

Total.....\$253.56

Expenditures.....198.00

Balance on hand.....\$55.56

Rev. Father Antonucci, who has been laboring zealously among the Chinese in San Francisco for some time, and who speaks Chinese just like a native, is about to erect a building on Jackson street which will comprise a chapel, school and pastoral residence. There are several Chinese in that city who are good practical Catholics, and the devoted father in charge of this work thinks that when better facilities are afforded them many more converts will be received into the Church.



OPENING OF THE NEW CONVENT, TRENTON.

On Sunday last, before high mass, His Lordship the Bishop of Kingston solemnly blessed the new convent adjoining the Catholic church, and the Sisters who came from Villa Marie to teach the children in attendance in the Separate School. The convent was erected during 1885 at a cost of \$7,000. It is built of red brick, with sandstone ornaments, is 40 feet by 62 feet, 2½ stories high. It is well furnished in the interior, and is heated by hot air. The building is in every way suitable for the purposes for which it is intended, and is a credit to the town. After communion the reception committee stepped inside the sanctuary and read the following address to His Lordship:

To the Rev. James Vincent Cleary, S. T. D., Bishop of Kingston:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP,—

On behalf of the Congregation of St. Peter in Chains we extend to your Lordship a most cordial welcome to Trenton.

Always delighted to have your Lordship in our midst, your presence on our altar to-day fills our hearts with joy. On former visits your Lordship frequently assured us of your great love for your Trenton flock. Ample proof indeed, have we on the present occasion of the tender solicitude your Lordship has for us. In the ceremony about to be performed a great blessing will be conferred on the parish, for which we are all profoundly grateful.

The opening of the New Convent means much for this congregation. Ever since the Separate School became a living institution in the parish it has been the sole desire of its supporters to make it worthy of the great work expected to be done. A wide field it has in the shaping of the future of the young minds seeking knowledge within its precincts—and in imparting that knowledge it has always been the aim of those having special supervision of the work to see that while the mind was being stored, the heart should not be overlooked.

We are gratified to know that the labor honestly performed is about to be rewarded; that your Lordship appreciating the honest efforts being put forth in the cause of Catholic education, is about to strengthen our hands by sending into our schools holy women whose lives are devoted to the instruction of Catholic youth. Words cannot express our feeling of gratitude for this touching evidence of the deep interest taken in us by your Lordship. Our steadfast devotion to your Lordship will show how much we realize the benefits that will flow from the presence of the Reverend Sisters who have come to form a new and renowned institution, Villa Marie, to take charge of our little ones. We know that the example of their lives will influence young and old for good.

But the great boon conferred on us this day is not a matter of surprise to those at all conversant with your Lordship's past life. Long before departing from the island of Saints Your Lordship had become distinguished as a friend of the oppressed, and in coming to a new sphere of labor Your Lordship brought with him a Bishop who glories in performing a round of duties with the object of opening up new parishes, sending faithful priests to tenderly care for Catholics in distant parts of the diocese and making our schools real halls of learning and piety. But prouder still are we to have a Bishop who is ever ready to buckle on his armor and as a true champion defend the rights secured to Catholic parents by the constitution. Our children must receive an education that will fill their minds with Catholic principles, that will instill into their hearts the love of God.

The lambs must be protected from the fierce attacks of the wolves, who instead would give them a Godless education. So long as we have such faithful sentinels on the watch tower as your Lordship we fear nothing. Long may our Bishop be spared to defend our rights by voice and pen.

Through your Lordship we desire to bid kindly welcome to the good Sisters who, through a sense of duty have cast their lot with us, for the performance of a holy work for us and ours. We can assure your Lordship that we shall do all in our power to make them happy and contented, which we are sure can be done by faithfully supporting them in the task before them; by humbly endeavoring to profit by the every day examples which their lives will afford us.

We cannot close this address without bearing a tribute of praise to our zealous and beloved pastor who has, since assuming charge of the parish, worked so earnestly and so successfully for the advancement of our interests. The many evidences of that labor, to be seen on all sides, are the result of the indefatigable efforts put forth by him for his people.

In conclusion we beg to assure your Lordship of the love we bear your Lordship's person and to ask Almighty God to bless this diocese by giving us devoted Bishop many years of health and usefulness in order that the great work of the past six years may be continued.

St. Peter in Chains, Jan. 23, 1887.

His Lordship preached one of his most eloquent and logical discourses, basing his remarks on 1st Matthew, 28th chap. 18th verse, "All power is given to me in heaven and on earth, going therefore teach all nations," etc. It would be impossible to give anything like an adequate synopsis of his learned and profound exposition of this text. Suffice it to say that everyone of his hearers left the sacred edifice thoroughly convinced of the truth and beauty of the lessons inculcated therein. During his sermon the Bishop referred in eloquent terms to the nature and necessity of a sound and religious education for the young. His description of the dignity of the Catholic religion was truly grand, and our only regret is that we cannot reproduce it in the very words of His Lordship for the benefit of our readers.

The Rev. pastor, Father Walsh, and the Catholics of Trenton have every reason to congratulate themselves on the beautiful ceremony of Sunday last, and they have doubly reason to congratulate themselves on having such a profound scholar and estimable gentleman for their Bishop as is Dr. Cleary. After the celebration of mass His Lordship took occasion to return thanks to the choir for the beautiful music furnished. It was led by Prof. Deny, of Belleville; Prof. Monk, Toronto, 1st violin; Brown, Ottawa, 2nd violin; and Henry, baritone. Mr. Murdoch, of Belleville, baritone. Mr. Murdoch, of Belleville, baritone. Mr. Murdoch, of Belleville, baritone.

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RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1885.....\$ 0 60

Government grant.....178 00

City and Township taxes.....979 00

All other sources.....491 39

Total.....\$1,649 72

EXPENSES.

Teachers salaries.....\$1,100 00

Loan repaid.....150 00

All other expenses.....358 59

Balance on hand.....\$1,608 59

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WEDDING BELLS.

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critic writes of it as good in thought, in sentiment, and in language. Price \$1.25. New York: Benziger Brothers.

CHARITY CONCERT.

On the 16th inst., in Victoria Hall, in this city, a charity concert will be given under the auspices of the Children of Mary. Very many deserving poor are now in great need of assistance and we hope the charitably disposed will contribute to make the entertainment a financial success. Vocalists of great merit from Toronto and Windsor, as well as our best local talent, have promised to lend their assistance, and we doubt not the concert will be one of the best of the season. Next week we will publish the programme. Tickets 25 cts., reserved seats, 35 cts.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Charles McLoughlin, who died in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Sunday, 9th Jan., of heart disease, was the fourth son of the late Francis McLoughlin, of Monroville, County of Simcoe. Educated in St. Michaels College, Toronto, he removed to Brooklyn about twenty years ago and has for the past twelve years filled the important position of Public School Principal in that city. From the Brooklyn Eagle of Jan. 18th we clip the following:

"The Principal's Association of the Brooklyn Public Schools met yesterday afternoon at the rooms of the Board of Education to take action on the death of School Principal Charles McLoughlin. Principal John Gallagher, of school No. 5, gave a brief sketch of the life of his deceased colleague and a just estimate of his character."

Superintendent Patterson said: "I feel called upon to say a word about one of the men who first extended to me a kindly hand in Brooklyn. I was impressed when I first met him, with his kind and generous nature. We have never one of us known him to fail to take the part of one of our Brooklyn schools who was over practically a section of our city representing 350,000 citizens. Hundreds of his pupils will hold him in kind remembrance. Mr. McLoughlin was always faithful as a Principal, faithful as a friend. He has gone to his reward." A number of other Principals paid glowing tributes to the many many qualities of the deceased Principal. The funeral which took place this afternoon was very largely attended, and the services of the Public School Principals attending in a body. The interment took place at the cemetery of the Holy Cross, Flatbush, where also repose the remains of an elder brother, Rev. F. T. McLoughlin."

[The deceased was a brother of our esteemed friend, R. J. McLoughlin, Esq., merchant, of Wallaceburg, to whom we tender our heartfelt condolences.]—Editor CATHOLIC RECORD.

BRANTFORD NOTES.

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RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

Hamilton, Jan. 25th, 1887.

At a meeting of the Hamilton branch of the League of the Cross held Tuesday evening, Jan. 18th, the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas, it has pleased the will of Almighty God to remove from our midst our esteemed Brother James McManus, who has been a faithful member of the Sodality ever since its inception, and who for many years previous was a devoted member of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society. Be it therefore

Resolved, That our deepest sympathy be conveyed to his family in their bereavement, and we fervently pray that our loving father may grant them the balm of sweet consolation and Christian resignation to bear the loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That this resolution be entered on the minute book of the sodality, that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased, and a copy to each of the daily papers, and one to the CATHOLIC RECORD of London for publication.

JOHN P. HENNESSY, Sec. L. of G.

DEAD BEAT SUBSCRIBERS.

Michigan Catholic.

A Catholic contemporary, the New York Tablet, recently printed the following reply to a letter from one of its subscribers: "It is our rule never to erase the name of a subscriber from our books until the subscription is paid up. In your case there is something so indescribably mean that it is almost with reluctance we withhold your full name. Twice within the past two years you have notified this office, over your own signature, to change the address of your paper, and now when a bill is presented you dishonestly assert your ignorance of its coming to your house. We venture to say that better men than you have left across the Canadian line, if often have we had occasion to make such a reply."

We have had the same experience ourselves. The man who would take a paper from the Post Office for years, and then, without sending the amount due, authorize the postmaster to mail a "Refusal" notice to the publisher, is either a very ignorant person, or a swindler, and in some cases both combined.

CONVERSION OF PAUL BERT.

Several newspapers have industriously denied the reported conversion back to the Catholic faith of Paul Bert. It would appear, however, to be a well demonstrated fact. The Paris correspondent of the Liverpool Catholic Times thus describes the wonderful miracle of grace:

"In closing an estimate of the career of the late Paul Bert, a few weeks ago, I ventured to use these words: On the eve of his departure from Tunkin, Paul Bert stated that he had resolved to leave his anti-religious fury behind him, since anti-clericalism, as Gambetta has said, is not an article of exportation. Let us hope that he spoke truly, that even at the last hour, when he realized how close he was advancing to the portals of eternity, a Merciful Creator vouchsafed to the unfortunate man the grace of sincere repentance. That hope has happily found its fruition."

The gratifying intelligence has been received here, from an absolutely authoritative source, that this bitter hater of the Church, this malignant reviler of the clergy, died a fervent Catholic, fortified by the last Sacraments. Mgr. Hudon, the new Bishop of Keew, has, in a letter to his Eminence Cardinal Guisot, Prefect of Propaganda, detailed the circumstances attending the miracle of grace of which he himself was a witness. "M. Paul Bert," writes his Lordship, "was present at my consecration, and he appeared to be under the influence of some deep emotion."

"When the ceremony was over he came into the sacristy and up to me, in these words, which I faithfully recorded: 'Allow me to offer you my resignation, in the name of France, and on my own personal behalf. At this solemn moment I recognize, tardily it may be, the devotion of those noble souls for whom I am a patriot and an identical term. Like St. Paul, I too, may find my way to Damascus.' 'But,' adds the Bishop, 'the conversion of the President (General) did not end there. Paul Bert

RECEIVED THE LAST SACRAMENTS

from the hands of the Abbe Devos, a Belgian priest. He was unable to receive the Viaticum on account of a difficulty in the process of deglutition; but he received Extreme Unction, and yielded up his spirit in the most pious dispositions. The Abbe Devos, mentioned in the dispatch, is probably Monseigneur de Vues, a member of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and a Vice-Legation in China. Every effort will, of course, be made by the Republican and infidel press, especially that portion of it which would control the of the Masonic cult, of which Paul Bert was a prominent member, to hush the matter up.

MADAME BERT A SCOTCH PROTESTANT.

From additional information which has come to hand, it appears that Madame Paul Bert, who is a Scotch Protestant, contemplated with feelings the reverse of sympathetic the change which came over her husband's mind;