

THE TRUE WITNESS office is removing to 27 St. Antoine street, where, after the 11th instant, orders as usual may be left for printing of all kinds.

Notes From Parishes

His Lordship Bishop Scollard, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, who had been a guest at St. Patrick's Presbytery for a couple of days, returned home last Friday.

His Grace Archbishop Gauthier, of Kingston, who was also a guest, was called away suddenly to attend the Bishop of Alexandria, who has been ill for some time past.

The regular monthly meeting of St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society will be held next Sunday afternoon at St. Patrick's Hall. First Communion for the children of the parish will be held on May 19th. In the evening Confirmation will be administered.

The ladies of the League of the Sacred Heart are working hard to make their annual pilgrimage to Lorette a success.

At the 7 o'clock Mass next Saturday morning, the children of St. Anthony's parish will make their first Communion. At 9 o'clock His Lordship Bishop Racicot will confer Confirmation.

At the high Mass next Sunday the devotions of the Forty Hours' take place.

His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, of Peterborough, accompanied by the Venerable Archdeacon Casey, who had been guests at St. Anthony's Presbytery while in the city attending the consecration of Bishop Racicot, returned home on Thursday.

Preparations are being made for the holding of a garden party next month.

Last Sunday was the 35th anniversary of the founding of St. Gabriel's parish, and the 10th of the opening of the new church. The parish, since its foundation, has grown strong. Well equipped schools for boys and girls, a large parochial hall, a beautiful church, and a magnificent presbytery bear ample testimony of its progress. Nor is this all. The parish is well to the fore in Society matters. Two total Abstinence societies, Catholic Order of Foresters, Hibernians, and the Ladies' Auxiliary in connection with the Hibernians, Catholic Mutual and Benefit Association, and the Young Men's Society lately organized, making a total of seven societies, provide for the wants of young and old. Under the genial and painstaking pastor, Father W. O'Meara, St. Gabriel's has prospered wonderfully. This week will see another step in beautifying the exterior of the church by the addition of stone steps. Next month a large garden party and cazotha will be held on the grounds at the back of the church to help defray the expenses of the steps. The affair will last several nights, and will be brought to a conclusion by a grand concert and farce in two acts to be given by the officers of the Juvenile Total Abstinence and Benefit Society.

The first Communion for the children of St. Michael's parish took place on Sunday morning at the 8.15 Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on Wednesday, May 17th.

Next Friday evening St. Ann's life and drum band will hold its annual entertainment at St. Ann's Hall. A choice programme of music has been prepared. A matinee will be given for the school children on Thursday afternoon.

St. Ann's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society will hold its regular monthly meeting next Sunday afternoon.

On Last Sunday evening, a very imposing ceremony took place at St. Ann's Church, when eighty members were enrolled in the Sodality of the Children of Mary. The sermon was preached by Rev. L. P. McGinnis, Verdon, who took for his text, "Hearken to thy mother." He divided his discourse into three points: the duties of a mother being to nourish, instruct and protect her children, which our Heavenly Mother was doing for all her children on this earth. After the sermon the new candidates were admitted into the Sodality by the director, Rev. Father Fortier, after which a procession took place round the church. The electric display at the main altar was gorgeous. Solemn Benediction

was imparted by Rev. Father Rioux, P.P., assisted by deacon and sub-deacon, during which the choir rendered a beautiful programme. The church was crowded to the doors.

A PUPIL OF MONTREAL COLLEGE AND GRAND SEMINARY APPOINTED MONSIGNOR.

Rev. James Lanagan, of the Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., has been appointed Monsignor. Right Rev. Mgr. Lanagan made his classical course at the Montreal College, and his philosophical and theological studies at the Grand Seminary, Sherbrooke street, under the direction of the Sulpician Fathers over forty years ago. Father Lanagan was ordained in 1870, and was appointed to St. Joseph's Cathedral, Buffalo, where he acted as secretary to the late Bishop Ryan. He was also director of ceremonies and choir master. In 1878, he was appointed, as irremovable pastor of St. Mary's Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y. For eighteen years, he labored in season and out of season for the spiritual and temporal welfare of his parishioners. Nor was his work in vain. To-day there stands as the fruits of his zeal and Apostolic labors, a magnificent parochial school building, and a church which he had beautified at considerable expense. In the meantime, the Vicar-General of the diocese was called to his reward, and Bishop Ryan in January, 1896, requested Father Lanagan to give up the pastorate of Niagara Falls, as he wished to make him Vicar-General. Father Lanagan acquiesced to the Bishop's wishes, and he bade farewell to the scene of his labors at Niagara Falls, where he had spent the best years of his life. He then took up his residence at Buffalo and in April, 1896, good Bishop Ryan was gathered unto his forefathers, and during the interregnum, Father Lanagan was appointed Administrator of the Diocese. When Bishop Quigley was appointed to succeed Bishop Ryan, Father Lanagan was appointed parish priest of St. Bridget's, succeeding Bishop Quigley as pastor. At present he is a member of the Bishop's Council, irremovable pastor of St. Bridget's Church, and a member of musical committee appointed by the Pope to examine the Masses and other selections sung at Divine services with the view of doing away with operatic music. Last Wednesday morning, Rev. Father Lanagan arrived in Montreal to assist at the consecration of Mgr. Racicot, who had been a classmate of his in the Seminary. Father Lanagan, who was a guest at St. Patrick's Presbytery, was agreeably surprised to find, when he arrived in the city, that there was a message from Bishop Colton, the present Bishop of Buffalo, saying that His Holiness Pope Pius X. had appointed him Monsignor. During his short stay here, he was visited by some of his former friends of Buffalo. On Thursday evening Mgr. Lanagan was a guest at the Montreal Seminary, where he was warmly welcomed, congratulated on his new dignity, and wished "ad multos Annos."

The new Monsignor is the real type of the American clergy, being possessed of charming manners, a fine physique and wonderful activity and energy. He left for Buffalo on last Friday evening. The True Witness wishes Monsignor Lanagan many years of joy, and hopes that still greater honors await him. The Sulpician Fathers are also to be congratulated on seeing two of their pupils raised to such ecclesiastical honors, Mgr. Racicot to be the first Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal, and Father Lanagan to be a Monsignor under Bishop Colton.

NUN'S GARB IN UNITED STATES

The decision of Judge Robson in the Lima school case, in which he denies the right of the Sisters to their salaries for work done in the public schools in pursuance of a contract with the trustees is causing much justly adverse criticism, says the New York Freeman's Journal. The Sisters did the work; that is not denied, nor is their competency denied. But they cannot collect their pay because while at work they wore a black dress and a peculiarly shaped, though modest, bonnet. This dress, called by the late lamented and limited minded State School Superintendent, one Skinner, a "religious garb," is the cause of the trouble. Or more correctly stated, the decision of the bigot Skinner, a self-constituted judge of the proper thing for women to wear in school, has caused the trouble by declaring that the wearing of the modest dress referred to brings in a religious influence and is practically equivalent

to teaching sectarian dogmas or tenets. Judge Robson, it appears, thinks Skinner's judgment as to the influence of women's wear on religious dogmas is ultimate, and that it is the business of the State Supreme Court to confirm it. True, the State and United States constitutions give the citizen the right to wear what he or she pleases, provided it is decent. But, as has been safely asked by some political philosopher, "What's the Constitution among friends?" It is probable that an answer will have to be given by a higher court, as the case will doubtless be appealed.

A PEACEFUL LIFE ENDED.

Mr. J. H. Murphy, of Thurso Passed Away to His Reward on the 11th ult.

(Special Correspondence to the True Witness.)

Mr. John H. Murphy, one of Thurso's oldest and most respected citizens, died on the 11th instant at the ripe age of seventy-seven years. After a short illness, borne with patience and fortitude, he peacefully breathed his last, surrounded by his friends and strengthened by the last rites of the church.

Born in the County Mayo, Ireland, deceased was only two years old when his parents emigrated to Canada and settled in St. Malachy, Que. His two surviving brothers reside in the United States: James, in Colorado, and Matthew at Eau Claire, Wis. He has three sisters living: Mrs. J. Gorman, Mrs. P. Gorman, of Buckingham, and Mrs. Thos. P. Maloney, of St. Malachy.

Married to Miss Mary Moore, Mr. John Murphy settled at Thurso, where he resided the last fifty-two years. Of nine children, six are still living to mourn their loss: Mrs. John Sheehan, of Buckingham; Mrs. R. A. O'Byrne and Mrs. Charles Lafontaine, of Rochland, Ont.; Mrs. Jno. E. Burke, Miss Bridget and Miss Ellen Murphy, of Thurso. Sociable, tolerant, hospitable, unassuming, charitable to the poor and compassionate to those who suffered, deceased has led a most exemplary life, characterized by all civic and Christian virtues, and well filled with good works. His friends were many, and his hospitality was sought, praised and gladly partaken of. Though jealous of his own rights, he was tolerant, and would deprive no one of what he claimed for himself. Unassuming, he led a most useful and meritorious life in the faithful discharge of his daily and ordinary duties. Faithful to his first Communion pledge, he never during his whole life tasted liquor of any kind. Aware of the mysteries of life, he set a just value upon the goods of this world, and he could be easily consoled for the loss of temporal goods, though he had worked hard to earn them. Twice his house and buildings were totally destroyed by cyclones. But the loss of his only son, Henry, a favored and promising young man, was a blow hard to bear to his fatherly heart; still a word of complaint was never uttered by his lips. No wonder his funeral cortege was the largest ever witnessed in Thurso. Representatives of nearly every family of Thurso, of St. Malachy, of Silver Creek, of Lochaber Bay and of the Gore of Lochaber came to pay their last tribute of esteem and respect to an upright citizen. The vast and beautiful parochial church was filled to its utmost capacity. The funeral service was sung by Rev. J. Chatelein, P.P. of Thurso, assisted by Rev. J. M. Gaalhan, P. O.M. of Ottawa, as deacon, and Rev. B. Ducharme, P.P. of East Templeton, as subdeacon.

Rev. Walter Cavanagh, P.P., of St. Malachy, assisted in the sanctuary. The impressive service was rendered with grand effect and the most imposing solemnity by a full choir.

Messrs. P. Cavan, J. Chatelein, D. Dwyer, J. Mahoney, A. McLean and T. Ryan acted as pall-bearers.

Deceased has left to the bereaved members of his highly esteemed family the grandest inheritance, a pure and virtuous life, a name unstained and ever respected. He has heard the sweet invitation of his heavenly Master: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, possess you the kingdom prepared for you." Math. xxv., 34. What source of comfort and consolation for his friends to know that he has gone to Him "who will render to every man according to his works, glory and honor and peace to every one that worketh good."

He is gone to that reward, a crown of justice reserved to those who have fought a good fight and have kept the faith.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE.

The annual pilgrimage for the English-speaking tertiaries will take place on June 13th, to Ste. Anne de Beaupre.

A HANDSOME BANNER.

Next Sunday afternoon at 2.30 a beautiful banner of the Immaculate Conception will be blessed and presented to the English-speaking lady tertiaries by Rev. Father Christopher, O.F.M. A full description of the banner, which is a work of art, will be given in next week's issue.

FEAST OF THE PATRONAGE OF ST. JOSEPH.

Next Sunday the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph will be celebrated in all the churches of the city. At the Franciscan Church, immediately after the High Mass, several postulants will receive the habit of the Order.

ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

The annual competitive examinations for the senior pupils attending the Catholic Commissioners' schools took place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. The following schools competed: Catholic Commercial Academy, Montcalm, Belmont, Sarsfield, Olier, Champplain and the Edward Murphy schools.

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

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Gabriel's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society took place last Sunday after high Mass. Mr. C. C. O'Rourke spoke on the necessity of the Society taking steps not to have any more licensed shops opened in St. Gabriel's Ward. The speaker referred to the fact that persons who were refused licenses in St. Ann's ward were allowed to open in St. Gabriel's. By a unanimous vote it was decided to petition the Government in order to have no more new licenses or transfers of licenses granted.

NEW GENERAL AGENT OF C.P.R.

Mr. Emile J. Hebert, formerly chief clerk of the passenger department of the C.P.R., now becomes general agent of the passenger department, with headquarters at Montreal. Mr. Hebert will assume general supervision of all the passenger traffic in the territory east of Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, and Sharnot Lake to Quebec and Lake Megantic. Mr. Hebert received the appointment as a reward for his untiring efforts and his loyal devotion to his work. The new general agent comes of what might be called a railway family, as at one time his father and five brothers were engaged in the business. Mr. Hebert was born in Montreal, June 18, 1864. He received his commercial education at the Christian Brothers' School, St. Henri, winning the gold medal in 1879. He entered the Grand Trunk as junior clerk, and filled several positions with the company until he became connected with the C.P.R., he being at one time private secretary to Mr. D. McNicoll, vice-president of the Company. Mr. Hebert is the first French-Canadian to attain such a high position in the Company's service.

ST. GABRIEL'S YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.

Sunday afternoon the above newly-formed organization held a largely attended meeting in the basement hall of the church. At this meeting was held the election of officers, and the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year:

- Spiritual Director.—Rev. W. O'Meara, P.P.
- Hon. President.—P. Monahan.
- President.—W. Hennessey.
- 1st Vice-President.—B. Conroy.
- Treasurer.—T. P. Murphy.
- Recording Secretary.—Jos. T. McCarthy.
- Financial Secretary.—W. O'Boone.
- Librarian.—C. Collins.
- Marshal.—J. Deegan.
- Asst. Marshal.—J. P. Brennan.
- Councillors.—T. W. Kane, T. Hickey, M. McCarthy, W. Reynolds, P. Dwyer, L. J. Conroy, D. McCrory.

At the close of the election, the newly elected officers, in brief and well chosen addresses, thanked the many members present for the honor bestowed upon them. One and all were eloquent in expressing their earnest desires for the future success and prosperity of the society. But they were aware that this success could only be attained by Christian fortitude, a strict adherence to the rules set down, a full knowledge of the noble work they had pledged

themselves to perform, and, moreover, were fully determined to overcome the many obstacles that should present themselves. That all present were in unison with the worthy sentiments expressed by their officers was amply shown by the zeal and enthusiasm displayed throughout the meeting. A motion to adjourn then brought to a successful close the first regular meeting of this young organization.

NUN AS COURT OFFICER.

Sister Mary Xavier, of the House of Mercy, at Madison avenue and Eighty-first street, New York, who visits the district prisons, the penitentiary and Sing Sing prison, went to the Yorkville Police Court yesterday and asked Magistrate Pool to discharge a man he had committed to the workhouse for disorderly conduct. She said she had obtained employment for him in the country and saw a chance for his reformation.

"I have heard of your work among the prisoners, Sister, and I commend it. Suppose I appoint you a probationary officer of the court without salary. Would that help you in your work?" asked the Magistrate. "Yes, your Honor, it would help me, but I must consult my superiors as I cannot accept such an appointment without their approval," she replied.

The Magistrate told her to let him know if she obtained the necessary consent, and said he would investigate the case of the man she wanted discharged.

Sister Mary Xavier has been working among prisoners for several years. If she is appointed a probation officer it will be the first time a member of a Catholic Sisterhood has held such a position.

THE GLORY OF CERVANTES.

"Next month all Spain will celebrate with many a festival, the life of Cervantes, the soldier and poet, and the greatest prose writer of her golden age, the author of that saddest and sweetest of books 'Don Quixote,' says the Mexican Herald.

"The Spanish Academy will distribute gratis among the people 60,000 copies of a specially prepared edition of the book, a most fitting means of keeping alive the memory of the great master of the 'novel of manners and customs,' for such is 'Don Quixote.' Into that book the old soldier, the ransomed captive of the Moors in Barbary, threw, with a generous hand, his life's rich and varied experiences. It is packed full of his wit and wisdom. No man can read it without rising from its perusal more charitable in his judgment of his fellows, and surely he will find in it consolation for life's buffets.

"Cervantes, as we of this materialistic and brazen age would judge him, was a failure. His services to his country were not rewarded; during the whole of his life he was poor and struggling with adverse fortunes; as a collector of the king's taxes, he was held technically responsible for an embezzlement committed by an agent to whom he had entrusted public funds, and so he was in and out of prison, on that account, for many years.

"The heroic soldier of Lepanto had to drink the bitterest wine that stern Destiny may hand to mortal. But he kept his sweetness of temper, and judged men not sourly, but genially. He knew all the sorrows of poverty, the sneers of the prosperous fat-witted, the scorn of petty minds, and there even was an enemy ready to flinch from him his literary fame. Fate spared Miguel de Cervantes nothing that could warp and embitter a human soul. Yet he retained his love of the best in mankind, and learned to view his own career of worldly failure with a detached mind.

"But this man of failure is, in reality, dazzlingly successful. He stands in men's minds by the side of Shakespeare; his masterpiece has been translated into many languages, and his wit and wisdom have become part of all humanity's intellectual furnishings. The centuries, passing, find the man who was jeered at as a failure one of those immortals who adorn the annals of our race. There are kings of Spain less known; there are great warriors of Spain, whose name is mouldering while that of Cervantes lives on. So Time, apparently most unjust, brings the enduring reward."

The Rt. Rev. Jose M. Ignace Montes de Oca y Obregon, D.D., Bishop of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, who is now in Europe, will deliver the panegyric on Cervantes at the celebration to be held in Spain.

Flattery is the politeness of contempt.—Spalding.

FAIRPLAY DEMANDED.

(To the Editor of the True Witness.)

Sir,—Toronto has been before the public for some time as a hotbed of bigotry and intolerance. Without disputing that point, I would like, Mr. Editor, to call your attention to a flagrant example of this self-same bigotry which exists right at your own doors, and a question which no Montreal Catholic has as yet thought worth while to handle. We are all aware of the immense amount of money handled annually by the Allan Line, forty to fifty thousand of the people of our Dominion availing themselves of their vessels for extensive ocean travel—a good percentage being Catholic. The rule existing heretofore was that the proceeds of concerts held on board of the outward trip were donated to the sailors clubs of Montreal—one-third to the Catholic Sailors' Club, two-third to the Montreal Sailors' Institute. Rather a bad division. But last year they went one better, for not even this one-third was contributed to the Catholic Sailors' Club. Instead, a large portion was sent home to Liverpool, the balance going to the Montreal Sailors' Institute. Now, the very latest thing is an item to the effect that the new turbine steamer "Victorian" will be open to the public on Wednesday on a payment of 25 cents, "the entire proceeds to be divided equally between the Montreal General Hospital and the Montreal Sailors' Institute." Why, in the name of justice, should the Catholic Sailors' Club be discriminated against? We all know the grand work it has done and of the time and money contributed by noble spirited men to make it a welcome haven to the Catholic seamen coming to port. I am an old Montrealer, and as such keep in touch with its affairs, more especially those affecting my co-religionists, and the solving of the above problem has been the burden of my thoughts for some time. Means should be found to have this state of affairs adjusted, the sooner the better. My idea, Mr. Editor, would be that Montreal Catholics should think twice before engaging passage on an Allan liner. The Allan line means for distributing their money otherwise than is just, so therefore there are other lines to travel by than the Allan.

EQUAL RIGHTS.
Toronto, May 9, 1905.

False Charges Against Jesuits.

From Brussels comes the news that the large chapel on the Koksberg Hill, which is to be the provincial Basilica, in imitation of the Sacre-Coeur of Montmartre, was opened with great ceremony last week. There is a large convent of nuns of the Sacre-Coeur near by. Cardinal Goossens, Archbishop of Malines, or Mechlin, and Primate of Belgium, attended and preached a short sermon. His Eminence was met at the chapel by Father Delouche, Provincial of the Oblates, who are to have charge of the Brussels Basilica, and M. Dalemagne, of the Chamber of Representatives. Anyone who is interested in the Jesuits can only hope that their defence by one of themselves, Father Hippolyte Leroy, will be printed and sold to the public. Father Leroy, formerly of the Jesuit House, Rue de Sevres, and now in Brussels, delivered his address at a meeting recently held in Paris. He spoke on the "Black Pope," otherwise the General of the Jesuits. Father Leroy examined all the charges, ancient and modern, brought against the company, how the Black Pope controlled the White one, how the Jesuits were greedy of domination, how they disdained other Orders, how they condemned Archbishop Ireland and "Americanism," and so on. Father Leroy showed that all this was egregiously false, that the Jesuits were always submissive, that the Sovereign Pontiffs never complained of their domination, that Clement XIV. was only turned against them by Masonic statements of Paris, Madrid, Naples and Lisbon, that many of the greatest prelates praised them. Finally, the learned Jesuit eloquently maintained his right to defend his Order against the vehement and virulent attacks of its modern enemies.

CENSURES RHETORICAL DISPLAY.

In receiving sixty Lenten preachers at the Vatican recently, the Holy Father stringently enjoined them to abstain from effusive displays of rhetoric and also from introducing polemical or political topics in the Roman pulpits.