

THE LATE SISTER STE ALDEGONDE.

A SHORT SKETCH OF A MOST MERITORIOUS LIFE.

Last week we gave a short account of the funeral of the late Sister Ste. Aldegonde, of the Congregation de Notre Dame, which took place at the old Mother House, St. Jean Baptiste street. Rev. Father Thibeault, chaplain of the Congregation, officiated, assisted by Father Quinlivan, parish priest of St. Patrick's; Father Toupin, of St. Patrick's; Father Loneragan, of St. Bridget's, and Father Lamarche, chaplain of Ville Marie. The interment took place in the vault of the Church of Notre Dame de Pitie. The deceased lady entered the institution thirty-eight years ago. Her maiden name was Mary S. Murphy, sister of Rev. John Marie Murphy of the Trappist Monastery, Oka, the Murphy Bros., Montreal, and Mr. J. B. Murphy, of Kingston, Ont. She was born here in 1835, and took holy orders at the age of twenty years. The sad event of this good and venerable Sister's death took place at twenty minutes past two o'clock on the morning of the 27th January last. She was fifty-eight years, nine months and nineteen days of age. Of this lease of life thirty-eight years and seventeen days were spent in the community, of which she was a member. Her departure for heaven took place upon the eve of Ste. Aldegonde's feast; it would seem as if her patron saint had come for her expressly that they might spend that festive day together in heaven. During her long religious life she occupied various important positions, notably superioress at Stanstead, Brockville, Peterboro, and also acted as assistant to the Superioress at Mount St. Mary's Convent, Montreal. Only ten days before her death, she returned to Montreal from Providence, R. I., where she filled the duties of superioress. Her request was that she should die in Montreal. Thousands of former pupils who received their education under her direction will hold her in loving memory.

As a religious, this most exemplary lady was remarkable for a fervent and unostentatious piety and a great love for the holy rules of the community. She possessed in a marked degree all those virtues and qualities which go to form the perfect model on earth. Of an amiable character and a sweet light-heartedness, she knew the secret of pleasing those sisters who ever found in her a companion the most charming and edifying. As a Superioress she was simply a fond, tender-hearted and indulgent mother. Truly was she worthy of the venerable Marguerite Bourgeoys, the reverend foundress of the order, and in her death the Congregation de Notre Dame loses a most precious member.

There are certain lives which are so complete that even they rob the world of any power to eulogize them. But that child-like humility that marked the career of Sister Ste. Aldegonde can no longer be shocked, and we feel that—for the glory of God—her bright spirit will smile upon our feeble attempt to do justice to so many virtues and so much merit. As far as the world is concerned, she left but few foot-prints in the dust of its highway! she was in the full bloom of youth and in all the promise of a brilliant future when she stepped aside from the thronged road and accepted the path of sacrifice and devotion. Every hour in the life of such a religious could furnish material for a grand sermon; but it is impossible for a profane pen to picture the joys and troubles, the smiles and tears, the sacrifices and labors that are crowded into thirty-eight years of community life—thirty-eight years offered upon the shrine of religion. But that entire career is a study for the world, and truly can we apply to the good nun departed those touching words of Gerald Griffin:

"Behold her, ye worldly! Behold her, ye vain!
Who shrink from the pathway of virtue and pain;
Who yield up to pleasure your nights and your days,
Forgetful of service, forgetful of praise.
Ye lazy philosophers—self-seeking men—
Ye frigid philanthropists, great with the pen,
How stands in the balance your eloquence weighed
With the life and the deeds of that high-born maid?"

Over such a grave we can only express our sincere sympathy for her relatives and friends in the world and her sisters in religion; as to the departed one, whose soul is in the full enjoyment of a

glorious reward, we can but say, "May she rest in peace," and may she secure from God, for each of us, the blessing of a death like hers.

REV. ABBE DE MONTIGNY.

SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF THE LENTEN PREACHER AT NOTRE DAME CHURCH.

Rev. Abbe de Montigny, titular canon of the Cathedral of Bordeaux and apostolic missionary, who is preaching the Lenten sermons at Notre Dame, commencing on Sunday last, reached Montreal last week from New York where he landed from the transatlantic steamer "La Bourgoyne" after a rough voyage. Rev. Abbe Colin, Superior of the Seminary, remained over in New York for a day or two. Rev. Abbe de Foville remained over in France for a time to visit his family. M. de Montigny, who is a distant relative of the Recorder is a most courteous gentleman and he has been hailed as a great preacher. Born in 1848, he is still in the prime of life. On the completion of his studies he entered the novitiate of the Jesuits at Bordeaux and subsequently became Vicar of several parishes in Bordeaux. In 1880, at the time of the expulsion of the Jesuits from France, he was Vicar of the Church of St. Paul. He was placed in charge of the College of Tivoli, and filled the position until the return of the Rev. Fathers, some eight years after. He then was promoted to the position of titular canon apostolic missionary, and was entrusted with preaching the Lenten and Advent seasons. The last retreat preached by him was in December last, at the Church of St. Louis des Français in Rome. He was greatly eulogized by the French press. On Thursday afternoon, in company with Rev. Abbe Marre, acting cure of Notre Dame, he waited on Archbishop Fabre and subsequently visited the Montreal College.

FUNERAL OF MR. CALLAHAN.

The funeral of the late Mr. T. F. Callahan, son of Mr. Felix Callahan, took place on Wednesday afternoon from the residence of his father, 55 University street, and was very largely attended by friends and acquaintances of the deceased. The principal mourners were: Felix Callahan, the father of the deceased, and his brothers, Messrs. Wm. H. Callahan, J. P. Callahan, Robert E. Callahan, Felix Callahan, jr., Joseph D. Callahan and Edward Callahan. Among the large number who walked in the funeral cortege were noticed:—Messrs. Jas. McShane, E. James, D. Tansey, R. J. Anderson, M. J. McGrail, W. H. Clancy, John Rafter, T. C. O'Brien, R. N. Morton, Frank Hart, Lawrence A. Wilson, C. A. McDonnell, D. McEntyre, M. M. Cloran, Andrew Finn, Wm. Keys, Frank Gormley, Wm. P. Kearney, J. White, James Cochrane, Bernard Tansey, E. H. Lemay, R. McGauvran, J. Gillespie, A. L. Smith, J. Johnson, Ed. Mansfield, M. J. McAndrew, ex-Ald. Conroy, W. McStave, Owen Tansey, J. D. White, E. Halley, P. Reynolds, J. B. Curtis, E. A. Gerth, P. O'Neil, Thos. Kearns, E. P. Ronayne, P. Kehoe, J. L. Jensen, W. Ryan, P. Kelly, Geo. A. Carpenter, C. A. French, M. Carroll, W. Mansfield, J. Beiser, J. Dion, T. J. Finn, F. Green, W. Cameron, J. McAndrew, E. Quinn, M. Sullivan, E. Ward, J. H. Ryan, P. J. Fogarty, R. V. Warren, P. McCaffrey, J. McLean, J. Kinsella, H. Dolan, Geo. Cline, J. A. McLeod, and J. Davidson. A special service was held at the cemetery at which Rev. Father Geoffrion, C.S.C., superior of the Notre Dame college, officiated, assisted by Rev. James Kelley, C.S.C., R. E. Callahan, brother of the deceased, and Messrs. P. McDonald and W. T. Meagher, of the St. Laurent and Notre Dame colleges.

"PETE" MURPHY'S BOOK.

The second edition of "Pete" Murphy's "Trip to Chicago" has appeared. It is a neat, handy little volume, and, like the author, both original and entertaining. Every one knows the prince of news-dealers; and anyone who does not happen to know the details of his life can find them in a cleverly written preface to the book. On his good old stand, at the corner of St. Francis Xavier and St. James streets "Pete" is to be found—in good weather and in bad—and he always has a supply on hand of his peculiarly amusing account of Chicago and the "World's Fair." As to the book itself you should read it; the price is only ten cents and you will get fully ten times

its worth of information from its pages. In spite of all the large and illustrated volumes that have been published concerning last summer's great event, still there is lots of material left for "Pete" to write about. In fact, his experiences there, the places he visited, the exceptional opportunities that he enjoyed, all render his account one outside the common, and certainly most instructive as well as amusing. The story is told in that plain but emphatic way in which "Pete" would relate it, were you to stop at the Post office corner and ask about his trip. There are many facts recorded in the little volume that even Mr. Stead would not be able to give, and which, had he a knowledge of them, would furnish him with subject-matter for one of his famous lectures. We wish both "Pete" and his literary enterprise all manner of success.

RELIGIOUS NEWS ITEMS.

Mgr. Salvati, Secretary of the Council, will become its Vice-Chamberlain.

Mgr. O'Connell, rector of the American College in Rome, is slightly indisposed.

It is stated that the Catholics of New England form 21 per cent of the population.

Foreign exchanges announce the death of Rev. Christopher Shaw, of Longwood, County Meath, Ireland.

Rev. Dr. Burtzell started from Rome for Palestine on Tuesday. He will return to this country via Rome.

Mgr. Satolli has informed the Purcell creditors that the congregation of the Propaganda can do nothing for them.

The Monastery of the Good Shepherd at Troy, N. Y., has received from the World's Fair commissioners a gold medal for being a model reformatory.

Father Lotz, of St. Francis de Sales' Church, St. Louis, will very soon begin the erection of a new church, as he has \$40,000 on hand for that purpose.

Bishop Horstmann has just completed a sixteen-months' tour of his diocese, during which time he confirmed 30,000 persons, 900 of whom were converts.

Most Rev. Hilderbrand de Hempline, primate of the Benedictine Order, has been appointed one of the consultors of the Sacred Congregation of Bishops and Regulars.

January 7 was the sixtieth anniversary of the birth of Bishop Marty, of the Sioux Falls Diocese. The occasion was marked by a meeting of priests and the presentation of a purse of gold.

The Papal Nuncio in Madrid, Mgr. Creponi, will not be elevated to the Cardinalate, despite the wishes of several Cardinals, who are anxious that he should enter the college.

Archbishop Satolli, Papal Delegate to the Church in the United States, will be elevated to the Cardinalate later. The Pope wishes him to remain in America for the present.

The famous abbey of the Premonstratensians of Frigolet, between Avignon and Tarascon, has been reopened. It was closed twelve years ago on the execution of the decrees for the expulsion of the religious.

Three clergymen of the Church of England went over to the Church of Rome in the course of one week of last month. Fourteen English clergymen have thus changed their Church since the judgment in the noted Lincoln case.

The Holy Father has sent a letter to

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Mrs. ELIZABETH J. BUSHAW, of Sidney, Ohio, writes: "My little boy was so afflicted with liver trouble and other diseases that our family physician said he could not live. In fact, they all thought so. I gave him Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Pellets and they saved his life. We have used the 'Discovery' for throat and bronchial trouble, and found such perfect relief that we can recommend it very highly."

Mgr. Perraud, Bishop of Autun, thanking him for his eloquent discourse on the authority of the Papacy. His Holiness emphasizes the necessity of France obeying his injunctions if she would escape grave impending perils.

The Nuncio Apostolic to Ecuador and Peru has suggested to these governments that the arbitration of the Supreme Pontiff should be resorted to for the settlement of the difficulties respecting the limits of the two countries. Peru has already accepted the offer.

Monsignor Satolli has written a letter to Rev. P. A. Bart, of Marshall, Mich., approving his course in advocating in the Catholic and secular press the holding of church property by trustees chosen by the clerical corporations, and opposing the plan of vesting the title to such property in the bishops.

Sister Stanislaus Marie, of the order of Notre Dame, Lowell, was buried from St. Patrick's Church, in that city, on Monday morning, January 22nd. The deceased Sister was a native of Nova Scotia. Her mother and brother reside in Boston.

Rev. James J. Thompson, pastor of the Sacred Heart at Taftville, Mass., died in Florida January 20th, aged forty-two. He has been in Taftville for ten years, and was greatly beloved by his people. He was formerly a curate at Danielsonville, Conn.

The Liverpool Catholic Times says that something on the lines of the Catholic Summer School might be done in England, and suggests that a small representative body of English Catholic professors and teachers attend the next session.

THE WORLD AROUND.

A fire at Prospect, O., Wednesday night, destroyed \$17,000 worth of property.

Over one hundred houses were destroyed recently by a fire in Jeremie, Hayti.

Count Herbert Bismark, it is said, is to be appointed German ambassador to Austria.

Photography in colors is said to have been successfully accomplished.

Dominican Fathers from New York are giving a mission at St. Mary's Church, Niagara Falls.

Edward Casey, one of the oldest undertakers in Chicago, died at his home. He was born in Ireland in 1813.

Fifty socialist members were recently ejected from the French Chamber of Deputies because they cheered for the commune.

At Youngstown, O., a bogus priest, giving the name of Jones, an Apaist, got six months in jail for issuing forged checks. As they were all for sums under \$35 he escaped the penitentiary.

Secretary Carlisle has asked Congress for a deficiency appropriation of \$50,000 to enforce the Chinese exclusion act. The original appropriation has been exhausted.

St. Rosa's Church, in the eastern part of Cincinnati, was burned down Wednesday morning. The fire originated in the Sanctuary. Loss, \$50,000; insured for \$20,000.

A preliminary report by the Interstate Commerce Commission of returns from 479 railroad companies in the United States, covering 145,869.58 miles, shows gross earnings of \$1,085,685,281, and expenses \$735,427,532.

Emperor William was thirty-five years old on last Saturday, and the day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Prussia. Berlin was en fete in honor of the occasion. The Emperor, it is said, will visit Prince Bismarck upon his birthday, April 1st.

A German Missionary Apostolic whose field of labor is in China-Tartary, is in Buffalo visiting at St. Mary's Church where he delivered a sermon at the late Mass on Sunday, 4th inst., and was given a handsome collection for his mission. He was dressed in the typical garb of the Chinese, with high sandals and long queue, and was a picturesque sight.

Additional advices by the steamer Belgic from China announce the complete annihilation by earthquake of the town of Kuchan, Persia. Twelve thousand persons were killed in the awful disaster. Ten thousand corpses had been recovered to date. The only important and beautiful city of 20,000 people is now only a scene of death, desolation and terror. Fifty thousand cattle were also destroyed.