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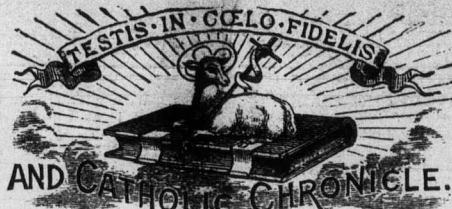
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Note and Comment.

In the parade at the laying of the corner-stone of the Minneapolis Pro-Cathedral a few weeks ago were 20 Japanese converts who were received into the Church in March and April last by Father Cosgrove, of St. Vincent's, St. Paul's, Minn.

Count Albert de Mun has issued an appeal to the Catholics of France for the promotion of a religious revival. He says that only by social reformation can the Church in France recover contact with the people. Ever since the passing of the Jules Ferry education laws, the French masses have become more and more estranged from the Church, and they are now so organized that they can not be induced to listen forthwith to religious discourses.

At the conferring of degrees at Trinity College, Dublin, amongst the recipients of honors were Sir Horace Plunkett (LL.D.), and a Benedictine Father, the Right Rev. Cuthbert Butler, Lord Abbot of Downside (Litt. D.). The honoring of a Catholic priest in this way by Trinity College is believed to be quite unprecedented.

In response to Mr. Redmond's recent call for a vigorous Home Rule campaign in the English constituencies, the members of the Batterssea Branch of the United Irish League have arranged a series of open-air meetings to be held in that district each Sunday during the next three months.

Visitors to Cork will be glad to learn that after a few months' detention in England the Bells of Shandon have been restored to their home. One of the famous chimes having got cracked the whole set was transferred some time ago to Loughborough to be completely repaired by the successors of the firm by whom the bells were originally cast. In the interval the "Bells of Shandon," that sound so grand on the pleasant waters of the River Lee, have lain dumb in the foreign place to which it was, unfortunately, found necessary to send them.

On Monday the Grand Trunk Pacific had completed the laying of their rails from Winnipeg to Battle River, a distance of 675 miles, where the work of construction will necessarily cease for the next three months, and until the completion of the new bridge which is being erected over the Battle River. The concrete approaches and piers for this bridge are now approaching completion.

An "all Irish" industrial conference is to be held in Galway, September 16 and 17 at which one of the special subjects will be the opening up of new markets for Irish goods outside Ireland. In addition to delegates from Irish chambers of commerce and public bodies, acceptances have already been received from Dr. Douglas Hyde, president of the Gaelic League; the Duke of Abercorn, Lord Pirrie, of Belfast, Lord Castle-town, the Earl of Dunraven, Stephen Gwynn, M.P., Lord Clonbrock, Sir Horace Plunkett and representatives of all political opinions.

Invitations have been sent to the chambers of commerce of America, Canada and the Australasian colonies with a view to their taking part in the attempt to open up fresh outlets for Irish trade.

The death at Kilkenny of Mr. Geo. King Magee, who, until four years ago, occupied the position of chief reporter on the staff of the Irish Times, occurred recently. Mr. Magee began his career as a reporter on the Kilkenny Times staff more than forty years ago. On the resignation of Mr. Short, Mr. Magee was appointed chief of the reporting corps, and during the long number of years he occupied the position he discharged his responsible duties with vigilance and activity.

By a degree dated May 25, 1908, the following books, all but one by French authors, were placed on the Index. L'Abbe Emmanuel Barbier, "Le Progres de Liberalisme Catholique en France sous le Pape Leon XIII." Histoire Documentaire. Paris: Lethielleux. And by the same author, "Ne melez pas Leon XIII. au Liberalisme" (Ibid. 1907). Jean d'Alma, "La Controverse du Quatrieme Evangile." (Paris: E. Nourry, 1907). Antoine Dupin, "Le Dogme de la Trinite dans les Trois Premiers Siecles" (Ibid. 1907). C. Romano d'Azzi, "Un Vasto Inganno: La Risurrezione dei Morti." Studio Critico. (Rome: Enrico Voghera, 1907). Ferdinand Hamelin, "Le Journal d'un Pretre." Roman. (Paris: Stock, 1908). It is announced at the end of the decree that Paul Bureau, whose book was condemned by the Congregation of the Index, has made his submission.

One million three hundred thousand applications for divorce in the past twenty years, and about nine hundred thousand decrees of divorce granted! We can scarcely believe it, but such are the figures of the Census Bureau. No wonder Cardinal Lague said the great danger threatening America was by divorce. We doubt whether there is even a pagan nation in the world except Japan that can equal our undesirable record in this respect. It is a pre-eminence of which we are not proud.—True Voice.

An exceptional incident occurred a few days ago in the monastery church at Melleray, Iowa, when Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, farmers, and their ten children were baptized and became Catholics, the parents and five of the children receiving First Holy Communion together at the hands of the venerable pastor of the parish, Father David, who gave the family instructions in the faith they had accepted.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson belonged to no church. They lived in a neighborhood which had a strictly Catholic atmosphere, and they drew closer to the faith day by day. Finally they made up their minds to join the church and interviewed Father David. The aged priest was only too happy to assist them in their quest for knowledge and their conversion followed.

French Priest Artisans About to Display Their Products.

One cannot but admire the courage which the French priests have shown in the losses which the separation act has brought upon them, says Rome. Out of the fifty thousand priests in France, nearly forty-five thousand were practically dependent on the Government stipend for their maintenance. Now, therefore, that this has been taken away, they are dependent on the charity of the faithful for their support, except in so far as they are able to do something other than the performance of their sacred ministry to help themselves. On this account it occurred to the Abbe Ballu, of the town of Farnay, to suggest a means by which priests could be free from solely depending on their people to provide for them. This suggestion was that an association should be formed of priests who were willing to use their hands as well as their heads for providing themselves with an income. The idea was taken up, and there are now some six hundred priests belonging to the association of Priest Workmen.

The association has an office where orders for work are received, as well as an official circular which it issues, advertising what its workers have for sale, and inviting orders. Pretty well every sort of work is undertaken, including the rearing of fowls and rabbits, the cultivation of vegetables and the preparation of various kinds of confections, as well as the more arduous labors of carpentry, carpet weaving and book-binding. These plucky workers are now about to hold the first exhibition of their work, which is to be opened by the Archbishop of Tours. It is to be hoped that it will prove the success that the pluck of its promoters deserves.

CORNER STONE LAID OF NEW TORONTO CHURCH.

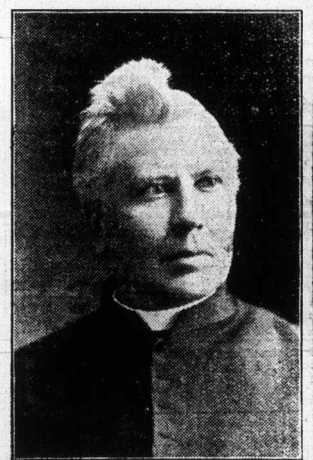
In full view of the largest crowd which ever witnessed such an event, the corner stone of the new St. Helen's Church was laid on Tuesday. The clergy and altar boys formed in procession and wended their way to the north-west corner of the church, where the stone remained suspended by pulleys. The blessing was given by Bishop McEvay, assisted by Rev. P. Coyle as deacon and Rev. Fawcett Canning as sub-deacon. Dr. Tweedy showed the need of such sacred edifices in a well planned discourse. A large number of clergy were present.

Silver Jubilee of Rev. D. P. McMenamin P. P.

The sun rose in all its glory and splendor on Sunday, the 12th inst., bringing good cheer to the happy hearts of the parishioners of Biddulph, who were celebrating the silver jubilee of their noble and worthy pastor.

At 10.30 o'clock the church was crowded to its capacity and with the joyful peal of the organ the happy jubilarian, assisted by Rev. J. T. Brennan and Rev. W. S. Benn, and the sanctuary choir, proceeded to the main altar, which was richly decorated with brilliant lights and sweetly scented flowers, to offer up the happy event of his festival day.

During the Mass the choir ably rendered appropriate music, solos being sung by Miss Lena and Mr. T. Morkin, Miss M. J. Martin, Mr. A. Crumican, Miss A. and Mr. J. Dewan and Miss Christina Breen. A very touching and instructive sermon was preached by the Rev. Father himself, who took for his text, "Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedek." At the introduction of his sermon he briefly outlined the principal events of his priestly career during the past twenty-five years, after which he discoursed in eloquent terms upon the great dignity of the holy priesthood.



REV. D. P. McMENAMIN.

At the end of the Mass Mr. Z. McIlhargey, assisted by Mr. Ed. McLaughlin and Mr. A. Lamphier, on behalf of the parish, read the following address, accompanied by the presentation of a well-filled purse: Rev. and Dear Father:

On behalf of the congregation of St. Patrick's Parish of Biddulph, we, the undersigned, take great pleasure on this the occasion of the celebration of your Silver Jubilee to offer you our best wishes and sincerest congratulations, and with hearts filled with joy we have come to join with you in the happy commemoration of eighty-three.

Over five years ago you came amongst us, a stranger you may say, and since then you have so endeared yourself in our affections that we look upon you as one of our own. Your interest in our spiritual as well as our temporal welfare; your priestly labor, at all times, regardless of occasion, place or circumstances; your undying zeal coupled with your sterling qualities of prudence and consistency, have linked our hearts with yours in never ceasing love and appreciation. The excellent work you have just accomplished in our church is ample proof of your great love for the House of God and the people of Biddulph, whose welfare has been your sole and long ambition for the past five years.

Little thought we that this envied opportunity would be afforded us, parishioners of Biddulph, as it is the first occasion on which we have assembled to congratulate our pastor on the happy event of his silver jubilee, and we do so to-day, dear Father, with hearts filled with love and pride and as a token of which we ask you to accept this accompanying purse, which we know and trust you will not place in the scale of our devotion and appreciation, for it is only a slight manifestation of our good-will and heartfelt wishes, and we sincerely hope that God in His goodness will spare you and your beloved parents to celebrate your golden jubilee, and that it will be amongst the people of Biddulph, who have learned to love you so much.

Signed on behalf of the parish, ZACHARIAH MCILHARGEY, ANTHONY LAMPHIER, EDWARD MC LAUGHLIN, JAMES DEWAR

Immediately after Dr. T. D. Orme, Mr. J. Fox and Mr. J. J. Hodgins, on behalf of the Protestant faith of Lucan, presented a beautifully mounted sterling silver service, accompanied by the following address: Rev. Father McMenamin,

P. P. of Biddulph. As this is the first occasion on which a clergyman of your faith has celebrated his Silver Jubilee in this community, it is, therefore, the first opportunity of this kind that we lay-

men have had of expressing our gratitude to the Giver of all good for having continued His divine favor unto this time of life upon so humble yet so worthy a follower of our common Lord and Master. We therefore congratulate you, Reverend Father, upon having attained to the twenty-fifth anniversary of your ordination, and pray the continuance of God's mercies until you celebrate your golden jubilee in the same high calling.

We have long since learned to appreciate the worth of your true manhood and have been deeply impressed with that honesty of purpose, that broad sympathy for your fellowmen, and that kind yet sterling integrity which has won not only the hearts of your own parishioners but also the admiration of the whole community.

While we are deeply conscious of your zeal for your church, yet we have ever found you ready to extend the right hand of fellowship to true men wherever they may be found. Thus your genuine broad-mindedness has been a true blessing to this community, blessing not only him that gives but also those that receive.

We ask, you, Reverend Father, to accept this silver service as a slight token of our esteem and as you quench your thirst from it with the water of earth's pure fountain, may your soul be ever refreshed with the living water from the Fountain of Life which flows from God's eternal throne.

Signed on behalf of your Lucan friends, G. A. STANLEY, J. E. SCHMIDT, H. A. MCWEN, T. D. ORME, M.D., JOHN FOX, J. J. HODGINS, C. HASKETT.

Rev. D. P. McMenamin, in reply to both addresses, heartily thanked both his own parishioners and his Protestant friends for the honor and kindness conferred upon him, hoping that the friendly relations would ever exist and that he was happy to be living in a community that upheld the golden rule of the Divine Master "Love ye one another as I have loved you."

On the following day several priests of the diocese of London, among whom were the Rev. Fr. T. Brennan, Rev. P. Corcoran, Rev. D. McRae, Rev. T. West, Rev. G. Northcotes and Rev. J. Hanlon, assembled at the residence of Father D. P. McMenamin to offer him their sincerest congratulations. After a sumptuous dinner Rev. Father Hanlon, on behalf of his brother priests, presented him with a handsome golden chalice, and an address expressing their esteem and best wishes.

One happy feature of the occasion was the presence of the parents of Father McMenamin, who came from Montreal to assist at their son's jubilee.

In the evening St. Patrick's choir met at the pastor's residence and presented him with a beautiful address and sermon, in testimony of their kindly wishes and congratulations, to which Father McMenamin replied with feelings of pride and gratitude.

Among the many presents received were conspicuous a rich stole, from the Sacred Heart Convent, London; a beautiful lake alb from Mount St. Joseph's Convent, London, and an Irish lake surplus from friends in Ireland, besides several costly pieces of silverware from friends in Montreal, Detroit and Cleveland.

The event in every way proved to be a very happy feast and one to be long remembered.

Father McMenamin is in truth a son, and a very worthy one, of St. Gabriel's parish, he having served his first Mass there, was ordained and celebrated his first holy Mass, and also, at the invitation of the pastor, Rev. W. O'Meara, preached the first sermon in the new church. So it is easy to understand that a close bond exists between Father McMenamin and St. Gabriel's, and we are sure that they rejoice with him in having reached the 25th milestone in his priestly career. May many more happy, fruitful years be granted him.

Catholic Summer School.

Cliff Haven, July 23. With one of the most beautiful and eloquent sermons ever heard in the chapel of Our Lady of the Lake, Rev. Thomas F. Burke, C.S.P., of New York, on Sunday fittingly inaugurated the fourth week of the Catholic Summer School of America. Full of unusual interest, the past week will take a high place in the history of the School, not alone in point of numbers, in the richness of the intellectual feast, in the delightfulness of the social gatherings, but especially in the realization of the noble purpose for which the colony was founded for which the colony of all these with a beautiful Catholic atmosphere pervading all.

The family gathering on Sunday evening took the form of a reception in honor of Rt. Rev. Mgr. J. F. Loughlin, of Philadelphia, second president of the School. Following the overture by Greene's orchestra, Rev. John Talbot Smith, LL.D.,

made a few opening remarks, after which Mr. C. W. Zeckwer favored the assembly with two piano selections, "Irish Idol," written by himself, and "Polonaise in C sharp minor," by Chopin. Following Mr. Zeckwer, Father Smith introduced Mr. James Francis O'Donnell, who gave a powerful delineation of the great Cardinal Richelieu in the Curse scene. A soprano solo by Miss Frances O'Donnell brought to a close the musical part of the programme, after which Mgr. Loughlin in his happiest vein expressed his appreciation of the gathering and programme arranged in his honor.

With the series of five lectures on "Education during the age of the Renaissance," Rev. Robert Schwiebert, S.J., Professor of History at Holy Cross College, opened the morning lectures for the week with a most lucid and scholarly presentation of the educational system of that period, giving due and deserving credit to the Catholic Church for the building up and conservation of that great educational force.

Under the guiding hand of Mr. William P. Oliver, of Brooklyn, most delightful trips were taken "Out to Old Aunt Mary's," to "The Days Gone Bye," and other charming spots which the poet Riley has so beautifully portrayed. From "Old Aunt Mary's" to the "Sage of Archey Road" may seem a sharp turn, but Mr. Oliver proved the homely philosophy of Mr. Dooley as ridiculous and effervescent with rich humor as he had shown the wholesome dialect of Riley full of pathos and heart-interest.

The two lectures on "The Rediscovered Ancient East," by Rev. William F. Sullivan, C.S.P., of Chicago, were intensely interesting studies in those much neglected Oriental races, and brought to a close a splendid week of lectures.

A week filled with notable events, not the least interesting was the fine musical programme presented. Under the direction of Mr. Camille W. Zeckwer, of the Philadelphia Academy of Music, the Choral Union on Wednesday evening gave the first sacred concert of the year.

The social week was opened most auspiciously on Monday with a euchre party at the Curtis Pine Villa under the direction of Captain B. J. Kiernan and Mrs. H. Curtis Lenihan, hostesses. The Albany cottage was also on Monday evening the scene of one of the prettiest social gatherings of the season. In honor of Rt. Rev. Mgr. Loughlin, the Philadelphia Cotillion on Thursday gave a farewell reception and a host of friends gathered to bid the Monsignor adieu and to enjoy the musical programme which Miss Katherine Powers had arranged in his honor. With a reception at the Marquette and a musicale at the Algonquin, the most brilliant social week was brought to a close.

The camp fire this week proved full of "live coals" as the boys had promised, and the new amphitheatre could not accommodate the crowd which gathered around the fire in the woods to witness the unique performance which the boys had prepared for the occasion.

One of the pretty events of the week was the presentation of medals to the successful contestants in the week's sports. Between the performances of "Dream Faces" and the "Violin Maker of Cremona" this evening, Rev. John Talbot Smith formally presented the beautiful medals to the winners of the different contests. It was a most felicitous occasion, especially to the youngsters who, amid the plaudits of proud parents and friends, stepped up to receive the coveted honors.

English Catholics and Irish Home Rule.

On the devoted head of the Rev. R. H. Benson, the distinguished English convert and author, the wrath of representative Irish Catholic public men continues to fall, as a result of his unfortunate letter in the London Tablet on Irish Home Rule, to which the Observer alluded last week. Mr. John Redmond, M.P., the chairman of the Irish Parliamentary party, has made a calm and effective reply to Father Benson and other English Catholics who share his doubts, or rather misgivings, on the question. Now that valiant and self-sacrificing patriot, Mr. John Dillon, M.P., comes forward to express his views on the same subject. Addressing a meeting of Irishmen in England he said: "I cannot refrain from reading a passage of that letter, because it is so characteristic of the whole of this campaign, against which this resolution is a protest. It is written by the Rev. Hugh Benson, a distinguished Catholic priest and writer: 'Political Irishmen would, of course, form a large part of any Irish Government that might be set up—what a horrible thing—and unless English Catholics are satisfied that these men put their faith before all else, they are hardly likely to wish to see their elevation to power. If it is possible to be reassured on these points, I shall be very grateful.' I think human audacity and impertinence never reached a higher pitch. If Father Benson is assured that we, Irish Catholics, who, throughout the whole course of our history, have never sacrificed

Father Holland to be Honored.

As a mark of the high esteem in which Rev. Father Holland is held and as a tribute to his priestly zeal his friends intend to give him on his birthday, Sept. 19, a handsome testimonial, which is to take the shape of raising the mortgage on St. Joseph's Home, a very worthy institution and for which Father Holland has worked so hard. The present building cost \$6300, one thousand of which was paid at time of sale.



REV. FATHER HOLLAND, C.S.S.R.

There is consequently a large balance of \$5,300 to be wiped out, on which the interest alone amounts to a pretty high house rent for an establishment that has subsisted since its foundation on voluntary contribution, mostly from poor people.

Father Holland never asked a cent from anyone to aid his venture, and started it on nothing but Mr. Bickerdike's guarantee to the Grand Trunk Railway three years ago, that the rent of the original Home would be paid, and the kindness of Mathewson Sons in giving all the groceries needed to feed the first inmates who came penniless.

The True Witness will be very happy to receive contributions for so worthy a cause. No matter how small the sum, everything will be most thankfully received and acknowledged.

our faith for worldly advantages, will only remain faithful to the Catholic Church, then he and his English Catholic friends will give us Home Rule. We are very much obliged to them, but we would invite them to read their own history first. I wonder any English Catholic has the audacity to address a word of advice to us, Irish Catholics, for, it truth be told, in the whole annals of nations there is not a more scandalous story than the way in which the Catholic people of England, with hardly a struggle, sacrificed their faith for temporal advantages. And, foresooth, these gentlemen say that their one dread of Home Rule is that they are not sure that we Irish politicians will stand by our faith. Why, what was it that maintained the faith in Ireland? Was it not the politicians of Ireland? The "political" priests and bishops of Ireland, who knew and understood how to make faith and Fatherland stand together, never allowed them to be separated. Was it not that which saved the faith of Ireland, and made Ireland what it is to-day, the greatest Catholic race on the face of the globe? There is not an old peasant woman in Ireland who could not teach the whole crowd of them how to serve God."

Another letter from Father Benson, embodying the results of his recent studies "in retirement" of the communications which have been addressed to him in support of Irish Home Rule would probably do much good, in the way of eliminating the Irish controversy between the Irish and English Catholics, the bitterness which has, unhappily, entered into it. At a time when the existence of the Catholic schools of England are menaced by a government bill which is now before the House of Commons, harmony and not disunion should exist in the Catholic ranks.—Pittsburg Observer.

MR. J. E. ROWAN DROWNED.

Word has reached the city of the drowning in the McLeod River. Albert, of Mr. John E. Rowan. Deceased, who was the son of Mr. Rowan, postmaster, Bowdon, was employed by the Land Office at Edmonton and was one of a party of surveyors when he met his death. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

A Safe Pill for Suffering Women.—The secluded life of women which permits of little healthful exercise, is a fruitful cause of derangements of the stomach and liver and is accountable for the pains and lassitude from which many of them experience. Farnette's Vegetable Pills will correct irregularities of the digestive organs and restore health and vigor. The most delicate woman can use them with safety, because their action, while effective, is mild and soothing.