

History of the Church.

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The second day has relieved the terrestrial world of a certain amount of water; the globe, however, had not yet appeared. But God said: "Let the waters that are under the heaven be gathered into one place; and let the dry land appear. And it was so done." The waters assembled into vast basins called oceans, and left dry that which was called land.

At the same time that those deep cavities were formed, elevations appeared. David tells us so. After relating that God founded the earth on a basis all its own, and which ages will not shake, he adds in the hundred and third psalm: "The deep like a garment is its clothing; above the waters shall the mountains stand. At thy rebuke they shall flee; at the voice of thy thunder they shall fear." The mountains ascend, and the plains descend into the place which thou hast founded for them.

These waters, which the Lord measured in the hollow of His hand, occupy, however, the two-thirds of our globe. Held in by barriers that they dare not surmount, they would naturally become corrupt and infect the whole universe. God has provided against that. These waters, we do not know how, are so salty that man cannot drink them. In spite of the rain that falls into them, so often in spite of the rapid rivers that are continually flowing into them, they preserve their bitterness. Besides this, God does not allow the waters of the sea to remain stagnant. Once in every twelve hours the ocean rises and falls in some places on the coast of Brittany for example, forty or fifty feet, and in the Bay of Fundy sometimes seventy feet. This alternating movement of the sea running out during seven hours and coming back the next five is known as the ebb and the flow of the tide. As these movements follow the courses of the moon which they hold back each day, as also the moon, by three quarters of an hour, we must conclude that the moon is the principal cause of these movements. Finally, as the tides are highest when the moon is new or at the time which is called full moon, when the sun, the moon, and the earth are on the same line, we must conclude also that the sun has a part in the changes. During the last century, scientists explain the phenomenon in a satisfactory manner by the combined attraction of the sun and the moon on the earth.

Another medium of preserving the salubrity of the sea, as also the atmosphere around the earth are the winds and tempests. The winds, or currents of air which blow on earth and sea in all directions, agitate, renew both the vapory ocean in which we live and the more compact ocean peopled by the fishes. Storms especially produce this effect, to say nothing of many others. They rouse the sea to the very bottom and launch its mountainous waves to the very clouds, in the same way as the diligent husbandman shakes out a heap of grain in the air to hinder its fermentation. However, notwithstanding the winds and tempests, the sea in all its fury is forced to respect the boundaries which God traced in the sand. "Hitherto shalt thou come, and shalt go no further, and here thou shalt break thy swelling waves."

On the high seas in the torrid zone, there are regular winds that blow; this is ascribed to the action of the sun combined with the earth's rotation. The air of the tor-

rid zone, which is heated by a continued presence of the sun, swells out and rises to find its way to the poles. The cold air from the poles floats underneath this back towards the torrid zone, or the equator, to fill the void produced by the expansion. Thus in each of the hemispheres, two currents are formed, an upper one which flows from the equator to the poles, and an under one which flows from the poles to the equator. We see an example of this in every house. The air which is near the fire becomes heated and expanded, and becoming lighter, rises, part of it going into the chimney, and the rest in the top part of the room; that is the reason why the organ loft is the warmest part of the church; at the same time new air comes into the building from below to replace the heated air which has risen up, and the result is a continued succession of two contrary currents, one of which comes from above the fireplace and the other runs towards it. A very striking proof of this is shown by the action of draughts on a lighted candle placed beside a door ajar; if you hold it above the center, the flame will incline out of the room; if placed below, it will be inclined in, and if held half way up, it will stand as straight as if placed on a table. The sun, that immense fire which has risen up, and the result is a continued succession of two contrary currents, one of which comes from above the fireplace and the other runs towards it. A very striking proof of this is shown by the action of draughts on a lighted candle placed beside a door ajar; if you hold it above the center, the flame will incline out of the room; if placed below, it will be inclined in, and if held half way up, it will stand as straight as if placed on a table.

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From this, together with thousands of rivulets, rills, and brooks, will flow the great rivers of the world, which, as they speed along, will bathe provinces, kingdoms, republics, large cities, and, returning to the sea whence they came, to be taken up again and distributed. Wondrous machines, never tired, never idle, giving moisture to every man, animal and plant on the earth. But is not the sea water salty and bitter? Certainly, but do not be alarmed, the sea will keep its bitterness to itself, and send nothing to the heavens but pure water. What it is continually doing for all men in general it is willing to do for each one in particular. Evaporate, boil a little of its bitter waves over the fire; it will deposit its salt in the bottom of the vessel, and the vapors which it will send out, if caught in a sponge, will be a healthgiving beverage. By one operation it will give you what will season your food and something to slake your thirst.

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OUR MONTHLY CALENDAR

Table with 2 columns: Day and Event. Includes January 1st (Circumcision of Our Lord), 2nd (St. Macarius), 3rd (St. Gervase), 4th (St. Titus), 6th (Octave of the Holy Innocents), 7th (St. Telesphorus), 8th (The Epiphany of Our Lord), 9th (St. Lucian), 10th (St. Severinus), 11th (St. Hilary), 12th (St. Basil), 13th (St. Agathe), 14th (St. Hyginus), 15th (Octave of the Epiphany), 16th (St. Arcadius), 17th (St. Veronica), 18th (St. Hilary), 19th (St. Paul), 20th (St. Marcellus), 21st (St. Anthony), 22nd (St. Francis), 23rd (Second Sunday after the Epiphany), 24th (Feast of the Holy Name), 25th (St. Fabian and Sebastian), 26th (St. Agnes), 27th (St. Vincent & Anastasia), 28th (Espousals of the B. V. Mary), 29th (St. Timothy), 30th (Conversion of St. Paul), 31st (St. Peter Nolasco).

MRS. MICHAEL L. KENNEDY. Cometh a voice from a far land! Beautiful, sad and low; Shined a light from the star land! Sown on the night of my woe; And a white hand, with a garland Biddeth my spirit go.

On the 6th day of January, the Feast of the Epiphany, there passed away to her reward Jane McGeehan, the young wife of Mr. Michael L. Kennedy. The circumstances of her death are of an unusually sad nature. The young woman was only 34 years of age, and leaves a family of three small children to the care of her bereaved husband. The eldest child is only five years of age and altogether too young to realize in any way the awful loss he has sustained.

Mrs. Kennedy was born at Kemptonville, Ontario, and though resident in the parish of St. Michael's, of Corkery, Ont., only since her marriage, she was highly esteemed throughout the parish. She had been suffering for some few months from a run-down system, which together with the onerous responsibilities naturally incumbent on a person in her position of wife and mother, caused her ultimate collapse. Her condition was critical for about two weeks before the end came, and as a consequence ample time was given her to make special preparation for the great hereafter. This she did to the utmost satisfaction of everyone interested in her welfare. She received the last rites of the Church, not only with full consciousness, which is itself a great blessing for every true child of the Church, but also with beautiful resignation to the will of God and the fullest recognition of the fact that her end was approaching.

Her husband, brothers and sisters and bereaved friends generally have the most heartfelt sympathy of the whole community in this loss. Her funeral took place on the 8th inst., and its magnitude gave loud testimony of the high esteem in which the deceased was held, and of the practical sympathy of the neighborhood with the bereaved husband and family. The funeral Mass was chanted in St. Michael's Church, Corkery, and the last sad rites of our holy faith were performed over the remains of this faithful child of the Church in the little graveyard across the way. There to dust returns the body, but the immortal soul will live on, and we confidently hope in a better world. May her soul rest in peace.

How swiftly they go, Life's many years, With their winds of woe, And their storms of tears. MARY.

MRS. ELLEN FOLEY. The death occurred on Wednesday night of Mrs. Ellen Clifford, widow of the late Mr. Jeremiah Foley, after an illness extending over several years. The deceased was born seventy-one years ago in the County Kerry, Ireland, and was brought up in Canada in 1858. Mr. and Mrs. Foley settled in Montreal, Mr. Foley dying here in 1891. Since then Mrs. Foley had lived in the family residence on Aylmer street, where she spent her last days. She is survived by one brother, Mr. Daniel Clifford.

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MR. HENRY MEEHAN.

The death of Mr. Henry Meehan occurred after a week's illness at his home, No. 8 Farm street, on January 5th. The funeral, which took place on the 10th at St. Ann's Church and thence to Cote des Neiges Cemetery was largely attended, especially by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, who were present in large number. Requiem High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Flynn, assisted by Rev. Fathers Holland and Billeau, while Rev. Father Donnelly, of St. Anthony's officiated at the cemetery. The presence of a congregation which filled the church was mute evidence of the high esteem in which Mr. Meehan was held by his many friends.

The deceased is survived by his widow and a large family, also by his brothers, Mr. Philip Meehan and Mr. Richard Meehan, both of this city. Mr. Patrick Meehan, miner, Fairbanks, Alaska, and his sister, Miss Julia Meehan, now residing in Denver, Colorado. May his soul rest in peace.

GEORGE V. MCINERNEY, K.C.

Mr. George V. McInerney, K.C., a leading barrister in St. John, N.B., and prominently identified with public life in New Brunswick, died at his home there on Sunday after a tedious illness. The funeral took place Thursday morning to Richibucto for burial. George Valentine McInerney, K.C., M.A., LL.B., was born in Kingston, Kent County, on February 14, 1857, and was, therefore, 50 years old. He was a son of Hon. Owen McInerney and his wife, Mary McAuley. His paternal grandfather, Daniel McInerney, emigrated from the County Longford, Ireland, to New Brunswick when Owen was still a small boy, and settled on the Miramichi.

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and in Laval University. He afterwards studied law in Harvard and Boston University Law Schools, and graduated in 1877 with the degree of LL.B. The following year he was called to the Bar of New Brunswick. He has filled important positions. He was first returned to the House of Commons for his native county at the bye-election held on December 6, 1892, and was re-elected at the general elections in 1896.

Mr. McInerney established himself in the practice of law at St. John in 1902, and last year entered into partnership in the firm of McInerney, Stockton & Price.

On September 12, 1882, Mr. McInerney married Christina, only daughter of Mr. Henry O'Leary, of Richibucto, and last fall their silver wedding was quietly celebrated at their home in King street east. Besides his wife, five sons and three daughters survive. They are Henry O., barrister, of the law firm of Tilley & McInerney; and E. Blake, clerk in the Royal Bank here; Leo, of the International Correspondence School staff; Ralph and George; Misses Nelie, Irene and Grace. Dr. J. P. McInerney, of North End, is a brother of deceased, and there are two other brothers—John, of Rexton, and Edward, of Richibucto. Wm. McInerney of the New York Sun, is a half brother, and Mrs. John Sutton, of Moncton, is a half-sister.

Mr. McInerney enjoyed a wide acquaintance in New Brunswick and Upper Canada, and was everywhere held in high esteem. He was a man of culture, a great reader, surpassed by few as a public orator, gifted with eloquence of language, a pleasing musical voice, and fine powers of argument, blending withal a keen wit, which, though never was employed to carry a sting. He was at home alike on the lecture platform or in the heat of a political battle, and, whether friend or opponent, none but enjoyed listening to him. For years Mr. McInerney had been a grand trustee of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, and he was a charter member and first chancellor of the St. John Council, Knights of Columbus.



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The number of the Holy Family second and fourth creasing, but before the church week, as it is. A grand arm held last Tuesday the repose of Kane. Rev. Father visit to his brother. Three old ladies poured during