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EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is wonderful how many women abandon their homes and their domestic duties to go about clamoring from every lecture platform for "women's rights." Of course they mean the right to vote, to take part in politics, to have a share in the legislation, to wear hybrid dresses, to ride bicycles, to smoke cigarettes, and to play the man in general. Did it ever strike these women that they are, themselves, the very best argument against what they claim? How few women, however, raise their voices, or lift their pens, or exercise their influence, to secure the real rights of women. The right to be saved from moral serfdom; the right to have the marriage-tie inviolable; the right to govern at their own firesides; the right to train and educate their children according to the dictates of their conscience? These are women's rights that are gradually becoming extinguished, and for which few women find time to contend. Some day or other we hope that these true rights of women will be recognized and guaranteed.

AN ENGLISH publication is anxious to know whether Mr. Gladstone will "die a Catholic or a Baptist." No doubt the same organ would be very sorry were the Grand Old Man to go back on his own "Vaticanism" and turn to Rome for consolation. Equally disappointed would it be if he were not to die in the Presbyterian faith. In fact no matter how, or in what church, he were to die, those speculators on the consciences of others would not be satisfied. We know of nothing to indicate any likelihood of Gladstone's conversion to Catholicity; these rumors are about as founded as are the crazy stories set afloat regarding the Queen's Catholicity.

THE AVE MARIA, always choice in its selections and always timely in its comments, gives us the following, which is not the least suggestive of its wise editorial notes:

"*Apropos* of our remarks about the besetting sin of women, we may be excused for quoting a portion of a letter written by the wife of a prosperous merchant in a neighbouring city. She says: "The craze for dress is at the root of the evil. The other morning I was making bread, wearing a gingham wrapper, which cost eighty cents (I made it myself), when some one rang the bell. There stood a young woman in attire suitable for the opera—white gown, hat, parasol, and shoes. She wanted to know if I wanted to hire a girl. I didn't."

A goodly number of our "young lady domestics" might take the hint. The fact is that ladies are now-a-days obliged to eschew the fashions in order not to be taken for servants.

ONE of those would-be critics of the Church wants to know if we can deny the fact of Catholic persecution. Our correspondent's name is very suggestive of antiquity—he is a Mr. Noah Adams. His ideas about Catholicity savor of antediluvian and pre-Adamic ignorance. In the first place we would like to know what he means by "the fact of Catholic persecution." Does he mean the persecution of Catholics for their faith, or the persecution of others by Catholics? If he means the former we do not, nor can we, nor would we deny that not only Catholics, but also the Church from the earliest ages down to the present, have been persecuted in one way or another. The Roman amphitheatre, the catacombs, the savage stake, the Penal laws, the despoiled Papal States and a hundred other monuments, attesting that the Church has been persecuted, arise throughout the ages. If, on the other

hand, he means the latter, we desire to make a distinction. There is a difference between acts of persecution perpetrated by individual Catholics for political or other purposes, and persecution by the Church. Of individual acts of cruelty and wrong there are many in history; but persecution by the Church never took place and is contrary to one of the fundamental principles of Catholicity. Between the fact and the principle there is a vast difference. In no case, not even the most notoriously misconstrued, has the Church ever been guilty of any act that might even savor of persecution or fringe upon tyranny. That individuals have acted contrary to the Church's principles cannot be denied; but the Church is not answerable. The Church does not teach immorality, or murder, or robbery; yet individual Catholics have been immoral, have murdered and have robbed. They, not the Church, are responsible.

A MEETING OF PEWHOLDERS OF ST. PATRICKS.

A meeting of pewholders of St. Patrick's was called in the O.Y.M.S. hall, on Sunday after Grand Mass. There was a good attendance of representative members of the parish. Rev. Father McCallen, S.S., presided, and explained that the Rev. Father Quinlivan had visited a number of cities in the States, including Brooklyn, New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Hartford, and had closely studied the styles of decoration there in vogue; his advice would, therefore, be of great value to the advisory committee the pewholders were there present to elect. The Rev. Father said that the cost of the interior decoration of the church would be about eight or ten thousand dollars. Five artists, three Canadian, and two well known artists of the States, had submitted estimates and designs to Father Quinlivan for approval; it was from these designs that the committee would assist Father Quinlivan in making a selection.

The question as to whether five or seven parishioners should constitute the advisory committee was voted upon and won by those in favor of seven. Those present were then requested to vote for seven pewholders whom they thought would make the most practical advisory board. This being done the ballot papers were handed to Father McCallen for Father Quinlivan, who has selected the seven having the most votes. The result will be announced on Sunday at High Mass.

RETREAT FOR THE CHILDREN OF ST. PATRICK'S.

A special retreat for all the children of St. Patrick's parish will be preached next week. Children of all schools of the parish, whether private or public, are specially invited. Particulars as to the days and hour at which services will be held will be announced on Sunday next. We trust that the parents will make it a duty to see that all the children attend.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

One of the most enjoyable concerts of the season took place in the Sailors' Club on Thursday night. There was a large attendance. Among those conspicuous on the programme were Mr. Tierney with a violin solo and Mr. Parker with a comic character song. The palm of the evening was awarded to Mr. J. Burke, a seaman who is a positive humorous genius, and the repeated encores he received quite failed to exhaust his repertoire; it seemed as though he could continue for hours repeating new songs and sketches. Mr. Burke is a careful actor, and, off-hand as his songs may appear, they also bear every evidence of close study in the matter of gesture and articulation. The next event in connection with these concerts will be the grand second annual concert to be held at the latter end of October.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY MEET

The meeting of the committee of the Catholic Sailors' Club and Catholic Truth Society took place on Friday last in the hall under the Gesu church. After the usual business had been transacted the

question of the second annual concert was discussed, and committees were appointed to undertake the management of the various departments in connection therewith. The concert will be given either on the 22nd or 29th of October. The members hope to secure the use of the hall under the Jesuit church as last year, but if they are unable to do this the concert will be given in the Monument Nationale. The Truth Society will hold special concert meetings every Wednesday evening until the concert takes place.

PROFESSOR STOCKLEY WILL SPEAK.

Next Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, the monthly social meeting of the Catholic Truth Society will be held in the hall under the Gesu. Professor Stockley, in deference to a special request made by the members, has consented to give a dissertation on a literary subject from a Catholic point of view. There will also be other short readings on polemical subjects. The society has resolved to enliven the monthly social meetings during the winter by readings of selected and original articles on Catholic and literary topics. In this way the meetings will not only be more enjoyable, but a deal of valuable information will be accumulated. Ladies and possible members of the Truth Society are specially invited for Friday night.

ST. ANN'S CHARITY BAZAAR.

The following ladies have been appointed to hold office at the forthcoming charity bazaar to be held October 17th, in St. Ann's Hall:—President, Mrs. E. Brennan; 1st Vice-Pres., Miss Johnson; 2nd Vice-Pres., Miss Cullinan; Secretary, Miss O'Brien. Among the ladies who will preside at tables are: the Misses Kane, who will be in charge of the fish pond, Miss L. Brennan, of the lottery, and Miss N. O'Connor, refreshment table. The Rev. Father Strubbe is the director of affairs. The ladies who have identified themselves with the bazaar are displaying great energy and their efforts will doubtless be rewarded by the success they deserve.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOMINATIONS.

His Grace Archbishop Fabre has appointed the following vicars: Messrs. J. A. Cloutier, Lanoraie; A. Champsaur, La Pointe Claire; N. Ferland, Contrecoeur; E. Brien, St. Jean Dorchester; E. Lamoureux, St. Roch de l'Achigan; J. Thibaudau, St. Elizabeth du Portugal; J. H. Mongeau, St. Charles de Montreal; A. Trachemontagne, P.S.S., chaplain at l'Hotel Dieu; J. Leveille, P.S.S., chaplain of the Cong. N.D.; J. A. Thibeault, P.S.S., chaplain of the Grey Nuns; G. Glapin, P.S.S., assistant chaplain of the Hotel Dieu.

FATHER STAFFORD WILL NOT COME.

It has been decided that Father Stafford will not accompany Father Catulle to this country, as was recently announced. The following is a new list of names of the priests who are at present on their way to Canada with Father Catulle: Rev. Fathers Heintz, Lava, Servais, Lectart, Steinfeld and McPhail. Father McPhail is a native of St. Andrews, Ontario, and was formerly school teacher at St. Teresa. The Rev. Father Catulle will reach Montreal on Saturday next on board the Vancouver.

TOOK RELIGIOUS VOWS.

At the convent of the Misericorde the following novices took their first vows last Sunday:—Sister St. Hermenegilde (Clarisse Milette, Montreal); Sister Mary des Sept Douleurs (Dina Prette, St. Elizabeth); Sister St. Timothy (Alexina Poulin, St. Valentin). Miss Mary Ann Levesque, of St. Felix, has taken her holy habit. She will be known in religion as Sister St. Felix of Valois. The sermon of the retreat was preached by R. P. Xavier, of the Franciscan order.

CHAPLAIN OF HOTEL DIEU.

The Rev. Luke Callaghan expects to sail for Liverpool, on his way to Rome, on board the SS. Oregon, which leaves Montreal, October 6th. The Rev. Father Callaghan's place as chaplain of Hotel Dieu has been filled by the Rev. Father Trachemontagne, P.S.S.

AN ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

ON DEMERARA; THE LAND OF EL DORADO.

On Tuesday evening next, the 25th September, at 8 o'clock, the Rev. Father P. J. Hogan, S.J., of Georgetown, Demerara, will deliver a lecture in the Academic Hall of St. Mary's College, under the Gesu, on Bleury street. The lecture will be illustrated by fifty or sixty views, and between the parts there will be music and songs by well known amateurs. The subject will be "Demerara, its climate, people, customs and wonders." It is perhaps a country better known as British Guiana. It is the gold field of the new world, the famous *El Dorado* of the adventurous fortune-seekers, and is the greatest of England's sugar colonies. The object of the lecture is to secure funds for the education of the natives and the care of the thousands of orphans in that land. There is in Father Hogan's district some ten thousand native Indians, of whom a fair percentage are inside the true fold. There are at least one hundred and forty thousand Hindoos, who come to work in the sugar fields and are indentured for five years, "civilized slaves," as the Reverend Father calls them. There are over four hundred thousand negroes, of whom ten thousand work in the gold diggings. Some eighty thousand acres of land are under sugar cultivation, and last year some sixty-six thousand hogsheads of sugar were exported from Demerara. It is a land of equal days and nights, where cold is unknown and where the fever lurks, like the poisonous serpents of the forest. To hear Father Hogan is a real treat and to learn all about that land of the Torrid Zone is a part of education. We trust the hall will be filled on the evening of the 25th.

OBITUARY.

MISS MARGARET ELIZABETH DONNELLY.

After five months of patient suffering and brave hearted endurance, on Sunday last the spirit of little Madge Donnelly, second eldest daughter of our esteemed fellow-citizens Mr. and Mrs. Michael Donnelly, passed away to a world of happiness. She was thirteen years, seven months and twelve days old when her Guardian Angel came for her and summoned her to the land where the young and innocent meet in unending joy. She was a bright, clever, sympathetic little girl; a light in the home of her parents, and an object of the tenderest love and devotion. She was a dutiful child and gave promise of a future womanhood such as the Church cherishes and the world admires. But God knew better what was in accordance with His designs, and He took her to Himself. When we learn of such a young and beautiful life cut short even in the dawn of its existence, we recall the tender sentiments expressed by poor Williams in his poem of "The Dying Girl," for we feel that all who witnessed the last scene could well repeat:

"Although I've looked on death for years,
I blush not that I wept."

To the sorrowing parents we extend our deep and sincere sympathy and trust that they may find, in their hour of sorrow, the consolation promised by that Church amongst whose saints their little Madge is now living.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. E. Brennan, who has been spending the summer months at Plattsburg, N.Y., has returned to the city just in time to begin her duties as president of the bazaar to be held in St. Ann's parish. The ladies of the bazaar are all glad to have her valuable aid once again.

Mr. Michael Shea and his charming bride, *nee* Miss M. Flannery, daughter of Mr. P. Flannery, of Notre Dame street, have returned to Montreal after spending their honeymoon on a tour in the States. The happy couple visited New York, Buffalo, Toronto, Niagara, Rochester and other places, and returned to this city on Saturday evening.

RETREAT AT HOTEL DIEU.

The annual retreat for the Sisters at Hotel Dieu began this week. The retreat lasts 10 days and is being preached by the Rev. Father Pretot, a distinguished Oblat father. The annual retreat comes as a great welcome rest to the nuns after a year of hard labor in the interests of the sick.