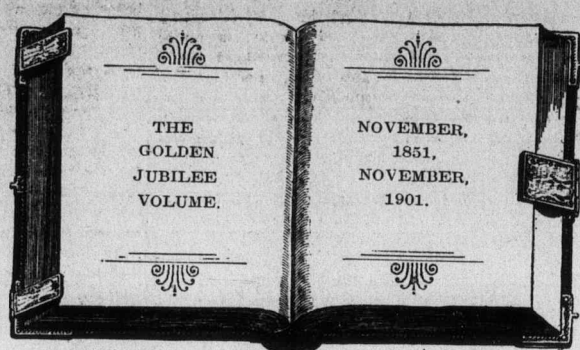


ST. PATRICK'S ORPHAN ASYLUM.



"When we look back and read over the names of the men who aided the founder of the institution, men who carved their way to honest and honorable success in life; we cannot fail to be struck with sincere admiration for their vigorous faith, their indomitable energy, their exhaustless

are giving evidence of the sterling patriotism that always characterized their fathers. These were eager to promote anything and everything, that was necessary for the glory of God or the honor of the race. Look at the churches they built, the schools, asylums and refuges they

are alluding, is now being neglected? True, in the field of athletics, a very good field, something is being done; but in intellectual pursuits are the young men of to-day the equals of those of thirty or forty years ago? Do the young men gather around their respective parish

hurriedly put together, chronicle many things that the Irish race in this city have reason to be proud of; but we cannot rest content with admiring complacently the work of our predecessors. St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum is a monument to its founder, and the friends who aided him. In God's name and with His blessings, let us be true to ourselves, and if we cannot surpass, let us endeavor to equal those, who had nothing to depend upon but their generous hearts and willing hands."

The extract given above is taken from the handsome Jubilee volume of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum sent to us by the editor, Hon. Mr. Justice Curran, on Saturday last. We have no desire to indulge in praise which may, to some, seem to be hero-worship, but to the writer who has an intimate knowledge of the valuable services cheerfully and loyally given by His Lordship to religion and country for a period of more than forty years it is only an act of justice to now state that as a courageous gifted Irish Canadian Catholic, a practical and zealous parishioner of St. Patrick's, a true friend of every good work associated with our nationality, His Lordship ranks second to none in our section of this community.

No other layman in our midst, within our memory has a more intimate knowledge of the events associated with the subjects with which he deals than His Lordship.

This volume, together with another which was issued on the occasion of the golden jubilee of the late Father Dowd and the late Father Toupin, constitute an interesting outline of the history of the Irish Catholic section of the community of Montreal, the simple yet heroic virtues of which they gave touching proof in earlier days, when their devotion to their faith found expression in the erection of churches and schools, convents and institutions like St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum and St. Bridget's Home.

Beautiful and pathetic are the accounts given of the zealous and pious priests who labored for the spiritual and even temporal welfare of their Irish flock in days that have vanished. Numerous illustrations and portraits, two of which we reproduce here, enrich the volume in a marked manner giving it a permanent value. The biographies are specially interesting features, while the history of the efforts made in the trying days of the first years of existence of some of our parishes and institutions bear testimony to the zeal and enthusiasm of our people in this city during the last half of the past century. The work is brought down in chronological order to the renovation of the interior of St. Patrick's Church. The history of the Catholic High School, the death of Rev. Father Quinlan, and the appointment of his successor, Rev. Father Martin Callaghan, also a lengthy appendix in which is contained amongst other things a touching account of the

erection in 1900 of the monument at Cap de Rosier, Gaspe, to the memory of the Irish emigrants who were shipwrecked there. The collection of portraits includes those of the charter trustees of 1855, as well as those of the present day; past lady presidents and the lady president and officers of the current year, and some of the prominent and well known

volume. Our desire naturally being to induce our readers to purchase copies for themselves, so that they may peruse it, and be possessors of a valuable and well written account of events which reflect honor and credit upon our forefathers in this city, and which, we hope, with the patriotic and talented editor of the volume, will stimulate them to imitate



CHARTER TRUSTEES OF ST. PATRICK'S ORPHAN ASYLUM (1855)

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| 1.—CHAS. T. PALSgrave. | 6.—P. BRENNAN. |
| 2.—THOMAS BELL. | 7.—M. O'MEARA. |
| 3.—HON. THOMAS RYAN. | 8.—FRANCIS McDONNELL. |
| 4.—CHARLES CURRAN. | 9.—THOMAS O'BRIEN. |
| 5.—P. LYNCH. | 10.—JAMES SADLER. |

benefactors of the institution. Other portraits are those of the governors of the Catholic High School and the clergy of St. Patrick's Church.

Several chapters, it is needless to add, are devoted to the great work performed by the Grey Nuns, who have been always associated with the management of the institution. We give but a mere outline of this

as a truly noble example.

The price of the Jubilee book is \$1.00, and it may be had at St. Patrick's Presbytery. Any of our subscribers outside of this city who desire to have a copy of this really interesting book may do so by sending the sum of \$1.00 to the "True Witness" office, and it will be forwarded.



ST. PATRICK'S ORPHAN ASYLUM

charity. Will this century gives us their equals in our community? If so, we shall be thrice blessed. But can we hope for this? The opportunities of the young men of to-day far exceed those of their struggling parents; but can it be faithfully said that, with all their advantages, they

erected, not to speak of a host of charities, whose beneficent results we feel, without dreaming of taking into account their origin. Then things were all done by dint of self-sacrifice. To-day is it not to be feared, that what gave stamina to the grand generation to which we

churches? Is the pastor of to-day, in any of our parishes, looked up to, and not merely from the lips but from the bottom of their hearts called "Father" as in days of yore? If not, then it is time that the thoughtful amongst us take heed of the signs of the times. These few pages,

spoken to him in the past so He speaks again in our day by His Church which is visibly sustained by the Divine assistance and which shows clearly where salvation and truth can be found. Come what may, this eternal assistance, will inspire our hearts with an incredible hope and persuade us that at the hour marked by Providence and in a future which is not remote, truth will scatter the mists in which men endeavor to shroud it and will shine forth more brilliantly than ever. The spirit of the Gospel will spread life anew in the heart of our corrupted society and in its perishing members.

In what concerns Us, Venerable Brethren, in order to hasten the day of divine mercy We shall not fall in Our duty to do everything to defend and develop the Kingdom of God upon earth. As for you, your pastoral solicitude is too well known to Us to exhort you to do the same. May the ardent flame which burns in your hearts be transmitted more and more to the hearts of all your priests. They are in immediate contact with the people. If full of the spirit of Jesus Christ and keeping themselves above political passion, they unite their action with yours they will succeed with the blessing of God in accomplishing marvels. By their word they will enlighten the multitude; by their sweetness of manners they will gain all hearts, and in succoring with charity their suffering brethren, they will help them little by little to better the condition in which they are placed.

The clergy will be firmly sustained by the active and intelligent co-operation of all men of good will. Thus the children who have tasted the sweetness of the Church will thank her for it in a worthy way, viz., by gathering around her to defend her honor and her glory. All can contribute to this work which will be so splendidly meritorious for them: literary and learned men, by

defending her in books or in the daily press which is such a powerful instrument now made use of by her enemies; fathers of families and teachers, by giving a Christian education to children; magistrates and representatives of the people, by showing themselves firm in the principles which they defend as well as by the integrity of their lives and in the profession of their faith without any vestige of human respect. Our age exacts lofty ideals, generous designs, and the exact observance of the laws. It is by perfect submission to the directions of the Holy See that this discipline will be strengthened, for it is the best means of causing to disappear or at least of diminishing the evil which party opinions produce in fomenting divisions; and it will assist us in uniting all our efforts for attaining that higher end, namely, the triumph of Jesus Christ and His Church. Such is the duty of Catholics. As for her final triumph she depends upon Him who watches with wisdom and love over His immaculate spouse, and of Whom it is written, "Jesus Christ, yesterday, today and forever." (Heb. xiii, 8.)

It is therefore to Him, that at this moment we should lift our hearts in humble and ardent prayer, to Him who loving with an infinite love our erring humanity has wished to make Himself an expiatory victim by the sublimity of His martyrdom; to Him who seated although unseen in the mystical bark of His Church can alone still the tempest and command the waves to be calm and the furious winds to cease. Without doubt, Venerable Brethren, you with Us will ask this Divine Master for the cessation of the evils which are overwhelming society, for the repeal of all hostile law; for the illumination of those who more perhaps through ignorance than through malice, hate and persecute the religion of Jesus Christ; and also for the drawing to-

gether of all men of good will in close and holy union.

May the triumph of truth and of justice be thus hastened in the world, and for the great family of Christ; and also for the drawing to tranquility and of peace.

Meanwhile as a pledge of the most precious and Divine favor may the benediction which We give you with all Our heart, descend upon you and all the faithful committed to your care.

Give at Rome, at St. Peter's, 19th March, 1902, in the twenty-fifth year of Our Pontificate.

LEO XIII.

LOCAL NOTES.

A PILGRIMAGE.—St. Patrick's parish will hold a pilgrimage by train to Ste. Anne de Beaupre on Saturday, July 5. Arrangements have been made, by which the pilgrims will leave on Saturday evening and return on Sunday evening.

BRANCH NO. 2, C.M.B.A.—At a recent meeting of Branch No. 2, C.M.B.A., a resolution of condolence was passed on the death of Rev. Francis Scanlan, C.S.S.R. Other resolutions of condolence were also passed on the death of Mrs. James Griffin and Mrs. Flavian Barbeau.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.—This most deserving institution held its inaugural reception on Saturday, and there was a large attendance of its patrons. Addresses were delivered by prominent citizens. On Wednesday evening the first concert took place. The Knights of Columbus Choral Club contributed the programme, under the direction of Prof. P. J. Shea, which was of a high standard. In an early issue we hope to present a sketch of the work of the organization during the past year.

APOSTOLIC LETTER
FROM POPE LEO XIII.

(Continued from Page Three.)

We would not wish that the remembrance of these afflictions should diminish in the souls of the faithful that full and entire confidence which they ought to have in the Divine assistance. For God, in His own hour and in His mysterious ways, will bring about a certain victory. As for Us, no matter how great the sadness which fills Our heart, We do not fear for the immortal destiny of the Church. As We have said in the beginning, persecution is its heritage, because in trying and in purifying its children, God thereby obtains for them greater and more precious advantages. And in permitting the Church to undergo these trials He manifests the Divine assistance which He bestows upon it, for He provides new and unlooked for means of assuring the support and the development of His work while revealing the futility of the powers which are leagued against it. Nineteen centuries of a life passed in the midst of the ebb and flow of all human vicissitudes teach us that the storms pass by without ever affecting the foundations of the Church. We are able all the more to remain unshaken in this confidence, as the present time affords indications which forbid depression. We cannot deny that the difficulties that confront us are extraordinary and formidable, but there are also facts before our eyes which give evidence, at the same time, that God is fulfilling His pro-

mises with admirable wisdom and goodness.

While so many powers conspire against the Church and while she is progressing on her way deprived of all human help and assistance, is she not in effect carrying on her gigantic work in the world and is she not extending her action in every clime and every nation? Expelled by Jesus Christ, the prince of this world can no longer exercise his proud dominion as heretofore; and although doubtless the efforts of Satan may cause us many a woe they will not achieve the object at which they aim. Already a supernatural tranquility due to the Holy Ghost Who provides for the Church and Who abides in it reigns not only in the souls of the faithful but also throughout Christianity; a tranquility whose serene development we witness everywhere, thanks to the union ever more and more close and affectionate with the Apostolic See; a union which is in marvellous contrast with the agitation, the dissension and the continual unrest of the various sects which disturb the peace of society. There exists also between bishops and clergy a union which is fruitful in numberless works of zeal and charity. It exists likewise between the clergy and laity who more closely knit together and more completely freed from human respect than ever before, are awakening to a new life and organizing with a generous emulation in defence of the sacred cause of religion. It is this union which We have so often recommended, which We recommend again, which We bless that it may develop still more and may rise like an impenetrable wall against the fierce violence of the enemies of God.

There is nothing more natural than that like the branches which spring from the roots to the tree, these numberless associations which we see with joy flourish in our days in the bosom of the Church should

arise, grow strong and multiply. There is no form of Christian piety which has been omitted whether there is question of Jesus Christ himself, or His adorable mysteries, or His Divine Mother, or the saints whose wonderful virtues have illumined the world. Nor has any kind of charitable work been forgotten. On all sides there is a zealous endeavor to procure Christian instruction for youth; help for the sick; moral teaching for the people and assistance for the classes least favored in the goods of this world. With what remarkable rapidity this movement would propagate itself and what precious fruits it would bear if it were not opposed by the unjust and unfriendly efforts with which it finds itself so often in conflict.

God, who gives to the Church such great vitality in civilized countries where it has been established for so many centuries, consoles us besides with other hopes. These hopes we owe to the zeal of Catholic missionaries. Not permitting themselves to be discouraged by the perils which they face; by the privations which they endure; by the sacrifices of every kind which they accept, their numbers are increasing and they are gaining whole countries to the Gospel and to civilization. Nothing can diminish their courage, although after the manner of their Divine Master they receive only accusations and calumnies as the reward of their untiring labors.

Thus our sorrows are tempered by the sweetest consolations, and in the midst of the struggles and the difficulties which are our portion we have wherewith to refresh our souls and to inspire us with hope. This ought to suggest useful and wise reflections to those who view the world with intelligence, and who do not permit passions to blind them; for it proves that God has not made man independent in what regards the last end of life, and just as He has

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In Our Legislative

(From Our Own Correspondent)

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