

Local Notes.

ARCHBISHOP'S RETURN.—After an absence of many weeks His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi and Rev. Canon Vaillant returned to the city on Sunday morning. His Grace is in excellent health and very much pleased with his visit to the Southern States and Mexico. While in Mexico, the Archbishop made a pilgrimage to the famous shrine of Notre Dame de la Guadalupe, where he celebrated Pontifical High Mass. On his return, he paid short visits to New Orleans, Toledo and Windsor, Ont.

MISS PRINGLE'S CONCERT.—The complimentary concert, under the direction of Miss Fannie Pringle, which was held in the Karn Hall last week, was one of the most successful musical undertakings which has taken place in Montreal for some time. The audience was representative in every sense of the artistic circles of this city. Miss Pringle, who contributed two numbers of the select and well arranged program, won the hearts of all present by the manner in which she acquitted herself. She was ably assisted by Prof. P. J. Shea, organist of St. Ann's choir, Mr. Ed. Quinn, one of its leading soloists, Mr. M. J. Power, the talented electrician of the Young Irishmen's L. and B. A., Mr. E. Lebel, the sweet tenor of the Cathedral choir, and a number of other prominent local artists.

The concert was held under the auspices of St. Patrick's St. Lawrence and St. Mary's G.O.F. Miss Pringle, during the course of the evening, read a letter from Lord Strathcona, expressing regret at his inability to be present. It is said that a cheque accompanied the letter.

C.M.B.A.—One of the most successful progressive euchre parties and socials ever held by Branch No. 232, C.M.B.A., Grand Council of Canada, was that which took place under its auspices in Drummond Hall, last Tuesday evening. Upwards of 225 people were present, and this large number of members and friends of this popular branch spent one of the most enjoyable evenings in its history. Out of the above number, 200 persons participated in the contest for the euchre prizes, there being exactly 50 tables in operation, and the manner in which the playing was conducted reflects great credit on the gentlemen in charge. Everything went off as smoothly as a well oiled piece of machinery, and the systematic manner inaugurated by this branch for their euchre parties was greatly in evidence on this occasion when 15 games were played inside of two hours.

The prizes, as usual, were very handsome, and strictly in keeping with their past reputation, and many pleasant comments were made by those present upon the selections, and it is needless to say that the playing was very spirited. In fact, so much so, that five ladies were equal for the 3rd prize, lady's, and six gentlemen equal for the 3rd prize.

After the card playing had finished, the way was led to the supper room, where the large number were accommodated by bringing the large spacious stage into requisition, so that every one of the large assembly present was seated, and partook of the good things provided for their comfort by the well known and popular "Society Caterer," Bro. W. J. Shea. The arrangements made for the handling of such a number of people reflects great credit on himself and assistants, and demonstrates the fact that he knows a thing or two about his business.

After the refreshments were partaken of, the prizes were awarded to the fortunate winners, each of whom received quite an ovation on their success. The following gentlemen were called to the platform to perform the pleasant task of presenting the different prizes: Grand Deputy J. H. Feeley, Chan. P. Doyle (Br. 50), Bro. F. J. Curran (Br. 26), Trustee Bro. F. J. Sears (Br. 26), Chan. T. A. Lynch (Br. 232), and President T. R. Cowan, (Br. 232).

The first lady's prize—Brass mounted onyx top table and jardiniere, won by Mrs. R. Dolan. The 2nd lady's prize—Decorated opal china jewel case, won by Mrs. J. Broenon. The 3rd lady's prize—Limoges china cheese dish, won by Miss McLellan. The 1st gent's prize—Wedgewood china drinking set (4 pieces), won by Mr. M. Casey. The 2nd gent's prize—Majolica umbrella stand, won by Mr. F. E. Tansie. The 3rd gent's prize—Brass mounted opal china (decorated) cigar and match holder, won by Mr. H. Audrian.

The Committee of Management are deserving of a word of praise for their devotion to the arduous duties they had to fulfill, and in a great measure the grand success attained by Branch 232 last Tuesday evening is due to their untiring efforts to please all, and to look well after the wants of their many friends, and they succeeded admirably. With such good "hustlers" working harmoniously together they are bound to make their entertainments grand social successes.

The next social to be held by this branch is announced for Friday, February 8th, 1901.

BRANCH 1, C.M.B.A.—A large meeting of this good old branch of Quebec Council was held in their hall, on Monday evening, 26th inst., to witness the nomination of officers for the next term. President J. O'Rourke presiding, which resulted as follows: Bro. J. Warren, President; J. F. Campbell, 1st Vice-President; J. Brophy, 2nd Vice-President; F. C. Lawlor, Sec. and Cor. Secretary; W. J. Scullion, Fin. Secretary; J. T. White, Treasurer; J. M. La-

mothe, Asst. Recorder; C. McKenna, Marshal; C. G. Pressey, Guard. Trustees for two years: Bros. L. Brophy, J. F. Campbell. Delegates to Advisory Council: Bros. F. C. Lawlor, J. Warren and T. F. McGrail. The retiring President, Bro. J. Bourke, becomes Chancellor. The interest shown at this meeting was most satisfactory.

THE WORLD'S CHAMPION.

On Monday night Mr. Horace Barre, of this city, won, over Ronaldo the German athlete, the world's championship for weight-lifting. Mr. Barre's strength is certainly prodigious. He is now the strongest known man in the world. We are opposed, in every sense to the brutal "sport" of prize-fighting, which tends to degrade man to the level of the savage, or the beast; but feats of genuine strength and skill, such as go to make up legitimate athletics are always honorable and praiseworthy. We rejoice in Mr. Barre's success, because he is a Canadian, a Montrealer, and the worthy successor of Cyr, the one time Canadian champion. There is, however, something else to be said about Mr. Barre. He is as gentle as he is strong, as refined as he is gentle, as kindhearted as he is refined, as moral as he is kindhearted; he is a practical Catholic in every sense; retiring, unostentatious, the soul of good fellowship, and, above all, a model that could be followed with advantage by all young men who enter the dangerous arena of public athletics. If he possesses such strength, can utilize it at will, and conserves it admirably, not a little is due to his quiet and regular life, his temperate habits, and his religious morality. We consider that no greater praise could we bestow is best is that it is fully deserved. Upon the new champion; and what

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.—At the solicitation of the members of the above society, the dramatic section of the Young Irishmen's Literary and Benevolent Society have kindly consented to give one of their grand entertainments in St. Mary's Hall on the evening of Dec. 10th, in aid of the poor of the parish. By two previous concerts given under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul Society they have been enabled to clear off all the indebtedness of the past year, and it is the intention of the members to make a grand effort after providing for about thirty poor families during the winter now at hand, that they will be in a position to close the season at Easter time without any outstanding debts. Instead of soliciting throughout the parish the members of this most worthy society, have adopted the idea of giving evening entertainments at a small entrance fee, the one now announced to be given by the Y. I. L. B. Society should draw a large audience, and those who attend are assured of as good an evening's enjoyment, as if they attended a similar entertainment in the centre or west end of the city at a much larger entrance fee. The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society are most grateful to the officers and members of the Young Irishmen's Literary and Benevolent Society for the kind and hearty manner in which they have consented to give their services, in aid of the distressed poor of St. Mary's.

RECENT DEATHS.

M. J. EGAN.—The sad news of the death of Captain Egan, of the Capital Lacross Club, was received in this city with the most profound regret. Captain Egan had hundreds of friends in Montreal who admired him for his manliness and pluck in every match.

In the circles of the S.A.A.A. the announcement came in the nature of a blow, and on all sides to-day could be heard expressions of pained surprise. The late Mr. Egan was but 37 years of age, and from boyhood had been identified with athletics and to his knowledge of lacrosse was due, to a great extent, the success that in recent years attended the efforts of the Capital Lacross team. Last year he led the Caps to the Canadian championship.—R.I.P.

MRS. ELLIS.—The death of Mrs. J. P. Ellis, nee Miss Mary O'Byrne, on Wednesday, Nov. 21st, awakened sentiments of deep feeling among all classes and creeds at Point St. Charles. The blow fell with crushing weight upon her respected parents, who but a month ago lamented the loss of their beautiful daughter, Margaret. Deceased being naturally of a kind and gentle disposition, a lady of great natural talents and ability, and having the advantage of a superior intellectual training, was a favorite with all who knew her. She was a graduate of the Sacred Heart Convent, Sault aux Recollets, a diplomaed teacher of music and organist of St. Gabriel's Church for upwards of ten years, which important position she resigned shortly after her marriage. When her health began to fail, and it became evident that she required the constant attendance of an experienced nurse, she was advised by her physicians in Boston to return to her mother's home, where, despite the best medical treatment and affectionate attention, she succumbed to dropsy.

At 9 o'clock a.m. on Friday, her remains were borne to St. Gabriel's Church, the funeral cortege being one of the largest and most impressive witnessed in Point St. Charles for many years. Everyone along the route and at the church seemed filled with the one object—to show all the respect possible to one who was so deservedly beloved, and whose

memory will ever live in the affections of her sorely afflicted relatives and friends.

The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Father O'Meara, pastor of St. Gabriel's, assisted by Rev. Fathers MacDonald and Shea. The solemn Mass of Requiem was grand and impressive, the church throughout being draped in black. A full choir was in attendance. The Rev. Father Dupras, of St. Charles Church, presided at the organ.

Mrs. Ellis was 34 years of age, and the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Byrne, of Bourgeois street. Besides her broken-hearted parents, she is survived by her husband and four young and pretty children, all of whom are tendered the sincerest sympathy of the writer—a companion in childhood days—and the "True Witness" in their heavy loss. "May she rest in peace."

T. J. McMAHON.—To a wide circle of friends by whom he was affectionately cherished and esteemed, the death of Thomas James McMahon, son of John McMahon, Albert street, St. Henri, came with keen affliction. To them a loving companion has passed away. "A companion whose face they shall not see again in this world below."

The deceased had been ailing only two weeks. Everything that medical aid could do was done, but the ravages of typhoid fever had done its work, and the last spark of life passed away on Thursday evening, Nov. 23rd, at the age of 23. The bright sun of manly promise and the golden edge of his day sank behind the blank horizon—death.

The funeral took place Saturday afternoon, and was attended by over three hundred citizens, including the St. Gabriel's band, of which he had been a member for some time past. The numerous letters of condolence, wreaths and other floral offerings testified to his great popularity. As the long and sad cortege passed St. Anthony's Church, the bell tolled forth its mournful sound as a mark of respect for the deceased. The interment took place in Cote des Neiges Cemetery. A solemn Requiem High Mass was offered for the repose of his soul at St. Henri's Church during the week. We extend our sympathy to the relatives in their sad loss.—R.I.P.

WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The persistent manner in which the Boers are continuing the war is hardly made the subject of much bitter comment.

The meeting of Parliament next week will not take place too soon, says the New York "Tribune's" London correspondent. The British pub-

lic is dazed and bewildered by the confusion which prevails both in South Africa and China. The trend of events will be clearer when the ministers are in their places to answer questions and the leading writers are provided with cues by those behind the scenes. A war costing \$7,500,000 weekly, is going on and nobody seems to know when it is likely to stop. Everybody is in a critical mood.

NON-SECTARIANISM.

The organizer of the Syracuse Boys' Club recently sent out a circular letter asking for co-operation in a movement for non-sectarian work for boys. A copy of this circular was addressed to Bishop Ludden, of Syracuse. The Bishop's reply so impressed us as a genuine exposition of the humbuggery of "non-sectarianism," that we had intended making it the basis of an article upon this subject; but finding that to properly appreciate the learned Bishop's outspoken and frank communication, it would be necessary to quote nearly every line of it, we have concluded to give the letter in full and leave all comment to our readers. The reply runs thus:—

"Dear Sir,—I have your communication of the 7th instant, with prospectus of a Syracuse Boys' Club—'a non-sectarian work for boys'—to be established here in Syracuse. You ask me to subscribe thereto. It is to be 'non-sectarian,' and yet to impart to boys mental, moral and religious training. You do not state what brand of religion it is to supply, further than that it will be the non-sectarian brand. Still what is meant by 'non-sectarian' is pretty well understood. It is an overworked word, embracing all churchless and creedless undogmatic religions, to the special exclusion of the Catholic religion and Catholic teaching. It is the great, national, pantheistic state religion which is sought to be set up in the State Pantheon in which all the sects are to meet, as did the Romans in the Pantheon of old to worship the big, non-sectarian god, Jupiter, the father of all the smaller gods.

"Now, my dear Mr. Betts, to train up boys—and girls, too—in 'mental, moral and religious training' is, in my judgment, the highest and noblest occupation that can possibly engage the mind of man, and I do not impute to you any sinister motive in your proposed way of doing it, but must candidly say to you that we cannot have my co-operation. We Catholics have a religion

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teach Christian morals and Christian religion without church and creed and dogmas. As far as we Catholics are concerned, then, we cannot join in what you call 'non-sectarian religion,' nor can we accept a niche in any non-sectarian State Pantheon. Though you and other well-meaning people may not know it, there is a schismatic opposition to Catholics and bigotry underlying all this 'non-sectarianism.' In the last analysis it means a religion of all the sects to the exclusion of the Catholics. The list of names on your prospectus will, I think, show this.

"You state in your letter that a Christian man will be appointed superintendent. Is there any chance that that superintendent may be a Catholic? We were told a short time ago in the newspapers by the president of the Methodist University on the hill that that institution is a non-sectarian establishment. Is there any chance of a Catholic being placed at its head or having any share in its management? Nay, more, is there any chance but a Methodist being placed at its head?

"If you had left out your commendation of 'non-sectarianism' for this projected work for boys and stated that all religions would be safeguarded and respected there, and that the Protestant and Catholic boys would be taught there by their respective pastors and that no form of religious instruction would be imposed upon the unwilling, then, indeed, I would favor it and generously contribute to its support. Your 'Christian man' for superintendent is to be either a layman or a minister; if the former he has no authority to teach religion; if the latter, he must belong to some of the sects, is he to abandon his sect and teach your 'non-sectarianism'?"

LABOR TROUBLES IN QUEBEC.

At a meeting of the Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' Association, held on Saturday last, it was decided to appeal to Monsignor Begin to act as arbitrator in the shoe difficulties. A resolution to this effect was passed and is being forwarded to His Grace at once.

Ald. T. Duchaine announced in St. Rochs on Tuesday, that he was prepared to abide by the decision, whatever it might be, and that his factory would be open this morning to all of his former employees who were also willing to abide by the decision of His Grace.

The announcement evoked the greatest enthusiasm both on the part of shoe operatives and the public generally. The men, it is understood, are equally willing to accept the decision of the arbitrator who has been named, and will resume work immediately, with the understanding that whatever judgment may be given they will loyally abide by it.

Mr. Duchaine employs about 150 hands. He is acting, it is believed, in concert with the other shoe manufacturers, and the hope is now generally expressed that a satisfactory solution of the difficulty has been reached.

A correspondent says: His Grace the Archbishop was called upon this morning, but he refused through Vicar-General Marois to make any statement whatever.

If you want knowledge, you must toil for it; if food, you must toil for it; and if pleasure, you must toil for it. Toil is the law. Pleasure comes through toil, and not by self-indulgence and indolence. When a man gets to love work his life is a happy one.

