

## NOTES FROM THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE CITY.

### THE GLORIOUS FEAST.

Easter Sunday, the brightest feast of the Church, and the fundamental one of Christianity, was celebrated in our city, the Rome of America, in a manner that showed the real Christian and Catholic spirit. Our people observed Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday as days of retreat in preparation for the triumph of the Crucified Saviour. The scene in our churches, at all the early services, was one that brought joy to the Heavenly Court. At five o'clock the church bells pealed forth their joyous sounds, and thousands wended their way to their respective parish churches. For hours priests were in constant attendance giving the Bread of Life to the faithful. At the solemn High Masses the sounds of the joyous "Alleluia" were echoed and re-echoed throughout the sacred edifices, which made the Christian heart rejoice and proclaim the great joy which comes to all through the lessons contained in the resurrection of Christ.

#### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Pastor, Rev. Father Martin Callaghan, assisted by Rev. Father Killoran as deacon and Rev. Father Polan as sub-deacon. Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan preached a short sermon on the feast of the day. The sanctuary and main altar were gems of artistic beauty, and the singing lent an additional charm.

In the evening, solemn Vespers were sung and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given.

The ladies' branch of the League of the Sacred Heart held a largely attended meeting on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Father P. Heffernan presiding. A resolution of condolence to Miss Brown, secretary of the Society, who was bereaved by the loss of her sister, was passed, and a Requiem Mass will be chanted next week for the repose of her soul. It was decided to hold the annual pilgrimage to L'Assommoir on Thursday, June 22nd, the boat leaving at 9.30 a.m. and returning at 9.30 p.m. The choir lately organized in connection with the League is doing well, and the Society is in a flourishing condition. The ladies of the parish are meeting with great success in connection with their Easter social and euchre, which will be held to-morrow (Friday) night, at Drummond Hall.

#### ST. ANN'S PARISH.

On Sunday morning at 7.30 the members of St. Ann's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society met at St. Ann's Hall, and preceded by St. Ann's brass band, marched in a body to St. Ann's Church, where the members received Holy Communion at the eight o'clock Mass.

Solemn High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Roux, O.S.S.R., assisted by Rev. Father Flynn, O.S.S.R., as deacon, and Rev. Father Deane, C.S.S.R., as sub-deacon. The music of the fine choir, under the direction of Prof. P. J. Shea, was excellent, the sweet soprano voices of St. Ann's boys being heard to good advantage. In the evening solemn Vespers were sung, and a sermon preached by Rev. Father D. Holland, C.S.S.R. He strongly urged those who had not made their Easter duty to do so.

Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was imparted. The sanctuary and high altar were tastefully decorated.

Preparations on a large scale are being made for the fitting celebration of Brother Gerard Majella's canonization. The solemnities will take the form of a triduum to commence on Ascension Thursday and finish on the following Sunday. Four eminent preachers have been invited to occupy the pulpit at the evening services. Their names will appear later.

The pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupre for women will take place on the 8th of July, and the same for men on the twelfth of August. Rev. Father Flynn will have charge of both pilgrimages.

Very Reverend Father Deroy, visitor of the West Indian Missions, is staying with the Fathers for a few days, and leaves soon with Father Deane, who has just come from Brandon, Man., to go back to the scene of his labors among the colored people of the Antilles. Fathers Strubbe and McPhail have just finished a two weeks' retreat at St. Bede's Church, Ottawa, and are much pleased with the result of their labors.

ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH.

On Easter Sunday, at the noon

o'clock Mass, No. 2 Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, received Holy Communion in a body. The Chaplain, Rev. Father O'Meara, P. P., celebrated the Mass.

Solemn High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Fahy, and the sermon preached by Rev. Father O'Meara. The choir rendered Archambault's Mass with good effect. In the evening solemn Benediction was held.

#### ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH.

Solemn High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Thos. Heffernan, assisted by Rev. Father J. E. Donnelly as deacon and Rev. Father M. L. Shea as sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by the pastor from the text "He is risen, He is not here." The main altar was beautiful to behold with its display of colored electric and other lights. The choir rendered Mozart's Mass in an admirable manner. In the evening solemn Vespers and Benediction were held. At both morning and evening services very large congregations assisted.

The euchre given on Easter Monday night by the ladies of the parish proved quite an enjoyable affair, as well as a great success financially. Rev. Father Shea is to be congratulated on the success attending the different euchre parties in aid of the church fund.

Immediately after the first Communion on Saturday morning, May 13th, at the 8 o'clock Mass, His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the different candidates.

#### ST. MARY'S PARISH.

Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father McDonald, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. Rev. Father Connolly, S.J., preached the sermon. In the evening, Rev. Father O'Bryan brought the men's mission to a close. At the solemn Benediction the choir rendered a choice musical programme, including a new "Tantum Ergo" by Prof. James Wilson. The beautiful little temple dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, under the title of Our Lady of Good Counsel, was seen at its best during the evening devotions, with its brilliantly illuminated dome and main altar. The entertainment given by St. Mary's Young Men on Easter Monday night proved a great success both financially and otherwise.

#### THE CHURCH OF THE GESU.

The celebration of Easter at the Jesuit Church was of the highest order. Solemn High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Desjardins, S.J., assisted by Rev. Father Bouvrette, S.J., and Rev. Father Beau, S.J., as deacon and sub-deacon. The music of the fine choir was heard to good advantage in a pretty Mass. In the evening Rev. Father Connolly, S.J., finished his Lenten sermons.

#### ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL.

His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi sung Pontifical High Mass on Sunday attended by Right Rev. Bishop-elect Racicot, Rev. Canons Dault, Vailant, Roy, Gauthier, Martin, Rev. Abbe Perrier, Rev. J. B. Demers, Secretary and two Seminarians. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Hage, O.P. The choir was up to its usual standard of excellence. At the end of the Mass His Grace imparted his blessing. A very large congregation assisted. There was solemn Vespers and Benediction in the evening.

#### NOTRE DAME CHURCH.

The old historic Church of Notre Dame was, as usual on great festivals, the scene of magnificence and splendor. The beautifully illuminated sanctuaries and main altar formed a beautiful picture. Solemn High Mass was sung by Very Rev. Abbe Leocq, Superior of the Sulpicians, assisted by two Seminarians as deacon and sub-deacon. In the afternoon solemn Vespers were sung, after which Rev. Abbe Vignot delivered his farewell sermon. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament closed the proceedings. The music of the choir at both services was of the highest order.

#### ST. JOSEPH'S HOME.

During the past week the following kind sympathizers showed their liberality to the proteges by sending contributions in money and in kind: Mrs. Conquest and Mrs. O'Rourke, city, one dollar each; Ald. Walsh, M.P.P., three dollars towards bread bill. Mr. and Mrs. M. Flanagan, Ballinasloe, Ireland, sent a sovereign in a coin case. Mrs. Frenette sent a supply of bread every day, while Mr. Pagnon keeps the Home supplied with fish. The boys are short of clothes, particularly the small ones, and Father Holland hopes to have to thank some of his friends next week for whatever they will see fit to send the children with in the way of clothing.

## ENGLISH CATHOLIC OLD BOYS AND GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

Presentation to Miss Agnes Brennan, Matron of St. Vincent's Home.



MISS AGNES BRENNAN, Superintendent of the Home and Girls' Visitor.

On Sunday evening last a very interesting event took place at St. Vincent's Home, 386 St. Antoine street, the headquarters of the Catholic Emigration Association, the occasion being the making of a presentation by the Old Boys and Girls to their former guardian and present friend, Miss Agnes Brennan, for so many years, the esteemed matron of St. Vincent's Home, and her coadjutor sister, Miss Elizabeth Brennan.

A very large gathering of boys and girls, now out of the control of the Association, met to do honor to the occasion, and to show their appreciation of their old and valued friends. Amongst the visitors present were His Lordship Mr. Justice Curran, Rev. Father Holland, Mr. John Hoolahan, Dominion Government Agent, Mr. Hales Sanders, Mr. Cuddihy, Mr. J. P. Boyle and Miss Theresa Nicholson. The proceedings were opened by Mr. Justice Curran calling upon Miss Sarah Dolphin to read the following appreciative address which had been beautifully and tastefully illuminated by Mr. Rudolph Bedard, of this city:

"What you have done to the least of mine, you have done unto me."

Dear Miss Brennan:—We, the members of the Old Boys and Girls' Association take this opportunity of testifying with gratitude our high appreciation of the arduous labours which you and Miss Elizabeth have so unselfishly undertaken on our behalf.

To all of us, strangers in a strange land, you have more than filled a mother's place, for we always felt that in you we had a friend who was ready to sympathize with us in our troubles, and rejoice with us in our successes.

We hope that God may spare you to long continue in the glorious work which you have so successfully carried on for so many years.

Signed on behalf of the Old Boys and Girls' Association.

JOS. McDERMOTT.  
Hon. Sec.

His Lordship next called upon Mr. Cecil Arden, the hon. agent of the Catholic Emigration Association, to make the presentation to Miss Brennan, on behalf of the Old Boys and Girls.

Mr. Arden referred to the many pleasant and happy duties, it had been his lot to perform since his advent amongst them, now nearly four years ago, and to the many happy gatherings of the Old Boys and Girls it had been his pleasure to assist at, but declared that no previous occasion could possibly vie with the happiness and pleasure of the duty and privilege the boys and girls had placed upon him on this occasion.

To be the means of communicating to the Misses Brennan the sentiments which were in the hearts of all present was a privilege, and an honor, and he knew that every word he might utter, and every sentiment he might express, as being indicative of his own feelings, were the words and sentiments of every lip and heart of that large gathering.

They had met to honor one who had been through many long years a true mother to them all; one who had ever been ready to sympathize in their trials and difficulties, and to rejoice in their pleasures and successes. Words failed to express the deep feelings of thankfulness which he (Mr. Arden) personally felt to the Misses Brennan for the unvarying kindness and devotion which they had ever bestowed upon him from his first advent amongst them. They had opened their hearts to receive him, as a very dear friend, when first they

met, and their devotion had not wavered one iota to that night. What he could say of himself he knew expressed the experience and feelings of all present, and he was proud and pleased to have that opportunity of expressing even so inadequately his own and their heartfelt feelings of gratitude towards one who would ever hold a very high place in their hearts.

All pleasures were more or less tinged with some regrets. No less so, that night; but perhaps the regrets were all on his side rather than on theirs, though he knew they were shared by the Misses Brennan. That meeting was the last they would hold in that home, and it was also the last gathering they would hold with both the Misses Brennan and himself in the same house. They all knew that during the last year, an amalgamation of the two societies emigrating Catholic children to Canada had taken place. That amalgamation had given them a property of their own at Ottawa, which had made it necessary for the Association to transfer its headquarters to that city. The Association in considering this change realized the necessity also for keeping up a house in Montreal, to carry on the good work done there for so many years. While realizing the necessity for the continuance of the Home, they also realized that it could not be a home without the Misses Brennan there—that no stranger could possibly carry on that work, a work established and built up entirely by the Misses Brennan. They therefore decided to ask Miss Agnes and Miss Elizabeth Brennan to remain in Montreal and continue the work so long and so successfully carried on by them. This meant separation between the Misses Brennan and himself, but while he felt that he was the loser by being deprived of their immediate presence in the Home he was to occupy, he knew the boys and girls of Montreal would be the gainers by still having the Misses Brennan amongst them, and he would be no stranger to them either. He trusted both Miss Agnes and her sister might long be spared to continue their work, and that it might be his privilege to be associated with them for many years to come. From the 1st May the headquarters of the Association would be St. George's Home, Hintonburg, Ottawa, the Montreal Home being at 216a St. Antoine street.

Turning from the future back again to the present occasion of their happy gathering, he (Mr. Arden) felt sure Miss Brennan could not help but feel proud of the magnificent number present to-night. The beautiful address which it was his proud privilege to offer to Miss Brennan on their behalf expressed the feelings of those present and many others but inadequately. Yet he felt sure Miss Brennan would ever cherish it as testifying the high place both she and Miss Elizabeth held in the hearts of the boys and girls, who had passed through their hands, and who realized how much they owed to them, for their present positions in life. May many long years of life be theirs to yet spend in the doing of so noble and glorious a work.

Miss Agnes Brennan, replying, said: "I must say that this was not a surprise, as certain indications told me that there was something coming. I am very thankful to all for their kindness. I have only done my duty. Father Holland knows the work and assisted and helped me. I must not forget the name of good Father Godtz, who gave all the help necessary. When he was changed to Brandon I was left a widow with a large family. It is always increasing. It is to the late Father Godtz that a great measure of the success of the work is due. I again thank you for your beautiful address and presentation."

A pleasing feature of the evening was the speeches of several young men, members of the Association. They bore ample testimony of the great work which Miss Brennan had done for all, and at the same time were full of gratitude, for 'out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.'

Mr. McDermott was the first speaker, and thanked Miss Brennan for her motherly advice. Mr. Evans testified to the kindness and patience of Miss Brennan, and what success he had in life he could thank the kind matron of the home for it. Messrs. Cottle, Collopy, Rooney and Murphy spoke in a similar strain, and wished Miss Brennan many years of happiness.

Rev. Father Holland said that he was glad to be present on the occasion. He bore testimony to the Misses Brennan's great work for the emigrant children. God has blessed her work, for it is a grand and noble work.

Mr. John Hoolahan, Dominion Emigration Agent, said: "I have much pleasure in being present on this auspicious occasion. I have known Miss Brennan for over twelve years in connection with emigration work. She has always been attentive to her charge. Her work has been incessant. I hope that she will be long spared to continue it. It is a work which calls for praise from God and man, and I wish Miss Brennan every blessing in her future undertakings."

His Lordship Mr. Justice Curran, in closing the meeting, said: "You have heard so many admirable addresses that my task is an easy one. Miss Brennan has reason to feel proud of this occasion. It proves that she has not only guided so many of you in the path of virtue and success, but she has given the country quite a number of orators. The address speaks for itself, and the accompanying gift is an evidence of your good hearts. As honorary president of the Old Boys and Girls' Association, I congratulate you on the happy inspiration that moved you to make this presentation. I wish that those in authority on the other side of the Atlantic could witness this gathering of eminently respectable young men and women; they could then appreciate, to some extent, the value of the labors of Miss Agnes Brennan and her devoted sister Elizabeth. The work is being extended. The headquarters will hereafter be at Ottawa. In a few years hence other cities will also have their branch establishments, and, as there are still many years before Miss Brennan, in each of these she would have the pleasure of contemplating a new offshoot of the place she founded even before the Catholic Emigrating Society had taken up the work. The presence of some who had been taken into the first home on McCord street was a reminder of the days when she had worked almost unaided. In the new quarters, the old boys and girls, I hope, will meet, as they have been meeting in the present home. The Old Boys and Girls' Association I consider one of the strongest auxiliaries of the movement. All who had spoken were warm in their expressions of gratitude to the matron who had been so kind to them, so generous a friend, so wise a counsellor. It only remained for them to live up to their past record here, and prove themselves worthy of the protection that had been extended to them. Continue to be exemplary citizens of their Canadian home, and devoted sons and daughters of our Holy Mother the Church."

The True Witness joins with the Old Boys and Girls' Association in wishing Miss Agnes Brennan and her devoted sister, Miss Elizabeth, many years of usefulness in the glorious work which they have so well conducted, and amidst many trials, difficulties and troubles, have brought to such a successful issue.

Time for Easter Duty Expires.

The time for the Easter duty in the Archdiocese of Montreal expires next Sunday (Low Sunday). Confessions are being heard all the week in the different Catholic churches in order to give those who have not yet complied with that obligation time to do so.

### THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS.

Easter Sunday afternoon, the English-speaking members of the Third Order of St. Francis held their monthly meeting at the Franciscan Church, Dorchester street. After the recitation of the Office, Rev. Father Christopher, O.F.M., preached a sermon from the text, "But Christ is now risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep." (1 Cor. chap. 15, v. 20). "If there be any article of faith," said the preacher, "of great importance, it is the resurrection of Christ. It is the basis of our belief, the support of our religion. I have power to lay down my life and take it up again," says Christ. He had foretold His resurrection to His Apostles. Here the preacher refuted the objections given by the Jews and the chief priests against the resurrection of Christ. Sleeping witnesses could not see the Apostles steal away the body of Christ, and as the Apostles were timid men and afraid of the Jews, they would not attempt such an undertaking. In conclusion he exhorted the members of the Order to be faithful Christians here, so as to be joint heirs with Christ in His Kingdom. Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was then imparted, during which the choir sang several selections in a worthy manner. At the close of the Benediction, Rev. Father Christopher imparted general absolution to the members of the Order.

Making sacrifices is one of life's necessities. No man gains eternal life who walks the path of golden rule undisturbed by the shadow of crosses.

## GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE CITY.

### HIBERNIAN KNIGHTS' SOCIAL.

On Easter Monday night, the annual euchre and social of the Hibernian Knights was held at Drummond Hall. The affair was a decided success. Twenty valuable prizes were given to the successful ones at the euchre games.

### PARSIFAL.

Last Thursday Mr. Rubin Goldmark delivered a highly interesting lecture at His Majesty's Theatre on "Parsifal." The interest was enhanced by illustrations. The lecturer referred at the outset to the numerous legends of the Holy Grail. Mr. Goldmark is an ideal lecturer and he stands alone as an exponent of Wagner, so those who formed his audience last Thursday will all the more look with eagerness to the production of Parsifal which takes place to-night, to-morrow night and Saturday, with a Saturday matinee. Much has been said by objectors to "Parsifal" as blasphemous. Those who go to see it should go to witness a work of art, musical and dramatic, and should judge it on its merits as that.

### Meeting C. M. B. A. No. 8 at St. Lambert.

A largely attended meeting of the members of Branch No. 8, C.M.B.A. Grand Council of Quebec, was held on last Friday evening at the residence of the Secretary, Mr. M. Bermingham, St. Lambert. Representatives of the Supreme Council, the Quebec Grand Council, Past Chancellors and Chancellors of many of the Montreal branches were present, including the Supreme Deputy, A. R. Archambault; Supreme Marshal Jeremiah Neilan, Supreme Guard Patrick Flannery, Grand Deputy J. Warren, District Grand Deputy George Prevost, Past Chancellor M. J. O'Donnell and Chancellor J. Hughes. The President, Mr. E. L. Patenaude, presided, and a large amount of routine and special business was transacted. Addresses, instructive, complimentary and otherwise, were delivered by Supreme Marshal Neilan, whose genial countenance is always a welcome visitor amongst the St. Lambert members. His remarks were listened to with the closest attention, as were also the addresses of the Supreme Deputy, the Supreme Guard, Grand Deputy Warren and Past Chancellors O'Donnell and Hughes. Ways and means of bringing into membership on a large scale the many eligible men of the district were discussed, and from the enthusiasm and spirit of those present, indications point to the south shore branch being one of the strongest under the jurisdiction of the Quebec Grand Council in the near future. A vote of thanks to the visitors brought a very encouraging evening's business to a close.

### A New Irish Catholic Organization.

Sunday afternoon a large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the basement of St. Gabriel's Church by the young men of this parish. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Father O'Meara, who occupied the chair. The reverend pastor, in his opening remarks, stated that this meeting had been called for the purpose of forming a society composed of all the young men of the parish, to be known, when it in turn should take its place among the many Catholic organizations of this city, as St. Gabriel's Young Men's Society. The aim, he stated, of this Society would be to promote mutual friendship and sociability, to assist in the upholding of our religious principles, cultivate in our midst a taste for literary and dramatic aspirations, and band together this material in the formation of a body that would be both a credit and an honor to the parish of St. Gabriel. He also cited in his remarks both past and recent events when many of these same young men, when called upon, had distinguished themselves in a manner that reflected credit upon the fair name of St. Gabriel's. That the sentiments of all assembled was in unison with their beloved pastor's was fully demonstrated at the close of his address. The following gratification also spoke warmly in favor of the movement: Messrs. P. Monahan, T. Hickey, H. W. Daly, W. Hennessey, J. McCarthy, T. P. Murphy, B. Conroy and W. Reynolds.

Before the meeting adjourned a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws which will be presented for consideration at the next meeting, when the nominations for the different offices will be held.