



HIS LORDSHIP RIGHT REV. DR. MCEVAY, BISHOP OF LONDON.

A SPLENDID WORK.

It was announced last Sunday, in St. Peter's cathedral, that His Lordship, Right Rev. Dr. McEvay, Bishop of London, had decided to erect a parish hall and Sunday school on the church block. It will cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000. For a long time he has felt the need of such a building and determined to have it erected at the earliest possible date. Many of the members of the congregation have also taken a deep interest in this work, and, having put this interest in to practical shape, His Lordship has determined to carry it out without delay. The great importance of undertakings of this kind is beginning to be recognized throughout the country. Time was when home-life was more in evidence—when the evenings in the family circle were both a school and a joy and a pride—and when the family gatherings were looked forward to with the utmost delight. But this our age has brought about a considerable change, and the evenings are now to a greater or less degree spent elsewhere. The importance then, of bringing the people, young and old, together, at frequent intervals, in the parish hall, will be generally acknowledged. In this assembly room there will be a library, a reading room and amusements of the higher character, which are not adjuncts of the bar-room, for it is of importance that young men do not have placed before them those things which generate the gambling habit. Many a young man has wasted precious hours in the heyday of his life shuffling pieces of paste-board and shooting billiard balls, and when the time came for taking part in the serious side of life with the more prominent of his fellow citizens, he

PIUS X. AND THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

In the course of a charming article in the May number of Donahoe's Magazine entitled "The Tenth Pius," the Rev. P. J. Conry writes: In former days battles were lost and won in the open air; today they take place in editors' offices. Some time after his coronation, Pius X. said: "Our predecessors blessed the swords of kings and knights; we instead, bless the pen." It was only repeating a lesson long since learned in the City of the Lagoons. Long and heroically he worked at his self-imposed task. Aided by Padre Zocchi, the great Jesuit litterateur, the Patriarch fought the anti-clerical hate of the Freemason, the blind, irrational bigotry of the European Socialist, by the aid of the press. He taught the people in this way, both by word and example, the power and influence of the journal and periodical; late and early, in public and private, he spoke and wrote to his people to support their Catholic literature, to cherish sound productions in the bosom of their families, to leave no means untried, to make a place, deep and lasting, in the public mind, for the Catholic journal. Surely such efforts could not fail! Soon Venice wore a different appearance. Men went fearlessly to the polls, according to the terms of the "Non Expedit"; the press, with support, was re-established on a firm basis;

found his place in the pit, and not on the stage, because he had thrown away his opportunity for acquiring intellectual equipment.

There will not be wanting in the new assembly room entertainments which will be looked forward to with the greatest interest, such as concerts, lectures and debates, and like means of passing the time which will prove to be elevating in character, and tend to develop the intellect, broaden the understanding and impart a knowledge of men and affairs which will be found most useful in every rank of life. That every success may attend the new assembly room and its admirable work is the sincere wish of the Catholic Record, and we hope to hear that many other places throughout the Dominion have followed the example of London.—Catholic Record, May 11.

The Rt. Rev. Fergus Patrick McEvay, D.D., was consecrated on August 6, 1899, nearly eight years ago. He was present at the consecration of the present Bishops of St. John and Chatham, in the Cathedral, on Sunday, Feb. 11, 1900, and delivered the sermon on that memorable day. THE MONITOR in its report of the ceremonies said:—

"The sermon, preached by the gifted and eloquent Bishop of London, was heard in the remotest corners of the church, and both moved and delighted the vast audience. His Lordship's reputation as a pulpit orator had preceded him and a great oration was expected. The large audience was not disappointed and it listened with pleasure to the graceful and persuasive language, with its rounded periods, of the eloquent Divine."

Socialism and its unlovely offspring were relegated to its proper place; Masonic machinations were rendered powerless by the bold stand of the Christian Democrat."

BOOKS PROSCRIBED.

A work on Lourdes, by Mgr. Gourzat; a Lithuanian catechism, by Juozapas Ambraziejus; "Le Secret de Melanie, Bergere de la Salette," by the Abbe Combe; and a book on the Immaculate Conception of St. Joseph, by Jose Domingo M. Corbato, have been forbidden by the Sacred Congregation of the Index, at Rome, in a decree dated April 12.

NOT CONSULTED.

The sister of the rector of Grace Episcopal church, Albany, recently affiliated with the Catholic Church, she took the step without holding a family council. The Albany divine, however, felt called upon to assure his friends and the public at large that the lady had taken the step without consulting him or her other brother, the rector of Christ's Church, Cooperstown. Apropos of which the "Western Watchman" remarks: "We can assure the two disclaiming brothers that if they ever choose to follow her example they will be privileged to do so without consulting her. When people become Catholics they usually consult none but God and their consciences."

YESTERDAY AND TO-DAY.

(Sackville Post.)

When Hon. Mr. Emmerson was Minister of Railways and had his pocket full of good fat printing contracts, the Moncton Transcript chronicled his every movement, and when he visited that city, nothing less than a column of its valuable space was devoted to lauding the minister and telling of his vast accomplishments as head of the people's railway. That was when Mr. Emmerson had something to give the little man of the Transcript. Today he is not the head of a great spending department and the Transcript notes his presence in Moncton in the following paragraph: "Hon. H. R. Emmerson, accompanied by his mother and his niece, Miss Emma Emmerson, of Moncton, arrived in the city yesterday. Hon. Mr. Emmerson and his mother went through to Dorchester."

The member for Westmorland will be given an opportunity these days to learn just how many real friends he possesses. The papers that proclaimed him the greatest minister of railways Canada ever had when he had thousands at his command are today ignoring him or like the Transcript mention his name in little obscure local paragraphs. They have no use for the man who can no longer put dollars into their pockets.

WEDDING BELLS.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in South Boston recently, when Walter Hughes, surveyor, of Boston, but formerly of this city, was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Newman, daughter of William Newman, 36 Simonds street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Harkins of South Boston. The bride, who is a popular St. John young lady, was handsomely attired in a suit of ivory silk crepe de chene, over silk, with hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes will reside in South Boston.

At St. Francis church, in Sussex, on Wednesday morning, May 8th, Michael Kelly of Pleasant Point, St. John, and Miss Kathleen McKenna, of Sussex, were united in marriage by Rev. Joseph McDermott. The bride-maid was Miss Mary McKenna, sister of the bride, and the groomsmen were James W. Marley of Pleasant Point. The happy couple came to St. John on the noon train and went direct to their own home at Pleasant Point, where a wedding supper was given in the evening. The bride received many very handsome gifts, and the groom was remembered by the men of Jordan's mill, where he is employed. The young couple have the best wishes of a wide circle of friends.

At the church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bathurst, on Tuesday morning, May 7th, at 7 o'clock, Miss Annie Ryan, daughter of Mrs. Wm. Ryan, was married to Mr. D. Sullivan of Waterloo. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. Martin, and quite a number of friends were in the church to witness the sacred rite. The bride looked extremely well, in a pretty suit of navy blue cloth, with white hat. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Queenie Salter, and Mr. Lochlin Salter supported the groom. After a wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan left on the accommodation to visit Fredericton and St. John. Their friends extend to them many good wishes for every happiness and prosperity.

HOT DRINKS FOR THIRST.

It is a mistake to suppose that cold drinks are necessary to relieve thirst. Very cold drinks, as a rule, increase the feverish condition of the mouth and stomach and so create thirst. Experience shows it to be a fact that hot drinks relieve the thirst and cool off the body when it is in an abnormally heated condition better than ice cold drinks. It is far better and safer to avoid the use of drinks below 60 degrees. In fact, a higher temperature is to be preferred, and those who are much troubled with thirst will do well to try the advantage of aiding digestion instead of causing debility of the stomach and bowels.

HE RETRACTED NOTHING.

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His Wife—During our courtship you used to steal kisses from me.
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