

## FATHER MATHEW

## GRAND ANNIVERSARY CONCERT TO NIGHT

A grand celebration of the Anniversary of Father Mathew will take place under the auspices of St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society in the Victoria Armory Hall this evening. An appropriate programme has been prepared for the occasion. The concert will be under the direction of Prof. J. A. Fowler. The St. Patrick's choir, composed of sixty voices, will take part in several choruses, and amongst others who are also to take part, are Miss Mo Andrew, Miss May Milloy, Miss A. Sharoe; Messrs J. J. Rowan, Frank Feron, J. Greenwood, Thomas Earle and the Holland family. The dramatic section will produce the laughable farce, "Dr. Killorcure." Hon. Senator Murphy, lay president of the society, will preside, and addresses will be delivered by the Rev. J. A. M. Callen, reverend president, and Mr. Frank J. Curran, B.C.L.

The above splendid attractions will be sure to bring a large audience, and the members of the concert committee are to be congratulated on the successful manner in which the arrangements have been carried out.

## ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

## OLD STUDENTS MEET.

The students of class 1884 of rhetoric of St. Mary's College have just held a convention at the residence of Mr. Henri Masson, of Terrebonne. The old class decided to meet again together in five years from date, the location of the next convention to be decided later. The election of officers for the next five years resulted as follows:—President, Mr. John Jooks; vice-president, Dr. Joseph Masson; secretary, Mr. J. A. Foisy, notary.

## C. M. B. A.

## DELEGATES GO TO PHILADELPHIA.

P. O'Reilly and G. P. Nugent, of Montreal, and G. B. Drouin, of Quebec, left Sunday evening for the Central Vermont railway for Philadelphia to represent the Grand council of Quebec at the convention of the Supreme council of the C. M. B. A., which opens in that city on Tuesday, the 9th instant. A large number of friends and members of branches of the C. M. B. A. assembled at the depot and gave the delegates a hearty send off.

## ST. ANN'S BAZAAR.

St. Ann's Charity Bazaar opens on Wednesday next, October 17. Nearly all arrangements for the opening have been made. The following ladies will take charge of the various tables:—

THE ROUND TABLE.—Miss E. Brennan, the President.

FISH POND.—Misses M. A. and K. Kane.

FANCY TABLE.—Miss Cullinan, Miss Drew, Miss Mulcair.

FANCY TABLE NO. 2.—Misses E. and A. McCarthy, Miss M. O'Brien.

LOTTERY TABLE.—Miss L. Brennan.

HARBOR OF FORTUNE.—Miss Enright.

SELLING TABLE.—Misses Cloran and E. Martin.

REFRESHMENT TABLE.—Misses O'Connor, Finn, Gilles, Cullinan and M. O'Connor.

TRY YOUR LUCK.—Miss A. Gareau.

FORTUNE TELLING TENT.—Misses Walsh and O'Neill.

BAZAAR JOURNAL.—Miss Kate O'Brien. The entertainments will be under the direction of Miss Johnstone and Miss L'Esperance.

## ST. MARY'S CADETS AGAIN TO THE FRONT.

The kermesse in aid of the St. Jean Baptiste society closed on Saturday night. The success of the affair nets the society \$4800. On the competition for the cadets Mount St. Mary won. The prize was a handsome silk banner, made especially by the ladies of the Deaf and Dumb Institute.

## BAZAAR AT ST. GABRIEL'S.

A grand bazaar for the benefit of the church is being projected in St. Gabriel's parish. In past years the bazaars in St. Gabriel's parish have, through the efforts of the parishioners, always been a distinct success. This year the bazaar will take place in December, and the ladies

who have undertaken the preliminary arrangements are already working with characteristic vigour to make it a success. The bazaar will probably be held in the new church.

## THE SAILORS' CLUB.

There was a large attendance at the sailors' weekly concert on Thursday evening. The usual first-class programme was presented, the seamen assisting with occasional songs in their characteristic enthusiastic manner. As the season advances the sailors spend more and more of their leisure time in the club room, and often during the week there are nearly a hundred men in the room in the evening, either passing the time playing the many games that are provided or reading the periodicals that are there in abundance.

## THE LAST LACROSSE MATCH.

On Saturday the Shamrocks and Capitals met for the last time of the season to play for a valuable trophy. The game was a short one owing to the early darkness, but the play was phenomenal. To the Shamrocks, the game was not vastly important, as they had won every league match, but the Capitals were not content after their own grand play of the year to let the Shamrocks claim every match, and they fought hard for victory and gained the next best to it, a draw. Despite the cold weather there were several thousand spectators of the game, whose enthusiasm was boundless.

## CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.

On Wednesday evening there was a meeting of the committee of the Catholic Truth Society, in the Sailors' Club room. Among the subjects discussed were: The best means for combating the evil of immoral anti-Catholic literature, also, means for the comfort of the sailors who visit the club room. The concert committee reported that arrangements for the coming grand concert were progressing rapidly, and tickets of admission were distributed. Tickets may be secured at the Sailors' Club room and at the TRUE WITNESS office.

## WILL ERECT A MEMORIAL WINDOW.

At the last meeting of St. Gabriel's Court 185, C. O. F., the society resolved to take into consideration arrangements for placing in the new church a memorial stained glass window, which will bring to mind in future generations the present Court of Foresters and its members.

## ST. ANN'S YOUNG MEN.

On Saturday evening next the St. Ann's Young Men's Society will give the first progressive euchre party in their hall; this pleasant mode of passing an evening will, no doubt, prove one of the most attractive items on the programme of winter pastimes.

## ORDAINED ON SUNDAY LAST.

Archbishop Fabre last Sunday conferred the priesthood upon J. B. I. Clement, G. Guithier, Z. Descaries, Z. Therrien, G. M. Jancon, A. B. urgeois, Montreal, and J. Lindsman, Syracuse.

## ADDRESS TO THE ARCHBISHOP.

On Saturday next, the Roman Catholic clergy will present an address to Archbishop Fabre, on the occasion of the feast of St. Edward, his patron saint.

## DONAHOE'S FOR OCTOBER.

One always is sure to find something timely in Donahoe's Magazine. The October number, coming out in the midst of the political campaign, has for its leading features, three articles in answer to the question, "Which Party Should be Supported?" Josiah Quincy, ex-assistant Secretary of State of the United States, answers the question for the Democrats, Eliot Lord, the journalist, for the Republicans, and George H. Cary, Populist candidate for Governor of Massachusetts, for the People's party. The articles are strong and good-tempered. Dr. Thomas Dwight, in a striking article on "Sham Science," attacks Prof. Drummond; and Rev. John Talbot

Smith analyzes the character and works of Archbishop Corrigan in the first of a series of articles on "Eminent American Prelates." All things considered, this is probably the most brilliant paper in the Magazine. It is clear and fearless, yet careful and just. The other articles, by Father Smith, will be awaited with interest. Next month he will consider Archbishop Ireland. If Father Smith keeps up the standard set in this article in his treatment of the other prelates, he will, as a critic, take a place among American Catholic ecclesiastics, much the same as Sainte Beuve occupied in the French literary life of the last generation. Donahoe's Magazine will be eagerly read by Catholics and Protestants for these articles, if for nothing else. In this October number, there is also a complete story by the English novelist, Robert Barr, and many other artistic attractions, stories, poems, and pictures.

## MONSTROUS BIGOTRY.

A painful example of the low religious rancour that, despite the civilizing influences of the age, has managed to keep hold on the squire of Ulster has been witnessed in Downpatrick. The county infirmary being in that town the Sisters of Mercy have been in the habit for some time of paying a visit on Sunday to the Catholic patients in the institution. Of the utility of these visits to the poor sufferers, and of the pure charity and sympathy that moved the Sisters to undertake the duty there can be no question. The majority of the patients in the institution are Catholics, and the visits which the good nuns made to them were of quite a private nature.

The poor patients longed for the Sunday visit of the sisters as a relief from the dull monotony of the place, and their relatives at home were in joy to think how these visits would give their friends the advice and consolation which they themselves were not in a position to give them. Both to the patients and to their relatives the place was beginning to assume a less grim aspect. The good Sister, as she passed noiselessly from bed to bed to press the sickly hand and to whisper words of kindness to a sufferer, might assuredly have fallen in line with the humanitarian purpose of the institution.

The first time the Sisters visited the infirmary was at the request of a patient who could not otherwise be consoled. As no objection was made to their admission, and as the requests on the part of the Catholic patients and their friends were numerous, the Sisters continued the pious practice. There was no proselytising in question. There was neither preaching nor praying aloud, and visits were strictly confined to those registered as Catholics and who desired to see the nuns. But a surprise was in store.

Yesterday there was a meeting of the governors, and subsequently the register of the infirmary was despatched to inform the nuns that they could not in future be allowed to visit the institution. No complaint was made against them, no reason for the peremptory order was given, but the nuns were to be informed that, while other ladies in Downpatrick may visit the infirmary, they were to be excluded.

It is not necessary to enter into any further details of this proceeding. Not only have the governors been hostile to the Sisters of Mercy, but they have been harsh to the Catholic patients in the institution. It need not be said who were present at Saturday's meeting, but it is well known who are the governors of the infirmary, and as such are responsible for the character of the place. Needless to say, this attitude to the Sisters of Mercy will recoil on those who exhibited it.—*Catholic Times*.

American Editor:—What can I do for you, miss? American Girl: Oh please, may I examine your waste-paper basket? I know a man who sends you poems, and whose feeling towards me I should like to ascertain.

St. Clair as delicately as possible: How much is your father worth? Geraldine: A little over two millions. St. Clair: Oh, dear! I love you more than I thought I did.

"Can you show me the way to the dentist's?" "Yes; go down that little street, then turn the corner, and you will hear the shrieks of the patients."

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## THE WORLD AROUND.

The dock district of Portland, Ore., suffered a loss of \$1,500,000 by fire on Sunday.

A strike of the garment workers of Boston is on, and 15,500 employees of the sweat shops are out.

During the past week there were 212 failures throughout the United States, against 321 the corresponding week of last year.

The gold reserve in the National Treasury continues to increase, being now \$58,005,027, against \$52,000,000 July 28, when it was down to the lowest point.

At the new track at Galesburg, Ill., the mare Elix broke the world's trotting record of 2:04 held by Nancy Hanks, by covering the distance in 2:03½.

The Hebrew-speaking shirtmakers of New York to the number of nearly 3,000, went on strike Saturday, and 200 shops, which had not in the past year or more known a Sabbath quiet except Saturdays, were deserted.

The Chinese are concentrating troops in anticipation of a great battle on the Yalu river, in which they are determined to retrieve the Ping Yang disaster. On the other hand, Japan is said to have 100,000 more troops under arms and ready to go to Korea.

Mgr. Fermose, an eastern missionary, says of the Japanese that every mother's son is steeped in patriotism. In China a Viceroy and a number of soldiers are hired to defend the country. They might be so many Hessians for all the patriotism they possess.

It is reported at Warsaw that the impending departure of the Russian imperial family for the Crimea is due to the fact that the condition of the Czar has grown much worse and to the critical state of his second son, the Grand Duke George, who was thrown from his horse a few days ago, with the result that he has since suffered from hemorrhages.

Not to be Recommended.—Griggs: Don't you think Dr. Bliss is a pretty good physician? Briggs: Good physician? Well, I should say not. Why, the man couldn't cure a ham.