

In and Around Toronto

PERSONAL. Rev. Father Curtin of Pittsburg is visiting old friends in Toronto.

RECEPTIONS TOOK PLACE. Receptions into the Blessed Virgin's Sodality took place in St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and St. Francis' churches on Sunday last, the Sunday following the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

ST. BASIL'S C.O.F. St. Basil's Court, C.O.F., have elected their officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Chief Ranger, Will. M. Moylan (re-elected); Vice-Chief Ranger, John R. O'Connor (re-elected); Recording Secretary, H. V. Ferguson; Financial Secretary, A. J. Klein; Treasurer, P. J. Dwan; Trustees, Messrs. Bennett, Dwan and McNally. Delegate to the Provincial Convention at Chatham in June, Mr. John M. Ferguson.

DAINTY CHINA EXHIBIT. Miss Dymna Byrne of 127 Winchester street, is taking advantage of the near approach of the Christmas season to give her friends a treat in the way of an exhibit of her dainty hand-painted china. Many suitable articles for Christmas gifts are found amongst the collection and prospective purchasers cannot make a mistake in visiting the studio of the artist. The exhibition will continue throughout the week.

FATHER DODSWORTH IMPROVED. Rev. Father Dodsworth, C.S.S.R., who had the misfortune to fall and sustain a severely broken leg while returning from St. John's church on Monday last week, is now in St. Michael's Hospital and is reported as progressing as favorably as possible. The cheery disposition of the patient and the visits of his many friends help to pass the time which would otherwise prove very irksome. It is hoped that it will not be long before Father Dodsworth is round as usual.

DEATH OF MRS. M. POWER. The death of Mrs. Mary Power, wife of Mr. Michael Power, master car builder of the Toronto Street Railway, and a member of the Separate School Board, took place at her home at 73 Victor avenue, on Saturday night last. The deceased lady had been delicate for a number of years, but the end came altogether without warning. In addition to the husband eight children are left to mourn the loss of their mother. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning when Requiem High Mass was sung at St. Joseph's church, after which the cortege proceeded to St. Michael's cemetery, where interment took place. R. I. P.

THE PRAYERS OF THE LITTLE ONES. In response to enquiries about the little ones at Sunnyside, the Catholic Register was informed that every day the children of the Orphanage remember their benefactors and that from their grateful and innocent hearts prayers go forth unceasingly for all who have done them service. That these prayers are answered is without doubt, and that they are appreciated by those for whom they ascend is also a recognized fact. The near approach of the beneficent Christmas season gives ample opportunity for all to number themselves amongst the benefactors for whom prayers ascend without ceasing.

DEATH OF REV. FATHER KEANE. The death of Rev. Father P. J. Keane, which occurred at the House of Providence on Tuesday morning, the 4th inst., removed from the diocese her oldest son in the ranks of the priesthood. Father Keane was eighty-four years of age, the last ten years of his life having been passed in retirement in the institution where he died. An illness of about twenty-four hours preceded the end, general debility and old age being the cause of death.

Rev. Patrick Joseph Keane was of Irish birth, and his theological training was received at the Grand Seminary, Montreal. His principal charges were at Newmarket, Toronto Gore and Uxbridge. The funeral took place on Thursday, December 6th, the Mass of Requiem being sung at St. Paul's church, the celebrant being Very Rev. Vicar-General McCann. Interment took place at St. Michael's Cemetery. Dr. Keane of Brantford is a nephew of the deceased, but there are no immediate relatives in the city. May he rest in peace.

DEATH OF MISS MULLINS. The death of Miss Lillian Mullins, the nineteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. C. Mullins of 245 Beverley street, brought great grief to a loving mother and to a large family of devoted brothers and sisters. Though delicate for some time, the end was somewhat sudden and the going out of the young life brought sorrow not alone to friends in Toronto, but to London, where the family were former residents, and to Stratford, where the last years of the school-days of the young girl were spent. The end came on Wednesday, the 5th inst., and the funeral took place on the Friday following. Requiem High Mass

Liquor and Tobacco Habits. A. McTAGGART, M.D., C.M., 75 Yonge St., Toronto Canada. References as to Dr. McTaggart's professional standing and personal integrity permitted by Sir W. R. L. Redith, Chief Justice; Hon. G. W. Ross, ex-Premier of Ontario; Rev. John Potts, D.D., Victoria Co. Reg.; Rev. Father Teely, President of St. Michael's College, Toronto; Right Rev. A. Sweetman, Bishop of Toronto; Rev. Wm. McLaren, D.D. Principal Knox College, Toronto. Dr. McTaggart's vegetable remedies for the liquor and tobacco habits are healful, safe, inexpensive home treatments. No hypodermic injections, no publicity, no loss of time from business, and a certainty of cure. Consultation or co. respondents invited.

was sung at 6.30 at St. Patrick's church, and interment took place at St. Peter's Cemetery, London. Besides the mother, Miss Mullins is survived by three sisters and five brothers, one of the latter being Mr. Wm. Mullins, now managing a railway in Central America. Mr. M. P. Mallon of the city, Mr. John Way of Stratford and Mr. Martin Cummings of Goderich, accompanied the family to London. R.I.P.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY. The members of the various conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the city attended, to the number of about two hundred, on Sunday at the 9 o'clock Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral, and received Holy Communion. His Grace the Archbishop celebrated Mass and afterwards said a few words to the members. Breakfast was served at St. Nicholas' Institute, after which the members adjourned to St. Vincent's Hall, where the general meeting of the society took place. Mr. J. J. Seitz, President of the Society, was in the chair, and on the platform with him were Fathers Whelan and Murray and Messrs. M. O'Connor and P. Hynes, members of the Society for over 50 years. Before the meeting was concluded the Archbishop, accompanied by Father Rohleder, arrived and received the reports of the parish conferences and the Children's Aid Society. In speaking of the work of this branch, His Grace gave special credit to Mr. Denison, the Police Magistrate, for the sympathetic manner in which he dealt with cases where children in which the Society were interested were concerned.

TORONTO SEES CHAMPION TYPIST.

On Friday evening last, despite the severe cold, Association Hall was crowded by Toronto's stenographers and typists, all anxious to see the greatest of their class, Miss Rose L. Fritz, the world's greatest typist. Mr. J. J. Seitz presided and his son, Master Ernest Seitz, opened a most enjoyable programme with a clever piano solo, which brought him a hearty round of applause. Miss Fritz was announced and a girlish figure in a white blouse and dark skirt appeared on the platform. Her hair was plainly parted in the middle and tied back under the inevitable bows of the present day style. A slight recognition to the audience, half bow and half courtesy, and Miss Fritz took her seat at her machine just like a girl getting at her work in class. She was then blindfolded and while Miss MacMahon of the United Typewriter Co., sat beside her and dictated, Miss Fritz wrote and demonstrated her as yet unparalleled speed on the typewriter. Perhaps the most striking thing about the work of Miss Fritz is her great power of concentration. Once started, nothing was capable of distracting her even for a moment. At certain points the audience clapped and during a twenty minutes work at the close of the evening some at the back of the hall grew audibly impatient, but Miss Fritz heard not, heeded not. Her whole being seemed centred on her task and never for even the fraction of a second was she diverted. During the evening she wrote 174 words in a minute. She took the entire address of the chairman direct on her machine and had time to pause at intervals, seeming almost to get ahead of the speaker if such a thing were possible. During her twenty minutes' copying from manuscript she wrote an average of 106 words a minute on business letters, and after deducting 5 words for every error in her twenty minute copying test she still had an average of 100 words a minute. Her whole programme was a singular and phenomenal exhibition of facile manipulation of the keys and extraordinary concentrative force both mental and physical. Miss Fritz is only eighteen years of age and looks younger. She is from New York, and as her name implies, she is of German descent, and it is among the probabilities that heredity may have something to do with her success and that the spirit of the scientific nation from which she springs may have had something to do in the evolution of this gifted daughter of the Fatherland.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Grain (Wheat, Oats, Rye, Peas), Seeds (Alsike clover), Hay and Straw, Fruit and Vegetables (Potatoes, Apples, Cabbage, Onions), Poultry (Turkeys, Geese, Hens, Spring chickens, Ducks), Dairy Products (Butter, Eggs), and Fresh Meats (Beef, Lamb, Mutton, Veals, Dressed hogs).

Winona and Other Tales. There has been lying on our table for review for some time, a little book of 220 pages, entitled "Winona and Other Tales," by William J. Fischer, author of "Songs by the Wayside." It is published by B. Herder, St. Louis. There are eight tales, all told, in the little volume, and they are Catholic, replete with incidents that are exemplary and very touching. The author is not unknown to readers of Catholic magazines and newspapers in the United States and Canada. Mr. Fischer is a physician by profession, a poet by gift, and a discriminating writer generally. The dedication which is to his father and mother, is dated Waterloo, Canada, showing that he is a Canadian. It is a pleasing circumstance for us to know that we have so felicitous an author amongst us; one so capable of touching the hearts and consciences of our young people, and whose pen is capable of doing so much for creative Catholic literature. "Winona," the principal story, is of Indian and missionary life, and depicts the influence of a devoted Jesuit priest on a savage people and the self-sacrifices that he and men of his kind always make. The other stories are: "The Professor's Secret," "One Easter at Highmore," "Shadow and Sunshine," "For Love's Own Sake," "A Voice in the Night-Winds," "Light Beyond the Stars," and "The Parting of the Ways." No better book could possibly be chosen as a Christmas present for boys and girls, and we hope to hear that thousands of copies have been sold. It is to be had of all Catholic booksellers. The price is 80 cents. Let no Catholic family be without a copy.

TOPICS OF AN OLD-TIMER (Continued from page 1.)

has any commendable characteristics or not, and cannot therefore criticise or commend him. When I was in San Francisco in the seventies of the last century, two noted Irish-American actors had possession of the California theatre on Bush street. These were John McCullough and Lawrence Barrett. They afterwards relinquished their lease and "starred it" throughout America. John McCullough was a native of Colrairie, near the Giant's Causeway, where "Peggy" spilled her pitcher of buttermilk that watered the plain. Both were great actors, Mac of the robust kind and Barrett of the more refined kind. Some considered Barrett a better actor than Booth. I remember an extraordinary occurrence that took place in McVicar's theatre in Chicago one night, when Booth was acting there. A man arose in the audience and fired a pistol shot at him. I think the play that night was Hamlet. When asked his reason for perpetrating such an outrage, he said he was dissatisfied with Mr. Booth's acting. Booth represented the part, but Barrett, when acting it, was the real character. Barrett was born in the city of Detroit of Irish parents. Alas, all those great stage characters, who won renown in their day, are dead, and have a place only in men's memories. They no longer tread the boards or win the applause of their admirers.

Another California name that constantly evades the magazine writers is that of Col. John Hayes, better known as Colonel "Jack" Hayes. He went to California from the Mexican war and founded the city of Oakland, on the opposite side of the great Bay of San Francisco. In the Mexican war men travelled five hundred miles to join his regiment of Texas Rangers. I think he was born in the State of Tennessee of Irish parents. I knew him well in the city of Oakland, where he owned a ranch up in the foothills, which he farmed. He carried on many enterprises, however. He owned one of the islands in the Sacramento river, which he reclaimed from the watery waste. He was the first sheriff of San Francisco and was elected over all competitors. He rode up and down Montgomery street on his white charger and his soldiery bearing won the esteem of all beholders. He was not a large man, but he was a brave and generous man. His wife was an Irish woman, and his grown-up son looked much more Irish than himself. The story of California has a fascination for me and I believe it is interesting enough to occupy my space in another issue. But the adverse side of the story is seldom told, and compared with our wholesome and well-set ways, our respect for morality and religion, our freedom from gambling methods, Canadian life has its advantages over California life, with its sudden rises and falls, its ill-earned opulence, its big thieves and little ones. WILLIAM HALLEY.

Why not Catholic books for Christmas? When the Catholic Public, who ought to be the greatest readers in the world, get to ask one another this question, the result will be beneficial. Mr. W. E. Blake, 123 Church street, Toronto, has on his shelves some 3,000 different titles, and a visit to his book shelves ought to assist in answering the question asked.

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