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## Note and Comment.

Every Christian nation has its patron saint. Canada is almost a nation. It is high time we Canadians had a day, besides our civil holiday, Dominion Day—in which we might unite in celebration just as some of us assemble each year to honor St. George, St. Patrick, St. Andrew, or St. Boniface, and the lands where they are held as patron saints.

St. John the Baptist is the patron saint of our French-Canadian brethren. Why he was chosen we do not know, but we know of no reason why he should not be patron saint of all Canada, and there is no other at present who is brought forward to take his place.

It could not assuredly be displeasing to our Protestant fellow-countrymen that we celebrate a day in his honor, when they are so willing to take part in festivals of the same kind, according to the tenacity of their ancestors. If they search the Scriptures, as they should believe they are bound to do, they will find it nothing unusual to have saints and angels keeping watch over cities and nations. And whether they do or not search, whether they believe or not, they show at least a little honor to some saints. And they cannot object to the Baptist's title of saint. Our Lord's words are too strong for that. And none should object that he is the patron saint of only the French-Canadians. We should be sorry to lose these people. They were our first Canadians. They have been true to their traditions, and they give an example to all who wish to be true Canadians. Now that it seems that the country which they and their immediate successors reclaimed from the wilderness may take another complexion from the influx of foreigners, it is time that we paid the first settlers the compliment of adopting for the whole country the patron, St. John the Baptist.

The Daily Witness says that Le Verite, of Quebec, publishes a "strange" article in the course of which it says that an insult has been offered the Catholic Province of Quebec by the issuing of invitations to France to participate in the Tercentenary festivities. Why, there is nothing strange about this clerical organ taking umbrage at what was certainly an insult. What business has godless France to be represented at a celebration commemorative of Catholic zeal and Catholic faith? Surely the Briand, and Clemenceau would not feel at home, being confronted at every turn by the odious emblem they have had removed from France's schoolrooms and court houses—the Cross.

"Canned sermons" are the latest innovation apparently in Chicago. This will allow the preacher by means of a phonograph to hear him to the seashore and mountain secure in the comforting thought that his fatherly voice may be heard every Sunday. The Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones says: "It's a brilliant idea, one that makes for the comfort of the preacher and does not deprive the worshipper of the religious stimulus afforded by the advice of the pastor." We have heard something about canned meats being indigestible, sometimes having fatal results. Wonder if canned sermons are hard to digest.

Among those on the list of birthday honors are Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, who was created a Privy Councillor, thus making the fifth member at present of the Privy Council of Great Britain and Ireland who is a Canadian, the others being Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir H. E. Tachereau, Sir H. S. Strong, Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Richard Cartwright. It was only on June 15 that Sir Charles was notified of his appointment by the Imperial Government as one of the four representatives of Great Britain on the permanent board of arbitration of The Hague.

Our Holy Father the Pope has been weeding out his garden again, if we can believe the press despatches, and thrown the weeds into the next lot. The Daily Witness does not seem to like this, but, all the same, will pick up the weeds and plant them alongside the thousands of others who have come over the fence at different periods, and new forms of Protestantism will spring up to cement the union among Christian bodies that is so much desired, and still more talked about, and again still more unlikely to be accomplished.

In the Holy Land, the Benedictines are renewing the glorious traditions of their order. They have now establishments in the Valley of Jahosaphat, on Mt. Thabor and a short distance from Jerusalem on the road to Jaffa, where they possess the Church of Abou-Gosch. A few weeks ago the Patriarch of Jerusalem, amid imposing ceremonies, blessed the new Abbot, Rev. Benedict Gardiar. The new Church of Abou-Gosch was also solemnly consecrated.

Toronto is planning to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of its incorporation next year, and members of the City Council are already suggesting plans for a big demonstration.

The new Spanish prince was christened on Monday. Eleven names were given him, one of them being Jaime, by which he will be known.

## Chinese Celebrate Archbishop's Feast Day.

Gratitude is a leading characteristic of the Chinese, and this was exemplified to the full on Monday evening last when the Catholic members of the Chinese colony in this city took advantage of the feast day of His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi and tendered him a banquet in the parish hall of St. James Church. The event, however, had a double object, inasmuch as while honoring the Archbishop they were honoring a great friend of theirs in the person of Bishop Merel, of Canton, China, who has been in the city for a few weeks. Bishop Racicot, the clergy of St. James Church, Rev. L. Cotter, S. J., Rev. Fathers Martin and Luke Callaghan, were among the invited guests. The menu was got up in real Chinese style, and can be seen by the following: Swallows' Nest Soup, chop-suey, liche, and the many delicious viands which only the Chinese know how to prepare and serve. The hall was tastefully decorated with bunting and flags. After justice had been done to the good things, Goon Hu You, speaking for his compatriots, in his native tongue, thanked His Grace, their Lordships and the other priests for the interest they had taken in their welfare. The speech was translated by Bishop Merel, who also expressed his gratitude, and spoke at some length taken of his friends of the Chinese colony. His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi replied feelingly, being deeply touched by their testimony of gratitude, and spoke at some length upon the work of the Chinese Catholic Mission in this city. He assured them that he always took a deep interest in them, and said that everything would be done to advance their welfare. The work that Rev. Martin Callaghan did for them was eulogized by His Grace, for it was he who first organized missionary work among the Chinese, and who so disinterestedly gave his time for their instruction. His Grace then asked Father Martin to say a few words, which he did, saying how happy he was to have been able to have done any good for them, and he urged them to be faithful to the lessons they had been taught.

## An Unusual Proposition.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement in another column by which they can procure good, solid, instructive and most interesting reading. Everybody's Magazine should be in the homes of all our readers.

For a short time the offer will be carried out, and new subscribers should take advantage of the club rate. Anybody not acquainted with Everybody's can become so by sending fifteen cents for a sample copy. Do it now.

If you are already a subscriber to the True Witness, get a friend to subscribe to it and join him for Everybody's.

Worms cause fretfulness and rob the infant of sleep, the great nourisher. Mother Graves' Worm Expeller will clear the stomach and intestines and restore healthfulness.

## The Sin and Shame of France.

(From the Charleston News and Courier.)

France is not doing so well in its spoliation of the Catholic Church in that country. The Pope stands firm. He could not do otherwise. The latest compromise proposed by M. Briand offering to transfer to committees whose composition he defined some \$12,000,000 in the aggregate, bequeathed for the maintenance of infirm and aged priests and for the saying of Masses for the repose of the dead, has been rejected by the Holy Father. There was a disposition on the part of a good many representatives of the French Episcopate and priesthood to accept this proposal, but as the New York Sun expresses it, "the head of the Catholic Church has once more preferred poverty to dependence and integrity of faith to insurance of a patrimony."

The Church stands undismayed by the assaults that have been made upon it. It has happened, as it has often happened before, that persecution has quickened the piety of the people, and that out of their own store they have provided the ordinances of religion. Where there has been any division of the stolen funds of the Church the division has been so long that the State has received little or no benefit from it. In the Commune of Lyons, for example, the spoils of the Church divided amongst its inhabitants amount to about a centime a head. In the Department of the Rhone the distribution of the money of the Church has been equivalent to about three cents a head, and it is estimated that upon the completion of the so-called liquidation of the Church's property at the close of half a century, it will be found that each French citizen will have been benefited to the extent of just fifteen cents. In the meantime the Government will find it necessary already, to greatly increase the taxes of the people for the support of educational institutions now required to take the place of the religious establishments in which formerly the people were educated.

We are very much gratified, as all other right-thinking men must be gratified, at this result. France is finding out that "honesty is the best policy," that stealing will continue stealing whether it be done in the name of the State or by individuals. The question of Church and State in France is not alone a question between the Roman Catholic Church and France, but it is a question that affects all other religious communities whatsoever. The conditions would be the same, and our protest would be as vigorous against the infamy of the State, if the dominant religion of France were Presbyterian instead of Papal. There may have been abuses in the administration of the affairs of the Catholic Church, but never before in these modern times, we believe, has that State prospered which has despoiled any religious establishment of its possessions.

## BOUNDARY OF NEW PARISH OF ST. ALOYSIUS.

The bounds as officially set for the new St. Aloysius parish, of which Rev. M. L. Shea is pastor, are as follows: On the southeast by the St. Lawrence River, on the southwest by the middle of Harbor street, from the St. Lawrence River to the centre of Sherbrooke street, and thence to the tracks of the Canadian Pacific Railway, from Sherbrooke to Nolan streets, on the northeast by the middle of Sherbrooke, Nolan and Sherbrooke streets, from the centre of Harbor street to the northeast limits of the municipality of Maisonneuve, on the northeast by the north-east parts of the parishes of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin (Hochelaga), of the Holy Name of Jesus (Maisonneuve), of Saint Clement (Viauville).

## RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At a meeting of the St. Gabriel T. A. & B. Society, held on Sunday, June 7th, 1908, the following resolutions of condolence were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty God, in the exercise of His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst, by the cold hand of death, Mr. Hugh Dumphy, son of our esteemed fellow member, Mr. Hugh Dumphy;

Be it resolved, That we, the members of St. Gabriel T. A. & B. Society, in meeting assembled, do hereby tender to Mr. Hugh Dumphy and the other members of the family our sincere sympathy in this, their sad hour of affliction.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, spread upon the records of the Society, and sent to the True Witness for publication.

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## Lourees Latest Wonder.

The world is used to miracles at Lourdes, says The Messenger, but it is now reading with more than ordinary amazement about the last wonder that occurred at the grotto. It will be of especial interest for Americans to know that Mrs. Beljany Storer sends the account of it. The subject of the cure was Marie Borel, who was suffering from ailments that can only be described in medical Latin. In English the account would shock—it will suffice to say that on the morning of the 21st of August last she was immersed in the pool; in the afternoon the dressings of all her horrible and fetid wounds were removed, and there was scarcely a stain upon the bandages. On the following day she was again immersed, and all the internal perforations and distortions and hardenings which she was suffering ceased, and she sat up, and has been well ever since.

The doctors solemnly affirm that "we must acknowledge the intervention of a supernatural power and confess that we are in the presence of a supernatural fact."

The singular part of it is that she had scarcely any hope of being cured, and was told by the few who were held enough to get near enough to her, for her presence was almost unbearable, that she was foolish to have come.

The morning of her cure she promised that if she got well "she would give her life to God and the poor." She is now about to enter a religious order of nursing sisters.

## ELOCUTIONARY CONTEST OF ST. ANTHONY'S JUVENILE T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

The closing exercises and junior elocutionary contest of St. Anthony's Juvenile Total Abstinence Society took place on Friday evening at St. Anthony's hall in presence of a large number of parents and friends. Rev. Father T. F. Heffernan presided. Among those present were ex-Ald. Kinsella, M. Curran, T. M. Reynolds, Librarian and Statistician of the Catholic Commission, F. Hogan and Messrs. James Easton and H. J. McBellev, delegates from the Total Abstinence Union of Canada.

The proceedings opened with a pretty solo and chorus entitled "The Wind and the Harp," given by the boys of the Archbishop's Commercial Academy. Master Joseph Cahill recited, "The Licking Mother Gave Me"; ten boys in costume recited "McDonald's Charge" in capital style, followed by ten junior boys reciting "The Baseball Pitcher," and "Spring Fever." The junior elocutionary contest was participated in by nine boys and all did well. The Choral Union, under the direction of Miss M. E. Donovan, sang "My Bonnie," Master Herbert Lowton singing the solo, "Gloria to God," with Cantwell Dupuis as soloist; and by request the full choir rendered "John Burn's Body." Master Raymond McDonnell read an address to Miss M. E. Donovan while Master Cantwell Dupuis presented a handsome bouquet of flowers on behalf of the members of St. Anthony's Juvenile Society. Rev. Father Heffernan presented the silver medal won by Master James O'Shaughnessy at the barriers meet held lately at the M. A. A. grounds.

Mr. Fred Hogan, Chairman of the dramatic Section announced the result of the Elocutionary Contest as follows: 1, Master Joseph Corcoran, 39 points out of a possible 40; 2, Patrick Scullion, 31; 3, Frank McDonnell, 29; 4, Raymond McDonnell, 27. The last named was the youngest of the competitors, being only nine years of age. For a junior boy his recitation, "Concert," was well given. Master McDonnell also won a silver watch at the Belmont School for his work in elocution during the year.

Masters Hector Roberge, Arthur Feron and Thomas McCaffrey gave a fine rendition of the "Saracen Brothers," in costume.

Rev. Father Heffernan gave the closing address complimenting the performers on their work, and thanking all those who helped in the work of the society during the year. He paid a glowing tribute to the work of Miss M. E. Donovan in connection with the Choral Union. God Save Ireland brought the proceedings to a close.

## CATHOLIC SAILORS' CONCERT.

The weekly concert in aid of the Catholic Sailors' Club took place as usual last evening.

Despite the fact that Dominion Day was being celebrated, and the extreme heat of the evening, still a large audience was in attendance.

The entertainment was in the hands of Mr. Edward Morgan, and the chair was occupied by Capt. Eavens. The programme was a fine one, bringing together many old and welcome friends. Messrs. Drinck and Fitzgerald, as well as Messrs. Shipley, Bailey, Cousins, Burns, Williams, Lewis, Solly, Fevish, Boston and the well known and welcome friend, John Cameron, all did their parts in finished style.

The next concert will be in the hands of Dominion Council, Knights of Columbus, when a very pleasant time may be looked forward to.

## Urges Unity in Celebrating Quebec Tercentenary.

The following article on the necessity for hearty support from both French and English for the Tercentenary celebration is taken from a recent issue of Le Soleil, of Quebec:

"Recruiting for the pageants is progressing favorably. Since the Zouaves and Knights of Columbus have taken the matter up, our people have begun to understand that it is their duty to take part in them. And why should they not do so? The July festivities will be French in character, and a glance at the programme suffices to show this.

"The historical representations which will be the chief features of the occasion will bring before our eyes scenes from the courts of Francois I., Henry IV., and Louis XIV. We will also see the arrival of Mgr. de Laval, the Mere de l'Incarnation, the Jesuit Fathers, etc. Surely no one can see anything English in these. 'But,' some will say, 'what have Wolfe and Montcalm to do with all this? They were not with Champlain when he founded Quebec.' Most assuredly not. Mgr. de Laval and the Mere de l'Incarnation were not there either, yet they will be represented in these tableaux.

"It seems to be forgotten in some quarters that our country has a double origin, first French, then English. It is since the days of Wolfe and Montcalm that we have become British subjects. Providence has called the two races to live together beside one another, so let us make the best of the situation. Mistrust and misunderstanding will not make us a great people. What we need is union and harmony, better knowledge of one another and more mutual esteem. Our English-speaking compatriots are doing us a fine example in citizenship. They are taking an active part in preparing for our fetes and are ready to participate in the thoroughly French scenes above mentioned. We thank them and hope that their example may serve as a spur to our fellow-citizens of French descent.

"Another scarce-crow which some have endeavored to set up in the Battlefields Park. This is very wrong. What harm will it do anyone if we avail ourselves of this occasion to dedicate these scenes of heroism on which each of the two races was in turn victor and vanquished? Was not the last victory gained at Sainte Foye by the brave de Levis? Once more, what harm can come from honoring those heroes? Moreover, looking at the matter from a purely material view point, it must not be forgotten that millions of dollars will be given to make the park, which will be the finest in America, and will still further enhance the charms of the Ancient Capital.

"We will mention one significant fact in order to show the delicacy of sentiment which animated His Excellency the Governor-General in organizing these fetes. Complaint has been made in some quarters because the festivities, which had been fixed for next year, were afterwards changed to coincide with the founding of Quebec. Does anyone ask the reason? It is because His Excellency did not wish the Champlain fetes to fall on the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of the Plains. We should at least give the Governor-General credit for his delicacy of feeling.

"It is evident then that we have no reason for holding back. We should take a prominent part in the festivities, and thus show our admiration for our forefathers, as well as our patriotism and national spirit."

## REV. PETER HEFFERNAN GOES TO ST. ANTHONY'S.

As was rumored some time ago, the Rev. Peter Heffernan has been named to succeed his brother, the Rev. T. F. Heffernan, at St. Anthony's, the latter becoming pastor of the new parish of St. Thomas Aquinas. Father Peter has been a very earnest worker, and his departure from St. Patrick's, where he has labored since shortly after his ordination, will be a source of much regret to the parishioners but whose good wishes and prayers will follow him to his new field, where it is hoped much success will crown his work.

## REV. FATHER ARPIN, S. J., DEAD.

The Rev. Father Arpin, S. J., died on Wednesday morning, at the novitiate of the Immaculate Conception, at the age of 69 years. He was a native of the parish of the Presentation. After his entrance into the Jesuit order, he worked as a missionary at Fort William, and was afterwards bursar at St. Mary's College. In 1887 he was the founder and first pastor of the important parish of the Immaculate Conception in the north-east end of the city. The funeral service will be held in the Church of the Immaculate Conception to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

## OBITUARY.

Mr. C. M. O'LOUGHLIN.

The death occurred rather suddenly on Tuesday morning of Mr. C. M. O'Loughlin, second son of the late Mr. M. J. O'Loughlin. Deceased had been out at Ste. Agathe for a short holiday and while there suffered a sunstroke so severe that meningitis ensued, causing his death after a week of intense suffering.

A particularly sad feature, and one which makes the blow the harder for his mother to bear, was her absence from the city, only arriving here after his demise. Of a bright and large-hearted disposition, deceased was much beloved by all who knew him, and the extreme suddenness of his passing away makes the sorrow more intense. The large number of handsome floral and Mass offerings testified to the high esteem in which deceased was held.

A solemn requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick Church on Thursday morning, the Rev. James Killoran, assisted by the Rev. T. O'Reilly and Rev. F. Singleton as deacon and sub-deacon. Rev. Gerald McShane received the body at the door. A very large concourse of friends joined in the funeral cortege, members of the C. O. F. were also represented in good numbers. Deceased leaves to mourn his loss his mother, two sisters and two brothers, to whom the True Witness offers its deepest sympathy. May his soul rest in peace.

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## ST. ANN'S.

The pilgrimage for women and children to Ste. Anne de Beaupre will take place on July 4. The boat will leave at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, returning to the city on Monday morning. Everything is being done to ensure the comfort of the pilgrims, and it is expected that a very large number will avail themselves of this opportunity to visit the famous shrine.

## DRAWING FOR CHAIN AT ST. ANTHONY'S VILLA.

The drawing for a gold chain took place at St. Anthony's Villa July 2. Rev. Father Celestine Joseph, O. F. M., presided. The lucky number drawn by him was 1824. Holder of said ticket is requested to call at St. Anthony's Villa, Dorchester st. west.

Externally or Internally is it Good When applied externally by brisk rubbing, Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil opens the pores and penetrates the tissue as few liniments do, touching the seat of the trouble and immediately affording relief. Administered internally, it will still the irritation in the throat which induces coughing and will cure affections of the bronchial tubes and respiratory organs. Try it and be convinced.

## THE MADONNA OF US ALL.

How sweet the bells at evening call Her children home to pray— Beyond the hills the habitation Salutes her Queen of May.

And thou great Notre Dame in whom The thousands kneel in prayer, With beatific love she reigns Above all splendor there.

Beneath her feet the angels stand, Christ girdled is her throne. Her beauty floods all heaven, and All heaven is her own.

Je vous salue, Oh! spouse of hope, Madonna undefiled, Thy love for us is fathomless Maria, mother mild.

I know you hear the habitation, His prayer is just the same, From o'er the hills he calls to you, Maria, that gentle name.

Ring sweetly out old bells and bring Her children home to pray. Je vous salue, Marie, great queen Madonna of the May.

—REV. P. T. O'REILLY.