

FOR HOTEL GUESTS AND WORKERS

EXTENSION SOCIETY WILL REJUVENATE FAMOUS OLD CHURCH

St. John's church, the first Catholic church to be built on the south side of Chicago, back in 1859, is to be rejuvenated physically, and made an open church for all Chicago visitors, under the direction of the Right Rev. Mgr. William D. O'Brien, LL. D., vice-president and general secretary of the Catholic Church Extension Society.

Monsignor O'Brien was appointed pastor of the old church by Cardinal Mundelein, and commissioned to make it the home of the fathers of the Extension Society, and the church of the strangers and the toilers.

Situated at 18th and Clark streets, the church is only a short distance from the great hotels and skyscrapers of the loop district, with their tens of thousands of Catholic guests and workers.

In addition, the rectory, a great, old-fashioned mansion of 18 rooms, will be the haven for all missionary bishops and priests passing through Chicago.

The Extension Society proposes to do for them in the city, what it does for the parishioners in the sparsely settled communities in which it establishes missions and churches.

Bishop-Elect Francis C. Kelley of Oklahoma, founder and for nineteen years president of the Catholic Church Extension Society, is at present in Amsterdam, attending the International Eucharistic conference, of the board of which he is a member.

His resignation as president of the Extension Society will take effect Sept. 30, at the close of the fiscal year, following which he will be consecrated, and will go to his new see.

Monsignor O'Brien will then become acting president, until the Holy Father appoints a successor to Bishop-Elect Kelley.

Meanwhile Monsignor O'Brien will press his plans with the rejuvenation of St. John's, which at the time of its erection was on the edge of the prairie, at the northern terminal of Archer avenue, then the "Archer Road," made famous in the Mr. Dooley stories of Peter Finley Dunne.

Since then St. John's has been successively the fashionable South Side Church; a church of the tenements, attended by the most cosmopolitan congregation ever gathered together, of many races, colors and nationalities and, more recently, a church isolated by factories, freight houses and railroad yards.

The parish boundaries, approximately a mile square, contain at present probably not more than 100 resident families, of whom 60% are nomadic.

Under the new regime, however, while keeping its parish boundaries, the church will serve the guests and employes of the great hotels, and on holidays will serve the workers in the downtown district with frequent Masses, up to 12:15 p. m. Daily Masses and daily morning and afternoon confession also will be available, as well as afternoon services on Sundays and Holy Days.

"It is my hope, under the direction of Cardinal Mundelein, to make old St. John's a shrine of Catholicism in the heart of one of the most dense and active industrial districts in the city," said Monsignor O'Brien to the N. C. W. C. News Service correspondent. "The services and the opportunities for receiving the sacraments will be arranged and timed so as to meet

the requirements of the greatest number of people. Strangers in the city stopping at the big hotels will find in those hotels schedules of our Masses, directions how to come to us, and an urgent invitation to come.

"The employes of the hotels, policemen, firemen, chauffeurs, and others whose work keeps them from their parish churches, will find ours open to them.

"Daily, and especially on Holy Days, the tens of thousands of Catholics in the skyscraper district down town will find our services available at convenient hours. The physical condition of the properties is very poor, but they can be repaired and redecorated and modernized. It will be a heavy work, but we are ready for it."

With Monsignor O'Brien in the Extension work are the Rev. Eugene McGuinness, LL. D., assigned from Philadelphia, and the Rev. P. H. Griffin, assigned from Indianapolis. The Extension fathers took up their home at St. John's parsonage last Tuesday, and the church will become the home church of the Extension Society officially on August 1.

OBITUARY

REV. BROTHER TOBIAS, F. S. C.

On Tuesday, August 5th, Rev. Brother Tobias Stephen, one of the most noted members of the Order of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in Canada, died in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto. Deceased had been ailing some years ago from incipient diabetes but lately had been enjoying fairly good health. He came to Toronto a couple of weeks ago on a visit to a sick brother of his, for whose return home from the hospital he had just arranged, when he was himself stricken down. Owing to a grave diabetic condition, it was soon realized that there was little hope of his recovery.

With the sentiments of deep faith and piety that had characterized him throughout his religious life, Brother Tobias received the Last Sacraments and passed peacefully away while the prayers for the dying were being recited at his bedside by his nephew, Rev. Gerald Culliton.

Brother Tobias Stephen, who was known in the world as William Culliton, was born in Melancthon, Ont., sixty-six years ago and had been forty-four years in religious life. He entered the Christian Brothers in Toronto in 1880 and received the holy habit of St. De La Salle from the hands of the late Archbishop Lynch. After his novitiate, Brother Tobias taught with distinction in the Brothers' schools in Quebec and Montreal, being for a time Director of St. Patrick's school, Quebec. For the past eight years, he had been a member of the faculty of Mount St. Louis College, Montreal.

A funeral Mass, attended by a large number of relatives and friends, was celebrated on Thursday, the 7th inst., at St. Cecilia's Church by Rev. Gerald Culliton, nephew of the deceased, assisted by Rev. G. Prance as deacon, and Rev. Father Hickey as sub-deacon. Among those present were Rev. J. P. Treacy, D. D., Rev. W. Heydon, Rev. F. Penney, Rev. H. Ellard, and Rev. Brother Bernard Provincial of the Christian Brothers. The pall bearers were Rev. Brothers Romuald, President of Mount St. Louis College, Montreal; James, Director of St. Patrick's school, Quebec; Anselm, Director of St. Patrick's school, Montreal; Mactalius, Austin, and Jarlath. After the Mass the body was taken to the De La Salle College, Aurora, where the funeral took place on Friday morning in the presence of the immediate relatives and of nearly all the Brothers of the Toronto province who had just entered upon their annual Retreat. The Mass at the College was celebrated by Rev. G. Culliton, assisted by Rev. Augustin Cotter, C. P., and Rev. M. Johnston. The remains were then borne to their last resting place in the Brothers' little cemetery accompanied by the long procession of religious whose prayers will follow their dear departed Brother that he may speedily enjoy the reward promised to those who have spent their lives "instructing many unto justice."

Brother Tobias is survived by five sisters: Mrs. McLoughlan of Phepston, Ont.; Mrs. McAuliffe of Durham, Ont.; Mrs. McManniman, Bridget, and Margaret of Melancthon, Ont.; and one brother, Michael, also of Melancthon. R. I. P.

PRESS MONTH PLANS

At the conventions of the Knights of Columbus, held in New York, and the Catholic Order of Foresters, held in Columbus, Ohio, a resolution was adopted officially to observe February 1925 as Press Month in all the Council and Court meetings held by those two organizations, by setting aside fifteen minutes in each meeting during which the interests and welfare of the Catholic periodical press will be discussed. In addition each Council and Court will be instructed to appoint a special committee of three to cooperate with the Press Month Committee of the Catholic Press Association, during Press Month, and so make Press Month more than a half-hearted annual gesture. The resolutions were presented by William J. McGinley, Supreme Sec-

retary of the Knights of Columbus, and Thomas J. Cannon, High Chief Ranger of the Catholic Order of Foresters.

BISHOP'S VOW FULFILLED

In September, 1914, when the Battle of the Marne was being fought at the gates of Meaux, the bishop of that city, Mgr. Marbeau, made a vow to erect a statue to the Blessed Virgin on the battlefield if his city and cathedral were spared from foreign invasion. His prayer was answered, but the bishop died before he could fulfill his vow. His family then undertook to carry out his wishes and the monument has now been solemnly unveiled in the presence of many dignitaries.

The monument stands near the village of Barcy, a few miles from Meaux, on a hill where the general staff of the German advance guard had its headquarters. It is a tall white obelisk in front of which stands a large statue of bronze representing the Virgin with the Holy Child in her arms.

The ceremonies attending the unveiling lasted a whole day, beginning with a magnificent service in the Cathedral of Meaux in the memory of Mgr. Marbeau and all the soldiers killed during the battle of the Marne. Two Archbishops and three bishops were present, and the army was represented by General Pau, former generalissimo of the French Armies, several generals who had commands during the battle of the Marne, and the family of General Manoury, who directed operations in front of Meaux.

The five prelates and prominent guests, members of parliament, delegations of former service men and a large crowd then proceeded to Barcy, where the blessing of the monument took place. A Te Deum was sung in the recently rebuilt church of Barcy, but as the church could not accommodate the large crowds, the Archbishop of Laodicea gave the Benediction to those remaining outside, from the threshold of the church.

EDWARD VII. BECAME KNIGHT OF JERUSALEM

London, Eng.—The interesting historical fact that Pope Leo XIII. granted a special dispensation in order to permit the late King Edward VII. (when Prince of Wales) to become a Knight of the Sovereign Sacred Military Order of St. John of Jerusalem, has just been revealed.

The Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England had offered its Cross to the Prince. But this Order, which is sometimes confused with the Red Cross, has not the same claims to distinction. The Prince replied that if he wore the Cross at all, he would prefer to wear the real thing. There was a difficulty in the way as His Royal Highness was not a Catholic.

The Pope was then asked to grant a dispensation, which he did and the Prince was admitted a Knight of the Order, the late Mgr. Fenton acting as chaplain on the occasion.

Mr. Egerton Beck, who has just made this story public, was at Cardinal Manning's table when Mgr. Fenton recounted the facts a couple of hours after the investiture.

BOGUS OATH OF K. OF C. IN FAR-AWAY NORWAY

Brooklyn, N. Y., August 1.—The bogus oath attributed to the Knights of Columbus has penetrated as far as Norway it was revealed here this week. Last Friday in the Nordisk-Tidende, a Norwegian newspaper published in this city, the fake oath appeared in a prominent place. When the matter was called to the attention of Patrick F. Scanlan, Managing Editor of The Tablet, he at once wrote to the editor of the Nordisk-Tidende and informed him that the so-called oath was a tissue of falsehoods and unless there was an immediate retraction he would secure a summons from the District Attorney halting those responsible to court. Mr. Scanlan inclosed a copy of the correct pledge taken by the Knights of Columbus.

Two days later Mr. Scanlan received the following letter from the editor of the Nordisk-Tidende: Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of July 25th I beg to say that the article in question was taken from an exchange in Norway and it slipped through in the rush of business. I have on various occasions received copies of the fake oath and have invariably thrown them in the paper basket. I regret that this has happened and shall be glad to state so in the paper, and shall also publish the real pledge, which you were kind enough to send us, in the next issue of our paper.

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MARRIAGE

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