

PARISH OF ARTHUR.

The 27th of December, being the feast of St. John the Evangelist, titular patron of the church, the solemnity of "In An-nuuntium" was celebrated with becoming pomp and splendor of ritual.

The High Mass was one that will not readily pass from the memories of those who had the happiness of assisting by their presence at the solemn function.

The celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. R. Maloney, of Markdale, Father Feeney, of Brantford, deacon, and Father Doherty, the parish priest, as sub-deacon.

"I have chosen this house and sanctified this place which thou hast built, to put my name there forever, and my eyes and my heart shall be there always."

It was thus God spoke to Solomon, Israel's wisest king, after he had completed the great temple of Jerusalem—that temple in which His chosen people were to do honor to their Lord by the offering of sacrifice and praise.

Before distributing the prizes to the children our pastor presented, on their behalf, Miss Teresa Lilly, their teacher, with a beautiful oleograph of "Sacred Heart of Mary" by Saverio.

The "Holy Family," by Pacelli, the prize for excellence, was won this year by Mary A. Webb, of Grimsby.

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have recently moved to Arthur, taking advantage of the very excellent educational facilities that are to be found here.

CHRISTMAS AT SMITHVILLE.

We had a new feature in our celebration of the glorious feast of the Nativity this year, viz., a crib, which brought home the mystery of the stable of Bethlehem more vividly to the minds of many of us.

The good ladies who decorated the church spent the greater part of their time on the crib, and with the best of success.

Another feature of the celebration of Christmas here, which is now becoming annual, is the distribution of Catholic prizes.

Our pastor, seeing so many losing the faith, or growing careless in the practice of its precepts, and realizing that this can only come from ignorance of the inestimable treasures of grace that this faith bestows in this life as well as eternal happiness in the next.

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Life is a great gift, and as we reach years of discretion, we must of us naturally ask ourselves what should be the main object of our existence.

I cannot, however, but think that the world would be better and brighter if our people, as well as the happiness of duty, if we ought to be as cheerful as we can, if only because to be happy ourselves is a most effectual contribution to the happiness of others.

Everyone must have felt that a cheerful friend is like a sunny day, which sheds its brightness on all around; and most of us, if we choose, make all this world either a palace or a prison.

There is no doubt some selfish satisfaction in yielding to melancholy; in brooding over grievances, especially if more or less imaginary; in fancying we are victims of fate.

If we do our best, if we do not magnify trifling troubles; if we resolutely look, we do not say at the bright side of things but things as they really are; if we avail ourselves of the manifold blessings which surround us, we cannot but feel how thankful we ought to be for the "sacred trusts of health, strength and time."

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