

OUR PARAGRAPHER

THE COMING YEAR AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.

REV. DR. CONATY'S RECENT LECTURE—THE CUBAN DIFFICULTY AND OTHER MATTERS.

Christmas has come and gone; we are now in the dusk of the old year. The sun will soon set for the last time in 1896, to rise on the morrow and bring light and gladness to a new year.

If we scan the pages of our life's record for 1896, what will we see thereon? Opportunities neglected, no doubt, sins of commission and omission certainly.

However, this is not a season for useless regrets. The past cannot be recalled, we have the present alone to utilize, the future to look forward to and prepare to meet.

We are twelve months richer in experience than we were on New Year's Day, 1896, and should show a sturdier front to the world during the coming year than in the past.

That 1897 may prove fruitful in prosperity and happiness to the True Witness and all its readers is my sincerest wish.

Had not Mr. Henry Austin Adams not made the statement, I would be inclined to doubt that a wave of culture was sweeping over this country, or, in fact, over any territory in the vicinity.

The attendance at the recent lecture delivered by the Rev. Dr. Conaty, Rector of the Catholic University of Washington, did not seem to give any practical illustration on that point.

Dr. Conaty simply excelled himself on the occasion, and demonstrated in a marked manner that he is entitled to a place of distinction as a platform speaker on this continent.

Ye olde Maides had better hustle. There is only one day more left of 1896, and another leap year is not due until 1904.

I consider myself comparatively safe in stating that Maceo is dead, but I cannot say exactly how he died nor how Gomez wrote a letter after his two arms were broken.

The Cuban difficulty is shrouded in impenetrable mystery, thanks to the imaginative genius of American newspaper correspondents. If people believe all they read about Cuban matters, great is their faith in the veracity of the press indeed.

Speaking of the Cuban trouble, I notice that the American people are cooling down somewhat and taking a more conservative view of matters than they did a week ago.

Methinks the Victoria Hockey team of Montreal will be beaten in Winnipeg to-day. The Vics are not up to last year's form. Why did they not wait until later on in the season?

The Shamrock's end of the Hockey schedule is a good one and the boys should make a fair showing in the championship race, although some of the old-timers will be absent from the team.

Lasker is having an easy time in the chess tournament with Steinitz. The latter is getting somewhat too old and stale for the game.

It is stated that a South Carolina photographer has succeeded in taking a photograph by moonlight.

I wonder if Mr. Woodburn will be serious enough in his protest against Dr. Roddick, M.P., to put up the requisite \$1,000.00?

Our member for St. Ann's (Mr. Quinn) made the speech of the evening at the Commercial Travellers' dinner. This is satisfactory.

Thanks, Silas Wegg, for your kind wishes. The same to you and many of them.

WALTER R.

MR. REDMOND'S VISIT.

Mr. J. E. Redmond, M.P., is to deliver in Montreal, some time next month, the lecture which he is now delivering in the United States on his "Fifteen Years in the British Parliament." As his manager takes good care to emphasize the subjects dealt with in the lecture are "strictly non-political, non-controversial," and, such being the case, he will doubtless find a large audience waiting to hear him.

But it may be well to warn Mr. Redmond against misconstruing the cordiality of the reception that will be accorded him on his visit to this city, and against attempting to make political capital out of it when he returns across the Atlantic, by claiming for it a significance which it will not possess.

The Irishmen of Canada have no sympathy with the attitude taken up by Mr. Redmond and his followers in relation to the Irish Parliamentary party. They are unalterably attached to the cause of unity, and to the principles laid down by the great Irish Race Convention in Dublin.

CHRISTMAS ORDINATIONS.

His Lordship Bishop Emard, of Valleyfield, officiated at the regular Christmas ordinations held in this city. The following is the full list:—

Tonsure—A. M. Descauries, J. F. X. Lafrance, D. Jeannotte, C. Racine, of Montreal; J. T. Reid, Grand Rapids; J. J. Husey, Springfield.

Minor Orders—J. J. Alarie, J. B. J. Aubry, G. H. Chartier, C. J. Chaumont, M. J. Clermont, S. J. Cote, A. A. Elhier, E. J. Fautoux, Z. Gravel, P. McDonald, P. J. B. Michaud, A. J. Oumet, C. W. Lalonde, Montreal; J. E. McRae, Alexandria; J. F. McNiff, Boeton; T. F. Brown, Burlington; J. Wheten, Chatham; L. Dunlow, G. I. Ehl, M. B. Murray, H. J. Reinert, J. C. Stuart, A. J. Wagener, Duquesne; C. M. Brohmann, J. P. Cummings, P. J. Donovan, W. C. Gehl, Hamilton; J. F. McGuernay, F. X. Mulville, Hartford; C. J. Mea, Kingston; E. G. Ladouceur, London; N. E. Biron, A. A. Sylvestre, Manchester; J. H. O'Neill, Ogdensburg; J. J. O'Brien, Peterboro; P. P. Hart, Pontiac; S. W. Reilly, Sherbrooke; P. J. Meelan, P. Roy, Springfield; W. A. Doyle, Syracuse; A. A. Bertrand, L. W. Monsean, Valleyfield.

Sub-Deaconate—A. Benoit, C. J. Brodeur, A. J. Champagne, A. Duplessis, A. J. Lavoie, T. E. McDermott, E. E. Monagan, T. W. O'Reilly, M. Beaudin, B. Brunel, D. Bordeleau, Montreal; A. R. McDonald, J. McKeough, J. J. Macneil, Antigonish; J. J. McLaughlin, Chatham; W. C. Bolander, W. J. Weirich, Duquesne; J. E. McCovey, T. M. O'Leary, F. P. O'Neill, Manchester; F. J. Dubbel, Monterey, Los Angeles; F. J. O'Sullivan, Peterborough; J. E. Barry, Providence; J. T. Trudel, Saint Boniface; M. F. Abbott, H. G. Coyne, T. B. Cunningham, R. E. Freeman, J. E. Sellig, Springfield.

Deaconate—Rev. Messrs A. Denis, Montreal; M. J. O'Brien, Peterborough; M. Reilly, Portland; J. Massicot, Trois Rivieres; P. A. Hayes, New Orleans; E. Galtier, Montreal.

Priesthood—Rev. Messrs J. E. Belair, L. Brunet, J. G. Descauries, V. T. Duhamel, P. L. Perrier, E. Pare, Montreal; C. S. Regan, Duquesne; C. J. Crooley, Ogdensburg; C. J. Dagenais, J. A. French, Pontiac; J. De Villandre, N. A. Messier, J. A. Powers, M. B. Sullivan, Providence; J. A. Halde, Saint Hyacinthe; A. J. Comerford, Syracuse; J. P. Dollard, Toronto; L. F. Gobeil, Springfield; H. Leblond, Montreal.

Sub-Deaconate—Rev. Abbe Z. Gravel, Montreal.

Deaconate—Rev. Abbes F. O. Morin, D. Bordeleau, Montreal; J. A. Flynn, Portland.

Priesthood—Rev. Abbes A. Paiement, Montreal; T. J. Purcell, Boise City.

FOR SWEET CHARITY.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF DONATIONS TO THE POOR BY THE CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS BANK.

The City and District Savings Bank, in keeping with its custom at Christmas each year, distributed the sum of \$104,400 among the charitable institutions of this city as follows:—

St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, \$900; St. Bridget's House of Refuge for aged and infirm destitute persons, \$450; St. Bridget's House of Refuge for night refuge for destitute poor, \$500; the poor of St. Patrick's parish, \$125; the poor of St. Ann's parish, \$125; the poor of St. Mary's parish, \$75; Soeurs Grises, \$850; L'Asile St. Joseph, \$250; La Salle de l'Asile St. Joseph, \$100; L'Asile des Aveugles, \$250; La Salle de l'Asile Nazareth, \$100; Les pauvres de la paroisse de St. Joseph, \$75; the Little Sisters of the Poor, \$300; Soeurs de la Providence, \$600; La Salle de l'Asile, Rue Visitation, \$105; L'Asile des Sourdes-Muettes, \$300; L'Asile du Sacre Coeur, Rue Fulmin, \$100; Les pauvres de la paroisse de St. Brig-de, \$100; Les pauvres de la paroisse du Sacre Coeur, \$100; Les pauvres de la paroisse de St. Vincent de Paul, \$100; Soeurs de la Misericorde, \$100; Soeurs du Bon Pasteur, \$500; Orphelins Catholiques, St. Catherine street, \$200; Asile des Sourdes-Muettes, Coteau St. Louis, \$200; Hospice St. Vincent de Paul, \$100; Notre Dame Hospital, \$500; Montreal General Hospital, \$500; Protestant House of Industry and Refuge, \$500; Montreal Dispensary, \$200; Ladies' Benevolent Society, \$400; Protestant Orphan Asylum, \$100; Protestant Infants' Home, \$385; Protestant Industrial Rooms, \$150; University Lying-in Hospital, \$150; Hervey Institute, \$150; Protestant Church Home, \$100; Mackay Institute for Protestant Deaf Mutes, \$100; Women's Hospital, \$100; Hebrew Young Men's Benevolent Society, \$50; Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society, \$50.

PERSONAL.

Mr. P. Reynolds, so well known to the frequenters of the City and District Savings Bank for so many years, and a popular worker in the ranks of Irish National and charitable organizations in this city, has been confined to his room for the past week.

Mr. Reynolds over exerted himself on the occasion of the fire at the Barron Block, and while being unwell for many days afterwards persisted in performing his duties at the Bank until he was forced to retire for medical treatment. It is expected that after a few weeks rest Mr. Reynolds will again resume his old place.

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OUR OBSERVER

INDULGES IN A BRIEF RETROSPECT OF THE YEAR.

SOME OF THE IMPORTANT EVENTS THAT HAVE TRANSPIRED IN THE MIDST OF IRISH CATHOLICS—A PERIOD OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR THE DIFFERENT PARISHES.

Although a year is so short a period in the life of a nation, a single year's events may be fraught with far-reaching consequences. Every year has features that make it memorable. Sometimes the lapse of time brings out those features more clearly. Generally, indeed, the full import of the events that shape the lives of nations as well as of individuals is not realized until the results have begun to declare themselves. At the same time there are occurrences which even the most thoughtless cannot regard as trivial, and which are almost certain to be the seed of great harvest of human destiny.

An event of educational significance, of great interest to Irish Catholics, though not to them alone, was the visit of the Very Rev. Abbe Captier, Superior-General of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice. The relations of the Seminary to the Irish Catholic congregations in Montreal have from the first been most kindly, fruitful and pleasant, as we have already endeavored to impress on our readers. The coming of the Superior-General was sufficient to mark the year with a distinctive feature that harmonizes well with some of the most cherished memories of our religious past.

In recalling our pleasures and our gains, we are obliged to think also of the losses and sorrows that the year has brought us. One of those sorrows—a personal grief to every member of the Irish congregations—was the death of Father Toupin. He was one of the precious links between the past and present.

The jubilee of Father McCallen was a feature of the year which calls for a white mark.

The Reverend Father James Callaghan was removed to St. Mary's College, Baltimore, and appointed Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Sacred Scriptures in that institution.

St. Patrick's Church has undergone improvements, both interior and exterior, that add materially to the beauty of the edifice and the adjacent grounds. The completion of this desirable work of renovation and adornment under the supervision of Mr. W. E. Doran, architect, has, we need scarcely say, given intense satisfaction to all the members of the congregation and to all Irish Catholics in the city.

The name of the esteemed pastor, Father Quinlan, will for all time remain linked with these magnificent improvements which have taken place in the leading sacred edifice of the Irish Catholics. To his zeal, his enthusiasm and his splendid energy they will stand as a monument for the admiration of coming generations.

A noteworthy event in St. Anthony's parish was the erection and dedication of the magnificent high altar which completes the harmonious beauty of the church. The Bishop of St. Hyacinthe was present on the day of the dedication, at both the morning and evening services; and the preachers on the occasion paid a well-merited tribute to the zeal and energy of the popular pastor, Rev. Father O'Donnell. The preachers were Rev. G. O'Bryan, S.J., and Very Rev. Dean Harris of St. Catharines. Archbishop Walsh, of Toronto, sent word that he would pay a visit to Father O'Donnell and his parishioners at an early date.

St. Mary's has had a prosperous year, blessed with an abundance of spiritual favors and a good share of religious progress. The love and esteem in which the energetic pastor, Rev. Father O'Donnell, is held are increasing with every year. Father O'Donnell was selected as a delegate together with Mr. Edward Hally, to the great Irish Race Convention, held in the Irish capital, where he delivered a stirring address on the necessity of unity in the Irish parliamentary ranks. On his return he was met at the Bonaventure depot, and escorted by a band and a torchlight procession to St. Mary's Hall, where an address of welcome was read to him amidst the hearty applause of a very large assemblage.

St. Gabriel's has added another to its years of solid spiritual progress under the able direction of Father O'Meara, who is endowed with all the best qualities of the typical Soggarth Aroon.

Under the guidance of its devoted and tireless pastor, Father Scheffhaut, C.S.S.R., St. Ann's parish has continued its pace of steady advancement, ever to the front in matters concerning the interests of our holy religion.

In all of these parishes the year that is passing away has brought many blessings. The spiritual life has been more vigorous than before, and perfect harmony and accord have prevailed amongst the congregations.

The visits of the Rev. Dr. Conaty, Rector of the Catholic University of Washington, were of interest both from the themes that he so admirably treated and from the exalted honor conferred on him—an alumnus of Montreal College—in the interval between his first and second appearance.

The presence of Lord Russell, of Killowen, and his distinguished companions, in this city, gave pleasure and pride to every bearer of the Irish name. His career has already been sketched in our columns and it is a career that must give satisfaction to every Irish Catholic that deserves to be so called.

The movement for unity of action in local matters among Irish-Canadians, though as yet it has only begun to make itself felt, is full of promise. In the athletic field it has taken shape under auspices that point to large and desirable results. Altogether there is

no course for discouragement. On the whole, our record is one of advance, and so long as we are true to the principles that have given Irish Catholicity its best renown, we need have no fear of what the future has in store for us.

A noteworthy feature was also the establishment of a committee in Montreal, under the chairmanship of Mr. Michael Burke, to create and foster local interest in the important work of the Catholic Summer School of Philosophy at Plattsburg, N.Y. Last summer two distinguished Irish Catholics from this city, the Hon. Judge Curran and the Hon. Sir William Hingst, attended its sessions, and delivered able addresses there. This was a new departure, from which gratifying results may be predicted. M. A.

DEATH OF MRS. M. LYONS, OF LACOLLE.

With feelings of really profound regret, we have to record the death, last week, at her residence, Lacolle, of Catherine Heffernan, wife of Michael Lyons, who died at a comparatively early age, and was beloved and esteemed by all who ever knew her. In fact, from her kind and gentle nature, we believe she could hardly have a real enemy. She was very charitable and will be greatly missed by the poor in and about Lacolle. Her funeral, on last Saturday, was largely and respectfully attended, but this can be no matter of surprise when it is considered that she was a member of one of the most respected families of Hemmingford and Lacolle. The deceased leaves a husband and three unmarried sons and one daughter to mourn her loss. Rev. Father James Lameran, of St. Bridget's parish, cousin of the deceased, acted as celebrant at the Mass of Requiem, and Fathers Casey, of St. John the Baptist also, cousin of the deceased, and Sheen, of St. Mary's, were present at the service. Mr. J. Lameran, N.P., Rev. Fr. Simon Lameran, Mrs. Thomas Jones and Miss Jones, all relatives of the deceased, were among those who attended the funeral.—R.I.P.

C. W. LINDSAY.

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VALUABLE COLLECTIONS.

At the distributions of the 16th and 23rd December of "The Society of Arts, of Canada," 1616 Notre Dame Street, valuable collections, the value of which range from \$50 to \$2,000, have been won by the following persons:—Ephrem Saumur, 150 Robin, Mile End, value \$250; Pascal Fortier, 58 Drolet Street, value \$500; Percy H. Evans, 91 Hillowell Street, Westmount, value \$200; Jos. Lamothe, St. Jean-Baptiste Street; T. Desroches, 808 Da Montigny Street; Louis Gagnon, 619 Albert.

THE WAYS OF YOUNG MEN.

MR. JOHN MORLEY COMPARES THE ENGLISH AND GERMAN METHOD IN BUSINESS.

Mr. John Morley, addressing a meeting of young men of the Batterssea Polytechnic the other evening on the subject of foreign competition, said:—"In Germany the young men, who are going into the family business travel and acquire languages and learn to know the habits and habits of the natives of foreign lands. In England 'the sons of the house' too frequently devote themselves to a life of selfish pleasure, and give up to billiards, the theatre, the music-hall, the club, and the various forms of sports the hours of leisure which 'the sons of the house' in Germany devote to acquiring a knowledge of the commerce of the world. In Germany the father says, 'Thank God, I have a son.' In England the son says, 'Thank God, I have a father.'"

A TOUCHING INCIDENT

IN THE HOLY CAREER OF THE LATE MGR. D'HULST.

It is told of the late Mgr. d'Hulst that while he was watching at the bedside of an apprentice boy stricken with black smallpox the little sufferer said, "Kiss me, father." The young priest bent forward and kissed the forehead, dark, swollen and covered with loathsome pustules.

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panions were the youths of the Institut Catholique, to whom he stood in the light of a father as well as of a rector. He loved them as Lacordaire loved the boys of the Sorbonne College. The last confession he heard was that of one of these youths. It was on the day of All Saints. He had just said his last Mass, but had not yet left the church, when a fair-haired youth came forward and asked him to hear his confession. M. d'Hulst was then almost in a dying state. He staggered a few steps, then sank on a seat near the altar and motioned to the youth to kneel beside him on the stones. The confession over, he was seen to lean forward and speak a few words to the penitent and then trace over his head a large sign of the cross. This was his last ab-solution. Three days later he was dead.



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CORPORATION VALUATION.

The property known as the Metropolitan Club, and situated in the Beaver Hall Terrace, was put under the hammer on Saturday last in the Sheriff's office and sold for \$26,500.

The city valuation of this property was fixed at \$36,000. Such sales will certainly not strengthen the confidence which many people have in Corporation values of real estate.

Sam Singleton—"Do you honestly mean to say that you spend less money since you married?" Benny Dictus—"My dear fellow, I have to."—Brooklyn 'Life.'

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