

In and Around Toronto

CONFERENCE AT THE ABBEY. On the Feast of the Epiphany a Conference was given at the Abbey, Wellington Place, by Rev. Father Stahl, C.S.S.R.

ENTERTAINMENT AT ST. BASIL'S. An entertainment under the auspices of the Holy Name Society of St. Basil's parish will be given in the hall of St. Michael's College on the evening of Jan. 15th.

DEATH OF MRS. WM. RYAN. The death of Mrs. William Ryan, widow of the late William Ryan and mother of M. P. Ryan of Parkdale, took place somewhat suddenly at Hamilton, where Mrs. Ryan had gone to spend Christmas with friends.

ST. JOHN'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL. The Superintendent and his colleagues unite in thanking all the friends of the Institute for their good wishes, more especially the following, who very materially contributed to making the dining-room on several occasions during the Christmas holidays more than usually attractive and interesting.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES. A special committee of the Separate School Board met on Thursday evening and received the members re-elected by acclamation and the new member elected by contest to the board for the current year.

RECEPTION AT ST. JOSEPH'S.

A beautiful and touching ceremony was held at St. Joseph's Convent on Saturday morning, when seven young ladies were received into the Community, three novices made final vows and two others their first year vows. The Very Rev. Wm. Brick, S.S.S.R., officiated. The reception marked the close of a retreat also given by Father Brick and Mass in its Christmas festive adornment was in keeping with the occasion.

Clippings From Ottawa

Very Rev. Canon Campeau attended the funeral of Mrs. Paul Bruchesi, mother of His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal, during last week.

In celebration of the New Year, a Forty Hours' Devotion was held in the chapel of the Precious Blood Community. The ceremony was largely attended.

On the Feast of the Holy Innocents High Mass was celebrated in the Basilica. The church was filled with the children of the parish at the ceremony and all received the blessing of Mgr. Routhier, Vicar-General.

The annual statistics for Notre Dame De Grace parish, Hull, have been made public and show that there are now 2,266 families comprising 10,651 souls, in the parish. During 1907 there were 464 births and 366 deaths.

An orchestral club has been organized among the students of the University of Ottawa, by Rev. Father Dewe. Although only a short time in the city, Father Dewe, besides being an accomplished musician himself, has written several compositions of much merit. Under his direction the orchestra will undoubtedly prove a success.

Rev. Father Duhaat, of Notre Dame De Grace Church, Hull, in his New Year's sermon, took occasion to remark the great decrease in the number of marriages in the parish. There were seventy-eight marriages and ninety births less in 1907 than in the year previous. This he attributed to the indifference and bashfulness of the young men, and in concluding he urged that they not wait until they become old men before seriously considering matrimony.

All the Separate school trustees have been returned by acclamation with the exception of those in two wards. In Rideau Ward Mr. A. Beaudard was returned, as was Mr. T. McGuire in Dalhousie Ward for the nineteenth year. The latter election has been protested on the ground that the supplementary voting list for the newly-annexed district of Baywater, was not available at the proper time, and that the polling sub-division boundaries were not distinctly understood.

Rev. Father Corbell, of L'Ascension, Que., has been appointed parish priest of Latuque, a newly-founded parish on the St. Maurice river, in the Diocese of Pembroke. Father Corbell is a nephew of Mgr. Routhier, Vicar-General, and his brother, Rev. Father Corbell, formerly of the Basilica, is now studying English in Washington, D.C. The new parish gives excellent promise of progress owing to its present rapid increase in population and the construction of several railroads through the town of Latuque.

The pupils of the Primrose Hill Convent (Grey Nuns) held an interesting reception recently, it being the occasion of the prize distribution to the music class, for its work of the past year. Rev. Father Jacques was present, as were many parents and friends of the pupils. Miss Hilda Kattley won the gold medal donated by His Grace, Archbishop Duhamel, for Laureation. In the senior grade Miss Dora Villeneuve was awarded the prize of a handsome prayer-book, the gift of the Mother Superior.

His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, assisted by Vicar-General Routhier, held an annual reception on New Year's Day. Many prominent citizens attended throughout the afternoon. On New Year's Eve all the priests of the various parishes visited the Archbishop's Palace and paid their respects to His Grace. In the morning representatives from Les Artisans Canadien-Francais, St. Joseph's Society and the numerous courts of the Catholic Order of Foresters, waited upon the Archbishop and a congratulatory address, which also expressed the good wishes of the members, was read. His Grace replied in an appropriate address. High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Canon Campeau, and greetings of the season were extended to the congregation by Vicar-General Routhier. Archbishop Duhamel was present at the ceremony.

Rev. Father Carriere of the Basilica has been appointed parish priest of the Church of the Redeemer, Hull, which position was made vacant by the resignation of Rev. Father Alford, who is seriously ill and will leave shortly to undergo medical treatment in Toledo, Ohio. Father Carriere was educated in the University of Ottawa, and was ordained in 1896. He served as assistant in the parishes of St. Agathe, Aylmer, St. Eugene, Guinville, Carleton and Chelsea, in the two latter of which he was later appointed parish priest. From Chelsea he came to the Basilica where he has been for the past two years. The Church of Our Redeemer parish was founded six years ago and consists of seven hundred families. Father Carriere will take charge about the middle of January and enter into his new position with many wishes of success from his numerous friends.

Temple Building, Feb. 19th, 1908, reports that the friends of the Knight can expect a good time. Keep your eye on Feb. 19th.

Canada Permanent Calendar

The picture accompanying the Canada Permanent Calendar for 1908 is, in our opinion, a splendid reproduction of the original painting, "Sunset on the Grand Canal, Venice," by the eminent artist, Thomas Moran, N.A., who has achieved great fame as a painter of a number of important canvases in which the influence of Turner, the great English colorist, is very marked. He is at his best in depicting such scenes as he has given us in this picture. Nothing could more readily lend itself to his artistic instinct and marvelous ability than a sunset in the most romantic city of the world.

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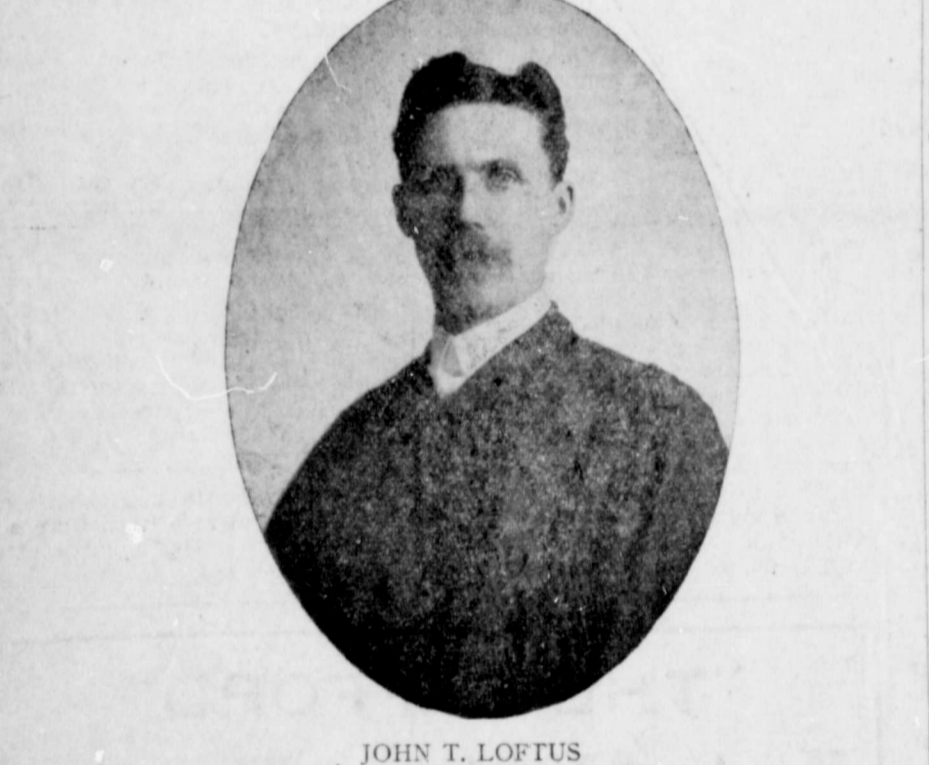
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Dead Priest Defended (The Catholic Sun.) The death of Rev. Thomas McGrady, the socialist priest who was retired from the exercise of his sacred offices by Bishop Maes of Kentucky for persisting in the spread of that pernicious ferment of fanaticism, calls forth from a Socialist paper in Kansas an extended panegyric on the life of the deceased, says the Colorado Catholic Register.

Beginning with the words: "It is not customary among Socialists to pronounce eulogical and meaningless panegyrics up a departed comrade, nor to pay fulsome tribute to virtues they never possessed," the writer launches into a two-column outburst of high-flown bombast, of hysterical encomium, of brazen impudence and insult against the Catholic Church and its prelates, not an opportunity being suffered to pass without an open or covert stab at Catholicity. The ex-priest is heroized, wept over, hoisted up as a martyr to his beliefs. The clergy are heaped with every abuse that a scurrily imagination can conjure up.

The account closes with the following: "Thomas McGrady found joy in social service and his perfect consecration to his social ideals was the crowning glory of his life, and from this tangled maze of metaphors, we are to infer in plain English that the subject of the eulogium died unrepentant. This is false. When apprised that death was near, Thomas McGrady asked for a priest, renounced fully the errors of socialism, expressed his sorrow for having assisted in its dissemination, received the last sacraments and passed away reconciled to the Church, whose wisdom and authority he recognized though late, yet in time to sanctify his last moments.

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COMMANDERY NO. 2, K.S.J. The following officers of Leo Commandery No. 2, K.S.J., were installed with the usual ceremonies by Grand Vice President Richard Prior at their last meeting: Col. M. K. McGuinn, Thos. Callaghan, 2nd Vice; Joseph President; James Lawless, 1st Vice; Allan, Rec.-Sec.; Edward Meehan, Fin.-Sec.; Joseph McGuinn, Ins. Sec.; Edwin Millward, Treas.; Arthur Bellean, Messenger; James Kyte, Sergeant-at-Arms; Dennis Driscoll, Guard; J. J. Harrington, Captain; W. J. DeCrumpsey, 1st Lt.; R. Osborne, 2nd Lt.; James Kyte, 1st Sergt.; Joseph Allan, 2nd Sergt.; Dennis Driscoll, Col. Sergt.; Vincent Hackett and Albert Murray, auditors.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

Form IV.—For examinations during December the following standing was secured: Seniors—N. Perugini, G. Murray, J. Devaney, A. Dubois. Juniors—G. Koster, S. Nighingale, H. O'Rourke. Form III.—For general exams. on programme between September and December (inclusive), the following resulted: Seniors—F. Cunerty, W. O'Hearn, J. Adams, D. Flanagan, G. Moore, M. Senon. Juniors—G. Healey, Leo Hearn, H. Seitz, H. Douglas, F. Colby. Form II.—For their excellent conduct and application in school during December the following boys merited to have their names inscribed on the Honor Roll: A. Adams, G. Boehlar, F. McKenna, C. Oliver, J. Kane, H. Heck, J. Henahan, J. Perugini, W. Phillips, J. Sullivan, H. Slater, J. Vince.

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THE ROSARY PARISH.

An appropriate closing to the Christmas festivities was the annual entertainment tendered the parishioners of Holy Rosary Chapel and the subsequent treat given to the children of the Sunday School by Rev. Father Ryan. The hall of the Novitiate was crowded to its utmost capacity and the programme opened with a splendid orchestral rendition of "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" from Mozart's 12th Mass, followed by various recitals both instrumental and vocal, among the same being "Il Trovatore," by the well known violinist, Napoletano; Balfe's "Overture Bohemian Girl," pianoforte duet ably rendered by Mr. and Mrs. J. Dickinson, who, upon being encored, favored the audience with a choice vocal selection. The humorous side of the entertainment was supplied by Mr. J. E. Lyons in his "Motor Car" and another comic solo. The school children sustained their part by violin and piano duet by the Misses Allison, a well received recitation by Miss Gladys Deegan, "Waves of the Danube" (mandolin), Miss S. Todd; and "Oft in the Stilly Night" (vocal), Miss V. James. Several good selections were given by Holy Rosary Choir under the direction of their able tutor, Mr. J. Dickinson, Doc.Mus. Too much credit cannot be accorded the pastor, Rev. Father Ryan, for the interest taken in his energetic endeavors in regard to his choir, and especially in procuring for their advancement such a well qualified instructor as Mr. Dickinson who is also organist and choir-master of St. Michael's Cathedral and the weekly improvement in the Holy Rosary Choir for the short time he has had charge of it must be gratifying to both the Reverend Pastor and their teacher. "Tipperary," march, concluded the entertainment followed by a generous "Santa Claus" distribution to the children of the parish.—M. J.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN.

The following officers of St. Anne's Commandery, No. 123, were installed by Grand President Callaghan: Pres., J. E. Dempsey, 1st Vice-Pres., W. M. Davies; 2nd Vice-Pres., Dan. McGregor; Recording Secretary, Rich. Prior; Financial Secretary, E. J. Collins; Treasurer, J. A. Egan; Trustees, J. J. Heffering, T. J. Conlin, E. Bassman; Messenger, M. T. Stibell; Sergt.-at-Arms, Thos. Judge; Guard, C. Bogaal. The committee having the "at home" in hand in the