New Superior Sulpicians VISITS St. Patrick's Church.

rick's Church was honored by a visit of the Very Rev. Abbe Lecon. the elected Superior of the Sem-inary of St. Sulpice.

The Very Rev. Abbe celebrated High Mass, and a special musical service had been arranged for the sion, under the leadership Mr. Fowler, organist. The Rev. Mar Callaghan, P.P., announced that Catholic Charitable the Very Rev. Abbe would be pleas ed to meet any members of the con gregation who might wish to see him after High Mass in the large room of the sacristy. A very large number of the leading members of the congregation availed themselves of this kind invitation, and were happy to pay their respects to Superior

Sir William Hingston speaking on behalf of the congregation, express-ed the great pleasure that they felt ng a priest of such distinguished ability and great piety elected to that honorable but onerous position. He had known Abbe Lecon very many years, they having in the discharge of their respective duties at the Grand Seminary, and he merely voiced the sentiments of all when he stated that the good done by him was of the highest character, and eminently beneficial to the ecclesiastics who had com under his control.

The name of the Abbe Le coq was a household word throughout the Dominion, siq pus Sujurasi siq rol piety.

He hoped that for many years h would occupy the post to which he had been elevated, and which he wa so competent to fill. His immediate essor, the late Very Rev. Abbe Colin, was a man of eminent ability, and had won the affections of all those who had come in contact with him, and he was only one of a long line of distinguished priests who had filled the position of the Superior of St. Sulpice. Their works were here as monuments of their zeal, and their names as well as th of the distinguished priest name whom they had now met to would be inscribed on pages of Canada's history.

The Very Rev. Abbe made a feli. citous reply. He said he had done many things in the course of his career, but he was now endeavoring to deliver for the first time an ss in English. He then proceeded to thank those who had come to pay im this impromptu visit, and he thanked especially Sir William Hing-ston for the manner in which he had so kindly spoke of his labors in the past. He could certainly make an xchange of compliments with him, as no one better than himself knew the services the eminent surgeon and physician had rendered to the Grand Saminary and many other institu-tions. It was needless for him to speak of the interest he took in St. Patrick's congregation and all that pertained to their welfare. The catholic High School, all had their of St. Patrick's were the descend-ants of a noble race. Ireland had received the gift of faith from St. Patrick, and not one drop of blood the ben shed on the introduction of Christianity, but if that had been the case, the people had long suftr-a new cross beam was put in to structions of the belify which is in the catholic High School, all had their seeking a cause, finds it in the ab-tage and we cross beam was put in to show the faith form St. mary and many other institu-<text>

laghan, P.P., the Very Rev. Abbe then gave those assembled his bless-ing, after which he shook hands with the clergy and those who were gathered around him.

cont we noticed Amongst those present we noticed The 'Trustees of St. Patrick's Or The Trustees of St. Factors of the phan Asylum, the Governors of the Catholic High School, and the di-rectors of the St. Bridget's House of Refuge: Messrs. Justices Curran and Doherty, Michael Burke, T. C. Collins, P. McCrory, J. G. Kennedy, B. Tansey, P. Reynolds, F. J. Curran, Prof. J. A. Fowler, A. J. Hales-Sanders, Martin Egan, M. Fitzgibbon, Felix Casey, John Fallon, Hon. Jas. McShane, J. J. Bolster, A. D. McGillis, J. H. Feeley, John Hoola-han, Jas. Rogers, T. C. O'Brien, John Dwane, J. Meagher, J. H. Semple, W. E. Doran, Robt. War-G. A. Carpenter, T. Finn, Dr. ren, E. J. C. Kennedy, Dr. T. J. J. Cur-ran, J. J. Hammill, M. Delahanty, and James Scullion, and about 150

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others.

The 45th annual report of the St. Bridget Asylum Association, which bears the signatures of Rev. Joseph Henning, C.SS.R., president, and Edward Foley, secretary-treasurer, has just been published. It runs as follows:-

"Gentlemen,-The trustees with submit a report of the administration of the affairs of the Asso ciation for the year terminating or the thirty-first instant. They renew their grateful thanks to Almighty God for his love and care of the asylum during the year.

In the beginning of 1902, there were in the asylum, 135 inmates made up of 21 men, 50 women, 32 boys, 14 girls, 2 servant men, 7 lay sisters and 9 sisters.

There were admitted 13 men, 17 women ,28 boys and 18 girls. Dis charged, 8 men, 5 women, 15 boys and 5 girls. Died, 3 men and 7 wo men. Now remaining at the close of the year, 163 persons, composed of 23 men, 55 women, 40 boys, 27 girls, 8 sisters, 8 lay sisters and servant men, an increase over last year of 28 persons.

The health of the inmates has been all that could be desired and fewer deaths than usual, arising principally from old age.

The asylum under the management of the Reverend Sisters of Charity continues to be a model of cleanliness and good order and the num are untiring in their attention and devotedness to the inmates, and the trustees, desire in a special manner to thank them. To the Rev. Father Henning, C.SS.R., Rector of St. Patrick's Church and president of the association, and to the other fa thers of St. Patrick's, the trustees feel deeply grateful for their spiritua guidance of the inmates and their constant endeavors to support the institution. The asylum has undergone in the past twelve months thorough overhauling, particularly the centre building, which stood a lone when first occupied by the asso ciation as a home for the orphans and old people. The walls and ga bles have had all to be repaired and the masonery pointed. A number o window frames and cellar doors renewed. The clapboarding on the east side had to be renewed and one-half of the roof formerly covered in wood renewed in sheet iron and a portion of it extended over the gallery. The covering of the belfry which is in the centre of the building was also re-

oor has been laid, this is the gift of Mr. Olivier Gagnon, lumber chant. The same gentleman has so supplied gratuitously the for the flooring of the sewing bath rooms. In the wash ho

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concrete floor has been put down the brick and iron work surrou he boilers and stoves having giv away had to be renewed. The ter of the ceiling in the cellar wash house having fallen owing to great weight upon it, the ceiling was covered in wood,

All these extensive repairs an provements caused an unusual ex-penditure for which the trustees had to draw upon the endowr The bazaar and concert, due to the zeal and activity of the ladies tak ing part, were a great success, and the handsome sum of \$3,330.94 was realized. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on all those who organized and assisted.

The amount received in cash for bread was \$164.41, and the number of loaves received was 1,742. Those desirous of contributing to this bread fund can do so by leaving their names and addresses either at the presbytery or asylum.

No new life memberships have been dded to the list this year. The total receipts, including

sum taken from the reserve fund, amounted to \$8,586.55, and the total expenditure to \$8,148.38, leav ing a balance of \$438.17.

By the hand of death, the asylun has had to deplore the loss of four valuable members, Mrs. James Can non and Messrs. Michael Hayden John Murtagh and Charles J. Dunn Four legacies were received, one of \$500 from the deeply regretted, the Hon. Richard Reid Dobell, in his lifetime a well known and generous citizen of Quebec, another of \$1,041. 86 from a worthy benefactress, who greatly loved the institution, Mary Horgan, the third of \$25 from Mrs. Malone, and the fourth from Miss Mary O'Brien. The first two bequests \$1,541.86 having been transferred to the Reserve Fund, as provided by law, are not included in

receipts and expenditure. In donations, the asylum acknow ledges with pleasure the sum of \$200 from Mrs. Guilmartin, a friend \$40, and two others \$5 and \$1 respectively. The trustees deemed it advisable to make a permanent and safe investment of the Reserve Fund or deposit in St. Patrick's Church and for that purpose purchased city of ebec debentures to the amount of \$18,000, bearing 31 per cent. annual interest.

The trustees return thanks to the Government of the Province of Quebec for the usual grant of \$525, to the directors of the Caisse d'Econo mie for the gift of \$200, to Alder nan Leonard for a valuable donation, to Drs. M. S. Ahern, P. Coote W. Beaupre, W. S. Delaney, A. A. Lanthier and J. A. Couture for professional services always cheerfully and gratuitously rendered, to the proprietors of the "Daily Telegraph' 'Morning Chronicle'' and "Mercury' for valuable notices and finally all who assist in any way in the welfare of the asylum. The Association then proceeded

with the election of trustees for th next five years, when the following embers were elected:-Messrs. Felix Carbray, Jeremiah Gallagher, Patrick Doyle and Edward Foley

Princely Donations.

The two Iselin memorial churches St. Gabriel's in New Rochelle and

A Oneer Book By an Irishman.

(By a Regular Contributor.)

In a recent issue of the "Daily Witappeared a lengthy rev from the "Contemporary ness" a taken fro taken from the "Contemporary Re-view," of "Priests and People in Ire-land," by Mr. Michael J. F. McCarthy of Dublin. This book foll "Five Years in Ireland," publis in 1901, by the same author. It h been remarked that Mr. McCarthy works have had an enormous sale So they have, and it is very natu-ral. Anything abusive of Ireland, and especially of the Irish clergy may count upon many editions. Mr. Mc Carthy's books have the two-fold advantage of being abusive slanders of the Irish priesthood and of being written by a self-styled "Roman Catholic Irish gentleman."

That Mr. McCarthy is an Iris man, by birth and parentage, his name and home would suggest; that his he is a Catholic, no person would believe, unless he had plainly made the assertion himself; that he is gentleman we will not question, for ve have never had the advantage of meeting him. Back in the ages of Ireland's greatness there was one Diarmid, whose back-slidings ignoble course, brought shame to the broud and patriotic house of Caura. It was the presence of that blot on "the princely escutcheon," that the Bard lamented as being

"In thy garden of beauty the one spot of bleakness, Through ages of valor the one hour of weakness."

In our own country we have found the bearer of the same glorious name striking at the posses most sacred to the Irishman; but our McCarthy had the merit of professing that which he practised.

We have no intention of quoting from the diatribes against Ireland' priesthood that flow from the pen of this peculiar scion of the old clan of MacCaura. It is sufficient that the "Contemporary Review" should give lengthy space to their reproduction, and that the "Daily Witness" should dedicate a column and a half to th same, to have us understand that Mr. McCarthy's work is a shameless libel upon those whom he has sigaled for his attacks. However, we will take the opening remarks of the 'Contemporary Review," and reproduce them, for the purpose of sub-stantiating our own remarks. It thus

egins:--"The book is the more noteworthy because of the sturdy independen of its author's position. Mr. McCarthy is an Irish Marrister, and Unionist, but he is in no sense party man, and he has no private axe to grind, either as landlord or tenant. Moreover, his religious faith binds him to the Church whose sa cerdotal organization in Ireland so strongly censures. Diatribes a gainst the Church of Rome are sufficiently numerous, and not always as informed as they are zealous; but Mr. McCarthy's attack is far removed from the ordinary plane of reli gious controversy. There is no drop of venom in it, and though the whit heat of the author's indignation oc casionally betrays him into generalization, which may be-indeed must be-too sweeping, no impartial read-er can close the book without feeling that it is the testimony of a man who writes solely from a stern

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ionservative, but he is in no sens party man." we would be consider d mentally deranged. In Irish po tics there is no Liberal, no Conser every sense a party man; unless it, be that he has the heart to indine towards Unionist ideas, but not the courage, or honesty to belong to that party. arthy is a Un

"Moreover, his religious faith binds him to the Church whose sa-cerdotal organization in Ireland he so strongly censures." Let us be frank! We have read enough of Mr. McCartheriz mach the actorizing of McCarthy's work to entertain a sin-cere doubt regarding his Catholicity. Any man is at liberty to dub himelf a Catholic; it is in his language, thoughts, teachings, and practices that the test of his faith is to be found-not in his lip-professions. We are told that there is not a drop of venom in his book, but that the white heat of his indignation be trays him into generalization that

must be too sweeping. Why: we have one passage of four lines be fore us that contains more venon than the throat of an asp; and his generalizations are so skillful that it would be no easy matter to bring him to task. He avoids details; he dare not illustrate his condemnations by examples. Then we are in formed that "it is the testimony of a man who writes solely from stern sense of patriotism, and at the cost of his deepest religious convic-So Mr. McCarthy is a Catholic who sacrifices his religious con-victions to a sense of patriotism which is at variance with that of the four-fifths of his fellow-countrymen and the entire body of his co-religionists. They have good reason to style him "a devout Roman Cath olic," after all that. Decidedly the Catholicity that he professes and evidently practises, is in great need of a recommendation from the "Contemporary Review." Certainly no Catholic, priest or layman, Irish, English, French, cr other, would for a moment dream of ranking Mr. Mc-Carthy in the category of devout Catholics. He may be very atten tive to Church and may possibly be very careful not to break any of the precepts of the Church; but he is an entire stranger to the very element ary principles of the Church's teach ings.

In a word, Mr. McCarthy's last work cannot be better characterized than in the language of Junius, a mass of "assertion without proof declamation without argument. and violent censure without dignity or moderation." Would that the pen of Justin McCarthy could be turned on this eccentric off-shoot of that grand and patriotic clan.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

READER. - Your card reached up too late for this week's issue. Our C. O. will deal with its contents next week.

WEDDING BELLS.

A very pretty wedding, in the contracting parties were Mr. M Ennis and Miss Katie Huber, tool place at St. Ann's Church this week Rev. Father Cullinan officiated. Th bride wore a beautiful tailor-made gown of royal blue. After breakfast at the residence of mr. but happy ber, father of the bride, the happy at the residence of Mr. Edmond Hu couple left for Duluth where will reside in future.

TO DISCUSS HEALTH

A large and detailed report of the ecent Irish land conference has been ssued. The landlords and tenants

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Land Question,

issued. The landlords and tenants were both fully represented at this meeting. The harmonious results of this attempt to come to a reason-able understanding in regard to this vared question may be taken as a sign of improvement in Irish affairs. At all events a very great step has been taken in the forward direction. As John Redmond fecently remark-ed: "The settlement of the land question must investably near question must inevitably pave the way for Home Rule." There never was a better opportunity of dealing satisfactorily with this issue. Amongst the many comments made upon the situation, we find the follow-ing to cover the ground pretty exactly:

As the process of direct state in. As the process of affect state in-terference in purchase and resale would be generally tedious and un-satisfactory, therefore, except where owners or half occupiers so desire, and except in those districts unde the congested districts board. the report recommends that the settle ment should be made between the owner and the occupier subject to the necessary investigation by the state as to title, rentai and securi-

tv. The report emphasizes the desira. bility of inducing landlords to continue to reside in Ireland, and with this purpose in view it says an equitable price should be paid to owners, based upon income, and that provision ought to be made for the resale to owners of mansion houses and demesnes. The purchase price should either be assurance by the state of such income, or the pay ment of a capital sum producing it at 3 per cent or 31 per cent. Tf guaranteed by the state to ants' repayments should be expended for a term of years, securing a reduction of from 15 to 25 per cent, on rents To do this may involve some assistance from the state beyond the use of its credit, and the report consi ders that such assistance would be justified fully in the future welfare of Ireland and the settlement of this vexed problem.

The report offers no definite finar cial proposals, but it considers that an unexampled opportunity exists at the present moment to deal with estion successfully. It de this also that the solution of the land question should be accompanied by a settlement of the evicted teants' question upon an equitable basis.



dren, London, and Mr. Arthur Chil-ton Thomas, B.L., honorary man-ager of Father Berry's Homes, Liverpool, who recently visited Canada for the purpose of investigating the question of child emigration, have is-sued a full and careful report setting forth the results of their enquiries. We gather from it that there is, in We gather from it that there is, in their judgment, a good field for child emigrants in Canada, and especially for Catholic child emigrants, but that care should be taken in select-ing them before they are sent out, as the emigrating of unsuitable chil-dren does immense harm to the work. Father Bans and Mr. Chilton Thomas travelled over ten thousand miles

force at any time. On his release Mr. M'Hug ed a flood telegrams from h admirers. MEETINGS PROCLAIM henry, 31st Dec .- The Go have proclaimed two Unit League meetings announced held in the parish of Moniv Galway, on New Year's Da geant Coulson, of Monivea, served copy of the proclam Mr. Thomas Higgins, J.P., an of the North Galway United Irish League; on Mr. secretary of the Monivea and on each member of the tee. Immediately after the the proclamation a special of the members of the Branch U.I.L. was held. Mr. Higgins, J.P., presiding. T a large attendance of meml it was unanimously decided a midnight meeting to-night top of the hill of Knockroe. police are arriving in the and at the same time the

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JOHN O'DONNELL'S On the 31st Dec. Mr. Jr nell, M.P's, appeal again tence of six months in imposed on him by the at Birr, came before Oc Judge Curran. It will be d that this sentence subject of much commen England and Ireland. Judge Curran, during t

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Dublin, Jan,

and at the same time the le tionalists are making every ment to hold their meetings Athenry, 1st Jan.—The uw ings announced to be held parish of Monivea on New Day, and which were proclai the Government, were held, midnight in the village of C tin, and several meetings in parts of the parish, notwiths the army of police who were into the little village of Mon the army of police who were into the little village of Mon the purpose of suppressing th hundred and twenty police the command of County In Tyacke, arrived—a great num them in the ovening and the der of them the next mornin the arrangements made by th Nationalists for holding the ings left the County Inspects his men powerless to stop with the result that, not all two meetings which they inte hold, half a dozen other m were held. were held.

The gift to St. Catharine's Church was made anonymously, but it is be-lieved to come from John Beresford, who married Miss Emily Iselin. It is a piece of property adjoining the Church 12 Pelham and an \$8,000 parish house, which will be crected on the land.

were on the land. The Iselins have given so far to the Oatholic Church of New Rochelle wood and its vicinity St, Gabriel's Church and rectory, valued at \$300,000; a gymnasium for parochial school pur-poses, valued at \$150,000; a sisters" in the low and library, valued at \$12,-000; to the Ursuline nuns, a castle for school purposes, valued at \$10,-000; to the Ursuline nuns, a castle for school purposes, valued at \$10,-000; to the Ursuline nuns, a castle for school purposes, valued at \$10,-000; st. Eleanors's Home for Com-the St. Sitharine's Church at Pelhum, costing about \$20,000, making in all \$657,000,

coptre. As far as the foregoing remarks of the reviewer are concerned, we can darkly contradict them all, even as does Mr. McCarthy's book. We deny and we appeal to the pages of this of our denial, that "the book is noteworthy, becaus of the sturdy in-dependence of its author's position." There is no sturdiness about it; it is mere impertinence, irreverance, and presumptive dictation. Its inde-pendence is circlimeeribed by the anti-Catholic, anti-Frish, anti-clerical approbation of the tister Orange fac-tion. They tall us that "Mr. McCar-thy is a Unionist, but he is in no sume a party man." This one asser-tion should suffice to establish both and McCarthy's sarvillay to party.

A series of health talks will com-mence on Monday, the 19th inst, at 8 o'clock p.m., in the Catholic High School, Lagauchetiere street. The first one will be by Dr. Kennedy. Dr. Guerin and Dr. Harrison will con-tinue the lectures on the following Mondays. The talks will also be given in the hall of St. Anthony's Church, St. Antoine street, by Dr. Semple, Dr. Hackett and Dr. Lennon.



The Sisters of Charity of St. Pat-rick's Orphan Asylum, wish to re-turn their most sincere thanks to the many friends and benefactors o that institution, who so kindly re-

travelled over ten thousand miles, and in Canada personally examined the cases of four hundred Catholic children who had been emigrated by charitable societies. The conclusion to which their experience led is that the children, on the whole, are do-ing exceedingly well, and that their foster parents are most kind to⁵ tham. Suggestions for efficiently guarding the children when in Can-ada constitute the bulk of the re-port, and must make it a most use-ful document to any society which is undertaking or has in hand the work of Ostholic child emigration-Liver-pool Catholic Times. charitable societies. The c

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PRISON TREATMENT.-T lowing letter appears in the "Daily News":

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