

General News.

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO.

ST. PATRICK'S.

Midnight Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's on New Year's morning. Very Rev. Father Loerkeamp was celebrant, Father Millar, Deacon, and Father Stull, Sub-Deacon. The choir sang their Christmas Mass. There was an exposition of the blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

At the nine o'clock Mass, the children's choir sang. This choir is without the grandeur that Toronto or even Canada has ever heard. Musical critics in the city are enthusiastic in their praise of the rendering of the Mass by these boys and girls. There are fifty voices and more in the choir, and some of them are magnificent, while all show most careful training. They are a credit to the parish and to the city.

A lovely little girl of six years, Anna Irene Wells, was buried last Saturday morning. Her sunny disposition and beautiful character made her a favorite with everybody. She took bronchitis and passed away very suddenly. The parents have the sympathy of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan, of Louisa St., lost one of their children—Joseph. He died of brain fever, as the result of striking his head in a fall. He was ten months old. The funeral took place on Monday.

The funeral of the late M. Gallagher, Bulwer street, took place this week. His death occurred in St. Michael's Hospital on Friday last, R. I. P. Large congregations continue to be present at the special Sunday evening sermons. Standing room only has been the result for the past month or more.

There have been 40 deaths, 133 baptisms, and 21 marriages in St. Patrick's parish during the year.

ST. MICHAEL'S.

The Midnight Mass was sung on New Year's morning with an immense congregation assisting. His Grace the Archbishop was celebrating; Father Rohleder, Deacon; Father Bench, Sub-Deacon, and Father Ryan, Assistant Priest. His Grace addressed the congregation after Benediction.

The Junction Separate School is now ready for use and will be occupied immediately after the holidays.

The school at the Palace is being rapidly hurried forward and is already advanced nearly one story high.

There was a meeting of the new Cemetery Board at the Palace on Sunday.

ST. MARY'S.

A very old and highly respected member of St. Mary's parish, Mrs. Ellen Granary, was buried from the church on Monday morning. A mass was said at 9.30 for the repose of her soul. May she rest in peace.

Masses were said on New Year's at midnight, 7.30 and 9 o'clock. A solemn High Mass was sung at midnight. The blessed sacrament was exposed and benediction given. The choir repeated the Christmas Mass with the same soloists. At 9 o'clock the second High Mass was sung.

Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock a Mass was said for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Catharine Hogan. The Literary and Athletic Club met as usual on Sunday afternoon. In the absence of President D. A. Carey, Mr. Joseph Marshman was voted into the chair. Routine business was gone through. At the request of those who were to take part in the weekly debate they were excused because of the shortness of the time given them for preparation. The debate will take place next Sunday. The Executive Committee came in for their share of commendation for the good work done by it. Three new members were received into the association.

ST. JOSEPH'S, C.O.F.

At the regular meeting of St. Joseph Court No. 370, Catholic Order of Foresters, the following officers were elected, Past Chief Ranger, C. J. McCabe, B.A.; Chief Ranger, Jos. Gibbons, (acclamation); Vice-Chief Ranger, J. J. Ryan, (acclamation); Recording Secretary, F. J. Murphy, (acclamation); Financial Secretary, W. J. Mitchell, (acclamation); Treasurer, W. P. Brooks, (acclamation); Medical Examiner, Dr. P. J. Brown; Trustees, B. McGuffin, Jas. Carton and H. Strickland; Delegate, M. F. Hogan, Alternate, C. J. McCabe.

ST. BASIL'S.

The many friends of Mrs. Kate Fitzgerald will be sorry to hear of her death which took place at the Hotel of Providence on Saturday morning last. For a great many years she was a resident in St. Basil's Parish and her life was a model Catholic one. She and her sister, Mrs. Butler, who was also a widow, the pulpit to St. Basil's Church. Her sister, Sister Benedicta, of Dunkirk, was present at the funeral on Monday morning at St. Basil's Church. May her soul rest in peace.

The children of St. Basil's Sunday School were given their annual Christmas Tree entertainment at the college yesterday. Mr. Thompson, the ventriloquist, furnished amusement for the little ones. A full musical programme was rendered for them. The usual presents were distributed. The college will reopen on Tuesday, January 8.

Rev. Father Kelly, C.S.B., of Sandwich College, has been transferred to Owen Sound, where he will spend the remainder of the year at the Novitiate on St. Clair Avenue.

As in all the churches, Midnight Mass was celebrated in St. Basil's on New Year's morning. The choir rendered two same Mass as at Christmas.

St. Basil's Choir Supper.

The annual supper given to the members of St. Basil's choir, and the collectors and ushers of the church, took place last Thursday night. Very Rev. Father Marjon, in a short but very agreeable address, thanked the members of the choir for their services during the year. He said that singing was a form of prayer and a beautiful form also, and that the members while singing should remember this, and he was sure that such was the case, as could be seen by the successful way in which the Masses had been rendered. He hoped during the coming year they would all remember this, and they would be abundantly rewarded.

The singing was of the usual high order, about ten of the members singing songs, when the concert closed with a chorus.

A special feature of the entertainment was a reading given by Mr. Miller which was highly appreciated by those present for its execution as well as for Mr. Miller's usual foresight in giving something out of the ordinary on such occasions. It was voted by one and all to have been the greatest success ever attained.

The evening closed by singing God Save the Queen.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN.

St. Mary's Commandery Knights of St. John No. 216, at their last regular meeting, held on Thursday, Dec. 27, elected the following officers for the year 1901:

President—J. E. Whelan.
First Vice-President—Peter Herbert.
Second Vice-President—Ed Cahill.
Recording Secretary—Chas. O'Brien.
Financial Secretary—John Whelan.
Treasurer—Chas. Bird.
Messenger—John Doveraux.
Guard—John Curran.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Ed. Huntley.
Trustees—John Doveraux, J. P. McCarthy, Peter Herbert, J. Curran, Alf. Bailey, Medical Examiner—Dr. T. F. McMahon.

At the last regular Meeting of St. Mary's Commandery No. 216 Knights of St. John, Toronto, the following resolutions were adopted. Whereas it has pleased the Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to His eternal reward our beloved Brother, St. Knight William Hogan, who died Sunday, Dec. 16th, 1900.

Resolved that the Members of this Commandery tender their heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family in this hour of sadness: be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread in minutes of the Commandery and a copy sent to the bereaved family and a copy also sent to the Catholic Register for publication.

Christmas Offerings to the House of Providence.

The following Christmas offerings are most gratefully acknowledged by the Sisters of St. Joseph in charge of the House of Providence:

Very Rev. Vicar General: McCann, 1

fat sheep; Rev. F. Ryan, 1 turkey; Rev. F. Rohleder, 1 turkey; a friend, \$10.

Mr. John Wood, 1 Fox; Piper Invalid bed; Mr. E. O'Keeffe, 1 quarter beef;

Messrs. John Sloan & Co., nuts, figs and raisins; Mr. J. C. Smith, 1 barrel flour and 1 barrel rolled oats; Mr. Phillips Kennedy, \$10; Dominion Brewery, 60 gallons ale; Mrs. Hughes, oranges; Mrs. Gallagher, 1 case oranges; Mr. F. C. Cousineau \$10; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Cosgrove, 1 barrel ale, 1 turkey and 1 goose; Canada Veiling Co., nuts; Canada Printing Ink Co., \$5; Mr. W. J. Fitzgerald, \$20; Mr. T. Gibson, 1 quarter beef; Mrs. Nolan, 1 turkey, oranges and candies; The Wm. Ryan Co., 8 turkeys, 6 geese and 6 pair chickens; Mr. John McMannis, \$5; Miss M. A. Crawford, \$4; Messrs. McWilliam & Everest, 1 case lemons; Messrs. Dawson & Co., 1 case oranges; Messrs. Husband Bros., 1 case oranges and figs; The Steele Briggs Seed Co., 2 case holly; Reinhardt & Co., 2 kegs; Mr. Cooper \$1; Major Gray, turkey and beef; Mr. R. Disette, 2 turkeys; Messrs. L. Coffey Co., 5 barrels flour; Mrs. O'Dea, 1 bag flour; Mr. C. Cannon, \$15; Mr. John E. Porter, 1 turkey; Mr. Robert Thompson, Mr. H. F. Ash, fish; East India Tea Co., coffee; Mrs. Connolly, 3 boxes biscuits; Messrs. Christie Brown & Co., 2 barrels biscuits; Mr. Geo. F. McGuire, 1 large palm; Mrs. Kennard, candies; Robert Watson & Co., Candies; Mr. V. J. Hughes \$8; Mr. S. Moyor, bananas; Mr. J. Conants, case haddie; Mr. Charles Kingston, fish; Mr. T. A. Lytle, 1 pair pickles; Misses Smith, 1 case oranges; Messrs. Clancy Bros., turkey and goose; Toronto Briton Vinegar Co., Pickles; The Tait-Bredin Co., bread; Mr. Shortiss, candies; Mr. Chas. Schmidt, cakes; The Bazaar, dolls and toys; Mrs. McMannis, turkey; Miss McMahon, cake; Miss O'Loughlin tobacco; Mr. J. H. Knox, 2 boxes candies; Mr. Bradshaw, 1 case pop corn; Mr. J. A. McClellan, goose; Messrs. Minto Bros., tea; Barton Bros., vegetables; Mrs. Henry Wright, jelly and fruits; Mr. T. H. Smith, 2 turkeys; Mr. Fox, 2 barrel apples; Mr. McConkey, cakes; Mr. Carrick, cake.

The Sisters also take this opportunity to thank the citizens who have helped them to maintain the poor under their care during the past year and to wish them all a happy new century full of peace and good will.

London Changes.

His Lordship Bishop McLavoy has made the following transfers of priests in the Diocese of London:

Venerable Archdeacon Andreux, from Palisacourt to Belle River; Rev. Father Flanigan, from Windsor to Irish Town; Rev. Father Meunier, from Belle River to Windallacour; Rev. Father Ronan, from Wallaceburg; Rev. Father Ronan, from Wallaceburg to Logan and Mitchell; Rev. Father Courtney, from French Settlement to Palisacourt; Rev. Father McManamain, from Wawandash to new parish of Clinton and Blythe; Rev. Father Fogarty, from Clinton to new parish of Dublin; Rev. Father Bousfield, from Walkerville to Dryden; Rev. Father Hanlon (recently ordained) to St. Augustine; Rev. Father Downey, from Mitchell and Legion, and Hogan, from Mount Carmel, to be assistant at Windsor.

IRISH MUSICAL ART SOCIETY.

The first rehearsal of the Irish Musi-

cal Art Society was announced to take place in the I.C.D.U. Hall, southwest corner of King and Jarvis streets, on Monday evening next, Jan. 7th, at 8 o'clock.

Mass sets for the Festival are now on sale at Nordheimer's, 15 King St. East, and the committee has arranged that they will only cost members 50 cents for complete set.

MIDNIGHT MASS.

Midnight Mass was celebrated in all the city churches on New Year's morning, beginning at 12 o'clock sharp. Immense congregations were present at all the churches, all the available space being taken up long before the hour of the beginning of the service. The several choirs sang their Christmas masses, and they lost nothing in their repetition. The Christmas decorations throughout the city must be reckoned well up in the thousands and the clergy have every reason to feel proud of the showing of piety and devotion made by their parishioners in thus taking advantage of gaining the plenary indulgence and of conforming to the wish of our Holy Father in such great numbers. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed during the Masses and benediction given after Mass.

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SUNNYSIDE THANKS.

The Sisters in charge of the Sunnyside Orphanage wish to return their sincere thanks to the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union, Branch 1, for a Christmas donation made by the Branch in aid of the orphans in their charge at Sunnyside. The Branch sent the good Sisters twelve dollars to assist them in brightening up the hearts of the little ones at Christmas time. It was very kind and thoughtful of the Union and it shall not be without its reward.

IRISH MIST AND SUNSHINE.

Irishmen in particular, and Catholics in general will be pleased to learn that a new book of poems is soon to be added to the already illustrious product of Irish singers. The latest "Irish Mist and Sunshine" from the pen of Father Dollard of St. Mary's Parish in this city is now on the American market from the press of a first class Boston firm of publishers. Already the book is a success and the Christmas sale was large, even beyond the most sanguine expectations. Critics pronounce the work an excellent one, a Canadian edition enlarged and revised will soon be placed before the public here and is sure to meet with a welcome that has always greeted merit and beauty among Irishmen and Catholics. Father Dollard is to be congratulated upon the success of his first venture in the book line.

AYTON'S BOX SOCIAL.

The box social given by Miss T. Madigan, teacher of Separate School section, No. 5, Ayton, has been the topic of much favorable comment by those fortunate enough to have attended the same. In that section it is a new style of entertainment and was very much appreciated and enjoyed. Miss Madigan is being complimented on her well arranged programme, every number of which was well received. The pupils, in the rendering of their selections, showed careful training. Part of the programme was rendered by Mount Forest talent and that part was not the least enjoyable. Mr. T. E. Flynn filled the chair, and Mr. M. Murray the position of auctioneer. Following is the programme:

Chairman's Address.

Recitation of welcome and chorus by the pupils.

Recitation, Mr. James Booth.

Violin selection by H. Ball and John Costin. Organ accompaniment by Miss T. Madigan.

Song, "Only a Tangle of Golden Curls," Nellie Madigan.

Dialogue and chorus, "A Bird in a Gilded Cage," by 18 pupils.

Recitation, "Johnny's Speeches," John O'Reilly.

Song, "Springtime is here," Rose O'Reilly.

Trio, "Old Ponty," Maggie, May and Nellie Lynch.

Recitation, "An Evening and a Hair," A. Crabbtree.

Song, "Nothing Too Good for the Irish," B. O'Reilly.

Accordion selection with organ accompaniment, H. Lynch and T. Madigan.

Song, "Tell Them I Have Gone," Tom, Suzy Scholes.

Duet, H. Lynch and D. Sheehy.

Song, "Will My Soul Pass Through Old Ireland?" Myrtle Small.

Come, reading on modern education, Nettie Corbett.

Recitation, "My Sister and Her Beau," Frank Sheehy.

Duet, "My Wild Irish Rose," A. Scholes and K. Lynch.

Disposal of Boxes.

George, "Two Soldiers of the Queen," by pupils.

Recitation, "A Little Boy's Troubles," Dan Farrelly.

Violin selection and organ accompaniment, by H. Ball, John Costin and T. Madigan.

Song, "A Fortnight," Dan Farrelly.

Dialogue, "A Day's Event," by ten small pupils.

Song, M. Galbraith.

Recitation, A. Crighton.

Song, Myrtle Small.

Song, L. Stratton.

Song, A Soldier's Dream of Home, N. Madigan.

Song, L. O'Riordan.

Song, God Save the Queen.

—Ayton Advance.

SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

Nominations for the School Board

The nominations for the Separate School Board were held yesterday and resulted in elections by acclamation in the Second, Third and Fifth Wards. Those placed in nomination were:

First Ward—Messrs. Joseph Cadoret and Maurice Devano.

Second Ward—Rev. Father Hand (acclamation).

Third Ward—Rev. Dr. Tracy (acclamation).

Fourth Ward—Mr. Michael Walsh, and Rev. C. Dodsworth.

Fifth Ward—D. A. C. Carey (acclamation).

Sixth Ward—Messrs. James Louis Woods and W. J. Marklo.

LATEST MARKETS.

FARMER'S MARKETS.

TORONTO.

We quote:			
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