

EDITORIAL NOTES.

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If "H. J. R." will kindly read the sixteenth chapter of St. Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, he will find what he wants. It is surprising to us that a good Protestant like "H. J. R." should come to a Roman Catholic editor for information concerning the Bible. He must not be of those who think that Catholics never read the Bible.

IT IS WONDERFUL how well preserved is some of the needle-work that has been buried for centuries and recently disinterred. Not long since, in Canterbury Cathedral, the tomb of Hubert Walter was opened. He was Archbishop of Canterbury when he died in 1105. Only his bones remained, but the vestments in which he was buried, almost seven hundred years ago, were fairly preserved. The linen was decayed, but the amber-colored silk on which rich embroidery is worked, was found intact. The work consists of angels, the evangelists, and other sacred figures arranged in roundlets. There is something surprising in this; the perfection of the work can be readily understood when it has resisted seven centuries of decay.

THE P.P.A. fellow sars ready to give counsel and aid to Manitoba. Not had! At a meeting, held in Toronto, on the 24th instant, the following resolution was proposed by the Ontario members and unanimously passed. It is rich, especially when we consider its source and its purport:

"That the Grand Council for Canada on behalf of its delegates and of all the members of the order in this Dominion hereby declares its sympathy with the people of Manitoba in their struggle for the maintenance of national schools, and urges them in the name of liberty to stand firm, and pledges the honor of its members and of all the order that if Manitoba need counsel and aid, then be the cost what it may, counsel and aid shall not be withheld."

The anti-Catholic element of Manitoba is now safe, it can rely upon advice and cash—more of the former, however, than of the latter.

WE REFER editorially, this week, to the A. P. Aist, or P. P. Aist, comments of the Daily Witness upon the Requiem Mass celebrated last week in Notre Dame Church for the repose of the soul of the late Sir John Thompson. History repeats itself in many ways. When the notorious Benedict Arnold became a traitor—and one of the blackest in history—he issued a proclamation to the officers and soldiers under his command, in which appears the following passage:

"And should the parent nation (England) cease her exertions to deliver you what securities remain to you, even for the enjoyment of the consolations of that religion for which your fathers braved the ocean, the heathen and the wilderness? Do you know that the eye which guides this pen lately saw your mean and profligate congress at Mass for the soul of a Roman Catholic in purgatory, and participating in the rites of a church against whose anti-Christian corruptions your pious ancestors would have witnessed with their blood?"

How faithfully the Daily Witness copies Arnold's sentiments! So at the very dawn of its nationhood the United States—a most thoroughly Protestant Republic—beheld its Congress assist at a Requiem Mass! And this is one of the excuses given by Benedict Arnold for selling his country.

ST. ANTHONY'S YOUNG MEN.—St. Anthony's Catholic Young Men's Society held their regular meeting last Sunday afternoon, in their hall, on St. Antoine street. There was a large attendance.

President P. J. Gordon occupied the chair. A large amount of business was transacted, and for the first time since the society has been organized honorary members were elected. The following were the gentlemen thus honored: Messrs. J. D. Davis, Thomas Bowes, M. Stewart and F. B. McNamee.

THE LATE PREMIER.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen Attend a Requiem at Notre Dame Church for the Repose of His Soul.

The solemn Requiem chanted in Notre Dame on Tuesday last for the repose of the soul of the late Right Honorable Sir John S. D. Thompson was one of the most impressive ceremonies that has ever taken place in Montreal. The church was heavily and handsomely draped in black and yellow. On the galleries had been placed the arms of the Dominion, those of the various provinces and of the city of Montreal. An immense catafalque had been erected in the church. It was surrounded by hundreds of lights, trophies and British and Dominion flags, covered with crepe. Above the catafalque was suspended a large crown from which fell draperies which reached the pillars of the edifice.

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officiated pontifically, assisted by Rev. Abbe Colin, Superior of the Seminary, as assistant priest, Rev. Canons Trepanier and Savaria as deacons of honor, and Rev. Fathers Donnelly, of St. Anthony, and O'Donnell of St. Mary's as deacons of office. There were over one hundred clergymen in the sanctuary. Lord and Lady Aberdeen, attended by Captain Urquhart, A. D. C., and Mr. Munro Ferguson, A. D. C., arrived promptly at half-past ten o'clock and were escorted by Lieut.-Col. Prevost, A. D. C., to the sanctuary railings, where Prie Dieu had been provided for Their Excellencies. Both Lord and Lady Aberdeen knelt and made a profound obeisance. They were provided with prayer books and followed the service closely throughout. Both were in mourning. To their right were seated Mayor Villeneuve, Hon. John Costigan, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Hon. J. A. Ouimet, Minister of Public Works, Sir A. Laocoste, Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench, Hon. Wilfred Laurier, leader of the Liberal party, and Judge Baby, and on their left Sir A. P. Caron, Postmaster General, Senator Misson, ex-Lieut. Governor of Quebec, Hon. J. J. Curran, Solicitor General, Hon. Senator Murphy, Dr. Hingston, James O'Brien, B. Tansey, and many other prominent Catholics. The choir, which numbered nearly a hundred voices, chanted the Abbe Borduas' "Messe" with the "Kyrie" by Gluck, "Pie Jesu" by A. Dufort, and "Domini Jesu Christi" by O. Parisot. At the "Sanctus" the sanctuary was brilliantly illuminated by electric lights and remained so throughout the remainder of the service. The Requiem lasted nearly two hours, but, in accord with the rule of the Sulpician Order, there was no oration.

ST. MARY'S YOUNG MEN.—St. Mary's Young Men's Society held their usual meeting on Friday evening last. Mr. H. J. Codd, president of the society, occupied the chair. There was a good attendance. Among other business the final arrangements were made for the euchar party, which is to be held on Friday next, February 1st. Invitations for this party have been sent to representatives of the sister societies of the city, and a most enjoyable evening is expected. One of the subjects of discussion during the evening was the central club for young men. This subject is one that is receiving much attention of late from the American Catholics, and is being widely agitated in the press. Catholics are beginning to awaken to the necessity of some central association for Catholic young men which will supply the educational requirements of young men who now join the Y.M.C.A. The energy of the discussion showed the interest taken in the matter by the young men themselves.

ST. ANN'S T. A. AND B. SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the St. Ann's T. A. and B. Society was held on Sunday, 27th January, at 3 p.m., in their Hall, corner Young and Ottawa streets. The Rev. Director occupied the chair. The annual reports of the secretary-treasurer and auditors were read and adopted. The

treasurer's report showed the society to be in a good financial standing, with a balance to the credit of the society of over \$5,000. During the proceedings of the meeting there was a very lively discussion on a proposed change in the by-laws, taken part in by Messrs. Ald. P. Kennedy, J. D. Quinn, Kilfeather, Shanaghan and others. The motion was lost. After considerable routine business had been disposed of, it was moved by Ald. P. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. M. Crowe, that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the Rev. Father Buncart, who is now leaving St. Ann's Parish, for his great kindness and courtesy in helping the Temperance Society, since the time he became Parish Priest, and that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Rev. Father; carried by acclamation. After which the Rev. Chairman made a neat little speech promising the society his entire support. The business being concluded, the meeting closed with prayer.

CLERICAL CHANGES.—Rev. Abbe J. O. Desrosiers who for some time past has been connected with the Sorel College, has just been transferred from this diocese to that of New Hampshire, where he will henceforth fill the duties of parish priest at Suncook. Rev. Abbe Desrosiers was for many years Curate at Greenville. Rev. Abbe Desrosiers will succeed at Suncook, N. H., the Rev. Abbe Davignon, who is transferred to another locality. The parish of Suncook has about 500 Canadian families and about 35 English speaking families. Suncook has a very fine convent under the control of the Sisters of the Holy Cross which is attended by about 600 students.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS.—As announced last week, Mr. Thos. Cannon and Mr. Theo. B. Thiele will arrive in this city from Chicago to-day; in the afternoon they will be taken for a drive through the city, on Thursday they will be at the St. Lawrence Hall to confer with the members of the order, in the evening they will be tendered a banquet by the combined courts of the city, and it is expected to be a grand affair. On Friday morning they leave for Toronto. Tickets for the banquet can be had at the Richelieu Hotel.

A CANADIAN HONORED.—The many friends of Bishop Emard, now of Valleyfield, but formerly of Montreal, will be pleased to hear that His Grace has just been named by His Lordship Monseigneur de Cabrieres an honorary bishop of the Cathedral of Montpelier. His Grace Mgr. Emard is well pleased at the honor conferred upon him. Mgr. Emard will arrive this evening on his way to Quebec, where he will pay his respects to His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau.

AT THE HOTEL DIEU.—In the presence of His Grace Archbishop Fabre and a large number of clergymen, the Sisters of the Hotel Dieu have solemnly made the renovation of their vows. The ceremony took place in the chapel of the institution and was very imposing. Mass was said by His Grace Archbishop Fabre, who also paid a subsequent visit to the various wards of the institution, and addressed some paternal words to each patient actually under treatment.

MINSTREL SHOW.—The members of St. Ann's Young Men's Society, who happen to possess marked vocal or histrionic ability, are now preparing to give a comical minstrel entertainment. The entertainment will take place on Shrove Monday and Tuesday, and will be under the direction of Mr. Sues, who is already working with his usual energy to bring about a successful performance.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.—The annual religious festival of the Hotel Dieu occurred on Sunday, and was observed with customary solemnity. Rev. Abbe Bedard officiated at high Mass, assisted by Rev. Abbe Lafontaine and Tranchemontagne, as deacon and sub-deacon. Rev. Father Seguin, S. J., preached the sermon.

ANOTHER CONVERT.—Miss Maria Lilia Davis of Paquetteville, P.Q., has renounced Protestantism to become a Catholic, and has been baptized by the Rev. Abbe J. H. Roy, Superior of the Sherbrooke Seminary.

A NEW PASTOR FOR ST. ANN'S PARISH.—The Rev. Father Philippe Schelphaut,

who for 7 years has been Superior in St. Thomas, West Indies, has been appointed parish priest of St. Ann's of Montreal.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

C. M. B. A.—ST. ANTHONY'S BRANCH, NO. 10. At a regular meeting, held 23rd January, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas.—It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call unto Himself the father of our esteemed Parish Priest, Rev. J. E. Donnelly,

Resolved.—That in this act of Providence the Branch recognizes the hand of the Great Father of the Universe, and bows in humble submission to His mandate.

Resolved.—That the heartfelt sympathy of this Branch be extended to he who has been a most kind father to us all, in this hour of bereavement.

Resolved.—That these resolutions be entered on the record of this Branch, and a copy be presented to the Reverend Father.

C. M. B. A., BRANCH 50.

At a special meeting of Branch No. 50, of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, the following resolutions of condolence were passed:

Moved by Bro. F. McCabe, and seconded by Bro. W. Smith.—That, whereas it has pleased the Almighty to call to eternal rest Charles Donnelly, the father of our Spiritual Director, we, the members of Branch No. 50, of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, wishing to express our sympathy for the Rev. Father Donnelly and other members of the family, as well as our esteem and respect for the late Charles Donnelly, desire that it be resolved that we extend to our Reverend Director and other members of the family our sympathy in this, their hour of grief.

Moved by Bro. P. Kehoe, and seconded by Bro. T. Styles.—That a deputation be appointed to convey to the Rev. Father Donnelly the resolutions of condolence passed by this Branch.

Moved by Chancellor P. Doyle, and seconded by 1st Vice-President T. Langan.—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the press for publication, and that the same be entered on the minutes of this Branch.

At a regular meeting of the Church Wardens of St. Mary's Parish, held in their hall, 22nd January, 1895, the following Resolutions of Condolence were proposed by Thomas Phelan and seconded by Thomas Heffernan:—

That we, the Church Wardens of St. Mary's Parish, resolve,—

Whereas.—Almighty God, in His Divine Providence has seen fit to take unto Himself the mother of our esteemed Pastor, Rev. P. F. O'Donnell, P.P., of St. Mary's, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, be it therefore

Resolved.—That we extend to the Rev. P. F. O'Donnell, P.P., and his family, in this hour of their sad bereavement, our heartfelt sympathy;

Resolved.—That a copy of these Resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and published in the TRUE WITNESS and St. Mary's Calendar

Signed on behalf of the Church Wardens of St. Mary's Parish.

THOS. PHELAN,
THOS. HEFFERNAN,
HY. BUTLER,
JAS. MORLEY,
Committee.

THE MANITOBA PETITIONS.

The petition in connection with the Manitoba school case which is to be forwarded by Father Allard, O.M.I., of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, to the Governor-General-in-Council, was read from nearly all the Catholic pulpits in the city on Sunday. This petition is a dual appeal and protest of the Roman Catholics of Canada against the abolition of the separate school system in Manitoba, and the priests requested their parishioners to allow no political considerations to interfere with their duty to the Church. The petition lists are open for signatures and are now being largely signed.

Between this and next Sunday many thousand signatures should be added to those already on the lists. It is not necessary to wait until Sunday to sign; in passing the church, each parishioner should call through the week, upon the priest or whosoever has the list, for his parish, in charge, and to put his name on the petition.

THE THOMPSON FUND.

The following letter and list of contributions to the fund patriotically started on behalf of the bereaved family of the late Premier, Sir John Thompson, have been received by THE TRUE WITNESS, and the amount has been handed over to the Bank of Montreal, to be placed to the credit of the fund:—

HELENA, QUE., Jan. 21, 1895.—The subscribers feeling a keen sympathy with the family of the late Premier in their and our country's irreparable loss, desire to offer their mite as a slight acknowledgment of the debt owed by Canada and Great Britain for his successful statesmanship and high example of probity and conviction of duty in public life.—John McCaffrey, \$5; Ed. J. Massam, 1; Peter Brady, 1; J. H. Brady, 1; E. J. Donnelly, 1; Thomas McGarvey, 1; James Welsh, 1; Henry Massam, 1; James A. Moore, 1.

To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS:

DEAR SIR,—It was with feelings of regret that I read the article in the last issue of your valuable paper, showing the relative positions of the Catholic and the non-Catholic young men who may come to our city as strangers. It is too true, indeed, that we Catholics have no organized system of extending a welcome and looking after the temporal welfare of such young men. This should not be; it is the Catholic who should act the part of the Good Samaritan, and come to the rescue of the stranger. I am sure, Mr. Editor, there are numbers amongst us who would give both moral and financial aid to such an organization, provided it were established on the basis of true Christian charity.

CATHOLIC YOUNG MAN.
St. Gabriel's, Jan. 26, 1895.