

Society News.

C. O. F. DELEGATES.

The Montreal delegates to the grand C. O. F. convention at St. Paul will number about thirty members. The representatives from the English speaking courts will be as follows: St. Patrick, Court 95, Wm. Murphy; St. Anthony, Court 126, Wm. J. Cochrane; Sarsfield, Court 133, Dr. John A. McDonald; St. Ann, Court 149, J. Jackson; St. Mary, Court 164, James Doolan; St. Gabriel, Court 185, Mr. Monaghan; St. Lawrence, Court 263, Francis Loye; Emerald, Court 378, John P. Malone.

The following French courts will also be represented: Ville Marie, Mount Royal, Sacre Coeur, Angelus, St. Cune-gonde, De Breboeuf, St. James, Notre Dame, St. Jean Baptiste, De Maisonneuve, St. Joseph, St. Francois de Assise, Dollard, Le Garde Ville Marie, St. Jean, Frontenac, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Isidore, St. Louis de France, Champlain, and De Salaberry.

There will be 21 French delegates go from Montreal and 9 English speaking. The party will start on Monday next from the G. T. R. depot. A large number of delegates from the outlying districts are expected to arrive here Monday morning and journey with the Montreal representatives.

The delegates of the C. O. F. for the convention at St. Paul are beginning to depart for that city; several left here yesterday morning and a small contingent followed this morning. The bulk of the delegates will leave by the G.T.R. on Saturday evening.

ST. GABRIEL'S COURT, C. O. F.

A meeting of the C. O. F., St. Gabriel's Court, was held on Sunday afternoon, in St. Gabriel's Church, there being a large attendance, and after general business 21 new members were proposed for admittance to the society and, there being no opposition, were elected.

St. Gabriel's Court of C. O. F. is in a most prosperous condition; there are over one hundred members in good standing on the books and others are continually joining.

The Court paid out during the last year \$370 in sick benefit and \$100 in funeral expenses; the balance in the bank is \$400, which sum will no doubt be considerably increased by the forthcoming picnic to Clarke's Island on 16th June.

ST. LAWRENCE COURT PICNIC.

Fourteen cars were required to transport the number of persons who attended the picnic of the St. Lawrence Court of Foresters on Queen's Birthday.

The picnic was a most enjoyable one, and the committee deserve great praise for the excellent manner in which the programme was carried out.

ST. ANN'S READING CIRCLE.

The St. Ann's Young Men's Reading Circle held their second meeting on Monday night in their hall, Ottawa Street. There was a good attendance, Father Strubbe presiding. After the various exercises had been gone through, including the reading of an essay by Mr. Martin, and the discussion of a point in Canadian History, the Rev. Father Strubbe proceeded to explain a certain point in Catholic doctrine put to him by a committee of the Reading Circle. At the Rev. Father's suggestion a certain doctrine of the Catholic Faith, which may be made a stumbling block by Protestants, is put to him, and at the next meeting is answered in full; this feature of the Reading Circle is quite novel and is likely to prove more interesting than any other part of the exercises. The next meeting of the Reading Circle will take place on Monday, June 11th.

ST. ANTHONY'S PICNIC.

St. Anthony's C.Y.M. picnic and games at Otterburn Park, St. Hilaire, on the Queen's Birthday, was one of the most successful ever held; over 1000 persons attended and dancing and other amusements were indulged in until nearly 7 o'clock in the evening, when the excursionists collected together and made their return journey, arriving in Mont-

real at 8.30 p.m. Great interest was taken in all the athletic exercises. The following is a list of the successful competitors:—

Boys' race, under 12, 100 yards—1, B. Palmer; 2, T. Bone.

Putting 16 lbs. shot—1, J. McHugh; 2, S. Devine.

Throwing 56 lbs. weight—1, J. McHugh; 2, Rev. Father Donnelly.

Girls' race, under 12, 50 yards—1, L. Bradley; 2, M. Gibbins; 3, S. Coghlan.

St. Anthony's Sanctuary boys' race, 100 yards—1, T. Coghlan; 2, J. O'Dowd; 3, A. Carrick.

Half-mile, open to C. Y. M. societies—1, N. Vincent; 2, C. J. Johnson.

Running hop, step and jump—1, J. McHugh; 2, P. Whitty.

Quarter mile, St. Anthony's C. Y. M. society—1, J. M. Morrissey; 2, H. Donnelly; 3, F. Brown.

Married men's race, 100 yards—1, J. McHugh; 2, P. Whitty.

One mile, open—1, R. H. Chapman; 2, J. McHugh.

Running broad jump—1, P. Whitty; 2, J. McHugh.

Sack race, 50 yards—1, M. J. Donnelly; 2, H. J. Donnelly.

The lacrosse match between the Jerseys and the Hibernians was won by the latter by three straight games; excellent play was shown on both sides and much interest was taken in the game. The committee of St. Anthony's C. Y. M. deserve much credit for the excellent manner in which the amusements were conducted.

ST. PATRICK'S C. Y. M. S.

The Picnic of the Catholic Young Men's Society on Queen's Birthday to Highgate Springs, Missisquoi Park, U.S., was a great success. Athletic sports and other amusements were much indulged in by the very large number of excursionists, and the valuable prizes which had been donated by Sir Donald Smith, Hon. Senator Murphy, Dr. Hingston, Dr. Guerin, Jas. O'Brien, M. Feron, B. E. McGale, H. R. Gray, John Allan, E. McMahon, R. Mallette, and Lorge & Co., were contested for by a crowd of the most enthusiastic amateur athletes. The results of the games were:

Half mile race, open to members of Catholic Young Men's society—1, E. McMahon; 2, J. Murphy; 3, D. Mallette.

Running hop, step and jump, open—1, C. Rolland, 39 ft. 3 in.; 2, S. McArthur; 3, S. McAnnally.

220 yards, open to members of Catholic Young Men's society—J. Murphy; 2, D. Sweeney.

One mile open—1, E. McMahon; 2, M. Cusack; 3, P. J. Cleary.

Running broad jump—1, C. Rowland; 2, S. McArthur; 3, D. Sweeney.

Boat race—1, C. Rowland; 2, G. Lyons; 3, R. Mallette.

Lacrosse match—Stanleys vs. Maples 2nd; Stanleys won by three straight.

CONCERT.

Immediately after the close of St. Patrick's bazaar, the C. M. B. A. of St. Patrick's intend to give a grand concert out at Cote St. Paul. The concert will take place in the school room, and the members of the St. Patrick's Dramatic Society will present one of their laughable comedies.

ST. ANNS CHILDREN OF MARY.

There was a very large attendance of the Children of Mary at the general Communion on Sunday in St. Ann's Church, and in the evening there was a grand procession round the church in which the Children of Mary took part.

SACRED HEART PROCESSION.

The procession of the different branches of the League of the Sacred Heart from the Gesù to the Notre Dame Church, which we announced last week for the 1st of June, will not take place until sometime in the end of the month; perhaps on Sunday, the 17th, or on Sunday, the 24th. The date has not been definitely fixed.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION.

The Forty Hours Devotion, opened on Sunday last at St. Gabriel's Church, was brought to a close yesterday morning by Rev. Father O'Meara, the indefatigable pastor of St. Gabriel's, assisted by a number of the local clergy.

THE ST. PATRICK'S BAZAAR.

A meeting of the lady presidents of tables at the bazaar was held last Thursday afternoon in the large room of the Sacristy at St. Patrick's. Father Quinlivan presided; several preliminary arrangements were made in reference to the management of tables and the question whether the ladies should wear a distinctive dress was disposed of.

There will be a general meeting of all the collectors and other ladies connected with the bazaar immediately after Benediction on Friday, June 1st, in the large room of the Sacristy. All ladies are requested to attend as the following business of importance will be decided upon: Whether young ladies, under 18 years of age, shall be employed in selling chances, also that articles chanced for by dollar tickets shall not be less in value than \$100, and that articles for which 50 cent tickets will be sold shall exceed \$50 in value, and \$25 prizes shall be chanced for by tickets of 25 cents only, and that a certain price shall be fixed for an article, and when that amount has been obtained, sale of tickets for it shall cease.

Miss McGarvey has received the following articles for the Parish table at the Bazaar:—A handsome book-holder and a reading desk, two Shetland wool shawls, onyx necklace, artistic chate-laine, handsome onyx necklace in case, photos of celebrities, and other articles, from a Lady Friend; opera glasses, silver tray and other articles, from Mr. Palmer, Notre Dame street, and a very handsome and valuable artistic chair with cushion plush seat and golden decorations; the chair was presented by Mr. McGarvey.

Miss Irwin, of Belmont Park, has received the following articles for the bazaar, which will be placed at the Parish table: C. R. Phillips & Co., McGill street, a handsome picture and easel; W. S. Walker, a valuable silver tea-pot, richly engraved; Dufresne & Mongenais, 5 pounds of chocolate; Mr. C. Alexander, 5 pounds of candies; Reeves & Co., Notre Dame street, lady's bedroom slippers. Mrs. Stewart, of 47 Belmont Park, showed her zeal in the good cause by working an extremely handsome table cover, and presenting it to Miss Irwin for the benefit of the bazaar.

In addition to the above Miss Irwin received a number of donations in money.

ST. ANN'S ON SUNDAY.

A grand musical Mass was sung at St. Ann's, on Sunday morning, to celebrate the closing of the Forty Hours devotion. Professor Shea presided at the organ; the choir was augmented by twenty five voices from the Christian Brothers' school. This made a total of sixty trained voices. The following sang solos in the Mass:—Messrs. J. Morgan, William Murphy, T. C. Emblem, M. Mul-larky, E. Quinn and E. Finn. There was a very large attendance and the Mass, which was a most beautiful one, was heartily appreciated. The music at the Solemn Benediction in the evening was also very fine.

WHEN next our Orange friends purpose celebrating the Battle of the Boyne and doing honor to King William III., before they prepare their after-dinner speeches they would do well to glance over Lord Wolseley's "Life of the Duke of Marlborough." He tells us that the Prince of Orange was guilty of one hypocrisy after another.

"He was hypocrite enough to have prayers offered up daily in his wife's chapel for the baby Prince of Wales, while Mary was in close correspondence with her sister upon the subject of the 'warming-pan' story, and active preparations were being made for the invasion of England. He not only lied himself, but he made the King's daughter lie also in order to deceive her own father, and she was made to write to him in affectionate terms with the object of disarming his suspicions. Could falsehood go further than the following avowal in a letter written by William:—'I have not the least intention to do any harm to his Britannic Majesty, or to those who have a right to pretend to the succession of his kingdom, and still less to make an attempt upon the Crown, or to desire to appropriate it to myself.' He adds further on: 'I pray God, Who is powerful over all, to bless this, my sincere intention. I have more than ever need for Divine direction, not being sufficiently

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enlightened as to what action I should take. Over and over again he assured his father-in-law that his preparations were aimed at France, and that he had no designs upon England." As to William's generalship, Lord Wolseley proves that he won his battles as much by good luck as by good leadership.

The Western Watchman has a short but very pertinent comment upon the dedication of the monument to George Washington's mother. We would be glad if some of our non-Catholic friends would take it for a text. "The women of the United States," says Father Phelan, "have just dedicated a monument to Mary, the mother of Washington. When Catholics erect statues to Mary, the mother of Jesus, they are called idolaters." The people of the United States pay tribute to Washington by honoring his mother: the Roman Catholics pay tribute to Jesus Christ by honoring His mother. To honor the mother is to please the son—it is so in both cases.

The plans for the interior of St. Gabriel's new church were finished on Saturday last. The specifications and other detailed lists will be submitted to the church building committee some time this week, and orders will then be issued for tenders for the interior decorations.

On the Feast of Corpus Christi Mgr. Lorrain, of Pembroke, celebrated Mass in the Notre Dame Church, and Mgr. McDonald, Bishop of St. John's, Newfoundland, was present.

The children of St. Gabriel's parish will make their second Holy Communion on Sunday next, June 3rd.

It is easy to live in the world after the world's opinion. It is easy to live in solitude after our own. But the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of his character.—R. W. Emerson.