

ALCOHOLISM.

Entertainment and Lecture.

An interesting literary, dramatic and musical entertainment was given at the Cabinet de Lecture Paroissial by the Cercle Ville Marie last Friday night. His Honor, the Recorder, presided. Items were contributed by Messrs. J. L. Chalifoux, Emile O'Leary, Arthur Desjardins, Camille Paquet, Gustave Eonte, Joseph Fortier, Miles Leclair, Henri de Montigny, Albert Laramée and Aime Migneault. Messrs. Arthur Bernier and Edouard Letourneau acted as accompanists.

The Rev. Father Rottot, S.J., delivered an address on the subject of alcoholism. He dealt first with the nature of the disease and then proceeded to show its principal causes and the various remedies to be used. One of the causes that contributed to the abuse of strong liquor was the idea that drink could drown trouble. This was a fatal mistake. In times of great sorrow the best consolation was to be derived from meditation assisted by the perusal of suitable, not necessarily religious works. Another mistake, which some people made, was to imagine that liquor could be safely and usefully employed to stimulate the intellectual faculties. Genius and talent did not require alcoholic stimulants; alcoholic stimulants would not supply the want of genius or talent. The rev. lecturer dwelt upon the folly of those who imagined that by the use of alcohol they could increase their physical powers. It was true that liquor imparted a temporary vigor to the frame; but its effects were evanescent, and the reaction left the body in worse condition than before the artificial stimulant had been used. In order to cope with this "human malady" of alcoholism, different methods were suggested. The rev. lecturer pointed out the efficacy of prayer in helping the victims of the liquor habit to resist temptation. He described the "treating" custom humorously, and pointed out its absurdity. One of the best ways to wean a husband or a brother from drink was to employ gentle means; to appeal to his better feeling; to act upon the will through affection. A judicious explanation of the pernicious effects of excessive drinking might also be found efficacious in many cases.

BLESSED DE LA SALLE.

LITERARY AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS FEAST.

On Friday afternoon, the 4th May, at 2.30 p.m., the pupils of St. Ann's school will give a grand literary and musical concert, in honor of the founder of the Christian Brothers, the venerable De La Salle. The entertainment will take place in the St. Ann's Young Men's Hall, corner of Ottawa and Young Streets. A very fine programme is prepared and it is expected that a large audience will attend to enjoy the treat that the pupils have in store for all their friends. We hope to be able to report a grand success. The occasion should warrant it, and the encouragement due to the younger generation should make it a duty for all, who can attend, to file an appearance.

THE MEANS OF GRACE.

Last week, in an editorial note, we referred to a new work, just issued by Benziger Bros., of 36 and 38 Barclay street, New York, entitled "The Means of Grace." As announced on its title page, it is "a complete exposition of the seven sacraments, their institution, meaning, requirements, ceremonies and efficacy; of the Sacramentals of the Church, Holy water, oils, exorcisms, blessings, consecrations, etc.; and of prayer, with a comprehensive explanation of the Our Father and Hail Mary. Illustrated by numerous parables, examples and interesting anecdotes drawn from Holy Scripture, the Lives of the Saints, the Fathers of the Church and other sources. Adapted from the German of Rev. Herman Rolfus, D.D., and Rev. F. J. Brandle, by the late Rev. Richard Brennan, LL.D., author of "The Life of Christ," "Popular life of Pius IX," etc., 8 vo., cloth, gilt \$2.50; gilt edges, \$3." Such is information regarding this volume that the publishers give to the world, but on taking up the book one finds that much more remains to be said. It is beautifully and strongly bound, printed on very good paper and in large readable characters, and illustrated most pro-

fusely. On every Catholic family table, side by side with the family bible and the prayer book, should "The Means of Grace" be found. For children it is as good as a picture book of the most interesting style; for the older members of the household it contains explanations of all the ceremonies and requirements of religion, so clear, exact and well arranged that none of those who have perused its pages can plead ignorance in matters of Catholic practice. Again, it is a regular guide-book for the father and mother; in cases of baptisms, deaths, marriages, blessing of homes, or whenever the services of God's priest may be required, the possessor of this volume has a full explanation of all that must be done in order that everything may be according to the Church's rules. We would advise our readers to consider the low price and the immense utility—we might say the indispensability—of such a book for a Catholic household.

IRISH BALLADS.

WILLIAM LUDWIG, THE GREAT IRISH BARITONE.

The reading of Irish ballads is a source of literary pleasure that has ever charmed the lines of true lovers of the pathetic, the spirited, the patriotic and the tender. But when Irish ballads are set to music, and a son of the "Land of Song" gives them their full meaning and powerful expression there is a something entrancing in the entertainment. We learn, with no small degree of pleasure, that on Friday, the 11th May next, the Windsor Hall will be the scene of an evening's enjoyment such as we rarely have an opportunity of experiencing. Mr. William Ludwig, the famous baritone singer, will render, in his own inimitable style, some of the choicest Irish ballads. In our next issue we will furnish our readers with the programme, and that alone will suffice to give them an idea of what may be expected. It is not often that Irish song and Irish music have a more accomplished interpreter than this gifted singer, whose reputation is world-wide.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORRESTERS

At the last regular meeting of Court Longueuil No. 182, C.O.F., at Longueuil, the following gentlemen were elected to office for the year. Chief Ranger, Arthur Boisseau; Vice-Chief Ranger, Jos. Bourdon; Recording Secretary, J. Alf. Garielphy; Financial Secretary, Sylvian Turcotte; Treasurer, Arthur David; Trustees, Alexander Jodin, Francois Benoit, and Cleophas Bourbonniere; Medical Examiner, Jean Girouard, M.D.; Delegate to the annual session, Arthur Boisseau; Alternate, Damase Brissette; First Guide, Cyrille Frechette; Second Guide, Pierre Lussier; Inside Guard, Alexis Audet; Outside Guard, Alexis Mainville.

The members of St. Lawrence Court, No. 263, C.O.F., have elected the following officers: Chief Ranger, Jno. Scanlon; Vice-Chief Ranger, A. L. Brault; Recording-Secretary, Arch. J. Grant; Financial-Secretary, Arthur E. Gauthier; Treasurer, Jas. O'Shaughnessy; Medical Examiner, Dr. Charles O'Connor; Trustees, M. M. J. Flanagan, Peter Howard, A. Pilon. Delegate, Capt. F. Loye, of No. 5 Police Station, by a large majority. Alternate delegate, Dr. Charles O'Connor. It was decided that St. Lawrence Court, C.O.F., No. 263, will hold a grand picnic and excursion to Rouses Point, May 24.

THE FETE DIEU PROCESSION.

Great preparations are being made this year as usual for the Fete Dieu procession, but this year there will be some changes, owing to the fact that the several religious societies will meet at the St. James Cathedral, instead of Notre Dame church, as formerly.

MGR. LAFLECHE'S JUBILEE.

On May 22 and 24 next Mgr. Lafleche will celebrate his episcopal jubilee. The venerable Bishop of Three Rivers and dean of the episcopacy of this province was born at Ste. Anne de la Perade, September 4th, 1818, and was ordained January 7th, 1844. After being a missionary for many years in the far Northwest he was first consecrated titular bishop of Anhedon and coadjutor of the late Mgr. Thomas Cooke on February 25th, 1866,

and finally became Bishop of Three Rivers on the death of Mgr. Cooke, in April, 1870; the duties of which office he has discharged up to the present time. It was intended to have held the celebration in January last, but it had to be postponed owing to the death of Mgr. Caron.

A HANDSOME MONUMENT

TO THE FOUNDERS AND FIRST COLONISTS OF MONTREAL.

The Montreal Historical Society is erecting on St. Ann's Market Square an Obelisk to commemorate the spot where the first religious service held on the Island of Montreal took place. The monument is the only one of its kind in Canada and the block of granite from which it was hewn was the largest ever quarried in the Dominion. It was brought from the Stanstead granite quarries, at Beebe Plain, Que., and is known as Stanstead granite, which is the best in the Province.

The block, when taken from the quarry, was 40 tons in weight, being 31 feet long, and four feet square. It was brought to Montreal, where it was finished in the marble yards of C. A. Mac-Donell, corner LaGauchetiere and Alexander streets, on two flat cars, over the Boston and Maine and Canadian Pacific Railroads. From its rough state the block was reduced to seventeen tons, the dimensions now being 3 feet square at the bottom, tapering to about 6 inches, length 31 feet. It is to be erected on a 10-foot base, which is already placed. The base is of the same material and at the ground nine feet square. The obelisk is finished in the style known as "Rustic work," which is now very popular in the United States. It is the only one of its kind in Canada. The inscriptions are on four bronze plaques made at the establishment of E. Chanteloup & Co.

The first states that the monument was erected by the Historical Society of Montreal to the memory of the generous founders of the city and of the first colonists who landed here in 1642. Then follow the words addressed to the colonists by the Rev. Father Vimont, May 18, 1642: "What you see here gentlemen is only a grain of mustard, but I do not doubt at all that this grain will produce a great plant, that it will one day make marvellous progress, multiply and extend in every direction." This inscription closes with the words of M. Olier, in "Les Veritables Motifs," etc.: "This project of Montreal must in time to come be a great glory to God, the power of the Church, and of great use to this kingdom." The next gives the names of the first colonists of Montreal, from May to Dec., 1642, starting with that of Paul de Chomedey de Maisonneuve. The third inscription, headed by the date of May 18, 1642, is as follows: "Near this monument, between the river and the stream which runs under Commissioners Street, at a place called Place Royale by Champlain, 18th of May, 1642, Paul de Chomedey de Maisonneuve laid the foundation of the city of Montreal. He erected the first houses, the fort, the chapel, the cemetery, which he enclosed with a fence of stakes. The 23rd of February Montreal was consecrated to the Holy Virgin under the name of Ville Marie. On the 13th of February, 1644, Louis XIV granted to it the first civic charter. The 26th of March, 1644, Chomedey de Maisonneuve was named the first governor of it." The last inscription bears the names of the founders of Montreal. "Jerome Jacques Royer de la Dauversiere and Jean Jacques Olier, founder of St. Sulpice, had each separately the inspiration of establishing this city. They provided for the first expense and work in common. La Dauversiere appears in outside affairs. Olier is the soul of the society whose courage and generosity he excites." Then follow the names of those whom they united around them.

TESTING HIS HONESTY.

Your druggist is honest if, when you ask him for a bottle of Scott's Emulsion, he gives you just what you ask for. He knows this is the best form in which to take Cod Liver Oil.

"The way to sleep," says a scientist, "is to think of nothing." But this is a mistake. The way to sleep is to think it is time to get up.

SISTER HICKEY'S DEPARTURE.

MUCH SORROW EXPRESSED BY THE MULTITUDE OF HER FRIENDS IN MONTREAL.

One of the great sacrifices that all who enter into a religious life have to make—and not the least of them—is that of obedience. At a moment's notice, in response to the call of duty, the religious must be prepared to leave all friends, associations and ties, and to start in the direction indicated by the hand of authority. An example of this may be found in the departure of Rev. Sister Hickey, of the Grey Nuns, so long a resident of Montreal, for her new home and scene of labors in Cambridgeport, Mass. Sister Hickey goes to superintend the construction of an institution for the care and protection of incurables. Sister Hickey was one of the most widely known members of the community to which she belongs. She will be missed in Montreal by hundreds of her friends, by the poor whom she cared for, the sick whom she tended, the afflicted whom she consoled, and the many hearts that have often beaten with pulsations of happiness due to her cheering words and kindly charitable deeds. On Monday morning a number of her acquaintances and well-wishers assembled at the railway station to bid her a fond farewell and to express the hope that when her grand work in Cambridgeport will be accomplished, Montreal may again have the happiness of her presence. THE TRUE WITNESS joins in the general chorus of regret and wishes Sister Hickey health and strength to long continue in her career of usefulness and benevolence, while always anticipating fondly that some day her field of labor will be the one in which she has so long worked amongst her friends of Montreal.

NOTRE DAME COLLEGE, COTE DES NEIGES.

The students of Notre Dame college passed a very successful monthly examination. The following is the result and order of merit (English Course) for April:—

FIRST CLASS—W. Feeny, G. Kelly, A. Stuart, J. Fox, R. Graham, J. Lannar, A. Carignan.

SECOND CLASS—H. Ortiz, G. Deroach, J. Levesque, A. Stuart, A. Blanchard, A. Divon, W. Higgins, J. Cartier, J. Duffy, L. Ortiz, A. Beaulieu, W. Poire, C. McKenna, A. Dufort.

THIRD CLASS—H. Payette, T. Leblanc, H. Delage, J. Gascon, J. McKeown, E. Berard, J. Coburn, P. O'Neil, E. O'Reilly, P. Rohland, F. O'Reilly, J. Hurtubise, G. Desmarchais, E. Callahan, J. Doherty, L. Palmer, F. Ryan, T. St. Armand, L. St. Armand, D. Dube J. Demontigny, O. Charrette, A. Mayer, Daniel E. S. Desmarchais, E. Maurault, E. Dechatelet, B. Payett, C. Brodeur, Raymond, A. J. Benoit.

FOURTH CLASS.—M. Kelly, R. Berard, J. Tobin, F. Stuart, L. St. Arnaud, R. Finn, Henault, Arm. Lapierre, H. Hetu, Arthur Lapierre, J. Quinn, O. Simor, A. Bonhomme, A. Buchanan, P. Carroll, L. Dion, F. Hetherston, J. Demontigny, E. Lacroix, E. Mayer, W. McNeil, J. B. Payett, W. Poire, J. St. Marie, L. Guion, E. Dube, A. Chouinard, J. St. Germain, C. Gesner.

PREPARATORY CLASS.—E. Peachy, L. Dansereau, A. Arcan, R. Labreque, Z. Lamer, Edm. Malboeuf, H. Beaudouin, A. Pattenaude, A. Rochon, E. Raymond, L. Facio, R. Leduc, R. Dube, M. Cartier, H. Gastonguay, H. Gohier, L. Chapdelaine.

ROLL OF HONOR—A. Arcand, L. Scott, A. Bonhomme, Lep. St. Arnaud, Jos. Benoit, T. St. Arnaud, E. Berard, L. St. Armand, C. Belhumeur, Art. Stuart, C. Brodeur, P. Carroll, J. Thomas, L. Chapdelaine, E. Delage, D. Dineen, C. Dupre, H. Delage, R. Delorme, J. Doherty E. Fontaine, F. Guyer, L. Guyon, E. Lacroix, E. Mayer, J. Millard, W. S. Marson, J. McKeown, L. Palmer, D. Ryan, A. Raymond, P. Rohland, Jos St. Germain.

IMMIGRANT ORPHEANS.

The Catholic Protective and Rescue Society, Montreal Branch, beg to inform parties interested that they will receive, in the month of May, fifty of those children. All applications may be sent to the following address and will receive prompt attention from the committee. Please address C. P. & R. Society, No. 11 St. Thomas Street, Montreal.