

REV. FATHER FAHEY CELEBRATES HIS SILVER JUBILEE.

Rev. Father Thomas Fahey, curate at St. Gabriel's Church, was greatly surprised on Sunday morning when he was invited to attend the special meeting of the St. Gabriel's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society. On entering the hall, the Rev. Father was enthusiastically applauded, after which the 1st vice-president, Mr. P. O'Brien, in a few well chosen words, explained the object of the gathering and then presented Rev. Father Fahey with a gold-headed ebony cane in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The Rev. Father made a happy reply, in which he thanked the members for their great kindness, and thoughtfulness on the occasion, and was glad to see that the juvenile society was organized. He said the work of the temperance cause was an apostleship. He hoped that many of the members of the senior society would live to see the 25th anniversary of the juveniles. At 4.30 another surprise awaited the genial and beloved spiritual director of the juveniles. Everything had been arranged for a pleasant afternoon, and a small tribute to one who has won the hearts of the boys of St. Gabriel's parish. The stage had been hung with green flags. As Rev. Father O'Meara and Fahey entered the hall, the 241 boys present, all members of the society, stood up and clapped in a manner that showed they were enthusiastic and were bound to give their special friend, Rev. Father Fahey, a reception worthy of him. A choice programme, consisting of recitations, songs and club swinging, took place, and was greatly enjoyed by the jubilarians as well as by the boys. The club swinging of Master Smith was a treat, the youngster going through some very intricate movements with great ease and skill. At the conclusion of the programme, the President, Mr. John Collins, read the following address: Rev. T. Fahey, St. Gabriel's Church. Rev. and Dear Father: Permit us, on this memorable occasion, the anniversary of your silver jubilee in the sacred ministry, to express our good wishes to our spiritual director. Twenty-five years have come and gone; twenty-five years spent for God and His Church. What happiness! What joy! Your zeal in the cause of religion and education is well known to us. By your tireless energy, your fatherly tenderness, and above all your great interest in our welfare and promoting our happiness in the work of our society, you have shown yourself to be "the special friend and protector of the young."

The dawn of endless bliss appears, And heaven is shining round you." ST. GABRIEL'S JUVENILE T. A. & B. SOCIETY. Messrs. Harry McIlwaine and John Polan then presented the Rev. Father with a set of breviaries suitably inscribed. This was the signal for another outburst of applause from the youngsters. Rev. Father Fahey then advanced to the stage and spoke as follows: "My dear friends, I most gratefully thank you for the kind sentiments expressed in your beautifully worded address. What an imposing spectacle, what an example of living faith, when you presented yourselves this morning at Holy Communion. You were an example to the whole parish. The general of an army could not have marshalled better this morning than your worthy president and his assistants did. I am glad to see the society doing so well. To Messrs. Cuddihy and Collier belong the honor of the formation of this society. It was they who first conceived the idea of the work. I hope that the little good I have done is recorded in the Book of Eternal Life. To-day you are strong in numbers, 230. Your work is the topic of the parish; it is spoken of in every family, in every home. Our Blessed Lord taught by example before he preached. Our lives should be examples of our good works, thus being ideals of good Christian Catholic men. You took me by surprise this afternoon. This thoughtfulness on your part adds luster to the genial and sterling qualities for which your fathers and brothers are noted. Your programme was well executed, the singing, recitations and club swinging being particularly good. In conclusion I must again thank you for this grand reception, for the presentation which will make me remember you in my daily prayers. I thank Rev. Father O'Meara for his presence here this afternoon; the good Christian Brothers, especially Brothers Thomas and William, who have done so much to help the society since its organization, the officers of the society, and the members of the senior society, all deserve words of praise. I hope that you will all live to see the silver jubilee of the juvenile society." Rev. Father Fahey was born in the old historic City of Quebec on the 11th July, 1855. He made his classical studies at St. Mary's College, under the direction of Rev. Father Turgeon, the present rector of Loyola College. He was ordained to the priesthood on the 13th March, 1880, by the late Archbishop Fabre, and on March 17th said his first Mass at St. Gabriel's, where he remained only a few months. Thence he was transferred to St. Mary's, then to St. Ann's, and afterwards back to St. Gabriel's, where he labored for some time. He was next appointed parish priest of St. Agnes of Dundee. After spending two years there, he was appointed to St. Patrick's Church, to help charge of the church. Here his health broke down, and he returned to his native city, where he rested for a couple of years. Returning to parochial work, he was appointed to St. Mary's parish, where he remained but a short time, his health again failing him. After a year he again took up the work, and was appointed curate at St. Michael's, and last year was transferred to St. Gabriel's parish, where his name is held in honor and his works are many. The True Witness joins with his many friends in wishing him Ad multos annos.

laws of error that dash themselves into froth below. It means that we have a divinely constituted authority that tells us what to believe and what to do in order to be eternally happy. It means that we have a mother who has regenerated us to a new life in the Sacrament of Baptism, who confirms this life in the Sacrament of Confirmation. A mother who gives us a helping hand and places us on our feet when we have the misfortune to fall or stumble, in the most consoling Sacrament of Penance. It means that we have a mother who feeds us not with a mother's milk, but with the body and blood of Christ. Sanctifies natural life by the Sacrament of matrimony. Perpetuates this life by the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It means that we have a mother who strengthens us like the dying gladiator in the arena of combat, with holy oil in the last struggle; a mother who looks after us beyond the grave, who will not rest until she has succeeded by her suffrages to obtain possession of the beatific vision. He exhorted all to offer a prayer during the holy sacrifice of the Mass for an increase of faith, to make their lives worthy of their glorious saint and Apostle, St. Patrick. In conclusion he referred to the great Saint of the day, St. Joseph, patron of the universal Church and special patron of Canada, asking the congregation to frequently express the names of that glorious trio, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The men's mission will not commence until Passion week. Father Zilles told the men on Sunday during High Mass to advertise it as much as possible, saying that football games, prize fights, etc., were always widely advertised in order to bring the crowd. He hoped that a large crowd of men would come and listen to the missionaries when they put on their gloves for the purpose of holding a prizefight with all the devils in hell. Rev. Father Zilles will be engaged for the next three weeks giving a mission at St. Ann's Church, Philadelphia. The rev. gentleman will not return to Montreal this year.

WELL DONE, LOYOLA.

After a brave and plucky fight against terrible odds, the magnificent hockey team of Loyola College went down to defeat last Thursday evening for the junior championship of the Dominion. In the two previous matches Loyola won the honors for the city championship by defeating the St. Lambert team by eight goals to three, and the junior Victorias by four goals to two. The decisive battle was with Ottawa, but the Loyola boys did not expect to meet an intermediate team, as the Ottawa team really is, instead of a junior team, and defeat faced them, but not without a great struggle. The young goal keeper of fifteen years of age made a gallant stand, but in vain. The Ottawas won by eleven goals to three. Judging by the ages of the Ottawas and their style of play, many of the fifteen hundred spectators present were of the opinion that the Ottawas could defeat some of our senior teams. It will thus be seen the great odds the young Loyola boys had to contend with. The True Witness a few weeks ago suggested that the proper authorities should regulate junior leagues so as to allow juniors and only juniors to take part in such matches. Bravo! young Loyola, there is no shame in your recent defeat. You have proved yourselves "little men of steel," hockey players of the highest type, and in your own class you are the excelsior team of the city.

ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST.

Sunday last being the Feast of St. Joseph, patron of the universal church and in particular of Canada, was fittingly celebrated in all the Catholic churches. The joyous chant of the Gloria was heard, and special musical masses were sung.

AT THE FRANCISCAN CHURCH.

Solemn High Mass was sung at 8 o'clock last Sunday. The main altar was bedecked with flowers, banners and lights. At the end of the Mass, a solemn religious profession took place. In the evening general absolution was imparted to the members of the Third Order. Next Sunday another profession takes place, and in the afternoon the men's meeting of the English section will be held.

AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

The feast of the parish was appropriately celebrated at the High Mass on Sunday last. The main altar was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flowers and lights. A special musical mass was sung under the direction of Mr. Charbonneau, and an appropriate sermon preached. In the evening musical Vespers were sung. At both services the church was crowded.

Important Meeting of Canadian Society of Social Economy.

Last week the Canadian Society of Social Economy held a very interesting meeting at Laval University. Mr. Lafontaine, K.C., acted as chairman. Among those present were: Right Rev. Bishop-elect Racicot, Hon. Judge Robidoux, Judge Sicotte, Coroner McMahon, Hon. Alphonse Desjardins, ex-Minister of Public Works; Rev. Father Dubois, Principal of the Normal School; Rev. Father Loyseau, S.J.; Rev. Father Nantel, formerly Superior of St. Theresa College; A. D. Lacroix, Director-General of the Catholic Schools; Dr. Daigle, Principal Desaulniers, Belmont School; L. J. Lorranger, M. Mathys, J. A. Beaulieu, Dr. Lecavalier, and others. After the meeting being called to order, Mr. M. Mathys moved, seconded by Hon. Alph. Desjardins, that our Society of Social Economy leave aside all political ideas and fully endorse the action of Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier with regard to the school question and also endorse legislation in conformity with the first reading of the Autonomy Bill. This motion was carried unanimously. A lecture was then given by Judge Sicotte, entitled "Alcoholism, and the means of combatting its evils." He referred to the present legislation on the liquor question, and he noticed a great difference between it and the old legislation. According to the present state of things the Government and individuals have some kind of interest in scalping the public by depriving them of their hard earned salaries, since it gives them a revenue. The learned judge was sorry to see that liquor dealers are great factors in election purposes, and this is a great reason

why legislators are afraid to attack this question in parliament. In some countries legislation is so drafted that the seller has no interest in selling liquor, because the monopoly of the retail business was given to philanthropic societies, the members of which were pledged not to take any more profit than the legal interest, which is five per cent. The books are closed half-yearly, and whatever amount is in excess of the five per cent. earnings is to be given to different institutions of public interest. In conclusion, the lecturer asked both the clergy and the laity, especially those in authority, to do all in their power to try and arrest this growing evil, which is threatening to be Canada's curse and the downfall of society.

FATHER BRUECK'S APPEAL.

To the Editor of the True Witness: Dear Sir,—The letter which I enclose herewith explains itself. Please publish it in the next issue of the True Witness. There are many of our people disposed to give an alms during this season of penance. Let them feel assured that it cannot be better placed than in this most needy case. Father Brueck's appeal may be found in the True Witness of March 2nd, and should not fall upon deaf ears. Very respectfully yours, H. C. St. Patrick's Orphanage, Prince Albert, Sask., N.W.T. March 7, 1905.

OBITUARY.

REV. SISTER PAGNUELO. The funeral of Rev. Sister Pagnuelo, sister of Mr. Justice Pagnuelo of the Superior Court, and one of the best known men in the city, took place Wednesday morning from the Grey Nunnery, Guy street. Sister Pagnuelo had been in religious life for sixty years, and was eighty years of age. On the 28th January, 1879, Sister Pagnuelo celebrated her golden jubilee in religion, and on the 28th January last celebrated her diamond jubilee. In the days when different epidemics occurred in the city, Sister Pagnuelo was in charge of a band that did remarkable work. She was an aunt of Dr. Thomas Gauthier and grand aunt of L. J. Tarte. She leaves one sister in the Grey Nunnery, Sister D'Alpeo, who has now attained her 82nd year. R.I.P.

MR. J. McGRATH.

The funeral of Mr. John McGrath, which took place from his late residence, 476 Seigneurs street, to St. Anthony's Church, on Monday morning, was largely attended. At the church, Rev. Father Thomas Hedderman officiated. The chief mourners were the only son of deceased, Mr. John McGrath, jr., and his two brothers-in-law, Messrs. P. S. and C. O'Hagan. Among others present were Messrs. T. J. O'Neill, M. Delahanty, Timothy O'Connor, Christopher Lennon, P. Doran, J. P. Doran, P. F. McCaffrey, Jas. Graham, E. W. Farrelly, W. Palliser, Jas. Maguire, Mr. J. McAndrew, P. J. Fogarty, J. C. Brown, John Roberts, J. Kavanagh, John Nolan, John O'Brien, A. McNab, J. Wickens, J. Cairns, W. Shirlow, J. Hogan,

T. W. Lesage, M. Bardan, R. Warren, and Fred. Ward. The deceased gentleman was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, 67 years ago, and came to Canada as a young man. In the old days he was actively connected with the leading Irish societies in Montreal, and was a member of the First Prince of Wales Regiment, when the late Mr. Bernard Devlin, so well known in legal circles, commanded his company. During a few years stay in New York, some thirty years ago, he was also connected with the 69th Regiment of that State. He had been in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway for upwards of thirty years.

MRS. GREEN.

The funeral of Mrs. Eugene Green took place on Saturday morning from her late residence, 18 Aylmer street, to St. Patrick's Church and thence to Cote des Neiges cemetery. A requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Killoran. Perrault's "Memento des Morts" was impressively rendered by St. Patrick's choir, to which two of deceased's sons belonged for a number of years. At the Offertory, Mendelssohn's "Pie Jesu" was sung. In addition to the members and relatives of the family, there were present a very large number of friends who followed the cortege. A delegation from both Canada and Dominion Councils, Knights of Columbus, also attended.

MRS. C. LALANDE.

Tuesday morning, the funeral of Mrs. Charles Lalonde, mother of the Rev. Louis Lalonde, S.J., and Rev. J. Lalonde, Rector of St. Mary's College, took place at St. Hermas. The solemn Requiem Mass was sung by Rev. Louis Lalonde, S.J., assisted by Rev. Father Bellemare, S. J., as deacon, and Rev. Father Constant as sub-deacon. In the sanctuary were Rev. Father Turgeon, S. J., Rector of Loyola College, and Rev. Father Bellemare, S. J., bursar of St. Mary's College. R.I.P.

MR. J. E. LALONDE.

On the 8th instant there died at the residence of his uncle, Mr. Barney McCarragher, mother of the Rev. Louis Lalonde, S.J., and Rev. J. Lalonde, Rector of St. Mary's College, at the age of twenty-three years. A young man possessing a most amiable character, always ready to oblige, the deceased was much beloved and deeply regretted by a large circle of friends. The service at the church was celebrated by Rev. Father Dufault, assisted by his nephew, Rev. E. D. Dufault, vicar at Ste. Cunegonde. The choir rendered the harmonized mass of the dead. At the Offertory Mr. P. Deguire sang Miserere in Mel. The chief mourners were the uncle of deceased, Mr. B. McCarragher; Messrs. P. and J. Lalonde, of Montreal, brothers; Mrs. McCarragher, Mr. and Mrs. L. Deceur, Messrs. O. Ouellette, J. Seguin, Mr. and Mrs. D. Lalonde, Messrs. E. and H. Lalonde, N. Lalonde, D. Ouellette, Mr. and Mrs. N. Legault, Isaac Sauve, Mr. and Mrs. Bellefeuille, Mr. Jeanotte, notary, Mr. and Mrs. Carrigan, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, and very many others. The pallbearers were Messrs. Eugene Lalonde, Celestin D'Aoust, Louis Fontaine and Arthur Bedard, classmates. The deceased made his studies at Joliette, and wore the soutane for a year as a Brother of St. Viator, until dread consumption cut him off in his young manhood, leaving his brightest prospects unrealized, and consigning him to an early grave. The True Witness presents its sympathy to Mr. McCarragher, an esteemed subscriber, and to the other sorrowing friends. R.I.P.

God gives us our heads to think with, not to loaf with. But many a man, and a woman too, for that matter, who sneers at the silly folk who hang around street corners, loafing and simpering, go themselves mooning after all sorts of curiosities and seances, loafing with their brains.—Rev. L. A. Banks.

There is nothing true or good or beautiful which, if contemplated or done in the right spirit, is not also religious.

Gratitude has a faithful memory and a fluent tongue.

If we could give up all our selfish desires and resistance, circumstances, however difficult, would have no fewer whatever to trouble us. To reach such absolute willingness is a long journey, but there is a straight path leading nearer and nearer to the happy freedom which is our goal. The times call for men—men who are manful, dependable, capable—whom God and men can trust in the dark to fight, or to work, or to be on and on till the morning breaks or the end comes.

Successful Retreat in St. Patrick's

On last Sunday evening Rev. Father Zilles, C.S.S.R., closed the ladies' retreat with a sermon on the Reward of the Faithful Friends of God, after which the Papal Benediction was given, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. About 2200 assisted at the services during the week. On Thursday evening a special service of atonement for sins committed against the Blessed Sacrament was held. It consisted of a sermon preached in presence of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a procession of two hundred little girls dressed in white, singing hymns. It was a very impressive sight, the first time ever witnessed at St. Patrick's Church during a mission or retreat. On Sunday at high Mass Rev. Fa-

Archbishop Bruchesi referred briefly to the appointment, made at his request, of Mgr. Racicot, as auxiliary bishop of this diocese, whose consecration will take place at a later date.

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His Grace the Archbishop Home Again.

His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, who has been in Rome for some months, returned on Saturday morning. His Grace was anxious to be home to assist at the religious celebration of Ireland's patron saint, but owing to a stormy passage across the Atlantic he was prevented from doing so. He did not forget the 17th. As soon as he arrived at New York he sent a telegram to Rev. Father M. Callaghan, P.P., of St. Patrick's, expressing his regret at being unable to assist at the day's celebration, and also wishing the Irish people every blessing. On Sunday His Grace officiated at St. James Cathedral, during which he gave a short address on his visit to Rome.

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