

The Irish National Burial Association of Chicago has purchased a large plot of ground in the new Catholic Cemetery for the free interment of the deserving poor of the Irish race who die in that city without funds or friends. Archbishop Feehan subscribed \$100 for the purchase of the lot.

M. Louis H. Fréchet writes from Paris that M. Francois Coppée and perhaps M. Jules Claretie, are about to visit Canada. It is reported that M. Fréchet is to be called to the Legislative Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. Couture. He has a new book in press entitled "*La Légende d'un peuple.*"

Lambilotto's "Messe Solennelle" in E flat was given for the first time in Toronto by St. Basil's choir on Sunday last. The soloists were, Miss Bolster, soprano; Misses Ormsby and Nichol, altos; Mr. Kirk, tenor; Rev. P. Challandard, bass. The offertory piece was sung by Miss Bolster, with a violin obligato by Prof. Boucher.

The parochial schools of New York city are attended by forty thousand children. It takes thirty dollars a year to keep a child in the public schools. At least it costs the taxpayers that much. The parochial schools save the public treasury over \$1,000,000 a year, and the Catholics still pay their proportion of the school tax!—*New York Freeman's Journal*

Rev. Father McEvay was presented last week, at Fenelon Falls, with a purse of money and an address. The pleasing ceremony took place at the priest's residence on Fidler's hill, and we need scarcely add that the kindly and affectionate sentiments expressed in the address were warmly reciprocated by Father McEvay in his brief but appropriate reply.

A cablegram from St. Mary's Priory, Cork, brings the news that Bishop Carbery, who was lately reported to be much improved in health, is now dangerously ill, and prayers for his speedy recovery were asked in the churches of his diocese on Sunday. No news has been received since the first cablegram, so it is expected that at any rate he is not worse.

Prior to leaving for St. Paul, Minn., Rev. L. A. Dunphy, late pastor of St. Mary's Church, London, was made the recipient of a neatly worded farewell address on behalf of the children of the Separate School connected with the Sacred Heart Academy, and also with a well filled purse from a number of his parishioners, who assembled previous to his departure. The rev. gentleman was very popular.

The Archbishop of Santa Fe, New Mexico, announces his intention of presenting, as a jubilee gift to the Holy Father, a work of art and literature, still unpublished, entitled, "The Colonization of the Spanish Provinces of America, and the Establishment of Catholic Missions among the Indians," by Prof. Adolph F. Bandeller, of Santa Fe. This is a production that shows vast erudition, and the gift cannot fail to be justly appreciated.

The Abbe Lafamme, Professor in Laval University, recently visited New York with the intention of inspecting the electric machinery at the American Institute, but owing to the delay in completing the arrangements for the exhibition, he was forced to leave without carrying out his intention. He, however, visited the Museum of National History and the electric works of M. David Rousseau, a French Canadian resident in New York.

One of the chief difficulties experienced by missionaries among the Indians is the want of books. Father Lacombe, O.M.L., turned his talents to the supplying of this want, and after twenty-five years' labour, with no materials but the sounds of the words as he heard them spoken, he composed the first dictionary and grammar of the Cree language. The same zealous missionary is now in Manitoba, preparing a dictionary of the Blackfoot dialect.

The Ladies' Sewing Society of St. Michael's parish held

their annual meeting in St. Nicholas' home on Wednesday of last week, and elected as officers:—President, Mrs. W. A. Murray; Vice-President, Mrs. McConnell; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss O'Keefe. Hereafter the meetings will be held on Thursday of each week at 8 o'clock in St. Nicholas' Home, Lombard street. Donations of clothing or money will be thankfully received by the ladies.

The establishment of the Catholic Publication Society Company, New York, was burned on the evening of November 9th. The stock of imported books, which Mr. Lawrence Kehoe had labouriously gathered in Europe, was destroyed. But a cablegram to London will replace them, if possible, before Christmas. Mr. Kehoe's loss is great, and to a man of ordinary abilities it would seem ir retrievable. It will, however, occasion him only a temporary inconvenience. All orders sent to the usual address will be filled as soon as possible.

The Church in Japan is in a flourishing condition, and the wonderful labours of St. Francis Xavier are bearing fruit in our time. In Southern Japan there is one Bishop, thirty-two European missionaries, fifty catechists, thirteen nuns of the Holy Child Jesus, and fourteen Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres. The mission comprises sixteen districts, eighty-seven Christian settlements, forty-one churches or chapels, a seminary with twelve pupils, nineteen schools, with six hundred and eight pupils, six orphanages, seven girls' schools, and three pharmacies; 1007 baptisms, of which 989 are adults, have been administered during 1886-7.

Cardinal Manning, in acknowledging the receipt of a copy of a book of sermons by the Rev. P. O'Keefe, C.O., of Borrisoleigh, County Tipperary, says:—"I thank you much for your solid and practical 'Sermons,' which I will make known to my priests. They will be useful in carrying out what I wish—namely, five minutes after the Low Masses. A page or two would be very much to the point, for they are in plain and intelligible language. I am wickedly in the habit of saying that the three maladies which hinder piety are fanciful books of devotion theatrical music in church, and pulpit oratory. Your little book has the *virtus simplicitas* of St. Charles."

Powderly, in his opening speech at Minneapolis said: "I am called a crank on this question, but I am not ashamed to say that I would far rather see a man a sober man than a drunkard. It is better to educate our children to be temperate than to be drunkards. There is not a man living who will say that it is right to bring into the home that which damns the head of the family. There are those who have threatened to leave the order because of my position on this question. I say to all who would withdraw for such a cause, 'Go.' I'll trust the fate of this nation with sober men and women. I'll never take back one word of what I have said on the temperance question, so help me God."

The Catholic clergy of Ottawa celebrated last week the 12th anniversary of the elevation of Archbishop Duhamel to the dignity of the episcopate. It was in 1875, after the demise of the venerable Bishop Gignee, that, in accordance with the wishes of the late Bishop, the Rev. Father Duhamel was appointed his successor. Since then the event has been commemorated annually by a grand mass at the Basilica.

The church was crowded, the pupils from the various Catholic institutions of learning being present with their teachers. The Christian Brothers with their pupils, the sisters from the Water street academy with their pupils, the orphans from St. Joseph's home accompanied by the sisters, the convent faculties and their pupils, all marched into the cathedral shortly before ten and were shown to the seats allotted for them by the usher.

His Grace occupied his usual chair and was attired in his golden robes. On his right sat Rev. Father Campeau, on his left Vicar-General Routhier and Rev. Father Rouillon, while Rev. Father Plantin officiated, assisted by a deacon and sub-deacon. Rev. Father Dowdall and several priests from the college were present and occupied seats on either side of the altar. The Archbishop received the congratulations of many friends during the day.