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A New Chime of Belis Blessed by Mgr. Decelles.

Rev. Martin Callaghan, S. S., of St. Patrick's, Delivers a Brilliant Discourse - Hundreds of Parishioners Assist at the Impressive Geremony--The Names of the Sponsors.

Sunday afternoon last will stand out as a historic date in the calendar of St. Ann's parish, since it marked the solemn blessing of the five bells that have just been recast and that are to be rehung in the tower of the church. The sacred ceremony drew together a very large congregation. Many parishioners had been invited to be present, and these, together with the sponsors, completely filled the body of the sacred edifice. The bells, hung on two prettily decorated temporary frames, had been placed in front of the main altar. They were Alphonaus, St. Joseph and St. Paul. St. weighing more than a ton and one hal. was the first to emit its deep toned voice as, at the close of the interesting cere

His Lordship Bishop Decelles, Coadjutor Bishop of St. Hyacinthe, efficiated, assisted by Rev. Andrew Cullinan as descon and Rev. Father Whelan as subdeacon. Rev. Father Scanlan was muster of ceremonies. Among the clergymen present were Rev. Father Strubbe, pas tor, and Rioux, Pampalon, McPhail, Billiau, Simard and others.

The sponsors were:-Hon. Dr. Guerin Mr. Justice Curran, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McDonnell, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Conroy, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Meehan, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Clarke, Mr. Thos. Curran, M.D., Mr. Hugh Gallagher and Mrs. Tuor. Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. John Kane, Mr. and Miss Crowe, Mr. and Miss Daly, Mr. Moses and Miss O'Brien, Mr. Thos. McCarthy and Miss McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cullinan, Mr. Coffee, Mrs. Daniel Doyle and Mr. M. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Winterhalt, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Corcoran, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Killoran, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Feron, Mr. P. T. Patrick Shea, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Keily, Mr. and Mrs. Routier, Mr. and Mrs. P. Flannery, Mrs. P. Kennedy.

The service commenced with the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament after which Rev. Martin Callaghan, S.S., of St. Patrick's parish of this city, delivered a learned and scholarverbatim report:

The Rev. Father took for his text:-" I was established in Sion and in the holy city I rested: and my power was in Jerusalem. I portion of my God his inheritance; and my 24 v. 15."

Your hearts belong to God. He displayed His power in creating them them. They should contribute to the promotion of His glory. The world is a stage where you must figure, and upon this stage you are expected to play the not be repeated, and is fraught with the most thrilling significance. In all the acts and scenes your hearts have been assigned the principal role. From the earliest dawn of reason they should beat in serving God, and never should they acknowledge any other master. You should be consumed with the love of God. The intensity of this flame ought to be steadily increasing and you should hope to reach its maximum cannot love Him now as you might wish; you see Him only through a mirror. face to face, and then may you afford perfections to offer Him all the homage you are longing to tender. Charity is a synonym of sanctity. By analyzing the distes the idea of separation with that of

sanctify themselves, but the majority refuse to do it. "Many are called but few are chosen" All those who are not unconscious of their dignity or insensible to their interest keep separated from whatever is created and unite with the Creator, who is the Sovereign good, eternal truth and unchanging beauty. It was they who engaged the attention of our Blessed Lord when speaking with the lips of Sirach's son he said: "I was established in Sion and in the holy city rested, and my power was in Jerusalem I tock root in an honorable people, and in the portion of my God His inheritance: and my abode is in the full assembly of Saints."

Should the Church of Christ be holy in its members, and has the Roman Catho-

lic Church this kind of holiness? These two questions are connected with the ceremony which in such large numbers you have come to witness. The bells of a church have to be blessed before they can begin to discharge the functions for which they are intended. By being blessed they are vested with the character of sacredness and hence they can be utilized only for the purposes inspired by religion. We are in need of sanctifying agencies, and such agencies are the bells of a church. Doubtless you deem it a signal favor to have yours blessed by his Lordship the Coar jutor Bishop of St. Hyacinthe. He is never tired of doing good and avails himself of all the opportunities which offer. I am greatly pleased and honored to apdesignated St. Patrick, St. Ann, St. pear just now where I stand. I am occupying the pulpit of a church that holds no mean rank of distinction in Patrick is the largest of the five, and, tuis city and throughout Canada. You may in all justice pride in the parish to which you belong. It would be a diffi ult task to measure all the good it accomplished and is still accomplishing for mony, which occupied one hour, the officiating prelate sounded each bell in succession.

| Material is still accompliantly for whatever concerns charity, education and religion. You have the kind of faith for which the children of Erin have been made conspicuous. You combine all the striking characteristics of the spirit infused by St. Patrick into the Celtic race. By a decree of Providence you passed from the Sulpician Fatners into the bands of the Redemptorists. You cherish a vivid recollection of the years during which the former ministered to your spiritual wants and in your hearts blend the fond and deeply revered names of O'Brien, O Farrell, Hogan and their associates. The sons of St. Alphonsus are devoted to your welfare. They understand in what practical Christianity consiste, and excel in the art of imparting it under whatever flag and beneath whatever sky they find a footing. They reflect credit upon their community by their learning, by their piety and zeal. Recently the Cource of St. Joschim in Rome was confided to their charge by the Sovereign Pontiff as a token of his appreciation.

Should the Church of Christ be helv in its members? You would say it John O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellis, should, and you could not be justi-Mr. and Mrs. John O'Donnell, Mr. and fied in saying the contrary. It is Mrs. Michael Shea, Mr. and Mrs. Jer. | wrong to suppose that He failed in the realization of any object He might have had in view. Such a supposition would denote on His part the absence of prudence or skill. If His Church were not to be holy in its members we would be obliged to confess that He did not succeed in realizing the O'Brien and Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. object for which it was founded by Himself. Why did He institute it? We learn from a multitude of Biblical texts that it was for the sanctification of its members. David compares it to a house and points to what should always be an essential embellishment of this house "Holiness becometh thy house. O Lard unto length of days "St. Paul knew for what motive Christ wished to make a sacrifice of Himself by shedding the last drop of His blood. We read in the Epistle to the Ephesians: "He loved the Church ly discourse. It was one of the best and delivered Himself up for it that He efforts of his life. The following is a might sanctify it, cleansing it by the laver of water in the word of life-that He might present it to Himself-a glorious Churce, not having spot or wrinkle nor any sum thing, but that it should be hely and without blemish." took root in an henorable people, and in the The Prince of the Apostles could not stoop to flattery. He justly praised the abode is in the full assembly of saints. Eccl. faithful of his day for wearing the badge by which they were distinguished. They might not have had wealth, education or social standing, but they did not lack the spirit of religion with which they and His boundless mercy in redeeming should be animated, and they manifested it in the most telling manner They corresponded with their vocation. They profited by the fruits of the Redemption. They trod the paths of righteousness and exercised a ministry which might be endrama of your life-a drama which can trust d to the noblest sovereigns. They are styled by St. Peter in his first epistle: "A chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a purchased people."

Is the Roman Catholic Church holy in its members? You are convinced it is and your conviction rests upon the most solid basis. We are told by the Apostles in the symbol of our creed that personal sanctity is a mark which our Church should have. We should not disbelieve on the other side of the tomb. You them. If we do we cannot hope to full ripeness of manhood prided the Hels reflected in the works of His hands. religion which we profess. He It is in eternity you will behold Him prided in turning to the advantage of the Church the princely munificence from the direct contemplation of His of his poetical genius. He was theroughly acquainted with and deeply influenced by all the diversified forms of its beauty. He was singularly impressed His illustrious servants and endowed latter term you will find that in reality by its holiness. He hastened to the lyre it is identical with the former. There which he mastered, and attuned its the two ingredients in sanctity. It asso strings to the theme which inflamed his fancy. Amid chords of the sweetest

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thus he began to sing :-

A milk-white bind immortal and unchanged Fed on the lawns and in the forest ranged. Without unspotted, innocent within, She feared no danger, for she knew no sin."

The Catholic Church is old, and yet young. It has been enjoying an exist two leagues. Augustine of Canterbury ence of more than 1800 years, and is still restored eight to a blind man. Margaret. unimpaired in its vitality. At all times the Queen of Scotland, was apprized of it has had members whose only happi- her weath long before it occurred. A it has had members whose only happiness consisted in studying the will of

s poem which is not less fascinating for B niface of Germany had nothing to tion is in the lazaretto or on the battlesprightliness of wit than for elegance of eat. A bird brought him in its bill a field. The most notorious of modern imagery and simplicity of truth. It was most beautiful fish and dropped it at his infidels pays them this compliment: feet. It was Remigius who baptized the Franks, with their king Clovis. His body was discovered 1113 years after its interment in a state of perfect preservation. No sooner was Denis the Arcopagite decapitated than he took his head in his bands and carried it a distance of wedding ring fell into the waters of the Heaven and whose chief ambition at ove Clyde. It was brought by a salmon to to accomplish it. Since the date of its formation they were like clustering stars that have been multiplying in the acure of its firmament and enveloping our globe in a golden flood of pure, mellow and intensified radiance. Nothing could afford greater interest or suggestiveness than the record of the Saints. It covers the rest of the religion of the saints. It covers the rest of the religion of the saints of dark than the record of the Saints. It covers lepers and bapished the spirits of dark a space of nineteen centuries. Furing all these auccessive cycles might be seen myriads of persons that were heroically the Saints are seals of the Divinity.



REV. E. STRUBBE, C.SS.R., PASTOR OF ST. ANN'S CHURCH.

and conditions of lite. They enraptured Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Davin, be nothing short of blasphemy. It would robes and palme in their hands. Unique tioned and is yet unattested by mirenthusiasm. You will find sainted heroes in the primitive days of Chris tianity, in the so called dark ages, at the time when Photius bade defiance to the authority of Rome, and Luther set at naught its teachings, during the three under the banner of the Cross, and won the crown of justice They form a legion of honor than which nothing more sub-lime or imposing could be imagined There is an indefinite quantity of saints for every day in the year. The lives of great many saints have been written collected and partly published. Though the work is not completed it exceeds already sixty volumes in folio. How can we know that a person departed this life in the friendship of God and is crowned in His kingdom? The Church informs us and it could not mislead us. If it could it would not be the guardian and promoter of morality-it might raise upon its altars and propose to our imita tion impenitent sinners that are consigned to the quenchless flames of hell. It is not liable to err in any canonizamust be nothing less than strictly miraculous. The language of miracles is reserved for the Deity. He alone can speak or interpret it? Is He not the legislator of the physical universe? Did He not frame all the laws by which it is governed and may He not suspend or annul them when He deems it expedient. We are naturally credulous. We hanker after what is extraordinary with the palpable risk of mistaking the appearance for the reality—the shadow for the substance.

> The Catholic Church does not attempt confidence. It does not accept as a He miracle every phenomenon which is reported or brought to its notice. It after such an investigation will it arrive at the judgment which should be adopt ed. God has shown a predilection for them with the choicest favors. He has invested them with the power of mir. acles,—a power which they may exer-

devoted to God. They represent all races. | They are so many pledges of His favor nations, governments, all ranks of society and warrants of His approbation. They are inscribed in letters of gold upon all the gaze of St. John, as he lingered in the pages of ecclesisatical history. Dar exile on the Island of Putmos. "I saw ing all the ages which the Courch has a great multitude which no man could traversed it may hoast not only of the number standing before the throne and members it has canonized, but also of in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white those whose sanctity cannot be ques is the pageantry which they invite us to | acles. In every diccese and in all behold It could not be overdrawn, and the parishes of every diocese there are it is always welcomed with the utmest nowadays as in the past exemplary Coristians and practical Catholics. Their zeal rivals their piety. Nothing of the self-calculating element is perceptible in what they do. They shun all hypocrisy and ostentation. They are "hidden with Christ in God." Who hundred and fifty years that have just | does not remember the German bishops elapsed. The Church has a long list of that were faithful to their duty at the members that fought the good hight loss of all that they were enjoying—that were cast into prison or driven into

Who has not heard of the mission

aries that in this century of curs crossed the border-line of civilization and pene trated into China, Japan, Africa, aye into the darkest regions of paganism? In their hands they held the blazing torch of Catholicity. The purest Christian charity stimulated all their efforts and sustained them in all their toils and trials. In the name of God they conquered souls but it was at the cost of martyrdom. Wno has not read of the priests that are laboring for the glory of Christianity in foreign lands and in the remotest climes? They have severed all links. They have left behind their native tion. Before deciding upon the step it shores and the familiar scenes of their demands a sign from heaven. This sign | youth. They have parted with all their acquaintances, with all their friends and relatives. Their only library is the breviary which they recite, their only wardrobe the cassock which they wear and their only treasure the rosary which hange at their girdle. What name is better known than that of Father the contagion he caught whilst he was ministering to the lepers of Molokai? Should I not allude to the religious orders that may be considered the nurseries of all that is most disinterested, generous and exalted? They have pledged themselves to the loitiest standard of perfection. They must follow the to make capital out of any prevailing evengelical counsels. The Decalogue is projudice or ply the art of intrigue, not enough for the ambition that aways not enough for the ambition that aways be saved. Dryden embraced in the li is entitled to the most implicit the religious of both sexes. They hearken to the whisperings of grace and fulfil the vows which they prenounced-vows which are the knots that tie them to must have it duly investigated, and only | heaven - the cords that bind the sacrifice to the horns of the altar. On all sides you see sisters of the various institutions They are angels in human form. They are angels of prayer and devotionangels of light and purity, mercy and charity. What praise should not be given to the daughters of St. Vincent de union. All men should endeavor to harmony he wove into a wreath of song their departure from this world. Once of philanthropy. Their post of distinct Republics together."

There is nothing more noble than the sacrifice made by a delicate sex of heauty, youth and in quently of high rank to relieve that aggregate of human misery collected in our hospitals, the very sight of which is so revolting to cur pride and so revolting to our delicacy."

It was Christ who shope! the destiny of the Roman Catholic Cour to endowed her with existence and monded all her features She is the choice of His heart and His only Speuse Dies she not verify the prophecy of King David? "Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine in the sides of thy house. Thy children, as olive plants round ab ut thy table." Many Catholics are not at all what they ught to be. It is their fault, but not by any means the fault of the Church. She does not connive at their mise induct. She does her best to prevent or check is She does not disown them, and yet in claiming them as her own she is not compromised in the least in heranctity The brightness of the sun is not marred by the spots upon its disk. The sins, the vices or scandals of Catholics do not impair the brilliancy of her "wno cometh forth as the morning star, fair as the morn, bright as the sun.

Prove yourselves worthy sors and daughters of the Catholic Churen. Av. 13 yourselves to all that are endorses. The bells will help you immensely. When they are ringing Gad is ease by with His hands teeming with the riones of His grace. By tolling the Angelus they remaind you of less and Mary, of His mysteries and her clerks. On bearing the funeral knell is young thely a smould be premoved by the locator your est promise to, and done on the time. the side of the walter of the late growers ferener Maker, Lord and Jodge 1995 not the bells recill the pay of your Baptism as well as that for or Conferna tion Do they not bring book the sweet to the Bolds in prospers it con. The Community of Bostonias appropriate to the Vespers at a Massall tray in dre patitivith, and wake your ones at the exhaustions Foration of More : like are meralists of transported merit. Listen to track mass. Farrys n. the poet-laureste or Erghwarr

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The bells renearse the dogmas of revciation, fangelies, the cite of American poets, realised but only in a measure what they eadled in this respact as he penned the hallowing lines;

The bills themselves good and starping have. The Care tous humber is the teague his was, that way residence is sware; but their mouth of Seas, as from mouth of eabl May be tangent the Testamera, Nowallad Old

thing to God, to truth and principle, Once in a garden stold a time-worn sun distinction the face of which the stadows glided. On the stone were carved the words "I will work while it is day, Your life is a day and all the hours of this day are counted. The night is an proaching and during the night you can not do anything for yourselves. Be not idle and do not lose a moment. You are employed by a Mas er who for wages will give you the endless joys of heaven? AMEN.

The beautiful bells were then blessed the officiating prelate and the ceremony, which is a most impressive one, occupying more than an hour terminated with his Lordship tolling each bell, and as their well pitched tones reverberated through the sacred editice the parish ioners came in hundreds towards the sanctuary all eagerly expectant and honored in being accorded the same privilege. Finally Bahop Decelles pronounced the Benediction, and one of the ceremonies which will be memorable in the history of the parish was brought to a close.

The bells were placed in position during the week, and will be tolled for the first time in the tower of the church to morrow, on the occasion of the ordination of the sonot our respected fellowcitizen, Andrew Cullinan.

THE Ave Maria gives the following estimate of the strength of the Masonic Order throughout the world. It is taken from the Masonic Token, and is based upon figures supplied by one of the Damien, who died a few years ago from clinials of the Order. It will surprise most people, says the Ave Maria, that, according to these figures, four fifths of the Masons of the world live in the United States and Canada. The total membership of the fraternity is slightly in excess of 1,009,000 and the number of brethren in this country and Mexico is 783,644. Hardly less surprising than these figures is the small number of Masons in Italy-only 5,250. Spain has her death has sustained a very heavy 6 000, France 23,800; and Ireland, blow. A very large number of clergy strange to say, is credited with having 20,000. As a whole, the so-called Latin countries of both Europe and America have such an amazingly small popula tion of Masons that one cannot but think that their share in anti Catholic machinations is greatly exaggerated. There are almost as many Masons in Ireland. for instance, as there are in Italy, Spain, Portugal and all the South American

The Parliamentary Session is at an End.

Important Change in the Rules of the Dominicans - Cost of Scientific Institutions - Hot Wave in London -- Nominees for the Catholic School--Educational Notes.

LONDON, August 20.

The Parliamentary Session which has just come to a close was one of the least exciting on record. The last two sittings were about the most interesting, being given up principally to questions about Russia's growing influence over the Tsung li-Yarrien, capecially in the matter of the Nui-Chewang Railway concession. Too Indian debate smouldered away in a discussion brought on by Mr. H. Roberts in order to bring about, if possible, the repeal of the alterations in the law relating to section and the control of the Press in India. On Friday sitermoon the Commons were summoned to the Bir of the House whilst the Royal assent was given by commission to the various public and what she does not sanction and apply private acts which had been acreed to by both Houses. The Lord Chancel-Ler read the Queens speech which had no special feature. The most importand measure passed by the Government was the Irish Land Government Act. spich many regard as the first practical step towards Home Rate.

> Things are looking somewhat brighter for the Managerter Court. The report for the last a difference bowed substitutial or great. For the six months ending in hidare, 10, the net revolute west 51 2007 - walls for the year just concluded 15 west 150 m. It is however, plan It is however plain that new ground will have to be breach and wither overlar incour diff the prosent satistact by rite of increase in the company sincome is to be maintained.

> As a result of representations made at the General Chapter of the Older, held at Vien in last June and at the Provincial Chapter held to London in July, tax General of the English Dominicans loss empowered the Provincial to relax the law or perpetual abstinence for the members of the Order in England. In future meat will be allowed fear days in carn we k and oftener, by dispensioned to these who need it by recon at hearth r work. The Mass Reverend Patter General, writing from Roppe wave that during his visit to England he fully case wine d aimself that perpetual abstice as e we incompatible with the regular close: vances of the Order and the apost die labors of the Fathers, and that consequents ly since work for souls is the end of the Order nothing must be allowed to stand in the way of ap atolate.

> A select committee has been making enquiries into the administration and cost of the museums of the science and art department and a state of afficirs har been revealed at South Kensington which is at once amusing and disgraces ful. The librarian, a most able man, was dismissed for doing his duty as a witness before the select committee and exposing the abuses that existed. As instancing the family influence that regulated the appointments on the staff, it may be mentioned that out of a total of 774 employe's over 160 are interrelated. The report is a great exposure of the folly, jobbery, ignorance and waste that creep into some of these institutions with directorates of high sounding names. General Sir John Donnelly is the President of the South Kensington Board.

> The most exact full dress rehearsal of an actual campaign ever seen in England will be given in the military mance avres now taking place under the provision of a special act which came into force on the 15th of August. 70 000 men will be under arms and will be provided with transport and commissariat complete. The troops will operate over the entire county of Dorset and part of Wilts excepting the larger towns. The actual manusivres will last for seven days and will close with the march past of the whole force at Beacon Hill.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ward took place at Weston Manor, Weston, Isle of Wight, on Friday. For three days previously the office for the dead was chanted, and on the day of the tuneral High Mass was sung by the Right Rev. Monsignor Ward. Cardinal Vanghan was present at the Mass and preached an eloquent funeral sermon, taking for his text the last two verses of the last chapter of the Book of Proyerbs, "Tae woman that feareth the Lord she shall be praised; give to her the fruit of her hands and let the works of her hand praise her in the gates."

Mrs. Ward was one of the most distinguished converts that ever joined the Catholic Church in England, which inblow. A very large number of clergy and many distinguished laymen accompanied the remains to the grave.

A movement has been started to duly celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Oratorian Fathers in London, which falls in June next. The Dake of Norfolk and many influential laymen have been named a committee to carry it out

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