

Laying of Corner Stone Of St. Michael's Church

On Sunday last Rev. John P. Kiernan, the zealous and courageous pastor of St. Michael's parish in the northern district of this city, and his loyal parishioners, had the happiness of witnessing the laying of the corner stone of their new parish church. The ceremony was performed by Mgr. Racicot, V.G., who was attended by Father Kiernan and the pastors and curates of the various Irish parishes, and many of the French parishes as well as members of the clergy associated with well known educational establishments in Montreal and surrounding districts. The attendance of the laity was large and representative of every Irish parish.

At the appointed hour—3 o'clock—the clergy and laity formed into line at the entrance of the temporary chapel on the corner of Laurier Avenue and St. Denis street, and escorted Mgr. Racicot to the scene of the ceremony on St. Denis and Boucher streets, where a platform had been erected near the corner-stone.

After the impressive ceremony of blessing and laying of the stone had been performed, Rev. Thomas Heffernan, of St. Anthony's parish, proceeded to deliver the sermon of the day. It was an eloquent effort and worthy of the great occasion, marking as it did another striking testimony of the devotion and loyalty of the Irish race to the Faith.

Father Heffernan's text was: "Wherefore I purpose to build a temple to the name of the Lord, my God, as the Lord spoke to David, my father, saying: Thy son whom I will set upon the throne in thy place, he shall build a house to my name." (1 Kings, 5-5).

"But a short time ago," said the eloquent young priest, "application having been made, a decree was issued erecting this section of Montreal into a parish for the English-speaking Catholics. Where we would find a flock, we must find a shepherd. In the person of the Rev. Father Kiernan, His Grace, our beloved Archbishop, found a priest well-tried, true noble, a priest after God's own heart into whose hands he would place the destinies of the young parish. The cross was offered, above it hung low the dark clouds of troubles, of fatigue, but the true priest following in the footsteps of the One who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, beheld the lining of gold, of the grace of God, accepted the cross, has borne it to this spot, and to-day it rests upon the corner-stone of the edifice whose foundation is so solidly cast. In truth, then, upon the life of the beloved 'Sogarth,' may I place the words of my text, 'Wherefore I purpose to build a temple to the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord spoke to David, my father, saying: Thy son whom I will set upon the throne in thy place he shall build a house to my name.'"

Father Heffernan appealed to the

members of the parish to always show the same loyalty, the same spirit of zeal and self-sacrifice which they had shown since the foundation of the parish, and a worthy monument to the name of the Lord God, another grand temple to Catholicity would be raised up in the metropolis of Canada. He asked them to give generously to the erection of the new Church. To give not for the praise of the world, nor to have one's name heralded far and near, but because it is a law imposed by God. "What you give out of your substance to His House, God will accept as given to Himself, and He will reward you accordingly. The hundredfold and life everlasting shall be yours, for you make God your debtor."

The pastor, Rev. Father Kiernan, followed. In a touching and graphic manner he outlined the efforts that had been made since the erection of the new parish. He referred to the encouragement and co-operation he had received from devoted members of his parish since the day of his appointment as pastor by His Grace the Archbishop. Much of the difficult preliminary work of organization had now been completed and the ceremony of to-day, he considered to be the starting point of a new life for St. Michael's parish. In concluding he thanked Mgr. Racicot and the members of the clergy for their attendance, and the faithful for their display of enthusiasm in the noble endeavor they had undertaken of erecting another temple to the honor and glory of God in this city of Mary.

Mgr. Racicot also addressed the people, urging upon them to persevere in their undertaking and to continue unceasingly in according taken of erecting another temple to had so generously done since his association with them.

The land, buildings and equipment of the new church are estimated to cost about \$35,000. The design of the Church will be Gothic, and pressed brick will be used in the construction of the walls. Three large entrances, fronting on Boucher street, with an artistic arrangement of belfry and other features give the front view an imposing appearance. The seating capacity will be about 1000. An attractive combination structure to be used for a time as sacristy and school will also be erected. The new Church will, when completed, be a noble monument to all concerned. Father Kiernan has received a number of donations from his parishioners, including that of a costly bell.

Mr. William E. Doran, of this city, is the architect. It is intended that the new Church will be ready for occupation on St. Michael's Day.

feast of Corpus Christi, the solemnization of which takes place to-morrow. In 1780 the Lord George Gordon anti-Catholic riots occurred in London. Dickens, in one of his novels, gives a glowing account of that strange event. In 1861 Robert O'Hara Burke died. In 1815 General Phil. Kearney, one of the most renowned heroes of the American war, was born. In 1814 the Treaty of Paris was signed; and on the same date, in 1567, Shane O'Neill died.

FRIDAY, 3RD JUNE, in 1804, General Schuyler closed his brilliant career in death. In 1861 Stephen A. Douglas died. In 1657 William Harvey, who was the famous discoverer of the circulation of the blood, died. In 1861 "The Savannah," the Confederate privateer, was captured. In 1836 Edward Barry O'Meara, a renowned Irish physician and surgeon to Napoleon the Great when a prisoner at St. Helena, died. Thus the week has been one of anniversaries of deaths and massacres and of great disasters in the past.

Chapman's Success

(By an Occasional Contributor.)

The week before last I took the liberty of occupying a couple of your columns with an account of William Chapman's success, as a poet, in France. I desire now to add thereto another piece of information concerning the same poet. On Friday of last week Mr. Chapman showed me a cablegram from Paris announcing to him that his book, "Les Aspirations," has been crowned by the French Academy. Not only this, but he has been awarded the Aricon-Desperouse prize. This is the highest prize within the gift of the French Academy for a poetic work. It is not to be confounded with Montyon prizes that may be gained by a few lines of verse, and that do not necessarily demand anything above the ordinary. These latter prizes are numerous and of an honorary character. The prize awarded to Mr. Chapman carries with it 2000 francs in money. This work has been selected from among those of some thirty aspirants.

While on this subject I wish to draw attention to another merit for which we Catholics should be proud. The other day the French Government declined to sanction the Academy's choice of Mr. Brunetiere as successor to a vacant seat amongst the "Forty Immortals." Why so? Because, like Coppee, Brunetiere is a fervent Catholic writer. Yet the same Academy crowns Chapman's work, which is intensely Catholic, even piously Catholic, and the Minister of Public Instruction confers on him the Palm of the Order of Public Instruction. Great must, indeed, be his merit, when he has carried his Catholic and religious work through the fiery furnace of infidel opposition and criticism.

It would be an indiscretion on my part were I to say more. But I am aware that before 1904 goes out the same writer will receive another and still greater and richer reward from the combined literati of Europe—outside of France. But of this it will be time enough to speak when the fact is accomplished.

Wedding Bells.

An extremely pretty wedding took place Tuesday at St. Patrick's Church when Miss Beatrice Friend, daughter of Mr. P. Friend, was married to Mr. John L. McMahon, eldest son of Mr. McMahon. The bride wore a crepe de chene dress, with hat to match. Miss May Troy acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. John L. Morrissey was best man. The altar was prettily decorated with flowers and palms. Prof. Fowler presided at the organ. After the ceremony, breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's parents, and later, Mr. and Mrs. McMahon left for Toronto, Niagara Falls and New York.

GOODNESS.

The blessing of a house is goodness. The honor of a house is hospitality. The ornament of a house is cleanliness. The happiness of a house is contentment.

BEAUTY.

Really beautiful things can't go out. They may disappear for a little while, but they must come back. It's only the ugly things that stay out after they've had their day.

ROMAN NOTES.

BEATIFICATIONS. —Pius X. has announced that he will this year proceed with the beatification of the five new saints, who are the Cure d'Ars, a Jesuit martyr of Japan, a member of the Barnabite Order, an Augustinian who was once Curate of Genazzano, near Rome.

THE NEXT CONSISTORY. —The next Consistory, the second of the Pontificate of Pius X., will very likely take place some time in June or early in July, says the Rome correspondent of the Freeman's Journal. This time there will be but one Cardinal created, but his nomination will be a very important one. Monsignor Cagiano has for many years occupied the position of Major Domo, which is what has been known as a Cardinalial position. The Holy Father will create Monsignor Cagiano a Cardinal, but he will at the same time abolish the position, and divide the duties appertaining to it among three other officials of the Vatican.

PILGRIMS. —English pilgrims on their journey home from the Holy Land were admitted to an audience with the Holy Father, when the following address was presented by the Bishop of Shrewsbury:

"Most Holy Father,—We, the members of the pilgrimage organized by the Catholic Association, returning from the Holy Land, on our way homewards to the Isles of the West—of St. Gregory and St. Patrick, St. Andrew and St. David—feel most intimately, as our fathers did of old, that our pilgrimage can in no sense be complete till we have laid our homage, our filial obedience, and our heart's best devotion at the feet of Christ's Vicar in the person of your Holiness."

"Our visit to the holy places has indeed made us realize as never before the truths of the Incarnation of Our Blessed Redeemer. Bethlehem and Nazareth, Jerusalem and Tiberias, Capharnaum and the hills and vales of Judea, have made the Gospels for us no mere history, but a living record of the birth, and life and death of our loving Lord. We have been highly favored, in the words of the psalmist, to 'adore where His feet have stood.' Our Faith, we trust, has grown thereby in reality, and fullness and intensity, and we esteem it to be our solemn duty, our privilege and our joy to kneel as we do now, in thanksgiving at St. Peter's feet."

"We do not, we cannot at such a time, forget that from Rome and Peter, through Gregory and Augustine, came to our land the Faith we so dearly love. We beg, then, most Holy Father, to renew and replenish this day our Holy Catholic Faith at the very source whence we first drank of the saving waters. We fervently trust that so near, so personal a contact as ours to-day with the Rock of Peter (out of which our Faith was hewn) may build up anew, not in ourselves only, but through the British Empire, of which we are most loyal subjects, the Faith of Rome—the Faith of our Fathers! May we venture, then, Most Holy Father, to ask the Apostolic Blessing on ourselves, your devoted and loving children, on all our friends who are with us in spirit to-day, and on the Bishops, the clergy, and the laity of our Fatherland." (Signed) Samuel, Bishop of Shrewsbury; V.M. Dunford, Hon. Sec. Catholic Association."

The Holy Father replied most graciously and appropriately, seizing, in one of his beautiful quasi-impromptu discourses, the threads of the thoughtful and eloquent address. After he had ended the Archbishop of Trebizond translated his reply.

FRENCH DEBATE. —On the 28th May last the Holy Father was, according to reports, deeply interested in the despatches announcing the result of the debate in the French Chamber of Deputies. Despite the hostile attitude of Premier Combes, the Holy Father was pleased with the fact that the Chamber had rejected the proposition of the extremists that declared in favor of a final rupture between France and the Holy See. Pius X. believes that with time and mutual explanations, everything will be regulated in a satisfactory manner. Before declaring his future course the Holy Father desires to consult the principal Cardinals and the Papal Nuncio at Paris, and to examine the minutes of the Chamber of Deputies. Each step now to be taken is so important that the Holy See will do nothing hurried.

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A Week's Anniversaries

(By an Occasional Contributor.)

This is a week of very important anniversaries. May 29th—last Sunday, was the great feast of the Trinity, to which reference was made in the last issue. On that same day of the month, in 1780, the great massacre of Waxhaw, in South Carolina, took place, when the British soldiers nearly exterminated the population of the place. In 1848, the State of Wisconsin, one of the most important of the Western States to-day, was admitted to the Union. In 1798 took place the still more fearful massacre of the Irishmen who had surrendered at the Curragh of Kildare. In 1736 Patrick Henry, the great American patriot, statesman and orator, was born.

MONDAY, 30TH MAY, commemorated the founding of the City of Philadelphia, in 1658. In 1789, on the same date, the United Irish victory at Three Rocks, Wexford, took place. In 1844 Daniel O'Connell and other Regulators were imprisoned. In 1498 Christopher Columbus began his third voyage to America. In 1640, Rubens, the great Italian painter, one of the real "old masters," died. In 1778 a still more notorious, but very different character, in the person of Voltaire, went

out of this life. In 1881 the great fire that devastated two suburbs of Quebec began. In 1672 Peter the Great of Russia, he who founded the city of St. Petersburg and laid the foundations of the Russian Empire of to-day, was born. And in 1714 Alexander Pope, the classic English poet, died.

TUESDAY, 31ST MAY, in 1862, the great battle of Seven Pines, in Virginia, was fought—one of the first fierce engagements of the American conflict. In 1431, Joan of Arc, now the recognized blessed one, and it is to be hoped the coming Saint of the Church, was burned by the British. In 1889, the terrible flood at Johnstown took place. In 1841, Canton, in China, was ransomed by the payment to England of six millions of dollars. In 1627, the renowned orator, and great Bishop of Meaux, the immortal Bossuet, was born.

WEDNESDAY, 1st JUNE, in 1781 Isaac Hayne was hanged by the British. In 1846 the good Pope Gregory XVI., the predecessor of Pius IX., died. In 1848, gold was first discovered in California. In 1814, Wallace, the Irish musical composer, was born. In 1792 Kentucky was admitted to the Union. In 1872 Charles Lover, author of so many Irish stories and caricature sketches, died. In 1862 took place the battle of Fair Oaks. In 1886 Blaine delivered his great speech on the subject of Irish Home Rule.

THURSDAY, 2ND JUNE, was the

NOTE

DEATH OF FATHER... Nowhere was the news of Rev. Father John R., received with more profound regret than at the event occurred at the St. Patrick's Hospital, Toronto. Father Hayden was born in 1818, attained his 86th year, came to Quebec and attached to St. Patrick's Rectory for three failing he was removed, subsequently to St. Patrick's. During his stay made hosts of friends, some fourteen years since his departure he still bright in the mind had the pleasure of his. Although it could be him that he went all his great zeal for the and the salvation of in a special manner able night of September and the following day members of St. Patrick's their death in the Clarendon. The deceased almost constantly at catastrophe prepared the Sacraments should succeed in rescuing all the debris. Father on this occasion will gotten, especially by relatives or friends of dreadful accident. Intelligence was received that a servant was seen kneeling heavenward for his soul.

CORPUS CHRISTI... tave of Corpus Christi special devotions in blessed Sacrament in Church. Every morning Mass of Exposition taking there will be devotion by Benediction.

TRADE DULL... state that trade is rather past two weeks. In past two weeks, in strict seedling is unusual unless warmer weather the prospects for a vest are not the bright crop, however, promises exceptionally good one. kets are only fairly well farmers, who ask for prices for their produce.

VISIT OF 65TH... visit of the 65th Regiment, on June 5th, is a military circles. events so far arranged Mass at the Basilica of military dinner and on Dufferin Terrace. that a large number accompany the regiment.

GREGORIAN

Rev. B. J. Kelley, Ga., according to our exchanges, has written a letter to the priest directing that the Church music formulae "tu proprio" of Pope Pius into effect by January men will be excluded from the Gregorian style of be used entirely, and as keeping the priest well altar for the music, but accompaniments, ed. Bishop Kelley re the male choir be supplied hidden from the congregation or grating, that dispensed with where p that congregational sin duced when practicable of Savannah's is the first from an American subject that is being discussed throughout the his diocese will be the the Holy Father's rec are made effective by ep are.

Donation of M

The story that Mrs. has made a conditional 000,000 towards the Cathedral in St. Paul the Northwestern Church