

NOTES FROM THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE CITY.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH.

At High Mass Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan condemned in scathing terms some members of the parish who were engaged in sowing discord, dissension and dissatisfaction among members of the congregation. Such "sore-heads" were not to be tolerated, and those persons were of a diseased mind. He warned the congregation to be careful of such conduct and to remember the evils being wrought against the Church in France by wicked persons. He told them to have confidence in their pastor and in their priests, to be loyal to the teachings of the Church, and not to follow those who would destroy the parish, rather than help it. The remarks of Dr. Luke made a profound sensation among the congregation.

The social which was held three nights last week, while not such a financial success as last year's, was satisfactory.

A grand musicale will be given to-morrow evening (Friday) by a celebrated Italian artist, as a reward to the many ladies who worked so hard to make the social a success.

On Monday morning a solemn requiem anniversary High Mass was offered up for the repose of the souls of Mr. and Mrs. John Callaghan.

On Tuesday a solemn Requiem Mass was sung for the deceased members of the Cochrane family. This was a tribute of gratitude from the congregation for the splendid gift of the marble altar of the Blessed Virgin, lately presented to the church by Mrs. Cochrane. The Holy Sacrifice was offered up at the altar, Rev. Father Martin Callaghan officiating. The members of St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society went to Holy Communion in a body at the eight o'clock Mass on Sunday. In the afternoon they assisted at the funeral of a late brother member, Mr. James McMahon, 573 Fullum street.

ST. ANN'S PARISH.

On Sunday afternoon, Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., closed the ladies' retreat.

At 7.30 Rev. Father McPhail, C.S.S.R., opened the retreat for the young men.

A large statue of the Immaculate Conception is being placed over the main altar in the church. It will be surrounded by five hundred electric lights. At each side of the altar large stands are being placed for flowers, candelabra and colored lights.

On next Sunday evening the solemn triduum in honor of the Immaculate Conception opens.

At the solemn high Mass on Dec. 8th, St. Ann's choir will render a plain chant Mass in parts. Prof. P. J. Shea has spent considerable time in rehearsing his choir with this work, and no doubt it will be up to standard.

The life and drum band of St. Ann's Cadets have been presented with pretty uniforms costing nearly \$400.

ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH.

The ladies of the League of the Sacred Heart held a largely attended meeting on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Father O'Meara presided.

St. Gabriel's band is again coming to the front. Last Sunday afternoon they gave several selections under the veteran drum-major, Mr. Lamont, and proved a real treat for the youngsters of the juvenile temperance society.

The catechism classes are very largely attended, under the supervision of the Rev. Father O'Meara.

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH.

The following were the prize winners at the last euchre party: First ladies' prize, a cabinet of knives and forks, Miss Mary Maloney; second prize, a fancy candelabra, Miss Margaret Holdship; third ladies' prize, a ladies' hat brush, Miss Sheridan. First gentleman's, a gent's dressing case, Mr. V. R. McDougall; second gentleman's prize, an elegant set of carvers, Mr. Martin; third gentleman's prize, a box of cigars, Mr. Joseph P. Brennan. The next, "A Leap Year Euchre," under the auspices of the young ladies of St. Anthony's, was announced for December 28.

ST. MARY'S PARISH.

On last Sunday evening, Rev. Father Christopher, O.F.M., of the Franciscan Monastery, solemnly blessed the new Stations of the Cross

and preached an eloquent sermon on "The Way of the Cross." During the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament which followed, the choir, under the direction of Prof. James Wilson and Mr. T. C. Emblem, rendered a fine programme of music.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH.

The private school opened for the children of the parish is proving a great success.

The new church is neat and comfortable, and the parishioners attend in large numbers at the different religious exercises.

The choir of the church is making good progress in its rendition of the plain chant music.

ST. AGNES PARISH.

On Thursday evening, a new branch of the C.M.B.A., St. Agnes', was inaugurated. Mr. J. M. Quinn was appointed vice-president.

Father Hornsby, S.J., Lectures in Chinese.

Last Sunday evening a large audience gathered in the hall of St. Mary's College, Bleury street, to hear Rev. Father Hornsby, S.J., deliver a lecture in the Chinese language.

The Rev. Father has charge of the Chinese Catholics of this city. Previous to his coming to Montreal he spent some years in China, near Shanghai.

Among the audience were a large number of the Chinese from different portions of the city. The lecture was illustrated with very fine lantern slides. The rev. lecturer explained the various religions in the Chinese Empire. As certain views were shown he explained them in English. At the presentation of the pictures of His Holiness Pope Pius X. and the Emperor of China, the Chinese present applauded.

The Vicar-General of the Diocese, Mgr. Racicot, presided, and there were present Sir William and Lady Hingston, Hon. L. J. Forget and Mrs. Forget, Mr. and Mrs. Meigher, Mr. Justice Curran, Mr. Justice Doherty, Dr. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Robert Archer, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Morrison and Mr. Nolan Delisle.

Jubilee Celebration at St. Mary's College.

On Tuesday evening the students of St. Mary's College gave a delightful jubilee entertainment in their academic hall in honor of the Apostolic Delegate, Mgr. Sbarretti. There were present, His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, of Ottawa; Bishop Decelles, of St. Hyacinthe; Mgr. Racicot, administrator of the Archdiocese of Montreal, the Rev. Fathers Lacompte, Turgeon and many other priests from Montreal, Ottawa and St. Hyacinthe. The elite of Montreal graced the occasion in great numbers. The programme was an attractive one. It formed a tribute to the Blessed Virgin on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of her immaculate conception. In a thesis entitled "Around the Dogma," the author entertained his audience to a discussion between journalists and the Rev. Father Ambroise. In this simple dialogue was given, in an easy as well as fascinating manner, a splendid demonstration of the dogma. The other numbers on the programme, all in appreciation of the Immaculate Conception, were faultlessly rendered and brought forth hearty applause.

TO MARY IMMACULATE.

A crowd had gathered in the church, Beneath its sacred roof, They cast their eyes to the altar Where Mary Immaculate stood.

Every heart beat with rapture, Filled with a joy supreme, As soulful prayers ascended To Mary, our glorious Queen.

Heavy hearts were lightened, I feel in my very soul Joy and happiness abounding Direct from Mary's throne.

Alone in the tabernacle, Most generous, good and kind, Noting all our actions, Is God, our Maker, divine.

Pouring His graces on us, Quenching our passions' fire, Raising our eyes to heaven, Preparing a place for us there.

Exiles we are in this dreary land, But we trust in your loving care, Hoping to reach the goal of our joy With the help of your guiding hand. Montreal. MAMIE RYAN.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEW CATHOLIC HOME FOR BOYS.

Rev. Father D. Holland, C.S.S.R., St. Ann's, the Prime Mover of the Affair and Its Director—A Sketch of the Work

St. Joseph's Catholic Home for poor boys is the latest addition to the many charitable institutions in our midst. Its necessity was seen in every direction, on every street in the poorer quarters of our city, where children who, with a little care and attention would be given a start to make their lives successful and happy, were drifting down fast with the steam of ruin and disgrace. The unfortunate destroyer of many a good boy, "street education," and bad company, still hold sway in Montreal.

It was only a few months ago that the Rev. Father Daniel Holland, C.S.S.R., of St. Ann's Church, conceived the idea of such a home for poor Catholic working boys of the city who are unable to earn sufficient money to afford adequate housing and food. Father Holland has been the soul of the enterprise from the first, as well as its organizer, and is now its director.



REV. D. HOLLAND, C.S.S.R. Director of Boys' Home.

Acting on the inspiration, he engaged the quarters at present occupied by the Home, a roomy brick building on Wellington street, belonging to the Grand Trunk Railway. The company gave the building for its present use for a moderate rental, and have since shown themselves most favorable to the enterprise, aiding it in various ways, notably by adding improvements to the building. They now promise to enlarge the yard in the rear, and thus give the inmates a chance to have a recreation ground, and to develop latent tastes for gardening. The house which St. Joseph's home now occupies has decided advantages for the use to which it is put. It is roomy and well laid out for such a scheme. On the ground floor, are three large rooms used as reading room, dining room and kitchen, respectively. In each order and plainness reign, though some of this would easily be sacrificed if friends favor the home with contributions. Upstairs are bedrooms and a well equipped bath room, and on the third flat is the infirmary, fitted with cots for the sick. Each bedroom has its bed, chair, and little pictures, and is at once neat and homelike.

The object of the home is to give the boys home comforts, and particularly to see that they attend to their religious duties.

Father Holland gives the boys letters of introduction to business men in the city, and aids them in obtaining good positions. Mrs. Green takes charge of the domestic economy of the house, and her work is greatly appreciated by the boys.

What St. Joseph's Home needs more than anything in this stage of its development is money. The friends who knew of the early struggles of the institution were not backward in lending material aid, but as it grows fresh needs arise. Often aid comes from wholly unexpected sources, but as often it does not come at all. The need of the work makes the demand for money to carry it on most urgent.

Father Holland works late and early for the building up of this noble undertaking. On two occasions recently when a representative of the True Witness called on him, the good priest was receiving poor boys for St. Joseph's Home, giving them advice, and telling the authorities at the institution to receive the newcomers with open arms and provide for their wants. True, the

work is little known as yet, but the more it is known, the more it is appreciated and helped.

On an average twelve boys have been at the home, and when funds will allow the number will be increased. A new waiting room is to be added to the building, and a fund box for private subscriptions placed there. For the lighting and heating of this room Father Holland depends on the charity of some well disposed persons.

Subscriptions and clothing will be thankfully received by Rev. Father Holland, St. Ann's Church, or at the home, 396 Wellington street. The following recent donations were received and Father Holland wishes to acknowledge them very gratefully: F. Robertson, P. McCrory, Mrs. M. J. Walsh, Ogdensburg Coal Co., Citizens Coal Co., one load coal each; Mr. McDonald, two bags chicken feed; T. Hanley, \$1; Mrs. Quinn, \$5; George R. Prowse, kitchen utensils; Mrs. Milloy, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Rogers, parcels of clothing and books; Mr. Noonan, two bedsteads; Canadian Pacific Ry., wall pictures and time table; Grand Trunk Ry., wall pictures; P. Pegnem sends supply of fish every Thursday; Mrs. Lar-kin, Mrs. Kennedy, T. Hanley, photos; Mrs. Gallagher, an overcoat; Mr. Goodman, a washing machine, hammer, screwdriver, saw and coal scuttle; J. Walker & Co., a wash boiler and set of casters for table; Mrs. McArthur, bedclothes; M. Scullin, bedstead; Mrs. Ryan, bedclothes; Mrs. McCormick, bedclothes; large statue of St. Joseph from Grey Nuns, Guy street; Jas. McCrory, two hens and bag apples; Mrs. Lar-kin, \$3; Mrs. Kennedy, \$3; Mrs. J. Quinn, Granby, \$5; Mrs. Dr. McCrory, \$1; Mr. A. Woods, \$1; Mrs. Nugent, \$1; Mr. T. Hanley, \$1; J. A. Mathewson & Co., one bag sugar; B. McNally, \$5 and a bag of sugar.

Photos of Rev. Father Holland are for sale at the home for 25 cents each, the proceeds to go towards helping this Christian work, which should meet with every encouragement.

GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE CITY.

"The Scenery of Newfoundland" was exhibited in the Art Gallery, Phillips' Square, during the week.

The retreat for the Young Men's Society of Notre Dame parish was brought to a close on Sunday evening.

Rev. Father McPhail, C.S.S.R., brought a successful retreat to a close on Sunday afternoon at Hochelaga.

A grand euchre party and social was held at Stanley Hall by the members of Father Dowd Court, No. 622, Catholic Order of Foresters, on Tuesday evening, November 29th, and was quite successful.

Friday, St. Catherine's Day, was a great day for the scholars of the various Catholic schools. Candy, taffy, la tire, etc., was distributed galore, and the youngsters as well as the older ones enjoyed themselves immensely.

The gambling evil is becoming rampant in our city, and many young men sacrifice their weekly salaries in gambling dens, and then start to drink to drown their trouble. Young men, be wise; two evils, and great ones at that, don't make things right, but only add misery to your shame and disgrace.

The Sisters of Misericorde, the Lady Patronesses and the Patrons of the Creche, had a solemn Requiem High Mass offered up for the repose of the soul of Rev. Abbe Bourassa, on Tuesday morning at 8.30, in the chapel of the Misericorde, Dorchester street, at which a large congregation assisted. The choir of St. Louis de France had charge of the singing.

The feast of St. Cecilia was fittingly celebrated by the members of the choir at Villa Maria Convent, the occasion being a very pleasant one. The programme was cleverly executed. Particularly worthy of mention were the piano solos from Raff, Greig and Chaminade, and likewise Mascagni's Intermezzo, sweetly rendered on harps and violins, all of which won hearty applause. The choir was highly effective in its interpretation of three of Mendelssohn's choruses. Another enjoyable feature of the programme was the recitation of an exquisite little lyric with piano accompaniment. The recitations in French were equally attractive in character and execution.

ST. GABRIEL'S THE PIONEER OF THE JUVENILE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

Sunday afternoon St. Gabriel's large hall was well filled with nearly four hundred boys and young men to hear the rules and regulations of the new temperance movement—the formation of a juvenile and cadet corps in connection with the St. Gabriel's Temperance Society. At three o'clock the spiritual director, Rev. Father Fahey, called the meeting to order. The committee in charge of the affair, consisting of Messrs. Jas. Burns, chairman; R. J. Louis Cuddihy, secretary; E. J. Colfer, W. H. O'Donnell, P. Polan and James Kane, occupied seats of honor. Rev. Father Fahey, speaking on the movement, said: "You all know the object of this meeting. Society is composed of individuals; society is good if the individual is good; it is bad if the individual is bad. So now you are the first men of St. Gabriel's Young Temperance Society. You must be honorable members. When the tree is young, it is the time to cultivate it. Like the gardener, if the tree requires pruning or clipping, or stakes to fix it, he does all these things. You are all so many young trees. If you wish to bud into manhood with blossom and fruit, you must be temperance men, not disgraceful nor dishonorable, but good members. There is nothing so disgusting in the sight of God as to see men of all ages, from twenty to sixty years old, tipsy."

I was summoned to-day to attend a sick call. But when I reached the house what did I find? A husband dead drunk, and in a room near by a sick wife. I saw a good specimen of a rowdy, with his face beaten black and blue. He had no respect for his wife. No one respects the drunkard. Young and old, embrace this opportunity. If you follow the regulations of the society you will be good men. Temperance will give you purity and other virtues, while intemperance will make you the slave of every passion and every vice. Be true to total abstinence, and God will bless you here and hereafter."

After Father Fahey's remarks, Mr. E. J. Colfer read the rules and regulations of the new society, and explained many points of them.

Mr. Cuddihy was called upon by the members of the committee to say a few words. "I regard this day," he said, "as a red-letter day in the history of St. Gabriel's parish."

I, as well as many others, have looked forward to this day as one of joy and gladness. In your lives, it will mark, I hope, an important epoch. Young boys, when you leave school, and go out to fight life's battle, total abstinence will be to you a safeguard in the hours of trouble, a beacon light in times of danger. You will be more respected by your employers, because you will be honest and industrious. You will be found at duty's call, when others will have fallen in the fight, trodden down by the curse of drink. This magnificent gathering this afternoon is a splendid testimony that the work will not be in vain. St. Gabriel's young men have distinguished themselves in athletic circles. The Shamrock Lacrosse Club bears the names of Currie, Kavanagh, Howard, McIlwaine and Hennessy, men who have made their names famous and covered with glory. (Applause.) And what is St. Gabriel's going to do now? I see before me the material for a grand society; all you want is a start. (Applause.) Your example will lead others to follow. With the noble and energetic pastor, Rev. Father O'Meara, and his devoted assistant, Rev. Father Fahey, with the good Christian Brothers, and the members of the committee to take charge of the society, it will not only be a success, but an immense one. You will have to pay only ten cents a month, and your parents receive a mortuary benefit of \$40. You will hold your own meetings, elect your own officers, and have your own amusements. There will also be a cadet corps in connection with this society. March forward, therefore, courageous in the battle. Raise the temperance standard on high, let it float to the breeze, proclaiming that St. Gabriel's juvenile society is the pioneer society of Montreal. When you celebrate St. Patrick's Day, you will show to St. Ann's and St. Patrick's Cadets that you are not their equals, but their superiors." (Loud applause.)

A list of two hundred names was then signed, and on the third Sunday of the month, (Dec. 18th) St. Gabriel's Juvenile and Cadet Society will hold their first regular meeting and appoint their officers. Great credit is due Father O'Meara and Fahey for the successful issue of the society.

St. Patrick's Temperance Rally.

On Sunday evening the members of St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society held their annual temperance rally at St. Patrick's Church. At 7.30 the officers and members of St. Ann's, St. Gabriel's and St. Patrick's marched from the sacristy, and took their places, special seats having been provided for them. Solemn Vespers were then sung by the choir, after which Rev. Father W. H. Fitz-Henry, C.S.C., St. Laurent College, ascended the pulpit and delivered a telling and powerful sermon on temperance.

The theme of the sermon was to bring out the disadvantages resulting from the abuse of intoxicating liquor and to indicate safeguards against the self-same evil. The text was taken from the Epistle of St. Peter: "Be ye sober and watch."

Addressing the temperance societies toward the beginning of his sermon, the preacher said: "The world offers you sinful allurements at every turn, smiling inducements on every side, but, like Mary, you have chosen, and still choose, thank God, the better part. You have put your hand to the plough, cast no look back at the furrows of the past; fear not dimful and toilsome hours in the future; be content to carry your cross for the present, mindful of the words: 'For each day sufficeth the evil thereof.'"

Then followed a vivid word-picture of how intemperance affects divers individuals; how it explains the downfall of many a young man; how the prisoner, the sorrowing mother, and her hungering offspring, may thank drink for their unfortunate lot. Continuing in the same strain, he said: "Go ask many a despairing sinner on his death-bed why he craves not for God's mercy; why he rejects the ministrations of God's priest, and prefers woe unending to joy eternal in the fatherland of the soul; excessive drink will explain all; excessive drink that weakened his will-power, led him from bad to worse, from Charybdis into Scylla, from the whiteness of baptism into the darkness of hell."

After dwelling upon the baneful influence of drink upon the intellect and will, he showed how it transforms the heart, "the workmanship of God in its noblest centering," adding that "it besmears with the slime of turpitude the saintliest of treasures, after it has scattered the holiest of pledges to the fast-fleeting winds."

"Broken homes and fireless hearths from pole to pole," said the reverend Father, "bemoan in fearful threnodies the wrong-doings of intemperance, and stand as vengeance-crying victims before the all-seeing, all-judging Father of the poor."

After forcefully showing how the saints, the fathers of the desert, the martyrs who spurned the threats of emperor and kings, were men of self-sacrifice, he added: "Our heroic Irish forefathers in the faith preferred hunger and thirst rather than nurture their bodies at the expense of their souls; they preferred death, rather than sell the birthright of their soul for a sinful mess of pottage. We are the disciples of a thorn-crowned and crucified Master, the sons and daughters of the martyrs, the names of our elders have been inscribed upon the honor-roll, in God's temple halls of fame. Our reward will be theirs, if we make it ours, but, as St. Augustine says: 'God, who made us without our helping, will not save us without our co-operation.' He called upon all to encourage the temperance movement which was being taken up for the rescue of our boys."

The peroration was a warning word of encouragement. Said the preacher: "Soon will we have carried our cross manfully up to Calvary's mound, and after witnessing the glory of Tabor, even while upon this sad earth of ours, will we ascend with Christ from thrice-blessed Olivet."

Appealing to his hearers to place their hopes of success and final victory in the hands of the Blessed Virgin, he said: "Mary it is who will lead you unto the heart of Jesus; in her help is all hope for strength, valor and virtue, she will welcome you unto Jesus, who said: 'Rejoice ye and be exceeding glad, for your reward is very great in heaven.'"

At the end of the sermon, solemn Benediction was imparted by Rev. Father Killoran, spiritual director of St. Patrick's Temperance Society, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon, the choir rendering a choice musical programme. The altar was ablaze with lights, and the scene was one of grandeur and magnificence. The celebration this year was one of the most successful in the history of the Society.