

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Next Sunday afternoon the English-speaking terriaries will hold their monthly meeting.

The first of a series of suches in aid of the church fund will be held on Monday evening, Oct. 30th, at St. Anthony's Hall.

Last Sunday afternoon a pilgrimage took place to Pointe aux Trembles, to the Chapel of Reparation, under the direction of Rev. Father John.

Last Friday the students of St. Laurent College celebrated the feast day of the assistant superior, Rev. Ed. Meahan, C.S.C. In the evening an entertainment was given.

After high Mass on Sunday, the counsellors and officers of St. Gabriel's Young Men's Society met and decided to form gymnastic classes. Dumb bells, bar bells, club swinging, and basket ball will form the principal exercises.

The church wardens, acting and past, of St. Anthony's, held a meeting on Sunday after high Mass to consider the answer of the C.P.R. authorities to the injunction served upon them by the wardens in reference to encroaching upon the church property.

The Rev. Father Ambrose, O.F.M., on the day he left for New York en route to Italy, gave Mr. P. J. Gordon, the well known photographer, St. Catherine street, at his studio, a special sitting for his photograph, which has turned out splendidly. These photos can be had only at St. Anthony's Villa, Dorchester street, Mr. Gordon having decided not to sell any at his studio.

NEW CHIME FOR ST. JAMES CHURCH.

The new chime of bells for St. James Church, St. Denis street, has arrived and will be blessed in a few days.

HOSPITAL TO BE BLESSED.

The City Council have accepted an invitation from the Notre Dame Hospital authorities to the blessing of the new contagious diseases hospital by Archbishop Bruchesi on Sunday next at 3.30 p.m.

TWO NEW ALTARS TO BE CONSECRATED.

On Monday, Oct. 23rd, His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi will consecrate two new altars to the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

FIRST MASS AT TETRAULTVILLE.

Last Sunday the first Mass was said at the new village of Tetraultville by Rev. Abbe L. C. Thierien, there being three hundred persons present. The new village is a short distance from Pointe aux Trembles.

ANNUAL PEDAGOGICAL CONFERENCE.

The annual pedagogical conference for the Catholic teachers of Montreal and vicinity will be held on Oct. 26 and 27th at the Catholic Commercial Academy, 1999 St. Catherine street.

NEW CHURCH AT VERDUN.

The new church at Verdun will be opened on Sunday, Oct. 29th. Pontifical high Mass will be celebrated. On the evening of the 24th a banquet will be held at which His Lordship Bishop Racicot will preside. On the following day a banquet will be given for the children.

CALISTHENICS IN THE SCHOOLS.

The Catholic School Commissioners have introduced calisthenics and physical drill in the different schools under their charge, and Prof. Scott commenced the work during the week. One hour a week is devoted to the work, and the pupils are greatly pleased with the exercises.

ARCHBISHOP GAUTHIER PRESENTED WITH PURSE.

The seventh anniversary of Archbishop Gauthier's consecration was observed in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston, yesterday, when the priests of the diocese presented him with an address and a purse of two thousand dollars. His Grace leaves for Rome next Monday.

MONTREAL ORATORIO SOCIETY.

Rehearsals have commenced of the above-named society under the direction of Mr. Horace Reynier. The work in hand the present season is Sir Edward Elgar's Dream of Gerontius. At the recent musical festival in Worcester the freedom of the city was presented to Sir Edward, who is un-

joying a favor rarely granted to composers—the hearty appreciation of his contemporaries. It is to be hoped that Mr. Reynier will receive the support he deserves for his indefatigable efforts to make the Society second to none.

PRESENTATION.

A very pleasing event took place on Wednesday evening last, when Mr. Chas. J. Grace, of the North American Cigar Co., was made the recipient of an address and suit case on the eve of his departure for Toronto. Friends to the number of about one hundred were at the depot to wish him bon voyage.

BLESSED A BANNER AND STATUES.

Sunday afternoon Rev. Cure Decarie, of St. Henri, blessed a banner and two statues of Ste. Anne and the Blessed Virgin. The banner was presented to the National Alliance Society of the parish and the statues were presented by the School Commissioners and the congregation of the Children of Mary.

FEAST OF THE PARISH CELEBRATED.

At St. Edward's Church on Sunday the patronal feast was celebrated as well as the tenth anniversary of the parish. The celebrant of the high Mass was Canon Dubuc, and he was assisted by the Abbes Geoffrion and Berthiaume. A handsome banner was also blessed and presented to the Union of St. Peter, the members of which attended the service in a body.

ORDINATION AT THE CARMELITE CONVENT.

His Lordship Bishop Racicot held an ordination service at the Carmelite Convent last Sunday, when Rev. P. Edmond Brouillet, Professor of Belles Lettres at the St. Charles Seminary, Sherbrooke, was raised to the priesthood. The service was followed by a reception at the residence of Mr. Brouillet, on Sherbrooke street. Monday morning the newly ordained priest celebrated his first Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends.

RETREATS AT FRANCISCAN CHURCH.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, there finished at the Friary Church one of the most successful retreats the Sisters of the Third Order have ever followed. Sermons were preached morning and evening, and were always well attended. During the exercises many ladies took the habit and on Saturday evening fifty were admitted to their profession. The Papal blessing and distribution of souvenir medals were the last items of the last service. The retreat was in charge of Fathers Ethelbert and Wulstan. The same preachers have been given the direction of the men's retreat, which begins next Sunday, October 22nd, at 2.30 p.m., and will last throughout the week. On week days the services will begin at 7.30 p.m. All gentlemen who care to do so are invited to attend.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED AT BELLEVILLE, ONT.

The new St. Michael's Church of Belleville, Ont., was dedicated on Sunday by Most Rev. Charles Hugh Gauthier, D.D., Archbishop of Kingston, who celebrated solemn Pontifical Mass, assisted by Rev. Dean Murray; Father Spratt, deacon; Rev. T. J. Hogan, sub-deacon, and Rev. Mgr. Farrelly. Rev. Dr. Kingsley acted as master of ceremonies. The church was crowded. After the dedication ceremonies, Rev. Father Callaghan, P.P., of St. Patrick's Church, Montreal, preached a most impressive dedication sermon.

The old church was destroyed by fire on December 16 last, and this spring work was commenced on the present structure. It is a handsome edifice, built of stone and remodelled after the one destroyed. It was built by Messrs. Quinlan & Robertson of Belleville, and cost over \$100,000. The building is not quite completed, but was dedicated owing to the Archbishop leaving for Rome.

ILLNESS OF FATHER STRUBBE.

Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., of St. Ann's, who is ill at the Hotel Dieu with an internal malady, is sinking rapidly, and his death is only a question of a day or so. On Saturday afternoon His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi administered the Sacrament of Extreme Unction to the dying Redemptorist. On Sunday at noon Father Strubbe was seized with an attack of heart failure, and the attendants thought the end was at hand but he rallied. Shortly afterwards Rev. Father Rious, Superior of St. Ann's, visited him, and Father Strubbe made his last will and testament to his Superior. Sunday

was the 22nd anniversary of Father Strubbe's profession in the Order. On Sunday afternoon the St. Ann's Young Men's Society held a special pilgrimage to Bonsecours Church and prayed for the recovery of their beloved director. High Mass was sung every morning at the same church for the same intention. The old Irish Faith is a characteristic of good old St. Ann's parishioners.

ST. GABRIEL'S JUVENILES HOLD MEETING.

On Sunday afternoon St. Gabriel's Juvenile Total Abstinence and Benefit Society held its regular monthly meeting. Rev. Father Fahey, spiritual director, addressed the boys at length. He reviewed the work of the organization and said to begin well is not sufficient but to persevere so as to finish well was necessary. The same spirit which animated the members at the commencement of the work of the society must continue. If the soul does not animate the body, the work is dead. The soul of the Juvenile Total Abstinence and Benefit Society was the reception of the Sacraments once a month. He complimented the members on the large attendance at Holy Communion in the morning. He laid stress on the members being punctual at the monthly meeting, the prompt payment of their dues, as well as taking an interest in everything which concerned the welfare of the society, and thus a solid foundation would be laid. After Father Fahey's address, five new members received the pledge and were enrolled in the society, the number now reaching 276. The President, Mr. John Collins, announced that the hall would be open two nights a week to the members wishing to avail themselves of its privileges, and also that a skating rink would be built for the benefit of the members. The nomination of officers for the coming year will take place at the next meeting.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

"Music hath its charms" was fully exemplified last evening, when, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a large audience filled the hall of the Catholic Sailors' Club. The concert was under the auspices of St. Anthony's Court, C.O.F., and both socially and financially another link has been added to the unbroken chain of successes of the season. Last evening's entertainment was of the grand variety style, and the talent was of the best, while the applause given each number showed the appreciation and enthusiasm of the audience. Mr. F. B. McNamee introduced the chairman of the evening, Mr. B. Lynch, Chief Ranger of St. Anthony's Court. Mr. Lynch said he was glad to see such a large audience present, it showed the benevolence of the citizens. The object of the Catholic Sailors' Club was a noble one and deserved the support of all good citizens. Speaking of the Catholic Order of Foresters, under whose auspices the concert was being held, he said that owing to keen competition between fraternal organizations and life insurance companies it has been decided to lower the rates of admission into the Order of Foresters, the new rule to last for three months commencing Oct. 1st and finishing at New Year's. He made a strong appeal to the ladies to work for the benefit of the order, saying that 90 per cent. of the benevolent fund has profited the ladies. He paid a tribute to the city talent, who came every week to help the good cause for the benefit of the Catholic Sailors' Club.

The first item on the programme was a song entitled "The Sweetest Name to Me is Mother," sung by Mr. Thos. Britt, a member of St. Anthony's Court. As an encore he sang "Annie Laurie." He is possessed of a fine tenor voice, and did justice to the selections. Miss E. Wilkinson sang "The Harvest Moon is Shining" and "Dixie Land" in fine voice. Little Miss M. Kelly gave two recitations which pleased the audience. Seaman J. McKinnon, ss Kastalia, was a great favorite with his solos on the tin whistle. He rendered several selections, including the Irish melodies in good style. Prof. F. C. Tait gave some fine selections on the violin. The duet by Miss M. and Mr. T. Laing was the gem of the evening. They sang "The Storm at Sea" and "True to the End." Both selections were admirably executed. The comic songs of Messrs. T. Murphy and B. Dayton brought down the house, and kept the hundreds of sailors in great humor. The songs of Miss Kathleen Fitzgerald, Miss S. O'Brien, Messrs. J. Asselin, C. Mallon, H. Brady, Master P. Hart and seamen J. Swift, ss Lake Manitoba; A. Terry, ss Lake Manitoba; J. McKinnon, ss Kastalia, were also well rendered.

Next Wednesday's concert will be under the auspices of St. Patrick's choir.

Celebrates 25th Anniversary

On last Thursday, St. Louis de Gonzague Academy, Sherbrooke street, celebrated the 25th anniversary of its foundation. His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi presided. His Lordship Bishop Racicot, founder of the Academy, was also present, and great numbers of the local clergy.

In the afternoon a charming programme was carried out by the young ladies of the institution. The reception-room and music rooms, opening en suite and beautifully decorated with flags and foliage, made a pretty scene, with about 100 pupils in white gowns filling the background of the stage, while the guests, pupils and many of the white-robed religious were seated in the hall.

The feature of the afternoon was the rendition by a choir of 100 pupils of an oratorio, "Christ, the Redeemer," with piano, violin and harp accompaniment. Biblical quotations and words from famous authors had been arranged by the sisters of the academy to a setting of music from Handel, Schumann, Chaminade and Lacombe, which brought forth well merited applause.

His Grace the Archbishop congratulated Bishop Racicot and the community upon the brilliant results attained by the Academy in the twenty-five years of its existence. He urged the young ladies present to live out in their future lives in the world and cloister the excellent precepts of their convent teachers.

Bishop Racicot made a short speech complimentary of the pupils' entertainment.

Archbishop Hedley on Ireland's Saints.

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of sacrifice for its religion. Let Ireland take courage in her glorious Saints. Let her be true to them, neither forgetting them nor dishonouring their memory, and the land which they have kept so safe for the Holy Faith will never cease, under their powerful guardianship, to progress in every good thing which the Gospel of Christ promises to men—in unity, in understanding, in piety, and in the fear of God—and in the service of that Kingdom of God to which all earthly things will be added, as God shall judge the best. Meanwhile, with holy offices, with the ancient and venerable rites, with the hand of the Pontiff, and the mystical unction that symbolizes grace poured out, we dedicate a church on a spot where a church has been since St. Mel sat in the Bishop's seat, and St. Brigid, with her sisters, like doves that sweep down from their dovecoats, gently passed along these slopes. The Saints see us and are near. They know you well—your Primate that bears the crozier of St. Patrick, your Bishop who carries the name of this church, your prelates and priests who hand on the lamps that were lighted 1500 years ago, the thronging people who are, as their fathers, LOYAL TO CHRIST AND HIS VICAR

on earth—the Saints know you, and they know that they belong to you, and you to them. Will not blessings follow this day's holy work—this day's renewal of communion with the mysteries out of sight? Will not the heavens bend, and the dew drop down? Let no heart doubt. Many, many are the needs, many the troubles, many the dangers of the country, of the Church, or this diocese, and this parish. Would to God that here, and everywhere, this generation of believing souls could always remember the nearness of Christ and His Saints. Remember it as men remember that which lies nearest to their hearts! Remember it in daily life, in social behaviour, and in public action; remember it in success and in misfortune, in joy and in sorrow; remember it, not to become dreamers or idlers, but to steady themselves in wise and sober resolution, to help themselves to take the true and ultimate view of life and the world and to keep alive in all its glow and fervor that which has distinguished the Irish race in its best days—their faith in the world out of sight. No man can fall in hope and energy who believes and feels that Ireland in Heaven is arranged for Ireland on earth. The struggle and the contest must go on, in this century as in the days of pagan, and of Dane, and of persecution; it will have to be carried on for coming centuries as well as now. But the Saints will always be the conquerors. May we all be with them! As we live and our earthly days hasten on, may we learn to follow their immortal banner; yes, and to march in their invincible array, as it sweeps through time and space—even to the day when "The Ancient of Days shall come and give judgment to the Saints, and the Saints shall obtain the Kingdom" (David, vii, 22.)

AN IRISH PRIEST IN GERMANY

(Catholic Universe.)

Father Phelan has written the last of his interesting series of foreign letters to The Western Watchman, but the Rev. Peter C. Yorke, editor of The San Francisco Leader, is still travelling abroad and enlivening the columns of his paper with his occasional impressions. His latest letter, written after a month spent at Weisbaden, Germany, is worth quoting for the shrewdness and interest of this Irish priest's observations in Germany. He was especially struck with the remarkable prosperity of the Kaiser's domain.

"The great river that was once the home of romance has become the seat of prosaic industry. Along its banks prosperous cities succeed one another in swift succession and the tall factory chimneys outpeer the castled crags. Every town has its new quarter laid out in broad streets and well paved. On all sides new districts are being opened up and new and magnificent buildings are going up. I have seen in no city of America, not even in Chicago, such evidences of 'boom' times as in this city of the Rhine.

"The people, too, have an air of prosperity. They are well dressed and well nourished. You meet no beggars, and there are no apparent signs of poverty. There is none of the feverish hurry that we associate with the big cities of America, none of that approximation of splendor and squalor that one sees in the English towns. The narrow, winding streets in the old quarters of the German cities are as well kept as the grand avenues of the later additions, and the buildings are apt to be as massive and imposing.

"Yet I am told that in spite of this apparent prosperity there is great discontent. In the Wiesbaden district at the last election the majority of votes went to the Socialist candidate. The priest who was my informant declared that the people were demanding too much. Evidently he had no Socialist leanings, and he seemed to think that the character of the voting arose, not from any existing grievance, but from an unjustifiable desire on the part of the working people to have the State do everything for them. He instanced the local free school system, free text books, free excursions, and expressed his opinion that the main motive behind the Socialist vote was 'free everything.' How far he represents clerical opinion I cannot say, but I have been assured in other quarters that the Socialist vote does not by any means represent Socialist opinion. It is, for the greater part, a protest against certain conditions, and the only way under the present system to express dissatisfaction with such conditions is for the 'dissatisfied' to vote the Socialist ticket. Again, I cannot say what truth may be in this explanation, but certainly it tallies better with the general prosperity and contentment that appear on every side.

"The school system of Germany differs from locality to locality. In Wiesbaden and in the Protestant parts the schools are organized like our public schools, but religious instruction is part of the curriculum, and is imparted by teachers of the faith whose doctrines are inculcated. I notice that in this city, though the Catholics number a third of the population, they have made no attempt to establish parochial schools. The pastors have the right of entry to the schools, and one of them told me that when children are being prepared for the Sacraments he devotes several hours a week personally to giving them religious instruction in addition to what is provided by the Catholic teachers. . . .

"While there is nothing puritanical about the Germans, there is no license. They are a quiet, serious, polite people, who take their pleasures honestly and before the face of the world. In the restaurant, under the shade of the trees in the gardens, on the balconies of all hotels, they sit and drink their beer or sip their wine—for here is the home of the Rhine wine—and smoke their pipes or cigars, soberly, piously and godly. The American Puritan or British Pharisee stares and is shocked, but the Germans are not engaged in regulating their lives to please the English, whom at present they cordially dislike. The concerts are features at these watering-places. Three times a day at Wiesbaden there is a recital—at early morning, at four in the afternoon and at eight in the evening. It is very pleasant to sit in the still air under the trees and listen to the music. The other night there was a cornet solo—selections from an opera—and after a few airs of no particular character the cornetist began the 'Last Rose of Sum-

mer." It seemed so strange to hear the familiar air by the banks of a foreign stream, and, stranger still, the audience that had been dull and listless broke out into strenuous applause. I remembered what Kuno Meyer had said in Dublin at the opening of the school of Irish learning that all this country was formerly Celtic territory. . . . This start of interest the audience gave as the silver tones of the cornet ran swiftly up to the sweet high note and fell in long and melancholy curves like the flight of an evening bird in the final cadence—this applause, so genuine, so hearty, what could it witness except that the song found its echo in their Celtic nature and across all the ages blood had answered unto blood?"

RANSON-MACDONALD.

A very pleasing event took place in St. Anthony's Church on Tuesday last, the 17th inst., when Mr. Arthur Ranson, of London, England, was united in marriage to Miss Jeanie Margaret MacDonald, of St. Anthony's Parish. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Wulstan, of the Franciscan Monastery. The bride wore a gown of silver grey and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. After the wedding, breakfast was served at the home of the bride's mother, after which Mr. and Mrs. Ranson left for Ottawa, the bride travelling in a navy blue cloth costume. The bride was the recipient of numerous presents.

LORD ROSEBERY'S SON AT LAVAL UNIVERSITY.

On Tuesday the law students of Laval University had a visit from the Hon. Neil Primrose, son of Lord Rosebery, the Liberal leader in the House of Lords.

He was received in the law lecture room by Mr. Justice Mathieu. Mr. Honore Gervais, K.C., M.P., and Mr. Eugene Lafontaine, K.C., were also present to welcome their distinguished visitor.

Mr. Justice Mathieu then introduced the visitor to the students, and addressing the honorable gentleman he told him how happy they were to welcome him in their midst. They appreciated the idea which led him before entering Parliament to become acquainted with the vast Dominions over which the British House of Commons might be called to legislate. "Before you here, you see young men, all, or practically all, French Canadians, yet they are attached to the British Crown and loyal to the British flag, which is theirs. We in this country are happy and free, and strongly attached to our institutions and to our constitution, which is modelled on that of England. You see before you, therefore, not strangers, but fellow-countrymen, though their blood may be a little hotter than that of your own countrymen."

Hon. Neil Primrose rose to reply, and was greeted with a cordial shout of acclaim and applause, while the boys gave him the "ban," which is no slight mark of approval on their part. In quiet, but pleasant tones, he addressed them in excellent French. "I am but young," he said. "I am only about the age of most of you so you must be easy on me. I have enjoyed this visit very much indeed, and I will long recall it. I am not qualified to speak words of advice, but I do certainly wish each and every one of you success and happiness in the distinguished career for which you are preparing, which is the same as that I have chosen. In conclusion I wish to thank you for your kind reception and to offer you once more the best wishes for your success."

After another demonstration by the assembled students, the distinguished young visitor took his departure for the Court House, where he attended the opening of court.

The Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky treasures as its most valued possession a relic of the cross of Nazareth. Two splinters are laid in cruciform on an ivory disk. This is covered with a crystal and placed in the head of the crozier. This pastoral staff was the life-work of a Trappist monk at the abbey.

The best-conducted saloon in the world is an eye-sore to the conscientious parent, and sets many a wife and mother to watching and praying, knowing not the day or the hour it may bring dismay and ruin to her home.—Rev. Walter Elliot.

The time to use truth and principle is now. Life has three phases. It was, it is and it will be. But we are concerned with only one of those. Life IS. What it was is a part of the dead past. What it will be depends on what it is! Hence the importance of the present.