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"If the English-speaking Catholics in Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the 'True Witness' one of the most prosperous and powerful Catholic papers in the country. I heartily bless those who encourage this excellent work."  
—PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

### NOTICE.

At a recent meeting of the shareholders of the True Witness Printing and Publishing Company, Limited, it was decided to place its affairs in voluntary liquidation.  
Elsewhere in this issue we publish an advertisement in which the Liquidator asks for tenders for the assets.

TEMPERANCE CAUSE.—The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of the United States held its annual convention in St. Louis, Mo., last week. There were delegates from every state in the Union present.

The President, Rev. Walter Shanley in the course of his inaugural address, pointed out the importance of awakening an interest in the regular meetings of all affiliated societies. He said they ought to be well-springs of energy, inspiring enthusiasm, and clearly defining the lines in which members can display activity. The smallest details of organization should not be disregarded. The most successful organized bodies in all spheres of life, whether commercial or political, scientific or social, are those in which special attention is given to details.

A most commendable feature of detail work is the division of societies into bands of ten or twenty, and the assignment of officials to take charge of the subdivisions, whose duty it shall be to maintain interest, to secure attendance at the meetings, the payment of dues, and to enlist individuals in their charge in practical work.

THE LATE POPE LEO XIII.—His Holiness Pius X, has appointed a Commission composed of Cardinals Agliardi, Ferrata, Rampolla, Sartoli, and Tripepi, to undertake the supervision of the erection of the monument of Leo XIII. in the Basilica of the Lateran.

THE IRISH CONVENTION.—Arrangements for a great Irish convention to be held in New York, August 30th and 31st, are now almost completed. It is expected that this convention will be the largest and most representative gathering of the Irish race ever held in America. Carnegie Hall has been taken by the Council of the United Irish League for a grand public demonstration on Sunday evening, August 28th.

Mr. John Redmond, M.P., leader of the Irish party, and two of his colleagues, Captain Donelan and Mr. Patrick O'Brien, sailed yesterday from Liverpool.

EXCURSION BOATS.—In referring to an inspection of an excursion boat plying in the harbor of New York having a license to carry 3700 passengers, which was no doubt brought about through the recent disaster to the excursion boat "Slocum," an exchange says:  
"An examination showed that of the 3700 life preservers on board more than 2000 were worthless. A life preserver is required to have sufficient buoyancy to sustain a dead weight of twenty-four pounds. An inspector tied twenty-four pounds of iron to one of these preservers and then threw it overboard. It went to the bottom like a shot. Other so-called life preservers, when subjected to a similar test, acted in the same way. How worthless were many of the so-called life preservers was shown by the fact that their canvas coverings were so rotten that big holes could be torn in them with the thumb nail. From these holes the granulated cork freely streamed out."

of the Liverpool Protestant Cathedral, the corner-stone of which was laid by the King a few days ago, is a Catholic.

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE.—There is an example in the following item of news from Columbus, O., concerning the erection of a home for Catholic young men and that is the practical support which the project is receiving from sister organizations. The item is:  
The Young Men's Catholic Institute of St. Mary's parish have just bought a property on the corner of Third and College streets, which they will turn into a complete and up-to-date club house. The contributions so far have been most generous. They are as follows: Knights of St. John, \$1000; St. Paul's Young Men's Society, \$1000; St. Joseph's Court, C. O. F., \$500; Ladies' Auxiliary, \$200; St. Francis Romana Society, \$150; the committee of twelve men who will make up the board of officers, \$650.

PUBLICITY.—A striking lesson of the value of publicity is afforded by the success which the annual festival known as the Oireachtas, held in the leading city of Ireland, has achieved during recent years in the new movement for the preservation of the Irish language. In seven years, says a contemporary, a wonderful change has come to pass. At the beginning of that period it seemed almost impossible to awaken general interest in the Oireachtas. The secular press, which measures every event by the popular view, paid scarcely any attention to the festival. Now the columns of the Irish papers are filled with accounts of the proceedings. The institution has developed into an affair of national importance at which the Irish people, wherever residing, desire to be represented. The sum of \$2000 is expended in prizes, for which there are about a thousand competitors. Recently, as briefly noted in our Irish notes elsewhere in this issue, Dublin was filled with delegates from Irish provinces, from England, Scotland, and Wales, and even from the most distant colonies. Day after day they were occupied at the Rotunda with competitions, entertainments, ceremonies and discussions. The festival must exercise a powerful influence in favor of the old tongue. The competitions alone stimulate talent in a notable way, and thus tend to enrich Irish literature with lasting contributions.

A PILGRIMAGE.—On Tuesday next the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament of Mount Royal Avenue will hold a pilgrimage for English-speaking Catholics to the now famous shrine of the Reparation at Pointe aux Trembles, to which it is said 40,000 pilgrims made a visit during last year. The exercises will be held morning and afternoon. In the morning High Mass will be sung at 8.30 o'clock. Confessions will be heard in English in the Chapel and Communion will be given during and after the Mass. In the afternoon the processional visit of the Stations of the Cross will take place, and Rev. Thomas Heffernan, St. Anthony's, will be the preacher, delivering an exhortation at each station. Following this grand exercise will be a procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin to the new and beautiful grotto of our Lady of Lourdes, the most recent memorial erected on the grounds. Those intending to join the pilgrimage may take the Terminal electric cars which pass near the drill hall on Craig street via Cadieux and other streets north direct to the shrine. The fare is 25 cents. Should the weather be unfavorable, the pilgrimage will take place on the Friday following.

A SUCCESSFUL EXCURSION.—The parent temperance organization of this city, St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society, held its annual excursion down the river on Monday last (Lady Day). It was well patronized by the members and their families and friends. The weather was delightful, and the varied programme of music and song provided by the committee of the Society was very much enjoyed.

A NEW HOUSE.—The Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament on Mount Royal Avenue have erected a new and attractive-looking brick and stone building on the corner of their extensive grounds adjoining their Church. It is intended for a new home for their printing plant used in the publication of their monthly reviews, of which they publish not less than four in the French language, and one of which has the large circulation of 33,000. Those engaged in the establishment are lay brothers of the Order with a few laymen.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Daniel P. McMenamin was one of the callers of the week at the editorial rooms of the "True Witness." Father McMenamin is pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Biddulph, a prosperous farming township within a distance of 13 miles of London, Ont. In his parish there are nearly two hundred families. On one road—known under the name of the "Roman Line," all the farms are owned and occupied by Irish Catholics who are successful and well-to-do. In answer to a question as to the number of parochial societies in existence in his parish, Father McMenamin stated that they had branches of the C.M.B.A., Third Order of St. Francis, The Holy Rosary and League of the Sacred Heart. In connection with the latter there are fifty promoters who represented 750 associates. Asked if the young men remained on the farms, Father McMenamin replied in the affirmative, adding that he advised his parishioners to adopt the idea of "Home Rule" and developing the resources of the locality by remaining at the old homesteads on the farm.

Father McMenamin during his stay in Montreal, was fortunate in securing a relic of Ireland's patron saint, which he intends to have set in an artistic reliquary in much the same style as the one placed in position by the late lamented pastor of St. Patrick's, Rev. John Quinlan, this city, many years ago. In addition to the relic of St. Patrick, Father McMenamin has made arrangements for a number of artistic altar ornaments for the shrine of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in his parish Church, to the decoration of which he is devoting much attention, in honor of the approaching golden jubilee of the definition of the dogma.

C.M.B.A. CONVENTION.—The delegates of the English-speaking branches of the C.M.B.A. of Canada of this city who will attend the convention to be held in Toronto next Wednesday are: Messrs. Frank J. Curran, B.C.L., Thomas Lynch, Jno. P. Gunning, J. I. McCaffrey, R. Weir, J. Kavanagh, Arthur Jones, and J. Murphy.

In local circles of the Association the special business to be brought before the convention, such as the proposed increase in the rates, is awakening a good deal of discussion. A veteran member of the parent branch of this city informed the "True Witness" that a professional insurance man has been at work on scales of rates for some time, and that some portions of them had been published. He expressed the opinion that the convention of next week would be one of the most important in the history of the Association.

There will be several interesting contests for the chief executive offices. It is said that the genial and eloquent Grand President, Mr. M. F. Hackett, K.C., will be opposed by a member of the judiciary of a well known name down by the sea.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH.—The many friends of St. Michael's parish will have an excellent opportunity of seeing the progress made in the new Church now in course of erection by attending the imposing ceremony of the blessing of a bell which will take

place to-morrow (Sunday) at 3 o'clock. Very Rev. Father Lecoq, superior of St. Sulpice, will officiate, and the sermon will be preached by Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., St. Ann's parish. The pastor of St. Michael's has issued no special invitations for the ceremony, but now, through the columns of the "True Witness," extends a cordial invitation to all friends. The St. Denis street cars pass in front of the site of the new church.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL.—During several weeks past a number of workmen have been engaged in making alterations and renovating the Catholic High School building on LaGauchetiere street, preparatory to its occupation by Brother Prudent and his able staff of confreres numbering in all eleven. On Monday of this week they took possession and when a representative of the "True Witness" visited the establishment he beheld a scene of animation and enthusiasm which indicates that St. Patrick's School, under its new roof will achieve a triumph unprecedented in its long history. The various classrooms and other apartments in their new dress look neat and cheerful, and as your representative saw them on Tuesday occupied by the friends of Catholic youth of every station of life he realized that an opportunity was about to be afforded to the parishioners of the mother Irish parish church of Montreal to build up an educational establishment which would be a powerful auxiliary in their midst in training the Catholic Irish Canadian youth.

There are many changes in the interior arrangements as your representative saw them a few years ago, and again this week; there are also new features characteristic of the life of religious communities which will afford striking object lessons to youthful minds.

It is the intention to have eight classrooms ready for occupation when the term opens during the first week of September. Of the personnel of the teaching staff much might be written in terms of praise. But it is quite unnecessary more than to mention the fact that they are not excelled by any similar educational establishment in Montreal.

The laity of the old parish now have a school second to none in its appointments and it is for them to show their appreciation of the efforts made in their behalf.

CATHOLIC UNITY.—A distinguished prelate in addressing an association of Catholics in a non-Catholic city, once said:—"I find here a number of large parishes with its priest at its head, and its good and true men as officers and committee, and all banded together in one grand union which will be able to speak and to act with the whole weight of a great Catholic community behind it. Whilst excluding party politics, I find that its objects are briefly, public institutions of education and charity, material help to missions, and fellowship among all Catholics of the city. It is an association which carries with it no menace to anybody. Its members do not want to shirk one single civic duty or to encroach by a hair's breadth on the liberty of a single fellow-citizen."

Such an association is calculated to stimulate a true Catholic sentiment that will command the respect of those outside the Church.

MASS ON SUNDAY.—Why do so many people attend Low Mass on Sunday? Because it does not occupy much of their time. It is giving to God, grudgingly, the least possible service in the forenoon of one day. There was a time when the heads of Catholic households and their children felt it to be their duty to attend High Mass in their parish church.

### LATE MRS. A. E. WHITTON

On Monday last a lady well known and highly esteemed in all circles of Montreal and particularly in our Irish Catholic parishes, Mrs. A. E. Whitton, passed away to her reward after an illness of some duration, in New York. Mrs. Whitton was a daughter of the late Mr. Martin Brennan, and sister of Mr. Patrick J. Brennan, of the Civil Service, Ottawa,

of Mrs. J. J. Hayes and Miss Lizzie Brennan, this city. She was also a niece of Mrs. M. P. Ryan, with whom she resided for many years prior to her marriage. During her residence in Montreal Mrs. Whitton made hosts of friends, and was a prominent figure at all socials and bazaars held in aid of our charitable institutions. She is survived by five sons and two daughters, R.I.P.

### IRISH ATHLETES.

John Flanagan, holder of the world's hammer throwing record, added a foot and three inches to the former best figures by hurling the sixteen pound missile an even 173 feet at Celtic Park, New York, on a recent Sunday.

This marvellous performance was accomplished at the games for the benefit of the Christian Brothers' Training College, Clontarf, Dublin, Ireland, and was witnessed by seven thousand persons, attracted by the very cream of metropolitan athletic performers.

Thomas F. Loneragan, a noted athlete in the East, gives an interesting account of athletics, in which he shows that the Celt has long been first in the field.

"For centuries, owing to unceasing warfare, confiscations and penal laws, the Irish Celt had no time or inclination to indulge in athletic sports. But in the early seventies a genuine athletic revival in Ireland began. The Irish Champion Club was established in 1873, which introduced to the public for the first time the Davin brothers of Tipperary. Thomas Davin was the first man in the British Isles to clear six feet in the running high jump, and Maurice Davin in that same year made several records with the fifty-six pound weight and the sixteen-pound hammer, which he held up to a few years ago.

"In 1878 their younger brother Patrick achieved a great feat in the running broad jump, clearing twenty-three feet, which has been the world's record until recently, when Peter O'Connor of Waterford, cleared twenty-four feet, eleven and three-quarter inches—a feat yet to be beaten.

"Daniel Shanahan is now the world's champion and record holder in the running hop, step and jump, of fifty feet one-half inch, which was accomplished a few months ago.

"M. F. Sweeney, who was born in the County Kerry, has maintained the best traditions of a race of jumpers, and holds the world's record in the running high jump of six feet five and a half inches. Sweeney came to this country when a child, and he received his training under the stars and stripes. S. J. Chandler, record holder for the standing three jumps of thirty-eight feet ten inches, is Irish of the Irish.

"One of the most remarkable jumpers that Ireland ever produced is K. J. Newburn, of Dublin, who once cleared twenty-five feet eleven inches in a running broad jump.

"In the nineties an Irishman named Malone is said to have performed a marvellous feat in Australia, by running a quarter of a mile in forty-six seconds, but there is no mention of that performance in the official guide.

"The record holders in the various running distances are nearly all Celts. It is only necessary to mention Thos. Joyce, and last, but not greatest of them all, J. T. Conneff, who is a Celt in every fibre of his being, and, like all great athletes, is singularly modest and unassuming.

"In these opening years of the twentieth century, the world's champions in weight throwing and shot putting are three Irish Celts, who first saw the light of day in Munster. John Flanagan, world's champion, is a Limerick man. James S. Mitchell, of Tipperary, has been the record holder for several years of the fifty-six pound hammer (with unlimited run) of thirty-eight feet five inches, and Denis Hogan, the record holder of the sixteen-pound shot, of forty-eight feet two inches, hails from County Cork. It is at present a mooted question whether or not his last record has been recently broken, but the Amateur Athletic Union is the only competent authority to decide.

"By the way, John J. Holloway, the champion pole vaulter, and splendid all-round athlete, is a son of

gallant Tipperary. He crossed the Atlantic to compete for the all-round championship at St. Louis on the Fourth of July and made an excellent record. The Celt has made wonderful records in the all-round championships. Thomas F. Kely has been the all-round champion of Great Britain and Ireland for several years. He holds eighty championships. He has made forty records, and has won fifteen hundred prizes, and, to cap the climax, he beat all the great American athletes at St. Louis on the Fourth, and is now the world's champion in all-round athletics. Kely is the athletic marvel of our day and generation. He, too, is a Tipperary man. It seems that the premier county in Ireland, during the past fifty years, has produced as many famous athletes as all the other counties combined. Now, I do not refer to this in any spirit of county pride, because I do not believe in local or geographical distinctions. Every county, yes, every foot of Irish ground, is equally dear to me."

### HOME FOR AGED POOR.

A new home for the aged poor was dedicated in San Francisco recently. It will be under the administration of the Little Sisters of the Poor, "The Monitor" of that city, in referring to the event, says:

"The new Home is the munificent gift of Mr. Edward J. Le Breton, who not only gave the five acres of ground which surround the institution but built it in stone and brick and completely equipped it for the accommodation of 250 old people. The Home is a memorial to the parents of Mr. Le Breton.

The Home is three stories high, with a finished attic and basement, making it practically a five-story structure. It has been in course of construction for nearly two years past. The material is brick and the style classic. It has a frontage of two hundred and thirty feet and the depth from the entrance to the rear of the chapel is two hundred and thirty-six feet. Its general design is in the form of two wings with a connecting corridor from which entrance is gained to the chapel. In the northwest wing of the finished basement are the kitchens, refectories, store rooms, sculleries, refrigerators, etc. In the opposite wing are the assembly and smoking rooms. A completely equipped barber shop, a mortuary and an efficient heating plant, in all about twenty rooms. On the main floor in the opposite wings are the men's and women's dining and sitting rooms, two large parlors, priests and doctors' rooms, vestry community room and oratory. The chapel is cruciform, with a length of one hundred and twelve feet and thirty six feet in width. It has a seating capacity of nearly five hundred and is a beautiful structure.

The second floor is the infirmary, with special dining rooms for men and women and dormitories for the infirm. The northwest wing is devoted to the use of the Sisters' infirmary. The third floor contains dormitories and wards as does the attic. The dormer windows of the latter give it an abundance of light and an extensive view from all sides.

Two brick outbuildings contain the steam laundry plant and the stables. The Home is equipped with its own electrical pumping works and artesian well. The estimated cost of the Home is about \$250,000.

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