

AN INTERESTING INSTITUTION.

THE CATHOLIC PROTECTION AND RESCUE SOCIETY.

A Short Account of this Home for Immigrant Catholic Children—The Opinion of the Superintendent and the Immigration Agents.

On St. Thomas street, in the parish of St. Ann, there is particularly noticeable a large but plain and substantial brick building, the whole exterior of which presents an appearance of neatness and scrupulous cleanliness which would do credit to a Dutch housewife. This building is the home for immigrant orphans, and is known by the name of the Catholic Protection and Rescue Society. The society is under the auspices of His Lordship the Bishop of Salford, England, and its object is to give shelter, provide food, and, if possible, work for Catholic orphans, who are sent to seek their fortunes in this country.

The institution is the first of its kind that has been founded in this country for the benefit of Catholics, and the assistance it has given to many young immigrants, during the one short month of its existence, augurs well for its future usefulness.

Miss Brennan, a young lady well known in St. Ann's parish, is the superintendent of the home. When interviewed by a representative of the TRUE WITNESS upon the establishment of this new branch in Montreal, Miss Brennan stated that the home was opened on the 1st of May, and up to the present there had not been a very large number of immigrants, but a great many were expected during this month.

The Rev. Father O'Callaghan, of Salford, England, will arrive in Montreal in a week or two with a party of five boys; and Miss Lacy is expected later in the month with 40 or 50 more boys and girls. Miss Brennan, while showing the TRUE WITNESS representative over the establishment, stated that there is excellent sleeping accommodation for more than 50 persons.

On the first flat of the building is a large well furnished reception room and office; separated from this room by a pair of folding doors is a smaller private reception room, and at the back of this is the recreation room, in which eight sturdy looking English youths, from 15 to 20 years of age, were amusing themselves with various games.

The recreation room is provided with a piano and two harps, also dominoes, chequers and other games. There is a very large recreation ground at the side of the building, where the boys may amuse themselves with cricket and football.

On the second flat there is a prettily furnished drawing-room, kept for special visitors; there are also several bed-rooms on this flat and a well appointed bath-room, where each new inmate is required to take a bath immediately on arrival. On the third flat there are three large and airy bed-rooms, plainly, but very neatly furnished; the kitchen refectory, etc., are equally well furnished and tidy.

Miss Brennan said that in a short time she hopes to be able to make arrangements for furnishing table board to such of the former inmates as wish to come to her; of course this would apply only to those who had obtained situations in the city, and they would be required to pay a reasonable price for their board.

Mr. John Hoolahan, Dominion immigration agent, when interviewed in reference to the above establishment, stated that there was not the slightest doubt that it was a most valuable acquisition to the institutions of the city; hundreds of Catholic young men and boys used to come to him every year and ask him what they should do; the most of them had but very little money, and it was a very difficult task to advise them aright, as without friends they were almost sure to consume what little money they had before obtaining work; now their condition will be very different, they will be housed and fed, efforts will be made to find them work, and they will be treated well in every way.

Mr. Hoolahan paid his official visit of inspection to the Catholic immigration home last week and expressed himself excellently well satisfied with all he saw; he also stated that, in his belief, no more suitable lady than Miss Brennan could have been found to fill the position of superintendent.

(WRITTEN FOR THE TRUE WITNESS.)

THE DRAMA OF LIFE.

(Respectfully Dedicated to the Members of the St. Patrick's Literary Society, St. Laurent College.)

All the world's a stage,
Ring up the curtain, prompter;
From merry youth to age
Is but an act to stir
Those who follow on to greater deeds.

Madly to and fro
For a sorry while we tread,
Watching those who go,
And seeing in their stead
Others rush to claim a meed of praise.

Our one act soon ends,
But, ere the parting bow,
Age its glamor lends
And places on our brow
Fame's laurels, or but withered leaves.

Now the play is o'er,
The lights grow dim and fade away,
The prompter's heard no more,
We've played through life's brief day;
Our lease is run, the curtain falls.

M. P. E.

ST. MARY'S PINK SOCIAL.

A MOST ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT.

St. Mary's hall, corner Craig and Panet streets, was almost crowded to discomfort last Wednesday evening by one of the most fashionable audiences that ever filled the splendid hall. The occasion was the annual May festival of the young ladies of St. Mary's. A song by Miss E. Kennedy, with accompaniment of auto-harp, mandolin and piano, initiated the programme, and was presented with much merit. Songs by Messrs. Altimas and Harkins and Miss Minto were pleasingly executed and warmly appreciated. Miss Marie Hollinshead, one of Montreal's most popular singers, charmed the audience with her song "City of God." It is needless to state she equalled all her past triumphs. The "Empire drill," by the little ones reflected much credit on the ability of Miss Maggie Jones as a preceptor, as the little ones fairly captivated the audience. The instrumental selection, Bohemian Girl, Mr., Miss and Master Shea, was very good and won much applause.

Intermission followed, and refreshments were served at the ice cream parlor, which was most tastefully decorated with bunting, flags and flowers of various colors. The reception ladies, Misses Tucker, Minto, Murray, Jones, Altimas, Heffernan, Chambers, Prendergast, Gallagher, Crowe, in a very handsome costume of pink challie, trimmed with embroidery and carnations, and Martha Washington handkerchiefs neatly folded across the shoulders, looked very charming. In the second part of the programme Miss Garrigan, a very promising young lady singer, with much sweetness and expression, gave "For All Eternity," which was heartily applauded. Mr. McLeod's singing was also admired. Miss Marie Hollinshead sang "Children's Home" and was rapturously applauded. The "Ladies Musicales" were very happy in their selections and won hearty appreciation. Mr., Miss and Master Shea delighted the audience by their instrumental selections and were heartily applauded. The dialogue, "Using the Weed," by seven young ladies brought the most enjoyable evening ever spent in St. Mary's to a close. The young ladies got through the parts assigned them most creditably. Prof. Jas. Wilson deserves special mention for the creditable manner in which he accompanied the lady singers, and to the untiring efforts of Miss Street, Misses Jones and Tucker is due the success of the evening. Messrs. J. Kennedy, Jones, McGuire, Hammill, Croke, Harkins, Flynn and Kelly acted as ushers.

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART.

The services of the Sacred Heart at the Church of the Gesu, opened Friday. The following is the programme of music at the Benediction: Violin solo, "Traumerer," Schumann, Miss Jennie Hoyle, (from the Conservatory of London); Ave Verum, Silas; soprano solo by Miss Maria Saucier; Subtuum, "Ladies' chorus," Saint Saens; Tantum Ergo, Haydn; duet for contralto and soprano, by Miss Lavie and Mde. Normandin Boucher; finale on the organ: Grand Chœur en mi, Guilmant; Miss V. Cartier, organist. A numerous chorus of ladies sang under the leadership of Mr. Joseph Saucier, choir master.

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OBITUARY.

THE LATE MR. NAPOLEON VIAU, N. P.

On the evening of the 22nd ult., at 5 p.m., Mr. Napoleon Viau, Notary of St. Laurent, after a protracted illness of about 12 months, fell a victim to that dread and lingering disease, consumption. The sad event took place at the home of the deceased. The late Mr. N. Viau was the son of Mr. H. Viau, who still survives. He completed his classical course at St. Laurent College, and in 1880, after passing his final examination for notarial profession, he married Blanche Gauthier, daughter of ex-alderman Gauthier of Montreal.

During the same year he was made organist of the parish church of St. Laurent, a position which he occupied until a short time previous to his death. Mr. Viau was without the least doubt an excellent musician; he possessed a wonderful command over the organ, violin and piano. The deceased leaves a wife and six young children. Mr. Viau is the third member of his family who has during the last nine months succumbed to that fatal malady.

We trust that God will not permit the angel of death to revisit the home of the bereaved relations until they will have spent many years of great success and unruffled happiness. We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the relatives of the deceased and sincerely pray that his soul may rest in peace.

The funeral took place from the deceased's residence on the Friday before last, at 9.30 a.m. In spite of the inclemency of the weather, very many prominent personages were present from St. Laurent and other localities. The cortege which was exceptionally long was led by the college band playing the melancholy strains of "The Dead March in Saul." After the coffin, came the clergy and the mayor, the professors and students of the college, the members of the Catholic Order of Foresters and of the C. M. B. A., of which latter society he was a member, and finally other friends and acquaintances.

When the funeral had arrived at the Church, High Mass was chanted by Very Rev. Father P. Beaudet, C.S.C., Provincial of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, assisted by Rev. Fathers J. A. Renaud, C.S.C. and W. H. Condon, C.S.C., as deacon and sub-deacon respectively. Appropriate music was furnished by the college choir under the direction of Mr. D. Villandre. After the service, the cortege headed by the St. Laurent City Band, under the leadership of Mr. A. Lecours, wended its way to "God's Acre," where the deceased was lowered to his final resting place. The pall bearers were:—Messrs. L. Cousineau, S. D. Marquis, Jos. Deguire, Edw. Gobier, A. Gobier, D. Lecavalier, T. Migneron and A. Lamer. The principal mourners were:—Mr. and Mrs. H. Viau, (the father and mother of the deceased), his brothers, Rev. E. Urgel Viau, C. S. C., professor of the band of the orchestra of the choir and of French Belles Lettres Class of the College, and Mr. Eusebe Viau, of Parotucket, R. I., and his two sisters. Among the many present were:—Very Rev. Father Beaudet, C.S.C., Rev. Fathers A. Roy, C.S.C., Superior of the College, E. Meahan, C.S.C., assistant Superior, M. A. McGarry, C.S.C., E. Vanier, C.S.C., A. Crevier, C.S.C., T. Barre, C.S.C., Jas. Boyle, W. H. Condon, C.S.C., A. Hudon, C.S.C., J. A. Renaud, C.S.C., etc. Messrs. Hervieux, J. D. McGee, G. Worth, J. Scully, P. Hayes, Dr. Pinet, Edward Gobier, the mayor, D. Lecavalier, E. D. Marquis, L. Consineau, W. J. O'Rielly, Levesque, Rev. Bro. Amede, C.S.C. Rev. Mr. Hebert, C.S.C., Rev. Bros. Urbain, C.S.C., Alfred, C.S.C., Gilbert, C.S.C., Messrs. Noel, O'Rourke, McAuliffe, M. J. O'Conner, etc.

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The Holy Father has designated Cardinal Galimberti as protector of the Sisters of the Purification, and Cardinal Macchi as protector of the Arch-confraternity of S. Maria dell' Orazionete Morte in Rome.

While public interest is concentrated on the trial of those concerned in the Banca Romana scandal, a deficit of 130,000 francs has been discovered in the local Banca Agricola Industriale at Chieti, and the director, cashier, and another official have been placed under arrest.

In the Church of San Nazario at Milan during some recent excavations near the high altar, they were fortunate enough to find, within a sarcophagus of the Roman epoch, the bodies of SS. Nazarius, Vasuvius, Glicerius, Lazzarus, and Marulus, of whose bodies no trace has ever been known since the time of their burial by St. Charles Borromeo.

The hopes which at one time appeared that the Crispi cabinet would abandon the Giolitti policy of refusing *Exequatur* to the Italian Bishops seem destined to fail. Some of the Bishops have been waiting since 1892, and there are still twenty-three vacancies, including such important ones as those of Venice, Ferrara, Arezzo, Segni, Terracina, and Parma.

Several archaeological discoveries have occurred in Rome, and among other things have been found some Etruscan sepulchral chambers, one of which served as a Christian tomb in the fourth or fifth century, a portion of the ancient Via Portuensis, behind the Church of S. Maria del Riposo in the Trastevere, a tursa of a man near the Palazzo Spuda, several ancient inscriptions at the Policlinico, and a fragment of a Roman street in the Via Napoli.

The Pope has addressed a letter to Cardinal Oreglia di San Stefano, in which he repeats the congratulations which he had already offered him in private audience upon the success which he obtained in the trial against the priest, Amalfitano. The Holy Father expresses a wish that due submission may now be made by the priest, and states that he has no doubt but that the Cardinal will in that case grant him full pardon for his disobedience and scandalous conduct toward His Eminence.

CATHOLIC SAILOR'S CLUB.

THE WEEKLY CONCERT A GRAND SUCCESS.

The Catholic Sailors' Concert on Thursday evening, despite the unpleasant weather, was a grand success in every way. There was a very large attendance of sailors, and among the citizens were members of the Catholic Truth Society, and several ladies. Mr. Singleton occupied the chair in his usual efficient and pleasant manner. Songs and other pieces on the programme were rendered by the sailors in their inimitable, hearty and jovial style.

Several young ladies assisted very materially in making the evening a most enjoyable one. The names of the young ladies were: Misses Barbeau, Dennis and Harvey. Of the gentlemen who sang, Mr. Lawler and Mr. E. A. Carpenter were particularly pleasing.

The following is a list of the gentlemen who contributed to the programme: Messrs. Cochrane, E. A. Carpenter, Solomon, Slattery, Lawler, Brown and Burns.

As the season rolls on the Catholic Sailors' Club is becoming more and more popular, and the good it is doing is proportionately more marked on all sides. The next concert, to-morrow evening, promises to be of special interest and attraction.

DEATH OF REV. M. N. BELANGER.

Rev. Michel Napoleon Belanger, parish priest of Ste. Helene, Bagot County, died Thursday at the age of 72. He was born at St. Hyacinthe and graduated, and was ordained in 1869 and became attached to the diocese of Vincennes, Indiana. In 1875 he returned to St. Hyacinthe and was Vicar at the Cathedral. The deceased was parish priest of Knowlton and ultimately of Ste. Helene.