DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA.

CATHEDRAL BELLS BLESSED.

Alexandria News, Dec. 5.

While it is not our purpose to delve into ancient history, sacred as the research might be, when one considers the subject we have in hand, to turn over ledger pages that have for years enjoyed the coveted seclusion of almost forgotten shelving, yet, we trust, in the course of the proceedings we are now privileged to chronicle, we will embody sufficient of "that which has gone before" to interest the average reader of this great family journal. In a word, we were afforded on Sunday last, through the courtesy of those immediately interested, an opportunity of being present at the crowning ceremony, as one may justly term it that goes to weld the last link in the chain of Christianity that curious the Cathedral of St. Finnan's—namely the blessing of the three magnificent bells that shortly will grace the new and modern spire of that sacred edifice.

The ceremony in question, from time to time has played an important part in the individual history of more than one parish that is included in the diocese of Alexandria, it has drawn together, in all probability, just as many who have possessed like the representatives of the present generation "enquiring minds." But if we read the signs of the times aright our people of the present day have taken a step in advance, have happily concluded that the age of narrowism has passed, never to be again considered, and the little world in which we are called upon to play a part, as one seriously sizes it up is in its full circumference far too small to permit of the introduction of the idle curiosity where solemnity rules.

The doors of the Cathedral were kept locked till 3 15 o'clock so that all attending might have an equal chance in securing desirable seats.

This decision was arrived at after mature consideration and it worked like a charm Messrs A Lalonde, J A. McMillan, P. Dupratt and D J. McDonald, the gentlemen ushers appreciating their responsibilities left nothing undone and in a methodical manner, saw to it that all were comfortably seated. The representatives of the press had a pew set aside for them, elves, and the compliment was fully appreciated.

The interim before the recitation of the Rosary, the initial part of the service, furnished ample opportunity for one to not merely collect his thoughts but to appreciate this, the culminating act in the history of the parish of St. Finnan's.

The Cathedral, resplendent in all its glory, its decorating tending to add to the importance of the occasion, presented an appearance that must have "talked" to every individual present. Its altars were decked with flowers and were replendent with many colored lights Its sanctuary was graced with the presence of Right Rev. Alexander Macdonell, Bishop of Alexandria, and a great number of the clergy of the diocese including the Rev. Fathers Fox, of Lochiel; McRae of Glen Nevis; McDonald, of Greenfield; Campbell, of St. Raphael's; McDonald of Glen Robertson, and the priests of the parish in the persons of Fathers McRae, Majeau and Foley.

After the recitation of the Rosary, Rev Father Meloche, one of the most distinguished members of the Jesuit order, ascended the pulpit and for fully an hour and a half held the close attention of the large congregation present during the delivery of eloquent English and French sermons, covering, in an exhaustive manner, the particular ceremony of the Catholic Church they had gathered together to witness

THE SERMON.

Taking as his text, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord," the reverend gentleman delivered eloquent sermons both in English and French.

He said in part: These solemn words which were pronounced centuries ago, by the forerunner of Christ, breathe the spirit of this holy time and should be our watchword during these days of preparation for the feast of Christmas. John lifted his voice, and called with no uncertain sound upon the Jewish people to prepare for the coming Redeemer, and to enforce his proclamation more efficaciously he spoke in the strength of God, and professed to be the echo of the Divine Seeker. Now, that our Lord has accomplished His visible mission of mercy upon earth and returned to the right hand of His Father, the teaching Church, invested with His divine authority urges upon all, the obligations of coming to the Saviour, who dwells invisibly upon her altars, and to partake of His heavenly favors. "Those who hear you, hear me" says Christ, to His teaching Church, and thus it is that she wields His authority and teaches His accents. Of a much God speaks to us in sundry ways, and first of all in the order of time, by the physical world which He created for our good. Thus sang the old time prophet in his psalms, "The heavens show forth the glory of God, and the firmament declareth the work of His hands. Day to day uttereth speech, and night to night showeth knowledge. Their sound has gone forth to all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."

After referring in eloquent terms to the manner which Christ speaks to His people through the individual conscience, and the Church, the speaker continued: "The Church teaches, not only by her words, but also her ceremonies and among these not the least impressive is the blessing of bells, at which you are going to assist to-day. These bells as they are now a mere metal, costly metal, a harmonious combination of metals When they are blessed they become holy things, dedicated to God's service—to ring in His name. They shall be anointed with a high class blessing a consecration at the hands of the Bishop himself of him who possesses the fullness of the priesthood. The gorgeous vestments which His Lordship wears are emblematic of his high dignity, and are meant to give splendor to the ceremony, and thus glorify God, for whose service these bells are consecrated. The bell are purified, cleansed, in token of the purity of the Christian soul, especially of those who speak the word of God."

Referring to the different functions of the bells Father Meloche said: "Their voices will be heard far and wide, like John the Baptist, calling in the name of Christ. Three times a day, they will call upon the faithful to lift their voices in prayer, and honor the Virgin Mother. Knees are bent, heads inclined, and from many a living altar, the incense of prayer, three times a day mounts to heaven. Day by day, they will call—invite you to enter the precincts of this Cathedral that you may pray, in the Holy Presence purify your soul in the sacrament of penance, assist at the great sacrifice offered for the living and the dead, and partake of the bread of eternal life."

During his appropriate exposition of the participation of the bells in the several services of the Church, the speaker went on to say: "In many a church when the innocent babe is raised from the baptismal font, the bells are made to give forth merry notes, merry as are the notes that ring out Easter morn. The bells thus return thanks to God for the two fold benefit of sanctity and eternal bliss. You have heard the passing bell, which begs prayers for the Christian soul struggling in the gaaming of departing light on the brink—the unfathomable abyss of eternity. Hark the low, mournful sounds It is the death knell, pray, pray, for the departed soul. As the year rolls by, and the round of festivals is gradually ushered into being, the bells with various notes, discourse music, suited to the spirit of the season—the merry, joyful peals of Christmas day—the awful stillness of Holy Week, followed by the jubilant notes that proclaim the triumph of Christ on Easter Day And thus from day to day, year to year, your Cathedral bells will speak and sing for all of you—in life, death and the entrance to glory."

The reverend gentleman closed his address with an earnest appeal of the people to show their appreciation to these facts by contributing as liberally towards their purchase as their means would warrant, thus making the bells their own in a literal sense.

Father Meloche then delivered a short address in French, which was characterized by the same eloquent utterances and fervor of delivery.

A collection was then taken up by the Messrs. A A McKinnon, (Reeve) N Campbeau N Gauthier, F Kerr, E J A. McDonald E Hurt, M Fitzgerald, G. Sabourin, G. Bougie and C M cMillan, the several aisles and gallery being placed under their jurisdiction.

This was followed by Pontificial Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop MacDonell officiating, with Rev Fathers D C. McRae and R A Macdonald as deacon and subdeacon respectively, while Rev. J. E. McRae as master of ceremonies.

During the taking up of the collection and the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a choice programme of sacred music was rendered by the choir. Mr H R. Cuddon sang, with good effect, the well known tenor song, "Beyond the Gates of Paradise;" Miss M. B. Macdonald was never heard to better advantage than on this occasion in her rendition of "The Alma" and Mr. Hammell's clear baritone voice did full justice to the solo part in the "O Salutaris."

His Lordship then proceeded with the ceremony of the blessing of the bells, three in number that had been placed in the centre aisle in close vicinity of the sanctuary railing. The recitation of several psalms was followed by the cleansing with holy water of the bells This was followed by the anointing with holy oil, which unction was repeated in seven places on the outside and inside of each bell' the name of the Saint (St. Finnan in each case) after whom the bell is called. Incense was then blessed and the census placed under the bells and the ceremony brought to a conclusion with the reading, by the Deacon, of the Gospel taken from the Mass of Aug. 15, St. Luke, X.

The cords, holding the respective tongues of the bells were then cut, a delicate operation, neatly performed by L. P. McDonald, caretaker of the Cathedral. The Bishop gave the first stroke, and the hush a quiet that had existed made place for a merry peal which kept up for fully thirty minutes.

THE NEW BELLS.

The bells that are to adorn the new belfrey were purchased from the well known firm of Meneely & Co. of Troy, N. Y., a firm that has large business connections, in this particular line, all over America and Canada.

They are toned to suit a peal and weigh from ever two tons down to five hundred and twenty pounds.

Upon each the following inscription in raised letters may be found:

St. Finnan's Cathedral,
Alexandria, Ont.
Leo XIII. Pape
Rt. Rev. Alexander Macdonell,
Bishop of Alexandria
Aug 15, 1902

The bells will be placed in the spire loft as soon as possible, the two larger on a level and the smaller over head. The new statue of St. Finnan's will also be placed in the niche over the main entrance at the same time, and thus will be accomplished a work that has for years been the chief thought of pastor and parishioner alike.

THE OLD BELL.

It might interest our readers to here reproduce some facts regarding the old bell. It was purchased in 1865 by the Rev. J. J Chisholm, D D. from Messrs. Jones & Son of Troy, N Y. at that time the largest makers of metal bells, doing business either in Canada or the States. It weighed, without mountings nine hunded and fifty pounds, less than one half the weight of the largest of the trio that now replaces it. About a year ago, a crack was noticed in it and consequently its usefulness was gone

It was blessed on the 8th July, 1865. The collection on that date amounted to $56 55 Hugh McDonald (Fallon) was the first to have the bell sung for the christening of his child for which he paid $1 00

REMAINS OF DR. M'CABE LAID AT REST.

Protestant minister and Catholic priest, professional man and mechanic assembled in St. Patrick's church yesterday. The congregation viewed from a religious standpoint, was a remarkable one. It was, says the Citizen, a living broad-minded tribute to the late Dr. John A. MacCabe, a liberal, broad-minded man. The beloved Principal of the Normal and Model schools after a life-time of earnest successful labor in the interests of humanity was laid at rest. The presence at his funeral of clergy and laymen of all denominations was an acknowledgement of the fact that in his exalted position he had dealt fairly by all. The presence of so many of his co-religionists was an acknowledgement of the signal services he had rendered the Catholic Church in all her departments. The funeral was one of the largest seen in Ottawa in years. Representatives of the Dominion and provincial parliaments, the Ontario Department of Education, the Separate and Public School Boards, the Normal and Model schools, the City Council and the different Catholic fraternal societies were present in large numbers.

Rev. J. E. Crinion, of Dunnville, was present representing the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada. Rev. Father O Reilly, Oakville, a life-long friend of the late Dr. MacCabe, was also present.

The Normal school students assembled at the school, where the half-masted flag the draped portrait, and desk of their departed principal indicated, all too eloquently, says the Journal, that the element of death had been laid heavily on the institution which has for over a quarter of a century been identified with the educational life-work of Dr. MacCabe. The Normal school staff with the staff of the Model and kindergarten schools marched directly to St. Patrick's church, where seating accommodation had been reserved for them. The gentlemen students walked to the house of Mr. Sims and formed part of the funeral cortege

Branch No. 28 C. M. B. A., under the direction of Mr. J. B Brown, president, had charge of the obsequies, and with the Knights of Columbus and the School Boards and other organizations with which the deceased had for years been prominently associated, with hosts of friends, testified to the esteem in which he was universally held.

The cortege proceeded shortly before 9 o'clock from the residence of Dr. MacCabe's father in law, Mr R. A. Sims, 385 Sparks street to the church The chief mourners were Mr. John MacCabe of New York, son; Mr J. McStravicke, Messrs. P. A., William, Henry and Gerald Sims. The pall-bearers were Dr. Glassford and Dr. Sinclair, representing the teaching profession; Hon. F. R Latchford, E. P. Staunton and Ald. J. C. Elright, representing the C. M. B. A., and J. J McGee, J. J. Honey and John P. Duane, representing the Knights of Columbus.

Arriving at the church the body was borne up the middle aisle and placed in position before the main altar. The sanctuary was draped in the rich trappings in the suppressed light lending a fitting setting to the impressive requiem service, the solemnity of which was heightened by the Plain Chant. Rev. Father Whelan was celebrant of the Solemn Requiem Mass, with Father Harkins of St. Bridget's as deacon and Father Fitzgerald as sub-deacon. The chant was sung by a representative choir of the different Catholic churches. As a solo number Miss Louise Baldwin sang with beautiful effect "Pie Jesus" by Sir Arthur Sullivan. The funeral march was played by Mr. E. A. Bonner, who presided at the organ. The musical service was under the direction of Mr. Frank Buels.

After the Libera was chanted, the cortege re-formed and proceeded to Notre Dame cemetery. The Normal school students, teaching staffs of the Normal and Model schools, Knights of Columbus members of Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, members of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific society preceded the hearse. Representatives of the Public and Separate School Boards, city council and professions followed on foot and driving.

The floral offerings were numerous and costly, but special mention might be made of a large cross of ferns and ivy with the words "Our Principal," by the Normal school students, basket of roses, Normal and Model school staff; cross of lilies, girls of the Model school; large anchor of lilies, boys of the Model school; wreaths by Knights of Columbus R A. Sims and family, and sprays by the guests at the Gilmore House, Sisters of convent of Notre Dame, Hon. R W. Scott, staff of Catholic schools of St. Patrick's parish, Mr. and Mrs Jos. Kavanagh, Henry Sims and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. M Gillivray, M. J Walsh Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gorman, Miss Rothwell, Mr and Mrs. A. Rosenthal, Mr. and Mrs W. H. Kreps; and crosses by Dr. and Mrs. Dewar and Dr. Glasban.

A few of the many present at the funeral were: Hon. R. W. Scott, Hon. John Costigan, Hon. Frank Latchford, Principal Scott of Toronto Normal school, Rev. Dr. Rose, Rev A. A. Cameron, Rev Wm. McIntosh, Rev John Wood, Rev. Dr. Moore, Mayor Cook, N A. Belcourt, M. P. Thos. Birkett, M. P., Denis Murphy, M.P.P., C. Barkley Powell, M P P. Alex Lumsden, Ex-M P.P., Ald. Jas. Davidson, Ald. Rosenthal, Ald. Blouffe, Ald Enright, Ald. Cleary, Inspector Glashan, Inspector Cowley, Chief Provost Ex-Ald. D Arcy Scott, Dr. Sinclair, J H. Putman, Principal McMillan, John McJanet, I. S Heinrichs R J. Farrell, C. A. Stanton, P. Harty John Gorman John Chisholm, P. Dunn, W. D. O Brien, F. Hannum, T. Smith, John O'Connor, Jas. Gaughlan, George May, Stewart, McClenaghan, J. P. O'Leary, M P O'Leary, Principal McNabb (New Edinburg) Dr. Ami, P. J Coffey, Charles Murphy John Murphy, Sidney Kirby, T. A. M Cann, M. J Power, M. Conway, H. Rogers, L. G. Steckles, H. Quinney, A Rosenthal, sr. R Dunn, Jas. Kavanagh, T Mooney, D McAuliffe, R. Percy, E Gleeson, Dr O'Brien, J G. Warnock, Louis Kok, Dr. Freeland, D'Arcy McGee, Dr. Baptie, J. P. Esmonde, J. Pender, Dr. Troy, E. Bonner, Joseph Roach, Jas Higgerty, H Hurley, L. N Poulin, M O'Connor, Vincent Weber, J O L blanc, W. C. Grant, Ralph Slattery, M. J O'Farrell, J. C Young, P. Kehoe, J. O Meara, T Doyle, P O'Reilly, A. Millar, J. F Waters, Ex-Ald. Raphael, J. O'Malley, W. Tobley P. Baskerville, Robt. Gorman, T. G Rothwell, J MacClarke, P. Clarke, Dr. Chabot, John Henry, Alf. Jarvis, J. J. McKenna, Wm. Finley, Horace Pratt, D. O'Connor, sr., D O'Connor, jr., John Keane, A Holland, J. Gillespie, J. Cole, John Corcoran, T. McGuire, J Kane, O Forest, W. C. Boles, Chas. King, F B Hayes.

A special meeting of Public School Board was held on Dec 1st, for the purpose of making arrangements to attend the funeral.

Mr Kidd in speaking of the object of the meeting paid a high tribute to the late Dr. MacCabe. "We are all grieved" he said, "to hear of the sad occurrence that removes our esteemed fellow-citizen, and I think it only right that this board should take some action in expressing our sympathy with the relatives. Dr MacCabe was for over a quarter of a century one of the leading educationists of this country and of this city. All respected and admired him. We as a board have always found him ready and willing to help us in matters of education. Although not a co-religionist with us and more closely connected with the Separate schools, it has yet to be said that he ever made any distinction."

On the motion of Trustees Wensley and Anderson the following resolution was passed: "We the members of this Board, called in special meeting for the purpose, desire to express our profound regret for the death of our esteemed fellow-citizen and distinguished educationist, John A MacCabe, M. A., LL. D., principal of the Ottawa Normal school. We desire to place on record our sense of the great loss our city and province has sustained in his death, and our expression of our sincere sympathy with the family of the deceased in their severe affliction."

It was decided to send a copy of the resolution to the bereaved widow and that the Board attend the funeral in a body.

It was also decided on motion of Trustees E B. Holt and G H. Wilson: That the flags be flown at half mast on all the city schools from 8 a.m. to 1 p m out of respect to the memory of the late Dr. J A MacCabe.

On motion of Trustees Bowie and Hurdman the principals of the schools of Ottawa were relieved of their duties for the purpose of attending the funeral.

May his soul rest in peace!

IN HONOR OF MGR. FALCONIO.

AN IMPOSING CEREMONY AT ST MARY'S SEMINARY.

Baltimore American Nov. 22

Mgr. Diomede Falconio, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, who pontificated at St. Mary's Seminary yesterday morning, was the center of one of the most imposing ceremonials that has ever taken place at the institution, in all of its more than a century of existence.

The quaint and yet architecturally admirable chapel of the institution, in itself, a replica of some stately Norman minster, has witnessed, so to speak, many gorgeous functions, but none more imposing than that of yesterday, when an Apostolic Delegate representing directly the Vatican, a Cardinal of the Church, several Bishops and Monsignori and Doctors of divinity, professors, priests and seminarians, gathered within its time-hallowed walls. The scene was a brilliant one and was environed by all of that weal not of rite, symbol and vestment characteristic of the Roman Catholic Church, None but an ecclesiastic was admitted to the chapel, which of itself made the ceremony a notable one. The altar was a blaze of light and resplendent with flowers and palms

Cardinal Gibbons, clad in cappa magna, occupied an improvised throne in the right of the altar, while the Apostolic Delegate occupied a similar throne to the left.

The prelates present included Bishops P. J. Donahue of Wheeling, W. Va.; H. P. Northrop, of Charleston, S. C; John P. Monaghan, of Wilmington, Del; W. J. Kenny, of St. Augustine, Fla; B F Kelley, of Savannah, Ga; T. J. Conaty, rector of the Catholic University, and A. A. Curtis, of Baltimore and Vicar-General of the Archdiocese. The prelates wore their full episcopal robes, which added to the color picture of the scene. Others in the sanctuary were Rev. Dr E P. Dyer, S S; President of the Seminary, and Rev. A. Cheneau S S; Treasurer, and P. Dissez, S. S., of the faculty

Monsignor Falconio, who was the celebrant of the Pontifical High Mass, chanted the office. He was assisted by the following officers of the Mass and honorary attendants of the prelates present:

Assistant Priests to the Cardinal—Revs. James F. Macklin, of St. Paul's Church, Washington; Rev. W E Starr, of Corpus Christi Church, and Rev. G. W Devine, of St. John's. Deacons of Honor—Rev. John D Boland, of St Vincents; Rev. M F Foley, of St. Paul's, and Rev. James F. Donahue, of St Patrick's. Deacon of the Mass—Rev. Dr. W A. Sheehan, of the Cathedral Subdeacon—Rev. Michael Riordon, of St. Charles' Church, Pikesville. Master of ceremonies—Rev. James A. McCallen, S. S., assisted by Mr. J. J Sweet, of St. Mary's Seminary. Acolytes—Messrs. J. Heffarman and M. Donovan. Censor Bearer—Mr. J. H Smith. Torch-bearers—Messrs. J. Hartwell, D. O'Neill, Kaliska and M. O'Boyle. Insignia Bearers—Messrs. Epstein, M. Boyle, Lackey, Kelly and Mueller. Acolytes—Messrs. Fay Lane, Flannigan, Coyle, Gough, Richter, Kolmyer, O'Donnell and Griffin. Processional Crossbearer—Mr. H Van Dyke.

The sermon was preached by Rev. Peter Tarro, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Ellicott City, and professor of church history at the seminary, his theme being "The Dignity of the Priesthood."

The music of the Mass was rendered by a special choir of forty voices from the seminary, led by Mr. W. J. C. Plagens, with Mr. D. J. O Connor as organist. The programme included Henri Dumonti's Sixth Mass. The soloists were Messrs. A. J Smith, E. L Hoban, J. Gough and M. P Benson. At the Offertory a duet was rendered by Messrs. Eagleston and E L. Hoban.

After the sermon the clergy, in accordance with an annual custom, renewed their vows or promises. The renewal was made to Cardinal Gibbons, who was seated at the altar The priests approached the altar two by two and kneeling before the Cardinal, repeated the prescribed formula

When all of the clergy present had renewed their vows the impressive ceremonial was brought to an end by the chanting of the Te Deum by all present. At the conclusion of the Mass a procession was formed, and all of the prelates and clergy present returned to the seminary, where dinner was served in honor of the Apostolic Delegate in the large dining hall of the institution. The hall was tastefully decorated with the national and Papal colors and with appropriate devices.

Cardinal Gibbons presided, with Monsignor Falconio on his right and Dr. Dyer on his left. The only addresses made were delivered by His Eminence and Archbishop Falconio, and were principally marked by brevity. Cardinal Gibbons spoke a few words of welcome on the part of himself, the prelates present, the clergy and laity of the Archdiocese and the faculty and students of the seminary, all of which Monsignor Falconio cordially responded.

At the conclusion of the dinner Monsignor Falconio spent a short time in conversation with Cardinal Gibbons and the Bishops, and then left at 4 o'clock for Washington, accompanied by Monsignor Marchetti, auditor, and Rev. Dr. Rooke, Secretary of the Apostolic Legation.

The clergy present at the Mass and dinner included the faculty of the seminary, a portion of the faculty of the Catholic University, Rev. Dr J F Quirk, President of Loyola College, and Revs. W. A. Fletcher, W. E. Russell, John D Boland, Edmund Didier, W. P. Kane, Frederick; J. L Andreis, F. P Duggan, L. J. McNamara, J. P. Cunningham, Clarence Wheeler, G. W Devine, C. P. Elbert, John T. Windsh, J. T. Barry, C. L Thomas, Denis J. McCormick, W. E. Starr, O. B. Corrigan, J. E. Marr, J. J. Walsh, James F Donahue, Peter M Manning, T B. Kenny, Thomas J Murphy, E J. Wunder, D C De Wolf, Joseph T. Nolan, E. S. Gwynn, Thos E. Stapleton, Chas Damer, F. X. Brady, S J. James P Holden, Thos. J. Broyderick, Richard O'Neill, M F. Foley, Thomas Morys, Hugh A. Curley, Thomas J. Monteverde, Gilbert H McDonald, E. M. Southgate, J E Dunn, Sidney T. Hurlbutt, Francis P. Doody, E. F. H O Donoghue, C. M.; C. O Rosenstiel, Henry S Nagengast, Romanus Mattingly, Gerard Nyssen, J. P Tovar, Sebastian Ribera, M. Barabecy.

Very Rev. A L. Magnien, President-emeritus of the Seminary, who is indisposed, did not attend the several functions. He was, however, visited by Archbishop Falconio and a number of the Bishops and dignitaries present, all of whom wished him well

Monsignor Falconio came to this city direct from Buffalo, N. Y., whence he had gone from Toronto, Canada. It was his intention to go to Washington direct in the beginning, but changed his plans to suit certain of his friends in Canada, where he had been residing as Apostolic Delegate for several years, who desired to show him courtesies His visit to St. Mary's is regarded as a distinct compliment to the institution and also to Cardinal Gibbons, who he was thus enabled to meet on common ground The Delegate and Cardinal Gibbons had not met before yesterday. The visit is justly regarded as a marked honor by Dr Dyer and the faculty of the seminary. Monsignor Falconio's meeting with the prelates, clergy and seminarians at St Mary's during his visit was of the most cordial and his bearing of a friendly nature. He has a kindly, agreeable manner and was deeply interested in all that he observed. Monsignor Falconio will take up at once his official duties at Washington which of an infinite variety, and include the adjudication of differences between prelates and priests and clergy and laity During his stay at the seminary he had the opportunity to meet nearly all of the Bishops of the Province of Baltimore, the faculty of St. Mary's, and the majority of the leading clergymen of Baltimore and vicinity and several from Washington. He also had an opportunity to inspect the Seminary, which is the most important institution for educating young men for the priesthood in the country. It is a fact that nowhere in the country, in so short a time, could he have been introduced to so many important men and conditions connected with the American church While at the Seminary he observed the rigid rule of the Franciscan Order, of which he is a member, and as far as possible observed its vigils and abstemious regulations.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

THE COLLEGE YEAR BOOK.

(For the CATHOLIC RECORD.)

The year's account of the college has just been issued in an attractive form—from the Telegram office, St. John's, and its contents are equally interesting to all who would wish well to the educational progress of Newfoundland The book is strong in statistics, and these show a uniform growth in every department of college work. The college was opened in 857 by the Right Rev. Bishop Mullock, then Ordinary of the diocese of St. Johns. The distinguished bishop's purpose was to elevate the tone of Catholic education and give opportunity to youth to equip themselves for professional and commercial careers. How well and truly the college wrought out the ideals of the Bishop has been amply proved for the past forty-five years. In 1889 the college was placed by Right Rev. T. J Power under the management of the Christian Brothers, in whose charge it now is and under whose care it has done colossal work for education, and has maintained the best traditions of the past. We can not better appreciate this fact than by giving a brief digest of the Year Book which lies before us as we write. The attendance this year is 260 registered, with an actual attendance of 212 This is in advance of all previous record. Two students Messrs. Power and M Grath, passed the London University matriculation—the former graining the University Jubilee school ship, valued at $600. In the public examination nine of the college students obtained the degree of A. A. Mr. P Warren referred to led the Island in these examinations. The intermediate grade exams return to the college two scholarships out of six and the preliminary grade gave three out of nine. The commercial department of the college has sent students to the bank, and to many government and mercantile positions. This is one of the most tangible evidences of the college's success. The book has interesting paragraphs under the heading of "Our Juniors," "Normal Students," "Vocal Music and Elocution," "Altar Boy's Society," "Athletics," Past Students—"Religion" Then follows a list of the prizemen, etc, and a catalogue of the pupils intern and extern The out-door game paragraph, with its record of success in cricket and foot ball also shows well for the college. The pamphlet contains a few Historical and biographical sketches and has an excellent report of the "Welcome from Rome" given Bishop Howley this year. His Lordship was attended at this ceremony by Mgr. Reardon, Arcndeacon O Neil, and Very Rev. Dean Ryan, D. D., as also by many others of the clergy.

In reviewing the work of the college the Year Book lays special stress on three great features in the work of tuition, viz, the debating society, the elocution class and the reading room. The Debating society is, we may say, education—in action. It brings out the knowledge of the pupil as nothing else could and teaches them order, facility and accuracy in argument. The elocution class, under the skilful management of Professor Hutton, gives the boys a proficiency in the art of public speaking while the Reading Room is the store house from which the pulpit may draw supplies of knowledge, derived from writers specially selected by the faculty. The importance of having reading matter judiciously chosen is something of which too much can not be said To quote from the year book: "Students of St. Bonaventure's college have won 51 open scholarships out of 137 awarded, 121 special prizes. They led the grades 11 different times out of a possible 23; won three-fourths of the entire number of prizes awarded for Latin French and German; all the prizes in Greek and many other distinctions; and were awarded 58 diplomas. Needless to say, the college is conducted on the basis of science and faith. The fact that St. Bonaventure is its patron and the Christian Brothers its conductors sufficiently indicates this

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC LITERARY AND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Toronto, Dec. 1, 1902.

To the Editor CATHOLIC RECORD, London Ont:

The above association held their fourth annual dinner in Webb's parlors on Nov. 26 last, and it proved a success in every way. The chair was occupied by C J. Read President of the association, Seated with him at the guest's table were: Very Rev. J. J. McCann, V. G., Rev. J. D. Hand, Rev J. B. Dollard Upper Rove, Ont., past chaplain, Rev. Father Wm. McCann, Rev. Father A O Leary Rev. Father G Williams (present chaplain of the association) and Rev. Father T O Donnell.

When those present had satisfied themselves with the good things provided by the entertainment committee (Father Reed proposed the health of His Holiness Pope Leo. XIII which brought an eloquent response from Vicar General McCann during the course of which he assured the association that they had the best wishes of His Grace Archbishop O Connor.

His Majesty King Edward VII. was next honored by the singing of the national anthem. His Grace Archbishop O Connor and clergy was responded to by the pastor of St. Paul's parish Rev. J D. Hand, who pointed out the success of Catholic societies of this diocese from the beginning up to the present.

"Canada" came next, Mr W H. Johnston giving a splendid tribute of its beauties.

"Our Club" was well cared for by Mr. Jno. J. Murray, one of its first members, who gave a brief synopsis of its past, present and future greatness, and in reviewing its history paid a high tribute to those who had the good fortune to be numbered among its members.

J. J. Clarke, manager of the senior base ball team, was entrusted with "Our Athletes" who told now nice it was to sit on the bench and watch the other fellows hustle.

"Our Literateurs" were upheld by Mr. J G. O Donoghue in a very eloquent and witty manner. He pointed out the great advantages there were in the future for the young men who gave their attention to this feature of the club.

"Kindred associations" was responded to by Mr. E. V. O'Sullivan, President of the Inter Catholic Club Debating Union, dilating on the benefits of such societies as St. Mary's.

Mr. E H. Richard did honor to the "Ladies."

The musical part of the programme was contributed to by Prof Donville, conductor of the Glee Club and Messrs McGuire and Richard

A few words from Rev Father Dollard, the past Chaplain, Past President D. A. Carey and the presiding officer, C. J. Read, brought to a close one of the most successful entertainments in the history of the association.

A feature of the banquet was the pretty menu cards done in the colors of the association garnet, grey and green with half tone cuts of the Senior Baseball teams, Toronto City Amateur Champions 1902, winners of the Ed. Mack Cup, and St. Mary's II ball team runners up in the Junior League.

The success of the entertainment was due to the untiring efforts of the committee. Messrs McInerney, Gillooly, O'Reilly, Muldoon, Finnegan, Johns and Richard.

JNO. J. HENRY.

THE CARMELITE REVIEW.

"The New World is informed that Chicago is soon to have a Catholic magazine. It is stated the Carmelite Fathers are considering the feasibility of removing the Carmelite Review from Canada to this city, enlarging it to the size of Donahoe's, placing it under new editorship and changing its name. The first number of the new monthly, according to report, will be issued in this city on or about January 1 New York Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco already have Catholic magazines; another has just appeared in Cincinnati, and now Chicago is about to enter the list. We do not know if St. Louis has literary designs."—"New World" Chicago

"SHAUN RHUE"

Joseph Murphy has been playing "Shaun Rhue" for more than a dozen years, and it is equal as money-maker to the other one of Mr. Murphy's plays "Kerry Gow." and yet when "Shaun Rhue" was first produced (at New Orleans), the manager of the theatre came back on the stage and, shaking his head at the famous Irish comedian, said: "No, no Joe, it won't do, won't do" The next week at Galveston, the same play was acted again, and again the manager of the theatre declared that it would not "do." These verdicts, honestly given, and based upon long experience with plays and close observance as to audiences, were incorrect. "Shaun Rhue" is a success by virtue of its exquisite scenic effects the charming presentments it makes of Irish characters, and the concise and effectively beautiful story it relates. It is one of the "winners" so earnestly sought after by local managers when making their season's bookings.

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Death of Senator O'Donoghue.

Toronto, Dec. 7—Senator John O'Donohue died at his home here to-day of Bright's disease. He had been in failing health for some time, and on Friday last suffered a more severe attack, which caused death this evening.

The late Senator was seventy eight years of age. He was born at Tuam, Galway, and came to Toronto in 1839. He was a Liberal Catholic, appointed to the Senate in 1882 In 1871 he unsuccessfully contested East Peterborough for the Provincial Legislature, and in 1872 East Toronto for the Commons. He was elected for the latter constituency in 1874, but was unseated and defeated. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. John Keogh, and a niece, Miss O'Reilly, who always attended him.

MARRIAGES.

ZILER-MAHONEY.

At Mount Carmel on Tuesday, Nov. 25, wedding bells rang out right merrily, the occasion being the marriage of Mr Joseph Ziler, son of Mr. M. Ziler of Dashwood, and Miss Elizabeth Mahoney, one of Mount Carmel's most amiable young ladies, eldest daughter of Mr. P. Mahoney of Mount Carmel. Rev Father M. J. Tiernan officiated. The bride, who looked charming, was attended by her sister, Miss Julia Mahoney. Mr. John Ziler ably assisted the groom. The music was particularly fine, especially the solo in the offertory, which was sung by Miss Annie Collins. After the ceremony the wedding party drove to the home of the bride's parents, where a sumptuous dejeuner was partaken of The happy couple left on the afternoon train for Detroit and other points.

OMSTEAD-MCNALLY.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Mary's church, Woodstock, the Rev. Father Cook, parish priest, officiating. The contract ing parties were Mr. Ed. Omstead of La Salette and Miss Emma McNally, Norwich The bride wore a very pretty travelling suite of gray and hat to match. Her sister, Miss Teresa, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr Beaton, of La Salette, supported the groom. The many costly presents proved the esteem in which they were held. They left on an early train for London, St. Thomas and other western points.

WRINN-GALLAGHER.

Monday, Nov. 24, St. Edward's Church, Bristol, was the scene of a very pretty wedding, the contracting parties being Mr. J. T Wrinn, youngest son of the late Mr. Edward Wrinn, and Miss Maggie Mary Gallagher, eldest daughter of Thos Gallagher. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A Brunet, P P. The bride looked charming attired in a suit of blue haircloth opening over a white liberty silk waist, trimmed with satin ribbon and pearl garniture; and picture hat. The bridesmaid was Miss Rose A Gallagher, sister of the bride, who wore a navy blue suit of ladies' cloth—with hat to match. The groom was ably assisted by his cousin, Mr. Martin Griffin, of Calumet Island After the ceremony the party drove to the home of the bride's parents, where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served. On the following day the bride and groom, accompanied by a few of her friends and relatives, left on the 7 p. m. train for Vinton, where the groom resides. A very enjoyable evening was spent at their future home. The presents received by the young couple were numerous and really handsome among them were a gold watch and chain, the gift of the groom; a fur coat, the gift of the bride's mother, and a handsome bedroom suite, the gift of the bride's father.

SLENO-CARPENTER.

A very pretty wedding took place on last Thursday morning, at the church of St. Raphael, when Joseph P Sleno, of Manor, Assa, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Bella Carpenter, of the same parish. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Lemieux, assisted by Rev. Father Bullion. The bride wore a dress of corpe de chene with coat and hat to match. She carried a prayer and prayer book in her hand and was attended by her sister, Miss Mary as bridesmaid. The groom was assisted by his brother George. The altar was profusely decorated with flowers and lights. There was a large gathering to pay honor to the worthy young couple, and offer their best wishes as well as many presents. May God bless them in their journey through life!

DELANEY-HAYES.

On Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, took place a very pretty wedding, when Mr. Michael Delaney, of Detroit, and Miss Ella Hayes, daughter of James Hayes of Mount Carmel, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. Father Tiernan officiating At the appointed hour the bridal party entered the church to the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by the organist, Miss Angela Quarry. The bride wore a handsome gown of grey broadcloth with white satin and lace trimming. She was attended by her sister, Miss Teresa Hayes, who looked charming in a green suit. Mr. Delaney, brother of the groom, ably discharged the honors of best man. Little Frances Glavin, niece of the bride, made a very pretty flower girl. After the ceremony the wedding party drove to the residence of the bride's parents, where a sumptuous wedding breakfast awaited them. Amid the best wishes of their many friends the happy couple left the following day for Detroit, where they will reside.

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