

In and Around Toronto

FAREWELL TO BRO. ROGATIAN.

In obedience to orders, Bro. Rogatian, late Principal of the De La Salle Institute, sailed last week for Paris, France, where he is to take up new work, the exact line of which is as yet unknown even to himself. His withdrawal from the late scene of his labors is without doubt a decided loss to the classes over which he had supervision for the past eight years, and perhaps most of all to the senior class which was under his direct teaching. A series of farewells in which the pupils, ex-pupils and friends, took part, was tendered, and the spirit of sorrow and regret at the approaching separation was genuine and deep. At a general meeting of former pupils and others, many availed themselves of the opportunity to express their appreciation of the work of Bro. Rogatian and their personal sorrow at his departure. Among the speakers were Rev. Hugh Canning, Messrs. J. Caedert, E. Byrnes, J. F. Island, G. Harrison, J. Madigan, H. Richard, C. Read, J. O'Hagan, A. Kirby, P. Regan, G. Sommers, F. Walsh, A. Clancy, D. A. Balfour, A. T. Hernon, E. Mitchell, J. O'Leary, J. Thomson, W. Duffey, S. O'Toole and others. In reply Bro. Rogatian spoke with much feeling of his connection with many of the speakers and paid a high tribute to the pupils who had come under his charge.

The late principal of the De La Salle Institute is now on the ocean, and with him are the prayers and loving thought of the hundreds of young men and boys who at one time or another came within his influence. In connection with the leaving of Bro. Rogatian it may be of interest to touch lightly upon the work in which he was engaged in Toronto. To many it will doubtless be a revelation. A visit to the Institute speaks loudly of his late presence and reveals everywhere the impress of his progressive and methodical habit of mind together with the systemized results. The facilities afforded have been and are being utilized to the very utmost, in the manner best calculated to the scholastic advancement and physical comfort of the pupils, and that this is so, is due in a great measure to the alert supervision of the late principal. In addition to carrying on the work of the three years' programme as laid down by the Education Department, Bro. Rogatian conducted a literary society, an athletic club, a library, a gymnasium association, a fire brigade, a hand ball and a base ball club. He provided a lecture hall, reading room and lunch room, besides a large skating rink and a commodious hall for athletics. To all this it was necessary to arouse a sympathetic spirit in the boys themselves, and in this success was pronounced. Bro. Rogatian, while a highly capable teacher, as proved by results, was also boy enough to enter into the feelings of those in his charge; consequently they worked with him hand to hand and shoulder to shoulder; the boys were made to feel that it was they who were doing the work of the school; numerous committees were formed and funds provided to a great extent by the classes themselves.

Perhaps the prize spot in the house is the lecture room; this, though not very large, shows signs of artistic taste and comfort. Prettily tinted walls, curtained windows, a few good pictures of sacred subjects together with photos of society officers and others, give the room the always desirable home touch. Here lectures and debates are given, reports are presented and business of general interest to the classes is carried on. The gymnasium—a one-time coal and lumber bin, transformed by the personal manual labor of Bro. Rogatian and his assistants into its present use—is a large well floored, bright and cleanly apartment, equipped with apparatus to which the boys are always adding, and to which their friends have lent encouragement by an occasional gift. The reading-room is supplied with magazines and papers, and a library which contains several hundred volumes is supplied with printed tickets and carried on, just as are our public institutions of a similar character.

The lunch-room is no unimportant factor to the comfort of pupils coming from a distance, of whom there is a considerable number. Here tables and chairs are provided together with dishes and simple culinary vessels. A large coal stove does the double duty of providing heat and a means for light cooking. The science room possesses the means for carrying on the experiments in physics and chemistry demanded by the course. Breakages are seldom reported here, a circumstance accounted for by the personal assistance impressed upon the members of the class. Instruction in drill under a competent instructor is regularly given. That the fire brigade as well as the directions given regarding the happening of a fire, are on a most efficient basis, was shown about a year ago, when a fire occurred and was extinguished by the Brothers and pupils without the classes being even dismissed. The work of the literary societies is varied, debates and lectures on current events of public interest being largely entered into. Every class and room in the house shows system; programmes, reports, honor rolls, time-tables, scrap-books, lists, are everywhere. In accordance with the new curriculum which includes Nature Study, a collection of insects and a small aquarium are also to be seen. Drawing and penmanship together with kindred subjects, have long been special features of the school. An annual retreat and mass for deceased members is part of the life of the institute. Much of what has already been touched upon was due to the versatility of the plans and work of the late Principal, whose efforts for the equipment of the school have always met with every encouragement from the members of the Separate School Board.

The work as planned by Bro. Rogatian will still go on, those who labored side by side in sympathy with him are still here to carry out his ideas. Meantime, speaking from observation and from conversation with the pupils themselves, it may be depended upon that no more progressive or happier boys are to be found anywhere than those of the classes of the De La Salle Institute of Toronto.

DEBATE AT ST. PETER'S.

On Wednesday evening, the 4th inst., a large turnout of the Catholic Temperance and Debating Union and their friends, listened to a very interesting debate by members of the Society. The subject "would a prohibitory law be beneficial to Ontario," was argued on the affirmative by Messrs. Dunbar and W. S. O'Brien, and on the negative by Messrs. M. J. Quinn and E. Kelly. The judges were Messrs. J. Ferguson and Sherion and Mr. F. Walsh acted as referee. The points scored on both sides were appreciated by the audience; the decision was given in favor of the affirmative. The vocal numbers, *Exe Homo, Face to Face*, and *Father O'Flynn*, were given by Mr. Chris. Quinn. The well rendered selections gave much pleasure to the gathering, who hope to hear Mr. Quinn again some time in the near future.

REV. FATHER COSTELLO AT HOME.

Rev. Peter Costello, C.S.S.R., is in Toronto, called home by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Costello of No. 6, St. Patrick street. Within the last few days a turn for the better has taken place in the condition of the patient, and many are interested in learning that there is now every hope of Mrs. Costello's recovery.

PRESENTATION TO REV. FR. MURRAY.

During the Christmas holidays the choir of St. Basil's met in social gathering and tendered to Rev. Father Murray, C.S.S.R., expressions of their appreciation of his work in their behalf during a period of thirty years. Almost from the time of his ordination, Father Murray has been connected with the choir and the musical services of St. Basil's, and during this long term of office he made for himself hosts of loving friends among those who worked under his direction. As conductor of St. Basil's choir he raised it to the ranks of those foremost in our city churches; the enthusiasm with which he began this work in his early manhood never waned and to-day he is as interested in the production of a Mass as he was in the beginning of his career as director. Father Murray is an acknowledged authority among the musicians of Toronto and this together with his uniform courtesy and gentleness of disposition, is the secret of his success and of the legion of friends he gains for himself everywhere. Tangible expression of this feeling took the form of the presentation of a handsome furlined coat from the members of St. Basil's choir, but particularly from the retiring ladies of that body. The recipient expressed his thanks, and a pleasant hour was spent in reciprocity of good wishes.

PRESENTATION TO MESSRS. COSGRAVE AND HOLMES.

On Wednesday, the 4th inst., the choir, collectors, committees and workers generally of St. Patrick's parish were encouraged in their work by an invitation to meet the Rev. Rector and his assistants in the hall of the House. Supper was served, and speeches were made by the president and by representatives of the different bodies. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of handsome umbrellas to Mr. Cosgrave, the conductor, and to Mr. Holmes, the organist of the parish. The organizers of the presentations were the retiring lady members of the choir, who, appreciating the unstinted work of the gentlemen in question, availed themselves of this opportunity to express their general satisfaction with their relations in the past and the pleasant footing on which they parted.

OFF FOR EUROPE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Walsh and Mr. and Mrs. J. McKittrick of Parkdale, leave to-day (Thursday) for a three months' trip to Europe. Their numerous friends wish them bon voyage and a pleasant outing.

FOLY-ANDERSON.

On January 7th St. Basil's church was the scene of a pretty mid-winter wedding, when Miss Florence Evangeline Anderson, only daughter of A. C. Anderson, Esq., of Toronto, became the bride of Mr. John J. Foley, formerly of Montreal. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Fr. Kelly. The bride presented a charming appearance. On their return from their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Foley will take up their residence on Surrey Place.

AT ST. FRANCIS.

One of the most active altar societies in the city is that of St. Francis' Parish. In the short time of their existence they have done simply herculean work in the matter of embellishing and providing for their altars, the latest addition being the furnishing of the statutory and other essentials for the Christmas Crib, and the parish is now to be congratulated on possessing one of the prettiest and most unique cribs in the city. Besides the usual image of the Divine Child the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph, there are also picturesque figures of the Oriental Kings and the traditional animals, the star of the east and the somewhat unusual addition of camel drivers with their camel hastening to join the adoring group surrounding the Crib. The parishioners are much pleased with this latest addition to the adornment of their church. On Wednesday evening the collectors of the Society were entertained at the presbytery, and speeches calculated to infuse even further interest into the work, were made by several of those present.

MR. J. J. SEITZ IS PRESIDENT.

Mr. J. J. Seitz, well known as a worker in many of the societies of our city and also as the general manager of the United Typewriter Co., Limited, has just been appointed President of the Toronto Baseball Club and Amusement Company, Limited. The new company has a capital of \$25,000. The business success of Mr. Seitz in the past promises well for the success of the new venture.

BURIED FROM ST. PETER'S.

The funeral of the fifteen-year-old daughter of Sergeant Varley took place from the family residence on Ulster street, to St. Peter's church, on Monday morning. Rev. Fr.

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McCann, St. Francis', was in the sanctuary. The children of the school of which the deceased young girl had been a pupil, were present, and assisted at the Mass. Much sympathy was felt for Sergeant Varley and his family as this is the fourth loss in a very short time, three others of the family having died previously, the last being a son, an excellent young man, who died in May of last year. May they rest in peace.

APPOINTED TO DE LA SALLE.

The principalship at the De La Salle Institute lately made vacant by the withdrawal of Bro. Rogatian, has been filled by the appointment of Bro. Walter, late teacher at St. Patrick's school. The gain to the Institute is a loss to the parish in which Bro. Walter has worked for the past few years, and where as head of the schools he made himself most popular with the pupils and their parents. That Bro. Walter has many things to commend him for the position goes without saying, and the continued activity and progress of the Institute may be looked for under his guidance and tuition.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF ST. HELEN'S.

At St. Helen's on Sunday the yearly report of the Building Fund for the contemplated new church was read. It was shown that the collections for the year were better than those of any previous year, this, too, despite the fact that a portion of the parish had been taken away for the formation of the Holy Family Parish. The increase was due to the districts being extended and gone over with the result that many new subscribers had been added. The collectors were praised for their work, but the pastor, Rev. Father Walsh, pointed out that though the people as a whole had done admirably, a much larger sum than was yet on hand was desirable before entering upon the erection of a church in keeping with the size and standing of the parish. It is probable that plans will be agreed upon so that even the present satisfactory amount may be increased, and thus the prospect of a new church be placed somewhere in the near future.

MEETING OF THE C.Y.L.L.A.

The first meeting of the C.Y.L.L.A. since the Christmas vacation took place on Monday at the home of Mrs. J. J. Walsh of Tyndall Ave. As Mrs. Walsh intended leaving for Europe, much of the regular programme was omitted, the only part of the literary work done being the continuation of Twelfth Night under Mrs. Fulton. The remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse. As Mrs. Walsh intends taking in Italy during her tour, she was commissioned, should the fortunate opportunity occur, to convey the respectful homage and greeting of the Catholic Young Ladies Literary Association of Toronto to His Holiness.

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB.

With the passing of the Christmas-tide, the Crib is still a fresh subject. Year after year brings new thoughts and ideas on this matter. From personal observation and the comments of others, it would seem that only two classes of crib are desirable, first the more elaborate one, where besides the group of the Holy Family, we have the shepherds, the Magi, the animals and all the subjects as portrayed in the story of the most eventful night in the world's history, or secondly, a simple figure appears, that of the Divine Babe lying on the straw, the loneliness and poverty of the picture appealing most forcibly to the on-looker. The more elaborate representation, in order to be effective, requires a good deal of expense and a fair amount of taste and judgment. When a large and costly church uses diminutive figures and tawdry appointments in the erection of a Crib the result is not happy. The surroundings make the dwarfed statuary still more dwarfed and the tinsel and paper are altogether out of place. In a small humble church results are not so incongruous. Late improvements in the matter are noticed in some instances, but there is yet much that may be done, and perfection even as we know it, is still far away. Amongst our most pleasing cribs are those of St. Patrick's and St. Francis'. It is probable that the tendency in the spread of true art, a tendency noticeable in the profusion of natural flowers for our altars and in their general adornment, will soon become general with regard to the Crib, and that figures and representations more in keeping with the reality will be seen in the not distant future.

Death of the Mother Superior

Hamilton, Jan. 10.—Sister Vincent, Mother Superior of St. Joseph's Convent, died last night after an illness of about a year. She was 72 years of age, and two years ago celebrated the golden anniversary of her entrance into the community. Her family name was O'Hagan, and she was formerly engaged on the teaching staff. One sister, Sister Celestina of the Toronto community survives. There are relatives at Battle Creek, Mich. The funeral will take place from St. Mary's Cathedral at 8 o'clock on Thursday morning.

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Canadians Received by Pope

Rome, Jan. 5.—The Pope to-day received the students of the Canadian College with the rector, Father G. Clapin, and the administrator, Father Athanasius Itacher, and the Canadian clergy at present in Rome, numbering forty-five persons, including the Most Rev. Paul Bruchesi, Archbishop of Montreal, the Right Rev. J. S. H. Brunault, Bishop of Nicolet, Quebec; the Right Rev. A. Augustin Dutenwill, Bishop of New Westminster, B.C.; the Right Rev. Timothy Casey, Bishop of St. John, N.B., and the Rev. Leoq, Superior of the Monastery of St. Sulpice, Montreal. Although the Pontiff was somewhat fatigued, he received them all with charming benevolence, making the Bishops and Fathers Clapin and Leoq sit next to him while the students and priests formed a circle about the Pope.

Father Leoq read an eloquent address in Latin expressing the loyalty of the Canadian episcopacy, clergy and students to the Holy See.

Then the Pope read a sheet in his own handwriting, in which he paid tributes to the Bishops, clergy and people of Canada. He afterwards gave the students fatherly advice, insisting on the necessity of sacerdotal virtues being united with science.

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ENTRY

Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the District in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires to do so, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the Local Agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for a homestead entry.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES

A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Land Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected therewith, under one of the following plans:

- (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.
 - (2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry, under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.
 - (3) If a settler was entitled to and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead.
 - (4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.
- The term "vicinity" used above is meant to indicate the same township or an adjoining or cornering township.

A settler who avails himself of the provisions of Clauses (2), (3) or (4) must cultivate 30 acres of his homestead, or substitute 20 head of stock, with buildings for their accommodation, and have besides 30 acres substantially fenced.

The privilege of a second entry is restricted by law to those settlers only who completed the duties upon their first homesteads to entitle them to patent on or before the 2nd June, 1889.

Every homesteader who fails to comply with the requirements of the homestead law is liable to have his entry cancelled, and the land may be again thrown open for entry.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

Should be made at the end of the three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

INFORMATION

Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg, or at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the North-west Territories information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa; the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg; Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the North-west Territories.

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