

Persons and Facts

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leaves a large fortune, estimated by some at almost a million dollars, the greater portion of which is to be used for the erection of an industrial school and two orphan asylums for boys and girls, under the direction of Bishop Donahue, of Wheeling, W. Va. Among other special bequests, she leaves \$1,000 to St. Francis Xavier's Church, New York, \$5,000 to St. John's College, Fordham, to educate some young man for the priesthood, and \$10,000 to the Missionary Society of St Paul the Apostle.

Orange, N. J., Nov. 23.—Joseph Ramee for a score of years treasurer of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion in South Orange has renounced that faith and become a Catholic. He is very ill at his home in Prospect street and yesterday he was prayed for at the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, in South Orange. A few weeks ago he called on the Rev. James J. Hall, rector of the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows and announced his intention of becoming a Catholic. Father Hall instructed him and he was received into the Church. The announcement has created surprise among the Episcopalians of the Oranges as Mr. Ramee was an active church worker.

The students of St. Louis' College, San Antonio, Texas, will celebrate the anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8 by erecting a life-size bronze statue of Our Lady of Lourdes which has been ordered for this purpose from Europe. The authorities of the College have invited former and present pupils to cooperate in the erection of this monument which will be placed in the College Park on a granite pedestal. This pedestal will represent the generosity and devotion of the pupils to the Blessed Virgin.

The parish of Oakwood, N. D., five miles from Grafton, is one of a series of Catholic settlements extending in an unbroken line for 25 miles, where almost the entire population is Catholic. Oakwood was founded in 1880 by French Canadians, who still form the great majority of the parishioners. The present pastor, Father Lee, invited Father Drummond, S. J., to preach a Jubilee triduum on the 25th, 26th and 27th of November. He preached three times a day, twice in French and once in English. Father Dumoulin, of St. Jean Baptiste, sang High Mass each day and helped in the confessional. The church was crowded at each service, as much on week days as on the Sunday, with people from Oakwood and neighboring parishes, some coming thirty miles. All the parishioners except two received Holy Communion and fulfilled all the necessary conditions of the jubilee. These two stay-aways are earnestly recommended to the prayers of our readers. The Immaculate Mother will surely bring them round.

Clerical News

Very Rev. H. Leduc, O.M.I., Administrator of the diocese of St. Albert, arrived here on Saturday Nov. 19th, and accepted the hospitality of his brethren of St. Mary's. He reports that Alberta is filling up so rapidly that it becomes increasingly difficult to supply the new missions springing up everywhere. Fortunately several religious congregations expelled from France and containing members who are certified teachers in England have been welcomed in the diocese and will establish schools in various districts. One of these communities will take charge of Medicine Hat. The harvest is much better in Alberta than in Manitoba. Father Leduc will celebrate on the 8th of December next, the fortieth anniversary of his ordination.

Rev. Father Bouchard, who recently left the diocese of St. Albert, has been admitted into the diocese of Fargo.

Rev. Father Lalonde, late of Oakwood, N. D., is now parish priest of Wild Rice, N. D. Rev. Father Lee becomes parish priest of Oakwood. Rev. Father Fournier is transferred to Tarsus, N. D.

On All Saints' Day ten of Father Lestane's brother priest foregathered at the missionary residence of the Blood Indian reserve in southern Al-

berta to congratulate the venerable septuagenarian on the fiftieth anniversary of his vows as an Oblate. The Very Rev. J. M. Lestane, O.M.I. is still hale and hearty. Thirty-five years ago, when Bishop, afterwards Archbishop Tache went to attend the Vatican Council, Father Lestane administered the diocese during his Lordship's absence. He was also at one time Principal of St. Boniface College.

The official announcement from Rome with regard to the division of Peterborough Diocese was read on Nov. 13 in St. Peter's Cathedral, Peterborough. This was accompanied by the documents appointing Rev. Father Scollard, of North Bay, Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste Marie, the name of the new jurisdiction. The latter will be 800 miles in extent, and includes Nipissing, Algoma and Thunder Bay Districts. These constitute a territory considerably larger but less compact than the remaining portion of the diocese, which comprises the counties of Durham, Northumberland, Peterborough, Victoria and the Parry Sound District.

Almost all the priest in this new diocese being Jesuits, the Bishop of Peterborough, who has long been contemplating this division, at first publicly announced his desire that a Jesuit should be appointed bishop of the new diocese but, on representations from the Superior of the Society of Jesus objecting to any of their Order becoming bishops, the Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor withdrew his plea.

Rev. Father Scollard, who will be the new Bishop, was born on Nov. 4th 1862, in Ennismore Township, in the county of Peterborough. He was educated in the local primary schools, and later in St. Michael's College, Toronto, and the Grand Seminary, Montreal, in both of which he took a very high standing. On the 21st of December, 1890, he entered the priesthood. For five years he was stationed in Peterborough, and in February 1896, he went to North Bay, where he has been located ever since. He will be consecrated Bishop in St. Peter's Cathedral, Peterborough about the first of January next.

FATHER TOM BURKE AND THE ORPHANS

I had been removed from Ireland and was living in London, and Father Burke had been invited to preach both in the morning and the evening. There were hundreds of Dominican Fathers present from all parts of the world, and the clergy, regular and secular, were also present in great numbers. When I saw Father Tom entering into the pulpit I hardly recognized him. His voice was at first so weak that it was scarcely audible, but after a while he revived and continued until the end in somewhat of his old style of eloquence.

When the Mass was over we were all requested to go into the yard outside to be photographed. The Dominicans were arranged on one side, and all the other clergy were facing them. The photographer being sometime arranging his machine I crossed the space between the two bodies of the clergy to speak to my old friend. It was for the last time. First of all he said to me: "To think that we should meet here in this great Babylon." I then asked him how he was, and he replied that he was just dying on his feet, and he begged me to pray for him. I was not present at his evening discourse, but I was told that his voice seemed a little stronger than it had been at the High Mass in the forenoon. On the following day he returned to Dublin and went straight out to Tallaght, the novitiate of the Dominicans. He retired to his bed and was very ill, suffering intensely from cancer in the stomach. Two days later while he was still in bed a deputation came out from Dublin to see him. A popular preacher had promised to plead the cause of some orphans, but from one cause or another had failed to keep his word. Whom else should they ask but Father Burke? To whom else should they appeal but to him who had so often and so eloquently pleaded for the widow and the orphan? They found him in bed, it is true, but they were not aware how ill he really was. He could not refuse them, so he got up, dressed himself, and returned to Dublin with them. After that he went back to Tallaght and to his bed there. Within a few hours his Mass came to call him.—Rev. L. C. P. Fox, O.M.I., in Donahoe's for November.

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