Our Observer.

"What prodigies can power divine perform More grand, than it produces year by year, And all in eight of inattentive man Familiar with the effect we si ght the cause, And in the constancy of Nature's course The regular return of genial months, And renovation of a faded world, See nought to wonder at."

Cowper would not have issued the challenge his opening lines convey had he lived to witness the "prodigy that nower divine performed more grand than it produces year by year;" the sublimely grand spectacle that met the gaze in the first hours of the week. What "Winter Morning's walk" as Mont realers then enjoyed? How his poetic and even morally. soul would have gloried in the exquisite revelation that came with the opening day! What more beautiful conception of the immaculate, what fuller melization of ideal purity could nature offer or men ask than the far spreading unrippled sincet of Virgin snow that then en- sible. foided all within its reach from mountain summit to where-

"The flood. indurated and fixed, the snowy weight Lies undissolved, while, silently beneath And unperceived, the current steals away."

The scene was one to dazzle the mind and dazzle the eye, and it is safe to assert that it never had a parallel in the reign of "Our Lady of the Snows." Heavier falls and higher drifts there may have been, but the records of the wintriest winters can tell of no more lovely picture, no more generously distributed or artistically disposed snow-3cape than that of Monday, the 24th February, 1898, which must be entered in its annals as the champion feature of all its winter glories.

Turning from the romance and poetry of snowfalls to their economic value that of Monday, or, rather, of Sunday, may be likened unto the manna that fell in the desert, for it was, in the fullest and most practical sense of the word, bread to the mouths of thousands.

There is certainly no intention of verging on the profane in drawing this simile; nor can there be any claim for originality in the idea; it must come spontaneously to the minds of all. It was gratifying to see such an array of picks and spades and so many willing hands to ply them, though there was something sadly suggestive in the fact that so many employés looked like men who had seen better days and who were drawn by sheer force of circumstances to use the pick when they were educated to the pen-or who are at least qualified for labor of a higher class. March; to ask God to grant the prayers However, there is hope for such; let them take heart; these are Klondike days, and there are nuggets for him who can wield his pick as large as for him who can draw his cheque. It is quite within the range of things possible that some, perhaps many of those who are to-day piling the banks in the streets of Montreal, may live to bank their piles in the cities of the Yukon.

Montreal can now take a long breath, as far as small-pox is concerned. The last patient was discharged about three weeks ago, and now the good and faithful Doctor Nolin, who has been subjected to a prolonged quarantine, extending over seven months, having been duly disinfected, has taken leave of the hospital, which, to him, must have been little short of a prison.

On several occasions I have pointed out the high place which should be assigned to athletics in the educational institutions attended by our boys, and the importance of physical development upon the future destiny of a nation.

in an English paper recalls the subject once more, and suggests a practical idea in connection with it. The item of news is to the effect that the Duke of Norfolk, who has just celebrated his fiftieth birthday, signalized the happy occasion by presenting to the town of Littlehamp ton a field eleven acres in extent for recreation purposes, and a sum of money towards the expense of laying it out with this object in view. The civic authorities of the town have undertaken to defray all the other expenses which may the Holy Name Hall, Manchester, Father be necessary, and to provide for a series Bernard Vaughan, S. J., said that the of annual games. A similar idea was advocated for the Empire City by the New York World last week.

This is just the thing that is needed for our Canadian youth. We should have a sort of a national gymnasium, with extensive grounds attached, on

that kingdom, shows what might be done in Canada if the authorities mentioned could be induced to take up the idea and give it the financial assistance necessary. This department of athletics is one which our public administrators should recognize.

The Kindergarten movement is becoming deservedly popular with educationalists all over the world. Wherever it has been tried it has been successful It is, it is unnecessary to state, a sort of sub-primary educational system, dealing with children from three to six years of age, an important portion of child life when a good deal of useful training can be effected, principally by object lessons, and where the child can undergo a needed preparation for the primary instruction at school. It is rapidly becoming recognized that such a prelimiwould not the bard have given for such | nary culture is productive of excellent results, both mentally and physically,

As the Kindergarten system has now stood the test of time, and has been proved to be admirable in its results, it follows that all who are interested in the progress of primary education should see that it is as extensively adopted as pos-

Notes on Gatholic News, § **治亦亦亦亦亦亦亦亦亦亦亦亦亦亦**

The Rev. Dr. John S. Zohm, C S.C., has been appointed Provincial of the Fathers of the Holy Cross of the United States by the Superior General of the Order, Father Francais. Dr. Zihm is to act as provincial until August next, filling the unexpired term of the late provin cial, Father Corby, who died a few weeks ago. The election of a previncial will take place at the general chapter to be held inon August 5. Do tor Zahm has been in Rome for some time, stationed at the headquarters of the Fathers of the Holy Cross. Dr. Zahm is forty six years of age. He was born in Perry county, Ohio, and has been a member of the congregation of the Holy Cross since he was seventeen years o age. He has been director and vicepresident of the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Zihm is a leading light in the scientific world, and his lectures have given him prestige, not only among dignitaries of the Catholic Church, but among the learned men of the world.

Mgr. Gravel, of Nicolet, in promulgat ing the Papal Encyclical on the Manitoba schools in the diccese of Nicolet, states in his letter that the whole tenor of the Papal letter shows that the Cath olics of Manitoba have not the schools to which they are entitled, and that the Holy Father is anxious that political leaders should come to an understanding with the Bishops to secure the adoption of a law which will improve their schools to a greater extent than the settlement has done. The Bishop invites the faith ful to pray and to partake of holy communion between this and the end of of the Holy Father and the faithful The Bishop also invites t e faithful to

The Superior General of the Paulist Fathers Rev. Father Deshon, recently writing to the New York World, on the subject of Church Unity, stated in part : To day there is less vituperation, less denunciation, less ridicule of the Cath olic Church. As we become better known, as our teachings become better understood, the barriers of opposition

are fast swept away.

During the past few weeks we have been giving a mission in our Church, and it has afforded emphatic evidence of the Christian sentiment which prevails among our people. We try to reach not only the Catholic, but the non Catholic. Catholic and non-Catholic are neighbors and right here we try to exemplify the spirit of unity by bringing them within our influence. It has been a glorious outpouring of the true Christian spirit. It is bard to say just how many we have reached who formerly were outside the Church, but that the list is a large and growing one we are assured.

Broadness and liberality mark our work. This little prayer, recited daily during the mission, will show how we A paragraph which has been published | reach out in brotherly love for all:

Send down Thy Holy Spirit into the hearts of all—that the good ones amongst us may become better, that the sinners may be converted, and that the careless and indifferent may be enlightened, and that there will be a complete and thorough outpouring of Thy Holy Spirit amongst us all.

Many unauthorized rumors having heen circulated regarding Cardinal Vaughan's health, a reliable statement was recently made from the best of

Speaking at a social gathering held in state of the Cardinal's health had been causing no little anxiety to his friends for some time past. Truth to tell, the Cardinal had been so severely testing his physical power of endurance that at at length they began to strike for easier hours. His eminent brother was one of those men who hardly knew how to say "Hold! Enough. He had which games of a national character could be played annually and which would receive contributions for its main and tried to make the engine work day and night at high-pressure speed. But then came the reversal when would receive contributions for its main- the engine wanted coal, and the right tenance and prizes for its competitions sort of coal, and a little rest from the from the civic, provincial and Federal wear and tear of work. The Cardinal's authorities. It should of course be free heart had shown signs of rebellion at this from all sectional recipions at the state of things, and now his physicians from all sectional, racial or religious had ordered him off the main line. He bias. It should, in fact, be thoroughly had to shunt into a siding at Grasse for national in its character. The success a while and get overhauted and

hoped and prayed that the forced rest from work which the Cardinal had that day started to take would arrest all that deterioration of nuscles and tissues which was incidental on growth of years accompanied with growth of work, and that he would return from Villa Mar guerite, at Grasse, perfectly restored to

The Western Watchman forcibly character.zes an old trick of non Catholic public statisticians thus --

They are publishing some statistics of the religion of the convicts in our State prisons. Of course the Catholics loom up strong. The fact is, Protestantism has come to be such a poor recommendation for any man, that a convict in the pententiary can hope to gain nothing by it. Religion is the first thing a poor Protestant gives up; it is the last a bankrupt Catholic parts with.

BORN IN '98,

Nicholas McQaillan, of Southold, L.L. Was 100 Years Old on New Year's Day.

The New York Freeman's Journal contains the following interesting sketch of a Drogheda man who celebrated his one hundredth birth lay on New Year's

Nicholas McQuillin began his second century and celebrated the 160th anniversary of his birth. He lives on the North Read with the tamily of Joseph Thompson, who owns a nest little home in Southold Township. The old man is still bale and hearty, and until ten years ago was able to perform his day's work at his loom, his trade being that of a weaver. Nicholas McQuillan was born



NICHOLAS MCQUILLAN.

on the banks of the Boyne water, in the city of Drogheda, Ireland, on Jan. 1. 1798, the year of the Irish rebellion Bridget Wheyity, his sweetheart at school, became his wife when Nicholas was 24 years of age. He worked at his tride, acquired a competence and raised a large family. In 1864 with his wife, Two years ago, on account of his extreme old age, the venerable man abandoned all work and settled himself to a comfortable existence, in the hope of reaching the century mark of life. Several of his children are still living, among them Andrew, now 76 years old and living in New York city; Lawrence, aged 68 now living at Arshamomogue, Jana 8, 55 years old, of New York city. He has twenty seven grandchildren and a large number of great grandchildren, and many of them helped him to celebrate the anniversary of his birth.

Mr. McQuillan's memory is wonder fully retentive, and he scorns the use of eye glasses. His only c implaint is the was carried, knowledge that his work at the loom is a thing of the past. He attributes his longevity in a measure to his having some eighty two years ago dispensed with the use of tobocco which, he said, affected his digestive organs until he became alarm d and abandoned the use of the weed. With the exception of a slight trouble caused by indigestion the old man say he feels fully as strong as he was thirty years ago. He spends much of his spare time cutting carpet rags to be woven on the loom, now handled by other members of the family. He says he was never intoxicated in his life, and has always partaken sparingly of spirituous liquors. He shaves himself every Saturd ay afternoon, and usually attends Mass on Sunday morning at St. Patrick's Church, Southold. During the long winter evenings he frequently indulges in a game of forty five with some of his neighbors, who love to drop in and spend a few hours with the good natured old man. He is of small frame and is now almost bent double as he walks. He says he hopes to live many years longer, but is willing to trust to Providence.

The celebration given in his honor was in charge of a committee composed of the following: Thomas Cassidy, W. H. Gigen, J Dinohue, P. Carey, Mrs. R. Maxwell, Mrs W. H. Gigen, Mrs J. H. Thomps n and Miss Rose Cassidy. A splendid purse of money and many valuble gifts were presented to the centen arian by the invited guests. An old time the fun being kept up until late at sister, Mrs. John Thompson, who herself is past 90, led some of the dances and showed their youthful guests some of the Among the guests were Bros O'Toole, Jold steps as danced when the century Budreau, P Boudreau, of Father Dowd was young.

IRISH PROTESTANT BENEVOLENT SOCIETY CONCERT.

that there was no valvular disease of the tising columns, to take place at the heart but only structural deterioration of Windsor Hall, on the night of Tuesday, its muscles. He therefore sincerely February 1st. No more enjoyable or intrinsically better entertainments are given during the winter, the season par excellence of evening entertainments, than these annual renderings of social songs and music.

IRELAND AND CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION.

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cational requirements of the Catholics of Ireland would not cost more than, say, two of those battleships, which after a time become obselete, and are supersceded by some other engine of destruction. The sum required for the Irish Catholic University Would be for the improvement of the Irish race, and would not become obsolete, for the teachings of the young would but extend the blessings of peace throughout the whole land. Let us, therefore, stand together and press upon the Government the urgency of dealing with this great Irish question in the year 1898. (Applause.)

Mr. Clancy's Plea is for Equality.

Mr. J. J. Clancy, M. P., in seconding the resolution, said he thought he could not do better than begin by saying how deeply sensible they were of the value of the presence of Lord Powerscourt on this platform and of the speech which he had just delivered. He was a type of the Irish Protestant who was not so rare as some people suppose, and whose large mindedness and liberality of opinion on this particular subject reflects credit upon the class to which he belongs [hear hear]. He hoped and believed that Lord Powerscourt would not weary in well doing, and that others of his class would be found to follow his example [hear, hear]. Coming to the question before the meeting he should like to say a word or two upon two or three points He desired most emphatically to endorse what was said at the commencement of the meeting by the Archbishop, that what their opponents asserted, namely, that this was a clerical or ecclesiastical movement, was without foundation [near, hear]. This he would venture to say was a lay movement [hear, hear]. It was the laity chiefly who would suff i if that justice continued to be denied [hear, hear]. He would like to say in the second place that what, as he understood, the Catholics of Ireland aimed at was absolute equality of treatment, and he could only say in his opin ion that that equality could never be attained except by the establishment of an Irish Catholic University [near, hear] or, as Cardinal Newman called it, a great school of universal learning, equal in status, in endowment, in efficiency and independence with that of any other institution of the kind in our land ap-

The resolution was put and carried.

A Request to Irish Representatives.

Sir Henry Bellingham, Bart., who was received with applause, proposed:--That the Irish members of Parliament be earnestly requested to use every effort to press this question forward." The resolution required no words from him, especially at that late hour of the evening, and after the interesting speeches they had already heard from two of the Denis Mullin of Paradise Point, L. I. do all they could in the House and out of the House to press the question forward. [Applause].

> Sir Christopher Nixon, who was warmly applauded, seconded the resolu-

tion, which was carried.
Mr. T Harrington, M.P., proposed the fourth resolution—"That the thanks of this meeting are hereby tendered to the local representative bodies throughout the country who have given co operation to this movement, and that they be invited to continue their efforts until success is achieved."

The Mayor of Limerick (Mr. Cusack, T.C) seconded the resolution, which

Lord Powerscourt having been moved to the second chair, a vote of thanks was, on the motion of the Mayor of Waterford, seconded by Alderman Mc-Cirmack, Belfest, passed to the Lord Mayor for presiding.

The proceedings closed at half-past seven o'clock.

St. Patrick's Court 95, C.O.F.

The above Court of the Catholic Order of Foresters held their installation of officers last Monday night in St. Ann's Hall, Bro Frank Feron, DHCR, conducting the installation ceremony. The following officers were installed in their respective offices for the ensuing year :-John Davis, P C R; James F Fosbre, C R M Shea, V C R; Alex Patterson, Rec Sec Thomas Rogers, Fin Sec; L Z Boudreau Treas; Denis Cahill, Sen Con; Martin Daley, Jun Con; John McCrory, Inside Sentinel; M Rochford, Outside Sentinel; Delegate to Provincial Court, L Z Boudreau.

Immediately after the installation an adjournment was made to Bro. F. Lynch's restaurant, the "St. Elmo," where the annual reunion and supper took place The Chief Banger, Bro Fosbre, occupied the chair, supported on the right by Bros A A Gibeault, Provincial Chief Ringer; J J Ryan, Provincial Treasurer, and J D Jackson, member of Provincial Board, and on the left by D H C R, Frank Feron; Frank Bus dance was also a feature of the event, wire Chief Runger, St Anthony's; M McGoldrick, Chief Ranger, St Gabriel's: night. Mr. McQuillan and his aged John Davis, PCR, St Patrick's Court; Bros M Shea, VCR, and W Murphy, Past VCR, occupied the vice-chairs. Court, and others.

The first toset, 'Our Holy Father, the Pope, was proposed by the Chairman and drank with great enthusiasm. 'The Catholic Order of Foresters,' was respondwhich attended the revival of the object the original content of the allowed to start a resh. Father Vaughan of the allowed to start a resh. Father Vaughan of the allowed to start a resh. Father Vaughan of the allowed to start a resh. Father Vaughan of the lish Protestant Benevo der the auspices of the Government of them that there was no organic mischief, lent Society announced in our adver-



February Karn Hall

and urging the members to continue their efforts in the good cause. 'Our Guests,' was responded to by Bro. J J Ryan, Frank Bussière and M McGoldrick. 'St. Patrick's Court, Old 95,' was drunk with Highland honors, Bro. John Davis and Thomas Rogers responding. 'The Ladies,' responded to by Bro. Feron. 'The Chairman,' by Bro. Fosbre, and 'Our Host,' by Bro. T Lynch. Songs and recitations were well rendered by Bro. M Mullarky, W Murphy, Edward Geary, J Geary, and W Tracey.

The menu was first-class in every way, and too much praise cannot be given to Bro. Lynch and his charming lady for the manner in which the wants of the

company were looked after.

"Auld Lan. Syne" brought to a close the most successful social gathering ever held by St. Patrick's Court, 95, Catholic | CENTRAL COMMITTEE ROOM: Order of Foresters.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The selection of a candidate to pro perly represent the tuxpayers in the City Council is a matter of great moment to the further advancement of the city's prosperity. In accomplishing this fact. the taxpayers in St. James Ward have every reason to congratuiate themselves in the acceptance of Ald. Joseph Brunet, who has for the last fourteen years represented this influential ward, and established a record for himself that any man might be proud of-an honest, earnest and painstaking representativa The taxpayers cannot do better than again give him their full confidence, and elect him by the largest vote he ever received.

FRANZ RUMMEL COMING.

The eminent artist, Franz Rummel, will open his concert tour in America on the 1st February. His first appearance in America was in 1879, when he achieved a name which has stood to him and which it is safe to prophesy he will maintain in his present visit. He is a planist of extraordinary powers, and encomiums were showered upon all his numerous performances on the occasion of his last visit to this city in 1892. A European critic, speaking of a recent pertormance, says he stands today on the summit of his planistic powers. Our advertising columns supply full particulars of his proposed visit to Montreal.

AN AMERICAN GIANT,

THE COFFIN AND CORESE, IT IS SAID, WEIGHED TWILVE HUNDERD POUNDS.

The report comes from Pailadelphia that the numeral of Joseph Handley, who was the largest man in Philadelphia, took place from his late residence in that city on Friday.

Handley weighed between 500 and 600

pounds and was more than four feet broad across the shoulders. The undertaker could find no coffin in the city large enough for his body and was forced to build one, the dimensi as of which were 7 feet in length, 4! feet in width and 2! feet in depth.

The coffin was supported by iron bands, and before it could be carried from the house the door jambs had to be removed. A hearse large enough to receive the coffin could not be found, and the corpse was taken to the cemetery in

an open wagon. The coffin, together with the corpse, weighed 1,200 pounds, and was rolled up the sisle of the church on a rubber tired track. It was intended to have the interment at Old Cathedral Cemetery, but the entrance to the receiving vault was too parrow, and the funeral was forced to

go to Holy Cross Cemetery. Handley was forty-eight years of age and served on the police force under Mayor Fox.

FRANZ RUMMEL, KARN HALL February 10. PIANO VIRTUOSO.

Mr. Rummel's professional statis tics are interesting. He has played in 660 concerts in 154 cities and towns of fourteen different countries; his programmes have contained 326 works by sixtyone composers; of the works 153 were originally written for pianoforte solo, 59 were chamber compositions, 27 with orchestra, and 24 transcriptions. And he has played all these works from memory. American Tour, 1897-98.

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Montreal, 26th Janusry, 1898.

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