

THE DAWN OF EASTER!

EASTER. — We have celebrated with the Church the commemoration of the dread events that marked the close of salvation's stupendous work. On Holy Thursday we rejoiced in the establishment of that priesthood, which has come down to us in an unbroken series through the long length of the ages; and the establishment of the sublime sacrament of the Holy Eucharist — the boon of all boons bestowed by Christ upon man, as a means of perpetuating His presence in the Church and of knitting the souls of the faithful to the Eternal Throne of Grace. On Friday we joined in the sombre ceremonials that recall the tragedy enacted from the Garden of Olives to the summit of Calvary, and from that sacred eminence to the tomb in the valley behind it. We followed the Savior of mankind, step by step, from scene to scene of His wondrous passion, and we beheld the supreme act of the sacrifice unto death and heard the last cry when all was consummated. To-day—Saturday—we pause between the darkened sun of yesterday and the flash of resurrection's morning to-morrow; we pause to gather inspiration from what has taken place, that we may be the better fitted to appreciate and benefit by that which is to come.

Easter — the Resurrection. It comes at a period of the year when all that has ever emanated from the Creative Hand takes on new life, fresh hope, rejuvenated existence. Out on the broad domain of nature there is a general revival from the sleep, or death-like state, of winter. The days grow longer, the suns brighter, the air purer, the breeze balmy; the snows melt on mountain and plain, the icy barriers of the streams are shattered and the rivers and rivulets leap on rejoicing in a newly-found freedom to the sea; the sap courses freely through the tissues of the trees, and the budding leaves are preparing to expand; the birds return from other climes, and chant anthems of rejoicing in aisles of the forest. All nature, from the most distant planet that rolls in space, to the humble blade of grass on the declivity of the rock, from the steepest mountain that cleaves the sky, to the smallest grain of sand on the sea shore, all seem to participate in some special manner in the grand resurrection that comes with spring.

In the sublimer domain of the soul, in the field of the spiritual, it is resumed for man to awaken and to rejoice, while putting off the winding sheet of sinfulness and assuming the glorious robes of grace. He has an occasion afforded him, and an example set for him, whereby he may come forth from the wintry tomb of death and join in the great resurrection of Easter — an arising into life, and activity, merit and reward. Thus it is that Easter is a feast of special interest and importance for the Catholic. It is his grand opportunity of coming forth from the house of corruption where sins feed upon the decay of the soul, and to walk forth triumphant in robes of spiritual happiness and celestial grace. The season of penance is over; the time of recompense has arrived. It is for him to join in the Alleluias of triumph that Church chants in all quarters of the earth on Easter morning.

Not only does the Church invite us to join the great rejoicings of Easter, to take part in the spiritual benefits of the resurrection, and to become one with the immense body of the Church Militant; but she even obliges, under pain of severe penalty, each individual Catholic—who has reached the period of life that is designated to participate in the graces of the resurrection. She makes it a bounden duty for each one—under pain of grievous sin—to confess his sins, at least once a year, and that at Easter time, and to receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. This is one of those many obligations imposed by the Church for the salvation of souls.

Man left to himself, might be tempted to neglect the sacraments—the sources of grace and salvation—and to allow the affairs and interests of this life to overshadow those of the life to come. But the Church makes sure that he will receive ample reminders and sufficient incentives to do his duty in regard to his soul.

It is, then, for all of us to take advantage of this season to perform

that duty, in a becoming spirit, and thus to unite with the entire Church in the glory and benefit of the Resurrection—to arise from the tomb of sin and to accept the spiritual life that comes with the dawn of Easter's golden morning.

Father Brady's Illness.

As we go to press we are informed by Dr. E. J. O. Kennedy, one of the medical staff of the Hotel Dieu, where Rev. Father Brady, the esteemed pastor of St. Mary's, is lying seriously ill ever since the disastrous fire by which his parish Church was destroyed, has shown signs of improvement in his condition during the past twenty-four hours. This will be good news to all readers of the "True Witness."

INFORMATION IS WANTED

Of the children of **RICHARD BECKET**, last heard of at Staleybridge, near Manchester, England, nephews or nieces, and heirs of the late Dame Rose Ann Becket, in her lifetime widow of Michael Healy, of Millie Isles, County of Argenteuil, Province of Quebec, Canada.

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Recent Deaths.

MRS. HUGH KERRIN. — The announcement of the death of Mrs. Hugh Kerrin (Mary Egan), widow of the late Hugh Kerrin, and sister of Mr. Gerald Egan, was a great shock to her large circle of friends. Mrs. Kerrin had only been ill a few days. The members of her family did not regard her ailment as serious, although medical advice had been sought, but complications set in and within a few hours after, as a result, death ensued. Deceased was well known in St. Patrick's and St. Anthony's parish, and was highly esteemed for her many noble qualities of mind and heart. She always, despite her onerous duties, took an interest in parish affairs and good works, and was a model woman in the practice of all those duties which constitute a faithful and sincere Catholic. Her death will cause a sad void in the home of her little ones. To the members of the family we tender our most sincere condolence.—R.I.P.

ANNE B. HOWARD. — At St. Canute, Que., on the 9th March, there took place at the home of Mr. Jos. Carroll, the death of Miss Anne B. Howard, daughter of the late J. Howard, Esq., of St. Columban, County Two Mountains. Her death, although not unexpected, has brought sadness to the hearts of her many friends and relatives, as Miss Howard led an upright, religious and charitable life, and was beloved by a large circle of now sorrowing friends. During her last illness she was ever cheerful, uncomplaining and resigned, and—as we live so shall we die—her death was a serene and happy one.

Miss Howard was a descendant of the Howards, who, for the preservation of their faith, left England at the time of the Reformation, and settled in the South of Ireland, and whose descendants were among the most widely known and respected families in the county. The only members of the family in Canada, are a sister, Mrs. J. Carroll of St. Canute, and two brothers, Patrick, of Pembroke, Ont., and James, of Eganville, Ont.

A very impressive ceremony was held at the St. Columban Church, after which the remains were interred in the St. Columban cemetery, with those of her parents.—R.I.P.

W. J. McELROY. — A familiar form will be missed around the corridors of the Montreal Post Office through the death of William J. McElroy, son of the late John McElroy, for many years superintendent of the

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COR. LAGAUCHETIERE STREET.

Gas Works, this city. Mr. McElroy had been ill for a considerable period. He had been long employed in the Post Office, and was a general favorite with all the employees. Genial and kindly always he made few, if any, enemies during life. His death is a sad blow to his sorrowing widow and eight children, who now mourn his loss at an early age.—R.I.P.

OTHER DEATHS, announced as we go to press, are: Mr. Edwin Irwin, a well known retired merchant of this city, and Miss Annie Crompton, sister of Mrs. E. W. Villeneuve (Alice Crompton).

Lenten Sermons at Notre Dame

The course of Lenten sermons, by Mgr. Rozier in Notre Dame Church have attracted immense congregations to that famous sacred edifice, which, as is known, holds a larger number of people than any other place of worship on the continent. He is an eloquent and forcible preacher; his language is simple yet elegant; and his illustrations are clear and to the point. In him the best traditions of French pulpit oratory are well represented.

The sermon on Sunday last was on Death, its certainty in one sense, and its uncertainty in another. Nothing is more certain than that we shall all die; and, on the other hand, nothing is more uncertain than the time of death's coming. It is as if we are all travelling, young, middle-aged, and old, rich and poor, in one railroad train, and that that train will stop at a station unknown to the passengers, and undreamed of by most of them; and that that station is Death. Happy are those who are prepared to arrive at that station. How easy it is to prepare ourselves for it, to keep ourselves in a state of preparedness for it; and yet how many put off all serious thought about it until the last moment—until, perhaps, it is too late. We ought to rouse ourselves from our lethargy, and prepare for death, of the certain coming of which we are all convinced. He concluded with an eloquent exhortation to live good lives, and to be always prepared for death.

Ah, Lord, I find in Thy Heart, which Thou deignest to call my temple, so sweet an abundance of good things that there is nothing left for me to desire or to seek elsewhere.—St. Gertrude.

"Confessus est, et non negavit"—"He has confessed Christ and he has not denied Him." Such ought to be your motto in the midst of society where anti-Christianism raises its head once more. It is the honor of a Christian mind to show itself superior to every false shame by trampling under foot all human respect in order to manifest its faith in the eyes of the entire world.

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We take the following: Lord of His Lordship Bishop of the diocese of Christchurch the "New Zealand Table" to give our readers the work of the Church great country. It is as if

Immediately after that of our Pastoral last year out on our visitation to Coast. Having heard that our flock would, in all, never be able to receive Sacrament of Confirmation we ventured beyond tracks to administer it, resolved, with God's blessing, to seek them in the remotest of the diocese.

Those who know the difficulties well had often assumed the winter is the best time therein, the snow being tamed on the mountain ranges, many rivers and streams one must necessarily cross likely to be flooded. To fatigue and delay of a journey on horseback to the vast parish of Rotorua urged to go by steamer. Ika and work our way land. Under ordinary circumstances we were well advised and formed, but the year 1901 exception to the general rule in South Westland years and more affirm that or never had they witnessed more severely trying.

As it was our first visit South, three of our devotees volunteered to bear us on the journey on a little steamer the Jane Douglas. Alas! arriving at our destination ten hours, as we had expected, we were tossed sea, unable to land for eight nights, our during the unceasing storm of the low-lying land known as the "Mud Bay Island." More than feared to lose the ship's anchor and be dashed upon boring rocks, against struck twice. In the m well-grounded fear and was a great comfort know that our priests and faithful, especially little children, were present in our behalf. Alms sent up many a plication to the Sacred Host, the Immaculate Mary, to St. Joseph, our Patrons of the Diocese. The help of the Holy whom we promised a Masses if we escaped the ills of the deep. At length beautiful Feast of Corpus the captain informed thought we might land. ing so we were invited passengers and crew an fervent prayers to the for our merciful deliver.

With heartfelt gratitude for the first time at Bay. Though already I had the consolation of the Adorable Sacrifice beneath the humble roof of one of the inhospitable morning we again pressed to celebrate Mass for the wife and other our worthy host's household who had so kindly accompanied us returned steamer to Hokitika, reached only after a period of two weeks' duration.

With the pastor of Holy

Recent Mission at S

Owing to the space devoted to the life of the late St. Patrick's Church, the Quinlan—in of we were obliged to hold of the instructions and favored by Rev. Fathers Robert during the mission in St. Patrick's week.

On Sunday, the 16th day of the opening of Father Mark made a able and practical explanation of a mission. He said the aim of a mission provide an opportunity devotion, for extra prayer the gaining of plenary The chief thing about the preaching, and the preaching was to stir consciences of the people, their souls to a realization of duty to God, to repent and to begin to lead. This can only be done