



TWO NOTABLE SERMONS

By Rev. Father Halpin and Rev. Father Ryan, at St. Michael's Cathedral.

Many Members of the British Association for the Advancement of Science Assist at the Services.

TORONTO August 28.—The often repeated slander, that the Church is an enemy to science, received another striking refutation last Sunday, when, in St. Michael's Cathedral, so many members of the British Association for the Advancement of Science attended Divine service.

The text is applicable to only one kingdom, the universe; it is made fittingly of only one ruler, God. It is an imperial declaration carrying authority with it. It proclaims unmistakably that the Lord has rights and that we, as subjects, have duties towards Him.

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himself appears to the things that are more real than the appearances themselves. Scientific work is delving deep until causes are struck. It leaves out no cause in the investigation, no final, no sufficient, no material, no formal cause; for science is the knowing of things in their causes.

THE SCIENTIFIC MAN MUST BE UNTRAMMELED. In his work, all his acts must be under the control of conscience. He must be persuaded that the end he has in view is truth only. He must go his way scouring prejudice and not bending under the yoke of the meaner passions.

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THE UNPARALLELED REIGN OF YOUR QUEEN, and been the local centre from which the whole world has been irradiated and the fountain head from which benefactions copiously flowing have enriched the human race.

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at home in the Catholic Church. And this brings me to the subject of this evening's lecture. Here, however, I must claim your sympathy. The subject has been announced—perhaps unfortunately for me—"The Church and Science."

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that the further science advances the closer interdependence is seen to exist between all branches of science.

SCIENCE AND THE LABOR QUESTION. Economic science is the science of wealth, dealing with the relations of labor and capital, what we understand generally by the labor question. Where do we find the connection here with religion? Well, if you were to consider the laborer, the poor man, simply as a machine you would never solve the labor problem.

THE MISSION OF MEDICINE. Thanks be to God, too, for the presence of the men of noble soul and tender spirit who are working in the army of physical science. We meet them every day at the bedside of dying men.

IN DAYS OF OLD. A Curious Religious Practice Almost Forgotten. It is common knowledge that in the Middle Ages if a man was in danger of death, and could not procure a priest to hear his confession, he was instructed by theologians and pastors to confess his sins to any layman who happened to be present.

BELLS BLESSED. Ste. Athanase de Iberville was en fete on Saturday, 28th, when Mgr. Decelles, coadjutor Bishop of St. Hyacinthe, visited the village to bless two new bells in the parish church.

Mr. J. Gilbert, President of the Union National, accompanied by a delegation of over thirty members of the French colony, presented an address congratulating Sir Wilfrid Laurier upon his elevation to the rank of Great Cross of the Legion of Honor.

C. M. B. A.

Second Triennial Convention of the Grand Council of Quebec.

Held at the Seminary Hall—Reports for the Year and Election of Officers.

The second Triennial Convention of the Grand Council of Quebec, under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of the C.M.B.A. of the United States, convened on Tuesday, 24th ult., in Seminary Hall, in this city, at 10 o'clock.

At 8:30 in the morning the delegates attended Mass in the Sacred Heart Chapel, Notre-Dame Church, Father Cloutier officiating. Two magnificent solos were sung, Mr. Joseph Tremblay rendering "Jesus Redemptor" (Mozart), and Mr. Z. Marin, "Ave Maria" (Dobson).

The Secretary of the Reception Committee read an address of welcome on behalf of the local Branches, which appeared in our issue of the 18th instant, and which was replied to by Grand President Leclerc.

Routine matters were then taken up. The reports of Grand President Leclerc, the Secretary Treasurer, the Committees on Laws and Finance, occupied the attention of the Convention until Wednesday morning, when the election of officers took place and resulted as follows:

President, C. E. Leclerc; 1st vice-president, P. F. McGaffrey; 2nd vice-president, J. B. Drouyn; recording secretary, J. B. Drouyn; treasurer, A. R. Archambault; marshal, A. Butler; guard, J. E. Martineau; trustees, Messrs. Jas. Meek, Jas. O'Farrell, P. E. Belanger, F. A. Beriau and J. T. Poutin; committee on finance, Messrs. J. P. Nugent, Jos. Beauchamp, Jos. Picard; committee on laws, Charles Curran, Dr. E. Morin, P. Flannery; delegates to Supreme Convention at Grand Rapids, Messrs. A. R. Archambault, P. Flannery and J. D. Quinn.

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TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

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At the Machine Hydraulic works the visitors were met by Mr. Wallbank, manager of the company, and shown through the large building, extending 1,000 ft. from the main land.

But Col. Evanturel, of Quebec, in proposing the success of the Association, dwelt on the benefits of the Association at large and of the forty-five thousand members of the Grand Council of Quebec were afflicted with, which was a guarantee of every liability incurred by the Association being paid within the constitutional limit.

The success of the entertaining of the delegates was due to the Reception Committee, which was composed of Dr. Richard, chairman, F. C. Lawlor, secretary, W. Davis, J. L. Gagnon, W. J. Louis, T. J. White, T. F. MacCormack, J. P. G. Gagnon.

Dominican Chapel Dedicated.

The new Dominican Chapel of Saint Catharine de Sienna, on Sixty-ninth street, near First Avenue, was dedicated on Sunday morning by Archbishop Corrigan. The chapel is an adjunct of the Church of Saint Vincent Ferrer on Lexington Avenue, and all along the route from the church to the chapel windows were decorated with Papal and American flags.

The dedication ceremony was of most impressive character. His Grace had as assistants many of the prominent priests of this city, including Vicar General Mooney and Father Provincial Higgins, Fathers Hartigan, Singer, Rieckaby, Kennedy, Mahoney, Flood, Sheehan, Colbert, Linahan and Ems.

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Notre Dame College, at Cote des Neiges, under the direction of the Religious of the Holy Cross, resumes studies to-day with some two hundred students.