

Clerical News.

In last week's first instalment of the Silver Jubilee Banquet report, Rev. Father Trudel's degree was marked as "Ph.D." it ought, of course, to have been "D.D." Doctor of Divinity, a title which he secured by examination in Rome.

The Superior General of the Brothers of the Cross, the Very Brother Firmin, was here this week and visited his brethren at St. Pierre and St. Jean Baptiste.

One of the degrees voted at the recent General Chapter of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate was the erection of a second province of their order in the United States. The older province, comprising the Northern, Northwestern and Eastern States is, as we said last week, under the new Provincial, Very Rev. Dr. Fallon. The new province, which comprises the Southwestern States, is under another new Provincial, the Very Rev. Father Constantineau, of San Antonio, Texas, formerly rector of Ottawa University. By exception the Oblate residence at Duluth is under the Vicar of Missions in this diocese, the Very Rev. P. Magan.

Persons and Facts

Mrs. and Miss Monchamp left this week to spend the winter in Florida.

The Beautification of the Cure of Ars is fixed for the 8th January next.

The Emperor of Corea, through an envoy extraordinary, has sent an autograph letter to the Pope.

On Wednesday, the 23rd inst, Miss Mathilde Bernier, daughter of Hon. Senator Bernier, left for Montreal to enter the novitiate of the Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary.

On Monday evening last the pupils of St. Mary's Academy, Crescentwood, presented a charming musical and dramatic entertainment to a large and elect audience of friends, in honor of the Feast of the Presentation.

The Oblates of St. Charles, Bayswater, London, have made a gift of ten thousand pounds to the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School to be built at Westminster.

The mild, open weather, so unusual at this season, has enabled many farmers to prepare, by ploughing, a much larger acreage than ever before for next year's crop. This high temperature contrasts favorably with the snowstorms that have tied up railway trains in England, with the terrific gales in and around New York the Saturday before last and with the heavy snowfalls below Quebec.

Last Monday evening Father Drummond lectured before the St. John's Literary and Musical Society in the corner of Main street and Church avenue on "How to acquire a good style in writing and speaking." The attentive and appreciative audience was, the chairman (Rev. E. E. M. Phair) said, the largest ever assembled there. Canon Coombs proposed the vote of thanks, which was seconded by Prof. Williamson, both gentlemen dwelling upon special points in the lecture. Canon Murray also enlivened the proceedings by some very happy remarks.

Obituary

THE LATE MRS. E. J. BARCLAY.

Many residents of Brandon and Winnipeg were greatly grieved and shocked on learning last Saturday afternoon and in this city on Monday of the sudden death of Mrs. E. J. Barclay of Brandon. She had been suffering from cancer for a long time and went recently to Chicago to undergo an operation. At first the news was hopeful, but soon the shock to her system became so great that she was unable to withstand it.

Mr. E. J. Barclay, who accompanied his wife to Chicago and was present at her deathbed, has the sympathy of all his many friends, for both he and his wife had the knack of making true friends. Mrs. Barclay was a devout Catholic and leaves one son, Mr. Henry Barclay of Winnipeg and Miss Lillian Barclay of Brandon. Among the near relatives of the dear departed one are two sisters, Mrs. J. C. Kavanagh of this city and Mrs. K. G. Girdlestone, all natives of Halifax.

The funeral took place Tuesday at St. Augustine's church.

R. I. P.

Marriage

WATSON-KEMBALL

On Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Mary's church, a quiet but very happy wedding took place, when the Rev. Father McCarthy united in the bonds of matrimony at a nuptial mass, Miss Hilda Mary Kemball, daughter of Cuthbert Alfred Kemball, to Mr. Joseph Watson, of this city. The bride wore a handsome dress of bisque color with a large picture hat, shirred silk to match. Miss Agnes Kemball was bridesmaid, and the groom's brother Edward Watson, stood as best man. Music and singing added much to the impressive ceremony. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Watson left for St. Louis and other cities in the United States. On their return they will reside in Winnipeg.

PARLIAMENT IS CONVENED

Elaborate Arrangements for a Mock Session to be Held in Catholic Club.

(Tribune Nov. 21, 1904.)

A solemn proclamation has been posted on the bulletin board of the Catholic club summoning in grave accents, "The legislators of these Dominions to consider the welfare of our subjects, to assemble in our legislative chambers in the Catholic club rooms on Tuesday evening Nov. 29, at 8 p. m." On that date a mock parliament is to be solemnly inaugurated. Many details were adjusted at a meeting held yesterday afternoon, but another meeting will be held Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock in St. Mary's new school previous to the lecture by Rev. Father Drummond, S. J. All members of the club are invited to be present.

"Our trusty and well beloved Lord Thomas Daniel Deegan, Knight of the Order of St. Michael and St. George," has been appointed governor-general, and his excellency will present the message from the throne at the opening of the session. The Populists are in power with Hon. J. E. O'Connor as premier. The Plutocrats, or party of wealth, have the unique position of being in the opposition, which is led by Mr. Murray. The leaders are supported by several other barristers of the city, but the younger members of the house will be given an opportunity to shine in a national light if they be gifted therefor.

Hon. Mr. O'Connor, president of the council, and minister of justice, has selected a galaxy of erudite and most able men for his cabinet. The portfolios have been assigned as follows: Secretary of war, Daniel Coyle; Minister of finance, C. W. O. Lane; minister of the interior, O. Marrin; minister of railways and public works, W. J. Donovan; minister of militia and defence, W. Bawlf; minister of customs, Dr. McKenty; minister of marine and fisheries, J. A. Barry; postmaster-general, Harry Wallace. Frank W. Russell, member for Carlton, has been chosen speaker for the House; clerk of the House, Daniel Dalton; gentleman usher of the black rod, William Jordan; sergeant-at-arms, J. Gladnich; chaplain, Rev. Father Frigon. The whips will be: Populists, E. J. Golden and T. O'Callaghan; Plutocrats, A. H. Kennedy and H. H. Cottingham.

A list of the members of the House and their constituencies is posted at the club.

At the meeting tomorrow night the policies of the two parties will be presented to their constituents.

Speakers in the first evening will be Messrs. Coyle, O'Callaghan, Donovan, Barry. Opposition—Messrs. Marrin, Cottingham, and Kennedy.

BUGOLOGY.

(From the "New World," Chicago.)

A few days ago the esteemed "Daily Journal" contained some sensible editorial remarks with regard to the public schools. It asserted that they undertake to teach too much, and intimated that they teach several things inadequately. The faddists, it declared, crowd too many studies into the curriculum, thereby injuring both the minds and the health of pupils.

Now, according to one of the morning journals, another peril is upon us. Superintendent Cooley, it is said, "is a devotee of nature study, and has been given authority by the School Board to retire the study of civil government, history and grammar and put public school pupils to studying" the ant, the grasshopper, the caterpillar and the cornucopia moth. The paper referred to says the following hereafter may be heard in the public school rooms of Chicago:

Teacher: "Children, you may now each take a specimen of the Melanopus differentialis from the desk. Lay the specimen down with the anterior end from you and the posterior end toward you. Note the main differences between the dorsal side and the ventral side. Above the antennae look for the ocelli. Below the epicranium is the clypeus, and below this is the movable labrum. Trace each of these and find the irregularities of surface."

Our profound respect to Mr. Melanopus Differentialis, LL.D. He is only a plaintive, gray grasshopper, but he is in luck. In the public schools of Chicago he will receive more attention than will the great God who created him. In the past, pistils and petioles, culms and corollas, anthers, glumes, whorls, fascicles, ovates and serrates have been studied while the commandments of God were ignored; but now we are to drop down into bugology. Apparently some strange strepsipeter is crawling beneath somebody's hat.

HIS SUPPLICATION SPEEDILY ANSWERED.

A leading Chicago paper is authority for the following incident: Recently a poor Portuguese immigrant was lost in the streets of that great city. He was alone and friendless, and could find no one who was able to understand him. Finally, overcome with grief and fatigue, he sank down upon the steps of St. Peter's Church—the Franciscan Church—in the thickly settled district inhabited by all sorts and conditions of men—chiefly, sad to

say, not of the best class. "Mary, Mother, help me!" he cried, appealingly; and there he was found in a short time by the only Portuguese policeman on the Chicago police force, who gave him care and found employment for him.

SOME BOOKS THAT GIRLS READ.

(By Mary B. O'Sullivan, in Donahoe's for October.)

Girls have their favorites among the novelists and essayists, and the books show the degree of popularity they have attained. "Katherine Eleanor Conway's books are always out," said the custodian, "the special favorites in her set being 'New Footsteps in Well-Trodden Ways' and 'Labor's Maples.'" Anna Hanson Dorsey has a numerous following, her "Two Ways" and "Tomboy" being in constant circulation. These two stories are bound together in a short, thick volume with large type, a kind of book that has an attraction all its own for young people. A little girl at the round table was absorbed in a well-thumbed book, Abbie Farwell Brown's "Book of Saints and Friendly Beasts," a delightful collection of stories familiar to every generation of Catholic youth, but told anew by this modern Protestant writer with a charm that is all her own. Rosa Mulholland, Helen Hunt Jackson, and Louis Alcott, are much read; and Marion Ames Taggart's "Loyal Blue and Royal Scarlet" is never allowed to remain on the shelves. "The Sister's Story" is another favorite with the girls; and Christian Reid has a strong clientele among them, just as she did among their mothers, which is saying a great deal for her popularity. Lady Georgiana Fullerton is occasionally asked for.

Two copies of "His Hidden Servants," Francisca Alexander's exquisite volume of stories in verse, pass from reader to reader unceasingly; and Father Sheehan's "My New Curate," and "Luke Delmege" never get from the desk to the shelves, as requests for them are always waiting. Among the applicants was a high school girl who had read "Luke Delmege," having taken it from the Central Library, and now applied to the Service Station for a copy. Her father, a Jew, had become interested in the story and was very anxious to finish it.

THE IRISH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

(By Dr. James J. Walsh, in Donahoe's for October.)

It has been always generally recognized that a very important portion of what is called English literature is really due to the native genius of the English-speaking writers of Irish birth and parentage whose Celtic qualities of mind and heart have proved the sources of some of the most significant developments in the language of their adoption. What a large lacuna would be created in English literature by the removal from it of the work of such men as Dean Swift, Goldsmith, Burke, Sheridan, and Moore. It is not so generally known, however, that if the work of the distinguished Irish physicians and surgeons of the last century were to be blotted out of English medical literature there would be left quite as striking and as wide a gap. It is indeed to what is known as the Dublin School of Medicine, for medical schools have very properly been named usually after the cities rather than the countries in which they were situated, that we owe not a little of our modern progress in practical medicine, and especially the advance in the clinical teaching of the medical sciences. Now that the Gaelic movement is calling attention more than ever before to things Irish, it seems only proper that this feature of the national life should be given its due prominence and that the great members of the Irish School of Medicine should not be without honor in their own and English-speaking countries.

TEACHERS THAT NEVER GROW OLD.

(Milwaukee Catholic Citizen.)

At times in our cities there is a strong preference expressed for younger teachers. A Chicago superintendent recently placed this preference upon a more rational basis when he said: "When I speak of beauty and youth, I mean beauty of expression and youth of spirit. I know a teacher who is physically deformed and ugly, but I consider her one of the most beautiful women I have ever seen. So do her pupils, and that is what counts."

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One of the pictures is called

"Heart Broken"

We will not let the reader into the secret of what has happened, but one of the merry little companions of the woeful little maid who has broken her heart is laughing already, and the other hardly knows what has happened. Cut flowers nod reassuringly at them, and a bright bit of verdure covered wall stands in the background. There is something piquantly Watteauesque about one of the petite figures, suggesting just a touch of French influence on the artist.

The other picture presents another of the tremendous perplexities of childhood. It is called

"Hard to Choose"

As in the other picture, we will not give away the point made by the artists before the recipients analyze it for themselves. Again there are three happy girls in the picture, caught in a moment of pause in the midst of limitless hours of play. One of the little maids still holds in her arms the toy horse with which she has been playing. Flowers and butterflies color the background of this, and an arbour and a quaint old table replace the wall.

The two pictures together will people any room with six happy little girls, so glad to be alive, so care-free, so content through the sunny hours amidst their flowers and butterflies, that they must brighten the house like the throwing open of shutters on a sunny morning.

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