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HOUSE PURCHASED ON LAKE ONTARIO

We reprint the following from Father Fraser's China which is published at the China Mission College, Almonte, Ont.-E. C. R.

Two of the houses in Almonte occupied by our students are mere shacks deprived of every sanitary convenience and open to all the blasts of winter. Last year they all managed to crowd into the big brick house, but this year that is impossible on account of increased numbers, and we were looking for-ward anxiously to the approach of winter, when unexpectedly Provi-dence came to the rescue. Strange dence came to the rescue. Strange to say, we began a novena to St. Francis Xavier, the first we had made to this Patron of Missions, and were at the last day, when His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto, kindly wrote proposing that we take a large house for sale in Scarboro on the shore of Lake Ontario.

After examining the house and location and finding it suitable, we made the purchase, trusting that Divine Providence will send us the wherewith to pay for it, in His Own good time; Blessed be His Holy Name! Who prepares nests for the birds of the air, and covering for the beasts of the forest!

Really, when we contemplate how God has so quickly responded to all our requests, since we began this work, we tremble at His proximity. Not a single thing was denied us—everything came at its due time. We take this occasion to offer public thanks to Him, and ask our readers and friends to join with us in doing the same.
By transferring a number of our

students to these newly-acquired premises we can pass the winter without the danger of any of them being frozen in their beds or losing their health.

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MALTESE ASSEMBLY

MAKES CATHOLICISM OFFICIAL RELIGION

London, Nov. 12.-According to an announcement in the Osservatore Romano the Legislative Assembly of Malta, on the occasion of its first meeting after the recent elections, passed a resolution declaring that the Roman Catholic Religion is the only religion officially recognized in the islands of Malta and Gozo.

to counter an energetic Protestant propaganda at home, and at the same time of not giving offence to same time of not giving offence to same time of not giving offence to St. Ann's Church, Rev. J. Engler, St. Ann's Church, Rev. F. McHugh, Rev. A. Callaghan, Rev. J. McHugh, Rev. A. Callaghan, Rev. J. Evank pride in the fact that the Catholic Church was established in their island by the Apostle Saint Paul in the way 52 of the Christian Fra

the year 52 of the Christian Era.

The question has been settled by the Maltese Legislature itself, who following out the covering ordinance to the new Constitution, have proclaimed the Catholic Church to be the official religion of their island. On the day preceding the formal opening of their Parliament by the Prince of Wales, the legis-lative heads and all the Members and Senators with Lord Plumer, the Governor, attended solemn religious worship in the Cathedral of St. John at Valetta. As the Governor is the representative of the Crown, his official attendance at Mass in the Cathedral of Malta settles the matter so far as the official representative is concerned.

-N.C.W.C.

YOUNG BLASPHEMER MEETS TERRIBLE RETRIBUTION

By N. C. W. C. News Service Baden, Nov. 11.—A, terrible re-tribution has befallen a blasphemer of Waldshut, a small town in Baden.

With several companions this young man went one Sunday recently on a walk to a neighboring village. In passing a churchyard on the way, they noted the large number of crosses, which prompted them to the most reviling language. Finally, the leader of the group

climbed to the top of a wooden cruci-fix, removed the corpus and then replaced it with the head down and feet above, while his companions stood about and laughed. Two days later there was a hor-

rible accident in the Lonza factory. A young workman was caught by a machine and dragged in between the wheels with his head down and feet above. In a few seconds he was torn and crunched to pieces. It was the same young man who two days previous had inverted the figure on the cross.

OBITUARY

REV. MOTHER M. ANTOINETTE FLAHAVEN On Friday, the 11th ult. Reverend Mother M. Antoinette Flahaven died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, and on Saturday the 12th ult. Sister Mary Petronella Rooney departed this life at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton. The reception at the Motherhouse of the remains of these two beloved Sisters was the occasion of a solemn and very impres sive ceremony. In the dim light of fading day, amid the glow of flickering tapers the Sisters preceded by the Cross Bearer chanted in procession the prayers for the dead until

the two coffins were placed side by side before the Altar where in the morning of life's early days the Spouses of Christ, now still in death had offered their vows to God. Reverend Mother M. Antoinette Reverend Mother M. Antoinette Flahaven began her religious life on Nov. 1, 1875. For several years she was engaged as teacher in the Separate Schools. Later she was appointed Mistress of Novices and afterwards Superior of St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton. It was as Superior-General of all the houses of the Sisters of St. Joseph in the of the Sisters of St. Joseph in the diocese of Hamilton that her characteristic virtues became manifest. Self was annihilated, while zeal for souls, love for the orphan child and desire for God's greater honor and glory inflamed her heart.

In August, failing health obliged

the deceased to resign the office of Superior of the House of Providence, Dundas, and it was hoped a sojourn in Guelph would prove beneficial. A serious attack of illness on the first Friday of October gave evidence of the approaching end which occurred at St. Joseph's Hospital on Nov. 11th. Besides the members of the Community two brothers, John of Hamilton, James of Philadelphia, and a nephew, Rev. J. J. Flahaven of Teeswater, mourn

SISTER M. PETRONELLA ROONEY

Sister Petronella entered the Community of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Hamilton, on Jan. 6, 1875, and St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, was chosen for her as the vineyard wherein she was to labor for nearly forty years. Generosity and self-sacrifice in God's service added to proficiency and skill in ministering to the sick marked the daily life of this devoted Sister. Latterly resided at the Convent in Hamilton. Her illness was of short duration and after the reception of the Last Sacraments at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, on Nov. 12th she resigned her soul into the Hands of her Creator and calmly slept in peace The deceased is survived by two nieces, Sister Marcella and Sister Eusebia of St. Joseph's Convent, Hamilton, and a nephew, Mr. William Rooney of Toronto.

The Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated on Monday, Nov. 14th, by Malta and Gozo.

It now appears quite clear that certain Protestant agencies, totally unconnected with the British Government, have been greatly interested in preventing this official recognition of the Catholic Church as the only recognized religion in Malta.

The framers of the Constitution

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Celebrated on Monday, Nov. 14th, by His Lordship, Bishop Dowling. Basisted by Rev. J. F. Hinchey, sub-deacon, and Rev. J. F. Hinchey, sub-deacon of honor and Very Rev. G. Cassidy, sub-deacon of honor. Among the other clergy present were Very Rev. J. T. Kelly, V. G., and Rev. T. Malone, Dundas; Rev. T. Malta.

The framers of the Constitution have been in the position of having to counter an energetic Protestant propaganda at home, and at the propaganda at home, and Rev. T. Maione, Dunidas, Rev. J. A. O'Sullivan, Rev. J. E. McNeill, Rev. J. Englert, and Rev. T. Maione, Dunidas, Rev. J. McNeill, Rev. J. A. O'Sullivan, Rev. J. E. McNeill, Rev. J. A. O'Sullivan, Rev. J. Englert, and Rev. T. Maione, Dunidas, Rev. J. Re

DAVID BOURKE

Vancouver Daily World New Westminster, Nov. 7.-Falling into a gentle sleep in the early hours of Sunday morning, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. W. E. Morrison, 13:6 Cariboo Street, Royal City's oldest poet crossed the bar at 4.30 a.m. David Dominick Bourke, the stalwart, great-hearted son of Erin, whose figure was so well-known on the streets of New Westminster has crossed the great divide, but in crossing has left behind the testimony of a good man; the sure and certain belief in immortality. His last poem, writ-ten on the thirteenth of September last, carries a wonderful touch of pathos, and it is characteristic of the then dying man that his last poetic prayer should be for others. He was a lover of his fellow men, and his great generosity to all suf-ferers was well known.

The late Mr. Bourke was born in

County Mayo, Ireland, in 1845, and came to America when fifteen years of age. He was a graduate of St. Francis Xavier College, Nova Scotia, where he afterwards taught school. He was appointed hospital overseer and deputy warden of Stony Mountain penitentiary, and held that position for nine years before he was transferred in 189 to New

Westminster.

He held the position of deputy warden at the New Westminster Penitentiary until 1907, when he retired and devoted his time to writing poetry and process. writing poetry and prose. He was seventy-six years of age at the time of his death, and standing always erect to his full height of six feet four inches, he was probably the most commanding figure in the Royal City, as he was built in pro-

Thou wilt find all that in a manner loss, which thou hast placed in men out of Jesus.

He is survived by his widow, three sons, Walter Bourke, Abbotsford; Hubert D. Bourke, New Westminster; and Archie Bourke, U. S. A.; He is survived by his widow, three

and five daughters, Mrs. James Clifford, Vancouver; Mesdames Francis Mahoney and W. E. Morri-son, New Westminster; Miss Katie Bourke, nursing in Pasadena, Cal.; and Sister Wilhelmina Bourke, St. Patrick's Hospital, Missoula, Mont.

The funeral took place on Tuesday from St. Peter's Cathedral to Roman Catholic cemetery at Sapperton.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 4.—St. Barbara, whose father Dioscorus, was so engaged at her conversion that he caused her to be terribly tortured and later beheaded her with his own hand. While her soul was being borne to paradise, a flash of lightning killed Dioscorus.

Monday, Dec. —St Sabas, one of the renowned patriarchs of Pales-

tine, who early forsook the world and entered a monastery. Later he dwelt in a cave on the tops of a high mountain. His sanctity became widely known and he was made superior of the anchorites of Palestine. He died in 532 at the

age of ninety-four.
Tuesday, Dec. 6.—St. Nicholas of
Bari, patron of Russia. He is generally represented as standing by the side of a vessel wherein a certain man had concealed the bodies of three of his children whom he had killed, but who were restored to life by the saint. St. Nicholas died in 342 and his relics were translated in 1807 to Bari in Italy, where after fifteen centuries, "manna of St. Nicholas" flows from the bones and cures many

Wednesday, Dec. 7.-St. Ambrose, governor and later chosen Bishop of Milan, who showed fearless zeal in oiling the impious attempts of the Empress Justina to give one of the Milanese churches to Arians. He rebuked and led to penance the

Emperor Theodosius.
Thursday, Dec. 8.—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obliga-tion in the United States, on which we honor the privilege of Mary, who was exempted from original

Friday, Dec. 9.—St. Leocadia, virgin and martyr of Toledo, who was executed by order of Dacian in the Diocletian persecution of 304. She is honored as the principal patroness of Toledo, in which city three churches bear her name.

Saturday, Dec. 10.—St. Eulalia, virgin and martyr of Merida in Spain whose sides were first torn with iron hooks and who was later burned to death during the Diocletian persecution.

TAKE US BACK, O FATHER

Thou art angry, O my Father, And Thine anger I can see In the great distress of millions Who have wandered far from Thee.

ways, Where Thy guiding hand had led, And we sought new trails through Growing denser as we sped.

We have left Thy well-marked road-

We are lost in wild amazement As we penetrate the gloom, And see nothing but affliction, Pressing closer to our doom.

On our highlands and our lowlands Happy flocks in millions roam, Feeding gently till the whistle

Of the Shepherd calls them home. J. J. Ford and Dr. Downes were pall-bearers.

Take us back, O Father, take us From the cursed new-made trails, Where the soul of man is pur-chased,

And where woman's virtue fails. Where the scoffer mocks Thy prayer, Given us in Galilee,

And which calls to Thee, O Father, For the bread we do not see. We are desolate and lonely,

Since Thy guiding hand we lost, Take us back, O take us Father, For Thy Christ, who paid the cost Sept. 30, 1921. New Westminster, B. C.

DIED

Du Broy.—At Fallowfield, Ont., November 24, 1921, Jett Du Broy, aged sixty-four years. May her soul rest in peace.

FARRELL.—At her late residence. lot 15, concession 7, on November 21st, Julia Nelson, widow of the late Thomas Farrell, aged seventynine years. Interment at St. Peter's cemetery, Nov. 24th, from Peter's cemetery, Nov. 24th, from St. Michael's church. May her soul

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