

In and

Around Toronto

GENERAL INTENTION OF S. H. LEAGUE.

What a grand intention is that given us this month by His Holiness. The Associates of the League of the Sacred Heart are asked to pray for a re-union of the Christian Churches. This is the object for which conventions of the sects have been held, treatises have been written, sermons preached and suggestions offered, and yet the desired attainment seems as far away as before. Beyond the general invitation, missionary work and open door always offered to those who seek her with good intentions, the Church has hitherto taken no particular stand in the matter, but now a method has been adopted in which the universal church will be engaged, and prayer, "one of the most efficacious of all means," is asked for on the part of the members of the League throughout the world, which means practically, that during the present month from the rising to the setting of sun, prayer shall be offered for the object that all may be united in a common brotherhood of Faith. Before this can be brought about, however, much has to be done; race discords and prejudices together with all misunderstanding arising from centuries of ignorance and misrepresentations have to be overcome. But with God all things are possible, and the Associates in Toronto in common with those throughout the world, will share in the privilege of bringing about, perhaps not immediately, but of a certainty, the time when all Christian churches will be but one, and that one the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, of which His Holiness, Pope Pius X. is now the honored and revered head.

ST. HELEN'S.

To St. Helen's fell the special privilege of having their Forty Hours during Passion Week. In his introduction to the ceremonies about to be inaugurated on Passion Sunday, Rev. Father Walsh, the pastor, spoke of the meaning and object of the Devotion. It meant, he said, a time for developing the love for our Divine Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and the turning away of those who were walking in the paths of sin. As when our Divine Lord was on earth, "the deaf shall hear, the blind see, the lepers be cleansed, and the poor shall have the gospel preached to them." Our Lord shall be again with us, and Heaven itself can give us nothing greater than shall be offered here during the Forty Hours. Rev. Father McGrand was the celebrant of the Mass, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. The Archbishop preached at the solemn closing on Tuesday morning, and during the exercises of the week sermons were preached by Rev. Fathers Urban, Donnelly, and Coyle. The Sanctuary and altars sustained their reputation for tasteful adornment, and the large congregations who assisted at the Masses and devotions spoke loudly for the earnestness and piety of the people of St. Helen's.

ST. PATRICK'S.

The chief work at St. Patrick's during the past few days has been the carrying out of the exercises and ceremonies of the Forty Hours, which began on Friday and terminated on Passion Sunday. His Grace the Archbishop was present and preached the opening sermon on the Blessed Sacrament, and was followed on the successive evenings of the Devotion by Rev. Fathers Urban, Berling and Doyle in sermons all bearing on the same beautiful subject. The altars as usual during ceremonies at St. Patrick's, were brilliantly attractive, and the crowds overwhelming. When all churches were filled to overflowing during the Forty Hours of this year, it seems almost impossible to say which surpassed all others, and while St. Patrick's congregation is by no means as large as that of others of our parishes, yet the crowd seemed to be more dense here than anywhere else. Except for the physical discomfort, the sight of the edifice, fairly plethoric in numbers, was by no means unpleasing, the density of the gathering seeming to testify to a certain extent the earnestness of the congregation. The number of communicants was this year exceptionally large. It is probable that before the turn in time's cycle which will bring to the parish its next Forty Hours, the magnificent building now in course of erection will be in readiness for its coming.

A CORRECTION.

Last week the misplacement of a vowel gave a wrong name to the worker of the two beautiful banners, of which the Sodalties of St. Francis Parish are justly proud. The author of these pieces of exquisite workmanship is Mrs. James Carrol, a lady of the parish. Mrs. Carrol will be happy to communicate with others desiring similar work, and those having such need could do better than by placing their orders in her hands.

PASSION SUNDAY.

Passion Sunday, observed in all the churches on Sunday last, seemed to bring us closer and closer to the very heart of the Lenten season. The veiled statues and crucifixes, the purple drapings and hangings, all spoke eloquently of the penitential season, and the Gospel which told us that beset by the people our Lord fled from them and hid Himself, seemed to stand out in strong contrast to the great day soon to be with us, when the Lord shall rise glorious and im-

mortal, and the glory of his resurrection shall cover the earth.

PALM SUNDAY.

At the last Masses on Sunday next the palms will be distributed.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the St. Vincent De Paul Children's Aid Society, will be held in St. Vincent's Hall, 25 Shuter street, on Monday evening, the 9th inst., at 8 o'clock. All interested in the work of the society are invited to be present and as no grand charitable work is being done by any of our societies than that done by the Children's Aid, it is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to learn what fine results are being obtained by the efforts of the organization.

MEETING OF C.Y.L.L.A.

At the weekly meeting of above held on Monday evening at the home of Miss Gearins, Beverly street, the paper on the last chapter of the Apologia, which deals with the veracity of the priest, was continued by Miss G. Landy, and a sketch of Newman up to the time of his reception into the Church, was read by Miss D'Entremont. The next meeting will be at 40 Shannon street, when the work with Newman will be continued.

ATHLETIC CONTESTS.

The first of a series of athletic contests to be held in the gymnasium of the De La Salle Institute will take place this evening (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. About forty pupils of the school will compete and invitations have been extended to about one hundred and fifty of their friends.

SUDDEN DEATH OF JOHN ALFONSO PAPE.

On Monday morning John Alfonso Pape, eldest son of Mr. Joseph Pape, of Woodbine avenue, received a sudden call, when about four o'clock he was found to be suffering from a severe attack of heart failure. A doctor was immediately summoned, but nothing could be done and the young man shortly afterwards expired. The deceased was 27 years of age and had lived on Pape avenue for fifteen years, working as a florist with his father. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning to St. Michael's cemetery. R.I.P.

SACRED HEART ORPHANAGE.

The children of the Sacred Heart Orphanage, Sunnyside, were not forgotten in this special time of grace that is making the visitation of our city and on Saturday the Forty Hours were opened in that institution with solemn High Mass, and a procession of the Blessed Sacrament in which the boys of the House participated, and all the members were devoted and interested spectators. The ceremonies though simple were highly devotional, the children singing the music of the Mass and the altars being altogether dainty and artistic.

HONOR ROLL—ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL.

Senior IV.—Excellent—Peter Chormann, Albert Guay, Edgar McAuliffe. Good—Fred McGrath. Junior IV.—Excellent—Angelo Labraico, Joseph O'Hearn, Fred Corcoran, Nicholas Perugini, W. Wells. General Proficiency. Senior IV.—Albert Guay, Ray O'Donoghue. Junior IV.—Angelo Labraico, M. Burns, N. Perugini. Result of the Monthly Examination: Sen. III. Form—1, E. Barnett; 2, B. Heck; 3, J. McKenzie. Junior III. Form—1, Geo. Murray; 2, F. Labraico; 3, Jos. Davaney. Form III.—Department—W. Wheeler, P. Gustine, H. O'Rourke, J. Glionna, Geo. Murray, W. Sansone, F. Labraico, J. Keeler, J. Malloy, Iau. McCormack, J. Devaney, Bert Heck, F. Harper, A. Duhois. Medal of Excellency—E. Barnett, G. Murray. General Standing. Sen. II.—1, S. Nightingale; 2, M. Sansone; 3, F. Cugerty. Jun. II.—1, W. Silverman; 2, F. Richard; 3, F. McGee. Honorable Mention—S. Nightingale, M. Sansone, D. Flanagan, J. Adams, F. Mullen, F. Glionna, Jos. Nepton.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL HONOR ROLL—BOYS' DEPARTMENT.

Form IV.—Excellent—Basil Doyle, William Egan, Archie Gilmore, Neil Smith. Good—Barry Cronin, Leo Schneider, William Foley. Examinations. Sen. Div.—1, Percy Small; 2, Basil Doyle; 3, Alphonsus McLean; 4, Hector O'Halloran; 5, William Egan. Jun. Div.—1, Leo Devaney; 2, Archie Gilmore; 3, Neil Smith; 4, Leo Schneider; 5, William Foley; 6, Leo Martin. Testimonials. Form III.—Excellent—W. Hickey, F. Maiorana, E. Ryan, J. Deacon, B. Longi W. Soul, A. Dear. Good—R. Lalor, W. Kelly, A. Smith, H. Cashman, R. McCabe. Examinations. Sen. Div.—1, William Hickey; 2, Francis Maiorana; 3, William Kelly; 4, Alexander Dear; 5, Harold Cashman. Jun. Div.—1, Napoleon Dion; 2, William Soul; 3, Norman Lavioie; 4, John Pierce; 5, Edward Meagher. Form II.—The pupils who have given satisfaction during the past month are: William Neville, Fred. Hughes, Arthur O'Halloran, James Shanahan.



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ST. HELEN'S SCHOOL.

In the presence of the rector, the Rev. Father Walsh, the following boys were deemed worthy to be inscribed on the Roll of Honor for March: Form IV.—Excellent—A. Gallagher, A. Glynn, A. Dwyer, J. Power, W. Kerr, J. O'Connell, T. Kelly, C. Bishop, Jas. Gibson, C. O'Leary, J. Travers, F. Reddin, W. Attkin. Good—C. O'Connor, H. Tracey, J. Corcoran, A. Riordan, H. Goodwin, A. Fayle, V. Kirby. Form III.—Seniors—F. Elard, I. O'Connor, P. Hynes, J. Griffin, A. Maloney, John Gibson, E. Boisseau, M. McCarthy, H. McEvoy, F. Newton, F. Plumtree, M. Ryan, H. Woods. Juniors—H. Ellard, V. Colgan, J. O'Connell, A. Donohoe, E. Kelly, A. Kelly, E. Keating, E. McGroug, F. Newton, L. O'Byrne.

ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL.

At St. Michael's Hospital the Forty Hours opened this morning. It is expected that there will be a sermon during each evening of the Devotion.

TOPICS OF AN OLD-TIMER

(Continued from page 1.)

And I knew an Irish poet, formerly of Philadelphia, and a good one too, and his name was Shelton McKenzie.

My space for this week's "Old Timer" article is now filled, but I am loth to stop. There are actors, heroes, artists, travellers, yet to be mentioned, and I am only bringing forward names our eulogist has omitted. Mention is always made of presidents who have been successful, but never those who have failed like Charles O'Connor, Cass and Butler, Henry Clay, Clinton, Bryan, Logan, etc., men of Irish antecedents.

Virginia is full of great names of Irish belonging. I believe Lewis and Clarke were but I am not sure, men of Irish blood; but there was a traveller and explorer in Virginia named O'Rourke or O'Something, who anticipated them, but did not go so far as Oregon. He published the story of

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his adventures in a book, which I once saw but was not rich enough to purchase.

Among artists or sculptors, he mentions St. Gaudens, who is Irish by birth, but omits McMonies, his pupil, who is an Irish-American. Crawford, who designed the Statue of Liberty on the dome of the capital at Washington, was Irish and his relative, F. Marion Crawford, the great American novelist, is an Irish-American.

I want to stop, but how can I? This eulogist takes no notice of the pioneer ecclesiastic, Archbishop England of Charleston, who was the peer of the much bepraised Archbishop Ireland of to-day. Like him, he was a writer, a scholar and an orator. Ada Rehan is the only woman actress he brings forward. Among the great but forgotten ones are Mary Duff and Matilda Heron. But the stage is covered with Irish-American actresses to-day, with our own Margaret Anglin at their head. Miss Walsh is a great actress, although they nickname her Father, "Fatty" Walsh, in New York. In the early days Tyrone Power was the greatest actor that visited America. He was born within three miles of my father's farm, and Joe Murphy was born only a few miles further away, and Barry Sullivan was the greatest Shakespearean actor that ever visited America, saying nothing of John McCullough, whom I knew personally, and Lawrence Barrett, who was a man who had many admirers, and by some was considered superior to Booth.

Strange to say, the first Quakers, the first Presbyterians and the first Methodists came to the United States from Ireland. Penn brought the Irish Quakers, and he sought them in Cork, Lurgan and Waterford. Irish Quakers formed his territorial cabinet. One of these was named Logan, the man from Lurgan, and after him was named Logan, the Indian chief of Maryland, of whom it was written: "Who shall mourn for Logan now?" WILLIAM HALLEY.

P.S.—I have forgotten the great name of Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore, the musician, bandmaster and jubilee maker. He got up the greatest musical festivals ever gotten up in America or elsewhere. He was the first man to use cannon in his choruses. His daughter is the portess I have copied from above.

Spring Anticipation

Just a few days ago I watched from my window the beautiful, soft, fluffy snow as it floated down, down from the clouds and spread itself like a mantle over the brown earth. An hour or two later the changing wind picked it up and whirled it about in the strangest antics and for the moment my delusions of spring were shattered. March is the month of contradictions and disappointments, of broken promises and incessant warfare. No one can tell what a day may bring forth. To-day we look out verily on bleak December; tomorrow—who knows?—we may be transported into May, and with aspirations high, feel our ardor cooled by a blast of wind and blinding fall of snow. But this cannot last—for soon the warm breezes come and hold their sway for days and the north wind, angry in its defeat, is driven back in lowering clouds, to the region of eternal ice and snow. Now comes a lovely day—all blue above,

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SEEDS PLANTS BULBS

all sunshine below. The maple throbs and trickles with the flowing sap. The wild geese brush the sky in their northern flight. Soon the little pussies on the willow will be coaxed from their winter rest and creep out upon the stem. The earlier birds call to each other exultingly across the park and we hear the rush of the water as it meanders through its underground course to the lake. Such days are perfect. Soon the warm rain penetrates deep into the yielding ground and we find ourselves peering into the little nooks on the southern side of the house where last year crocuses and violets gladdened our hearts. To-day, just after luncheon, I raised some leaves that were heavy and wet with my wee spade, and lo, there snug and warm were those precious crocuses, just ready to bob up their saucy little heads to the blue heavens on the first suitable occasion. As I covered them up snugly, those lines, remembered from away far back came to me:

"Down in my solitude under the snow, Where no hing cheering can reach me, Here without light to see how to grow, I'll trust to nature to teach me."

"Many perhaps from so simple a flower This little lesson may borrow— Patient to-day, through its gloomiest hour, We come out the brighter to-morrow!"

Soon we shall hear the hoarse voice of the frog as he chants his vesper hymn. He is an ugly little fellow in July, but in the early spring he is a veritable silver-throat. Golden daffodils on drooping stems will soon be nodding to each other across the walk, and just a bit later, the tulips, resplendent in their gay many-colored uniforms and standing upright like sentinels, will brighten our walks and drives.

NANO BOURKE.

March 27 '1906.

Bishop of Alexandria

It is rumored that Rev. Wm. McDonald, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Stormont County, has been appointed Bishop of Alexandria in succession to the late Bishop McDonald. The diocese, which is composed of a large percentage of Highland Scotch, has been without an episcopal head since the death of Bishop McDonald on May 9th, 1905.

Rev. Father McDonald succeeded Rev. Father Corbett, the present administrator of the diocese as pastor of St. Andrew's Church about eighteen years ago. He was at one time a student at Ottawa University, and besides being an eloquent speaker, has displayed much executive ability.

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