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Chameleon Villatte.

(From "Rome.")

Our papers here in Rome last Sunday night devoted whole columns to telegraphic accounts of the first schismatic mass celebrated in Paris. Indeed, the ceremony itself throws a curious light on the religious situation in France, but it will be hard to understand it without a little explanation. It will be remembered that some months ago a man who calls himself Des Houx tried to start a movement for the foundation of schismatic associations.

Had we speculated at all on the matter in Rome, our choice would soon have confined itself to the only three "Bishops" in the world likely to have any dealings with Des Houx. Donkin, Miraglia and Villatte! They have all been here within some years, and each of them in his time has played many parts. Donkin was the latest arrival. He had a few glorious weeks in the Eternal City; he ate and drank sumptuously in a first-class hotel; he ordered and wore all kinds of sumptuous purple robes; he borrowed money freely—and he was run into gaol as a swindler.

So there was nobody left for Des Houx but Villatte. Villatte was born in France and ordained priest in Switzerland by a schismatic Bishop. Later on he proceeded to the Orient where he was obligingly consecrated archbishop by some schismatic. Then he came to Rome declaring that he wished to be received into the Church. The authorities here were cautious, and handed his case over to an Irish Franciscan of the Holy Office. When the Inquisitor first visited Timothy I., Independent Catholic Archbishop of Antioch (Villatte had blossomed into this imposing personage) the gentleman was arrayed in no end of purple, rings, chains, and pectoral crosses.

of his French friends. Two other details complete the physiognomy of that function; the church in which it was held was built a few years ago by the Barnabites, and has been stolen from them; and the new curé is an excommunicated priest. It is hardly strange, under the circumstances, though it is regrettable, that the first schismatic service of the "French Catholic Apostolic Church" was turned into a farce.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

FRANCISCAN OFFICIAL RETURNS.

The Very Rev. Father Colomban, Provincial of the Franciscan Order in Canada, has just returned to Montreal after an absence of three months. The reverend Father had gone to Rome to report on a special mission in the Northwest, with which he had been entrusted last summer.

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AGED PRIEST RESIGNS.

Rev. Father Lynch, for fifty-two years in the priesthood, has resigned as rector of St. Mary's Church, Port Hope. He will reside in Peterboro. Father Lynch is 84 years of age, and the oldest priest in the diocese of Peterboro. Rev. F. J. O'Sullivan of Lindsay succeeds him at Port Hope.

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Marieville Seminary Destroyed Loss \$150,000

The Catholic Seminary of Marieville (Que.), was destroyed by fire last Saturday morning, causing an estimated loss of \$150,000, including a valuable library of rare volumes. Of this only \$50,000 is covered by insurance.

There were about 225 students in the seminary, and these were compelled to seek shelter in the homes of the village people.

The blaze, which originated presumably from a defective chimney, was discovered at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, when the classes were in progress. It started by the roof of the older building and spread rapidly. In 45 minutes it had reached the newer building, which stood about 50 feet away, on the northern side, and at 1 o'clock in the afternoon nothing remained of the college but crumbling walls. Most of the students had time to save their clothes and other belongings.

The two buildings which comprised the college were built five stories high, of brick. The older building, where the fire started, was erected 50 years ago, and had a frontage of 120 feet, with wings about 60 feet in length. The depth of the wings, as well as that of the central portion, measured about 45 feet.

About 10 o'clock one of the villagers noticed smoke issuing from the gables. The next instant flames burst from one of the attic windows and began licking up the dry shingles at the side. Before the inmates realized the situation the whole attic was ablaze, and when the firemen arrived they realized at once that the older building was doomed. Their alarm was increased when the gasoline engine, which supplied the pressure to the hydrants, refused to work. An appeal for help was made to Chief Benoit, of Montreal, but owing to the distance he could not assume the risk of allowing any of the fire apparatus to leave the city. The local brigade finally managed to get the engine started, and soon had several streams playing on the fire.

The teaching staff, composed of ten brothers of the Marist Order and ten secular priests, busied themselves with saving the furniture, part of which, also with the assistance of outsiders, they succeeded in removing, as well as a few volumes from the shelves, but before they could save the valuable collection the flames compelled them to retreat. They were unable to save anything from the physics laboratory, the equipment of which was valued at \$7000. The library was valued at about the same amount.

OBITUARY.

SISTER PANCRETIA.

Rev. Sister M. Pancretia, of the Sisters of Notre Dame Congregation, died at the Mother House of the Congregation on Saturday. The deceased was a sister of Rev. Sister Superioress of St. Agnes' Academy, St. Anthony's Parish, and had taught there until a short time previous to her death. The funeral took place Monday morning.

DR. JOHN C. HOWE.

Death came suddenly to Dr. John C. Howe, port physician, at Quebec, who passed away last Saturday morning at his home, Champlain street, after scarcely a moment's warning, between four and five o'clock. Deceased had been around as usual on Friday night. As late as midnight he conversed with friends, and left for his home apparently in good health.

The late Dr. Howe was one of Quebec's best known citizens; he was a graduate of Laval University, and won high honors at that institution in obtaining his degree about twenty years ago. He always practised in Quebec, and a few years ago was appointed physician at the port of Quebec by the Canadian Immigration Department, a position which he had up to the time of his death.

COUNT CREIGHTON.

Count John A. Creighton, one of the best-known Catholic laymen in the United States, died at his home in Omaha, Neb., on Thursday last from a relapse which followed an attack of pneumonia.

In October last Count Creighton celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday by transferring to Creighton University, Omaha, under the direction of the Jesuits, property valued at half a million dollars. Prior to that donation he had given over a

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million dollars to the university, which was founded by his brother Edward as a free college for the education of youth, regardless of creed or color.

The title of Count was conferred upon Mr. Creighton by Pope Leo XIII. in recognition of his many benevolences, and the University of Notre Dame selected him as a recipient of the Laetare medal for his services in promoting the welfare of the Catholic Church.

MR. TIMOTHY COLLINS.

A large concourse Saturday attended the funeral of the late Mr. Timothy Collins, who was probably the oldest man in the world. Leaving the residence of deceased's son, 21 Chomedey street, the cortege proceeded to St. Anthony's Church. Rev. J. E. Donnelly celebrated the solemn Requiem Mass, attended by Rev. T. F. Heffernan, as deacon, and Rev. Abbe Decarie, of Ste. Cuneogonde, as sub-deacon.

The chief mourners were the two sons of deceased, Messrs. Michael and Thomas Collins; his grandsons, Neilson Collins and Robert Birch; his son-in-law, Robert Birch; his cousins, John O'Leary, D. J. O'Leary and Jas. E. O'Leary.

Among the many persons attending the funeral were Messrs. W. E. Doran, Frank J. Curran, Aid. T. O'Connell, ex-Aid. T. Conroy, ex-Aid. T. Kinella, J. O. McDermid, T. J. O'Neill, John Dwane, Patrick Wright, Ed. Donohue, Ed. Cavanagh, J. E. Malone, Bernard Tansey, R. H. Brown, John T. McNamee, M. Dineen, T. J. Donovan, T. O'Brien, T. Starr, P. J. Carroll, Arthur E. Ibbotson, Andrew Purcell, Edward Brophy, Lawrence Brophy, Con. Phelan, Ed. Williams, James Casey, Felix Casey, James Rodgers and many others.

MR. JOHN CURRAN.

Mr. John Curran, one of the best known men in Montreal business circles, died on Saturday last after a short illness. Mr. Curran, who was 71 years of age, was a native of Dungarvon, County Waterford, Ire-

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