

**PILGRIMS TO STE. ANNE.**

Some Fifty Thousand This Year.

Ste. Anne de Beaupre, the famous shrine below Quebec, continues to hold its own in estimation of the faithful. This year it has been visited so far by a larger number of people than in any of its history. The pilgrims not only came from all parts of Canada, but also from several states of the American Union, and included people of all nationalities.

The cures reported to have occurred are numberless. In years past the beautiful Church of Ste. Anne was reached only by boat and the number of pilgrims was necessarily smaller. Since the opening of the Quebec, Montmorency & Charlevoix Railway, which covers the distance from the Ancient Capital to the shrine, a distance of 21 miles, the number of pilgrimages have increased. From the first days of May to August 1, no less than fifty distinct pilgrimages have visited the shrine, going over this road. It is computed that the pilgrims to visit Ste. Anne's this year will reach fifty thousand. The pilgrimages which went over the Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix Railway were as follows:— May 21, Les Zouaves, St. Sauveur; Les Artisans, Quebec; 23, Cercle La Salle; 31, party from Joliette, the cars being run through to St. Anne; June 7, Les Enfants de Marie, St. Roch; 8, Ste. Famille de Quebec; 11, Cercle Catholique de Quebec; 15, Rosaire Vivant de Quebec; 7 Oswego, N.Y.; 20, Waterville, Me.; 6, General Hospital of Quebec; 18, Ligne du Sacre Cœur, Quebec, 1829 pilgrims, being the largest pilgrimage ever in Ste. Anne; July 3, St. Come de Kennebec, Beauce; 11, Normal School, Quebec; June 27, women of Joliette; 17, Hospice St. Charles, Quebec; 25, congregation of Upper Town; 20, Island Pond, Vt.; 25, Young men of St. Sauveur, Quebec; July 5, Ste. Famille de St. Sauveur, Quebec; 5, St. Abald, Portneuf; 17, Arthabaska; 10, St. Cuthbert, Berthier; 7 St. Anselme, Dorchester, 9, Tanners of Quebec; 16, Artisans of Quebec; 17 and 29, orphans of Sisters of Charity, 23, Biddeford, Me.; 23, Charlesbourg; 23, Salem, Mass.; 12, Lewiston, Me.; 31, Albany, N. Y.; 27, Levis. On Sunday, July 23, there were pilgrimages from Charlesbourg, St. Vincent de Paul Society of Quebec and Biddeford, Me., aggregating 3355 passengers for the day carried over the Q.M. & C. Ry. On the Tuesday following a pilgrimage of 800 from Salem, Mass., arrived at Pointe Levis and being transferred in the ferry reached Ste. Anne in forty-one minutes. Ste. Anne is now filled with Americans for the summer season. The pilgrimages arranged for are: Smith's Falls, Ont.; St. Hyacinthe, Aug. 6; Sherbrooke, August 13; Roberval, Que., August 14 and Frenchville, Me., Aug. 25. Five thousand four hundred and forty-three men of the Congregations of St. Roch and Beauport, making up nineteen trains, visited the shrine on Sunday last. In addition to the above are all the pilgrimages which have gone down from Montreal by the boats of the R. & Ontario Company. Nearly every parish in Montreal has had or are to have a pilgrimage of its own.

**Religious Profession.**

There was a religious profession at the Good Shepherd Convent on Sherbrooke street, Thursday morning. Very Rev. Abbe Bourgeault, V. G., presided. Rev. Canon Racicot, Rev. Abbe Delinelle, chaplain, and Rev. Abbe Payette. There were numbers of relatives and friends of the nuns and the ceremony was most impressive. The following professed: Professe de chœur; Sr. M. de la Merce, of Montreal, nee Laura Charette, Professe Converses; Sr. M. de St. Simon, of Ste. Martine, nee Dulcinie Brault; Sr. M. de St. Adrien, of St. Barthelemi, nee Edouardina Casufel, novice de chœur; Margaret Corcoran, of Stanstead, in religion, Sr. M. de Fourvieres, novices converses; Marie Louise Chaput, of Montreal, in religion, Sr. M. of Ste. Hedwige; Marie Reine Proulx, of La Baie du Fevre, in religion, S. M. de la Transfiguration.

**Rev. Father Capellen's Funeral.**

The funeral service of the Rev. Father Van der Capellen, C. SS. R., took place Thursday morning at St. Ann's Church. The funeral service was chanted by Rev. Father Fulgrau-Marie, O. S. F., assisted by Rev. M. Brasseur, P. S. S., and Fr. Vermeirer, C. SS. R. The blessing was given by His Grace Archbishop Fabre,

assisted by Rev. Father Catulle, C. SS. R., and Rev. Abbe Leclair, of St. Joseph's Church. The attendance was large and the ceremony most impressive. Numbers came to pay a last tribute to the good and holy priest who had labored so long and effectively in the Parish of St. Ann. May his reward be great, and may his soul repose in eternal peace.

**Mass Celebrated in a Baptist Church.**

The following strange despatch, of 31st July, comes from Long Island City, L. I.: Three denominations worshipped in the East Avenue Baptist Church, City, last week, the Roman Catholic, the Methodist, and the Baptist. The last was the only one of the three that was in its regular church. The burned out St. Mary's Roman Catholic congregation held services in the Baptist Church. A Methodist flock, owing to the absence of its pastor, joined with the Baptists, and Father McGuire celebrated mass.

**Reception to Aberdeen.**

At a special meeting held last week, St. Patrick's Society decided to ask the co-operation of the other Irish Canadian Societies in extending a reception to the Earl of Aberdeen. The following committee was chosen to draft an address of welcome: Hon. James McShane, Messrs. B. J. Coghlin, J. J. Ryan, P. O'Reilly, M. Delehanty, P. Kelly, George Mognahan, J. Shaughnessy and S. Cross as hon. secretary.

**Catholic Order of Foresters.**

This organization is perfecting arrangements to hold a grand demonstration on Sunday, the 27th inst., to take the form of a church parade in the morning and an escort to the depot of the Canadian delegates who leave that evening for Chicago to attend the Tenth Annual Convention opening on Tuesday, the 29th. The Jesuit Church has been obtained for the morning service and it is expected that the celebrants of the Mass will be members of the order. The procession will form on the Champ de Mars at 8.35 a.m., and all arrangements are in the hands of the Chief Rangers of the City Courts, which numbers 33, comprising 3,000 members. It is hoped to have 4,000 men in line as all the Courts of the province have been invited to take part.

**Funeral of the Late John Cox.**

The funeral of the late Mr. John Cox, took place Friday morning to St. Anthony's Church, and was largely attended by many prominent citizens. The officiating priest at the church was the Rev. Father Donnelly, assisted by Fathers Gagnier and Cox, a son of the deceased. The choir, under the direction of Prof. McGuirk, chanted a special funeral service. The chief mourners were sons of deceased, and his cousin, Mr. Browne. Amongst the present were Messrs. J. E. Shaw, port warden, Capt. Reid, deputy port warden; W. E. Boyd, Thos. Sonne, Gear, Coates, Bird, Capt. Clift, James Call, Alex Robertson, secretary of the Harbor Commissioners; W. J. Brennan, Sinclair, W. J. O'Hara, deputy Collector of Customs; Boyer, Comptroller of Customs; Dr. Leprohon, R. Wright, J. Cuddy, Labadie, N. P.; Fry, N. P.; H. Kavanagh, Q. C.; G. Ducloux, H. Eisenhard, Mr. Scanlon, superintendent Dominion SS., Co'y, C. A. Briggs, ex-Ald. Donovan, J. Scanlon, J. McNally, E. Irvin, John Hatchet, J. P. Whelan, J. D. Puroell, J. H. Kennedy, R. Wall, S. Daly, H. Weeks, John Kennedy, S. G. Kennedy, C. Egan, John Egan, Jos. Cochrane, Prof. McGuirk, J. Birmingham, Jno. White, Prof. Bond, F. Wake, Wm. Booth, Rodgers, Anthony Loftus, W. Cunningham, H. McLaughlin, tide surveror; S. Tidmarsh, A. Larin, G. Blomely, S. Sorley.

**A Successful Novena.**

The Rev. Father L. A. Nolan, O. M. I., the distinguished scholar and preacher, has been delivering a course of powerful sermons, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 76th street and Lexington Avenue, New York City. The occasion was a novena in honor of St. Ann, whose relic is preserved in that church. Immense numbers thronged the church and great devotion and Catholic faith were manifested. The novena was a grand success, thanks greatly to the efforts of the eloquent preacher. Father Nolan was long connected with Ottawa Univer-

sity as one of its leading professors. He is at present stationed in Plattsburg N. Y., on missionary work. We might incidentally remark that the September number of the *North American Review* will contain an article from the pen of that learned priest on the 'Briggs case from a Catholic stand point.' When the article appears we will give the readers of the TRUE WITNESS the benefit of its reproduction.

**A Religious Monomaniac.**

A rather strange incident took place in the historic Bonsecours church Friday morning. People were quietly attending to private devotional exercises when they were suddenly disturbed by one of the worshippers rising from his knees and with quick steps, walking to the pulpit. He had, he said, a message to deliver to them; they were to fly from the wrath to come. The worshippers became alarmed, the women were frightened, and the men tried hard to get the man to come down from his lofty position. All proved useless until Fireman Courville, who was passing the church, and was attracted by the noise, went in and succeeded in displacing the man from the pulpit. He gave the name of Wm. Hickey, and his address as Longue Pointe, when taken to the Central Police station. He was put in a cell pending a medical examination. It is thought that he has been confined in the Longue Pointe asylum before.

**Jesuit Appointments for the Coming Year.**

The feast of St. Ignatius was duly observed at St. Mary's College. The reverend Jesuit Fathers have just finished their retreat, and, accordingly to their custom, the appointments for the year are made on this day.

They resulted as follows for the College: Superior-General, Rev. Father F. X. Renaud, S. J.; rector, Rev. H. Hudon, S. J.; minister, Rev. V. Hudon, S. J.; prefect of discipline and studies, Rev. O. B. Devlin, S. J.; professors of second philosophy, Rev. J. Pouliquen, S. J., and J. Ruhlmann, S. J.; professors of 1st philosophy, Rev. J. Dugas, S. J., and J. Lalonde, S. J.; professor of rhetoric, Rev. Cas. Chaput, S. J.; professors of Belles-Lettres, Rev. Fathers A. Monette, S. J., and B. Hazleton, S. J. Father Carre, S. J., will leave for Quebec, and Father Hamon, S. J., will become the director of the Union Catholique.

The directors of the Leagues of the Sacred Heart are Fathers Jones and Nolin.

The sermons at the church during the entire year will be delivered by the Rev. Fathers Desjardins, S. J., Connolly, S. J., Hamon, S. J., and Ruhlman, S. J.

Rev. Father George Kenny will remain at Guelph, Ont., as superior of that House.

At the Immaculate Conception the rector is Rev. E. Durocher, minister, Rev. E. Schmidt; professors of theology, Fathers Daniel, Filiatrault, Caisse, Reinsbach and Durocher; the cure of the church will be Rev. Father Rottot, and the vicar, Rev. Father Plante.

Rev. Father Charaux will have charge of the novitiate at the Sault, and Father Lecompte will be the minister of the House.

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