

Correspondence.

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SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF KNOX.

Knock, Co. Mayo, Nov. 1st, 1887.

To the Editor of the CATHOLIC WEEKLY REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,—Although the Knock of 1887, has not been the Knock of 1881, in the hundreds of thousands who thronged to our Lady's shrine, yet it has not been without its features of interest. There have been steady if diminished streams of pilgrims, and some of these pilgrims have been of eminent ecclesiastical rank. The anniversary of 1st August was celebrated with much *clat*, and amongst the pilgrims who walked in the torchlight procession, of 5000 strong, were Father Peter Gallway, S.J., London, and Father Wellesby, S.J., Provincial of the English province. Only last week, there left here after a sojourn of some weeks, an American Priest, the Rev. Father Pavilln, Minnesota, U.S., who was en route to his paternal home in Austria, and as in former years, so also in this, letters have reached Archdeacon Cavanagh, recording the cure of clients of our Lady of Knock. A remarkable instance was the letter of the Archbishop of Toronto, published in some home and foreign journals, and many pilgrims, sore in body, and ill at ease, have testified that at Knock they have found bodily health and mental peace.

I have little doubt, Mr. Editor, that your readers will regret to learn that since the beginning of the present year the Pastor of Knock has been invalided, and is not yet recovered. It can hardly be a source of solace to him that the painting and decoration of the Sanctuary of his Church has had to be deferred, and that the gable of the apparation, with its wonderful garniture of crutches, splints, etc., etc., is not yet made sufficiently worthy of its venerable character.

Although Archdeacon Cavanagh has enlarged, renovated, and beautified his Church, and has built besides an excellent presbytery which would accommodate, with ease, ten or twelve priests, he has never yet appealed for pecuniary sympathy, either at home or abroad. But his non-obtrusion of his works and his needs, furnishes all the more reason why the sympathetic Catholic public should be informed of the fact that the erection of the presbytery, coupled with that of some parochial schools, has not only cleared him entirely out of money, but has besides left him well dipped in debt. Except the rooms occupied by himself, and which his invalid health has compelled him to make comfortable, the presbytery with its twenty or more apartments remains to be furnished, and as it is destined to be the residence of a community of priests, who will not only supply the needs of Knock Church, but be a missionary community for the entire diocese in which Knock is situated, it is truly a work of more than parochial magnitude. I am sure that Archdeacon Cavanagh's many friends, both at home and abroad, but above all in the greater Ireland beyond the seas, will have only to know that his church, presbytery, schools, and his own invalid health have so straitened his resources, that with his limited parochial revenues he can never hope to cope with such difficulties. I am quite sure that his friends have but to learn this when they will hasten to lighten his burden.

I write this from intimate personal knowledge of Archdeacon Cavanagh's straitened circumstances, and although I could not think of apprising him of my dispatch of this letter, otherwise it might never be sent, I am quite sure that he would accept the benefactions of his generous friends, and repay them a hundred fold in his masses and prayers. As he has never appealed for himself let me be permitted to appeal for him.

Yours most truly,

A SEVEN YEAR PILGRIM TO KNOCK.

CATHOLIC AND LITERARY NOTES.

A branch of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association is being formed in Pembroke.

The parishioners of St. Patrick's Church, Ottawa, have a very successful bazaar in progress.

Burglars entered St. John's Church, Quebec, on Wednes-

day, broke open the poor box and stole therefrom about \$50.00.

The parishioners of St. Jean Baptiste parish Ottawa, have organized a Mutual Benefit organization.

Cardinal Langenieux, Archbishop of Rheims, is called the "Father of Workingmen" in his diocese.

Bishop Racine, of Chicoutimi, is seriously ill, and confined in the Marine Hospital, Chicoutimi.

Rev. Father Hamel has been appointed to the place of Father Hudon, as Superior General of the Jesuit Order in Canada.

Cardinal Gibbons celebrated high mass the other day at San Antonia, Texas, the most ancient church on this continent.

The Right Rev. Edward Fitzgerald, D.D., bishop of Little Rock, Ark., has been appointed administrator of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

A new Catholic schoolhouse to cost \$15,000, is to be erected in Halifax. Archbishop O'Brien has already accepted a tender for the work.

Chief Justice Dorion in discharging the grand jury at Montreal, denounced the wholesale manner of granting liquor licenses in vogue in Montreal.

Father Paradis, of Gilmour-Paradis fame, passed through Hull last week for Quebec, where he will reside in future. His successor at the Desert has not been made known.

A concert in aid of St. Helen's Church, Brookton, took place in the Brookton Town Hall on Tuesday evening. A good programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered.

It is proposed to hold a solemn requiem mass in Notre Dame Cathedral, in Montreal, on the 22nd inst., in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the rebellion of 1837-38.

At St. Joseph's Church, Leslieville, on Wednesday, Mr. P. Bonner was married to Miss Pape, eldest daughter of ex-Ald. Pape. His Grace the Archbishop officiated, assisted by Rev. Fathers O'Reilly and Hand.

Rev. John M. J. Cruise, was ordained Deacon by his Grace the Archbishop on Sunday, at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sherbourne St. Mr. Cruise will be raised to the sublime dignity of the Priesthood on Sunday next.

The collection for the Pope in St. Stephen's Church New York, last month amounted to \$1,108.47. Last year the collection in that Church was only \$860.24. Dr. McGlynn's "boycott" of the Pope is not being very energetically enforced.

The address to the Holy Father from the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, which has been prepared by Rev. S. Fitte, of Notre Dame University, and printed at the *Ave Maria* office, is now being artistically illuminated by Signori Gregori.

Rev. Father Du Mortier, S. J., who has laboured in the neighbourhood of Guelph, for about 25 years, has become so feeble through increasing age that he has been obliged to relinquish the charge of the mission at Acton. He has been succeeded by Rev. Father Kieley, S.J.

Hon. J. A. Chapleau, secretary of state, Canada, has been made one of the three honorary presidents of the movement made by the Papal Zouaves throughout the world to present to Pope Leo on Christmas day an address and a gold crosier studded with diamonds. Collections will be taken up in Canada.