

OBITUARY

BROTHER XAVIER

During the past week a shadow has been cast on the Brothers and students of the De La Salle College, Aurora, when Brother Xavier, succumbed to an operation for appendicitis.

Peter Leo Gattie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gattie, Walford Station, entered the Junior Novitiate of the De La Salle College, Aurora, on Jan. 8th, 1920. Soon his quiet ways and amiable disposition made him one of the most popular of the Juniors. Attention and more than ordinary effort enabled him to pass into Lower School in June, and the year following, to graduate into Middle School. Last July along with seventeen of his companions, Leo was promoted to the Senior Novitiate and clothed in the Holy Habit of St. De La Salle, taking the name of Brother Xavier. Into his religious training the young Novice put his whole soul and, before long, his piety and close observance of his regulations singled him out. However he continued to radiate his cheerfulness so that all were particularly grieved to learn of his removal to the hospital, on March 15th, for an operation. Acute appendicitis made his rallying rather difficult and a second operation on the 11th day proved too much for his depleted energy. Throughout his illness Brother Xavier was a model of patience and frequently he expressed his gratitude for the kind attention he received. During the last couple of days he was consoled by the presence of several members of his family. His father was with him when the end came in the closing minutes of the Feast of the Annunciation. The funeral service was held in the College Chapel. Before the singing of the Libera, the Reverend Chaplain, Father Hodgkinson gave a very touching sermon on the model life of Brother Xavier. He drew the attention of all present to the consolation parents should experience in having some of their children consecrated to God. He urged the Novices and Juniors to imitate the departed in his exemplary life, strongly emphasizing the fact that it is here that we win our heaven. The remains were then laid in the College Cemetery. May we hope that God in His infinite mercy has already admitted the dear departed into His heavenly Kingdom.

WILLIAM CARNEY

A very sad accident happened at the home of Mr. Ed. Sennet, near Kingsbridge, on Saturday afternoon, March 25th, when his nephew, William Carney, met his death through a mishap with a gun. It appears that the boy intended to go hunting with some companions, and went into a small chamber to secure the gun. He did not know that it was loaded, and as he lifted it by the barrel, the weapon discharged sending the full force of the shot into the right temple of the unsuspecting victim. Alarmed by the discharge the boy's aunt, Mrs. M. Dwyer, began to look for her nephew and repairing to the fatal room, to her utter horror, found Billie dying.

The whole district was soon alarmed and two hours later, in the presence of Father Dean, Dr. Simpson, the boy's father, his grandmother and his aunt and uncles, Billie died without recovering consciousness.

The news of the sudden death cast a gloom over all Ashfield as the lad was well known. His sunny disposition, and kind obliging nature made him a general favorite with his teacher, his schoolmates and all who came in contact with him. He was nearly seventeen years of age, a high school student of St. Joseph's School, Kingsbridge, a member of the Holy Name Society, an active and enthusiastic partaker in all sports and a promising member of the literary branch of the U. F. Y. P. O.

The interment took place on Tuesday morning to St. Joseph's Cemetery, Kingsbridge. The casket was tenderly borne into the church, between the ranks of the students of St. Joseph's school by six schoolmates: Norman O'Loughlin, Clare O'Reilly, T. J. Drennan, Cyril Austin, Denis Dalton and Wilfred McCarthy. The Requiem Mass was sung by Rev. Father Dean who also officiated at the grave.

William Carney was the only son of Daniel Carney of Goderich. His mother, formerly Catherine Sennet, predeceased him last July. Mrs. J. Sennet, of Ashfield, is his grandmother, Mrs. M. Dwyer, Mrs. Jno. O'Neil, Mrs. Robb Howard of Ashfield, Mrs. Ed. O'Neil of Jackson, Ohio, Mrs. Jno. Chisholm and Mrs. Wm. Bogie of Colborne are aunts; Jas. and Ed. Sennet of Ashfield and Michael Carney of Colborne are uncles. Rev. Father Chisholm of St. Mary's, London, is a cousin of the deceased. To the bereaved father and the sorrowing relatives who mourn the lad's early demise, sincerest sympathy is extended by Billie's schoolmates and his large circle of friends. May his soul rest in perpetual peace.

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"No person ever thinks of it!" Is it but a dream, That the world has forgotten that wrong supreme,

'Mid the thunder's roar and the lightning's gleam? Is it but a dream?

"No person ever thinks of it!" No more 'twill be said That no person thinks of Thy thorn-crowned Head,

And that Loving Heart that for sinners bled, No more 'twill be said.

"No person ever thinks of it!" Jesus, I will stay At the foot of Thy cross, there to think and pray,

And do Thou teach me in Thine own sweet way Never more to stray.

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There is, for example, some point in the application of "Crux de Cruce," "A Cross from a Cross," to Pope Pius IX., who had a heavy cross of affliction pressed upon him by the House of Savoy whose emblem was a cross. The entire world acknowledges that "Lumen in Coelo," "A Light in the Sky," aptly describes that luminary of the papacy, Pope Leo XIII. Peculiarly fitting, too, was the title, "Ignis Ardens," "A Glowing Fire," to Pope Pius X., illustrious for his burning zeal for "the restoration of all things in Christ." And who will say that there is no relation between 'Religio Depopulata,'

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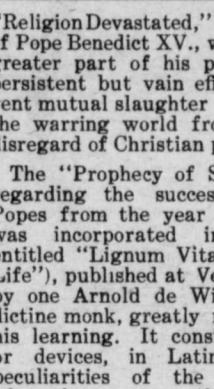
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Perhaps nothing proves so certainly how we are related to the unseen world as our prayers. If they be tedious and irksome, cold and tasteless, it is a sure proof that our delight is not in God, and that we love Him chiefly, if not only, in the reason; that we are living, if not lives of sense, at least of intellect and imagination, rather than of the will. So long as we are in this state, however much this world may lose its hold upon us, the next has not as yet won our hearts.—Cardinal Manning.

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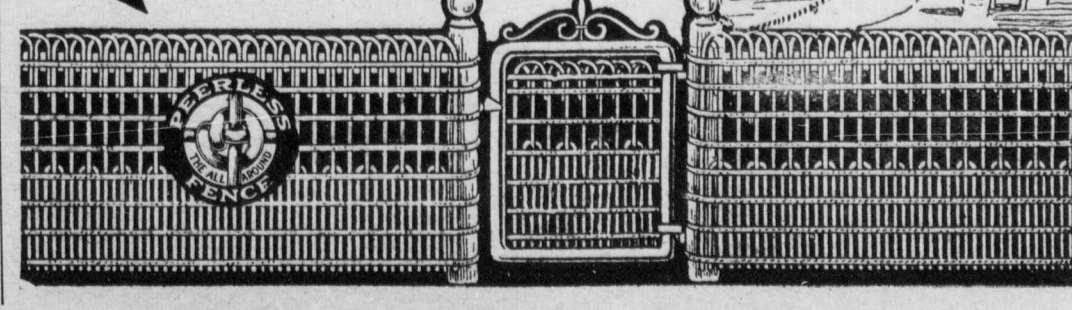
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