

Weekly Retrospect.

Days pass so quickly, and in the rush of business and pleasure we give very little of our time to our Lord, who so patiently reposes in the Tabernacle; but if we are neglectful the good Sisters of the Precious Blood are constantly making reparation for this neglect of ours. It is the rule of their order to rise at midnight, and before the Blessed Sacrament offer prayers for the sins committed at this hour.

The devotion to the Precious Blood of our Lord is one of the sweetest and most consoling in the Church. Father Faber says: "The Precious Blood was one of God's eternal thoughts. It was part of His wisdom, part of His glory, part of His own blessedness from all eternity." "One of God's eternal thoughts," how wonderful to think of it! "Part of His glory," how dazzling!

Let us join these good Sisters in this wonderful devotion by assisting them in our poor way, and we will share more than ever in all their good prayers. "It is devotion to the Precious Blood which fills the angelic realms with jubilee when a sinner is converted." Now these good Sisters, who never cease to pray for us, are endeavoring to free their monastery from debt, as their means is not sufficient for this, although they are engaged in various industries which aid in their maintenance. For this purpose they hold a Christmas sale every year of fancy and useful articles. This year it opens Nov. 27th, a few days earlier than usual. It will be held in the same place as last year, the hall of the Confederation Life Building, corner of Yonge and Richmond streets. The different tables will be presided over by several of the Catholic ladies of the city. One great attraction will be the decorated china offered for sale, which consists of vases, jugs, plates, cups and saucers in Doulton, Royal Worcester and old Dresden, such as our great grandmothers used. All this beautiful china has been painted specially for the sale, by a lady whose exquisite taste and work is beyond criticism. There will be a table of useful and fancy articles, one of books and religious objects and also one of candies and sweetmeats. The latter will please the children, both great and small. We must not forget to mention the doll table, or Santa Claus would know nothing about it. Dolls of all descriptions will be here for sale, some dressed in silks and satins, and some in their common every day garb. Lunch will be served daily from Tuesday, in a room for this purpose, the menu of which might compare with Delmonco's.

A Concert, free of charge, will be held Monday evening, when the following ladies and gentlemen will take part: Vocalists, Mrs. J. C. Smith, Mrs. O'Hara, Miss Amy Berthon, Mr. P. Costello, Mr. Hogan and Mr. Tomley. Mr. Donald Herald, A. T. C. M., Pianist; Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick, violin; Sig. Luigi Petti, Mandolin; Miss Annie Johnson, A. T. C. M., accompanist. Mr. V. McBrady will preside as chairman. The piano to be used has been kindly lent by Messrs. Heintzman & Co.

How pleasantly and happily our Archbishop deals with children. This was manifested the past week, when each of the two convent schools gave little entertainments in honor of his Grace's 26th anniversary of the episcopacy.

The visit of the Russians to Paris has increased the taste for everything Russian; lace, furs and velvets prevail in materials. The Russian turban is the most stylish thing in the shape of hats; it is profusely trimmed with sable tails. Rough tweeds are still in great favor, and the most suitable trimmings are the military braids. Tailor made gowns for afternoon wear are of smooth cloths in dark damson

colors, terra cotta, or corn flower blue, trimmed with narrow edgings of black Persian lamb on the waist, and four lengthwise rows on the skirt. Black cloth coats, with a long victorine of ermine and a huge ermine muff, are being made by tailors to wear with any handsome black skirt. The coat is closely-fitted and single breasted, with a great fullness in the skirt, which extends to the knee. A very pretty hat is of black satin with under lining of golden tan felt, trimmed with rosettes of black feathers, a Russian cigarette, and black osprey tipped with jet.

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