

THE LATE J. R. COTY.

Death of a Young Seminarian.

On Saturday last, after an illness of some months, there passed away at the residence of his mother, Oakville, Mr. John Romuald Coty, son of the late Louis Coty of that place, and brother of Rev. J. H. Coty of Hamilton, Secretary to His Lordship Bishop Dowling.

Mr. Coty was in the twenty-third year of his age having been born on February 13th, 1872. His early studies were made in the separate school, Oakville, the public school, Mount



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Forest, and the high school, Oakville. In September, 1888, he entered St. Michael's College, Toronto, where his course was marked by a series of successes. In his third year he carried off the Elmsley Bursary scholarship. In September of 1893, having completed his first year of the study of philosophy he went to the Grand Seminary at Montreal and began his second year's study of that subject under the direction of the Order of St. Sulpice.

It was while there that he was first seized with the illness which has now resulted fatally.

Mr. Coty, while at St. Michael's College, was a prominent figure not only in the school classes but in all the college societies and in the athletic associations of St. Michael's and the University of Toronto.

At Oakville on Sunday evening after Vespers Father Burke advanced to the railing and in a few impressive words recalled the story of Mr. Coty's sickness and death and dwelt upon the truly Christian character of his disposition and preparation.

At 10.30 on the morning of Monday, Nov. 19th, a solemn Requiem High Mass was sung at St. Andrew's Church, Oakville. Very Rev. B. J. O'Connell, of Mount Forest, uncle of the deceased, was celebrant, Rev. J. H. Coty, deacon, and Mr. J. Sullivan, sub-deacon. There were also present Monsignor McEvay, Chancellor Craven and Fathers Hinchey, Brady and Lehmann of Hamilton, Rev. F. O'Reilly, Caledonia, and Revs. J. R. Teefy, L. Brennan and E. Dumouchelle of St. Michael's College, Toronto.

After Mass had been sung Rev. J. R. Teefy delivered a short and impressive address, in which he referred to the character and attainments of the deceased, applying to the occasion the lessons of the Church on the vital doctrines of Purgatory and the immortality of the soul.

The funeral then proceeded to St. Andrew's cemetery, the pall bearers being Messrs. John Kelly, Chas. Anderson, Jas. McDermott, John Malonie, Jas. Fitzgerald and J. C. Walsh.

The character of Mr. Coty was aptly defined by Rev. Father Teefy in the course of his address. "He had

been called by God to His holy priesthood, and gave ample promise of being an earnest, zealous and capable bearer of the sacerdotal office. He was amiable, obedient and talented.

A. O. H. Div. No. 4.

A largely attended meeting of Div. No. 4 took place on Sunday, Nov. 11, in their hall, corner King and Berkeley streets. Among many subjects dwelt upon the most important was the question of raising funds to pay the Division's share towards the endowment of the A. O. H. Chair in the Catholic University at Washington. Two years ago, in Convention assembled at New Orleans, the National Officers of the A. O. H. pledged themselves to raise the sum of fifty thousand dollars from the members of the Order for the purpose of establishing and endowing a professorship in the above named University, the object of which should be to preserve and teach the language and literature of Ireland, to save from oblivion the olden tongue, and to instill into the minds and hearts of the young men of Irish descent in this country the glories and sorrows of their Fatherland.

With this very laudable end in view the members of Division No. 4 intend holding, at an early date, an entertainment, the proceeds of which it is hoped will go a long way towards paying their share of the necessary assessment which has been levied by the National Officers. The Right Rev. Bishop Foley, of Detroit, the National Chaplain of the A. O. H. of America, has been made treasurer of this fund, which has met with the heartiest sympathy and co-operation of the entire Clergy of the United States and Canada; and where is the Irishman the world over who does not sympathize with this worthy object of this grand old Irish organization, which is ever ready to assist by every means within its power the welfare of the exiled children of Erin? The Rev. Michael Mullin powerfully appeals to Irishmen upon this subject in his beautiful poem, "The Celtic Tongue," the concluding stanza of which is:

"Oh Irishmen, be Irish still; stand for the dear old tongue
Which, like ivy to a ruin, to your native land has clung.
Oh snatch this relic from the wreck, the only and the last,
And cherish in your heart of hearts the language of the past."

Young men, Irish by birth or descent, thinking of joining any Society should first carefully ponder which should have the first claim upon them, and there is no doubt but their reason will tell them that it is the Society which has always endeavored through every difficulty, to elevate the Irish people, both at home and abroad, which seeks to bind the scattered links of our race together for mutual help and assistance, that they may all the more successfully stand shoulder to shoulder in defence of all they hold dear. This has always been the aim of the A. O. H., and it is past understanding why any man with a drop of Irish blood in his veins should pass over this organization. All desirous of joining Div. No. 4 may make application to any of the members, who will gladly give every information desired, or to the Secretary,

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Sovereign has been re-elected Master Workman of the Knights of Labor.

Obituary.

Mrs. BERGIN.

Catharine Bergin died at St. Joseph's Convent, Nov. 13th, at the age of 102 years, and was buried on Thursday, 16th, at nine o'clock. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Fraehon. Among those who attended the funeral were a number of the nuns, several of the priests from St. Michael's College, Hon. T. W. Anglin and her few remaining relatives. Mrs. Bergin was a native of Maryborough, Queen's County, Ireland, and came to this country with her husband, Michael Bergin. They settled in Newfoundland where they remained for four years and afterwards settled on the Penetanguishene Road, about six miles north of Barrie.

They were amongst the earliest settlers there and were the only Catholic family for many years. In Archbishop Walsh's Jubilee Volume of 1892, reference is made to the fact that Father Dempsey having heard of the existence of the family, determined to visit them. He was the first priest they had seen in seven years. Father Dempsey was taken ill and died at their house.

They prospered there until 1857 when her husband died. In 1858 she sold her farm and took up her residence with the Sisters of St. Joseph through the advice of the late Bishop Jamot, then parish priest of Barrie. Mrs. Bergin although very old retained all her faculties until the hour of her death and until the past year attended an early daily Mass. For the past year she had the great comfort of being attended by a grand niece who is a religious there, and who was constantly at her bedside. She was well connected, was a very pious woman, respected and loved by all. She was prayed for in all the Catholic churches in the city. Owing to her very long life her estate is reduced to a very small fraction. She gave generously to every charitable purpose. Her father died at the age of 106 and her brother at the age of 103; both of the latter led exemplary lives, also.

MISS MATHILDE CHOPITEA.

There passed to her eternal reward on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Rossin House, one of Toronto's brightest and most talented young ladies, in the person of Miss Mathilde Chopitea, dearly beloved daughter of Dom Romulo Chopitea, of Delores, Uruguay, South America. Miss Chopitea was one of Toronto's most beautiful young ladies. To many who did not know her personally, her lovely face—a perfect example of a glowing southern type—was familiar. Her tall, willowy figure, her black silken hair, her dark eyes and her exquisitely graceful figure made her an ideal exotic type. This young lady had been for the past three years pursuing her studies, and completing her musical education at Loretto Abbey, from which she graduated a year ago. She had been ill for about three weeks, and everything that medical skill could do was done for her by Drs. Strange, Temple, MacDonald and McKenna, but their efforts proved futile to stay the treacherous malady with which she was afflicted, and after a period of unconsciousness of eight days, her young soul went forth to a better world. To her most intimate friends the blow was a very hard one, and it is hard for them to believe

"That a friend so good and gifted,
A friend so true and tried,
How can they realize it,
That she alas has died."

The funeral took place on Friday, the 16th inst., to St. Michael's Cathedral, where a solemn Requiem Mass was sung, after which, for a few moments a number of the nuns, her old school friends, and a number of her teachers at Loretto Convent gazed for the last time on the face of their dear friend and pupil, whom they loved in life and mourn in death. It was indeed a solemn moment to many in

the Cathedral, and many an eye was moistened when the organ pealed forth the chords and the choir took up that beautiful anthem, "Nearer My God To Thee." The pall-bearers were Messrs. W. T. J. Lee, Launcelot Bolster, Bernard Ryan, James E. Day, George Baker and Dr. Fred. A. Fenton. A large concourse of sorrowing friends followed the remains to their last resting-place, St. Michael's Cemetery.

The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful, among which were noticed a wreath from the pupils of Loretto Convent, anchor from the Rev. Mother Ignatius, wreath from Mrs. R. L. Patterson, cross from Mr. W. T. J. Lee, wreath from Mr. Bernard Ryan, and an anchor and cross from Mr. George Baker.

Mr. P. C. McCourt.

Our readers will learn with regret of the death, somewhat suddenly, on Sunday, October 28th, at Washington, D. C., of Mr. P. C. McCourt, the adopted father of Mme. Rosa d'Erina, the Irish prima donna, and for many years her guardian and business manager. Mr. McCourt was the founder and first editor of the Ulster Observer of Belfast, Ireland. Shortly after resigning, the paper became the Morning News, now the best and largest daily paper in the North of Ireland.

The funeral took place from St. Peter's Church, Washington, D. C. Rev. Father O'Brien was celebrant of the Mass. R. I. P.

C. M. B. A.

The Antigonish Casket has the following to say about the recent convention of the C. M. B. A. at St. John.

It is agreed on all sides that the recent Convention of C. M. B. A. at St. John was one of the most important gatherings of Catholics ever held in the Dominion. Those who were present speak in high terms of the ability and representative character of the leading delegates. It is no small advantage to bring together such men from all parts of the Dominion and make them acquainted with each other. Catholics need to know each other better. With greater mutual knowledge will come increased mutual confidence and respect. There is still among us a lurking suspicion, of which those who entertain it may scarcely be conscious, that in point of culture and of ability, whether intellectual or practical, Catholics are the inferiors of their Protestant fellow-citizens. It is not, of course, difficult to account for this. There are those yet living who remember when there were laws upon the statute book framed for the very purpose of making and keeping us inferior in these respects. These laws affected their object only too well; and when they were repealed their effects could not disappear in a day. Many of our own people cannot realize that they have disappeared yet; hence they entertain the false notion that Catholic institutions of learning, Catholic literary, professional and business men are necessarily inferior. Now a little better acquaintance with one another will assist in dispelling this delusion; and this is one of the good effects that may be looked for from such gatherings as the C. M. B. A. Convention.

E. B. A.

On Friday last, the 16th inst., the Toronto branches and circles held a very successful concert in aid of the Blantyre Industrial School. The following took part in the programme: Miss Juliette D'Erveux Smith, Miss May Flower, Miss Marguerite Dunn, Mr. A. M. Gorrie, Mr. F. Anglin, Mr. J. J. Costello, Mr. A. H. Harvey, Herr Klengenfeld and Herr Ruth. We understand that a handsome sum was the outcome.

Thornhill.

On Sunday next His Grace the Archbishop will preside at the opening of the new church at Thornhill.

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