

## ST. PATRICK'S PARISH.

## THE GENERAL MISSION PREPARATORY TO THE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

ARRIVAL OF REV. FATHER FALLON, TO BE PERMANENTLY STATIONED IN THIS CITY—A NEW MEMORIAL ALTAR.

On the 14th inst. a general Mission will be opened in St. Patrick's Church. It will be conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers.

The first exercises will be for the married women, who always lead the way in good works. The following weeks will be devoted to the married men, young women and young men. These spiritual exercises will form an appropriate prelude to the great celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Church, on the occasion of the feast of its tutelary Saint—the Apostle of the Irish Race. The Mission will close about three days before the Jubilee celebration.

The Missions given in St. Patrick's are always well attended and fruitful in solid spiritual results. Some of the parishioners can recall that given years ago by the zealous Father Geeson, C.S.S.R., when the crowds were so great that in order to make his way from the confessional to the pulpit, he was obliged to pass over the shoulders of the men who had flocked to hear him.

Great gratification has been caused by the announcement of the arrival of the Rev. Father Fallon, pastor of St. Patrick's, Alton, Ill., who will henceforth be associated with St. Patrick's, Montreal. This zealous and talented young priest—he is only 35 years of age—was born and educated in Montreal. He will be a great acquisition to the parish, coming as he does with the experience of twelve years of spiritual labor in the United States. He is not only an able preacher but a brilliant writer.

One of the interesting features of the Golden Jubilee will be the dedication of a new altar to St. Bridget, which will be situated under "St. Bridget's Window," in the place occupied so long by the confessional of the late Rev. Father Dowd. The altar, which will be of white marble, will cost \$800, and is the joint gift of Mr. Michael Burke and his sister, Mrs. E. Burke, in memory of the deceased members of their family. It has been designed by the pious architect, Mr. W. E. Doran, who has had charge of the other decorations of the church.

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## ST. ANN'S PARISH

## Closing Exercises of the Mission.

In the truest sense of the word, Mary is our Mother. Our first mother was Eve, and she is still the mother of all mankind as far as we are human beings—children of Adam. But Eve became the cause of our ruin. A new mother was to be given to us, as also a second Adam. By a second birth, by regeneration, we passed of the nature of the second Adam; we put on, as the Apostle expressed it, the new Christ; we became Christians. Now, whereas Christ has been given us through Mary, therefore Mary has become our mother, in the sense of grace, as Eve is our mother in the sense of nature. And as such she has been proclaimed to us by our Redeemer on the cross, when he said to St. John, who there represented all the faithful, "Behold thy Mother."

If then, Mary has become our true mother, she must also have the power and privileges of a mother. God never confers empty titles. A mother has full right and title in disposing of the treasures of the house for the maintenance and care of her children; and Mary, the ever Immaculate Virgin-Mother, the Mother of Christ and the Mother of Christians, the Mother of the Redeemer and the Mother of the Redeemed, has full, unlimited power for saving the souls of her children, to shield them in all temptation, to rescue them from the grasp of Satan, to snatch them out of the jaws of hell. Mary, "in your hand is power and might; you can do all things in him that strengtheneth you," the powers of hell creep back in affright at the sound of your name, for well does the serpent remember the words, "She shall crush thy head."

Mary is the most tender of mothers. She is the Health of the Sick, the Comforter of the Afflicted and the Refuge of Sinners. How many of us on the weary journey of life are burdened with sufferings and infirmities, sufferings of the body, and sufferings of the soul? And how many, who have invoked the aid of this tender mother with confidence, have found that her power is only equalled by her love? Who understands the depths of physical misery better than she who stood beneath the Cross on Calvary, gazing in anguish on the bruised and bleeding figure of her Divine Son, and listening to the awful dripping of the Precious Blood and the last agonized sigh that came from the parched lips of a crucified God. Go to Mary in sickness of soul, of heart, or of body, and in confidence say to your tender mother, whose heart was pierced with the sword of sorrow: Health of the Sick, pray for us?

Mary is the most tender of mothers, for she is the Comforter of the Afflicted. Her loving heart is filled with compassion for her children. She knows their trials, she sees the adversities and the sorrows that overtake them on their way, and her maternal heart opens its treasures, for those who seek solace therein. Many born in her own breast the most cruel of afflictions, and had she not been supported by Divine assistance her human strength would have been exhausted and the weight of her woes would have borne down her afflicted spirit. Who can better understand our griefs and sorrows than a mother who has herself followed the path of the

Cross; a mother who loves us with a love second only to that of God Himself. In the hour of sorrow and tribulation let us say: Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us.

Mary's love for us proceeds from her immense love for God. She knows how much God is glorified by the salvation of even one soul. She understands the price that God has paid out to redeem souls from eternal destruction. Hence, if it were only for that reason Mary would be glad to rescue even one sinner who calls upon her in time of danger. She is as willing to hear such suppliant prayers of the sinner, as she loves God who desires the conversion of the sinner.

But no less ardent is her love and charity towards us, her fellow creatures. Mary, the crowned Queen of Heaven, does not forget us here below while she is wrapped in the ecstatic enjoyment of the indescribable glory of God. Mary knows the daily temptations that assail us; she sees the awful attacks that hell makes against us hourly, and especially does she understand the obstacles and perplexities that arise before the poor sinner in his endeavors to change from his sinful life. And most of all does she know what hell is and its terrible punishment. She knows what it means to be damned forever; to be cast into the abyss of unending tortures, to be given up to heart-rending despair. How is it possible for a moment to think that Mary, our Queen, Mary, our Mother, will not stretch out a helping hand to her struggling children when she hears their cry "Refuge of Sinners, pray for us?"

It is utterly unreasonable to believe that Mary will fail us in our need if we ask her assistance. Let us see what the great St. Bernard has to say about this good and tender mother. "Never has it been heard of that any one called upon Mary for help and has been refused." And this is to be said of all sinners without distinction, no matter how wicked their past life may have been. "For," continues the same saint, "Mary does not investigate the merits or demerits of the sinner." Such are the ways of the world when poor people seek favors from it. Even the ragged mendicant at the door is refused alms because his past life is perhaps the cause of his wretchedness and poverty. This is coldly cast up to him and he is mercilessly dismissed from the door. "Tell me one," cries out St. Bernard, "that has invoked her in vain, and I shall say, Call upon her no more."

Christians! we are the children of Mary. Forgetful, wayward children, it is true, still her children committed to her care. Now, I ask, when we are attacked by those furious hosts of hell, when they fall upon us and strangle the life of our soul—when, after committing innumerable sins, we are on the point of yielding all in despair, when the mercy of God has been trampled on and outraged, when even a sorrowful imploring look to Mary, and the mother's heart will yield and help will come. We know of mothers on earth who have suffered bitter heartache, have been reduced to want and misery, have received even bodily harm from the brutality of a passionate and miserable son, and yet after all the pain and wretchedness that had been inflicted, the mother's love would still be unquenched, the yearning for the prodigal would be strong and the poor broken hearted mother would even wander weary way into the prison cell to visit and comfort the iniquitous, saying, as she went, "after all, he is my child!"

Christians! do you hear this? Do you understand the meaning of it? Mary is our mother. Let us, then, raise our hearts in confidence to that great Queen, to that tender mother, especially when temptations press upon us. Let us then invoke her holy name. Let those who have lost all hope of conversion not despair of salvation. Their cause is not lost. Take courage and call on Mary. You are still her child. Let those who have turned away from God, those who have despised religion, who have attached themselves to societies that are cut off from the communion of the Church and from which they find it impossible to sever themselves—I say, let them lift their eyes in confidence to Mary, for it is Mary that speaks to us through the Church. "He that shall find me shall find life and shall have Salvation from the Lord." When we have found Mary, our tender Mother, let us believe as dutiful children to her. Let us celebrate with piety her feast-days, recite the Holy Rosary daily in her honor, and unite ourselves more closely beneath the banner of our Queen, the mantle of our Mother, by offering to her daily the little chaplet of three Hail Marys in honor of her holy purity.

By the solemn act of dedication that is now soon to follow, let us place ourselves entirely under her protection, so that no enemy shall henceforth be able to prevail against us. Before doing so, however, let us perform a duty towards God, of which we may be forgetful all our life time. Let us thank God, the Eternal Father, for this great favor, that he has given us Mary for our Mother; and let us at the same time give thanks to our good Mother for the many and signal favors she has already bestowed on us. Yes, let the organ peal forth in harmonious strains to Heaven's Queen; let hymns of praise arise from your grateful hearts; let the incense arise before the Altar of the Most High. May the Angels of Heaven join in—let Heaven and earth unite in one act of common love and praise in honor of God and of Thee—O Most glorious Mother! Let all generations call Thee Blessed, as long as there shall live men, as long as shall live Jesus, as long as God shall be God, for an endless Eternity, Amen!

## A WELL DESERVED COMPLIMENT.

The Daily Witness in a recent issue in commenting on a decision recently rendered by Mr. Justice J. C. Curran, of the Superior Court, says:

The rights of citizens under the license law were vindicated by Mr. Justice Curran this morning in dismissing an action for damages by a female liquor seller against a citizen who had alleged reasons why her license should be withdrawn. The license law not only gives to the citizen certain rights of being their own protectors against disorderly houses, but lays upon them disagreeable duties in the premises, which only the

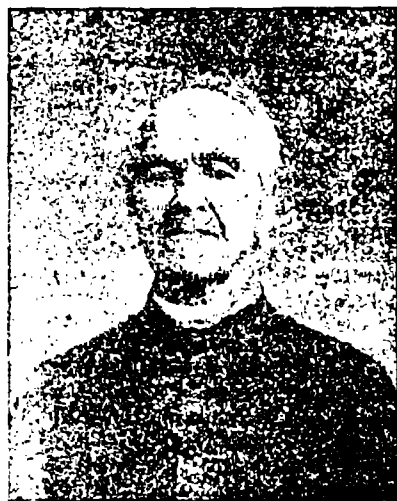
best class of citizens are likely to shoulder. It is a good citizen could only buy himself under the instructions of the law to rid the city of a place which is in his opinion doing great mischief under peril of ruinous actions for damages, the whole purpose of the law in laying this duty of self-protection on the citizens would be neutralized. A person seeking a license to fulfil a public function thereby becomes a public character and his character and the character of his business becomes everybody's affair. Judge Curran's decision is a great relief to those who wish to serve the community. The principles and our citizens of Judge Curran's decision since he rose to the bench have more than fulfilled the anticipation of the bar and the public and have won him general respect."

## THE OLDEST PRIEST IN CANADA.

Rev. Father O'Connell Attains His Ninety-seventh Year and Celebrates Mass.

The oldest priest in Canada, and, perhaps, in the world, is the Rev. Father O'Connell, who has for the past six years been residing in the convent of the Grey Nuns in Montreal.

He is contemporaneous with the nineteenth century, having been born in Laragh, in the diocese of Kilmore, Ireland, on February 3, 1801; but though the shadows of life's eventide are falling thick across his peaceful path, and the night in which no man worketh cannot in the nature of things be very far off yet he, the venerable priest, is hale and vigorous yet and never misses the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice in the con-



vent chapel every morning, the privilege of saying a daily votive Mass having been obtained for him from the Pope by the late Archbishop Faber, in 1892. Father O'Connell studied the classics in his native parish of Laragh, where he became thoroughly proficient in Latin and Greek. In 1822 he left Ireland, arriving in New York on January 6, 1823. He well remembers the day of his arrival in the Empire city, because the weather was so unusually mild and fine at that time that the people were wearing their summer clothes. Monsignor Guisais was Bishop of New York at that time, and, being in ill health, his diocese was being administered by the Very Rev. Dr. Power, a distinguished theologian from Cork. Another celebrated theologian from New York then was the Very Rev. Dr. Leavins, also from Cork.

Shortly after his arrival in New York Father O'Connell came to Chambly, this province, afterwards entering St. James' Seminary, Montreal, which was under the direction of Bishop Levesque. At the Seminary he made the acquaintance of Father Pichon and Father Rivard. The latter, it may be noted, was a Presbyterian clergyman who had come to "convert" the Seminary, but who, *en route*, had been converted himself by the Seminary.

Father O'Connell was ordained on the 29th of February, 1836, and was then sent to the Seminary of Notre Dame, this city, where he remained ten years, during seven of which he served the Church of Notre Dame de Bonsecours as missionary priest. He paid especial attention to the choir of this church, and the quality of its sacred music soon attracted considerable notice.

In those days the only church principally attended by the Irish Catholics of Montreal was the Recollet Church, which was in charge of Father Phelan. When Father Phelan was appointed Bishop of Kingston, in succession to Bishop Goulin, Father O'Connell took his place at the Recollet Church. In 1846, however, he went to Ontario, where, in the town of Richmond, he made himself conspicuous by his heroic devotion to those unfortunate immigrants from Ireland who had become victims of the terrible ship fever in 1846, 1847 and 1848. He remained in Richmond, Ont., for thirty years; and so wisely was the good pastor esteemed, not only by his own co-religionists, but by those who were not of his faith, that on his departure from the town he was presented by the Protestants with a valuable gold-headed cane, and an illuminated address in which, after expressing their reverence and love for him and their deep regret at his approaching departure, they said:

"We cannot let the opportunity pass without expressing in some tangible manner our great appreciation of your worthy self in your love and charity, expressing peace and good will to all, as well as our admiration of your untiring labor these many years, to our own knowledge, and of that which we have heard from our fathers, especially in the trying times of the ship fever, in 1847 and 1848, when the dying hours of many a poor immigrant, far from his native Isle of Erin, was cheered and comforted by your charitable offices."

In the month of October, 18 2, Father O'Connell took up his residence in the Grey Nuns' convent.

To-day (Wednesday) he commemorated his ninety-seventh birthday by offering Mass in St. Patrick's Church, where, being the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, a procession will, as

usual, take place in honor of the festival. This procession, it may be added, is peculiar to the archdiocese of Montreal on the feast of the Purification.

On February 28—there being no February 29 this year—Father O'Connell will also commemorate the seventieth anniversary of his ordination.

The Venerable priest takes a keen interest in the interest of the land of his birth as well as in that of the Irish Catholics in Canada; and every week he sends the columns of the TRUE WITNESS for news respecting his fellow-countrymen.

"I was very glad to see those articles in the TRUE WITNESS urging that the Irish Catholics of Montreal should unite in one association or club," said he yesterday to a representative of this paper. "Such an association or club is just what is wanted. And it is unity they want at home in Ireland too," he added; "for unity you know is strength. I trust that God will permit me to see the day when Ireland shall have Home Rule."

## THE LATE BROTHER NOAH.

It is not very long since the TRUE WITNESS had the satisfaction of commending a most meritorious work on English Literature prepared by Brother Noah, of Manhattan College, New York.

It is now our melancholy duty to announce the death of Brother Noah, which took place after a short illness early in the morning of the 30th inst. A native of this city and a member of a well known family, being a son of the late Mr. Charles Curran, and a brother of the Honorable Mr. Justice Curran, Brother Noah spent a life of unceasing activity in the diligent discharge of his calling as a teacher. For thirty-seven years he had been engaged in education, working, for although during this long period he had discharged duties that drew him away from the professor's desk—duties of organization, of administration, lecturing and writing books—these duties were all related to the main purpose and aim of his life. Few men have filled so many positions as Brother Noah with equal success in all of them. At the beginning of his career in 1859, he was assistant teacher in Quebec. In 1861 he was called to Rochester, where he remained until 1864. He was then appointed Principal of Calvert Hall, Baltimore, a position which he held for four years. In 1865 he founded St. Joseph's College, St. Joseph, Missouri, and in 1869 St. Joseph's College, Brownsville, Texas. In the latter year he was nominated Inspector of Catholic Schools in New York City, and continued to discharge the duties of that important office for two years. During the four years from 1872 to 1876 he was president of La Salle College, Philadelphia. In the last mentioned year he was commissioned to visit the Normal establishments in England, Ireland, France and Belgium. He founded six new schools of his order in England, taking the necessary examinations for the same and obtaining a first-class diploma. He had already taken the M.A. (in course) at Ottawa University. After filling important positions in Philadelphia and Providence, having been director of the De la Salle Academy in



each of these places, Brother Noah paid another visit to England to attend the London Health Exposition on behalf of his Institution. He undertook this duty at the request of the late Cardinal Manning, who had interested himself in his work during his former visit. On his return to this continent, Brother Noah went to New Orleans to take charge of the "Christian Brothers' exhibit at the New Orleans Exposition. The rest of his active career was mainly devoted to the duties of his professorship and to literary work. In 1886 he became Professor of English Literature at Manhattan College. In the same year he was chosen one of the vice-presidents of the Education Department of the U.S. Government. From 1887 to 1891 he was writing or editing books. In 1892 he founded a school at Waltham, Mass. In the following year, feeling the need of rest after so many years of arduous exertion, he travelled in Europe and in 1894 returned with improved health to his professional duties. For the remainder of his life he was professor of English Literature and (for a time) of philosophy at Manhattan College.

Brother Noah's literary work included his "Life and Work of Blessed J. B. De La Salle," "Notes on Teaching" (a course of lectures), "School Management," for which he obtained a gold medal at Chicago in 1893; several translations from the writings of the Blessed J. B. De La Salle, and other French works; "Hygiene in Education," "Tact in Teaching" and the "History of English Literature." Besides writing these volumes, Brother Noah edited a series of Readers prepared with a view to elicit thought and to facilitate English composition. The lectures on the art of education and on school sanitation were highly thought of by experts. As for Brother Noah's "History of English Literature" we have already given our opinion of its excellence. This opinion we share with some of the ablest living critics. Brother Noah did credit to the admirable educational institution with which he was so fruitfully connected and

of the great founder of which he wrote a life, which has become a standard work. He will be sadly missed by the Order and by many friends.

## OUR RAMBLER

## IN ST. ANN'S DISTRICT.

Rev. W. O'Meara, Pastor of St. Gabriel's, has returned from his brief vacation in the United States.

Dr. Griffin has again been nominated as the standard bearer of the Liberal party, and his friends are now out with requisitions.

The C. M. B. A. will hold a general meeting, in their hall on Notre Dame-street, on Monday evening, at which the Hon. M. F. Hackett, Grand President, will deliver an address.

Miss Katie Robert and Miss Angeline Robert, nieces of Rev. Wm. O'Meara, Pastor of St. Gabriel's, were received into the religious life at Hochelaga Convent, Tuesday, February 2.

The new Liberal Club, which has been organized some weeks ago, is increasing its membership to such an extent that some of the former leaders of the "Old Guard" will have to look to their heels.

The Conservative leaders are sleeping the sleep of the just and the confident; there is no sign of movement in their wigwags, despite the fact that they expect to ornament it with many scalp of dissatisfied braves.

It is rumored that there are a number of young men in St. Ann's district who are seemingly fancy that there is room for an Independent Party, and it would not be surprising if there was a third candidate to advance this idea.

The St. Ann's Young Men's Society will hold their usual mid-winter entertainment at their hall on Tuesday evening next. The programme prepared for the occasion will consist of music and vocal selections, and a very well-acted comedy, in three acts, entitled, "The Upright."

## Irish News Items.

A Waterford paper contains an announcement that Messrs. Slattery, of Ballybricken, have got an order from a foreign firm to purchase 200000 bricks.

A local syndicate is to be organized for the erection of a new Town Hall in Kilkenny, the present one being entirely too small for general requirements.

There is a feeling in certain quarters that the decision of the Irish Party to abstain from carrying out its original design of moving an amendment to the Address was not well timed.

At the quarterly meeting of the Limerick Teachers' Association, Mr. J. B. Bradshaw presided, and delivered an able address during the course of which he said: The four leading grievances for which the organization was started to deal with were: (1) inadequacy of income; (2) insecurity of tenure; (3) want of pensions; (4) want of residence.

A very melancholy fatal accident occurred at a place called Dawson's Hill, about six miles from Nenagh. As a man of the respectable firm class, named William Ryan, was proceeding homewards from Nenagh, his horse appears to have taken fright, with the result that Mr. Ryan was thrown from his conveyance, the unfortunate man's neck being broken by the fall.

Much alarm has been created in Castlebar owing to the serious outbreak of typhus fever in Bally. The entire constabulary of that station are stricken down with this fearful and dangerous epidemic. The number in the barracks at the time was five. They have all been attacked, and conveyed to the Castlebar Union fever hospital. Since their arrival for treatment in the hospital one has succumbed to the disease, Constable Gaine, who was only a short period in the police, aged 23.

## McCALLUM—DINEEN.

Mr. P. J. McCallum, sporting editor of the Sunday Sun, of this city, and also sporting correspondent to the Mail and Empire, of Toronto, was married yesterday to Miss Mollie Dineen, of St. Henri.

Mr. McCallum began his career in journalism on the Post, and was also associated with THE TRUE WITNESS for a number of years doing local work.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Decarie, pastor of St. Henri church, and only the relatives of the contracting parties were present.

The happy couple left by the G.T.R. Express for the West.

The bride and groom were made the recipients of many beautiful presents, the latter receiving a handsome testimonial from the editorial staff of the Gazette.

A CASE FOR THE CHARITABLE.

A sad case, which calls for the exercise of true Christian charity, has been brought to the notice of THE TRUE WITNESS. A young Scotch Catholic named William McLean, aged 32, and residing at 852 St. Lawrence street, is stricken with paralysis. He desires to return to Europe, so that he may be within easy reach of Lourdes, where he believes that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin he would obtain recovery. Will some kindly disposed readers of THE TRUE WITNESS start a subscription to pay his passage money.

"Yes," said the retired army officer, "I can recall two occasions when I was most terribly frightened. 'Oh,' exclaimed the romantic young lady, 'do tell me about them. I suppose it happened when you were fighting the Indians?' 'No,' he replied; 'one time was when I was married and the other time was when we had our baby christened.'—Cleveland Leader.

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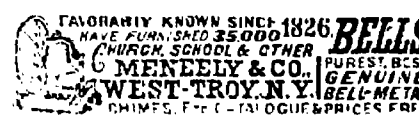
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