

QUEBEC.

IRISH LEAGUE. — A Quebec branch of the league was held in the hall of the League on Sunday afternoon for officers and the transfer of important business. Officers are as follows: President—M. Monaghan. M. Collier. W. M. Wallace. F. Carbray, W. J. Gallagher, J. W. McDermott, D. Coveney, P. H. Miller, P. W. Brown.

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ANNIVERSARY —The ending the fiftieth an the arrival of the Oblat e St. Sauveur Church, on the evening of the here will be devotions for young ladies, when be preached by Rev. of the Basilica. At the 21st there will be ises for men and a v. Abbe Morrisette of iste Church. Friday same hour there will or married ladies and Abbe Roy, Cure of Jacques Cartier, Mgr. will be the celebrant of and mass on Sunday. Rev. A. Gauvreau, of be the preacher. After ll be a banquet at the d in the evening So on and presentation of the 25th there will at 9 o'clock for the sermon by Rev. Abbe of St. Malo, after ll be a banquet at the Requiem Mass will be the 26th for all bene Church for the past a sermon preached by ebevre, Provincial of in the United States. on the pupils of the old a reception, which ceremonies to a close.

the local civil admini- akin to the Transvaal ho was county coroner in peace time, and lo- officer and Colonel when ar the various Cossack rish 146 cavalry re- separate squadrons, 204 ions, 38 horse a regu- representing a regula- 176,000 rank and file. one-third of these are rest are exempted. though actually com- field, remains Minister office here is filled by a This gives him an ab- and, but it does not will improve the work- itary bureaucratic do- the Turkish war of materials and arma- troops were found to be or very imperfect." id all he could to im-

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Father Whelan on Many Topics

Asked what things he would like to be done to advance the interests of the Church, Rev. J. Phelan, of Mar- cus, Ia., writes to the Monitor as follows:

1. I would like at least one Catho- lic paper in every Catholic home. A Catholic paper is to the home what a window is to a room.

2. A united, earnest, intelligent ef- fort on the part of the laity to ad- vance the interests of the Church by vance the conversion of non-Catho- lics. The clergy are regarded with- out prejudice by outsiders, while the laity can favorably dispose those to- day towards our religion. A million of earnest workers could be mustered and a million of earnest, intelligent workers would do a world of good. The press should work up this great Apostolate of the laity.

3. As the Church has more to fear from whisky than heresy, a Ca- tholic drink, for drunkenness is op- posed to the law of God, the law of man, the law of one's own body, the welfare of one's home, one's eter- nal interests and the interests of the Church.

4. I would like to see a Truth So- ciety, a Catholic Truth Society, es- tablished in every Catholic centre, big and little, throughout the coun- try. The duty of the members to be light and easy, such as each one sup- plying a non-Catholic with a Cate- chism, or other Catholic book, such as "What the Church Teaches," "Ca- tholic Belief," or the "Question Box," occasionally leading him to a Catholic paper, and praying for his conversion or edifying him or her.

5. I would like to see the German Central Verein establish a Bureau to watch over German non-Catholic pub- lications poisoning their readers with untruths about the Church, and to procure authorized translations of Reformation literature. Then it may be seen how the world went crazy over Luther, a man who, were he living in our day, would probably be an inmate of a lunatic asylum, ac- cording to the opinion of a well- known non-Catholic writer. Also, that the Verein would have organiz- ed missions to non-Catholic Germans.

6. Each Catholic to show some non-Catholic the injustice of double taxation in order to get a suitable education for their children. This is an effective way to educate the mas- ses, and in a couple of years the country will admit the justness of our claims. Catholic schools doing good work for the State ought to be recompensed by the State. Just as a volunteer regiment is as acceptable to fight for the nation as the one levied by the State, and is just as much entitled to regular wages. The same principle holds good in the battle against vice and ignorance. Moreover, these volunteer schools do what the State schools cannot do under existing circumstances. These schools are a help to the State in educating the children, and they save the State money. We want this help so rendered, and this money so saved to be recognized.

The State wishes to pay for the education of the child, that is, for its secular education. The State school, however, does not give a com- plete education to the child. It gives a secular, but not a religious edu- cation, and this it says it cannot give. But both are necessary; hence Catholics have to establish schools where both are given. But let the State pay for the secular instruction therein imparted and overlook the religious training.

Let the State designate the bran- ches to be taught, determine a stan- dard to be reached, examine the pupils annually, and when the stan- dard is reached, pay for it. This is what is called the Results System. It should make no difference what re- ligious is taught there, or if none at all. Such a school should be denot- ed not by denomination but by num- ber.

7. To promote the interests of the Church mixed marriages must be

stopped, the Catholic party marry- ing only one who is already a mem- ber of the Church or becoming one.

8. The Catholic societies in the pa- rish should be obedient to the pas- tor.

9. Each person to lay aside 2 cents a week, or \$1 a year, for the Propagation of the Faith, and for its preservation too. 'Tis easier to con- serve than to convert. And here let me say that there are probably more lost every year by want of conserving than are gained by conversion. This the society with its numerous officers throughout the world ought to at- tend to. Take for example immi- gration to this country from Euro- pean ports. Great care and needful help ought to be given. Leaflets con- taining instructions to prevent drift- ing away from Church should be dis- tributed on departure as well as on arrival. An effort to affiliate schis- matic Russians, Greeks, Armenians, etc., to the Church are they join the sects, ought certainly to be made. A large additional instruction and en- couragement and they would attach themselves to the nearest Catholic Church. Southern, Central and Nor- thern Dakota contains large Rus- sian settlements, attended to be ze- alous missionaries. One of the fairest fields for missionary work is the docks—the ports. The Mission of Our Lady of the Rosary, New York, the Leo House and the St. Joseph's Home ought to be more and more encouraged and valued. The society, by looking after religion in our im- migration ports, will get more re- sults from their time than would surprise them. Of course, the inter- ests of the Church demand that the service of such men as the Scandina- vian priest in the Archdiocese of St. Paul be called in for occasional lec- tures where there are Scandinavian settlements.

10. And this brings me to the most important part of this article. Bureaus ought to be established for the benefit of Catholic immigrants, as well as for Catholics moving from one part of the country to another. Catholics ought to be warned against moving from where they have a priest and Church and school to where they have no church, nor the prospect of having one.

I would like to see two such bu- reaus established, one in New York in connection with immigration ports and one in Chicago for the interior. These soon would branch out, as from Chicago one in Kansas City, St. Paul and Winnipeg would be advan- tageous; also in points of country to be settled.

For the past one hundred years neglect of immigrant has been the cause of the greatest leakage in the Church. I have no hesitation in saying that if such a bureau were in New York during the past century under the guidance of wise and un- selfish men, to-day this country would be largely Catholic. It would be one-fourth Catholic; yes, probably one-third Catholic instead of one-seventh.

It is stated on good authority that from the immigration from Ireland during the past one hundred years, there ought to be twenty-five million Irish Catholics in this country. While the official directory for 1904 gives only about one half this number, nearly twelve millions. (11,887,817), and the twelve millions is largely made up of German, French, Italian Slav and other peoples.

There is as large an immigration to-day as ever, and mostly from Catholic countries, while in the in- terior there is a great migration, whether to the cotton fields of the South or the farm lands of the North and West.

Last year there were 200,000 Ita- lian immigrants, as per your figures. Why don't these come in bands to take up the cheap, free lands, and accompanied by a priest? Even 10,000 of this 200,000, or one-twenti- eth, should be located on lands. Ten thousand, or twenty parishes of 500 each, would constitute a new vicari- ate every year. I know where there is free land and a tract adjoining at a low figure and easy annual pay- ments, and I know where new rail- roads are going to be built to afford labor, so as to equip these free lands or buy an adjoining piece. But soon these chances may be gone. And

what I say of Italians I say of other peoples—Poles, Germans and Irish. Ten thousand English-speaking peo- ple could be got to-day in New York, Boston or Chicago who would gladly avail themselves of such opportuni- ties. Even as I write there are, I am told, 5000 Germans and Galici- ans on the seas to be provided with homes and spiritual care, thanks to the great efforts of a zealous priest. Some twenty years ago these two great leaders in thought and action—Archbishop Ireland and Bishop Spaulding—took a hand in coloniz- ing, and notwithstanding the sharp winds of adversity, the Ireland colo- nists are to-day amongst the most prosperous and happy people in the land.

New settlements are establishing in the interior. Thousands of immi- grants are coming in quest of homes and lands. Vacant lands there are, and these should be occupied by the needy people.

Thousands of French nuns are seek- ing our shores. The scene causes us amazement, but we may be assured such is permitted by Providence for the ultimate prosperity of His Church. Distributed among our con- vents, soon they will be qualified to teach in this country.

I would like, then, to see a bureau or central agency or some such or- ganization established. It is the cry- ing need of the hour. The Catholic people will then become more cen- tralized. Scantly populated parishes will receive enough to have a priest and schools and churches will flourish. Even well established parishes can be benefited. What can be said of this diocese can be said of many, that it can admit of more members advan- tageously. There are three or four good vacancies for settlers in this parish, even. Let there then be a bureau and in the hands of practical business men, while the clergy may co-operate consistently with duty and office.

Having said this much on the mat- ter, let me ask, are there any philan- thropists to take up this grand work along these lines for the benefit of humanity? Any men to co-operate with each other in extending the Kingdom of God on a grand scale?

11. And this brings me to an im- portant part relative to the financial building up of the Church. I would like to see an Insurance Bureau es- tablished so that the millions of dol- lars yearly expended for insurance on Church properties, to the enrichment of the old line companies, would be utilized for the extension of the Church, aiding poor missions, giving cheap money for building churches and schools, etc. Our Methodist friends in this case can teach us a lesson; each pastor being a gratuit- ous agent, and the business placed in the hands of a bureau or board of directors of practical business men.

Of course in this article I have omitted what belongs to pastors and their parish obligations, such as the building of schools—the nurseries of the Church—the occasional having of missions to get back the stray ones and the instructions which zealous pastors will give occasionally on Sunday evenings, explaining Chris- tian doctrine in the plainest language for the article is intended for the laity, except where otherwise men- tioned. I wish to see the laity inter- ested in this emobling work. God, grateful for such efforts, would show blessings on the undertaking. Of course, heated or angry discussions might be carefully avoided. But 'tis amazing how ignorant our neighbors are of Catholic doctrine, and when explained to them they seem pleased, and invariably say, "Well, I never knew that."

Dear reader, is the extending of the Kingdom of God worthy of our best and most earnest efforts? If so, then let us make it. And wonderful is the advance the Church will make here in the next few years. Yes, wonderful is the word.

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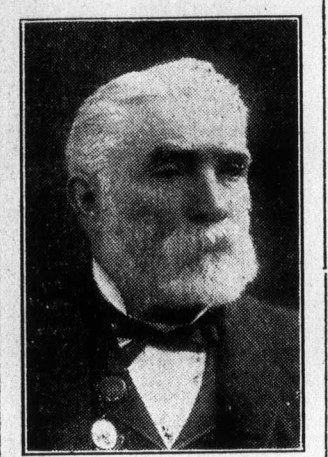
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Golden Jubilee of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. McNamee

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. McNamee, of Cathedral street, this city, will cele- brate the golden jubilee of their marriage on Monday, April 25th. The jubilarians will assist at High Mass in St. Patrick's Church in the morning at 10 o'clock. His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi has expressed a desire to be present, and it is expected that a large number of the clergy will attend. Rev. John E. Donnelly, P.P., St. Anthony's, assisted by a deacon and sub-deacon, will be the celebrant of the Mass.

In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Mc- Namee will hold a reception at their home from 3 to 7 o'clock. No invita- tions have been issued, as all friends and acquaintances will be welcome.

Mr. McNamee is a native of the County Cavan, Ireland, and came with his family to this city 65 years ago, where he has resided during that



MR. F. B. McNAMEE.

long period with the exception of a few years spent in Quebec, while en- gaged in building the Quebec and Richmond railroad. It was during his association with that important undertaking that he was married to Mrs. McNamee, in the Basilica of that city. Mr. McNamee has been en- gaged in the business of contractor of public works for upwards of half a century, and has successfully com- pleted some of the most important contracts, involving millions of dol- lars, during his career. Amongst others may be mentioned the Quebec Water Works, several sections of the Eastern portion of the G.T.R., the Chamby Canal, Welland Canal, Car- rillon dam, Montreal Inland Cut for our city water works. He has been long associated as director and shareholder with leading commercial enterprises, notably the Union Abat- toir Co., Lighterage Co., Montreal Stock Yards Co., Bell Telephone Co., and Park Incline Railway.

In works of a philanthropic charac- ter such as the Catholic Sailors' Club, the Western, Notre Dame and General Hospitals, Mr. McNamee has during many years displayed much interest. For several years he occu- pied the office of President of the parent Irish National society of this city, St. Patrick's, and is yet an active member of that organization. Despite his long and strenuous life-

being 76 years of age—he is yet manifesting much enthusiasm in the last mentioned organizations, and is now striving to erect a permanent home for the Catholic Sailors' Club in one of the most central locations along the great harbor of Montreal.

Mr. McNamee aided in the excava- tion of the foundation of St. Pat- rick's Church and was present at the laying of the corner-stones. He also assisted at the inauguration of St. Ann's and the other Irish parishes. He remembers the sad days of the ship fever, and saw the interment of the victims of that dreadful scourge.

Mrs. McNamee is a native of King's County, Ireland, and came to Canada with her parents early in life. For many years she lived in the Ancient Capital, but she has been a resident of Montreal for nearly half a century. In all under-



MRS. F. B. McNAMEE.

takings associated with her nation- ality, religious, social and charitable, she has been a conspicuous figure. She has been connected with the well known charitable work of providing homes for the orphan and the aged poor which was known under the name of St. Patrick's Bazaar, found- ed shortly after the erection of St. Patrick's Church. In other philan- thropic enterprises such as the Catholic Sailors' Club, the Western Hos- pital, Montreal Foundling and Babies Home, Mrs. McNamee has rendered services which have been recognized and appreciated by all. Her zeal, and her ability to solicit aid for those good works has been unsur- passed by few of her associates. She is now in her 74th year and is im- bued with a sincere desire to enthu- siastically support her husband in his great endeavor in connection with a new home for the sailors visiting this port.

Mrs. McNamee has many memories of the old days in the social life of Montreal, when the Irish Catholic section united in holding soirees and picnics in the old Bonsecours's Hall, and at Guilbault's garden, days that remind her of the good old Irish jigs and reels now replaced by the less en- joyable modern dances.

Mr. and Mrs. McNamee are receiv- ing many congratulations in this city and from outside districts.

occupies a high office in its ranks. The funeral was attended by the members of the Holy Name Society and by citizens in all ranks of pro- fessional and commercial life. R.I.P.

MRS. J. W. MCGARVEY.—On the 10th inst., a well known and esteem- ed resident of this city, and sister of Rev. William O'Meara, P.P., St. Gabriel's, parish, in the person of Mrs. Ellen McGarvey, widow of the late John W. McGarvey, passed to her eternal reward. The remains were taken to Sherrington, P.Q., for interment. The True Witness offers its most sincere sympathy to Rev. Father O'Meara in his bereavement. R.I.P.

MRS. JOHN MARKUM.—After an illness extending over several months Mrs. John Markum, wife of Mr. John Markum, a well known business man of this city, died on the 13th inst. Deceased had long been an exemplary member of St. Patrick's parish, and had been associated with many reli- gious societies.

Her funeral took place on Friday morning to St. Patrick's Church, where a solemn Requiem Mass was chanted. After which the remains were taken to Cote des Neiges Ceme- tery for interment. R.I.P.

BROTHER HALWARD, a zealous and able member of the Order of the Christian Brothers, died this week at the Mother House, Mont de la Salle. He was known to a large circle of the residents in the Irish parishes of this city, in which his notable ser- vices to the cause of Catholic educa- tion were most highly appreciated. Brother Halward held many impor- tant positions in the Order during his career and his death is deeply re- gretted. A solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Mother House at which representatives of the vari- ous religious bodies in Montreal, as- sisted. The interment took place in the cemetery of the Order at Mont de la Salle. R.I.P.

MR. THOMAS FALLON.—On Mon- day, April 4th, at the Notre Dame Hospital, Montreal, after a short but painful illness, occurred the death of a highly respected resident of Kil- bain, Huntingdon, P.Q., in the per- son of Mr. Thomas Fallon. In his last moments there were at his bed- side his sorrowing wife, his son James, who is a member of the Order of St. Viator; his aunt, Sister Mary Edward, of the Providence Asy- lum; his sister, Mrs. Lachance, of Huntingdon, Mr. James A. Moore, of Huntingdon, and his nephew, Mr. J. C. Moore, manager of the Alza English Sash Window Co., Montreal. All that medical skill could sug- gest was done to save a precious life, but without avail. Mr. Fallon was born at Kilbain on Jan. 28, 1844, and was therefore sixty years of age. With the exception of a year that he spent in the Western States, with his brothers, he lived in his na- tive place, where he prospered, mak- ing farming his life work; ever in- dustrious, unassuming and kind of heart, he endeared himself to all who knew him.

Eleven children are left to con- sole the widowed mother. They are Mr. John Fallon, of West Constance, N.Y.; James Fallon, C.S.V., of Ri- gaud; Jane (Sr. Lucy of Narni), of Schenectady, N. Y.; Edith, (Sr. Thomas a Becket), of Winnipeg, Man.; both of the Order of the Holy Names; Florence, Herbert, Mabel, Elmer, Joe, Beatrice and Genevieve are at home with their sorrowing mother.

Deceased took much interest in organizing and maintaining the Little parish of St. Agnes, of which he was a member, and a Church warden for twelve years. He also held many other offices of trust in the district, being a member of the Godmanches- ter Council for a number of years, and of the School Board from the year 1887 until the time of his death. The members of the School Board showed their sympathy by many kind enquiries during his illness and by sending a beautiful floral con- tribution to be placed on the coffin.

The funeral was held on Wednesday to the parish Church, where a solemn Requiem Mass was sung by the Fa- stor, Rev. Father Derome, at the close of which he paid a tribute to the integrity and honesty of his de- ceased parishioner. The remains were interred in the family plot. Mr. Fallon had been for long years a reader of the "True Witness." To the members of the bereaved family we offer our most sincere sympathy in their sad loss.

RECENT DEATHS.

MR. PATRICK KELLY, a retired Captain of His Majesty's 2nd West Indian Regiment, and a prominent figure in religious, national and social ranks of Montreal during the past three or four years, passed away to his reward quite unexpectedly on Monday morning. Capt. Kelly had been out on Sunday spending the evening with some friends, and returned to his home apparently in the enjoyment of the best of health. Next morning the attendants found him unconscious. Medical aid was sum- moned, but all efforts proved unavail- ing. The immediate cause of death was pronounced to be paralysis of the brain.

Deceased was, during the term of his residence in Montreal, a zealous and enthusiastic member of St. Pat- rick's parish, being prominent in the ranks of one or two of its parish or- ganizations, especially that of the Holy Name Society. On Sunday morn- ing last the members of the latter organization approached the Holy Table according to their rules, and amongst them was the deceased.

The funeral was held to St. Patrick's Church, where a solemn Requiem Mass was sung, at which

Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan officiated, assisted by Rev. P. Heffernan and Rev. J. Killoran. The choir, under the direction of Prof. Fowler, rendered the musical portion of the solemn service, and Prof. Fowler, as the re- mains were being removed from the Church, played "Nearer My God to Thee." Previous to the removal of the remains to the Church, the mem- bers of the Holy Name Society as- sembled at the residence of the de- ceased and recited the office for the dead in the most impressive manner.

In social life Capt. Kelly was a welcome guest at many homes, and was esteemed for his high integrity and intellectual attainments. He was a member of the St. James Club and of the Catholic Sailors' Club and other organizations of a social and philanthropic character in Montreal. He leaves six children to mourn his loss, two sons and four daughters. Amongst the former is Dr. W. Weisber Kelly, now resident in Green Bay, Wis. One of the daughters is a mem- ber of the Order of Holy Souls, and

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