

## Notes from the Parishes

### ST. PATRICK'S PARISH.

Rev. Dr. Shanahan, Professor of Ecclesiastical History at the Catholic University, Washington, was a guest at the Presbytery for a few days. Dr. Shanahan was born at Manchester, N.H., in 1857, and made his classical studies at the Montreal College. In 1882 he was ordained priest at Rome, and on his return to the Diocese of Hartford he was named Chancellor. Shortly afterwards he was appointed to the Catholic University. Dr. Shanahan is at present engaged in compiling a Catholic Encyclopedia of fifteen volumes. He was well pleased with the progress Montreal has made in late years. During his stay he received valuable information for his new work.

The children's Mass is being well attended, and the pastor takes great delight in listening to the sweet voices of the dearest portion of the flock heard in many hymns during the Mass.

### ST. ANN'S PARISH.

Rev. Father Strubbe is at present resting at the Hotel Dieu. While not seriously ill, Father Strubbe has been ordered by his physician to give up parochial work for some time, as his health has not been good. It is to be hoped that the rest will restore Father Strubbe to his old-time vigor and activity.

The annual pilgrimage of the parish to the cemetery at Cote des Neiges will take place next Sunday. Rev. Father Flynn, C.S.S.R., will be the preacher. Arrangements have been made with the Montreal Street Railway Company to have special cars on all the routes leading to the Guy street line, from the terminus of which the distance is short to the cemetery. A large concourse of people is expected.

### ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH.

The St. Gabriel's Young Men's Society is progressing favorably, and a smoking concert will shortly be given in order to give their friends and patrons a pleasant time. It will be the social event of the season.

### ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH.

At the High Mass on Sunday the pastor, Rev. J. E. Donnelly, preached from the text: "Seek ye therefore first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all things shall be added unto you" (St. Matt. c. vi., v. 33.). "During the year," said the preacher, "we viewed the Church of God from different standpoints. God has entrusted the Church with the wealth of our souls. She gives consolation in our weakness, strength in our troubles, and the promise of life everlasting hereafter. The Master went about Galilee doing good. The Church has established communities of charity. The Master was solicitous for the young when He said: 'Suffer the little ones to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.' We have our great teaching communities to educate our children. Christ also healed the sick. We have communities whose work is to attend the sick. The Church is a translation to life of the Master's work. The Master's work was done by love. He was not a stern master. He was not always condemning the wrong-doer. His great charity was shown on all occasions. Our chief work here is the sanctification of our souls, thereby ensuring life everlasting. How many wander through life without a thought of God—living in darkness. The Church has given us spiritual life, spiritual education and spiritual strength. We should honor our holy mother the Church and our lives should be living models of the teachings of the Church so as to lead others by good example into the fold."

## PERSONAL.

Dr. J. L. Devlin, Staten Island, spent Sunday in town.

His Lordship Bishop Racicot has gone to St. Boniface, Man.

Mr. P. O'Gorman, of St. Catharines, Ont., was in the city for a few days last week.

Rev. Father W. Browne, of the Diocese of Bay St. George, West Newfoundland, spent a few days in the city en route to Boston. Father Browne made his theological studies at the Grand Seminary.

Mr. Ivan McSloy, of St. Catharines, Ont., came to see the Garden City boys battle for the Minto Cup. He is a member of the Catholic Young Men's Society of St. Catharines. The Society owns a beautiful hall called The Catholic Lyceum.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A three days' retreat for the pupils of Belmont School commenced on Monday morning and finished Wednesday.

Next Sunday afternoon the English-speaking members of the Men's branch of the Franciscan Order will meet at the Franciscan Church.

### SUB-CHIEF TO BE APPOINTED.

Another sub-chief for the fire department is to be appointed. The position is to be given to an Irish Catholic. Captain Doolan, of the Notre Dame street east end station, is the senior officer for the promotion.

### ALD. D. GALLERY RETURNS.

Ald. D. Gallery, M.P., who was spending a vacation in Ireland, France and Rome, returned home last Saturday greatly pleased with his trip. While in Rome the Alderman and family had a private audience with the Pope.

### AN ACTIVE WORKER.

Rev. Father Perrier, School Commissioner, is busily engaged in visiting the different schools, looking after the interests of teachers and pupils. Father Perrier is a great favorite with the teachers, and his visits to the class rooms are much appreciated.

### BONSECOURS CHURCH CONSECRATED.

The Church of Notre Dame de Bonsecours was consecrated this morning with all the ceremonies prescribed by the liturgy. The Bishops who presided at the ceremony were His Excellency Mgr. Sbarretti, Archbishop Bruchesi and Bishop Emard of Valleyfield. A large number of the clergy assisted.

### OVERCROWDING THE CLASSES.

In many of our Catholic schools the junior classes are being overcrowded, the numbers ranging from 60 to 100. It is unfair both to teacher and pupil to have such large numbers in one class. Little progress can be made in such cases, and the teacher is greatly handicapped trying to accomplish an impossible task. Thirty-five to forty pupils for each class should be the limit.

### ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY WILL ENTERTAIN.

St. Patrick's Society will give their annual concert in aid of the Catholic Sailors' Club in the club hall next Wednesday evening, the 27th instant, the President, Mr. Frank Curran, presiding. A programme of vocal and instrumental music has been prepared for the occasion, some of the leading talent of the city giving their services with the assistance of the sailors. A good time may be expected, and old St. Patrick's assured of a bumper house.

### NIGHT SCHOOLS.

In a couple of weeks the night schools will again be opened. These schools have done very good work in the past and hundreds have benefited by them. Many boys are obliged to leave school at an early age to go to work, while others never have the opportunity of receiving an education. To these two classes the night schools are an incalculable benefit. The branches taught are reading, writing, arithmetic, bookkeeping, composition, dictation, French reading.

### RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

There has just appeared from the pen of the distinguished war correspondent, Frederic Wm. Unger, an interesting work entitled "Russia and Japan." The story is written in a thrilling style, and though one has read daily accounts of the greatest war in the memory of the people, yet once he begins to read this book he feels he goes on to the end. This work is now being canvassed in Montreal, and all those who desire further information can obtain same by dropping a postcard to Edw. Ferry, 705 Leguachetiere street, when he will be pleased to call, show the book and take orders therefor.

### THREE ALTARS DEDICATED AT LYNN, MASS.

Right Rev. Mgr. L. Richard, of Three Rivers, Que., officiated in St. Jean Baptiste Church, at Lynn, last Sunday. At this service three new altars were dedicated to the honor of St. Jean Baptiste, the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph. A special Gregorian musical service by a double quartette was rendered so arranged as to comply with the recently expressed wishes of the Pope with reference to church music. The new

altars add materially to the beauty and impressiveness of the church. On the pinnacle of the large altar is a statue of St. Jean Baptiste six feet high.

### THE MINTO CUP STRUGGLE.

The first battle for the possession on the Minto Cup took place last Saturday at the Shamrock grounds, Mile End, and was exciting from start to finish. The challengers put up a great and plucky fight and made the boys in green work hard all the time. On three occasions was the score a tie, but then the Shamrocks took the lead and kept it until the end, when the score read 5 to 3. At 8.30 the teams lined up, and ex-Mayor James McShane made a speech to the players which evoked hearty cheers.

Next Saturday afternoon the second contest will be held, the game starting at 3 o'clock sharp. The game will be played according to O. L. A. rules, and the Athletics intend to make good their loss. All lovers of Canada's national game should not miss the great sporting event of the season. Referee Lally will again have charge of the game, and lacrosse and nothing but lacrosse will be allowed on the field.

### MEMORY OF BOSTON'S MAYOR HONORED.

The business life of Boston was stopped for a time on Monday to do reverence to the memory of Mayor Patrick A. Collins. Schools, courts, trade exchanges, municipal offices, and manufacturing establishments all suspended operations—some for the day, some for the period of the services at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Everywhere were emblems of mourning. In deference to the wishes of the Mayor's family, the plan for the body to lie in state at the City Hall was abandoned. Hundreds of friends and neighbors gathered near the house and along the thoroughfare as the body was borne from the home to the Cathedral. In the pews sat many men of prominence, together with large delegations from many civic, military and fraternal organizations. Within the sanctuary were Archbishop Williams and over a hundred priests. The Rev. Nicholas R. Walsh, rector of the Cathedral, was the celebrant of the requiem service.

### PRINCE LOUIS OF BATTENBURG AT NEWFOUNDLAND.

His Serene Highness Prince Louis of Battenburg, who visited Newfoundland a few days ago, was greatly pleased with what he saw and the reception tendered him by the citizens of St. John's. In speaking of the suburban districts he said that he was much struck with the evidences of industry and thrift, in the comfortable homes, in the little settlements they passed through, and was delighted with the fact that although the people could have had only a few hours' notice of the trip, they everywhere displayed flags in his honor, some even improvising admiral's flags, while crowds gathered in each hamlet, heartily cheering him as he passed, the school children waving flags and handkerchiefs and shouting gleefully. The spontaneity of this demonstration accentuated its pleasure for him. He also declared that the country roads were among the best for motoring, and the scenery along them the finest he had ever seen. He was specially appreciative of the kindness of the Governor, Sir William, Lady and the Misses MacGregor.

### ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL OPENED.

At high Mass on Sunday, Rev. Father Kiernan, P.P., was pleased to have to announce to his people that the first steps to a suitable school for the English-speaking children of his parish had been made. Two classes, numbering over 100 children, under the direction of the Misses Fanning and Flynn, and under the superintendence of the Rev. Sisters of St. Ann of Lachine, had been opened during the past week in the town hall of St. Louis. He felt quite certain that the efforts made by the parish during the past year were beginning to show results. The public mind had been thoroughly awakened to the unfairness with which the English-speaking Catholics of the north end were being treated, and had expressed itself strongly, for not only among the English-speaking Catholic population of Montreal had there been interest taken and sympathy shown in behalf of the children of St. Michael's, with its six quasi-French school boards, but the English-speaking Protestant population and the fair-minded French Canadians had espoused their cause and had strengthened it. Father Kiernan felt certain that with the Hon. Mr. Gouin, the champion of elemen-

tary and superior education in the Province of Quebec, at the helm, another year would secure for his parish equitable treatment at the hands of the Government. Their duty for the present was to continue to educate public opinion in their behalf and judiciously agitate for their rights.

### APPOINTED CHAPLAIN TO MILITONIAIRE FAMILY.

Rev. James White, who was doing parochial work at St. Agnes parish, this city, lately, and who had been named professor at St. Therese College, has, with the consent of His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, accepted the private chaplaincy to Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Ryan, the multi-millionaire, of New York City. Mrs. Ryan is a very charitable lady, and has given thousands of dollars to churches and charitable institutions in the States. At Suffern, Rockland Co., N.Y., she has built a beautiful chapel for the Catholics of the district. At Montebello Farm, Suffern, the country villa, there is a private oratory attached to the house, as well as at the private residence of the family at Fifth Avenue, New York City, and enriched with all the privileges attached to such oratories, the same being granted by Pope Leo XIII. and Pius X. A few days ago Mrs. Ryan visited Montreal in search of a chaplain. Father White was recommended, but as he had been appointed to St. Therese College he could not easily accept. Mrs. Ryan therefore called on the Archbishop and obtained his consent, to take Father White.

Rev. James White is a native of St. John's, Newfoundland, and has labored successfully in that city and parts of the diocese for the past eight years. His great zeal made him very popular with all classes in Newfoundland. In the cause of temperance he was an ardent worker, and the good standing of St. John's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society to-day is due in a great measure to his activity in the work. He is also a pulpit orator of renown. Owing to ill health he was obliged to leave the archdiocese of St. John's. We congratulate Father White on his new appointment, and wish him every success.

### TERRIBLE ACCIDENT AT STE. CUNEGONDE CHURCH.

The breaking of a scaffolding resulted in three men losing their lives while working in the new church under construction in Ste. Cunegonde. The victims are Valere Fournier, eighteen years of age, residing at 890 Demottigny street; Ulric Barrette, twenty-four years of age, of 11 St. Andre street, and Charles Otis, twenty-eight years of age, of 123 Aylwin street.

The men were engaged in the erection of the iron scaffolding of the dome, and had raised one of the huge iron beams, weighing fully seven tons, to a height of about seventy-five feet, by means of a crane. About two o'clock Mr. Gaze, the foreman, and the three men started to raise the second beam. The foreman, Otis, and Fournier succeeded in raising it with the crane, and attaching one end to the wall of the building, and after doing so, seated themselves on the beam to rest for a few minutes. On resuming their work the beam bent, and, being torn from the wall, it fell inside the building with a terrible crash, bearing with it Otis and Fournier. The former was instantly killed by falling on a pile of stones, while the latter was so badly injured that it was evident to those around that he could only live a short time. Barrette had jumped from the beam over the wall into Coursol street, and, although terribly bruised, he was able to speak a few words to the workmen who gathered around.

The ambulance of the Notre Dame Hospital was summoned, and reached the scene shortly after the accident, and Fournier and Barrette were taken to the hospital. Fournier never regained consciousness, and expired a few hours later. Barrette appeared perfectly conscious on his arrival at the hospital, but he died within an hour after the accident.

### A GROWING CATHOLIC CONCERN.

We desire to draw the attention of the readers of the True Witness to the advertisement now appearing in the columns of this paper, advertising the well known Catholic Church Furnishing House of W. E. Blain, Toronto. It is with keen pleasure that we note the progress that this house is making, the object and ideals of the founder being to have in Canada a really representative Catholic mercantile institution built upon the identical lines of the large European concerns.

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### CATHOLIC SAILORS' CONCERT.

Never in the annals of the Catholic Sailors' Club did such an immense audience gather together as was seen at last night's concert, given under the auspices of the Sarsfield Court, C.O.F. Even before the appointed hour the hall was already crowded. The programme was long and well sustained, those taking part therein showing both skill and spirit in their various parts. Special mention is due to Misses MacDermott, Jackson and Sullivan, as well as to Messrs. Gray, Carr, Benoit, Jackson, Monks, Hogan, Dwight, Date, Mallon and Ryan.

Next week's entertainment will be in the hands of the St. Patrick's National Society, and judging from present appearances a full house and a grand evening are to be looked forward to. On the whole, we are exceedingly pleased to see the many efforts put forth by our various societies to further so grand a work, and we wish the institution a long continuance of the well-earned reputation of which it may be so justly and deservedly proud.

### PICTURE BY DURER.

A life-size head of Christ, wearing the crown of thorns, by Durer, has been discovered in the house of a burgher family at Offenburg, near Heidelberg. The picture has the artist's monogram and the date 1524, and is in his best style. Much interest is being taken in the picture, and among those who have inspected it are the German Emperor and the Grand Duke of Baden.

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## OBITUARY.

Last week there passed to her reward Mrs. Limoges, sister of the Rev. Father Corbett, P.P., St. Joseph's Church, Richmond street. A solemn Libera was sung at St. Joseph's Church, at which the pupils of the different schools of the parish assisted. The remains were taken to Ste. Scholastique, where, after a solemn requiem service, interment took place. R.I.P.

## DIED.

BROWN—At 432 Besserer street, Ottawa, Lawrence Daniel, infant son of R. P. Stuart Brown, Canada Customs.