

Christmas Day Among the Churches.

St. Michael's Cathedral.

The Christmas celebration began with High Mass chanted by Vicar-General McCann, at 8 o'clock. The Mass of the Angels was well rendered under the direction of Brother Aldo. There was a large congregation present.

The children's choir assisted at the 9 o'clock mass, and their singing was most devotional.

The Solemn High Mass coram Pontifice was celebrated by Rev. Father Ryan assisted by Vicar-General McCann and F. McGrand. The vestments worn, were the magnificent set, presented to His Grace on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee. The Archbishop assisted in cope and mitre. Webber's Mass in G. was sung by the Cathedral choir, under the direction of Rev. Father Rohleder, in a manner that reflected the highest credit on singers and director.

His Grace preached at the gospel on the Feast. His Grace, is always anxiously looked for by the cathedral congregation, and especially, on Christmas day, they look to hear his voice, which time but seems to mellow and strengthen, ring out the glad tidings, of the Saviour's infinite love for men.

It was a thoughtful and effecting sermon, full of vigor and pathos, one that will be long remembered. In concluding His Grace, bore testimony to the Piety, Faith and generous co-operation of the Catholics of Toronto.

St. Basil's.

The services in this Church were of unusual grandeur. Masses were said continually at the different altars from half-past five until half past ten. The young men's sodality sang during the six o'clock Mass, and the singing of the "Adeste Fideles" at nine by the children was really beautiful, their fresh young voices in this grand hymn of praise rang out, like so many chimes of sweet silver bells. High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Marjion with Father Martin as deacon and Mr. Reath sub-deacon. Mr. F. Kennedy was master of ceremonies.

The choir sang Mercadante's celebrated Mass in B flat with full orchestral accompaniment. The soloists were Mrs. O'Hara, Mrs. J. D. Warde, Miss Amy Berthon, Miss Teresa Korman, Miss Kate Malloy, Messrs. Kirk, Warde, Forbes and Cosgrave. The "Gloria" of the Mass was particularly well rendered, the work of the chorus during the Finale being excellent. The quartet in the "Et Incarnatus" and the soprano solo in the "Agnus Dei" (the latter taken by Mrs. Warde) also deserve special mention. At the offertory "Christus Natus Est," by Melville, was sung. The conductor was Rev. Father Murray, the organist Mr. F. A. Moore, and the leader of the orchestra Mr. Walter Donville. In the evening, Vespers were sung by Rev. Father Marjion, and Father Teely preached an eloquent sermon, his text being "And the Word was God."

St. Mary's.

At St. Mary's church the services were all carried on with becoming pomp and splendor. The handsome high altar looked very beautiful with its rich decoration and numerous lights. To the right of the sanctuary a very life-like crib had been erected, before which immense crowds knelt all day long, paying their homage to the Infant Saviour.

At 10.30 a.m. Mozart's famous 12th Mass was finely rendered by the choir, assisted by a full orchestra; Father Coyle being the celebrant. A very instructive sermon on the Feast was delivered by Father Cruise, at this Mass.

The presence of Mgr. Rooney in the sanctuary again after his serious illness, was the cause of much joy among his parishioners. The Christmas offerings amounted to \$1,200.00.

Our Lady of Lourdes.

Mass was celebrated Christmas morning at 7, 8, 9.30, 9, and 10 o'clock.

A large number of the faithful received communion at the various masses. Rev. Father Teely celebrated High Mass at 10 o'clock, and delivered a scholarly sermon.

The rendition of Webber's Mass in G, by the choir, under the direction of Miss Fannie Sullivan, was worthy of the praise it received from all who were present.

The Soloists were Miss Norma Reynolds, Mrs. Charles McGann, Mrs. John McGann, Miss Flower and Messrs. McMullen, Tipping and Gendron. After the service the pastor, Rev. Father Walsh, expressed his thanks to Miss Sullivan and the choir for their efforts, and also, to the ladies who had kindly assisted the choir. Then a committee of gentlemen from the congregation, with Mr. Thomas Long as chairman, waited on the accomplished leader and, after a few complimentary remarks for her zeal in behalf of the choir, presented her with a very handsome gift.

The choir is to repeat this mass on the first Sunday of the New Year, on which occasion His Grace, the Archbishop, is expected to preach.

St. Patrick's.

One day in the year we are all one. In one way or other the great Xmas feast mixes itself up with everybody and their affairs. Very quietly, in her own wonderful style, the Church has infused something of the spirit of her loveliest festival to her people.

Such would be the thoughts uppermost in one's mind as he entered St. Patrick's on Xmas day. The church and altar were beautifully decorated. The first Mass at 5.30 was a solemn High Mass in which Rev. Father Krein was celebrant, Father Grogan was deacon, and Father Hogan, sub-deacon. Low Mass was continually said from 5.30 till 10.30, when, the last Mass, a solemn High Mass was said in which Rev. Father Barrett was celebrant, Father Hogan was deacon, and Father Grogan was sub-deacon. At 5.30 Knietze Pastoral Mass was sung. At 10.30 Wiegand's Mass in honor of St. Patrick was sung. Rev. Father Krein delivered a beautiful sermon on the Feast of the Nativity. At 7.30 p.m. solemn Vespers and Benediction were said.

Sunnyside.

That youngest yet noblest amongst the Catholic institutions of charity, the Sacred Heart Orphanage, Sunnyside, presented the usual festive appearance on Christmas. A neat crib was erected in the chapel, while the large school rooms were chastely decorated with green. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Lynch, who preached a very appropriate sermon.

Christmas is more particularly a day of joy for the young; and when the 300 children were told that they would have a Christmas Tree on Friday the 29th, a perfect shout of delight filled the hall. Its fruit is to be gathered to-morrow afternoon, at three o'clock when all the friends of the Orphanage are cordially invited to attend. Those desirous of sending contributions for the Christmas Tree are requested to send them as early as possible to-day.

St. Joseph's.

The services at Leslieville and Little York were attended to by Rev. Fathers Bergin and Shaughnessy, C.S.B.

Church of the Sacred Heart.

The parishioners of the Sacred Heart will cherish this Christmas as one of the most pleasant of their lives; it being the fitting close of a mission well and faithfully attended. All the masses found goodly numbers in attendance and the crowning of all was the reception of the Blessed Sacrament by so many. Masses were sung at seven, half past eight and half past ten. In the absence of Father Lamarche who was ill, Father Lacasse sung the masses. The little children's choir furnished the music and is deserving of the highest praise, as are also their painstaking and talented instructors. Benediction was given by Father Lacasse O.M.I., which was largely attended. It was consoling to the good Father to see so many come to gather his last words of wisdom and advice. He exhorted them to remain faithful to their good resolutions, to observe the practices so firmly adhered to during his short stay with them, and to frequent the Sacraments so necessary to the spiritual welfare of us all. He then bade the good people of Sacred Heart parish farewell and departed hopeful that his efforts would be production of great good and that another bright jewel was placed in his crown in the land beyond.

St. Helen's Church, Brockton.

Owing to the serious illness of Dean Cassidy the services at St. Helen's Church were not carried out as fully as had been intended. Father Kelly celebrated High Mass at 10.30 a.m., and preached a very interesting sermon on the great Feast of the Nativity. The music was very fine, the choir being assisted by an orchestra.

At 7.30 Vespers were sung and Benediction given.

Christmas at House of Providence.

Stately mansions, gorgeous palaces or marble halls do not always bring that happiness which most people think is inseparable from them. True happiness comes from within and may be found in the humble moss-covered dwelling in the peaceful valley as well as in the more pretentious structures that adorn the busy haunts of men. We were provided with ample evidence of this upon our visit to the House of Providence; a place where one might expect something other than the joy and good cheer which Christmas brings. But the Babe of Bethlehem was here with his manifold blessings, making this an ideal Christmas for those less fortunate ones who had been compelled to step aside from life's busy pathway. They began this gracious feast in a fitting and edifying manner by approaching Holy Communion and attending in all five Masses, two of which were said by Father Campbell, and the remaining three by Father Tracy, who sung High Mass. Notwithstanding the mission of a few weeks since, at which all approached communion, goodly numbers were seen at the altar-rails that they might partake of the many fruits attached to this the most suggestive and beautiful feast of the whole year. One admirable feature of the day was the celebration of Mass in a corridor on either side of which were patients prostrate with sickness, who were otherwise unable to follow the sacrifice so precious to the Christian soul. After their spiritual exercises they took advantage of a short rest so acceptable to the old and infirm; thence proceeded to the modest yet neat refectory very tastefully decorated for the occasion. Here could be seen in the well supplied tables abund-

ant evidences of generous hearts to give, willing hands to prepare, and loving souls to administer the many good things.

At four o'clock all assembled in the handsomely adorned chapel for benediction, which was given by Rev. Father Hand. The beautiful evening service was in perfect keeping with the chaste yet beautiful surroundings and I am sure left an impression not soon to be forgotten. It was refreshing to see so many emblems bearing inscriptions of good tidings and great joy. A particularly attractive feature was the profuse decorations in the sick apartment that even the bed-ridden might know and feel the joyous time. Of the three cribs constructed to honor the sinless babe the one in the chapel deserves special mention as a delicate and handsome representation of our Saviour's birth. It made a deep impression upon us and will be cherished as one of our most happy memories. Wondrous and precious Babe that makes even the poor and disconsolate feel the touch of Thy living hand.

St. Basil's Sewing Society.

An entertainment is to be given in the Hall of St. Michael's College, Clover Hill, on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, for the benefit of the Sewing Society of St. Basil's parish. Views of the Chicago and Paris World's Fairs will be given, there will be varied by views from England, Ireland and Scotland and other parts of Europe. A very pleasant and entertaining evening is expected. Admission 25c, children 10c.

THE MARKETS.

TORONTO, December 27, 1893.

Wheat, white, per bush.....	\$0 60	\$0 61
Wheat, red, per bush.....	0 53	0 00
Wheat, spring, per bush.....	0 60	0 00
Wheat, goose, per bush.....	0 57	0 00
Barley, per bush.....	0 44	0 49
Oats, per bush.....	0 33	0 34
Peas, per bush.....	0 57	0 58
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs....	6 25	6 50
Chickens, per pair.....	0 35	0 60
Geese, per lb.....	0 06	0 07
Turkeys, per lb.....	0 09	0 11
Butter per lb., in tubs.....	0 19	0 21
Butter, per lb.....	0 22	0 25
Eggs, now laid, per dozen....	0 25	0 27
Parsley, per doz.....	0 15	0 01
Cabbage, new, per doz.....	0 30	0 40
Celery, per doz.....	0 35	0 40
Radishes, per doz.....	0 20	0 25
Lettuce, per doz.....	0 20	0 30
Onions, per bag.....	0 00	1 00
Turnips, per bag.....	0 25	0 30
Potatoes, per bag.....	0 55	0 60
Beets, per bag.....	0 60	0 00
Carrots, per bag.....	0 30	0 40
Apples, per bbl.....	2 00	3 25
Hay, timothy.....	8 01	9 00
Straw, sheaf.....	7 50	8 50
Straw, loose.....	6 00	6 50

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—This market was exceedingly dull to-day, with no receipts. Prices in consequence are nominally unchanged. Good to choice butchers' cattle are quoted at 3½c to 3¾c per lb., and inferior at 2½c. Calves \$2.50 and \$7, and milch cows \$25 and \$45 each. Sheep dull at \$3.75 to \$4.50, and lambs \$2.50 to \$3.25 each. Hogs firm at 5c to 5½c for the best.

TEACHER WANTED.

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CONSUMPTION

PUBLIC NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Separate School Board of this City, at a meeting held on the 7th day of November, 1893, passed the following By Law:

By Law Number 4 of the Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools for the City of Toronto, to raise by way of loan twenty three thousand dollars.

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools for the City of Toronto require to borrow the sum of twenty-three thousand dollars for school purposes, eighteen thousand dollars thereof for the purchase of a school site and school buildings on the south east corner of Bond street and Wilton avenue, in the City of Toronto, and five thousand dollars to pay on an existing mortgage on one of the schools of said Board in the City of Toronto.

And whereas, under chapter 227 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario 1897, the said Trustees have power to make mortgages and other instruments for the security and payment of such borrowed money upon the school house property and premises, and any other real or personal property vested in them, and upon the Separate School rates; and whereas it is provided by the said Act that such mortgages and other instruments may be made in the form of debentures, which debentures shall be a charge on the same property and rates aforesaid as in the case of mortgages thereof.

Therefore the said Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools for the City of Toronto, enacts as follows:

1. That the whole of the debt and obligations to be issued under this By-law, shall not exceed the sum of twenty three thousand dollars and interest thereon, half yearly at five per cent. per annum, and it shall be lawful for the said Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools for the City of Toronto, and they are hereby authorized to borrow from any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, who may be willing to advance the same, the sum of twenty-three thousand dollars for the purposes above recited.

2. That for the security and payment of the money borrowed, it shall be lawful for the said Board of Trustees, to cause any number of debentures to be made not exceeding in all the said sum of twenty-three thousand dollars, but for not less than one hundred dollars each, and that the said debentures shall be sealed with the corporate seal of the said Board of Trustees, and be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the said Board.

3. That the money so borrowed and the said debentures shall be made payable in twenty years from the day hereinafter mentioned for this By-law to take effect, at the office of the Home Savings and Loan Company, Ltd., in the City of Toronto, and shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of interest.

4. That the money so borrowed and said debentures shall bear interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, which interest shall be payable half yearly on the first days of June and December in each year, at the said office of the Bank aforesaid.

5. That the said debentures shall be and are hereby made a charge on the school house properties and premises and on the real and personal property vested in the said Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic Separate Schools for the City of Toronto, and upon all the Separate School rates of said Board to be hereafter imposed, until the said debentures and each and every of them shall be fully paid off and satisfied.

6. That during the currency of the said debentures, there shall be included in the yearly Separate School rate to be levied and collected by said Board, the sum of eleven hundred and fifty dollars, for the payment of interest on said debentures, and also the sum of seven hundred and seventy-two dollars and 39 cents, for the payment of the principal, which two sums making together the sum of one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-two dollars and 39 cents, shall be included in and raised by the yearly Separate School rates, to be imposed by the said Board of Trustees, the said sum of \$772.39 being the sum which is sufficient, with the estimated interest on the investments thereof to discharge the said debt when payable.

7. That the said debentures may be payable to Bearer or to Order. The coupons may be signed by the Secretary, or his signature may be engraved or stamped thereon, and be as valid as his own proper signature.

8. This By Law shall take effect on the seventh day of November, A.D. 1893.

MR. F. P. ROONEY, V.G., Chairman.
VERY REV. J. J. MCCANN, V.G., Secretary Treasurer.

Friendly Comparison.

In comparing Hallam's Exportant with other cough mixtures on the market, the thought which first arises, is where are these which through extensive advertising, gave promise of occupying a prominent place. Answer—gone out of existence, having failed to supply public requirement. Amongst those remaining none have stood an equal 35 year's test with it or maintained their position without expensive advertising. It alone has increased in public favor solely on its merits. No quarter spent can secure greater value.