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RETREAT AT ST. FRANCIS.

Despite the holiday—Thanksgiving Day—and the rain which heralded the Retreat given to the members of the Blessed Virgin's Sodality and other young ladies of St. Francis' parish, the event was in every way a decided success. The retreat opened on Thursday evening and closed on Sunday evening. The several exercises were attended by a very large number and those who took part showed great zeal in the devotions and in attention to the various instructions and reception of the Sacraments. Rev. Father Zilles, C.S.S.R., was in charge.

RENEWAL OF MISSIONS.

The "renewal" of the missions now going on in St. Paul's, St. Mary's and St. Helen's parishes, under the direction of members of the Redemptorist Order, are in point of numbers and regularity of attendance almost similar to the Missions of last year. The churches are crowded at every Mass and every devotion. It would be useless to make a comparison in this regard, for in no one of the three churches is there a vacant seat, and at many of the exercises, even the aisles are crowded, and every available spot occupied. The particular Missions for the women began on Sunday evening and are to last a week, the following week to be devoted to the men. Two Mission Masses are said each morning, at which a special instruction is given, and in the evening the beads are said followed by a sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The exercises of a special Mission to the children of the different parishes are conducted at 11 o'clock every day. In this way none are neglected. In the opening sermon it was explained that the one great thing to be desired after a Mission is the grace of perseverance, and the aims of the renewal are directed to this end. Other sermons have been given on the relapsing sinner, the goodness and love of God, the Sacraments of Penance and the Blessed Eucharist, and the deathbed of the saint and sinner.

At St. Mary's the Mission is in charge of Rev. Fathers Cullen, Shireff and Mulligan; at St. Paul's Rev. Fathers Zilles, Crosby and Conley are in charge, and at St. Helen's Rev. Fathers Hamill and Schneider are conducting the exercises. These Rev. gentlemen are now, with one or two exceptions, old friends to the people of Toronto, having conducted Missions here on former occasions, and as in the past, so in the present instances, their vigor and earnestness in prosecuting the work upon which they are engaged, are so marked that even at this early date before the first week is but little more than half advanced, it is safe to predict remarkable success, not alone in the parishes where the present work is centred, but more or less throughout the city generally, many from the other parishes taking part and availing themselves of the graces and opportunities of the Mission. The Mission for the men begins on Sunday evening next.

LECTURES AT DE LA SALLE.

The Varsity Literary Society of the De La Salle Institute held a very successful meeting in the Science Room last Friday afternoon. The chief feature of the programme was an illustrated talk on "Electricity in Daily Life" by two of the members, Messrs. Wilfrid E. Chase and Stamford Warrington.

The able manner in which the subject was handled showed an amount of research, close observation and experimentation beyond the general school boy stage. The chief topics dealt with were: electric bells, electric lighting, and electric heating, the induction coil, the electric dynamo and motor, electric transportation, the work of the Niagara Power Co., and the importance of the electric smelter in the future development of Canada's great mineral resources. The explanations were rendered clear by means of apparatus, or by suitable diagrams sketched on the blackboard. Several very interesting experiments were performed.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speakers at the close.

The pupils of the Varsity Society have been greatly aided in their Science work by Red. Hugh Canning's kind contribution of the Scientific American.

JOS. L. LOFTUS, Acting Secy.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHORAL SOCIETY.

The annual election of officers for the above society was held in the Fall Church street, last Monday, and resulted as follows: President, T. B. Winterberry; 1st Vice-President, George O'Leary; 2nd Vice-President, J. Dickinson; 3rd Vice-President, W.

Snowe; Recording Secretary, Neil McGrath; Financial Secretary, Ernest Ewing; Treasurer, Bernard S. Doyle; Executive Committee, Messrs. John O'Leary, B. J. Doyle, A. T. Hernon, T. S. Enright, N. O'Leary and Dr. W. B. Woods.

The Choral practice is held on Tuesday and Friday evenings, at eight o'clock, in the hall. A cordial invitation is extended to all young men who wish to attend.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. MARGARET MONAHAN.

The sudden death of Mrs. Margaret Monahan, which occurred on Wednesday, the 17th inst., removed from St. Mary's Parish one who had been amongst its earnest and devout members for over forty years. Mrs. Monahan was ill only a few hours, long enough, however, to receive the last rites and consolation of the Church, when summoned by death. A loyal and loving remembrance of Ireland, the land of her birth, and fidelity and devotion to her religion, were the chief characteristics in the life of the deceased. The funeral took place from St. Mary's church on Saturday morning, the High Mass of Requiem being sung by Rev. Father Hays. The cortege afterwards proceeded to Mount Hope Cemetery. Mrs. Monahan is survived by two sons, John and James Monahan, and by one daughter, Miss Mary Monahan. R. I. P.

DEATH OF MRS. MARGARET MANN.

A death that brought much grief to her family and to a large circle of friends, was that of Mrs. Mann, of 486 Church street, which occurred at her home on Saturday, October 13th. Though advancing in years, the death of Mrs. Mann was not expected until a very short time before the end, a week's illness being all the warning given. Mrs. Mann was not only a loved and loving mother, but a cherished and kindly neighbor; good to the poor and those in distress, her many friendly acts are now affectionately remembered and their reward is now before her. Deceased was a native of East Gwillimbury, though a resident of Toronto for many years. During her last illness she was attended by Rev. Father Rhoder, who also sang the funeral Mass of Requiem on Tuesday morning, when the funeral took place from St. Michael's Cathedral. The large attendance and the many spiritual and floral offerings spoke of the love and esteem which followed the deceased even after life in this world had ended. Mrs. Mann is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Geo. Hubbard, Mrs. Battram of Los Angeles, California, and Miss Queenie Mann of the King street firm of Mann and Utley; Messrs. Edward and Thomas Ferris are brothers. R. I. P.

CATHOLIC YOUNG LADIES' LITERARY ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting for the season of the Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Association will take place on Monday evening, the 29th inst., at the home of the Misses O'Donohue, 95 D'Arcy street. The programme arranged for the year is the study of Tennyson, with papers on same in charge of Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. J. J. Walsh and Miss Rose Ferguson. A Midsummer Night's Dream, in charge of Miss D'Entremont, and a continuation of Parkman by Miss Hart. It is expected that at the opening meeting a number of new members will be received.

PARENTS HOLD MEETING.

On Saturday afternoon a number of the parents of the pupils of the Harbord street Collegiate, met to protest against the removal of Miss Lawlor from that institution to Jarvis street Collegiate. The ground taken was that Miss Lawlor, as head teacher of English, had held the position for a length of time with marked distinction and her removal would be met with popular disfavor.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN MORAN.

Among the deaths of last week was that of Mr. John Moran, a well-known resident of the East End and a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Paul's Parish. The funeral took place on Thursday last from St. Paul's church. R. I. P.

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Rest in the Lord

God is near thee, Christian cheer thee;
Rest in Him, sad soul;
He will keep thee, when around thee
Billows roll.

Calm thy sadness, look in gladness
To thy Friend on high;
Faint and weary pilgrim, cheer thee;
Help is nigh.

Mark the sea-bird wildly wheeling
Through the stormy skies;
God defends him, God attends him,
When he cries.

Fare thee onward, through the sunshine,
Or through wintry blast;
Fear forsake thee, God will take thee
Home at last.

Lady of the Way

Mother! Mother! I am coming
Home to Jesus and to thee;
But my country's hills are distant,
And their light I cannot see.
Mother, harken as I pray,
Meet me, Lady of the Way,
Meet me, Mother dear, to-day.

Oftentimes my skies are clouded,
I can see no sun nor star,
And the road is rough and narrow,
And the end seems very far.
Lest perchance my feet should stray,
Meet me, Mother, on my way,
Meet me, Mother dear, to-day.

I must cross the burning desert,
I shall thirst, O Mother mine;
Fill thy vessel at the fountain
Of thy Son's sweet Heart Divine.
Lest I faint upon the way,
Tender Mother, stoop, I pray,
Give my soul to drink to-day.

Do not wait until to-morrow,
For I need thee now, to-day;
Wait not till I go to greet thee,
Mother, meet me on the way.
Oh, in all I do and say,
Bless me, Lady of the Way,
Take my heart to Him to-day.

—Selected.

The new Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, at Dupont and Filbert streets, the first permanent church structure completed in the burned district, San Francisco, was formally dedicated last Sunday by Archbishop Montgomery. The edifice occupies the site of the old church razed by the conflagration of last April, and though not as pretentious as its predecessor, is nevertheless a substantial and ornate structure, and speaks volumes for the taste and energy of the Salesian Fathers in charge of the parish.

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JOTTINGS

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, is expected to return from Europe this week.

Hon. John Costigan has accepted the presidency of the Carleton County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The consecration of the Right Rev. Louis S. Walsh, D.D., as bishop of Portland, Me., took place in that city on the 18th inst.

Rev. Father Reid and Rev. Father Singleton, of Montreal, have left to prosecute their studies at the Canadian College in Rome.

Mother Frances Joseph and Sister de Sales of the Community of St. Joseph, Hamilton, have just celebrated their Golden Jubilee.

When you see a man raise his hat as he passes a church it is an unfeigned sign, says Church Progress, that he is a fearless, practical Catholic.

In St. Francis' church, Brockville, the wedding of Miss Mary Josephine Downey and Mr. F. A. O'Connor took place on Wednesday, the 10th Oct.

Father Wenz is the second German who has been elected General of the Jesuits. The first was Father Gossin Nickel, who was born at Julich on May 1, 1582.

In Bathgate, Scotland, a Catholic clergyman, Rev. Father McDaniel, has been appointed Justice of the Peace. This is a rare, probably unique, distinction for a Catholic priest in Great Britain.

Father Francis Xavier Wenz, the new general of the Jesuits, is planning a tour of the world, to visit all the society's institutions. He will be the first general to take a prolonged journey.

Dr. Maurice Francis Egan of the Catholic University, has been appointed by the President to succeed Secretary Bonaparte as a member of the United States Indian Commission.

Elizabeth Robins Pennell and Joseph Pennell are preparing for the new volume of The Century, an illustrated series of descriptive articles on "French Cathedrals." They are intended to have special interest for travelers and art lovers.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Vaughan, Canon of Westminster, England, conducted the retreat for the students of the St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. At its close Bishop Cotter conferred deaconship upon fourteen candidates, and raised four to the order of sub-deaconship.

The Knights of Columbus of Philadelphia, through James A. Flaherty, president of the Philadelphia Chapter, and Philip A. Hart, treasurer, presented Archbishop Ryan with a check for \$4,500 last week. The Archbishop will distribute the amount to charities.

In Rome and all over Italy communities are at work preparing for the golden sacerdotal jubilee of the Holy Father, which will occur in September, 1908. All the Bishops of the Catholic world are expected to have their respective dioceses represented in Rome on the occasion.

The famous old abbey church known as Selby Abbey, is a total ruin, the result of a fire which broke out in the organ chamber. Selby Abbey was considered to be one of the finest monastic churches in England. It was founded in the twelfth century by the Benedictines, and part of the original nave and transepts survive.

The Benedictine Monks of Buckfast Abbey, Devon, England, have elected Father Anscar as abbot in the place of Abbot Natter, who was drowned in the Bay of Biscay. The new abbot was born in Germany in 1875, and is probably the youngest abbot in the world. He was at one time professor of philosophy at St. Anselm's College, Rome.

Bishop John J. O'Connor has sent an order to all the Roman Catholic pastors in the Diocese of Newark, warning them that the hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," must not be sung hereafter in any Catholic church in the diocese, and that the hymn, "Lead Kindly Light," may only be sung in a church after the service is over, provided the pastor has given his permission.

The first appointment made by Archbishop McCarthy after being elevated to the See of Halifax was that of a chaplain for the A.O.H. The position became vacant owing to the transfer of the Rev. J. B. Moriarty from Halifax to Kentville. The new chaplain is the Rev. C. E. McManus, rector of St. Mary's College. He has always taken a deep interest in the A.O.H., and his appointment is extremely popular.

The Roman Catholics of Brittany have addressed an open letter to Mr. Clemeenceau, Interior Minister, denouncing the statements which he made in his speech on Sunday last, and adding: "The Chouans are not dead. If you attempt to unite the Jacobins of '93, if you attempt to close the churches, proscribe our priests or prevent the celebration of our sacred religion, we will rise against the infamous tyranny and die with enthusiasm for God and the King of our fathers."

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A Work of Wonderful Growth.

Religious activities usually begin in October, but what is remarkable this year, is the unwonted activity in the field of Missions to non-Catholics. From the reports received at the Apostolic Mission House there are nearly one hundred missionaries actually engaged in giving missions to non-Catholics. In the twelve regularly established Diocesan Missionary bands there are nearly sixty secular priests devoted to this work and this work alone. Some of these are now among the very best missionaries in this country. They are men of learning, of more than ordinary persuasive powers and they have behind them nearly ten years of experience; others are younger priests who are strong in their enthusiasms, and ardent in their zeal, for this particularly attractive kind of work. Besides these Missionaries who are working in the regularly established bands, there are ten who are affiliated to the Catholic Missionary Union and who draw from this Missionary organization the money necessary for their support. These missionaries are working in Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. The work that these missionaries do is of the most difficult kind. There are pioneers. They go into places where there are few, if any, Catholics. They gather into halls of the towns, people who have rarely if ever heard an address from a Catholic priest. Their lecture is very often on "What Catholics do not Believe." Anyhow, it is given with the purpose of clearing away the immense amount of prejudice that exists in the minds of non-Catholics and of preparing their hearts to accept Catholic truths.

Then finally there is the work of the religious orders. Every Missionary order has its band of Missionaries for non-Catholics and most of them make it a rule to follow a Catholic Mission with one to non-Catholics. So that to say that there are one hundred missionaries actually engaged in giving missions to non-Catholics at the present time is to make a very conservative statement.

The Apostolic Mission House graduated twenty-five priests, well trained to mission work, last year. Some of these have gone to assist in the existing bands. Rev. J. R. Moore is working with Fathers Randall and Crane in the St. Louis Apostolate. Rev. Wm. Huffer has gone to help with the missionaries of St. Paul, Minnesota; Rev. G. Hurley is assisting the Providence band, and Rev. J. J. Reilly is helping Father Kress and his associates in Cleveland, Ohio. Rev. J. H. Mahoney inaugurates the non-Catholic Mission work in South Carolina, while Rev. S. J. Kelly, the Josephite, is engaged in giving Missions to the colored people in Mississippi. There is no department of activity in the Church that is growing so fast as this work that centers about the Apostolic Mission House. Nor indeed is there any that is so full of promise for the future of the Church in America.

CHURCH MUSIC AGAIN

(Continued from page 1.)

"Glorias" and hymns may be sung to figured music. The Motu Proprio allows that on great feasts the verses of the psalms may be sung in Gregorian and Falso-bordone alternately, also that on such great feasts the psalms may be sung to figured music provided that it be choral. The psalms as they were sung in Italy upon these latter remain strictly forbidden, viz., as at S. Filippo.

USE OF THE ORGAN.

During Advent, Lent, and at Masses of Requiem, the organ should not be used, but in the last editions of the "Ceremoniale Episcoporum" a concession has been made in the interests of inefficient choirs, viz., that the organ may accompany, though not play interludes, so that it is to be silent when the singing stops. The Motu Proprio confirms the "Ceremoniale Episcoporum" and Sacred Decrees ordering that no worldly music should be played, and that the organ should not be so loud when accompanying the voices as to drown them. The orchestra is not to be used without leave from the Bishop, and that only on rare occasions. Vernacular hymns are permitted at Low Mass, with the consent of the Bishop (S.R.C. 38, 80). It is also permitted to sing hymns in the Vernacular at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, provided they are not translations of the liturgical hymns, such as the "Te Deum"; this is also permitted in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament, except during the Feast of Corpus Christi, and during the Forty Hours (S.R.C. 3, 124, 3537). The Bishop settles what is to be sung at Benediction, and his regulations ought to be followed, the only thing prescribed by the general law is the "Tantum Ergo," Versicle, and the prayer "Deus qui nobis." During the act of Exposition, with the consent of the Bishop, a motet like the "O Salutaris" can be allowed. That it may be seen that this is not essential, see S.R.C. 31, 19, 14.

I must mention how the Pope emphasizes the regulations as to the formation of choirs. He reminds us that the singers' office is a liturgical one, and therefore women cannot be allowed to fulfill it, except in churches of nuns, where the nuns are set apart to perform the Divine Office. This gives confirmation to the decree under Leo XIII., which forbade it, September 17, 1877, as completely opposed to all the prescriptions of the Church, and ordered that such a practice should disappear as soon as possible. This does not mean that women cannot join in the congregational singing. In choirs, however, when soprano voices are wanted boys must be used. The Pope wishes that the choirs be formed of good Catholics, as they are called to so worthy an office. He also expresses the wish that they should not be too much seen; he therefore suggests grilles to hide them, as did his predecessors Alexander VII. and Benedict, Pius IX. and Leo XIII. The idea of grilles is to prevent the attention of the congregation being attracted, when the music requires any display.

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