

AN ORMSTOWN CELEBRATION.

The Feast of St. Malachy, Patron Saint of the Church; Two Sermons by Rev.

Father Shea, Curate of St. Mary's, Montreal.

On Sunday last, the Rev. Father Quesnel, the energetic and devoted parish priest of Ormstown, P. Q., had a special celebration in his parish in honor of the patron saint of their Church—the great Irish Bishop and Confessor, St. Malachy. The Catholic parish of Ormstown is part Irish and part French, and it would be a good thing for all our mixed communities if the same union, peace, harmony and Catholic spirit reigned amongst them as exist in Father Quesnel's splendid district. The Rev. Pastor is to be heartily congratulated upon the success, during the two years that he has ministered to the spiritual wants of his number of parishioners, that he has attained and upon the splendid celebration of last Sunday in particular.

The parish church was filled to the very doors. High Mass was celebrated by the parish priest. After the Gospel Rev. Father Shea, the curate of St. Mary's parish, Montreal, ascended the pulpit and delivered a splendid sermon upon the life, labors and virtues of St. Malachy, the patron saint of the Ormstown church. This panegyric was at once an historical treat as well as a series of most wholesome lessons drawn from the life of the great Bishop, Confessor and saint. St. Malachy, as our readers know, was the famous Bishop of Connor, and one of the most glorious figures in the field of Irish history. The rev. preacher traced the career of the great saint from his birth, in the ninth century, down to the close of his life, which also ended his thirty years of episcopal labors. Some of the most striking events in the story of the early centuries of Faith in Ireland took place during St. Malachy's life, and he played an important part in many of them. The subject was most appropriate to the occasion and afforded a fine opportunity for the display of Rev. Father Shea's solid and eloquent style of delivery. The panegyric will be long remembered by the good people of Ormstown, and will serve to a great extent to increase their devotion to the patron saint of their parish.

In the afternoon, at three o'clock, a solemn service in the form of prayers, Benediction and sermon, for the souls in Purgatory, was held. On this occasion, as in the morning, Rev. Father Shea was the preacher. He spoke from that inspiring text that encourages all Christians "to pray for the dead that they may be released from their sins." Having pointed out most clearly the Church's doctrine regarding Purgatory and proved it to be both reasonable and consoling, the preacher entered into a glowing picture of the pains suffered by those holy souls in being deprived—for a long term—of God's glory, and the happiness that their virtues have won for them. He then drew attention to the fact that every living being may expect to have some one or more souls detained in Purgatory and awaiting the prayers of those on earth to open the gates of the prison-house. The touching description of the helpless soul depending upon the aid of those who are still alive to secure the tranquility and joys of heaven was only surpassed by that of the delight and happiness as well as the deep gratitude of the delivered soul once it enters the regions of unending bliss. Perhaps the most striking portion of the whole sermon was that in which the reverend gentleman depicted the countless blessings that would yet fall upon all who aid in the deliverance of suffering souls, by their prayers, alms and sacrifices; blessings due to the grateful intercession of the saints in heaven who owe their early relief to the supplications of their earthly friends. In fact, we might say that if the morning sermon was calculated to inspire the people with a deep and lasting confidence in the power of their glorious saint, the afternoon's one was certain to awaken a holy and noble sentiment of devotion for the benefit of the departed who have not yet reached the realms of happiness.

We are positive that Rev. Father Shea's visit to Ormstown will not soon be forgotten by the good people of St. Malachy's parish, and that Rev. Father Quesnel will find, as the years go past, that his zeal and devotion to the cause

of his flock will be a source of the glorious recompense which all pastors seek—namely, the salvation of the souls confided to their care.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY

CONDOLE WITH MADAME MERCIER.

The regular monthly meeting of St. Patrick's society was held Monday night, the president, ex-Mayor McShane, in the chair. There was a large attendance of members. It was resolved to have a course of winter lectures, the first to be delivered on November the 19th. The president will deliver the first lecture, and the vice-president, Dr. Kennedy, the second, two weeks later. The subjects have not yet been decided on. After some debate it was determined to give a grand concert in the hall of the Monument Nationale on St. Patrick's night. It was first suggested that it be a dramatic entertainment, but the concert idea was finally unanimously adopted. A vote of condolence with Madame Mercier and her family on the death of the late ex-premier, Hon. Honore Mercier, was adopted. Mr. J. P. Wright moved, and Mr. John O'Leary seconded, the resolution, which was passed without a dissenting voice. A large number of new members were balloted for and admitted.

ST. MARY'S YOUNG MEN.

The usual monthly meeting of St. Mary's Catholic Young Men was held in St. Mary's hall, on Friday evening. After the minutes had been read and other business matters transacted the previously arranged subject, a debate on Home Rule was begun. Excellent speeches were made by those who for the nonce opposed Home Rule. Rev. Father O'Donnell, who acted as chairman, was obliged to award the victory of argument to the opposition. The debate will be continued at the next meeting. By the time the members have thoroughly threshed out the subject they will be better acquainted with the condition of Ireland in the past and present than they ever were before. Therefore, if the debates do nothing more than extend their knowledge of history the members will benefit by taking part in them.

A GRAND DINNER.

The annual dinner for the benefit of the blind of Nazareth will be given on the 28th of November, at 7 p.m., in the Hall of the Institution. It is needless to recommend to the charity of the public this work so eminently social and christian. The marvellous results that follow from the education which these blind children receive are known and appreciated; all Montreal is aware that to give to the blind of Nazareth is not only relieving great misery but moreover placing those afflicted beings on a level with their fellow-creatures. With this charitable object in view it is hoped that crowds will assemble at the asylum on that evening and enjoy the treat in store for them.

ST. ANTHONY'S YOUNG MEN.

At a meeting held Sunday afternoon of St. Anthony's Catholic Young Men's society the following officers were elected for the ensuing session:—Spiritual director, Rev. Father Donnelly; president, P. J. Gordon; 1st vice-president, M. C. Morrissey; 2nd vice-president, G. Mun-day; financial secretary, G. C. Gahan; recording secretary, J. M. Morrissey; assistant secretary, J. S. Farrell; librarian, James Bannan; assistant librarian, W. McVillia; marshal, F. J. Perrigo; committee, C. J. Foley, W. Stewart, T. F. McDonald, J. K. Cleary and J. Ferguson. The society also decided to hold a grand concert on December 6th, the best talent possible to be secured for that occasion.

KINGSTON CLERGY.

Rev. Father Collins, of Brockville, who has been cure in St. Francis Xavier church for some time past, has left for Kingston, where he will be assistant in St. Mary's cathedral. He will be succeeded by Rev. Father Carson, of Kingston.

DEATH OF A PRIEST.

Rev. Abbe Deguy, late parish priest of Lanoraie, died on Saturday at Contrecoeur. A requiem service is to be chant-

ed at Contrecoeur this morning, after which the remains will be removed for interment to Lanoraie, where a second service will be conducted by Archbishop Fabre.

STE. ANNE DE BEAUPRE

200,000 VISIT THE MIRACULOUS SHRINE.

The following figures show the number of pilgrims who have visited the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre during the last twenty years.

1874.....	17,200	1883.....	58,000
1875.....	27,000	1884.....	61,000
1876.....	28,000	1885.....	79,282
1877.....	30,500	1886.....	85,657
1878.....	37,530	1887.....	90,884
1879.....	37,500	1888.....	91,437
1880.....	56,500	1889.....	100,951
1881.....	50,000	1890.....	105,672
1882.....	54,000	1891.....	200,000

SPHERE FOR WOMEN.

HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL GIBBONS SAYS IT IS IN THE HOUSE, NOT AT THE POLLS.

Cardinal Gibbons in his sermon at the Baltimore cathedral on Sunday, the feast of the Holy Rosary, took strong ground against woman suffrage as having a tendency to lessen woman's influence for good in the home circle, which he regarded as her proper sphere.

The subject of this sermon was the glory of womanhood and the duties of Christian woman. He took as his text the blessing pronounced by the angel upon the Virgin Mary. He said:

"To-day we honor the Queen of Saints, our Blessed Lady. She is the great model for all women to follow, whether as maiden, wife or mother. I think every unprejudiced historian will admit that woman is indebted to Mary for the high position, both in social and domestic life, which is hers to-day.

"If to-day woman is esteemed as the peer of her husband, and not as the slave of his passions, as is the case in foreign countries, it is due to the Church. If she is queen in her domestic life, without being confronted with usurping women, as is the case in Mohammedan and Mormon households, she is indebted to this deliverance to the preachings of the Catholic Church and the Popes. The Church follows the preaching of St. Paul, that woman is equal to man, when he declares that God makes no distinction as to nationality, race or sex.

"It seems to me fearful to contemplate what would have been the condition of society to-day if it had not been for the restraining, sanctifying and purifying influence of women.

"I do not speak of those consecrated women, whose lives are given to the cause of Christ and His Church and religion, chastity and charity. I speak of those women who made no vow except the baptismal one; of those who wear no habit except the white robe of innocence, and not of those who wear the royal robe of charity and benevolence.

"I speak not of the religious community of women, so-called, but of those who live in the family relation which God Himself has founded. I speak of Mother Superior of the household.

"Every one of you has a lesson to perfect in your day and generation. You can be verily apostles, preaching in your respective households. It is true you cannot celebrate mass, and yet you can be priests in another and broader sense. You are a holy, national and royal priesthood, because consecrated to God in your baptism.

"It is true woman doesn't to-day exercise the right of Suffrage. She should never vote and I am heartily glad of it.

"I hope the day will never come when she can vote, and if the right of suffrage is granted to her I hope she will reject it, even though there are some misguided women who think they want it.

"Rest assured that if woman enters politics she will be sure to carry away on her some of the mud and dirt of political contact. She will also lose some of the influence which is now hers.

"The proper sphere of woman is home; the proper place for her to reign is in the home circle.

"A ruler of Greece said: 'I command Athens. Athens rules the world and my wife controls me; therefore, she rules the world.'

"So nowadays you men control the United States, and your wives, controlling you, rule this country. If every Christian mother, daughter and sister looked

after religion in the home there would be less need to insist on religious instruction in the schools. The mother is the living oracle of her child. In after years the words spoken by our mothers through life exercise over us a blessed influence.

"The woman is the best teacher, because God has so ordained. She exercises more influence than any other living person. She is an oracle to her child. The greatest men in Church or State were blessed with pious mothers, to whose early instructions they owed all that they were. I might name a long catalogue. St. Louis of France spoke of his sublime mother as an angel. Chief Justice Taney was accustomed to speak of his mother and the influence of her early instructions on his life. John Randolph, of Roanoke, tells us that but for his mother's influence he would have become an infidel and an atheist.

"Let us beg of you to fulfil that mission which God has assigned to you. When husband and son come home let them find there a place of rest. Do not pour out the bitter gall of sharp words, but the oil of consolation. Be angels of charity and guard the sanctity of your homes and keep the fires of conjugal love burning."

RELIEF AT LAST.

THE EXPERIENCE OF A LONDES-BORO YOUNG LADY.

A VICTIM OF SEVERE PAINS, DIZZINESS AND WATERY BLOOD—AT TIMES COULD NOT GO UP A STEP—HOW SHE REGAINED HEALTH AND STRENGTH.

From the Clinton New Era.

Miss Kate Longman is a young lady of about 22 years of age, who lives with her mother in the pretty little village of Lonsdale, six miles from the town of Clinton. Both are well-known and highly esteemed by their many friends. The New Era having learned that Miss Longman had been a great sufferer and had recently been restored to health by the timely use of a well-known popular remedy, dispatched a representative to get the particulars of the case. In reply to the reporter's inquiries Miss Longman said that if her experience might be the means of helping some other sufferer, she was quite willing that it should be made public. "For a long time," she said, "I was very poorly, I was weak, and run down, and at times suffered pains in my back that were simply awful. My blood was in a watery condition, and I was subject to spells of weakness to such an extent that I could not step up a door step to save my life. I doctored a great deal for my sickness, but without avail. At last, after having frequently read in the New Era of cures effected by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, I determined to give them a trial. The result was that my health soon began to return and the pains and weakness left and I was again restored to strength." At this moment Mrs. Longman entered, and being informed who the visitor was and what was his mission, said: "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the greatest medicine known. My daughter was so sick that I feared she would die, and she continually grew weaker until she began the use of Pink Pills, and they have cured her, as she has not had a recurrence of the trouble since." Miss Longman is now the picture of health, and declares that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are entitled to the credit. The New Era knows of many others who have benefited by this remarkable remedy.

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