

In and Around Toronto

LADIES AUXILIARY A.O.H.

Div. No. 1, Ladies' Auxiliary, held a very successful social evening in O'Connell's Hall on Friday, May 15th. The hall was prettily decorated and the success of the affair reflects credit on the ladies concerned.

BRANCH 49, C.M.B.A., MEET.

Branch 49, C.M.B.A., held a very successful meeting in their Occident Building, Queen and Bathurst streets, on Tuesday evening, the 19th instant. Several applications were received. The members all feel that the C.M.B.A., is at present on a good sound basis that will tend to increase the membership.

NEW HOME OPENED.

The beautiful new Infants' Home in connection with the House of Providence was formally opened on Monday afternoon, when V. Rev. J. J. McCann, V.G., accompanied by a number of the local clergy, blessed the building and afterwards inspected the different apartments of the institution. Eighty-five infants had been installed in their new quarters earlier in the day and later many visitors admired the house and appointments.

PICNIC A SUCCESS.

The annual picnic in aid of the House of Providence, which took place on Monday, was, as is usually the case, a pronounced success. An ideal day, thousands of people, tables groaning with their weight of good things, attentive waitresses, inspiring music, moving pictures, swings and shooey-shoos all combined to make the day a time of fun and merriment. Friend met friend who perhaps had not shaken hands since the same event last year, and the day for young and old was filled with pleasure. Returns are not yet in but it is fairly certain that the proceeds will net a good sum towards the maintenance of those for whom the picnic is held.

CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS.

The celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Catholic Order of Foresters will be marked in Toronto on June 12th by a grand parade headed by the Highlanders Band and by a musical programme in Massey Hall for which first class talent has been secured. The musical entertainment will be open to the members and the Catholic public generally, admission free and by ticket. The Highlanders Band will be in attendance at the Hall and addresses will be delivered by representatives of High and Provincial Courts and by visiting Foresters. A banquet will be held after the entertainment. Tickets for Massey Hall may be had from the secretary of subordinate courts, from Mr. J. P. Mallon, secretary of committee, 309 Wilton avenue; Mr. Joseph Cadaret, chairman of committee, 383 Wilton avenue; John F. Strickland, treasurer of committee, 23 Saunders avenue; L. V. McBrady, K.C., or any member of committee.

The Jews in the Sistine Chapel

The details given by our Roman correspondent of the deplorable incident which took place in the Sistine Chapel during the Holy Father's Mass on Easter Sunday, and a letter addressed to a German newspaper by Professor Feilhaber, of Vienna, says the Liverpool Catholic Times, leave no doubt that any intention of deliberate profanation by the professor and his wife and sister-in-law may be regarded as out of the question. The professor's letter is frank and supplies a true account of what occurred. Though a Jew, he entertains a deep reverence for the Pope and the Catholic Home. The visit to the Eternal City was therefore a cause of delight to him, and on his arrival he obtained from the Austrian Ambassador permits for himself and his wife to be present at the Pope's Mass on Easter Sunday. His sister-in-law was also allowed to enter and accompanied them. When they found themselves in the chapel people were pressing on towards the altar and they did likewise. They knelt as the others did, and only when the Pope was near with the Sacred Host perceived the mistake they had made. Filled with a sense of awe, they lacked the courage to act as the situation demanded. Fearing to draw general attention to themselves by retiring, they received the Host. The professor's sister-in-law was overcome by alarm and allowed it to drop, but she is herself under the impression that this was not so. The Chief Rabbi and the Jewish community in Rome, as well as the three visitors, have expressed most sincere regret for what happened. The lesson of the event is that more careful instruction as to the order of ceremonies is necessary in the case of non-Catholics who attend Catholic services.

Exodus to Rome

Rev. Sigourney W. Fay, Jr., canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, Fond-du-Lac, Wis., former Archdeacon in the Diocese of Fond-du-Lac, and at present Professor of Dogmatic and Moral Theology at the Episcopal Seminary at Nashotah, Wis., when shown the account of the reception into the Catholic Church of Rev. John George Ewens, attributed the change of faith on the part of Mr. Ewens to the passage of Canon 19, which took place last October at the General Conference of the Episcopal Church at Richmond, Va.

"One of two things," said Mr. Fay, "is bound to happen. Canon 19 must be replaced or its true interpretation must be fixed by the Bishops, or there will be a disruption in the very midst of the Episcopal Church and a secession to the Church of Rome larger than any since 1845, when Cardinal Newman and a number of distinguished clergymen of the Anglican Church in the West, from where I have just come, as well as in the East, there is widespread dissatisfaction and unrest which is increasing every day."

When asked if he thought the crisis

would take place soon he answered: "I should say within a year or six months, as no man can live in such a state of uncertainty."

Silver Jubilee of Catholic Order of Foresters

The Silver Jubilee of the Catholic Order of Foresters is being generally celebrated. In Chicago it was observed on Sunday last. The Provincial celebration will be in Toronto on June 12th, and in Ottawa on the 13th and 14th prox. The High and Provincial Courts will be represented and the subordinate Courts throughout the province will send delegations.

Modjeska Plays for Charity

Madame Helena Modjeska, the great Catholic actress, made a brief return to the stage last week when she appeared in Los Angeles for the benefit of the Brownson House, a well known Catholic settlement institute of that city. The dramatic sketch in which Modjeska appeared afforded delightful entertainment. It was written by Madame Modjeska herself and translated from the French by her husband, Count Bozenta. Madame Modjeska, who wished to favor her protegee, May Katherine Smith, gave the latter the leading part, she herself taking a secondary part. Her presence evoked great applause from the audience. Repeatedly during the sketch this applause was repeated.

The benefactors of humanity are those who have thought great thoughts about her. Her benefactors are the poets, the artists, the investors, the apostles, and all pure hearts.—"Amiel's Journal."

Never be discouraged because good things get on so slowly here; and never fail to do daily that good which lies next to your hand. Do not be in a hurry, but be diligent. Enter into the sublime patience of the Lord. Learn to endure meekly what ever trials may come upon you in your every-day life.

Demonstration of Total Abstinence Society at Peterborough

Peterboro, May 24.—One of the grandest and most edifying sights ever witnessed in Peterboro by the members of St. Peter's Congregation was the one they beheld this morning when some six hundred men and boys, loyal members of St. Peter's Total Abstinence Society of this city marched in a body to the Cathedral and there received Holy Communion, thereby fulfilling one of the main obligations of this grand institution. The whole body of the church was reserved for them and large as is this edifice, it was sorely taxed this morning to accommodate all who wished to be admitted. The Mass was celebrated by His Lordship the Bishop, who with Rev. Dr. O'Brien, the beloved chap-

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lain of the Society, and Rev. Father Carr of St. Michael's College, Toronto, administered Holy Communion. The choir, which was composed of Total Abstinences, rendered a number of Hymns and made an excellent impression on this, their first attempt, and were justly complimented by His Lordship.

After Mass the members were addressed by His Lordship the Bishop, in which he expressed his extreme pleasure and deep gratitude to see such an edifying sight as that of some six hundred men, young and old, large and small, present the good example they did. His Lordship invoked God's blessing on them and on their grand work. He hoped the day would not be far distant when he would see the whole male portion of the congregation in the ranks of this the grandest and noblest society in his diocese.

After Mass the members marched in a body to the new school hall where after a few prayers were said one and all renewed their pledge and promised to aid in every way the cause of temperance. It was a sight long to be remembered by the people of Peterboro, but especially by the mothers, wives and sisters of the men in the ranks and many indeed were the fervent prayers offered to God and His blessed mother that the good and faithful work being done in the cause of total abstinence would continue, and that many years of health and happiness would be granted to the beloved and indefatigable chaplain, Rev. Dr. O'Brien, whose name is on every tongue, and whose heart and hand are ever ready to assist the members of his cherished society.

J. J. D.

The Failure of the Modern Religious Drama to Teach Morality.

(Written for the Catholic Register.)
Recently from many quarters, and noticeably from the actors themselves, have come scathing denunciations of the popular plays of to-day, which to use their own words, are "drivel for the dregs," "gingling musical comedies filled with vulgarity from beginning to end." The better class of theatre-goers, who attend performances, at least from the motive of enjoying good music and clean fun, have marked their disapproval of these vulgar inanities in a manner that has affected the pockets of the directors. The result is that the managers have become very goody-goody, and are offering to their patrons, as an antidote, the modern religious play. That there is on the part of the playwright a sincere desire to teach morality and to exercise an ennobling influence, we have no reason to deny. That he fails to do this is patent to any intelligent observer.

The reasons for this are apparent. The writers of many of these so-called religious dramas have themselves false or at least very ideas of morality. The consequence is that their hero, being unreal, does not appeal to the sympathy of the audience. It is a fundamental principle that God gives extraordinary assistance only to those who are called upon to undergo extraordinary temptations. The ordinary man of the world, in order to be considered virtuous, is not obliged to pass through the fiery furnace, as did many of the saints, and come forth without the smell of fire on his garments. But the modern Galahad, of the footlights, armed, it would appear, with mere natural virtue, repels such insidious attacks on his honor from the sirens of the stage, as few, if any, in real life are called upon to withstand. As is always the case, where recourse is had to false theories and exaggerations, the cause is injured rather than abetted.

That these writers deal chiefly with Catholic subjects is natural enough; for the Catholic Church alone possesses that antiquity, wealth of tradition, multiplicity of heroic characters, and beauty of ceremonial, that is suited to the emotional nature of the play. But being ignorant of the faith, they present a false interpretation of Catholic teaching and a false impression of Catholic devotion. Another reason why those plays fall short of obtaining their object is that the metamorphosis is too sudden. It must jar on the religious feelings of a Christian to see boards, that have scarcely ceased to reverberate from the footsteps of the heavy villain and ballet dancers, trodden by those representing the sainted martyrs of the Colliseum, and to hear walls, that so recently re-echoed the maudlin love song, resound to the sacred music of the Church. In a word, the popular theatre has become associated with

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The transfer books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st of May, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.

JAMES MASON,
General Manager
Toronto, April 15th, 1908.

HEAD OFFICE:
8 King Street West,
Toronto.

In the Surrogate Court of the County of York

In the Matter of Nellie Mitchell, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, Chapter 129, Section 38, and amending Acts, that Creditors and others having claims against the Estate of Nellie Mitchell, who died on or about the fifteenth day of April, A.D. 1908, are requested on or before the 15th day of June, A.D. 1908, to send by prepaid post or to McBrady & O'Connor, Solicitors for Alma Small, Executrix of the Estate of the said deceased, their names, addresses and descriptions, and a full statement of particulars of their claims and the nature of the security, if any, held by them, duly certified, and also that after the 15th day of June, 1908, the said Executrix will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said Estate amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claim of which she has then notice and will not be liable for the proceeds of the said Estate or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose claim she had not notice at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Toronto this 15th day of May, A.D. 1908.

McBRADY & O'CONNOR,
Solicitors for Executrix,
Canada Life Building, Toronto.

so much that is degrading that it seems almost a sacrifice to introduce anything of a sacred nature within its precincts.

Again, this failure may be attributed to the paucity of actors who are capable of personating a religious character, or of interpreting genuine religious sentiment. Hence the drivel tone and sanctimonious look that gives a false impression to a part that might have been rightly conceived by the author. The devout Catholic feels uncomfortable, for he realizes that there is a false note somewhere. The habitue is disappointed and yawning, asks "Who is going to take up the collection?"

We may conclude, therefore, that since there seems to be no writer of religious plays in our day, who possesses that genius and knowledge of Christian ethics that we see evinced in the old morality plays such as "Everyman," and so few actors, who have the inclination or the ability to interpret a religious role, the stage had better confine itself to entertaining and educating its patrons. Sad to say, the public seem to demand that it restrict itself to the former, since the Ben Greet players, who present Shakespeare so well, often attract small audiences, and since Sothorn, with whom it would be a labor of love to make Hamlet and King Lear live again, finds that it pays better to play "Lord Dunderbuck."

Death of Frank McAvoy

The solemn warning that "In the midst of life we are in death," says the St. Catharines Star, never received a greater exemplification than on Sunday morning, when "Frank" McAvoy, one of the best-known and most popular young men of the city, passed to his reward in the Great Beyond. The news of the death of Mr. McAvoy came as a shock to all who had known him. On Sunday morning, the 12th April, he attended early Mass in St. Catherine's church. He was then, apparently, in robust health, and joked in his usual genial manner with friends and acquaintances whom he met on the streets.

On Tuesday forenoon he complained that he had a "chill," and that he did not feel well. On the following day he was not in his usual health, and on Thursday his condition necessitated the calling in of Dr. McMahon, the family physician.

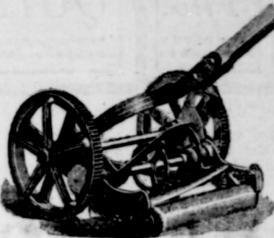
While the patient insisted that his indisposition was due to an ordinary cold his parents believed that his condition was more serious, and asked that Dr. P. S. Greenwood be called in consultation with Dr. McMahon. The medical men, after their consultation, stated that the patient was suf-

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fering from pneumonia, complicated with heart trouble, and that the disease had gone too far to permit of remedy. He gradually weakened until yesterday, when, after having received the last rites of his church, he peacefully breathed his last, surrounded by the members of his family.

"Frank" McAvoy, as has been said, enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He was the only child of Capt. W. and Mrs. McAvoy, and had he lived, would have celebrated his thirtieth birthday anniversary to-morrow. A noteworthy coincidence is that he was born on Easter Sunday, 1878, died on Easter Sunday, 1908, and will be buried on the thirtieth anniversary of his birthday.

"Frank had not an enemy in the world," said an acquaintance of the deceased, to a Star-Journal reporter, and the reporter was able to fully bear out the statement. Generous to a fault, always ready and willing to assist a friend in need, Frank was a member of the small army who do not let one hand know what the other hand doeth. He was one of the cleverest and most promising violinists in the district, and had been a valued member of the band of the 19th Regiment for some years. His operatic talent attracted the notice of some of the foremost men in the profession, and he spent several years "on the road" with the leading minstrel companies on the continent, with which he toured Canada and the United States, winning the plaudits of his audiences wherever he went. For some time past he held the position of leader of the Grand Opera House orchestra, to the entire satisfaction of the management and the patrons of the house.

There are few men—young or old—in the city who did not know Frank McAvoy, and not one of the host of his acquaintances will speak anything but a kindly word for him. Cut off in his prime, when life's fairest vistas were opening to his view, his untimely demise is regretted by all with whom he came into contact, and whose prayers for the eternal repose of his soul will ascend to the Author of all life.

The remains were borne to their last long home in Victoria Lawn Cemetery, followed by the largest cortege of sorrowing friends that has been seen on the streets of St. Catharines for many a day. The funeral cortege left the late home of the deceased, 29 St. Paul street, at half-past eight o'clock. The procession was headed by the band of the 19th Regiment, with muffled drums, playing the "Dead March" in "Saul" (Handel). The ex-members of the band and of the regiment followed, and after them came the local members of the License Holders' Protective Association. Next came the hearse, then the mourners, and friends and acquaintances of the deceased and his parents. Along the streets that were thronged with hundreds of persons who had assembled to pay a last tribute to the memory of one whom all had admired, the sad procession moved to the waiting notes of the "Dead March" to St. Catherine's Church. Most of the stores and all the hotels on the streets along which the cortege passed, were closed and blinds were drawn in nearly all cases.

The remains were borne into the church by six personal friends of the deceased, viz., Harry Hughes, William Leith, Chas. O'Donnell, Frank Dixon, James Murphy and Terence O'Reilly. Requiem Mass was chanted by Rev. Dean Morris, in the presence of a congregation that filled the sacred building to its utmost capacity. As the beautifully impressive service proceeded, there were few dry eyes in the congregation.

After Mass the funeral procession reformed, headed by the 19th Band as before, and proceeded to Victoria Lawn Cemetery, hundreds of persons walking the entire distance. The service at the graveside was conducted by Rev. Dean Morris and

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The generosity of the Catholic Public has enabled us to secure a valuable site for Church and Presbytery. We have money in hand towards the cost of building, but the Bishop will not allow us to go into debt.

I am most grateful to those who have helped us, and trust they will continue their charity.

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F. GOURDEAU,
Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, May 11th, 1908.

beneath the bright spring sunshine of his thirtieth birthday anniversary, Frank McAvoy was lowered gently and lovingly to his last earthly resting place.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful. The spiritual offerings were also numerous. R.I.P.