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Note and Comment

The recent competitive examination for thirty vacant clerkships on the Great Northern Railway of Ireland appears to have resulted in the appointment of twenty Catholics. This average has been attained in all the examinations held since the House of Commons, at the instance of Mr. MacVeagh, M.P., compelled the railway company to open their clerkships to competitive examinations.

Free Catholic lectures to all classes of creeds and colors are being organized by the Brooklyn Federation of Catholics.

In a discourse in Manchester on the unemployed masses, Father Bernard Vaughan said: "If we were truer to Christ we would know better perhaps how to deal with the question of the unemployed. If they had been given stronger food on which to feed their souls, they would see to-day that there is some other solution of the question than that which is being offered to them."

Several young Irishmen are preparing for the Egyptian missions. A new college for foreign missions has been opened this year near Castlebar, Mayo.

An old and valuable copy of the Roman Missal, published in 1751, was found the other day in a bale of old paper in the Bryant mill, of Kalamazoo, Mich. The volume is an excellent state of preservation. It is described by Raymond J. McNally, son of James J. McNally, of Youngstown, formerly a student at Niagara and Notre Dame Universities and now a bright young reporter on the Kalamazoo Gazette. Printed in black and red, on coarse heavy paper, and illustrated with steel engravings, the old book is interesting not only from a religious and historical, but from a material point of view, he says. It is printed in Latin throughout.

In the honor list published on the King's birthday, knighthood was conferred on Sir Heffernan James Fritz Considine, who, for the last nine years, has held the post of deputy Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary. The new knight was born sixty-two years ago, the eldest son of the late Mr. Heffernan Considine, of Derk Park, one of that notable County Limerick group of converts which included the late Lord Enaly and Sir Stephen and Aubrey de Vere. Sir Heffernan was at Stonyhurst with his brother, Father Daniel Considine, S.J., the new rector of Wimbledon College, passing thence to Lincoln College, Oxford. He was appointed an Irish resident magistrate in 1812, and served successively in Cork, Kerry and Kilkenny Counties, his services in that capacity during difficult times earning on several occasions the thanks of the Lord Lieutenant and the Irish Government. He was created a C. B. in 1902, and had his M. V. O. a year later.

To judge from an announcement from Rome, which appeared in the Catholic papers of Paris, it would seem that the cause of the beatification of Jeanne d'Arc is nearing a successful conclusion. Mgr. Guthlin, Superior-General of the Church of St. Louis des Francais, judging that from the present state of the cause, the beatification may take place next spring, is preparing to erect an altar in honor of the Maid in the national church in Rome.

A Reuter's telegram from Rome states that Cardinal Gotti, Prefect of the Propaganda, has received a most affectionate and touching letter from all the English Bishops who are on the point of leaving the Propaganda, having been withdrawn from its jurisdiction. In the letter the Bishops say that they wish to pay homage to the Prefect of that Congregation under whose leadership the Church has made such progress in the countries which are considered as mission lands of the Sacred College. The Bishops further present their greetings to the Pope on the occasion of his sacerdotal jubilee and offer His Holiness gold to the value of \$4,000.

Rev. Father Baude, O.P., an officer of the French Academy and one of the foremost French-Canadian authors and writers in Manchester, N.H., on a several weeks visit. Father Baude is delivering a course of lectures in the United States and is to appear at the Knights of Columbus hall, Boston, on Jan. 31. His lecture will be on Octave Cremazie, one of the first of Canadian poets.

The congress organized to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the French Catholic newspaper, La Croix, was a great success. It was attended by some thousand delegates from all parts of the country. At the opening sitting Commander Paul Feron, Vrau, the editor, telegraphed in the name of the Congress to Cardinal Merry del Val, begging him to place at the feet of Pius X. "the respectful homage of filial devotion and absolute obedience and fidelity to his teachings and supernatural directions" of the one thousand congressists. Cardinal Merry del Val replied: "The Holy Father, deeply touched by the homage, good wishes and the expression of sentiments of obedience and fidelity by members of the jubilee congress of La Croix, wishes long life and increasing prosperity for the valiant Catholic journal."

The zealous Paulist Fathers of New York have taken steps for the spiritual care of the Italian members of their large congregation. A special Mass is celebrated for Italians every Sunday, and sodalities for men and women are being organized. Classes in music and sewing for the children have also been inaugurated. The work is in charge of Father McSorley.

Lord Lovat, the chief of the Fraser clan, who came to Quebec for the Tercentenary last summer as the lineal descendant of the Col. Fraser who led Wolfe's troops to victory at Quebec in 1759, is among those who received further honors on the occasion of the King's Birthday. Besides the command of the Highland Territorial Mounted Brigade, is now conferred a Knight Commander of the Victoria Order, of which he was created a Commander five years since. Simultaneously with the announcement of this honor, The Gazette records Lord Lovat's appointment as A.D.C. to the King for the Territorial Force.

HEALTH TALKS.

In future we will devote space to "Health Talks" to which we direct the attention of parents and teachers, and hope by this means to be of assistance to those who are eager to learn the best means of retaining health and also the precautions to be taken against infection.

A careful perusal of this column will, we feel confident, prove both interesting and beneficial.

St. Thomas Aquinas' Fair.

The autumnal fair of St. Thomas Aquinas Church was continued into the present week, and attracted big crowds Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Each of the booths was well patronized, and Rev. Father Thomas F. Heffernan, the pastor, on the closing evening, expressed his thanks to those who had cooperated so effectively to make the function successful and profitable to the church.

Much enjoyment was derived from the drawings for the various objects offered for sale and afterwards drawn for by lots. Some of the prizes thus distributed were most valuable, including some splendid specimens of embroidery, dolls dressed in the latest fashion, and various other objects. The young ladies never flagged in their devotion to the work in hand, and the success of the fair is largely due to their efforts.

Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fathers Rioux and Flynn.

Congratulations Extended by the Clergy and Laity of the City.—A Splendid Musical Programme.

On Thursday evening last, the people of St. Ann's parish turned out in large numbers to celebrate the silver jubilee of two of their beloved priests, Rev. Father Rioux, C.S.S.R., the rector, and Rev. Father Flynn, C.S.S.R., the Minister of the parish. Though the latter was detained in the United States on a mission, he was not forgotten, and the kindest references were made to him by the various speakers.

The concert given by the united choirs of St. Ann's, under the leadership of Prof. Shea, was a veritable artistic triumph, and testified more loudly than could any words to the elevating influences which have been at work among the people of that typical Irish parish. So marked was the success of the musical programme that it is proposed to give the combined choirs an opportunity to appear before larger audiences in a more extensive hall in the central portion of the city.



REV. FATHER RIOUX, C.S.S.R., Rector of St. Ann's Church.

The religious celebration of the jubilee had taken place some time ago, at St. Ann's Church, on the anniversary of the ordination of the two priests, who had been companions since boyhood. Rev. Father Rioux is a native of Trois Pistoles, where his family counts among the most distinguished in that district, while Rev. Father Flynn is a native of Percé, Gaspé, and comes from a family which has given a Prime Minister to the province. Both studied together at the Little Seminary of Rimouski, and hearing the call to the sacred vocation, went together to Belgium, where they spent their period of novitiate. Since their return they have served in the various houses of the Redemptorist Order throughout Canada, and have been engaged in missions throughout the Dominion and the Eastern States of the great Republic to the South.

On Wednesday evening, the members of the League of the Sacred Heart met in their hall, and presented Rev. Father Rioux, the rector, with a fur-lined coat, as a memento of his jubilee. The presentation was accompanied by an address of congratulation and good wishes, to which the reverend rector replied in fitting terms.

It was at St. Ann's Hall, on Thursday evening, however, that the people of St. Ann's manifested their attachment to their beloved priests by the overflowing attendance at the concert prepared in their honor. But it was not only the people of St. Ann's who thus showed their approval and love of the "soggarth aron" of St. Ann's. Distinguished Irish Catholics from the other parishes, headed by the members of the clergy, also came to add the tribute of their presence and their eloquent voices to those who have labored humbly but fervently and effectively for the benefit of what Mr. C. J. Doherty, M.P., fittingly described as "the most typically Irish parish in the city."

Ald. Tom O'Connell presided at the gathering, and his colleague, Ald. Gallery, was also among the foremost in attendance, with the members of their respective families. Mr. W. J. White, the acting churchwarden, occupied a seat on the left of the guest of the evening, while among the other distinguished guests were: Rev. Father Donnelly, pastor of St. Anthony's; Rev. Gerald McShane, P.S.S., pastor of St. Patrick's; Rev. Canon O'Meara, pastor of St. Gabriel's; Rev. Father Brady, pastor of St. Mary's; Rev. Father Shea, pastor of St. Aloysius; Rev. Father Jacobinain, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Father McPhail, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Father Sinard, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Father Forster, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Father Duval, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Father Dufresne, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Father Fahey, Singleton

Cullinan, McCrory, Killoran, R. E. Callahan, P. J. Heffernan, Elliott, J. B. Ouellette, P.S.S., Mr. Justice Curran, Hon. C. J. Doherty, M.P., Dr. J. J. Guerin, F. J. Curran, Rev. Bro. William, Rev. Bro. Prudent, J. C. Walsh, James Rodgers, Denis Tansey, Dr. B. A. Conroy and many others.

Of the musical programme rendered so successfully under the direction of Prof. P. J. Shea, suffice it to say that it was a revelation to those who heard the combined choirs of a hundred and twenty-five voices for the first time. While the programme shows that the effort was a most ambitious one, embracing as it did selections from some of the leading operatic productions, it proved no mystery to the singers so faithfully trained under the direction of the gifted leader. The chorus by the small boys was rendered with a swing and spirit that would have earned applause to an equal number of trained professionals in the production of Gounod's great opera, while the little girls also earned the merited applause which was their portion.

Those who have heard the adult choirs of St. Ann's were not in the least disappointed by their execution of the difficult pieces undertaken. The sextet in the first portion of the programme was perhaps the most striking selection and charmed all by its excellent rendering, while the "Miserere" from Verdi was done with an art which compelled admiration, the magnificent voice of Miss A. McDermott being heard in this selection to an advantage rarely attained by local singers.

Mr. John McKeown rendered with marked histrionic ability the following verses written by Rev. Gerald Murray, C.S.S.R., a younger member of the order, illustrating the career of the two jubilarians:

TWO FRIENDS.
Two kindred souls, their youth's fair days
In fondest friendship spent,
God, guiding wondrously their ways,
To each His message sent.

"My dearest child, give me thy heart,
"Give me thy love, thy life."
"I've chosen thee to live apart
Away from this world's strife."

"Leave friends and home and fatherland,
And sail across the sea,
To that unknown and distant strand
Where I shall wait for thee."

They straightway answered Heaven's call
They bade a last farewell,
To cherished ones, to college hall
Where strong affections dwell.

As friends in heart, they hoped to gain
An undivided joy,
That man might one with man remain,
As boy was one with boy.

Obedient, poor and undefiled,
They vowed "Jesus' feet
To follow their Redeemer mild,
To bear his yoke so sweet.

Borne on by wings of fleeting time
The days their course have run,
Mature are now the lives sublime
So nobly they begun.

There have perhaps been bitter tears
Their souls have anguish known,
But after five and one score years
Their love has stronger grown.

The one as Rector, kind, benign
With gentle, steady hand
Guides on in paths of love divine
His little chosen band.

As Minister, his genial friend
The burden ails he shares
His counsel calm doth gladly lend
To lighten anxious cares.

As no cloud overcast the rise
Of warm affections true,
So now the mid-day sun lit skies
Is nought but azure blue.

Their souls yet shrouded in clay so frail,
O Jesus, flood with grace,
Give them a glimpse behind the veil
That shrouds Thy beautiful face.

They truly listened to Thy call
Relinquished all desires,
Give them Thyself to be their all,
To Thee their soul aspires.

When twilight flecks life's heaven
With streaks of purple bright
May friend by friend await secure
The fall of silent night.

May to death's gloom succeed the days
When joining hands above,
They shall pursue, beneath God's gaze,
A life of endless love.

The following was the programme rendered:

"The Maple Leaf," Grand Ensemble Chorus.

PART I.
1. Piano duet—"Priest's March," Mendelssohn. Misses E. McDermott, M. Dewar.
2. Chorus—"Happy and Light" (Bohemian Girl), Balfe. Ladies and Gentlemen choirs.
3. Duo (vocal)—"Serenade," Schubert. Misses E. Kenahan, A. McDermott.
4. Recitation—"Two Friends," Rev. Gerald Murray, C.S.S.R. Mr. Jno. McKeown.

5. Chorus—"Heaven May to You Grant Pardon," (Martha), Flotow. Soloists—Misses M. Mahoney, E. Slattery, B. Broderick, Messrs. E. O'Brien, M. E. Norris.
6. "Ave Maria," E. Quinn, J. O'Dowd, M. E. Norris.
7. Chorus—"Fair Shines the Moon" (Traviata) Verdi. Girls of St. Ann's School.
8. Sextet and chorus—"What from Vengeance" (Lucia), Pizzetti (Soloists—Misses E. Kenahan, M. McKeown, Messrs. J. O'Dowd, M. E. Norris, F. McCrory, F. Quinn.
Presentation of Addresses.

PART II.
1. Chorus—"Hail Bright Abode" (Lohengrin) Wagner. Ladies and Gentlemen choirs.
2. Solo (Bass)—"The Two Grenadiers" Schumann. Mr. Ed. Quinn.
3. Chorus—"Soldiers" (Faust), Gounod. Boys of St. Ann's School.
4. Double Trio—"Charity" (Lisboni. Misses E. Kenahan, N. Mott, M. McKeown, M. Mahoney, B. Broderick, A. Gallery.
5. Solo and chorus—"The Palm" (Faure). Mr. F. McCrory and Ensemble Chorus.
6. Duo (Vocal)—"Love and War" Cooke. Messrs. J. O'Dowd, J. J. Hiller.
7. Duo and quartet—"Miserere" (Traviata) Verdi. Miss A. McDermott, M. E. Norris, Messrs. J. O'Dowd, F. McCrory, R. J. Hiller, Ed. Quinn.
8. "God Save Ireland," Grand Ensemble Chorus.

MEMBERS OF UNITED CHOIRS.
Ladies—Misses E. Kenahan, A. McDermott, N. O'Neill, A. E. Gallery, Minnie Mahoney, M. Gilligan, M. Leonard, S. Leonard, B. Broderick, N. Mott, R. Scullion, S. Scullion, M. Ryan, F. McCrory, M. Mahoney, M. Bennett, E. Slattery, A. Gallery, M. Ward, M. Babon, M. Killidegan, M. Craig, L. Walsh, P. Jones, M. Broderick, M. McKeown, A. Mahoney, Margaret Mahoney, K. Madigan, A. Rogers, A. Gilligan, A. Baker, J. Hiller, Jno. Whitty, Jno. Nolan, J. Brown, W. O'Brien, Jno. Shanahan, W. Whitty, Jno. O'Dowd, E. O'Brien, F. McCrory, M. E. Norris, P. Dunphy, Geo. Holland, A. Flynn, R. Foran, R. Latimer, R. Hall, Jno. McKeown.

Yes, Rev. Father, these works of mercy will be wisely be fondly remembered by those to whom you have devoted the greater part of your religious life, for gratitude is characteristic of the Irish heart, and you may rest assured that your name shall go down to posterity enshrined in the loving hearts of your grateful parishioners of St. Ann's.

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There are certain events or epochs in the lives of all great benefactors which instinctively appeal to the sympathies of a loyal and grateful people and evoke the spontaneous tribute of their veneration and gratitude.

Such an event, Rev. Father, is pre-eminently the present occasion for us, in the celebration of the 25th anniversary of your religious profession, and we, your devoted and loving parishioners, hasten to offer you our sincere congratulations.

Twenty-five years ago you heard the call of the Divine Master to the religious life, and faithful to the grace of your vocation, you bade adieu to the world, its riches and its vanities, and, kneeling at God's holy altar, you vowed yourself irrevocably to His service, in the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer—that religious order which is doing so much for the advancement of religion and the betterment of society the world over.

The religious priest is the grandest type of manhood, combining in the same person the highest spiritual powers with the greatest spiritual advantages. Such prerogatives cannot fail to make him the wisest counsellor, the safest guide—the perfect Pastor.

For almost a quarter of a century our parish has been entrusted to the noble sons of St. Alphonsus, and need we say that this has been a period of progress and prosperity for St. Ann's?

Our parochial system of institutions and organizations is most complete in every department and in all its appointments—our splendid church with its beautiful decorations its magnificent marble altars and its superb new organ, and I might add—the banner choir of Montreal under the able direction of our popular organist and organizer, Mr. P. J. Shea, our Young Men's Society with its spacious halls, libraries and gymnasium, our Temperance Societies and religious confraternities are so many monuments of your zeal and wisdom, which, coupled with your unbounded charity and paternal solicitude for the poor, the widow and the orphan, will perpetuate your name in the realms of the heavenly King who will bestow upon you the reward of the good and faithful servant.

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