

In and Around Toronto

RETREAT AT ST. FRANCIS.

A retreat for the members of the Blessed Virgin's Sodality and for the other young ladies of the parish, is now going on at St. Francis.

RECEPTION AT HOLY FAMILY.

At the Church of the Holy Family on Sunday afternoon a reception into the Holy Angels Sodality took place.

GRADUATION OF NURSES.

The annual graduation exercises in connection with St. Michael's Hospital took place on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Owing to limited space the gathering was confined to the medical staff, the nurses of the institution and the Sisters in charge. Very Rev. J. J. McCann, V.G., conferred the diplomas and medals and Dr. Bingham performed the duties of chairman. Short addresses, congratulatory and giving advice for the future guidance of the graduating class were made by Mr. T. Long, Mr. M. O'Connor and Drs. McPhedran, Bingham, Dwyer, Oldright, Uren, King, McMahon, Marlow and Dickson. Cheerfulness and prudence were the keynotes of most of the addresses. Rev. Mr. Braine paid a tribute to the hospital when he stated that in no single instance had he ever discovered ground for complaint against St. Michael's. Mr. O'Connor, who is one of the Board of Directors, announced the enlargement of the hospital at a near date. He also complimented those in charge on the business-like methods adopted in the setting about of the new work. Consultations with all capable of giving advice on the subject had been held and the results would be an hospital with all modern requirements. Dr. Dickson reminded those present that few hospitals are modern in the best sense of the word, that to be so the very best electrical equipment is necessary. Attention was drawn to the fact that while St. Michael's had the very best position in the city for emergency work, and did a great portion of it, that no recognition was made of this by public grant. The city had given \$200,000 to the new General Hospital and the University \$50,000, and while both city and university benefit by St. Michael's, so far no grant had been given. Before conferring the diplomas the Very Rev. Vicar-General thanked the medical staff for the high tributes to the efficiency of the hospital and of its nurses, and encouraged the out-going graduates to wear a cheerful face if possible, but in any case to do their duty. The meeting adjourned to assemble later in one of the wards turned for the time into a dainty banqueting hall. Red and white roses, the gift of the nurses of the first and second year, adorned the table and an immense cluster of American Beautys, the gift of Mr. Dissette, adorned the buffet. A pleasant hour was spent, the nurses entertaining the medical staff and a few friends. The graduates are:

Miss Ella M. Hamer, Port Arthur.
Miss Sophia Mahoney, Athery.
Miss Virginia Hooy, Blackstock.
Miss Catherine Tighe, Sandhill.
Miss Maude Lalone, Toronto.
Miss Martha Gendron, Penetanguishene.
Miss Emma Allard, Midland.
Miss Katherine W. Ryan, Toronto.

E. J. KYLIE, B.A., LECTURES.

"St. Francis of Assisi" was the subject of a very impressive lecture delivered to the pupils of De La Salle Institute on Friday afternoon by E. B. Kylie, B.A., of Toronto University.

Professor Kylie began by conducting his audience in spirit to the little town of Assisi, the birthplace of the gentle Saint. Assisi is a small town in Central Italy and is situated some distance from the railway station. Little or no change has taken place in its appearance since the days of our Saint. The road leading to it is rough and conducts the wayfarer through some of the roughest regions of Italy. The most conspicuous object is the old feudal castle, but that which attracts the most attention is the Franciscan monastery, standing, as it does, on the brow of the hill and holding somewhat the appearance of a fortress. At some distance from the town stands the church of the Portiuncula, or the "Church of the Little Portion." It is built around the little chapel chosen by St. Francis as the cradle of his order.

Saint Francis belonged to an opulent family of the middle class and was the destined heir of his father's vast fortune. He mingled freely with the members of his class and was finally accounted their leader. In the midst of the pleasures and amusements in which he took a leading part, Francis was stricken down with a serious illness. During the course of his sickness the thought occurred to him that perhaps he was not leading the right kind of life. He determined to become a soldier, but on the road the same thought recurred, that perhaps another career had been marked for him. He returned to his home and began distributing his goods among the poor. This line of conduct, so different from the life he led formerly, alienated the affections of his former comrades and so enraged his father that he was cast out of the family. Then the mission of St. Francis began.

He gathered about him a few companions and began to preach to the poor of his native town. One of the first objects to claim his attention was the lepers, who, after being driven out of the town, had taken refuge in the neighboring valley. He ministered to these poor afflicted creatures and cheered them in their sufferings.

With his companions he invaded the country-places, preaching to the peasants, and gaining all hearts by his gentleness and kindness. It was this gentleness and this kindness that endeared him to all and has left his name a by-word for meekness throughout the land.

His love for dumb animals was remarkable. He preached to the birds, telling them to continue to praise God and they gathered in vast numbers on the trees and on the ground to hear him. He called them his brother birds. He used to summon all nature to help him to praise God. Such was the gentle saint of Assisi. He died in the little chapel of the Portiuncula.

Aside from the great order of Friars founded by him, he established one for the people of the world. Men felt that a new influence had entered the lists in behalf of the Church at the founding of this Order.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the eloquent lecturer by Mr. J. B. Scanlon. The lecturer was under the auspices of the Varsity Literary Society of De La Salle Institute.

Following are the officers and members of Varsity Literary Society, De La Salle Institute: Honorary President, Rev. Brother Rogation; Honorary Vice-President, Rev. Brother Simon; Honorary Members—Austin Dee, Thomas Boland, Arthur Leonard and Arthur Ramsperger; President, Jas. Doyle; Vice-President, John Scanlon; Secretary, Wilfrid E. Chase; Recording Secretary, Joseph Torpey; Librarian, Joseph Clarke; Moderator, Brother T. Edward; Members, James Carolan, Edward Dunne, Yvo Johnston, Leo Leonard, O. D. LeRoy, Carroll March, Walter Mogan, John McCabe, John Neville, Stamford Warrington.

The Society meetings are held every Friday afternoon in the De La Salle Lecture Hall. The programme for the fall term consists of lectures, speeches, essays and debates on scientific, historical, literary and political subjects.

WILFRID E. CHASE, Secretary.

A CHARITABLE WORK.

Mrs. McCarthy of Mimico, and her daughters, are engaged in the charitable work of collecting second-hand clothing for the old Indians and children in charge of Rev. O. Charlebois, O.M.I., of St. Michael's school, Duck Lake, Province of Saskatchewan, and will call upon any kind enough to notify them that they have articles of this nature to give for above object. A card, stating the fact, addressed to Mrs. Jane McCarthy, P.O. Box B, Mimico, Ont., is all that is necessary.

REV. DR. TREACY HAS AUDIENCE WITH HIS HOLINESS.

Many will read with pleasure the account found in the "Irish Catholic" and republished below, of the doings abroad of Dixie's much loved parish priest, and one of the most esteemed and brilliant theologians of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Rev. Dr. Treacy. To the people of the Cathedral Parish especially, where for a number of years Father Treacy worked so strenuously and successfully, the following will make pleasant reading. During a much needed holiday, Dr. Treacy has had an audience with His Holiness, and in the course of the interview in keeping with his unselfish character, Father Treacy thought not of favors for himself, but for his friends. So we see it is Rev. Father O'Keefe, parish priest of Cappawhite, County Tipperary, Ireland, the native place of Father Treacy, who is remembered at the feet of His Holiness. It may be taken for granted, too, that the people of Dixie were not forgotten and that when Father Treacy returns he will bring with him rare spiritual blessings, received for them by their ever thoughtful pastor.

"The congregations at Cappawhite at both Masses on Sunday, 16th inst., were addressed by the Rev. Dr. Treacy, P.P., Dixie, Toronto, a native of Cappawhite, who said: 'I had the honor of a private audience with His Holiness Pope Pius X., on the 5th inst., and took advantage of the occasion to present the literary works of your parish priest, Father O'Keefe, to His Holiness. These were 'Moral Discourses,' 'Sermons at Mass,' and 'Self-Teacher of Music and Singing.' The Pope inquired of me if the good pastor had been able to write these books and still was able to perform his parish duties. I replied, 'Yes, your Holiness; and you will see by the criticisms of the high ecclesiastical authorities given in the books, notably, Cardinals Newman, Manning and Vaughan, and also Archbishop Croke—how strongly they are recommended to the public.' The Pope then carefully examined them and the criticisms. 'The Musical Chant,' said he, 'is a most important subject in our time, and one which I deemed necessary to write about recently in an encyclical letter addressed to the Universal Church. Tell him from me that I bless him, and his works, his family, and his parishioners; and to show my approbation, I hereby give the Apostolical Benediction. He then took his gold pen and with his own hand (which he rarely does) wrote the following—Dilecto filio eiusque operibus Apostolice Benedictionem ex operibus Apostolice Benedictionem ex animo impertimus. Pius P.P.X.' (Translation—'To our beloved son, and to his works, from our soul, we impart the Apostolical Benediction. Pius X., Pope.')"

"Father O'Keefe then ascended the Altar and said:

"My Dear People—I desire in my own name and in yours, to thank the Very Rev. Father Treacy, P.P., To-



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ronto, for the great and unexpected favors which he has so kindly brought to this, his native parish, from Rome to the Sovereign Pontiff, the Supreme Visible Head of the Catholic Church. And without my asking, he has voluntarily brought these favors. It is a rare honor for an author to have his books presented to the Vicar of Christ, and to have the Pope himself sign with his own hand the Apostolical Benediction upon the books themselves and upon the author; and still more, through them, do I rejoice that a child of this parish has brought from the Pope a message that I should impart the Papal Benediction also to all the members of my parish. In writing these three books, 'Moral Discourses,' 'Sermons at Mass,' and the 'Self-Teacher of Music and Singing,' I spent almost all the spare moments of a busy missionary life for five and thirty years. Night and day I worked at this labor of love, and often thirteen hours out of the twenty-four. And three years and a half of that time Providence ordained that I had to work over a guano store. God gave me strength to do so, and I felt that I was working, and that I should work for the salvation of souls both far and near; any gold or any earthly honor could not pay me. I yearned to cast the bread upon the running waters. I wrote exclusively for the honor and glory of God. For, as the Psalmist says, 'Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Thy Name, give glory.' The Saviour condemned the man that buried his talent in a napkin in the ground. He forbids us to hide our light under a bushel. And he says, 'Let your light shine before men so that all who see your good works may glorify their Father who is in Heaven.' As I have often preached to you, and as I have written also in my books: We have nothing of good but what necessarily comes to us from God. It would therefore be ignorance and pride to lose our head, or to ascribe any good to ourselves as coming from ourselves. All we can claim as our own are our sins; and we should do penance for them, and in all humility make reparation to God for them. I have only to add that words fail me to express my heartfelt gratitude to His Holiness for the great honor he has done me, and for the favor which he has graciously bestowed upon me and my parishioners. Father O'Keefe then gave the Apostolical Benediction, the whole congregation kneeling."

dearest friends, did everything in his power to stay the hand of death. Rev. Father John Lilly, irremovable rector of the Immaculate Conception Church of Springfield, Mo., one of his oldest and most intimate friends, reached the hospital just 10 minutes after his death.

FRIEND TO SING MASS.

Father Lilly, who was associated with Father Kiely when he was pastor of St. Paul's church in Rall County, Mo., in 1861, will sing solemn requiem Mass over the bier of his friend, and the priests of the diocese will chant the offices of the dead. The funeral oration will be delivered by the venerable Father Charles Ziegler, rector of St. Malachy's church, who is himself one of the oldest priests in the diocese. The absolution ceremonies will be conducted by Archbishop Glennon.

Father O'Reilly will have charge of the parish until the appointment of Father Kiely's successor.

When he went to the hospital he hoped that he would soon be able to return to his parishioners, who loved him almost to veneration. The Franciscan Sister in charge of St. Anthony's soon realized that his condition was more serious than he believed, and began to prepare for the end. There was a constant stream of priests and friends to the hospital during his sickness, and he received them all as long as his strength would permit. He lapsed into unconsciousness about four days before his death. The end was peaceful and painless.

Father Kiely was born in the town of Boyle, Roscommon, Ireland. Certain records say he was born in March, 1830, which would make him 76 years old. He moved with his parents to Manchester, England, when he was seven years old. Before he grew to manhood he family came to America and settled at Cincinnati. There young Kiely fell in with the Jesuits, was enamored with the life of the clergy, and decided to become a priest. He was sent to the novitiate at Florissant, St. Louis County, and later graduated from the St. Louis Diocesan Seminary in Carondelet. He was ordained a priest in 1860.

SOON HAD CATHEDRAL CHARGE.

His first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. Lawrence O'Toole's parish. In 1861 he went to Ralls County and became pastor of St. Paul's Church, but he made such rapid strides in the priesthood that two years later he returned to St. Louis and took charge of the old Cathedral. He remained in charge of that important parish until Dec. 5, 1865, when he was transferred to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, which then stood at Eighth and Chestnut streets. He was transferred to the Church of the Holy Angels in February, 1869, and remained in charge there until his death.

When Father Kiely was pastor of the old Cathedral and the Immaculate Conception parishes, they were the most important in the city. At the time of his transfer to Holy Angels' Church many of the wealthiest and most prominent men in the city were on its roster. Although the center of wealth moved westward and Father Kiely's parishioners at Holy Angels finally came to be among the poorest in the city, yet he always maintained his close relations with the old French families, whose acquaintance he formed in earlier life. As his fashionable congregation gradually left him, and poorer and less stylish people came to worship in the church, there was not the slightest change in the faithful priest.

ARGUED WITH INGERSOLL.

Father Kiely was known from ocean to ocean as a wit and scholar. He was ready at all times to defend his faith. He gained wide notoriety about fifteen years ago by taking issue with Robert G. Ingersoll on the ethics of suicide. The celebrated agnostic lecturer made the statement that suicide did not constitute a sin. Father Kiely wrote a sermon on the subject, the principal point of which was that sin was an offense against God; that Ingersoll, being an infidel, did not believe in God, and therefore had no conception of what constituted sin, and no right to presume to instruct the public on that subject. He once engaged in a newspaper

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controversy with a well known Episcopal clergyman on the legality of Napoleon's divorce from Josephine. Throughout the discussion, which lasted several months, Father Kiely ably upheld his belief that marriage can be dissolved only by death.

Father Kiely's greatest love was his books. During his life time he collected one of the finest private libraries in St. Louis. About a year ago he presented the entire library, consisting of more than 2,000 carefully selected volumes, to St. Louis University. The library consisted of historical, polemic and ecclesiastical works, and it is now known as the Kiely addition to the library of the university. It was in accordance with his plan to administer his estate before his death that he gave the library to the university. In talking about its disposition, he once said that he intended to put it where he thought it would do the most good for the education of the Jesuits of St. Louis.

COLLECTED MORE BOOKS.

His library was a part of his life, and his intimate friends thought he began to decline immediately after the volumes he loved so well were transferred from his little parish home to the university. He said when he saw the books going that he had lost his best friend. During the last year of his life he collected about 300 additional volumes, and these are now in his room. It is said that he read nearly all of them.

In his early days Father Kiely had a desire to become a Jesuit. He has always had a high regard for the Order, but found that he preferred the more active life of the secular priesthood to that of a Jesuit teacher.

Father Kiely was a great lover of game chickens. During the last 25 years he kept a large flock of particularly fine chickens around his premises. At the time of his death he had many beautiful chickens of the Irish fighting stock, which were presented to him by the late Charles Turner. Although he was fond of this breed of fowl, he never permitted a cock fight, though some of his parishioners often jocularly challenged him to pit his finest roosters against their fighters. He told his friends so often that his own gameness was due to eating the eggs of game chickens that he came to believe it. This was one of his witticisms that became a part of his daily life.

Once when a party of friends had gathered around he made some egg-nog. The eggs in the concoction had been laid by his game chickens.

"This is what makes me so game," he remarked, pressing the goblet to his lips.

WIT TURNED AWAY WRATH.

The wit of the aged priest often served him well. A priest's duties are not always light or pleasant. Sometimes parishioners call in a greatly perturbed state of mind. Sometimes they even say harsh things to their pastor. It mattered not how angry a parishioner might be when he called on Father Kiely, he was always sent away in a happy frame of mind. A witty retort at an opportune time always served to pacify the caller, and it was the weapon the priest used most effectively in defending himself against attack.

His witticisms and quaint sayings were the delight of the coterie of intimate friends who gathered occasionally at the parochial residence to pass an evening with him. His silver jubilee in 1885 was almost a state-wide affair. Father Kiely desired to have a quiet celebration in his parish to commemorate his 25 years' service in the priesthood. His friends took the arrangements out of his hands and made the occasion one that he never forgot. The distinguished men of the city and state gathered at the church to pay their respects to the priest, who was then in the zenith of his power and influence as a clergyman. The Holy Angels' Church was at that time one of the most fashionable in the city. Father Kiely, though he could have had a better charge at any time, would never desert the old post. He remained loyal to his parish to the end.

He was twice nominated for the office of Bishop. His constant friend, Archbishop Kenrick, did everything he could to promote his success, but he was defeated in the first instance by the late Patrick A. Feehan, who died in Chicago a few years ago after having attained great eminence in the church, and in the second by Bishop John Lancaster Spaulding of Peoria.

Father Kiely had no near relatives living in St. Louis. Practically his entire estate consisted of his books.

LOVED BY PRIESTS AND PEOPLE

He was loved as few men are. He had the faculty of making and retaining friends. During his last sickness thousands of friends called at the parochial residence of the hospital to inquire about his condition. His fellow-clergyman were greatly devoted to him on account of his profound learning, his wide experience and his remarkable wit.

Rev. Father Ziegler, who will officiate over the casket of his dead friend, has been longer in the service than Father Kiely. Only recently Father Ziegler's eyesight was re-

stored after his parishioners, as he said, "took Heaven by storm" with their prayers. Fathers Ziegler and Kiely were young men together and both have served the entire period of their priesthood in the St. Louis Archdiocese.

The little church of the Holy Angels, where Father Kiely spent the greater part of his life as a priest, is one of the least imposing in the city. It was erected many years ago before church architecture in St. Louis had approached its present standard. Its weather-beaten walls show plainly enough that a wealthy congregation no longer worships there. The priests of the city who have seen Father Kiely stand by his little church during its waning power have loved him for his loyalty to his people, whose interests he could not forsake to seek those better able to reward him.

MR. T. P. O'CONNOR

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fied in giving as a final message: "The hour of Ireland's deliverance is at hand."

A vote of thanks was moved by the Hon. G. W. Ross, who said they had had a great speech from Mr. O'Connor, and voiced himself loudly in favor of Home Rule, which was at the root of all constitutional government. The message he would send to the British House of Commons was "Trust Ireland." Mr. J. P. Downey, M.P.P., in seconding the vote of thanks, paid glowing tribute to Mr. O'Connor and his fellow-members, who had sacrificed so much for Ireland, and pointed out in strong terms the ability of the Irish to govern themselves.

SPENT SUNDAY IN TORONTO.

Mr. O'Connor was the guest of Mr. M. J. Haney, Elm avenue, Rosedale, on Saturday night. On Sunday Mr. E. J. Hearn accompanied him to the Grange for luncheon with Goldwin Smith. A visit was then paid to Hon. Edward Blake. Returning to the King Edward, Mr. O'Connor received a number of callers, including Hon. J. J. Foy and Justice and Mrs. Anglin. At 5.30 Mr. O'Connor left for New York. He was escorted to the station by the United Irish League committee. Before going he expressed great pleasure with his Toronto visit and particularly with his reception at Massey Hall on Saturday night.

ADDRESS TO MR. O'CONNOR

To Thomas Power O'Connor, Esq., Parliamentary Representative of the Scotland Division of Liverpool, Envoy of the United Irish League to America:

Dear Sir,—This public meeting of citizens convened under the auspices of the United Irish League extends to you a hearty welcome to the capital of Ontario. In doing so we once more re-affirm our confidence in the principles and policy of the United Irish League, and in the Irish Parliamentary Party.

We ask you, one of his most distinguished lieutenants, to convey to Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., leader of that party, an expression of our satisfaction with the splendid unity and patriotism that continue to characterize the constitutional struggle for government in Ireland according to Irish ideas.

It is with pride beyond expression we have so long witnessed that magnificent capacity for organization which enables the law-loving people of Ireland to press their glorious cause for victory gradually on, but with certainty by peaceful democratic means.

At various periods of stress since the late beloved Michael Davitt first raised his inspired voice in the land and Charles Stewart Parnell arose to face the problems of Ireland, the citizens of Toronto have with undiminished enthusiasm sent forth, when called upon, both sympathy and material support to the Irish people and their self-sacrificing leaders. At now when the hour seems very near for the fulfilment of years of hope and of great labor, in this critical situation our earnest wish is that the measure promised by the Government of the day may in no sense fall short of a complete scheme for the settlement of the Irish question—Home Rule.

Enjoying as we do the blessings of home rule in Canada, we are convinced, as we always have been, that such a measure will bring contentment and prosperity to Ireland, and prove in the best interests of the Empire.

Permit us one expression of personal delight in your visit, and of congratulation upon the results of the magnificent convention you have just attended. It is a great pleasure to us that you have come to the city of our own Honorable Edward Blake, whom may God preserve for the honor which his great name has conferred upon Canada, and the untold service which we know he has given and will continue to give Ireland to the end.

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