

ITEMS OF INTEREST

ARCHBISHOP AT ST. AGNES CHURCH.

His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi paid his first visit to St. Agnes parish on Saturday morning and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation. After Confirmation His Grace administered the pledge of total abstinence to the boys who had made their first communion.

REQUIEM SERVICE.

On Saturday morning, May 5th, St. Anthony's Juvenile Temperance Society held a special requiem service for the repose of the soul of Master John Bernard Duggan, the first member of the Society to die. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Thomas F. Heffernan, director of the Society. The juvenile choir rendered the Gregorian service impressively. The offertory piece and "Nearer, My God, to Thee" at the end of the service were feelingly sung.

PRELATES MET IN CAPITAL YESTERDAY.

Catholic prelates from all parts of Canada were in session at Ottawa yesterday to discuss church matters and to arrange the date for the assembling of the first Plenary Council to be held in the Dominion. Among those in attendance were: Archbishop Bruchesi, Montreal; Archbishop Langevin, St. Boniface; Archbishop Gauthier, Kingston; Archbishop O'Connor, Toronto; Archbishop Orth, Victoria, and Bishop Cameron, of Antigonish, N.S.

ST. ANTHONY'S JUVENILE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Sunday afternoon the first reunion at St. Anthony's Juvenile Temperance Society took place, at which sixty new members were initiated. A fine musical programme was rendered. Masters Francis and Russell Lavelle gave two fine solos; recitations by Masters Raymond McDonnell, Francis McDonnell, Thomas O'Shaughnessy and Russell Lavelle, essays by Masters Francis Ryan and Leonard McGrath, and choruses by the choir. Rev. Father Heffernan made a lengthy speech on the evil effects of intemperance on character building, and hoped that all would do their best to build up St. Anthony's Juvenile Society. Two hundred members were present.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

Yesterday, while on a visit to the studio of Mr. P. J. Gordon, on St. Catherine street west, your correspondent met with a surprise as pleasing as it was unexpected, in the form of two beautiful photos, one of the Rev. Father Harty, who lately made a passing tour in favor of the completion of the Memorial Church in the birthplace of Ireland's great Liberator, Daniel O'Connell, and the other that of one who has proven himself a near and dear friend to a great many in our city, viz., the Rev. M. Callaghan, P.P. of St. Patrick's.

The former picture is destined to be taken to Ireland, and may disappear any day, but the latter will remain with us, to, in all probability, grace a conspicuous place in St. Patrick's House, where it will be a lasting memorial and pleasing remembrance of the one whom it so truly represents for many years to come. It would be unfair in us were we not to say, also, that much credit is due the artist for his success in those grand productions, calculated, as they are, to keep alive in the hearts of all who know them a feeling of love and veneration for two very deserving members of our Irish clergy.

THE CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

The concert given to the sailors and their friends on last evening, was furnished under the auspices of the Club, properly so-called. Mr. B. McNally occupied the chair. Considering the weather, the condition of the roads and that we are still only writing for the second concert of the year, everything bode fairly for as successful a season as any yet witnessed by the institution.

The programme was well carried out. Special mention is due to Misses O'Brien, Ferguson and Coleman, and Messrs. Farrell, Reid, Riddon, McQuibban, Hamilton, Langton and McNeill for the manner in

which they performed their various parts.

We would certainly be overlooking a very important part of the proceedings, as well as a pleasing surprise given to many of those present, if we omitted the names of two old-time friends and hard, earnest workers, viz., Messrs. Chrimes and Mallone, who again made their appearance in the old precincts, determined to keep alive the old friendship, of such a long and well-earned standing.

On the whole the evening was a most pleasing and enjoyable one, and bids fairly for a season of unsurpassed success, for which, be it said in passing, our hopes are as ardent as it is possible to entertain for the furtherance of the grand and noble object of this institution.

MAY DAY FESTIVAL.

Last Thursday morning the pupils of the Belmont School, Guy street, held their May Day festival and a special reception in honor of the Rev. Cure Corbell, of St. Joseph's Church, it being the anniversary of the pastor. The programme was a lengthy and varied one, consisting of pretty solos and choruses, declamations in French and English, calisthenic exercises and the granting of merit cards and medals. Master Maurice Barbe presented the reverend guest with a beautiful bouquet.

The work of the school choir under the direction of Prof. J. A. Archambault was excellent, the voices blending beautifully and the selections given with much spirit. The recitations of Masters Raymond, Francis and George McDonnell in "Studying History," "Our Native Land," and "Our Heroes"; Master Harry Nevin in "The Rose and the Lily," Edmund Beriau in "Allan's Choice," and Master Aime Cote and A. Dube in other selections, and the work of Prof. Scott's gymnastic class in their pyramids and other intricate movements formed special features of the proceedings. The cure was presented by the Principal, Mr. J. V. Deslauriers, with an address dealing with the good work of the pastor while in St. Joseph's parish, and the interest taken in the Belmont school. In his reply Father Corbell praised the work of the school, the professors and pupils and was glad to see that physical culture was being taught.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME.

A great change has taken place in the Home since the coming of the Misses Brennan, who are heart and soul in the grand work, and although but a week under the new management, the appearance of the institution has considerably altered. An addition will soon be made to the premises which will give the boys an amusement hall and dining room, leaving the apartments now occupied as such to be used as parlor and reception room. Father Holland wishes to buy about thirty new iron bedsteads and mattresses to replace the second-hand ones, which, on account of the scarcity of funds, are doing duty at present; the wooden cots are falling asunder and it is time for a change. The new beds and mattresses will cost about five dollars each, and will be named after a saint, the choice of the donor, and the boy who will occupy the bed will make it a duty to pray in a special manner for the welfare of the kind reader who will present it, and who will please take the hint: the address is 396 Wellington street. If the beds can be bought for less than five dollars, the matron will keep the change for other purchases, for there are many things wanted in the Home.

The following donations are most thankfully acknowledged: M. J. Walsh, M.P.P., five dollars; Miss Mullane, two dollars; Mrs. Ogilvy and a friend, one dollar each; Mr. Farneybough, a rubber stamp; a friend in the name of St. Anthony (in all probability a Knight of Columbus, as the envelope was sent from Mr. Foster's barber shop) four dollars; Margaret Scannell, Swanton, Vt., one dollar; Mrs. Irwin, Ottawa st., a parcel of clothing; Mr. Muir and Mr. J. Tucker, a setting hen each. The moving of Miss Brennan's household furniture was done by Mr. D. Donnelly, the wagon furnished by Messrs. Cunningham & Wells, all gratis.

LOYOLA COLLEGE.

On last Thursday evening a public oratorical contest took place in the College Hall of Loyola. Seven members of the Elocution Class, which has been during the year under the able direction of Prof. John P. Stephen, entered the lists. Their names and subjects were as follows: George Boyce, '08, "A Plea for Separate Schools"; Raymond Cho-

ran, '06, "National Moderation"; Patrick Coughlin, '07, "Socialism"; John Davis, '07, "Champlain"; John T. Hackett, '06, "A Factor in National Greatness"; Chester Regan, '06, "Canada's Attitude Towards Britain"; and George Vanier, '06, "Sir John Thompson." The judges for the occasion were Mr. Justice Doherty, Henry Kavanagh, Esq., K.C., and Edmund Guerin, Esq., K.C. Owing to Mr. Guerin's unavoidable absence his place was taken by Prof. Stephen, who also acted as chairman. The hall was well filled with friends of the institution, comprising the elite of the English-speaking Catholic society of Montreal.

All seven competitors spoke eloquently and well, showing a thorough acquaintance with the subjects treated, and a maturity of mind not usual in men so young. The compositions from first to last were original and evoked the admiration and applause of the appreciative audience. After the last speech the judges retired for consultation, and on returning to the hall announced that the prize had been awarded to Mr. John T. Hackett, and that Messrs. Coughlin and Vanier were honorably mentioned. Judge Doherty, in making known the decision of the judges, said it was no easy matter to decide where the work of each was so good, and took occasion to remark that each speaker spoke because he had something useful to say, something really worth saying.

The whole contest was a splendid proof of the thoroughness of the educational work done at Loyola, and served to show that the English Catholics of Montreal have in their midst a classical school of which they may be justly proud, and of which they should take full advantage. At the close the Rector made a few well chosen remarks, and Father O'Meara, a warm friend of Loyola, practical man that he is, generously donated ten dollars towards a prize fund. An evening such as was spent at Loyola on Thursday last cannot but do good to boys, parents and College alike. We must not fail to mention that during the evening Mrs. Edward Furlong Schmidt sang three beautiful songs, with her usual cultured excellence. Miss Donovan, organist of St. Anthony's Church, accompanied the songs and played three classical selections in her well known artistic style.

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OBITUARY.

MR. PATRICK McALEER.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Patrick McAleer, of Hemmingford, Que., son of the late Mr. Arthur McAleer, who was one of the pioneers of that flourishing township. The name of McAleer has been associated with national and religious progress in Canada from the early days of immigration to our shores, and we can truly state in this sketch that the good old Irish name has left its impress on the sands of time. The subject of this obituary was a resident all his life of Hemmingford, and was foremost in everything that tended to advance the interests of his native town. Mr. Patrick McAleer was known throughout the province as a large-hearted Irish-Canadian, deeply interested in the cause of Home Rule for Ireland. The fire of enthusiasm was strong in the descendant of an Irishman who landed in Canada in the year 1823 and who passed away at the age of 81 years, leaving a proud record in his adopted country. The late Mr. Patrick McAleer was 68 years at the time of his death, and he leaves to mourn their loss a loving wife and a daughter and two sons. The McAleer family have been life-long subscribers to The True Witness, and we offer to his family our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup is agreeable to the taste, and is a certain relief for irritation of the throat that causes hacking coughs. If used according to directions it will break the most persistent cold, and restores the air passages to their normal healthy condition. There is no need to recommend it to those familiar with it, but to those who seek a sure remedy and are in doubt what to use, the advice is try Bickle's Syrup.

IN MEMORIAM.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN. Sacred to the memory of husband and father, Mr. Peter Dunn, who departed this life May 9, 1906. A native of Queen's Co., Ireland. R. I. P. Service at his parish church, St. Joachim.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE PRICES

May 9, 1906.

Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.10; winter wheat patents, \$4 to \$4.25; and straight rollers, \$3.85 to \$4 in wood; in bags, \$1.80 to \$1.90; extra, in bags, \$1.35 to \$1.50.

Roller Oats—\$2.00 to \$2.10 per bags 90 or 98 lbs.

Cornmeal—\$1.30 to \$1.40 for ordinary, \$1.50 for granulated.

Mill Feed—Ontario bran in bulk, \$20; shorts, in bags, \$20 to \$20.50; Manitoba bran in bags, \$20; shorts, \$21.

Hay—No. 1, \$9.50 to \$10 per ton on track; No. 2, \$8.50 to \$9; clover, \$6; clover mixed, \$6.50.

Oats—No. 2, 41¢ per bushel; No. 3, 40¢; No. 4, 39¢.

Peas—Boiling, in car load lots, \$1.00 to \$1.10 per bushel.

Potatoes—65c to 70c per bag.

Beans—Prime pea beans, \$1.65 to \$1.70 per bushel; hand picked, \$1.80 per bushel.

Honey—White clover in comb, 13c to 14c per pound section; extract, 7c to 7½c; buckwheat, 5½c to 6c.

Maple Syrup—60c to 65c per 9 lb. tin; maple sugar, 9c to 10c per pound.

Provisions—Barrels heavy Canada short cut pork, \$22.50; light short cut, \$21.50; barrels clear fat back, \$22.50; compound lard, 7½c to 7½c; Canadian pure lard, 11½c to 12½c; kettle rendered, 12½c to 13½c; hams, 13½c to 15c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 16c to 17c; Windsor bacon, 15c to 15½c; fresh killed abattoir dressed hogs, \$10.25; alive, \$7.50 to \$7.75 for selects.

Eggs—New laid, 15½c to 16c per dozen.

Butter—Choice creamery, 18½c to 19c.

Cheese—Colored, 10½c to 10½c; white, 11c to 11½c.

Ashes—First pots, \$5.25 to \$5.37½; seconds, \$4.75; thirds, \$3.70; pearls, \$6.50 to \$6.75 per hundred pounds.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

The tone of the local egg market is unchanged and prices hold firm at 15½c to 16c per dozen. There is a fair enquiry reported and receipts are well up to the average.

The market for maple products is holding firm and there is a good demand reported for both syrup and sugar. Syrup in bulk is quoted at 6c to 6½c per pound, and in 9 lb. tins at 60c to 65c each. Maple sugar is worth 9c to 10c per pound according to quality.

Honey is quiet with no change in prices to report and a market that shows signs of weakness on account of the dull demand. White clover comb honey is worth 13c to 13½c per one-pound section, and buckwheat is quoted at 10c to 11c; extract are worth 7c to 7½c for white, and 5½c to 6c per pound for buckwheat.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Local dealers report an active demand for butter, and a steady trade with retailers and consumers, as well as a small volume of export business. Prices are about steady at 18c to 18½c for the best grades and from 17c to 17½c for medium and fine goods.

The cheese market is unchanged, but the scarcity of the offerings of white cheese has put the values for that grade on a rather fictitious basis. Colored cheese of the best grade produced in the west-to-day are selling at 10½c to 10½c, but white cheese are bringing over 11c, and the price is only limited by the individual circumstances of the sales; if the buyer really wants the goods he has to pay the price for it, as there are no surplus stocks on the market offering in competition.

The Effect of Alcohol on the Human Race.

There is nothing which destroys the vitality of man more quickly than alcohol. Alcohol, or strong drink is the cause of poverty, crime, madness, accidents and disease.

A great amount of wretchedness among a large number of families in the city as well as elsewhere is due either directly or indirectly to drunken habits. Visit the home of the drunkard, and the wretched condition of the place tells what one of the devil's special agents, liquor, has done to make life miserable and increase its pains a hundred fold.

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Dated at Montreal, this 30th day of April, 1906.

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