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The Late James M. Walsh

(Quebec Daily Telegraph, Sept. 17.)
The death of Mr. James Muredach Walsh in Canada, Sonora, Mexico, has already been noted. A son of our esteemed former fellow-citizen Mr. M. P. Walsh, for many years Mr. M. P. Walsh's Secretary and Secretary of the old Committee of Management of St. Patrick's Church, deceased was a Quebec boy born and bred, and his many old friends and acquaintances here, who have learned of his premature demise so far away from the land of his birth, have heard of it with the deepest regret, as well as sympathy for his mourning father, who also lost by the hand of death not very long ago his only daughter, Mrs. T. Malone, of Three Rivers. Needless to say that he has also the deepest sympathy of the Daily Telegraph in this fresh affliction. Like so many more of our energetic and enterprising young men, young James Walsh sought some years ago the wider field afforded by the United States to the exercise of his talents and, eventually making his way to Canada, soon won for himself there so much of the esteem and confidence of that rising community as to be selected to fill different local offices of the highest trust and honor, so that, when death cut short his career, he had become one of the most prominent and thriving citizens of the place. He was assistant cashier of the Mercantile Bank of Canada, this being a newly settled mining town when he arrived, there was no Catholic place of worship, but soon was organized a body of Catholics, amongst whom he was very prominent, and a church was erected on what is known as the Mesa. Only about a month before his demise a meeting was held with a view to the erection of a second and larger church, and the deceased was elected vice-president of the committee appointed to carry the arrangements into effect. Educated in Quebec, he received his First Communion in this parish of this diocese then presided over by Father Connelly, formerly of St. Patrick's and now parish priest, Ingersoll, Ontario, and was one of the few, if not the only boy in America, to have the honor of being confirmed by His Excellency, the late Bishop Conroy, when Papal Delegate to this country, this happening at the Archbishop's Palace here in Quebec. Deceased was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Young Men's Institute and the Knights of Columbus. His funeral and the Mass conporis prescrtit took place at Cananea on Sunday last, and the requiem mass and interment to-day at Los Angeles, California, where his brother resides, and whither the remains were forwarded.

Who Has Profited?

La Croix, a French Catholic paper, asks a few disconcerting questions of French taxpayers:
"Are you the richer for it? Tell me, artisan or farmer, tell me, my friend. They have expelled the congregations and stretched forth their sacrilegious hands with crooked fingers for the 'Famous Billion.' Are you any richer for it?"
"They have separated the Church from the State; they have closed the seminaries; robbed the clergy, the churches, the pious funds for stipends, the titles of revenues. Are you any richer for it?"
"They have driven away the Brothers from their schools; expelled the Sisters from the hospitals; torn down the Christ from the walls of the halls of justice. Have you become any richer for it?"
"Who, then, became rich at your expense? Your masters, the deputies and senators, to whom you pay a salary of 15,000 francs a year, the functionaries, the liquidators (of the church property), and all other loafers who make all kinds of promises and never keep their word except to continually increase your taxes."

From the Devil to God.

Such is the title of a book written by a post-named Rette, who seems to have some renown in France. His standing must have been more than respectable, for he was a friend of Coppee. Rette had been baptized a Catholic but brought up a Protestant, and soon became an atheist, a Socialist and a frenzied hater of everything Catholic. One evening at a conference in which he rallied at religion with more than usual fury, some friends who applauded his eloquence, asked him afterwards to explain the beginning of the world. Rette was dumfounded. He could not reply, and asked for time to study the question. He said that the scientific method, which he had been taught, was

A Famous Catholic Editor.

M. Louis Vuelliot, the famous editor of the Catholic French paper, L'Univers, has been aptly described as an apostle. It is owing to the existence in France of the Univers, at this time, that Catholicism can at all hold its own, attacked as it is on all sides and with only two champions that can be said to be generally known in France, namely, La Croix and the Univers.

Application to the Legislature.

NOTICE is hereby given that Le Credit Municipal Canadien will apply to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session, for modifications to the Charter of the Society for the following purposes:—To repeal article 9b of the Charter; to replace articles 17 and 18 of the Charter, so that the Society may be administered by a council of administration of five to ten members composed at all times for one third at least of British subjects and for one-half at least of members residing in Canada; determine the length of the term of office of administrators; determine the manner for the convocation of a general meeting, and regulate the powers of the shareholders at a general meeting and for other purposes. Montreal, 20th of September, 1907. BEAUDIN, LORANGER & ST. GERMAIN, Attorneys for Petitioner.

Opening of Laval Students' Home.

On Monday evening took place the informal opening of the Laval Students' Home. His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, Canon Dauth, vice-rector, the promoters of the work, and their friends were present. There were no speeches, simply the doors were thrown open to the friends of Laval, which consist of parlor, reading-room, billiard room, library, and as soon as funds permit, a gymnasium. Up to the present between three and four thousand dollars have been spent, and as much more will be necessary to instate the gymnasium. The students will pay an annual fee of \$2. The formal opening will take place about the middle of next month.

"Kenny's Well."

Story of an Ancient Holy Well in the City of Kilkenny.

Among the many interesting memorials of the past in the ancient city of Kilkenny is the well of the saint to whom the town is dedicated.

A Cardinal's Will.

The will of the late Cardinal Svampa concludes thus:
"May God receive my poor soul in Paradise, not through my own merits, but through His infinite mercy, through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by the intercession of the Most Holy Virgin, of my angel guardian, of St. Joseph, of the holy Apostles SS. Peter and Paul, and my holy protectors and advocates."

First Ordination at Danville.

The parishioners of the Church of St. Ann, Danville, P.Q., were much elated over the ceremony of Sunday last. It was the first time an ordination had taken place in their midst. His Lordship Bishop LaCocque officiated. The two young priests were Rev. J. H. Darcho, son of Doctor and Mrs. Darcho, of Danville, and Rev. A. E. Blanchard, of Rouville.

The Eucharistic Congress.

Final preparations for the first International Eucharistic Congress, to be held in Pittsburgh, October 15, 16 and 17, are about completed, and from the interest being manifested in the coming congress by the clergy throughout the country, it is safe to assert that it will be the most successful meeting ever held in the United States. More than 500 delegates are expected, among whom will be many of the most distinguished prelates of America, and some of the highest dignitaries of the Church in Europe.

Who Saved the Scriptures.

Recently, at Sydney, New South Wales, the Ancient Order of Hibernians presented Cardinal Moran with a handsome sum to be used in promoting the study of Irish history and language in the parochial schools.

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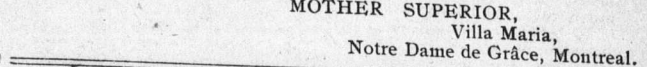


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will be created, but the names of the four Italians have already been decided upon for elevation to the cardinalate. They are: Mgr. Pietro Gasparri, secretary of extraordinary ecclesiastical affairs, whose report on the French Church and State separation law was approved by the Vatican authorities, and who took a prominent part in combating the French Government during the Church and State agitation of 1906; Mgr. V. Sardi, secretary of Latin letters in the chancery of Apostolic briefs; Mgr. G. De Lata, secretary of the Council of the Sacred Congregations and of Ecclesiastical Immunities; Mgr. P. Lepidi, master of the apostolic palace.

A Protestant Tribute to the Pioneer Priest.

What of the padres—were they not here? As I ride off across the plain to the east the thought is of the heroism, the self-abnegation, the undying faith of those followers of Loyola and Xavier who came into this waste so many years ago. How idle seem all the specious tales of Jesuitism and priestcraft! The padres were men of solid, unshrinking faith, and a perseverance almost unparalleled in the annals of history. The accomplishments of Columbus, but what of those who first ventured out upon these sands and erected

missions almost in the heart of the desert, who single-handed coped with dangers from man and nature, and who lived and died without the slightest hope of reward here or earth? Has not the sign of the cross cast more men in heroic mould than ever the glitter of the crown or the flash of the sword?

The good padres have gone and their mission churches are crumbling back to the earth from which they were made; but the light of the cross still shines along the borders of the desert land. The flame that through them the Spirit kindled, still burns; and in every abode you will see on the wall the wooden or grass-woven cross. On the high hills and at the cross roads it stands, roughly hewn from mesquite and planted in a cone of stones. It is now always weather stained and sun-cracked, but still the sign before which the peon and the Indian bow the head and whisper words of prayer. The dwellers beside the desert have cherished what the inhabitants of the fertile plains have thrown away. They and their forefathers have never known civilization, and never suffered from the blight of doubt. Of a simple nature, they have lived in a simple way, clean, virtuous, and true. They have loved, and I am sure they will be missed, but they were shipped.—John C. Van Dyke.