

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS.

Other Items of Interest in Cities and Towns.

Guelph.

Rev. Father Dumortier, S.J., was on Friday last greatly honored by the large congregation of the Church of Our Lady, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his entrance into the priesthood. The Rev. Father worthily merited the honor deservedly given. He was one of the early missionaries in this section and through trials and tribulations, and they were many, in the early days, was always found at his post of duty, and was instrumental in a great degree in keeping together the large body of worshippers to whom he belonged. He was greatly beloved by his scattered congregations in the earlier days when he had to travel miles to his mission fields. In this work he gained for himself the greatest respect from all classes of the community. Father Dumortier is a native that commands the esteem of those who have the pleasure of knowing him. His manner is retiring, and the casual acquaintance might not suspect that behind that dignified reserve was a lighthearted sunny disposition, whose natural buoyancy even bodily infirmities could not dispel. The Rev. Father while replying to the address was evidently much affected, and so was the large congregation, many of whom were men of grey hairs and who had vivid recollections of the work he had performed, and the comfort he had given in time of trouble and distress.

The celebration of the golden jubilee was commenced at 9 o'clock, when solemn High Mass was offered in the Church of Our Lady. Rev. Father Dumortier acted as celebrant. Rev. Father Doherty, S.J., a former parish priest was deacon, and Rev. Father Kenny, S.J., sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Kavanagh, S.J., master of ceremonies. The choir rendered Farmer's Mass with fine effect. At the close of the service the large congregation adjourned to the basement, which had been beautifully decorated. Eight young ladies from Loretto Convent, Misses Ethel Day, M. Black, Striegelmyer, Mason, B. McQuillan, E. Mason, Kirchner and M. Ryan, rendered a duet on four pianos.

The Rev. Father here received and replied to several addresses from the congregation and from the local Branch of the C. M. B. A., in which he has always taken an active interest.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock some four hundred children of the Separate Schools gathered in the basement and tendered to the Rev. Father their congratulations on his golden jubilee. On the platform were seated his Lordship Bishop Dowling, Rev. Dr. Dumortier, and other visiting and resident clergymen, including Right Rev. Monsignor McEvay, Hamilton; Very Rev. J. Keough, Paris; Very Rev. L. Elena, Berlin, V.G.'s; Very Rev. Dean O'Connell, Mount Forest; Rev. Dr. Kloepfer, C.R., St. Jerome College, Berlin, and others. A welcome song, specially composed for the occasion, was sweetly rendered by the children as His Lordship and the priests took their seats.

His Lordship briefly addressed the children at the close. He commended them for their reverence to their priest, and paid a feeling tribute to the worthy Father's long labors in the work of the priesthood. He counseled the children to carry their respect for the priest all through life, as their priest was their best friend, to be obedient to their parents and their teachers, and by living virtuous lives, avoiding evil and doing good, earn the happiness of meeting Father Dumortier in Heaven. Rev. Father Dumortier intimated he would give the children a holiday on Monday, which was received with clapping of hands. The reception terminated by the beautiful reordering of "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" and a May hymn. The whole proceedings were of a most interesting character. The deportment of the children was admirable, their singing delightful and the addresses and presentations were made very gracefully.

Orillia.

During the past three days the Roman Catholic Church of the Angel Guardian has been the special object of attraction of wending crowds to and fro, adoring Our Blessed Lord, exposed to the adoration of the congregation.

The main object of this devotion being to repair the insults and ingratitude of men towards Our Blessed Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, if we may judge from the very large attendance, without religious distinction, at each pious exercise, the result must have been a success and a great consolation to our worthy pastor, Father Duffy. Over six hundred and fifty approached the Holy Table.

Rev. Father Ryan, Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, held the vast audience assembled during two succeeding nights in admiration of his elucidative doctrine on the Real Presence. His simple and plain rea-

soning found its way into the minds and hearts of his many intelligent hearers.

The high altar was artistically decorated with natural flowers and lilies, interwoven with green pendants of the rarest variety and shades.

At the opening ceremony, Wednesday, Solemn High Mass was offered up by Rev. Father Hogan, Very Rev. Dean Egan as deacon and Rev. Father Gearin as sub-deacon. Rev. Father Moyra acted as master of ceremonies.

The closing ceremony of these three happy days was celebrated by Rev. Father Colin of Midland; deacon, Rev. Father Cantillon, of Brock; sub-deacon, Rev. Father Duffy, pastor; master of ceremonies, Walter Porter. After the usual procession and chanting of the litanies, the devotions closed. The choir, under the able direction of the organist, Miss Madden, furnished a selected programme of sweet music and appropriate hymns, closing Friday morning with Commemorative Mass.

Uxbridge.

The marriage of one of Uxbridge's most popular young ladies and one of Toronto's best known medical men took place here to-day at the Catholic church, the contracting parties being Miss M. Josephine Keller, daughter of the late Francis Keller, (publisher of the Uxbridge Journal), and Dr. John A. Amyot. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Lynett, pastor of the church. The bride-maid was Miss M. Higgins of Toronto, cousin of the bride, and the groomsmen Dr. N. Amyot of St. Thomas, brother of the groom. The wedding breakfast was partaken of at the residence of Mrs. Keller, Church street. The happy couple took the morning train for Toronto, their future home.

On the Friday night preceding, a member of members of the Catholic church, accompanied by their pastor, Rev. Father Lynett, visited the residence of Mrs. Keller on a mission both pleasant and regretful. Having learned of the approaching departure of Miss Keller, the congregation desired to express their appreciation of her services as organist and choir leader; with this object in view, Miss Keller was presented with an address by Mr. E. J. Breen, and a handsome silver water pitcher by Mr. Charles Kelly, on behalf of the congregation.

The address was suitably replied to for Miss Keller by her brother, Mr. W. H. Keller. Not alone do the Catholics of Uxbridge regret Miss Keller's removal but the entire community will miss her. The address was signed by Rev. J. F. Lynett, E. J. Breen, Charles Kelly, Maggie O'Brien, Annie Kelly.

Nearagh.

Died on May the 17th, 1895, at his residence, in the Township of Normanby, Wm. O'Reilly, Esq., aged 82 years. The deceased was a worthy Irishman and descended from a noble race. The O'Reilly's of the County of Cavan, who have shed their blood on the battle field in the defence of right and fatherland, often made the proud usurper cower beneath their steel. He immigrated from the town of Cavan in the spring of 1842 and landed in Quebec with his young wife, after braving the dangers of an Atlantic voyage, in three days taking months to make the passage, and in disagreeable and unworthy old sailing vessels. Possessing an industrious turn of mind, and resolved to build himself a home he could call his own, in the land of the free, he left for Western Ontario, without delay for the Gore of Toronto, the then residence of a cousin of his, the Rev. Eugene O'Reilly, Parish Priest there, where a hearty welcome awaited him. He remained on the Gore, where he prospered for six years. Finding property in that section of country dear—no doubt on account of its proximity to the City of Toronto—he did not purchase there. Hearing that the Crown Lands Department ordered the survey of the County of Grey, and set open some townships for actual settlement, he with his young wife and family started for the Township of Hentick, Allen Park, where he sustained his first and greatest loss in the death of his beloved wife, after toiling and moiling together to carve out a home.

He resided altogether in the Township of Hentick six years and moved into the Township of Normanby in February, 1854, immediately after purchasing 200 acres of land from the agent Crown Lands, George Jackson, Esq., Durham. He was about the first settler on the new survey, and braved all the hardships of pioneer life. He always was a warm-hearted Irishman, and made for himself plenty of friends who showed the esteem and respect he was held in by the large turnout at his interment of people from far and near, and of every nationality and creed. He died a happy death, being a good and exemplary Catholic, and having the ministrations of that good and pious priest, Rev. Father O'Connell, at all hours together with daily exhortations to make safe the soul and bear patiently his sufferings of this life to gain a heavenly reward.

A healthy body is good, but a soul in right health, it is the thing beyond all others to be prayed for—the blessed thing this earth receives from heaven.

Hastings.

In this village passed away Ellen, only daughter of James Holland of this place. A dutiful and obedient child, a fervent and devout Catholic, devoted to the Blessed Mother (God in the society of the Scapular and to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the League, her life was largely given up to prayer and devotions. In her child-like way she was making calculations on Novenas in addition to the regular May devotions in the Church, but God saw fit to call her to himself. Taken down with what seemed a slight cold it developed into bronchitis and finally into pneumonia and heart failure, and after ten days illness she passed away on the 10th of May at the age of twenty years and nine months. She received devoutly the last sacraments of the church, and retained the fullest consciousness to the last, assisting in the Rosary within two hours of her death. On Sunday the 12th her remains were brought to the church in Norwood (Rev. Father Quirk being unable through illness to say Mass in Hastings) where Rev. Father Conway performed the funeral ceremonies, and thence to the R. C. Cemetery Ashfield.

The universal sympathy felt for the bereaved parents who are thus left childless was evinced in the large concourse that followed her remains to their final resting place. May she rest in peace.

New Agents.

We have great pleasure in adding to our list of agents the name of Mr. Patrick Dalley, the popular and widely known waggon-maker of Brockville. Mr. Dalley has full authority to receive money on our account, and any orders from intending subscribers reaching us through his hands will be duly honored at this office.

Mr. M. O'Brien, of Lansdowne, having kindly volunteered his services on our behalf, we also take pleasure in placing his name amongst the roll of those who die championing our cause in every section of the Dominion. Mr. O'Brien is an old and enthusiastic supporter of the Catholic press of Canada, and having felt the necessity of an ably-conducted newspaper in Toronto, the hotbed of every item hostile to the Catholic Church, he has taken under his guardianship the REGISTER, the interests of which he will attend to in Lansdowne, Wellington and Rockport.

It is almost needless for us to say that any orders emanating from that gentleman will receive prompt attention at the office of publication.

Sandwich.

On Thursday of last week Mr. and Mrs. Theodule Girardot celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Girardot is well and favorably known throughout the province. In his own county he has for the last forty years and more occupied a prominent position as an educationalist. The family gathering alone meant a very large assemblage, but it formed only a small part of the number of those who participated in the festive, friends coming from all parts of the province and neighboring States.

Peterborough.

His Lordship Bishop O'Connor was recently presented by a number of the citizens of Peterborough with an oil portrait of himself by J. W. L. Foster of Toronto. The presentation is an indication of the respect and esteem in which his Lordship is held.

Oakville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald who are among the oldest Catholic inhabitants of this section celebrated their golden wedding on Monday May 20th. Mr. Fitzgerald has been living in Oakville and its vicinity since about 1837 when he came from Ireland. Friends and relatives were present in large numbers to wish the venerable couple further increase of years and happiness.

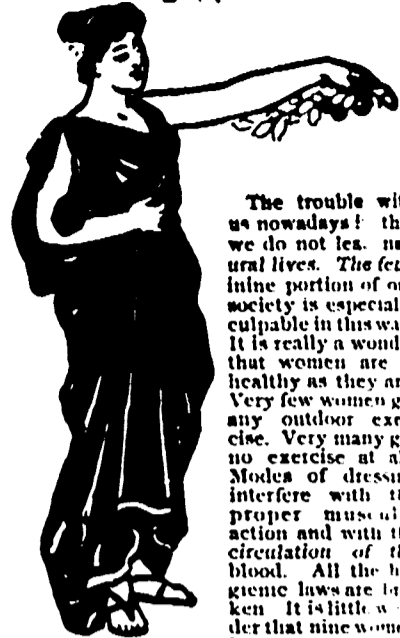
Lakefield.

At a picnic held on May 24th the Hon. J. J. Curran was present and made an address which was a most important feature of the day's proceedings. Short addresses were also delivered by Father Casey, Father Scollard, Mr. Theo. Cahill and Mr. J. H. Barnham.

Provincial Appointments.

Hon. T. W. Anglin, Toronto, has been appointed Clerk of the Surrogate Court. Mr. William Prondoguet, B.A., Mathematical Master of the Seaforth Collegiate Institute, has been appointed Inspector of Separate Schools in succession to the late Cornelius Donovan.

Mr. Fred. Slaven, of Picton, has been appointed Clerk of the First Division Court of Prince Edward County. Mr. Slaven is a brother of Rev. E. P. Slaven of Galt.



The trouble with us nowadays is that we do not lead natural lives. The feminine portion of our society is especially culpable in this way. It is really a wonder that women are as healthy as they are. Very few women get any outdoor exercise. Very many get no exercise at all. Modes of dressing interfere with the proper muscular action and with the circulation of the blood. All the hygienic laws are broken. It is little wonder that nine women in ten are troubled

with some derangement or irregularity in the action of the organs distinctly feminine. Neglect and wrong living will show themselves first in the most delicate organs of the whole body. With such weakness and sickness so prevalent, it is to be expected that the bearing of children would be fraught with dread and danger. It should not be so, of course. Nature never meant it to be so. The performance of the highest function of which a woman is capable should not be accompanied by pain. If perfectly natural living were the rule, it would not be so. As lives are lived, something else must be done. A remedy must be found. For over thirty years, Dr. Pierce has been chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute of Buffalo, N. Y. During that time he has treated thousands of women. He has found in his "Favorite Prescription" a never-failing specific for female complaints. It strengthens the whole body and when taken during gestation, shortens the period of labor and makes childbirth well-nigh painless. It also promotes an abundant secretion of nourishment for the child.

Hamilton.

On Wednesday, May 21st, the young ladies of Loretto Convent gave a grand entertainment in commemoration of the eighth anniversary of Bishop Dowling's episcopate. The attendance was by invitation, and the convent hall was crowded. Among those present besides his Lordship were Revs. Mgr. McEvay, Chancellor Craven, Fathers Coty, Burke (Oakville), Maddigan (Dundas), Hinchey, Lehman and Mahony, Rev. Dr. Burns, Lieut.-Col. Moore, Mr. E. Martin, Q.C., and Mr. W. H. Ballard, Inspector of Public Schools. At the entertainment given by the young ladies of Loretto, the audience is always select and critical; not in the programme given last evening, as in past years, even the most exacting were delighted with the faultless elocution, the charming music, and the graceful and courteous exercises. The first number was a chorus, at the close of which his Lordship was presented with a congratulatory address, read by Miss H. Duffy, and eight pretty bouquets carried by eight as pretty little girls, a bouquet for each year of his episcopate.

Two scenes from "Josephine, Empress of France," were given in the following cast: Josephine—Miss R. Levy; Prophetess—Miss M. Aussem; Margaret—Miss H. Duffy; Elizabeth—Miss M. Marshall; Mary Stuart—Miss F. McCarthy; Henrietta Maria—Miss G. Coleman; Eugene—Miss J. Torry Hurston; Miss O'D. Martin.

All the characters were finely represented. Miss Levy as Josephine delighted all the pathos and depth of feeling required by the role, while Miss F. McCarthy as Mary Stuart interpreted in a particularly touching way her difficult part. The haughty Elizabeth by Miss Marshall, and the solemn, mournful prophetess by Miss Aussem, were also excellently portrayed.

The second part began with the chorus "Away to the Chase." Miss Cook displayed her splendid ability as a pianist in Mendelssohn's "Apriccio," (op. 22). Miss Aussem who obtained the medal for elocution last year at Loretto, recited "A Violin Fantasy," and for her clear and impressive deliverance obtained marked applause. "King Olaf" was recited by the elocution class. Misses Cook, Coleman, Harrow and Hogg evidenced careful training and talent in their piano quartette. A large number of young ladies under the direction of Miss Baker went through the different statuesque poses. The graceful movements and pretty costumes rendered this one of the most pleasing features of the programme. Then came a piano setette, Mendelssohn's Spanish Dance (op. 12, No. 1), followed by the solo and chorus "Inflammatus et Accensus," (Rossini), the solo taken by Mrs. Martin Murphy.

Rev. Father Coty preached in the Cathedral last Sunday evening on Education. Since he has been removed to St. Lawrence parish his impressive welcome voice has not been heard so often from St. Mary's pulpit. When he does come his prolonged absence makes his presence all the more of a treat.