

Parish News of the Week

Subscriptions to the Father Holland Birthday Fund.

Table listing names and amounts for the Father Holland Birthday Fund, including P. McDermott \$100.00, Rev. Fr. Provincial, C.S.S.R. \$10.00, and others.

Solemn Dedication of Historic Bell Charlotte.

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glorious celebration of the new closing year, 1908, when London, New York and Chicago, Quebec, St. Louis and Boston, gave such expressions to Catholic triumph as to re-echo the voice of Pappalome, re-sounding for Pope Pius' jubilee, in the dome of Saint Peter's. At such times man's voice seems too feeble an instrument to express his emotions, to proclaim his wants, to chant the divine praise. Christian inspiration coming to the aid of defective humanity, has invented the Bell, has consecrated it to the divine service, so that its voice may interpret to all who have ears to hear the splendor and dignity of our Catholic ritual; that ritual which expresses our faith as members of the Apostolic and Roman Church against which the gates of Hell shall not prevail. Man is too feeble to raise his voice to the grandeur of such occasions; the bell lends its power and its knell, now majestic as the dashing of the billows or the roaring of the tempest, now slow and solemn as the Requiem of death, now gentle, sweet, soothing as the lyre of the Angels.

the renewed presence of the incarnate God; from the vast concourse of people are perceived the faint murmurs of worship and welcome, the minor tone of the sanctuary gong bespeaks the spell that is on the adorers, the faint tremors of the organ mark the limits of the devout multitude; and then the mighty peal of the spire bell intermingles with the prayers and sighs of the priests and people, and with the entrancing tones of the organ and sanctuary bell, bursts forth beyond the confines of the temple, piercing the highest air, nor appearing to pause until it has mingled its voice with the choirs of the heavenly Jerusalem. Who does not remember the thrills of jubilee and exultation that rise and swell in the heart as the alleluia Bells of the "Gloria" in the Mass of Holy Saturday, break the death silence of the Church mourning her Spouse, and proclaim the glory of her risen Lord? Recall, too, Saint Patrick's day, his Feast who is the patron of your beautiful church and your mother country, when Bells not less musical than Shandon's chimed give voice to Irish enthusiasm from Melbourne to Montreal, from Chicago to the world's great metropolis on the Thames. Then does the soul as the multitude vibrate with the solemnity and majesty of such appeals, and putting under foot, the vanities of the world and the things that are of the world, it takes its spiritual flight beyond the stars, mounting by mysterious steps from height to height, nor pausing until it sees God by Faith in the Heavenly Zion, the city of His glory. Wonderful, is it not, the language and the symbolism of the Bell! Truly, clearly, eloquently, does it re-echo the angelic refrain through the ages: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men."

Nor is the identity of the Bell's message with that of the Angels confined to the solemn moments of the Holy Sacrifice or to great celebrations. Does not the speaking knell of the Angelus bring the scene of the Incarnation with vivid reality before the eyes of the soul three times a day? The language of the Bell is not a mere empty sound; its morning message speaks intelligibly to the Christian soul.

Listen, as the light of day breaks over the Eastern horizon; it announces a new day, splendid gift of gracious Providence. It bids you arise to salute the day star, to adore the immortal King of ages. It tells you of the Church, the everlasting Bethelheim, of the Mass, the Incarnation perpetuated, of the choirs of Angels hovering over the temple, chanting, it must needs be, their immortal song: "Glory to God in the highest." Listen again at mid-day; the Angelus renews the scene. It proclaims anew the power, wisdom and goodness of God, whose eye is benignly watching your labors whose hand is ever blessing your works with fruitfulness. As even shades are falling, the Bell peals forth again, inviting you to mingle your prayers with the gently melody of the heavenly bodies. Such is the splendor of Catholic worship. It takes possession of man the moment he awakes, to raise him to worship his God. It comforts him in the midst of his labors; and as soon as the night falls, it composes him to rest with thoughts that pertain to everlasting peace.

Intelligible, beyond question now, is the Bell's message of glory to God; we have ventured to take in its connection the other part of the text also, "and on earth peace to men of good will." Nor can we feel that we have made any mistake. Peace is that precious gift of God which our blessed Redeemer repeatedly bequeathed, as proper beyond all other gifts, to his Church after His triumph over death and hell: "Peace I leave to you, My peace I give to you. The peace of God is inseparable from all the virtues represented by justice which it kissed in the person of our Lord, at the accomplishment of the Redemption: "Mercy and truth have met each other; justice and peace have kissed." We cannot, therefore, have the one without loving the other; and we believe the Bell to be a sign of peace, because its sound inspires us with the love of God, with a desire of justice, and therefore assists us to repress the movements of the passions which disturb us, to check our evil inclinations, and to comfort us in the sorrows and cares of life.

And first of all let us remember how terrible are the storms that rage from time to time over our heads, when the Lord speaks in that voice, awful and terrible, which makes the cedars of Lebanon bend and crash, which launches forth flames of fire. In the midst of the terror that fills our hearts on such occasions, the Bell revives in us the spirit of faith and prayer, and, though not demanding a miracle, or presumptuously braving the terrors of the tempest, we still have confidence in that goodness of God, and we are invited to believe that, at the sound of the sacred symbol which bears to Him the sighs and promises of His frightened children, many a time does He become mindful of His mercy and allow His arm to be arrested; and, withholding the lightning in the stores of His justice, He lets flow forth gentle showers to moisten the land and nourish it to fruitfulness.

A thousand times more terrifying are the storms that rage around the human heart. Nothing can be conceived so fierce or so devastating as the passions of the seven deadly sins that fallen humanity has set in the depths of our souls. These arise, and swell and rare storms and tempests which, unchecked, will find fearful echoes in eternity. And alas! how widespread are their ravages in the world all around us. Never were the words of Saint John truer than they are today: "All that is in the world is the concupiscence of the flesh and the concupiscence of the eyes, and the pride of life." All around us we

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Monthly calendar for December 1908, listing days of the month and corresponding feast days like St. Nicholas, St. Lucia, etc.

see the unhappy slaves of this world, of its desires, prejudices, blindness, tormented by avarice, or the execrable thirst for riches, gnawed by envy, devoured by the love of pleasure. And, to tell the truth, more cruel are the pains caused by these unbridled passions than were the worst of the greatest tyrants were able to inflict. And is there nothing to relieve this dire picture of human woe? Sacred history speaks of something in the Old Testament. We read that Saul was at times grievously tormented by a malignant spirit, and the sound of David's harp was all-powerful in soothing the King's afflicted soul. Now, the celestial harmony of our sacred symbol inspiring pure and holy thoughts of religion, exciting within us a spirit of faith and prayer, cannot but be infinitely more powerful than the music of David's harp.

Never, perhaps, was the spirit of wickedness more powerful in high places than in the land in the satanic doctrines and socialistic tendencies of the world-to-day. Positive barbarism, and brute materialism, are found intermingled with our boasted modern civilization. Far and wide is found satisfaction with the things of this world only, and, without God and the supernatural, avarice, voluptuousness and blood-thirstiness may grow apace, until Hell yawns for a Godless generation. Is there no voice to cry halt to men on their way to perdition, as one did to Saul on the road to Damascus? It is true none but Jehovah can speak to them with power, but is the Bell not the voice of God? It thunders forth in tones that cannot be mistaken the Gospel message that rings from the Christian pulpit throughout the world. God, eternity, nothing. Pretend, as we will like the fool in Holy Writ, that there is no God, the Bell reminds the world of His tremendous reality, that He sees us and holds us accountable for every detail of our lives. The Bell rings out the nothingness of all things that pass fleetly as its own sounds; it reminds us of eternity within whose reach we are, which may engulf us from any side. That mighty voice that peals forth from the spire-height, proclaims the austere Gospel tidings, it teaches the Christian lesson of the saint or martyr whose name it bears, it announces the sublime truth that all is vanity except to love God and to serve Him alone. It peals out in the Holy Name to the avenger; forgive, and you will be forgiven; to the sensualist: stop, for God is looking at you; to the Christian: deny your appetites for Christ agonized in sweat for your sake; to the unbeliever: tremble and adore, for there is a supreme Judge who will reward and punish; to all men: peace and charity, love one another as God has loved you.

On the gracious invitation of your excellent Pastor, gladly have I come from afar, withdrawn myself briefly from my loved people by the sea, to rejoice with you on an occasion so solemn and so interesting as the Blessing of your Bells. I cheerfully bear public testimony here to the spirit of peace and harmony and justice, that happily hovers over the loyal old city of Saint John. We have followed, too, with admiring sympathy, the heroic work you are doing in this splendid Canadian metropolis for Christ and for His Church, and for the furtherance of the entente cordiale that should prevail throughout the length and breadth of our fair Dominion. We have gladly heard that there prevails in Montreal a goodly share of Irish patriotism, of French zeal and of British fair play. We have read with interest several articles and commentaries in your non-Catholic and secular journals, wishing for the extension of fair play to the Church so dear to us. Let all your good works continue for the furtherance of Canadian unity and Christian charity. Hearken to the moral teachings of the sacred metal that has just been consecrated to the service of the Most High. Let us all meditate on the secret, intelligible lesson of its eloquent vibrations; and, as its various sounds combine in graceful harmony, so shall we see happily reign union of minds and hearts, from which will result a great peace for our loved country. This will be realized the good tidings of great joy which the Angels announced for

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Application to the Legislature. Public notice is hereby given that the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec will apply to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session, for the consolidation and revision of the law creating it, which is contained in section two, chapter four, of the revised statutes of the Province of Quebec, entitled "Physicians and Surgeons," and moreover for the purpose of changing this law, notably in that which concerns the creation of a medical board of examiners for the obtaining of the provincial license of medicine, the creation of various commissions with authorization by the Board of Governors to delegate their powers to these commissions, the repression of the illegal practice of medicine, the internal direction of its administration, the prolongation of the term of office of the governors, the annual contribution of the members of the College, the admission to the study of medicine, the privilege of more extended powers to the registrar, and in general for all purposes concerning the good working of the College. BEAUDIN, LORANGER, ST. GERMAIN & GUERIN. Attorneys for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec. Montreal, 7th of December, 1908.

Department of Public Works and Labour.

Quebec, 3rd December, 1908. SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Honorable L. A. Taschereau, Minister of Public Works and Labour, P.Q., will be received at the Parliament Building, Quebec, on the 23rd of December, instant, 1908, for the completion of the new jail of the District of Montreal. Until such date, plans and specifications of the work required may be seen in Quebec, at the Parliament Building, and in Montreal, at the office of the Architects, Messrs. Marchand & Brassard, 164 St. James street, each day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each tender must be accompanied by a cheque for sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00), drawn on a duly chartered bank and accepted by the same. Such cheque to be made payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works and Labour, P.Q., and to be forfeited to the Government should the tenderer refuse to fulfill the conditions of his tender. The other cheques will be returned to those entitled to them not later than the 30th December next. The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any of the said tenders. By order, ALPHONSE GAGNON, Secretary.

Department of Public Works and Labour, P.Q.

N.B.—No reproduction of this notice without special order in writing from this Department. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that at the next Session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, application will be made by Dame Catherine Mitcheson, widow of the late Stanley Clerk Parg, and Robert Stanley Clerk Parg, Esquire, B.C.L., both of this city, and district of Montreal, in their capacity of executors under the last will and testament of the late Stanley Clerk Parg, for an Act amending the Statute 28 Victoria, (Quebec), Chapter 24, and enlarging the powers of the Executors of the said Estate S. C. Parg, and to provide for their remuneration, and for other purposes. Montreal, December 1st, 1908. HICSON & CAMPBELL, Attorneys for Applicants.

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