

# Canadian News

## DIocese of Peterborough. GRAVENHURST.

Gravenhurst opera house was crowded to the doors on last Wednesday evening, November 20th, 1901, the occasion being an entertainment given under the auspices of St. Paul's Catholic Church choir.

A large and appreciative audience, representing all denominations, was present, which encouraged the performers for the untiring efforts they had put forth to carry out the following programme in a manner which elicited words of commendation and eulogy from all present.

Part First—Pantomime, Home Sweet Home, the Little Folks; Solo, "Water Cresses," Miss Nellie Bowes; Recitation, "Entertaining Sister's Beau," Miss Mona Warde; Duet, "No Sir," Miss Maud Gallagher, Leon Clairmont; Solo, "Ora Pro Nobis," Miss Florence Dowd; Selection, Vocal, Miss Warde; Collection, Vocal, Mr. McTurk; Chorus, "Cuckoo Song," Choir.

Part Second—An original comedy entitled "Off the Stage."

The ushers were Messrs. Frank Child, Will Wesley, Will Moore, and Stanley.

The stage was tastefully and artistically decorated for the occasion, it being embowered with palms, ferns, etc.

The opening number, "The Pantomime," by 15 little folks representing a home scene, was very attractive, each performing their work to advantage, while the soft strains of "Home Sweet Home" were sweetly played.

The solo entitled "Water Cresses," by Miss Nellie Bowes, was well received. She interpreted with much tenderness and feeling the spirit expressed in the song, and her gestures clearly brought forth the sentiments contained therein.

Miss Mona Warde of Bracebridge recited "Entertaining Sister's Beau," and the ease and grace of her motions greatly impressed these present. This young lady's accent was perfect, and she displayed much ability, proving her elocutionary powers to an excellent extent.

The vocal duet by Miss Maud Gallagher and Mastr Leon Clairmont completely captivated the audience.

Miss Florence Dowd rendered "Ora Pro Nobis" in a very bright and inspiring manner, and with exquisite expression, winning an appreciative applause, such as only a deserved rendition can evoke. Miss Dowd's appearance is graceful and pleasing, while her voice has a range of sweetness to an unusual degree.

The final number was a chorus by the choir, under the leadership of Miss Katharine Warde, A. T. C. M., of Bracebridge, which was rendered with much expression, a fine volume of tone being conspicuous. The accompaniment was played with marked ability by Miss Clara Clairmont.

Miss Mabel Clairmont acted as accompanist for the special numbers, in a very acceptable manner. Each and everyone of the numbers given was much enjoyed by the large audience, who voiced their approval by encoring almost everything on the programme.

The production of the play, "Off the Stage," reflects much credit on Mrs. E. Clairmont, under whose skillful management the presentation of the play was prepared, and in which she exercised her talents to a most appreciative degree.

The performers, who brought out vividly the features of the play, are as follows:

Mr. Sam Joran, a vain "young" old widower, Mr. Franks; Geo. Jordan, his son, a romantic lover with a consuming passion, Mr. Murray; Marcus Brass, an eccentric theatrical agent, with wonderful assurance, "poor but honest," Mr. Johns; Helen Jordan, with a heart and soul for the drama, Mrs. E. Clairmont; Clarinda Hastings, who does enjoy making the "Lords of Creation" ridiculous, Mrs. Murray; Lucy, a pert and positive maid ("I know it, sir; I am sure of it, sir.") Mrs. Muldrew.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem marked the close of the enjoyable evening.

The proceeds amounted to a fair sum, and will be devoted towards the expense incident to the choir.

St. Paul's Church has scored a great success in the entertaining line.

At St. Paul's Church, Gravenhurst, the Rev. Father Collins is delivering a series of lectures throughout the winter months. The commencement sermon started on Sunday evening, Nov. 17, 1901, when the Rev. Father delivered an instructive and impressive discourse on Purgatory. He proved in three ways the fact that there was a purgatory, or middle state, viz.: 1st, from sacred Scripture; 2nd, from the authority of the Church; 3rd, by reason. The church was filled with an attentive assembly of Catholics and non-Catholics, eager to hear the sermon on Purgatory. Suitable music was furnished by the choir for the occasion.

Rev. Father Collins' next lecture will be on Confession.

### MARRIED AT ST. PATRICK'S OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—A wedding took place at St. Patrick's Church yesterday morning, when Miss Katharine Anna Holland, third daughter of the late James Holland, was married to Mr. Michael P. Monaghan, of Boston, president of the Co-operative Press, and superintendent of the Boston City Press Department. Rev. Father Whelan officiated, and the church was tastefully decorated and brilliantly lighted for the occasion. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Clara Holland, and the groom by Mr. Thomas Good of Boston. The bride was charmingly gowned in white taffeta silk and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid wore a steel grey henrietta and carried pink rose. The bride's travelling gown was navy blue cloth. The ceremony was followed by breakfast for a few intimate friends and relatives of the contracting parties at the home of the bride's mother, 428 Neper street. Rev. Father Fay was among the guests at the breakfast.

The bride was the recipient many handsome presents, including a manicure set from Messrs. O'Connor, Hood and Magee and a check from Mr. D. O'Connor.

### ARCHBISHOP LANGEVIN OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Nov. 27.—Archbishop Langevin, who is in the city on his way to Montreal, denies the report from Winnipeg that he had come to solicit from the Government financial aid for the Roman Catholic schools of Manitoba. He declares, however, that the present system in Winnipeg is unsatisfactory, in view of the fact that the Catholics have to support their own schools without receiving a cent of assistance from the Local Government, and in addition have to pay \$8,000 annually towards the support of the public schools, to which they do not send their children. Reverting to a matter of general interest, His Grace said: "Our Province has certainly before it a golden future. I believe it to be the best country in the world, affording marvellous opportunities for settlers, and I am glad to notice year by year its constant growth and its general evidences of prosperity. The Archbishop will remain in Ottawa for a few days, and afterwards go to Montreal, near which city his parents reside. He will return to Winnipeg before Christmas."

### NEW ORGAN IN THE JESUIT CHURCH, MONTREAL.

The inauguration of the fine new organ erected by Messrs. Casavant Bros., of St. Hyacinthe, in the Church of the Jesu during the past six weeks, has taken place. Gaeton M. Dethier, organist of the Church of St. Francois Xavier, New York, and a former pupil of Mr. Alex. Guilment, the great French organist, rendered a recital programme of ten numbers, the list of organ solos embracing Liszt's "Prelude" and Fugue by Bach; Saint-Seens "Extrait du 'Deluge';" Thiele "Variations;" Hoyte's "Scherzo;" Ropartz's "Sortie;" Lemmen's Fantasie, "The Storm;" Widor's "Scherzo in E.," Fleuret's "Toccata;" and a couple of Mr. Dethier's own composition, including "Variations on an old Christmas-hymn," and a dainty little pastorelle in E.

### THE HORRORS OF SPORT.

A writer in The Westminster Review asks: What sadder sight is there to be found in the records of the hunted than the one of a dead-beat fox, worn out, with lolling tongue, heaving side, bedrugged brush, with the bay of the nearing pack growing every moment more distinct, struggling on in search of safety for his doomed life, dodging now here, now there, surrounded by a hostile field, the fiendish tally-ho sounding in his ears, the cracking of whips which warn him against any further attempt at escape? Then the hounds rush in. For one brief moment he turns at bay. Cui bono? The next all is worry, worry, worry as the poor, weary but gallant God is torn limb from limb, disembowelled, and reduced to a shapeless mass of bloody, dragged fl.

A fitting death it is, indeed, following as a sequel on the hunted torture which the poor brute has suffered from find to finish. I have ridden to hounds over many a hard-fought field, yet even in the day when I did not scruple to join in this animal torture, the death of a gallant fox always affected me unpleasantly, and reproach knocked at my heart louder and louder each time, and I have asked myself, "Cannot we have a sport without cruelty?" "Sadly we can."

Much of this barbarous caste and callous indifference to the sufferings of animals is bred with our childhood and upbringing. None but those who have indulged largely in sport in its many and varied branches can realize the holocaust of animal suffering that is day by day offered upon the altar of sport. I have seen and gauged it to its fullest, and I can safely say that, save in self-defence, I will never in life again raise gun or rifle to destroy the glorious animal life of creation, which, alas! I have so often and so wantonly taken part in bringing to destruction. Savagery still dominates us in a great degree. A higher education and civilization will teach us to despise amusements which are purchased at the expense of the life of an animal.

### A STUDENT ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Joseph O'Shea, 21 years old, a student at Niagara University, was accidentally shot and killed by another student near the college grounds to-day. A party of students were shooting at birds with a rifle when O'Shea stepped in front of the rifle just as it was discharged. The rifle was in the hands of John Carralla, 26 years old. The two men were bosom friends. They came here over a month ago from Ireland to complete their studies for the ministry. They had spent several years of preparation at All Hallows College, Dublin, and both were to have been ordained next June.

### WHITE FATHERS OF JERUSALEM.

Rev. Father J. Forbes, of the Congregation of White Fathers of Jerusalem, has just founded a postulate of his order at Quebec. He will at New York meet some members of the order, who have been sent out from the mother house of the order at Jerusalem. Father Forbes, who is a brother of Rev. P. Forbes, cure at Caughnawagas, was the first Canadian to join the order of White Fathers.

### DOMESTIC READING.

Not education, but character, is a man's greatest need and man's greatest safeguard. There are no big words in the sermon on the Mount. The best thing to do is to do well whatever God gives us to do. When we see the mantle of our own guilt on someone else, how quickly we condemn ourselves. If nobody took calumny in and gave it lodging, it would starve and die of itself. Before every decisive resolution the dice of death must be thrown. An evil intention perverts the best actions, and makes them sins. Cast your bread upon the waters, but do not wait until it is too stale for your own use. Nothing can be little on which the service of God depends. That which hides sorrow for sin

is sin itself. The more sin is cast out, the more sorrow enters.

Neglect mending a small fault, and it will soon be a great one. An evil intention perverts the best actions and makes them sins. When God leads into deep waters, it is that we may learn to cling to His hand.

Humility is the altar upon which God wishes that we should offer Him our sacrifices.

The moment that is flying holds more eternity than all our past, and the future holds none at all.

Prayer is the wing wherewith the soul flies to Heaven and meditation the eye with which we see God.

If a man is not making constant sacrifices, he is deceiving himself and is not advancing in spirituality. If a man is not denying himself daily, he is not carrying the cross.

We never know how rotten the tree is until it falls or how unstable the wall until it crumbles, and so in the moral nature of men subtle forces eat their way silently and imperceptibly to the very centre.

It is a law of science that sound cannot travel through a vacuum. The sound waves require the atmospheric conditions for their vibration. And this may serve as an analogy that through the spiritual vacuum made by unfaith no Divine aid can pass.

We can drive a stone upwards for a moment into the air, but it is yet true that all stones will for ever fall; and whatever instances can be quoted of unpunished theft, or of a lie which somebody credited, justice must prevail, and it is the privilege of truth to make itself believed.

The secret of life is not to do what one likes, but to try to do that which one has to do, and one does come to like it—in time.

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### MARRIAGES.

McGHEEY - DAVIS - At St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto on Monday, November 18, 1901 by the Rev. J. P. Treacy, D. D. assisted by Rev. Frank Walsh, C. S. B., of St. Michael's College Dr. R. J. McGheey to Miss Kathleen Davis, both of Toronto.

### DEATHS.

CALLAHAN - At Halifax, Nov. 8th, Dennis Callahan, in his 73rd year of his age.

GALLIVAN - In Kingston, Ont. on November 12th, 1901, James P. Callivan, son of the late Jas. Callivan.

McCABE - At Greenfield, Colchac, N. S., on Nov. 9th, 1901 Samuel McCabe, aged 41 years and 7 months.

CANTWELL - In Montreal, on the 18th inst., at 1144 1/2 St. James street, Jane Johnston, beloved wife of Thomas Cantwell.

GREENE - Ellen Buckley, widow of James Greene, master carter died on November 19th, at Montreal.

CHRISTIE - On November 22nd at his late residence, 114 Duke street, Toronto, of pneumonia William Christie, saddler, aged 4 years.

SHEA - In Montreal, on the 21st inst., Ellen, daughter of John S. and Susan Shea, aged 2 years and 1 month.

SLATTERY - At the Hotel Dieu Montreal, Wednesday, November 20th, 1901, James P. Slattery, aged 20 years 11 months and 2 days, youngest son of John Slattery, grocer, 148 Ottawa street.

FRANEY - In Hamilton, on Friday, Nov. 22, 1901, Ellen P. Franey, daughter of Thomas and Johannah Franey, aged 23.

BANNON - At 1596 St. James street, Montreal on Monday, 25th inst., Annie Burns, beloved wife of Michael Bannon, in her 68th year.

McGARRITY - In Montreal, on the 24th inst., Ellen O'Reilly, beloved wife of Hugh McGarrity, aged 31 years.

O'ROURKE - In London Township, on Nov. 16, 1901, William O'Rourke, aged 78 years.

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