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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

A DOUBLE DEDICATION.

EDIFICES AT ST. TELESPHORE AND HEMMINGFORD.

His Grace Archbishop Fabre and Mgr. Emard of Valleyfield Preside at the ('eremonies, Dedication. Description and Addresses.

Mgrs. Fabre and Emard and party embarked at Valleyfield, on the Chaffey, on Tuesday, May 28th, at half-past two, taking with them, upon the boat, Mgr. Emard's carriage and two horses, one of the latter mainfesting considerable disinclination for the perils of the voyage. St. Zotique, upon the opposite side of the river, about two miles west of Coteau, Father Coallier, and a large number of parishioners, who knelt on the wharf for the episcopal blessing. The visitors were Mgr. Fabre addressed a few words to the congregation, whose parish had been formally included within his diocese, and Monseigneur Emard conducted a brief service. The bishops and their companions then set out upon the road to St. Telesphore, which is nine miles distant. The two prelates drove in front, followed by the other clergymen.

ALL ALONG THE ROUTE

at every farmhouse the people knelt at their doors as the episcopal carriage passed. When St. Telesphore was reached it was to be found en fete for the occasion. An arch of evergreens extended across the road, and the neat little farm houses were gaily adorned with bunting and streamers, bearing such inscriptions as Sovez les bienveaus, Vive Leon XIII., Religion et Patrie, Ad multos felices annos, Esto felix inter gregem tuum, Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini, etc. Along the road a number of young white birchtrees had been planted at intervals of some half-dozen yards, and will, no doubt, serve to commemorate the occasion in after years.

The visitors were received at the presbytery by the parish priest, the Rev. Father Reid. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was held in the new church at half-past seven o'clock. Mgr. Fabre again delivered an address, in which he congratulated those present upon the zeal which they had displayed in erecting such a fine church, which would always remain a monument of their piety and devotion. He referred to the advantages which they enjoyed in being able to hear the Word of God constantly preached to them, a favor which was denied to less fortunate peoples. He reminded them that it was not by professing the principles of the faith aione that they would "please God; but they must also practice what they professed. A pleasing musical service was rendered choir composed of young boys of the village.

THE NEW CHURCH

is a very handsome stone structure. much superior to the kind that one St. Telesphore. It can seat between five and six hundred persons quite comfortably, and its capacity is not likely to be taxed to any greater extent for some considerable time. The roof is supported by twelve handsome pillars of imitation marble, and the altars represent some yery skilful work. Above the main altar is the image of St. Telesphore, while statues of the four evangelists are at the sides. Some artistically executed paintings adorn the walls, and the stations of the cross are represented after a chaste

After the Benediction there was a display of fireworks outside the church which was greatly appreciated, especial ly by the juvenile portion of the parish-

At seven o'clock punctually on Wednesday morning, the ceremony of the dedication of the church took place.

The dedication of a church may take place any day, although Sunday is preferred when practicable, as was not the case in the present instance.

Mgr. Fabre officiated at High Mass which followed, with Benediction. The ceremonies altogether lasted nearly five

THE HEMMINGFORD CHURCH.

The new church of St. Roman, of Hemmingford, was densely crowded last Wednesday night by citizens of all creeds, Protestant as well as Catholic. Their Lordships and the rest of the visiting clergy assisted. Seats had been provided for the distinguished visitors on each side of the sanctuary. After the opening anthem, addresses were read to he visiting prelates, one in French by Mr. Ameriault, notary public, and the one in English by Mr. Clancy, also notary public. Mgr. Fabre replied to the French address and Mgr. Emard to that

THE ENGLISH ADDRESS WAS AS FOLLOWS: To His Lordship, the Bishop of Valley-

My Lord, it is with heartfelt joy that we, the parishioners of St. Roman, of Hemmingford, behold our Bishop, our spiritual father, again among us. A visit of their pastoral ways gives delight and happiness to dutiful children, but when we consider that Your Lordship has come to our village to bless and delicate to God the church which we have lately erected, our joy and emotion are much enhanced. It is about a year since Your Lordship blessed the foundation stone of our new church, and in this short time the energy and assiduity of our beloved pastor, Mr. Ducharme, has

fice. It was surmised by some that with our limited means we were unable to build a church of the dimensions, style and elegance of the present structure; that we would succumb in the undertaking. Nevertheless, the work was projected, commenced and carried on, with the approval, benediction and gracious wishes of Your Lordship; encourage-ment and example given to the contribution by our worthy pastor, whose zealousness and perseverance have no limit. They stimulated the parishioners to remove every obstacle and crowned our efforts with success. How gratifying would it have been to the founders of the little lowly chapel, who repose in the adjoining cemetery, to contemplate that even before the last of

THEIR NUMBER HAD LEFT US.

was reached in due course, and their their little humble building would be Graces were received by the cure, the Rev. It is but doing justice to mention that several of our separated brethren, with all of whom we live in perfect conthe episcopai blessing. The presbytery, after then conducted to the presbytery, after which they entered the church, where contributed liberally towards the building of our new church. We are highly delighted and enlivened to see once more His Grace Mgr. Fabre, our former Bishop. Our hearts rejoice to behold the venerable father, who signed so many of us with the Cross of Salvation and extended his paternal care over us during so many years. We accept this visit as a testimony of the solicitude and regard His Grace still retains for the Catholics of Hemmingford, and most gratifying on this present occasion is his august presence, which will enhance the solemnity of the dedication, and his taking part therein render the ceremony more impressive and imposing. May the Lord grant him health and many more years to govern his archdiocese and administer to the wants of those under his care. We fully appreciate the kindness and good will of the other members of the clergy—holpful zealous priests, who in the interest of religion, have come so far to assist at the consecration and add eclat to it.

In conclusion, we, your devoted child-ren, fervently pray that Divine Providence may long preserve your Lordship in your present freshness, vigor and strength to watch over, direct and guide all whom

He has committed to your charge. The blessing of the new church took place in the morning the ceremony occupy ing the entire forenoon and being similar to that which took place the day before at St. Telesphore already described. Mgr. Fabre officiated at the dedication assist ed by the Rev. Father Laberge, cure of Dundee, and the Rev. Father Blais, director of the college at Valleyfield; Mgr. Emard officiated at High Mass afterwards. Sermons de circumstance were delivered by the Rev. Father Lonergan. cure of Ste. Brigide, Montreal, and the Rev. Father Quesnel, of St. Malachie d'Ormstown. About fifty more priests arrived here by the morning train, including Father Demesnit, Superior of St. Ivacinthe College, the Superior of the Oblates, the Provincial of the Freres de St. Viateur, the Rev. Mr. Ducharme. Fathers Morine Iver, of St. Jacques le Mineur: Seers, St. Jean Chrysostome Primeau. Boucherville; Cordeau, Stanwould expect to see in such a parish as stead; Geoffrion, former cure of Hemmingford; Menard, St. Edouard; Laporte, Pelodeau and others.

> AMONG THE CLERGYMEN PRESENT at the dedications were Fathers J. E. Donnelly, P.P. of St. Anthony's, Monttreal; O'Meara, P.P. of St. Gabriel's Montreal: T. Nepuen, cure of St. Joseph De Huntingdon; M. L. Shea, curate, St. Mary's, J. A. Belanger, Montreal; F. X. Chagnon, Champlain, N.Y.; Michel Charbonneau, Rouse's Point, N.Y.; A. Audit. Keesville, NY.; J. E. Dupret, St. Philomene; Chas. Colvin, St. Johns; P. E. Lussier, Beauharnois; F. X. Rabeau, St. Lambert : V. Dupuis, St. Valentine ; F. X. Fisseur, St. Ürbain; A. Basil, Remi; R. Booin, St. Blaize; M. Mainville, St. Regis; N. Aubrey, Stc. Martine; A. L. Laporte, Sts. Clotilde: George Montreuil, West Chazy, N.Y.

C. M. B. A. CONVENTION.

TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, VALLEY-FIELD, NEXT MONTH.

A convention of the Catholic Mutual Benevolent Societies of the Province is to be held at Valleyfield on June 29 and 30. The meetings to be held in the Town Hall will be opened by Mgr. Emard and presided over by the President of the St. Jean Baptiste Society of that place. One of the chief questions to be discussed is whether the local government should be asked to appoint an Inspector of Mutual Benefit Societies doing business in this Province. A number of other questions also of interest to members of these societies are to be discussed, including the following: "Is the invasion of the Province by foreign benefit societies desirable?" and also "Should the Government be asked to adopt a stringent law regarding these foreign societies and for the protection of the public?"

CATHOLIC FORESTERS.

The annual installation of officers of St. Ann's Court, No. 149, Catholic Order of Foresters, took place at last meeting, D. H. C. R. Bro. C. P. Malone officiating. The following brothers were instalted in office for the ensuing year :- Past Chief Ranger, Bro. C. Ritchot: Chief Ranger, Bro. J. P. Jackson; Vice Chief Ranger, Bro. Wm. Guilfoyle; Rec. Sec., Bro. P. H. Grangel; Fin. Sec., Bro. Geo. Benoit; Treasurer, Bro. A. D. Kavanagh: Court Physician and Medical Examiner, Bro. P. J. Hayes, M.D.; Trustees, Bros. Patrick Mitchell, D. Mctinels, Bros. W. J. Furlong and Timothy Clark; Delegate to Convention, Bro. C Ritchot; Alternative, Bro. John Dundon. Arrangements were also concluded for holding a grand picnic at Otterburn Park, St. Hilaire, on Saturday, June 15.

A GRAND CONCERT

IN AID OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH DE-CORATION.

On Friday evening, June 14th, a grand Concert, in aid of the decoration of St. Patrick's Church, will be given in the Victoria Armory Hall. The entertainment will be under the patronage of the Reverend clergy of St. Patrick's. A magnificent programme has been prepared and a complete success-both artistic and financial—is expected. It is to be hoped that the public will show a practical appreciation of not only the efforts being made to prepare a splendid concert. but also the wonderful improvements that are the result of an ardent desire to place St. Patrick's Church in the front rank of our most attractive and beautiful

Amongst others who will take part in the programme may be mentioned, Prof. Goulet, Prof. Saucier, Mrs. Monk, Mrs. Humphrey; the Misses Terroux, Taschereau, May Milloy, Hubert, Turcotte and McAndrew; and Messrs. Feron and Algernon Taylor. The accompanists need no special recommendation, their names and talents are already universally acknowledged and appreciated—they are Professor Fowler and Miss Baile.

Tickets may be had from the ladies of the Congregation de Notre Dame, St. Patrick's Academy, at St. Patrick's Presbytery and at Milloy's news-stand, St. Catherine street, We would recommend our readers to secure their tickets as early as possible.

ST. ANN'S ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE.

TO TAKE PLACE ON 13TH JULY NEXT.

It may seem early to call attention to the important event above mentioned; but it is well to "take time by the foreespecially when there is question of one of the most interesting and extensive pilgrimages of the year. In our next issue we will give the details of the programme. In this number of the TRUE WITNESS will be found the official announcement in our advertising columns. This will be the thirteenth annual pilgrimage from St. Ann's parish. of Montreal, to the famed shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre. It leaves this city on Saturday, July 13th, at 3.30 p.m., under, as usual, the direction of the kind and indefatigable Father Strubbe. It is expected that the attendance will be greater than ever it was in past years. Not only a pleasant and health-imparting excursion, but above all, a religious display, indicative of faith and holy zeal. event will be fruitful in spiritual dessings as also in temporal benefits. Watch out for the announcements in

PHERIMAGE TO STE. ANNE DE BEAUPRE.

We are happy to be able to inform our readers that the preparations for the great Diocesan Pilgrimage are being arranged with skilful care, and with a view to securing every comfort of modern travel at the lowest possible cost. Father Stanton has succeeded in bringing the excursion within limits which will render it easy for even persons of slender means to embrace its advantages. The several railways and lines of steamers have met the indefatigable organizer with unexpected generosity, and thus all, even those living in distant places, will be afforded every opportunity of securing the advantages of a few days agreeable sojourn in the neighboring Province and a day of rest and prayer at the Shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre. The C.O.R. from Picton to Trenton and thence to C. P. R. crossing will give cheap excursion rates. A first-class coach of the C. P. R. will be sent to Picton, so that persons from that neighborhood may travel right through to the Shrine with

out charge of cars. The excursion rates extend to Pembroke. Peterboro, Prescott, Brockville and Dalhousie Mills and all intermediate points. The date of the Pilgrimage is the 30th of July next. We are satisfied that the organization of all the details will prove eminently successful and that economy will be secured to the travellers. This journey could not be accomplished, under ordinary circumstances, for four times the cost of this forthcoming excursion. The rates as under will give an idea of

heapness of the excursion :—	
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46	Kemptville Junction 4 15
44	Pembroke 5 35
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44	Kemptville 4 10
**	Green Valley)
"	Dalhousie Mills 3 75
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137 (hildren—half fare.

First-class coaches, sleeping cars and tourists' equipped cars will be in Kingston for passengers. Applications for sleeping berths may be made to any C. P. R. agent—to F. J. Conway, agent, Kingston; W. A. Barnford, agent, Peterboro; and R. A. Bennett, agent, Smith's Falls. Remarkably cheap rates have been secured over all steamboat lines and branch railways. For further partibrought to completion the present edi
Carthy and M. Byrne; Conductors, Bros. culars apply to Rev. M. J. Stanton, Smith's Falls.—Canadian Freema.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

INTERESTING ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS.

The Catholic Order of Foresters-Great Activity in and Around Ottawa-The Numerous Delegates Enjoying Themselves-Religious Ceremonies and General Proceedings-List of Delegates-The Liquor Question-Election of Offi-

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, June 23 .- There was an air of activity in Catholic Foresters circles during Friday last in this city, which betokened an event of unusual importance. No matter where one looked cither in the hotels or on the busy streets, a visiting delegate or energetic and enthusiastic local Forester could be seen. Indicative of the busy aspect of affairs was a small blue badge, which to the initiated at once announced that the first Ontario Provincial Convention was in session. Although called for Friday a great many of the delegates were on hand Thursday enjoying the beauties of the Capital and its surroundings. But the majority of the visitors arrived Friday, which, sad to relate, was a most unpropitious day, and greatly interfered with the pre-arranged programme of the local brethren, who intended making the visitors as happy as possible. The best was made of the circumstances, however. After attending High Mass in a body at the Basilica at nine o'clock Friday morning, at which Rev. Vicar-General Routhier was the celebrant, a light luncheon was held. During the afternoon a drive around the city on a magnificent electric service, which the Capital boasts so much of.was indulged in. While in transit, rain came down in torrents, but it seemed not to detract in the least from the outing. When near the end of the trip the car containing the visitors and friends was run to the Union Depot, arriving there in time to receive High Chief Secretary Thiele, of Chicago, Ill. He was pleasantly surprised. The reception was unexpected on his part, and it was with a great deal of enthusiasm that he joined the excusionists. The outing terminated at the Foresters Hall, on Sussex street.

Dinner was partaken of at the Russell House, after which the inaugurale meeting was held at the Convention hall, which was artistically and beatifully decorated for the occasion. High Secretary Thiele's presence was recognized in true fraternal style, a large Stars and Stripes flag having been hung beside the Union Jack over the main entrance.

In the evening the delegates lost no time and preceded to business sharp at the call of the chair, which was occupied by the High Secretary.

Mr. Thiele, on opening the Convention, :XTended to outline the aims and objects of the Provincial Court, the organization of which was chiefly to do away with an enormous representation and expenditure at the annual Conventions. Last year there were nearly 500 delegates in attendance, representing 30,000 members of the order. By the new arrangement a reduction of four fifths would be made in the number of delegates, which meant a considerable saving to the order, when it is understood the expenses attached to the St. Paul Convention aggregated \$20,000. Besides the new order of business will considerably help to facilitate matters in the respective provinces, where home affairs may be dealt with without going direct to the High Court.

Then the various Committees were struck as follows:—Constitution: W. T. Lee, Toronto: A. Morel, Ottawa. Finance: J. C. Howard, Hastings. Appeals and Good of the Order: Rev. Father Beausoleil, Casselman.

The Credential Committee reported the following delegates present:—Rev Father Beausoleil, Casselman: Arthur Morel, Rev. Father Whelan, C. S. O. Bou dreamt, S. Cross, M. J. Cleary, G. W. Seguin, L. Dore, L. J. Dion, J. Levesque S. McIrvain, Ottawa; J. J. Foran, Billings' Bridge; W. T. Lee, Joseph Cadaret Toronto; M. J. Comiskey, Ingersoll, E. McCaffrey, Westport; J. Frawley, Sudbury; J. J. Kchoe, Sault Ste. Marie; J. P. Bryson, Peterboro; J. C. Howard, Hast ings; Wm. J. O'Brien, Tweed, Ont.; H.J. Cloran, Hawkes bury; P. K. Halpin. Prescott; P. Barnes, Brockville; E. Grondin, Smith's Falls; Pierre Marler, Cum mings' Bridge: R. J. Spoor, Wolf Island D. Stally, Kingston; M. Jewell, Pembroke; W. E. Mullins, London; J. O. Dremgole, London; F. A. Robert, Chatham; C. P. Baby, Cornwall; J. A. Labrosse, Moose Creek; W. Hurley, Vank-leek Hill; J. W. Dempsey, Maniwaki; Rev. Father McDonald, Alexandria: J. H. Hawley, Amprior; F. M. Devine, Ren-

Saturday saw the Convention in full swing despite the oppressive heat which prevailed. Delegates were on board early to receive the reports, the first of which came from the Constitution Committe. It was a voluminous document, and was a long time under consideration. Every clause was taken up separately and discussed, and in the end when the report, as amended in several cases, was passed, it varied but little from the laws which govern the Subordinate Courts. One change noticeable was the power of the Provincial High Chief Ranger, whose duty it shall be to appoint one District Deputy Organizer for every three Courts. In no case shall an organizer have control of more than three courts in the district.

It was late in the day when the final clauses of the Constitution were strug-

gled through. It was decided that the High Treasurer's bonds be placed at \$3,000. The Provincial Chaplain, who is yet to be appointed by the Court, will have power to vote at meetings, pro-

vided he be a member of the order. A great deal of legislation was introduced by Ottawa Courts. One subject among others which received due consideration was the liquor question, in so far as it related to new members. An Ottawa delegate wanted to exclude all those engaged in the traffic from future membership. A warm debate followed in which there was much opposition. Finally, it was submitted to a committee, who later reported that they could not entertain the request, and there

ended the matter. When business under the "good of the order" was reached, all interest centred in the report from the committee on "graded assessments," which will eventually be introduced into the order. The report favored the change, but the committee was against the lowest assessment, which estimated it at 60 cents. This was considered too high for young members, and the majority of the dele gates were of the same opinion as the committee, so a vigorous protest was entered. It is safe to assume that a cut will be made on it at the annual convention of the High Court in September. The vote on the report's adoption stood

23 to 12. No officer of the new Provincial Court can hold office more than one year, and delegate's fees were placed at \$2.50 per diem, exclusive of mileage, all of which will be paid by High Court, and Toronto was agreed on as the next place of Convention, after which the election of officers was proceeded with. With one exception there was a contest, in which the competition for a place of honor in the new Provincial Court was surprisingly keen. Altogether seven hours were occupied in making selections for the various offices, it being after midnight on Saturday when an adjournment was made. Those elected were

Provincial High Chief Ranger, W. T. Lee. Toronto. Provincial H. V. C. R., C. S. O. Beau-

dreault, Ottawa. Provincial High Secretary, A. Warel. Offawa.

Provincial High Treasurer, G. W. Seguin, Ottawa. High Trustees-W. E. Mullins, Lon-

don: J. P. Bryson, Peterboro'; John A. Chisolm, Cornwall: G. P. Baby, Windsor; and V. McCullough, Ottawa.
Delegates to High Court—W.J. Cleary, Ottawa: J. C. Howard, Hastings: F. A.

Robert, Chatham: W. T. Lee, Toronto, and S. Cross, Ottawa. Alternates-Owing to the lateness of

the hour the five trustees were named as alternates, and then the Convention adjourned.

As is generally customary, the usual speech-making followed the elections. First High Secretary Thiele expressed his gratification at the business-lik from the High Court and then proceeded | ner the Convention had been conducted. He paid a high compliment to the delegates, and particularly the Courts, for having delegated such a body of intelligent representatives.

High Chief Ranger Leelikewise spoke.

In earnest words he expressed his thanks, and assured his brothers they would not regret the confidence placed in him by electing him to the highest office of the Provincial Court. High Chief Ranger Lee is practising barrister of Toronto, about 30 years of age, and has been an enthusiastic Forester for three years. He was the delegate from Sacred Heart Court.

On Sunday the delegates again went to Mass in a body, and in the afternoon paid a visit to the Archbishop's Palace, where, in the absence of Archbishop Duhamel they had a pleasant conference with Vicar-General Routhier. High Secretary Thiele headed the delegation.

RELIGIONS THAT DIFFER.

To the Fditor of THE TRUE WITNESS. MR. EDITOR.-I was highly amused on

reading in our city Herald the address of a certain Protestant parson, Warrinera sermon. I suppose, he calls it, but what I should call a thunder-and-lightning oration, a regular Cardigan charge, slash ing right and left at everything and anything, firing balls and shells at everyone and anyone, demolishing every obstacle, having one grand object in view, and that is-the aforesaid parson, the supreme teacher and reformer, the embodiment of perfection and wisdom. Why, Leo XIII. could not hold a candle to him.

Well, what is it all about? The fact of the matter is, Davis was dismissed at the City Hall, hence Ira. The poor parson could not hold his tongue, and therefore, as he says, he cares not whether a man be a Unitarian or a Trinitarian, a Catholic or a Protestant, or, I suppose, a Jew or a pagan, provided people would act up to his dictation. The only thing to add to this great piece of oratory is, according to Musulman parlance: God is great and Warriner is His prophet!

Now, I don't maintain all is perfect at the City Hall, nor do I wish to whitewash all the niggers, but at the same time I am quite adverse to slaughtering the innocents.

What I find eminently objectionable is the fact that a man calling himself : Christian, and a preacher to boot, should make light of such difference as is between a Unitarian and a Trinitarian, a Catholic and a Protestant; what is he, then? A Broadman, I suppose-so broad that he takes in everything and everyone, except-an alderman, who voted against Davis.

ST. ANN'S PARISH.

FIRST COMMUNION SERVICES.

An Eloquent Sermon and Grand Musical Selections - The St. Ann's Choral Union.

On Sunday last the children of St. Ann's parish made their first communion. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Strubbe. The young ladies' choir supplied the music, which was of a high order. The children looked beautiful. The boys in black, with their beautifut white badges, contrasted highly with the snow-white dresses and veils of the girls.
Before Benediction in the evening, Rev.
Father Shelfhaut delivered a most cloquent and appropriate sermon for the occasion. It was a proud day for St. Ann's pastors, parents and children—with what joy must the angels gaze on such a scene. Even the inexpressible delight of Our Divine Saviour's countenance seemed to mingle somewhat in the brilliant illumination of the Sanctuary. Oh, with what ineffable joy did Our Divine Lord come forth from His place of love to bless those dear children and their

The Benediction was sung by St. Ann's choir, assisted by the school boys, under the able leadership of Mr. P. J. Shea, organist of St. Ann's. The music was in every way equal to the grand occasion Parce Domine (Azioli), soloist, Mr. Parks. Sanctus (Fauconier), Mr. Mularkey, soloist. Ave Maria (Cherubin), Mr. John Morgan, soloist. Tantum Ergo (Rossini), Messrs. Murphy, Morgan, Mc-Keown, soloists. Laudate (Lambillotte). St. Ann's Young Men's choir and St. Ann's Young Ladies' choir are among the best in the city. Those who enjoy their rendition of sacred and highly classic music in St. Ann's Church and the exquisite choral singing in St. Ann's Half can testify to the training and talent of the young men, while those who attend the May and June devotions in St. Ann's Church can speak in praiseof the skill and charm of the Young Ladies' choir. But those who wish to enjoy the enrapturing harmony of the combined choral talent will not fail to attend the entertainment to begin in St. Ann's Hall on the 18th inst., in favor of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

ST. ANN'S CHORAL UNION.

The ladies' and gentlemen's Choral Union of St. Ann's parish are busy preparing a grand programme of vocal and instrumental music under the leadership of Mr. P. J. Shea, organist of St. Ann's. for the concert to be given on the 18th inst., in aid of the Little Sisters of the-Poor. A number of prominent artists have volunteered their services for the occasion. The concert will take place in St. Ann's Young Men's half, corner of Young and Ottawa streets.

THE EMIGRANT CHILDREN.

To the Editor of the True Witness: Sir. - In your last issue you give notice of the expected arrival of the batch of boys and girls brought out to this country under the auspices of the Catholic Protection and Rescue Society, and I would like to speak a word of praise and bear testimony to the good work of that Society. Whilst on a visit to the western part of the county of Stormont some time ago, I found there are several of these young emigrants quite at home in the families of the v. Il-to-do farmers with whom they live (and as one of the family in every case), and one incident in particular came un er my notice. Three children, members of one family, (two boys and one girl) were sent out. The oldest boy and girl were immediately placed in good homes near to each other and in the same parish, but the youngest, a small but sturdy little fellow of some six summers, was not so quickly disposed of, being so young and small for his years. However, a young farmer stepped out and claimed him, and remarked "that he would just be the lad to play with his baby." So he was provided for, and as he is taken to church whenever the weather permits, the brothers and sister are united for the greater part of every Sunday, not in their parents' home, but in their Heavenly Father's house, to unite in their grateful thanks for providing for them and being kept from the dangers and perils of the streets of large cities.

The little fellow had not quite fergotten some of the street songs, and could make a fair attempt to dance a clog, which he had learned on the streets in Liverpool; but to see him when the evening closed, reverently kneel down and recite his simple little prayers, and thank his Creator for His goodness and care during the past, and implore His blessings for the future, would have brought tears to the eyes of a "stoic" and made us feel glad that such societies existed.

OBITUARY.

THE LATE MR. LEO LEFEVRE.
Mr. Leo Lefevre, son of Mr. Edward Lefevre, of Bothwell, Ont., formerly of Chichester, County of Pontiae, died in Nicaragua, Central America, of bilious fever after a few days illness. The sad intelligence was conveyed to his grief stricken parents through the American and Spanish Consuls at Nicaragua. At the time of his death deceased was travelling salesman for the firm of Messes. Amsineks & Co., of New York city.

The Pope has directed the preparation of a laudatory letter to the Episcopate of Canada in recognition of their zeal in the promotion of Catholic schools,