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"If the English-speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the 'True Witness' one of the most prosperous and general Catholic papers in this country. I heartily bless those who encourage this excellent work."  
—PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

**AT ST. ANN'S.**—On Sunday last the parishioners of St. Ann's held their annual procession through the leading thoroughfares of the parish, when the Most Blessed Sacrament was borne by the new Rector, Rev. Father Rioux, C.S.S.R., under a canopy with an escort of Churchwardens and officers of parish societies. The pupils of St. Ann's schools, boys and girls; St. Ann's T. A. & B. Society; the Catholic Order of Foresters; St. Ann's Young Men's Society; Holy Family Society; St. Ann's Society for women and other parish organizations were in the line of procession in large numbers to give public testimony of their religious convictions. At the public haymarket square, a beautiful altar and repository had been erected near the house of Mr. J. B. I. Flynn, clerk of the market, whose fervor and loyalty to religion and country are well known. Here Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given. The male choir of St. Ann's Church and the young women graduates of the convent in connection with the parish contributed beautiful hymns.

Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., had charge of the arrangements. A cord of police under that efficient officer, Captain Fennel, rendered good service. St. Ann's parish is to be congratulated on the magnificent success of the demonstration.

**ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL.**—A green flag was unfurled to the breeze on Friday last from the turret of the Catholic High School building, so long vacant, as an evidence that the classrooms were to be occupied by the pupils of St. Patrick's School, the parish school under the direction of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The building and spacious grounds, which were sold by the Governors of the Catholic High School to St. Bridget's Refuge some weeks ago, have been rented by the churchwardens of St. Patrick's parish for a term of two years. One or two classes have taken possession of the premises and at the beginning of the next school term all the classes will be installed.

**VACATIONS.**—We have received, just as we are going to press, an invitation from the Reverend Director of St. Ann's School, Brother Prudent to assist at the closing exercises of the year. This historic educational establishment has rendered notable service to the grand old parish of St. Ann's, not alone in the training of youth during their school day careers, but also in watching over them in years after they quitted the institution.

**NOTRE DAME DES NEIGES.**—This establishment, a branch of St. Laurent College, under the direction of the Fathers of the Holy Cross, for young boys, is one of the most interesting in its appointments. It is said that the sum of \$200,000 has been expended in lands and buildings. Every feature calculated to promote the religious, intellectual and physical development of youth is available. It is beautifully located, and the view of the surrounding country is inspiring. The judgment and perception of our clergy and religious in locating their establishments, whether their aims be charitable or educational, are again strikingly exemplified in this College of Notre Dame des Neiges. It is a monu-

ment to the devotion, fervor and abnegation of the Order.

**SISTERS OF HOLY NAMES.**—Many of our important religious institutions have been for decades located in adjoining districts of Montreal, and many others are now engaged in moving their establishments out of the crowded and smoky confines of the city. The Sisters of the Holy Names of Hochelaga are at present erecting a magnificent home in Outremont in a superb locality of that quiet and beautiful rural district. The site is a commanding one and covers a large area of land which includes the slopes of Mount Royal.

**A SHELTER FOR POOR.**—It is said that the Grey Nuns, the pioneer Order in the cause of charity and good works in Montreal, have purchased a building on St. Paul street, near Bonsecours Church, where they will open a refuge for the appropriate name of "Institut St. Antoine des Bonsecours." Thus the grand old Order goes back again to a vicinity near its old home of a quarter of a century ago, to minister to the needy and cheer the hearts of those who are on the verge of despair.

**PARISH PRIEST.**—By a decision of His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal, Rev. J. B. Jobin has been appointed parish priest of Sainte-Julie de Vercheres.

**ON FRIDAY** the Benediction at the closing of the meetings of the Oeuvre des Tabernacles took place at three in the afternoon in the Church of Notre Dame de Pite. The ceremony was preceded by a most instructive sermon.

**A PARISH DEMONSTRATION.**—On Sunday last the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament was held in St. Jean Baptiste parish. Rev. Abbe Rasconi carried the ostensorium, and Rev. Mr. Paiement acted as deacon with Rev. Mr. Latour as sub-deacon. The procession passed along Drolet street, Duluth avenue, Berrie, Rachel and Marie Anne streets, Laval Avenue and Rachel street. A most beautifully arranged repository was erected at the corner of Rachel and Berrie streets at the residence of Mr. Desjardins. In the afternoon, the procession for Saint James' parish took place. The repository was at the polytechnic school in front of the Church. The procession went by way of St. Denis, Ontario, St. Hubert, Dorchester and St. Denis streets. Thousands walked in the procession.

**AT THE CATHEDRAL.** His Grace the Archbishop carried the Sacred Host. The procession went by Cathedral, Lagache, Mansfield and Dorchester streets. It was attended by a vast concourse of people. Throughout the Province, in almost all the country parishes the beautiful weather of Sunday gave an opportunity to hold the customary processions, and in some instances they were on really grand scales. There is no more beautiful act of faith than that which is associated with the Corpus Christi procession.

**MGR. EMARD.**—On Thursday of last week Mgr. Emard, the venerated and beloved Bishop of Valleyfield, celebrated the twelfth anniversary of his episcopal consecration.

The "True Witness" desires to join its congratulations to those so sincerely expressed by the faithful of that new diocese. Mgr. Emard is the constant object of esteem and admiration on the part of all who have the privilege of knowing him, and especially of all who have the greater privilege of being numbered among his flock. The lively interest that he has always taken in educational affairs as well as in the material progress and religious instruction of all under his charge, and the friendliness he has ever shown towards the same holy causes in all sections of our Province, have marked him as one of those patriotic prelates whose mission seems to be the performance of perpetual good. May God grant him many long years in health and strength, to govern his diocese and instruct his people.

**DEATH OF FATHER HAMON.**—The Jesuit order has just lost, in death, one of the best known priests of that great community, in the person of the late Father Edward Hamon, S.J. The deceased priest was the founder of the League of the Sacred Heart, and strange to say, he died on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, while preaching a mission in connection with that devotion. His death, which was very sudden, took place at Leeds, in the County of Megantic. The remains were brought to Montreal, and the Requiem Mass was sung on Tuesday at 8 a.m. at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Afterwards the interment took place at Sault au Recollet, in the Jesuit cemetery adjoining the novitiate. Father Hamon was a Frenchman of Brittany. He was born at Vitre in 1841, and entered the Jesuit novitiate, at Angers, in 1860. After twelve years of study in France and in the United States, he was ordained priest in 1872, by Mgr. now Cardinal Gibbons. The last thirty-five years of his life have been consecrated to labors in Canada principally. Between Montreal and Quebec he has lived most of the time. But he has preached missions all over Canada and all over the Eastern States. He had been for two years professor of literature at St. Mary's College here. From 1897 to 1900 he was Superior of the Jesuits house in Quebec. He was the author of a great many important works that will survive him and bear fruit long after his presence will be forgotten by coming generations. May his soul rest in peace.

**ST. JEAN BAPTISTE.**—His Grace the Archbishop has published the following circular:

"Friday, 24th June, the feast of St. Jean Baptiste, will be a day on which all the Catholics of the city of Montreal, and of the surrounding suburbs, will be permitted to eat flesh meat, on account of the great influx of people and the difficulty of abstaining on that day. This favor is granted, in virtue of a decree of the Holy See under date, the 5th December, 1893. The abstinence of that Friday will be observed on the Wednesday previous, that is to say on the 22nd June. No change is made regarding the rest of the diocese."

**CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.**—The concert this week held under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, Canada Council, was one of the most successful of the season. The Knights evidently are inspired with a desire to help President McNamee and his executive to carry out their idea of extending the premises of the Club so as to permit of the erection of a new concert and entertainment hall and additional recreation rooms for the visiting seamen. The attendance was large, including the officers of the organization and members and their friends. Mr. Justice Chas. J. Doherty, Grand Knight, occupied the chair, and in his opening remarks dwelt upon the great amount of good which the Club has been doing during recent years. He hoped that the day would soon dawn when the Catholic Sailors' Club would have a memorial in the form of a building which would be an honor and credit to the founders and organizers of the Association.

The programme, which was in the main supplied by the able choir of the Knights, under the direction of Prof. P. J. Shea, was one of a high order of merit. The seamen, as usual, contributed their rollicking songs, choruses and dances, which added much zest to the evening. No more enjoyable hour can be spent than in visiting the Catholic Sailors' Club on a Wednesday evening. The small sum of ten cents is charged to the general public for admission which goes towards defraying the general expenses and of furnishing various articles to the visiting seamen.

**A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.**—The students of "Blinkbonnie," a well known and popular educational establishment, conducted by Prof. A. J. Hales Saunders, on Sherbrooke street, held a most successful entertainment last week. During the brief period of its existence "Blinkbonnie" has earned, amongst a large number of households in St. Patrick's and other parishes, a reputation which should in future lighten the responsibilities its able administrator had to bear in the preliminary days of organization.

Mr. Justice J. J. Curran, who has evinced an enthusiastic interest in the institution since it opened its doors, after the performance, delivered one of his happy addresses, in which he complimented the professors and students on the high standard of the entertainment.

**VILLA MARIE CONVENT.** under the direction of the Congregation de Notre Dame, was the scene of a magnificent demonstration this week, in which teachers and graduates took part. The occasion was the celebration of the golden jubilee of its foundation. At the hour of going to press, this week, we are only able to note the fact, the programme arranged for the celebration will occupy three days—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Graduates of the institution have come from various cities of the neighboring Republic to join their old companions in this city in honor of the event. The function is one which affords many striking lessons of the noble work this historic educational institution has performed in its special sphere during the first half century of its existence. In our next issue we will endeavor to refer to some of them, and furnish our readers with an outline of the celebration.

**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.**—In the "Churchman," a Protestant Episcopalian organ, Mr. E. D. Ward makes statements calculated to encourage Catholic educationalists. He says:

"I never pass one of the Roman Catholic Church's many institutions for the education of her children without doing inward obeisance to her wisdom and faithfulness in regard to this all-important duty; or without an ardent longing that our own beloved branch of the Church Catholic could have her eyes opened to the great work that she could and should do in the same field."

He then points out how little religion is taught in public schools. The beliefs of Christians, the heresy of Jews, the unbelief of atheists, all seem to clash, and the net result is infidelity. He shows how the Catholic Church protests against this state of things, and quietly goes to work and erects her own schools and provides her own educational equipment. Then she reaps abundantly what she has sown. He then appeals to the Protestant Episcopal Church to do likewise. Appeal is very well, but it must be remembered that his church is but a sect, and does not possess the unity, the discipline or the power (not to mention the grace) of the Catholic Church. If he wants such results he must obtain them by coming into the Catholic Church.

**CATHOLIC MOTHERS.**—In Germany, that land of wonderful and effective activity, the nineteenth annual congress at Berlin has just been held. Amongst the practical subjects discussed we find one lady—Miss Schmitz, of Aix-la-Chapelle—lecturing on "What is to be done in order that the German mothers may have the best possible training?" Her address casts no reflections on the present generation of mothers. In Germany mothers are

very exemplary, hard-working and domestic in tastes. The aim of the lady writer is to show that with increased population, and changes of conditions, new systems are needed. In fact these congresses and the subjects selected for the lectures are working no end of good in Germany. And through them the Catholic element is making great headway. It is becoming firmly organized, creating an influence for itself, and being recognized by the State, from the Emperor down. This is how Catholicity is now gaining such a footing in this pre-eminently Protestant land.

## SAINTS IN JUNE.

Possibly no month in all the year presents a list of greater Saints than does that of June. In another issue we will speak of such Saints as John the Baptist and Saints Peter and Paul. Their feasts come at the end of the month. But earlier we have a large number of Saints of special rank in the Church. A few of these we will mention this week.

**ST. QUIREMIS.**—This martyr was Bishop of Sessia, in Pannonia. He was put to death in a wonderful manner, in the year 403. When in prison he converted the gaoler, Marc'ellus, and baptized him. He was cast into the river, with a millstone around his neck. Still he managed to float on the water, and to preach. At last, fearing to miss martyrdom, he prayed to have the miracle cease; his prayer was granted, and his martyrdom consummated.

**ST. BONIFACE.**—This was the great Archbishop of Mentz, in Germany, and apostle of that country. He was an Englishman by birth, having been born at Crediton, in Devon, about the year 680. His name was Winfrid; but Pope Gregory II. changed it to Boniface, when he went to Rome after his first mission to the Saxons. In 719 Pope Gregory II. gave him a mission to Germany. There he not only converted the pagans, but corrected Christians, of Bavaria, who were leading irregular lives. After converting the people of Saxony, in company with St. Willibrod, he went through Hesse and Saxony baptizing pagans and building churches. His success was so great that the Pope sent for him, consecrated him Bishop, called him Boniface. In 732 Gregory II. died, and his successor, Gregory III., made Boniface Archbishop of Mentz and Primate of all Germany. On the 5th June, 755, the Archbishop suffered martyrdom. At Friesland a band of pagans killed him and fifty-two of his companions.

**ST. NORBERT.**—This saint, who was the founder of the Premonstratensian Order, was born at Santen, in Cleves, in the year 1080. He was of noble birth; and once cut a great dash at the Court of his cousin, Emperor Henry IV. of Germany. One day, out hunting, a thunderbolt fell so near him as to kill his horse and leave him for hours stunned. When he awoke he was a changed man. He did not go back to Court, but to the Canony at Santen, where he lived in prayer and meditation. The Archbishop of Cologne ordained him to the priesthood. He spent forty days in retreat before saying his first Mass. He obtained Papal permission to preach where he liked, and did miracles of conversion in France. He founded, in 1121, an Order at Premontré, once a barren place in the forest of Concy. He built monasteries all over Europe. Owing to his great devotion to the Blessed Eucharist, he is generally represented with the Ciborium in his hand. He was appointed Archbishop of Magdeburg, in 1126, and died in 1134, at the age of fifty-three.

**ST. ROBERT.**—This Saint was Abbot of Newminster, and a Cistercian. He was a native of Yorkshire. He was originally a member of the Benedictine Order in York, but later on in life he joined the Cistercians, who had then just been introduced into England. The work that he did for the Church in his

native land secured his canonization.

**ST. WILLIAM.**—There are several saints of this name; but the present one was Archbishop of York and a nephew of King Stephen and Henry of Blois, the great Archbishop of Winchester. He was a contemporary of St. Robert. On the death of Thurstan, in 1144, St. William was chosen Archbishop, though the papalium was sent to Henry Murdach, a Cistercian monk. In 1153, Archbishop Murdach died, and St. William was elected his successor by Pope Anastasius IV. When he was received in York, the wooden bridge over the river Ouse broke down, and hundreds of people fell in the river. There it was that he performed his first miracle. He prayed and made the sign of the Cross over the water and not one of the people was drowned.

**ST. COLUMBA.**—To distinguish this saint from many others of the same name, he was called Columbkille—in memory of the many monastic cells, or killes, which he founded. Though an Irishman, his work was the conversion of the Picts. He was born at Gartan, Co. Tyrconnel, in 521, and lived till 597, the year of St. Augustine's arrival in England.

**ST. MARGARET.**—This is St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, niece of another Saint—King Edward the Confessor. In 1070, being 24 years of age, she was married to King Malcolm of Scotland, at Dunfermline. They were blessed with a numerous family, of whom three boys succeeded, in turn, to the throne of Scotland—Edgar, Alexander and David. She was a model of charity and virtue, of almsgiving, prayer and mortification.

## AN AUTOGRAPH QUILT.

A unique gift to an Archbishop is thus described by one of our exchanges:

An autograph quilt of rare artistic design, containing 2046 autographs, and valued at \$1000, has just been completed, after eight months' incessant work by the women of Sacred Heart Church, in Melrose Park, and was presented to Archbishop Quigley recently, as a memento of his first anniversary in Chicago. Conspicuous among the many autographs on the quilt is that of Pope Pius X., which has the distinction of being the first autograph of the Pontiff received in this country. The quilt, which has a white background, is divided into thirty squares; the two centre squares have wreaths of holly embroidered on them, and one contains the fac simile of the Pope's autograph, with the lion of St. Mark and the Papal coat of arms worked in Papal Colors; the adjoining square contains the autograph of Archbishop Quigley; surrounding these two squares are the autographs of Bishop McGavick, Bishop Muldoon, Chancellor Barry, and numbers of the prominent pastors and assistants in Chicago churches, city officials and professional business men. Laurel wreaths encircle all but the two centre squares, and the signatures, which include over 1000 members of the Woman's Catholic Foresters, are all embroidered in red.

## RELIGION AND COUNTRY.

Addressing the members of the A. O. H. recently, Mgr. Mooney, V.G., of the Archdiocese of New York, closed an eloquent sermon with the following appeal:

Look then, aloft to your own aims, to your own high aims. Fix your gaze and be true—be true to them, be true to yourself, be true, above all, to the memory of your fathers, who ever kept in their hearts as fresh and as green their faith and their religion, which was the pledge of their nationality, as fresh and as green as the bright verdure that mantles the beautiful hills and valleys of their distant Island home. Do this, and as sure as to-morrow's sun will rise you will do great things for yourselves, for your country and for God.