

LOCAL AND DIOCESAN.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME.—Father Holland acknowledges with proper thanks the following donations received during the past week...

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CONCERT. The concert of this week was under the auspices of the St. Mary's Court, C.O.F. There was a very large and appreciative audience present...

OBITUARY.

REV. DOM. AIDAN HOWLETT, O.S.B.

It is our regretful duty to record the death of the Rev. Dom. Aidan Howlett, O.S.B., of Downside Abbey. The deceased was the eldest son of Mr. John Howlett, J.P., Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny...

Brave Cobalt Priest.

Renewal of Religious Activity Under Distressing Circumstances.

(From Cobalt Weekly Nugget.) "But Job said to God, Your name be blessed."

A new "Job's comforter," giving a new significance to this caustic and hackneyed phrase has arisen in Cobalt.

He is Rev. Father Forget, the beloved head of the English, French, Italian, Polish, Syrian and several other nationalities that go to make up the Roman Catholic parish of Cobalt, numbering nearly one half its population.

Again and again the words were iterated as a refrain by the priest as he faced his congregation on Sunday morning under probably the most strange circumstances that has fallen to the lot of any minister of the Silver City.

The church, built on the top of a slope, had been wiped out by the fire of two days before, until only a couple of charred pillars distinguished the site from the two hundred others that stretched along the Hailebury road and up and down the rocky, hilly surface.

But a few yards back from the ruins Father Forget had found a place to set up an altar for his people.

It was a spot almost incongruous were it not for the spirit of worship that pervaded the whole scene. Between two small wooden houses, covered with sheeting, and in the corner of one against a wooden lean-to, a rough table had been set up and upon it a suit case, this, as it was opened up turned out to be a portable altar, with candlesticks and candles, and even the censor that was to swing during the celebration of the Mass.

A few chairs were collected in the front and one or two benches, the rest of the five or six hundred people who met there in the open air stood, with bared heads. Half way down a revolving clothes line held up its empty arms and just beyond it the ground was strewn with charred wood, broken glass, twisted sheeting and rusty stoves, the relics from the fire.

As the priest started to intone the service in Latin a violent hail storm swept down but could not interrupt the worship. Then the sun shone out and its rays beat down so hot that one of his parishioners moved up and raised an umbrella over the head of the priest.

No blame little things in others had passed over great things in ourselves.

SUMMER SCHOOL HAS BUSY WEEK.

PRaise FROM PRESIDENT TAFT The Lecture Schedule Now Inaugurated in Earnest.

The Catholic Summer School of America has truly passed through the most memorable period of its history. Nothing in the nearly quarter of a century of its existence has so furthered the interests for which it was founded...

EXPRESSIONS OF DELIGHT.

Directly from the lips of President Taft and Governor Hughes come the expressions of delight at the cordial reception, and that peculiar inspiration arising from the surroundings here such as no other event of the Tercentenary celebration presented.

Sunday, also a day of rest at Cliff Haven, turned out delightful after the refreshing rains. At the sole High Mass at 10.30 Rt. Rev. Chas. H. Colton, Bishop of Buffalo, was present in the sanctuary...

THE LECTURE SCHEDULE.

The lecture schedule, always an important part of the work of the session, was inaugurated in earnest this week with a series of four scholarly morning lectures on Socialism by Mrs. Martha Moore Avery of Boston.

The evening lectures by the Rev. Charles Warren Currier, Ph.D., of Washington, proved most appropriate and interesting studies. Dr. Currier took as the theme of his lectures "Champlain's voyages and wars of the French."

The Albany Cottage was the scene Tuesday evening of a reception to the Board of Supreme Trustees of the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent League, who have been in convention here this week.

The College Camp Fire and the clever minstrel show by the boys engaged the attention of the visitors on Thursday evening, while the climax of the week was attained in the splendid dramatic performance of the Cliff Haven Stock Co., which under the direction of Mr. Bernard Sullivan, has in preparation a number of Catholic plays which are going to be presented in August.

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COLONIAL AID IS NOW ASKED FOR.

FIGHT AGAINST ROYAL OATH. Catholic Union Also Promises Support to Congress in Montreal.

Canadian interests were largely discussed by speakers at the annual general meeting of the Catholic Union of Great Britain, held in London. It was suggested that the Union could help at the Eucharistic Congress, to be held in Montreal next year...

The Duke of Norfolk, in moving the adoption of the annual report, said that "The Archbishop of Westminster reminds us that this year the Congress is at Cologne, and next year at Montreal, and asks if we could not show our interest in the Catholics of Canada, and the strong claim which they have upon us, by organizing something in the way of a deputation to go and take part in their proceedings."

CATHOLICS OF QUEBEC.

Although the Quebec Catholics are thoroughly French, and glory in the name of France, they assured me they felt more at home in London than in Paris; that they appreciate the magnanimity of British rule, and that while they deplore the unhappy state of affairs which has come upon their beloved France...

THINKS MANY WELCOME.

Sir Charles Cuffe, in seconding the motion, said: "You will note that the Eucharistic Congress will hold its meetings in Montreal next year, and it is desirable to note the request of the Archbishop of Westminster that English Catholics will do their best to ensure that a large number of Catholics in this country will attend and give their active sympathy and support."

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MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SUGGESTION.

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First Plenary Council.

Synopsis of Mgr. Begin's Important Pastoral.

We are herewith giving an outline of Mgr. Begin's pastoral letter on the occasion of the first Canadian plenary council. These reunions are difficult to organize and can only be held at long intervals. Already Quebec has been the scene of seven provincial councils, each producing most consoling results. It is hoped that the great plenary Council opening on Sept. 5 next will be as fruitful. Following is a brief sketch of His Grace's letter:

The first of these Councils was held in 1851. At this period there was but one ecclesiastical province, comprising the dioceses of Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Ottawa and the Northwest, and having for Metropolitan the Church of Quebec. While the dioceses of Charlottetown, Halifax, New Brunswick and Arichat did not form a part of our province, they were, nevertheless, annexed, for canonical reasons, in virtue of a pontifical bull of 1844, and the ordinances of these dioceses were called to these councils. It may be said that our first provincial council, assembled around the Metropolitan of Quebec, comprised the entire Canadian episcopate.

The ecclesiastical province of Halifax was established a short while after, and the three following councils, held in 1854, 1865 and 1869, excepting the Maritime Provinces, reunited all the bishops of Canada. The three last provincial councils were held in 1873, 1878 and 1886. The only bishops taking part were those of the civil provinces of Quebec, the churches of Ontario and the Northwest had been formed into independent provinces.

The Canadian Church is almost completely organized. Religious authority is divided between 34 Archbishops, bishops, vicars and apostolic prefects. There are 8 ecclesiastical provinces, 29 regularly constituted dioceses, 3 vicariates and 2 apostolic prefectures. This Church covers an immense territory, stretching from ocean to ocean, and where live almost three million Catholics of different races and tongues.

The deliberations of the episcopate in council do not treat merely material things; they do not provoke tumults; they do not excite the passions which hold sway in the world. Their object is to correct errors, restrain abuses, point out the dangers besetting faith and morals, regulate everything concerning worship and discipline, to destroy vice, to spread sound ideas and to put in practice the Christian virtues.

To sanctify the individual, the family and society, such is the noble design which has inspired these councils and which will be continued in the sight of God, in the calm of reflection, in the solitude of prayer and with sentiments of holy charity.

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