

Local Notes.

A DESERVED TRIBUTE.—Father Strubbe, the beloved pastor of St. Ann's parish, has been accustomed to give pleasant surprises to many of his parishioners during his long and successful association with the parish, but a few evenings ago the tables were turned, and Father Strubbe was treated to a real surprise, when the members of the St. Ann's Young Men's Society, headed by their president, Mr. D. J. O'Neill, presented him with an oil painting of himself. Father Strubbe's endeavors on behalf of the youth of St. Ann's would, if published, be very interesting reading. During his residence in this city he has always shown himself to be a true friend of the Catholic young men. It is not surprising, therefore, that the organization of which he is the founder and spiritual director, should give such an expression of their deep respect and profound regard for such a worthy and enthusiastic spiritual guide.

SCHOOLS OPENED.—From all sides come the reports of successful openings of our Catholic schools after the summer vacation. It is said that the attendance on the opening day surpassed that of all previous years. This is as it should be. If Irish Catholics were to manifest the same interest in all other matters, their success as a section of this community would be assured.

ST. ANN'S SCHOOL.—This historic educational institution, presided over by the Christian Brothers, from the portals of which thousands of talented Irish Catholic boys have gone forth to fight the battle of life has undergone a much needed renovation during the vacation term. The class rooms of the school have been considerably enlarged and fitted with all modern improvements. The furnishings are all new, and special attention has been given to the ventilation and sanitation of the building. Everything in the interior is new and the only thing left of the old building are the outside walls, so that St. Ann's parish will now have one of the finest school buildings in the city. The section of the building in which the meeting rooms, gymnasium, library and other apartments of the St. Ann's Young Men's Society and the drill hall of St. Ann's Cadet corps are situated are also being thoroughly overhauled, and the buildings will be a credit to St. Ann's ward, and stand as a monument to the energy and zeal of Rev. Father Strubbe and the parishioners.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.—One of the best friends of this institution is Mr. F. B. McNamee. From the opening of navigation until its close he devotes his whole time to the work of the club. At the weekly concerts he makes an effort to secure the presence of some leading citizen or distinguished stranger. This week the concert attracted a large gathering, owing to the fact that it was announced that the Hon. Charles Russell, son of the late lamented Lord Russell, and Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, would attend and deliver short addresses.

Both distinguished visitors were present, and as was to be expected the sign "standing room only" was put up at the entrance long before the programme was commenced. Hon. Charles Russell presided, and in a neat speech, referred to the good work being carried on by the club. A well arranged programme of vocal and instrumental music was successfully carried out, and one of the most pleasant and most enthusiastic gatherings held by the club was brought to a close by the hearty cheers of the sailors for their guests.

PROF. J. A. FOWLER, the well-known organist and musical director of St. Patrick's Church, of this city, is a passenger on the Dominion Line S.S. "Vancouver," which is expected to arrive in port on Sunday next. Professor Fowler has enjoyed a two months' holiday, visiting his relatives in England, and also the Paris Exposition. In a letter received from him while in Paris, he states he had the pleasure of hearing some grand music in the leading churches and at the musical congress, which he attended while in Paris. Prof. Fowler will resume his lessons immediately on his return to the city.

MORTALITY RETURNS are at all times, to worldly men and women, melancholy reading. They, however, contain many lessons. The statistics for the past two weeks are as follows:—For the week ending August 25 the total number of deaths in the city was 128. Of this number 112 were Catholics, 9 Protestants and 2 Jews. The principal causes of death were: Diphtheria 2, scarlet fever 3, typhoid fever 3, whooping cough 4, infantile diphtheria 57, and consumption and other chest diseases 17. For the week ending September 1, the total deaths were 141. Of these 127 were Catholics, 12 Protestants and 2 Jews. The main causes of death were: Infantile diphtheria 55, consumption and other chest diseases 23, diphtheria 1, scarlet fever 1, typhoid fever 5, whooping cough 3.

A PERSONAL NOTE.—Mr. James McArara, the well-known Irish Catholic bookseller, who has for the past twenty years occupied the premises No. 2099 Notre Dame street, has found it necessary to meet the requirements of his constantly grow-

ing business to remove to more commodious and central quarters in Chabotier Square. We congratulate our fellow-countryman on his success.

LEAVES ST. PATRICK'S.

Last Sunday, Rev. Father Hallissey, who came to St. Patrick's Church about a year ago, preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation. Father Hallissey returns to his former home of labors with the hearty wishes for his future success of the hosts of friends he has made during his all too brief residence in our midst.

C. M. B. A. CONVENTION.

The officers of the Quebec Grand Council and representatives of branches of C.M.B.A., of Montreal, were joined by their brother officers from the city of Quebec, there being some 30 members, and left C.P.R. Windsor Station on Monday evening, 27th August, at 8 p.m., for Farnham, Que., where their triennial convention was held on 28th and 29th August. On arrival there at 9.30 p.m., they were met and received by the membership of Farnham, and escorted to the Balmoral Hotel, the proprietor being a member. After registering names, they were shown

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President C.M.B.A. Grand Council, Quebec.

to rooms in this spacious and well kept house. On Tuesday morning, after breakfast, all the delegates were taken in charge by Grand Marshal Bro. H. Butler, of Montreal, and marched in procession, preceded by Farnham Branch 7, carrying a large red silk flag, across the suspension bridge to the nice little country church on the other side of the river, to attend at High Mass, as is customary at C.M.B.A. conventions. The visitors were pleased, and at once made happy, when they saw besides the celebrant, in the sanctuary, the Rev. Father Laffamme, representing His Grace Mgr. Begin, of the city of Quebec, and who is Grand Spiritual Adviser of this organization in the Province of Quebec, and Rev. Father Lawrence, P.P., of Sweetsburg, who addressed the Brothers in English and French, in an eloquent and able manner, displaying great interest in, and giving good advice to the Canadian Order. Returning, the body marched to St. Joseph's Hall, where Branch 7 meets also, Grand President Leclerc, of Montreal, at once set to work, and called the meeting to order, and requested Father Laffamme to open the session with prayer. All the delegates were present and answered roll call, and presented their official credentials. At the close of the session, the election of officers took place, and resulted as follows: Grand President, Bro. P. F. McCaffrey, of Montreal; first Grand Vice-President, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Evariste, of Quebec; second Grand Vice-President, Bro. H. Butler, of Montreal; Grand Secretary, Bro. J. B. Drouyn, of Quebec, (re-elected); Grand Treasurer, Bro. A. R. Archambault, of Montreal; Grand Marshal, Bro. T. Mace, of Montreal; Grand Guard, Bro. A. Drouyn, of Quebec; Grand Trustees, Bros. J. O'Farrell, of Montreal; J. D. Quinn, of Quebec; J. P. E. Belanger, of Quebec; J. Meek, of Montreal; J. S. Poulin, of Farnham; Financial Committee, Bros. J. Beauchamp, of Quebec; J. E. Nugent, of Montreal; J. Picard, of Quebec; Laws Committee, Dr. E. Morin, of Quebec; M. Shea, of Montreal; Dr. A. Picard, of Montreal. Representatives to Supreme Council, Bro. C. E. Leclerc, of Montreal; Bro. P. Flannery, of Montreal; Bro. J. E. Martineau, of Quebec. Alternates: Bro. C. Curran, of Montreal; Bro. J. Belanger, of Quebec; A. R. Archambault, of Montreal.

Immediately after the election of officers, the Chancellor's chair was taken by Bro. C. E. Leclerc. Installation of officers was performed by Supreme Deputy P. Flannery, assisted by Chancellor J. D. Quinn. At a subsequent meeting of Trustees, Dr. D'Artois, of Farnham, was again unanimously elected Grand Medical Examiner. After a royal brotherly reception, the visiting brethren, at the close of their sessional labors, were again taken in hand and treated to a surprise not to be forgotten in a hurry. They were ushered into the dining room, near midnight, to sit down to a banquet, which fairly astonished them by the magnificent and bountiful table display placed before them, which was at once acknowledged by some of the senior officers, who had attended on similar occasions elsewhere, to be the "finest they had ever seen. Such grand hospitality was scarcely to be expected. At a table placed across the dining room, and overlooking the happy gathering at the tables adjoining, were seated President Poulin, of Branch 7, Farn-

ham, presiding; Rev. Father Laffamme, representing Mgr. Begin, of Quebec; Rev. Father Lawrence, P.P., of Sweetsburg; ex-Grand President Leclerc, of Montreal; Lt.-Col. Evariste, of Montreal; Grand Vice-President, of Quebec, and others. In due time Chairman Poulin opened the programme of toasts: "Le Pape," "La Reine," "Le President," "Grand Council Provincial," "Succursales Soeurs," all of which were duly honored. Some strange thinking people would have been well surprised had they seen a respectable large company, composed of French and English-speaking Catholics from different places, standing up and singing, right royally, the British National Anthem, in response to the toast—"La Reine." This closed a most happy convention of the Quebec C.M.B.A. The next triennial meeting will be held in the city of Quebec in August, 1903. After brotherly handshaking, the visitors took the morning train for home.

F. C. L.,

Rep. of Branch 1.

ECHOES FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

BURIED IN BLANKETS.—Some of the terrible features of war are outlined in the following words of Rev. Father Morley, who says the "Missionary Record," after thirteen years in the Diamond Fields, is in London as we write these words. He returned from South Africa as chaplain on one of the troopships bringing home invalided soldiers. Father Morley was in Kimberley all through the siege. He had just put on his alp one morning for Mass when an explosion outside the church brought him out after the priest's visit the patients were calmer, and the temperature lower. This was so, even after "the Holy Oils," though Irish custom is too prone to regard Exorcism as meaning the very end. Father Morley often had to say to a man that there were so many other cases to be visited (as indeed there were) that it might be better to anoint him also, now that he was with him.

PRAISE FOR NUNS.—The following letter appears in the "Times" this week. It is written by Inspector J. H. W. Ascough, from Mafeking, on June 26:— "As a member of the B.S.A. Police unit of the garrison of Mafeking during the late siege, I should be glad if you will allow me to express through the medium of your paper, our deep thanks and gratitude to the Rev. Mother Superior and Sisters of Mercy who have so nobly attended to the sick and wounded here at night and day for the last eight months. It is impossible, sir, to say too much for these beloved women."

WHAT IRELAND WANTS.

At a monster meeting of the United Irish League, held at Arva, County Cavan, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M. P., made the following striking remarks about the present condition of affairs in Ireland. He said:— "Now, what are our aims? In the first place we want to get the control of the regulation of the destinies of the people of Ireland into the hands of the representatives of Ireland, sitting in an Irish Parliament on Irish soil and in the Irish capital. We are convinced, and each generation of Irish men and women are more convinced than that which preceded it, that the only way and the only method by which our people can be properly governed is to be governed not by the stranger in the Parliament of the stranger, but by themselves in their own Parliament, and if we require proof of the truth of that proposition, we have only to look around at these beautiful and fertile fields which but a generation or two ago were studded, almost every acre of them, by the cottages of the industrious farmers of families, and which to-day are almost desolate in many parts of the country, including some areas of this county, as if they had never been trod by the foot of civilized men."

Ireland has lost nearly 500,000 men and women in ten years by famine and emigration. I called attention to that great and magnificent convention held in Dublin a few weeks ago to the fact that this drain of the best blood of Ireland, this departure from her soil of men and women in their youth and in their strength, in the bloom of their manhood and their womanhood, instead of coming to an end, was going on almost as fast as ever, and that in the last ten years of division and disunion and weakness, as a result of that division and disunion, in that period we had lost nearly 500,000 men and women, or about one-ninth of the small population lost to Ireland by famine and emigration, and I suppose there is not a man or woman in this great gathering which I am addressing that has not a relative in America, driven to America not by any weakness of their devotion for Ireland, not by any desire to leave the house and the old home

of their fathers and mothers, their brothers and sisters, but driven there by the system of landlordism and by alien rule. I know something from personal experience, not merely of the fact which you all know, that our people are fleeing from our shores, but of the sadder and more tragic facts that many of them leave home in the hope of bettering themselves, but really to find themselves in the land of the stranger, without home, without friends, without assistance, and in the cities of Scotland and England and Wales, where I spend a good deal of my time among our fellow-countrymen, they are a source of tragic suffering, and sometimes of degradation, that makes me feel that the Irishman or woman leaving Ireland ought to be filled with misgiving as to whether that they may not be driven from their bosom into other lands.

We want to stop emigration, to make the land of Ireland welcome and hospitable to its own people; so that they may no longer be driven from its bosom into other lands.

HEALTH SUGGESTIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

The Michigan State Board of Health makes the following recommendations: That the regular care of school rooms includes sprinkling the floor before sweeping, dusting the desks or wiping them with a clean, damp cloth, and the thorough airing of the room before using. That the interchange of books be allowed only under such conditions as render the transmission of disease impossible. That the use of slates be discontinued. That persons known to be affected with tuberculosis, or with a persistently cough and expectoration, be denied the privileges of such room, either as teacher or pupil. That all spitting upon the floor by any person be strictly forbidden. That at least once a year the room and contents be thoroughly disinfected, the floorboards and floor washed with an antiseptic solution, the walls whitewashed, and the plumbing and ventilating inspected.

CATHOLIC CHURCH MUSIC.

The official confirmation of the appointment of Cardinal Steinhuber as prefect in Rome of the Congregation of the Index was received at Washington last week, says an exchange. It is understood, says the authority of the report, that Cardinal Steinhuber has some decided views on the adoption of a better standard of church music than now prevails in this country. With his appointment as head of this congregation he will have direct control of the St. Cecilia's Society and other organizations looking to the betterment of church music in the United States. The operatic airs which are now generally sung by the choirs here are obnoxious, it is said, to the spirit of the Catholic Church, which for centuries has recognized no other form of ecclesiastical music than the Gregorian chant. The despatch concludes that the authorities at Rome are determined to support societies like that of St. Cecilia, whose purpose is gradually to eliminate what is considered baneful in church music.

ADVANTAGE OF RICHES.

C. P. Huntington, the millionaire, deceased, will have a \$300,000 mausoleum. "It crowns a crest of a new overlooking the Bronx valley," says a New York exchange. "This is nice. An Emerald islander said of an Irish lord who had had a marble colossus built for himself: 'Isn't it a fine thing to be rich? Sure, that'd last a man his lifetime.'"—Intermunicipal Catholic.

A MOUNTAINEER'S RELIGION.

Last summer Right Rev. Thomas U. Dudley, Episcopal Bishop of Kentucky, thought he would make a journey through the mountains of Eastern Kentucky and look up the scattered members of his flock and endeavor to get a foothold for his church among the mountaineers. But as he journeyed from settlement to settlement without meeting a man who had ever heard of the Episcopal church, he grew somewhat discouraged. At last he came to a village where, upon inquiry, he was told that there was "an Episcopal" in the neighborhood, and so the good Bishop proceeded to look him up. After introducing himself and disclosing the object of his visit, Bishop Dudley asked the mountaineer if it were a fact that he was an Episcopalian. "Oh, yes," replied he. "I'm an Episcopalian." "Where were you confirmed?" inquired the Bishop. The poor man had never heard the word. "Where, then, were you baptized?" "I know all about that," replied he, "though precious few folks are baptized in these parts, but I don't know whether I was ever baptized or not." "Then, why do you call yourself an Episcopalian?" continued the Bishop. "Well, now, stranger, I'll tell ye," said he. "Some five or six years ago I was summoned down to Louisville as a witness in one of these 'moonshine' cases, you know. Well, we was kept over Sunday, and after breakfast I knowed nobody that and nobody knowed me, so I walk down the street, from my lodgin's, and directly I saw everybody goin' into a great big fine church, and sez I to myself, 'I'll go, too.' So I went in and sat down, and in a little while the bell it stopped ringing, there was some kind of big music rolled around, and then it stopped, too, and a feller in a long white gown he got up at the other end of the room from me and said something or other I couldn't hear, and then every man, woman and child in that room got down on their knees and sez they: 'Oh, Lord, we've done the things we erin't to ha' done, and we ain't dun the things we erter to ha' dun,' and sez I to myself, that's

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me. I'm one of them very kind of fellers, and when we all cum out I asked a feller what kind of a church that thar wuz, and sed he, 'It's an Episcopal church,' and so, stranger, I've called myself an Episcopalian ever since that trip to Louisville.—Catholic Standard.

MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY OF THE SEA

(North Sydney Herald.)

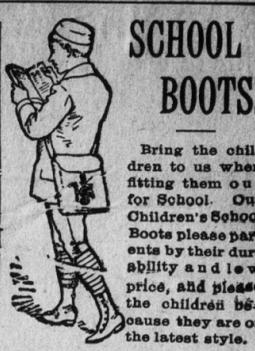
In some parts of the western shore of Newfoundland storms cause the sand to drift in ranks in forty-eight hours as high as fifteen and twenty feet. At some place, these sand drifts reach to a height of thirty-five feet. At one place between Port-a-Basque and Codroy the moving sands are very troublesome to the railway officials so much so that a board fence had to be constructed to protect the railway track. Within the past week a representative of the "Herald" visited the Codroy district and while there saw some human bones, which is about all that is visible of what must have been one of most sad tragedies which has occurred on the rugged western coast of Newfoundland in by-gone days. Near the entrance of the Codroy from the sea was a sand drift some thirty feet in height. Some few years ago a heavy wind storm cut a channel through the drift, revealing to view a large boat some thirty or thirty-five feet in length. The boat lay in the sand bottom up and when it was turned over, to the amazement of those who discovered it, were the skeletons of twenty-four persons. The supposition of those who discovered the boat and the gruesome sight which it covered, was that some steamer met with disaster outside many years ago, and her passengers and crew took to boats, and the one found in the sand drift river with her human freight. Find C.M.B.A. convention last week from the elements the ship-wrecked occupants on the bleak shore turned their big boat bottom up, took shelter beneath and then perished from exposure or would it be possible that during the storm while they lay under the boat they became covered by the sand drift. The particulars of this sad tragedy of the sea have never been published so far as we can learn. There was no name on the boat to identify the vessel or steamer to which it belonged, neither was there any article that could identify those who met such a terrible fate. In all probability the craft which met with disaster was either coming down or going up the St. Lawrence when disaster overtook her. The human bones which the North Sydney "Herald" representative saw were picked up near the spot, none of them being buried by those who discovered them. Many of them are now no doubt covered by the sand drift. The particulars of this sad catastrophe will likely remain among the many mysterious tragedies of the sea.

DEATH IN THE COBWEB.

Beware of the cobweb! It contains a deadly microbe. A woman in Washington, D.C., fell some time ago and cut her head. Neighbors rushed to pick her up and found the blood spurting from a deep gash. Instantly she was taken to a hospital, where it was suggested and a hasty search produced a handful, which was instantly applied to the wound. The bleeding stopped quickly, but some days later the woman went down with tetanus, the "lockjaw." Fortunately her constitution was strong, and, barring the wound, she was in excellent health, so she is now recovering. "There is no doubt the woman was given the lockjaw by the germs in the cobwebs," said an amateur scientist of skill and repute, who made the examination. "Cobwebs stop bleeding because they are soft and permit the blood to coagulate about them, but their use is dangerous, as attested by this instance. Several days ago I had occasion to look into the matter of cobwebs and went to my stable, where I procured a handful. In those cobwebs I found 61 different disease germs, among them being a large number of the germs of tetanus. Placing those cobwebs on a cut would be almost a guarantee that the patient would develop lockjaw. This is natural, for cobwebs usually form in cellars or stables, or dark and dirty places, where disease germs are plentiful. They are light and filmy and they catch the light spores of the disease germs while floating in the air and hold them. Then when the webs are placed on a wound the germs enter right into the blood."

Surface manners are like cut flowers stuck in a shallow glass, with just enough water to keep them fresh an hour or so; but the courtesy that has its growth in the heart is like the rose bush in the garden that no inclement season can kill, and no dark day force to forego the unfolding of a bud.

Love is a great thing, yes, a great and thorough good. Nothing is sweeter than love, nothing more courageous, nothing higher, nothing wider, nothing more pleasant, nothing fuller nor better in Heaven and earth; because love is born of God, and can rest but in God above all created things.



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