

Notes from the Parishes

ST. AGNES' PARISH.

The building of the new church is progressing rapidly, and in a few months will be ready for service.

ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH.

Owing to the excursion being held on Sunday, the regular monthly meeting of St. Gabriel's T. A. and B. Society will not be held until Sunday, Sept. 10th.

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH.

Great preparations are being made for the event of the season, a trip down the river. The steamer Beaufort has been secured, and a pleasant time is promised to all those who attend. Rev. Father Shea has charge of the affair.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH.

The school children of the parish commemorated the 27th anniversary of the pastor, Rev. J. P. Kiernan, by holding a pleasant outing to Stony Point on Thursday last.

Rev. Father Kiernan has obtained the use of the hall over the fire station on St. Denis street, where the parishioners formerly held religious exercises, to be used for school purposes. It will be ready for Monday, Sept. 11th. The pastor fully realizes the serious task of starting an independent school. He has not yet lost all hope of receiving equitable justice from the neighboring school boards, and legitimate recognition from the Government at Quebec.

Last Sunday high Mass was sung by Rev. Father Malouf, a Greek priest of the Orthodox Greek Church. Before the service commenced Rev. Father Kiernan explained the peculiarities of the Greek liturgy. While the essence of the Mass necessarily remains the same, the Church fully approved of the Greek rite. The Mass was sung in Greek with the exception of the Gospel, which was sung in Arabic. The congregation found the service most interesting, the presence of the Rev. Father in their midst being suggestive of the Irish priests who leave the fatherland to labor for their fellow-countrymen in different parts of the world as Father Malouf is doing today for the benefit of those of his countrymen who have left home and fatherland and are now residing in Montreal.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The retreat for the curates opened at the Grand Seminary on Sunday evening. At the end of the retreat His Grace the Archbishop will announce the changes for the coming year.

The secretary of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum wishes us to state that certain articles appearing in some of the city dailies in reference to the new institution to be built at Outremont are without foundation. When the plans are completed a full description of the new institution will appear in the True Witness.

STE. THERESE COLLEGE.

Rev. Father James White, of St. John's, Newfoundland, who has been doing parochial work in the city for some weeks, has been appointed Professor at Ste. Therese College.

ARRIVAL OF SULPICIAN FROM FRANCE.

The Rev. Abbe Cherrier, pastor of St. James Church, returned from Europe on Sunday morning. The reverend gentleman brought over with him five members of the Sulpician Order, whose services can now be dispensed with by their superiors in France owing to the new regulations affecting theological seminaries. The names of the new priests just arrived are Rev. Abbes Chiron, Puald, Puestin, Robin and Gattet.

EXCURSION TO BURLINGTON.

Next Sunday the St. Gabriel's T. A. & B. Society will hold its annual excursion to Burlington. Trains will leave Bonaventure Depot at 9:10, stopping at St. Henri and Point St. Charles. Tickets may be had from Mr. P. O'Brien, 310 St. Patrick street, or at the Bonaventure depot. Adults, \$1.35, children, 70c. Tickets are good to return Labor Day, Sept. 4. It is to be hoped that a large number of people will participate, as it is a delightful as well as a cheap trip. Trains will stop at St. Henri and Point St. Charles for the accommodation of passengers.

RELIGIOUS ORDERS GO TO CUBA.

Fifteen brothers of the order founded by St. John Baptist de la Salle sailed for Cuba on board the Elder Dempster steamer Dahomey. They are bound for Havana, where, in the Vedado ward, they will establish a commercial school. The brothers who have gone to Cuba are qualified to teach commercial branches and the chief languages.

The demand for Canadian religious is not confined to the male orders. On Monday seven sisters of the Good Shepherd will leave Montreal for South America, to engage in various missions of the order established there. This order devotes itself to all charitable work, and particularly the care of fallen women.

LA SEMAINE RELIGIEUSE COMMENTS ON PRINCE'S VISIT.

The leading article in La Semaine Religieuse this week deals with the visit of H. S. H. Prince Louis of Battenberg. Comment is made on his distinguished presence, his perfect French, his courtesy upon visiting first the Archbishop, and the facilities he personally obtained while at Quebec for the four hundred Catholic sailors of his fleet. The article also speaks of the visit paid to Notre Dame and the Hotel Dieu at which places his historic documents bearing royal signatures were viewed with interest. The Archbishop was touched by the simple grace of the Prince, who, when the fear was expressed that the episcopal carriage was not suitable for His Serene Highness' use, replied: "Your Grace, what is good enough for you is good enough for me."

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CONCERT.

Last evening witnessed a large and enthusiastic gathering at the Catholic Sailors' Club, the occasion being an entertainment tendered them by Loyola Court, C.O.F. Bro. S. J. O'Neill occupied the chair. The musical selections being of a high standard, and rendered with skill and spirit, were well calculated to repay the audience for their hearty appreciation. Special mention is due to Misses Dinneen, McNally, Gallagher and Walker for their singing, as also to Mrs. McKinley, who acted as accompanist. We also wish to notice our friends, members of the Independent Orchestra, the Lyric Quartette, the Mandolin trio, and Messrs. McWilliams, Anderson, Burns, Diet, Cameron and Cummings, who in their specialties gave much enjoyment. The banjo and guitar duet by Messrs. Anderson and Beck, the violin solo by Master Yelle and Mr. Irving, together with a set of selections by the Independent Orchestra brought the proceedings of the evening to a close.

Loyola Court, C.O.F., is certainly to be congratulated upon the grand success attending its efforts. Next week's concert will be in the hands of St. Mary's Catholic Young Men's Society, when a grand treat is no doubt in store for their patrons.

A TRIBUTE TO THE SHAMROCKS.

The special edition of the Montreal Herald on Saturday has the following to say of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club: "Undoubtedly the most famous lacrosse team in Canada—and the best—is the Shamrocks. For four consecutive years they have held the championship and there is not a team that they have met that could be truthfully said to be in their class. The Capitals and Brantfords have been their closest competitors, but in decisive battles the Capitals and Brantfords have been beaten and the Shamrocks have demonstrated their right to the title—'champions of the world.' Though much has been said of old-time lacrosse teams, it is extremely doubtful whether the famous Capitals of the middle nineties or whether the famous Shamrocks of early days, could come anywhere near beating the Shamrocks of 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904.

"The Shamrocks, during the past four years, have played better lacrosse than any other team in Canada—including even the wonderful twelve that Archie McNaughton brought East from New Westminster in the summer of 1900. When it came to winning out a championship or the Minto Cup, they have regularly beaten the best teams that have opposed them."

THE IRISH GUARDS BAND.

The famous Irish Guards Band, on their first visit to Montreal, scored a great success with the music loving people of the Metropolis. The band is fully equal to the best military bands that have visited our city during the past few years. The latest addition to the King's household bands is a worthy one, worthy of the name they possess, and in the interpretation of Ireland's music, the band's motto is "Excelsior." The bandmaster, Mr. Hassell, possesses wonderful magnetism as a leader. He conducts with great skill and dignity, and attracts considerable attention as he wields the baton. Music seems to vibrate through his whole system. In solo work, the Irish Guards seem to be the peer of any of the military bands which have as yet visited Canada, the cornet solos given by Sergeant Hunt and the piccolo solos by Messrs. Russell, Bell and Kempston, being the finest heard in Montreal. The shading of the band is beautiful, playing at times like a sweet, well-balanced orchestra. Every musician in the band is master of his instrument. The sweetness of tone, the beautiful touch and expression given to each selection won rounds of applause from the audience.

But it was in the Irish melodies that the quality of versatility was most admirably shown. Several numbers of the programme were medleys of Celtic tunes, which were arranged with an eye to the greatest possible variety, and in the same number might be heard "The Low Back'd Car," or "Off in the Stilly Night," or "Kathleen Mavourneen," or "Come Back to Erin," along with "The Devil in Dublin" or "The Jug of Punch." And it was here that the band was at its best, running from tune to tune with the greatest ease, and playing them all as only Irishmen can play the music of their native land. There were also some pieces descriptive of military life, such as "The Irish Patrol" and "A Soldier's Life," which were admirably rendered and much applauded.

Too much praise cannot be given to the admirable work of Sergeant Hunt on the cornet. It was a revelation of the possibilities of that fine instrument, and those who heard him were likely to remember for some time his exquisite rendition of that beautiful old melody "Eileen Ahanah."

Many of those who attended were brought back in spirit to dear old Ireland, the land of their birth. The thousands who had the pleasure of hearing the Irish Guards Band at the Arena will long remember their visit, and will gladly welcome them back again.

IN MEMORIAM.

"Beautiful in the sight of the Lord is the death of the just."—Holy Writ. Friday, Aug. 18th, at the Provincial House of the Sisters of St. Ann, Marlboro, Mass., died Sr. M. Edmund, an efficient and valuable religious, a cultured woman, single-hearted and unselfish, of character so sincere and so beautiful it deserves a lasting record.

The deceased is a sister of Mr. Alex. Daly, and Mrs. Thomas Rowan of this city, and of Mr. John Daly, Rawdon, P.Q. Besides she has another sister and four relatives in the order.

As a teacher, or superior, she was successively employed in the parochial schools of Oswego, Cohoes, N. Y., Worcester, Mass., and Lachine, Quebec, whence she was appointed prefect of studies for the various branch houses of the Institute in the United States.

The news of her untimely death will be a source of deep regret to all who had the good fortune and honor to know her. Love of God, devotion to the noblest duties, sacrifice for the sake of her community and for the young, whom she elevated by her womanly virtue and her enlightened guidance, made her life one grand poem, whose sweetest verse was wrought in secret, silence and humble prayer.

Her remains arrived from Marlboro Sunday morning, and were deposited in the hallowed St. Ann's chapel, where she had so often knelt in adoration and fervent communion with the Divine Master. Monday after the solemn requiem Mass was ended, the body, followed by the bereaved relatives and friends and mourning Sisters, was borne to its last resting place, among the flowers she loved, in the convent cemetery.

O, gentle, pious nun, may thy place be this day in peace and thy abode in holy Sun. May we die the death of the just, and may our last end be like thine!

BURIAL OF SAILOR.

William MacCay, the sailor who fell into the boiler room of the SS Montezuma last Friday, died at the General Hospital on Saturday night. He leaves a wife and five small children to mourn their loss. They reside in London, Eng. The body was taken in charge by the Catholic Sailors' Club, and was laid to rest in the sailors' lot, Cote des Neiges cemetery. Rev. T. Malone, S.J., officiated. The funeral was attended by several of his shipmates. May his soul rest in peace.

PILGRIMAGE TO RIGAUD.

(Special Staff Correspondence.)

On Sunday last, the English-speaking men's branch of the Third Order of St. Francis held its first pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Rigaud. Nearly 800 people participated. On arriving at Rigaud, a procession was formed headed by the lady members of the Third Order. The new Franciscan banner of the Immaculate Conception was carried by two tertiaries. At the shrine the place had been decorated with flags of different colors. A few minutes after arriving Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Ethelbert and a sermon preached by Rev. Father Wulstan. The scene was an inspiring one. On an elevation of over sixty feet stood the little chapel where the priest celebrated the Holy Sacrifice. Below knelt the hundreds of devout worshippers. As the sound of the sweet low singing was wafted along, the trees rustled, the birds sang, the flags and banners floated to the breeze, the little bell tinkled to denote the solemn parts of the Mass, the prayers of the multitude were ascending to God for supplication, favor and mercy. It was a sight that the angels of God looked down on with favor, and Blessed Francis must have rejoiced to behold his children still faithful to him, and endeavoring to lead others to the kind and loving Master. Old age and youth, rich and poor had met at Our Lady's shrine to obtain some favor or to return thanks for some obtained.

After the Gospel Father Wulstan addressed the pilgrims, speaking from the text "Send forth thy light and thy truth; these have brought me out and conducted me unto thy holy hill, and into thy tabernacle." (Ps. 42, 3.) The preacher congratulated those present on having arrived at length at Mary's shrine. The scene was delightful and new to many, yet old and familiar in another way, to the heart, because our Blessed Mother there, and her sweet presence made it home-like to her children. Accompanying his text to our Blessed Lady, Father Wulstan continued, saying that Mary's light and truth had brought us out and conducted us hither. The Virgin Mother in Catholic theology and devotion, was a radiant source of light, and a revelation of truth; to bear out this, the Rev. preacher instanced especially the privileges of Mary's divine maternity and her Immaculate Conception, to which last mystery this shrine of Rigaud was dedicated. They, then, with the eyes of faith, had beheld Mary in all her glory,—had come to lay at her feet a tribute of homage and of prayer. Mary, the all-mighty suppliant one, would know how to give them a timely, motherly recompense. With an ardent exhortation to earnest faith-born prayer the Rev. Father brought his instruction to an end.

At half-past eleven Rev. Father Ethelbert preached the Way of the Cross before a large gathering. From each station the Rev. Father brought out luminous and practical lessons to guide us in our great lifelong way of the Cross. At the twelfth station, the death of our Saviour, very tellingly the preacher recalled how, after death, the surgical knife was sometimes resorted to upon bodies to discover the cause of death. Here the soldier's lance had opened our Lord's side and laid open to all generations the cause of Christ's death—His Sacred Heart, burning with love for us. After the Stations, the relic of the true cross was venerated by all present.

Before Benediction, in the afternoon, several pilgrims were admitted to the Third Order. Father Wulstan spoke on this occasion on St. Francis and his children, from the text: "Be ye followers of me, as I also am of Christ" (1 Cor. 4, 18). He said that perhaps St. Francis could not be more truly described by those acquainted with his life and spirit, than, briefly, as Poor, Humble and Loving. The Poverty, Humility and Love of God were the great characteristics of his life, as many beautiful traits proved. These must also be evident in the lives of his children. Let them strive then to copy St. Francis. That meant sacrifices, of course, but let them remember those words of St. Francis, "We have promised great things, but greater are promised to us."

A very pleasing feature of the day's devotion was the prayerful, well-rendered singing of the choirs of both Sisters and Brothers, with whom many of the faithful mingled their voices. As the sounds floated out above the rocks and among the trees the effect was soul-stirring. After the service of solemn Benediction was over, a procession was formed and marched to the station singing "Holy I.P."

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God, we Praise Thy Name." Besides Rev. Fathers Wulstan and Ethelbert, Fathers Hilary and Borard also accompanied the pilgrimage. The first pilgrimage of the men's branch was a memorable one, and will long be remembered by all who took part.

First Annual Excursion of Juvenile Society.

The first annual excursion of the St. Gabriel's Juvenile Total Abstinence and Benefit Society took place on Saturday to Highgate Springs, Vt., and was quite successful both financially and otherwise. At 9 o'clock six cars left the G.T.R. station, carrying over 300 people, all eager to spend a pleasant day's outing. Arriving at the grounds, games of different kinds were indulged in until lunch time, at which time baskets were opened and the youngsters and their parents partook of a hearty meal. Games were resorted to again, after which the programme of races took place, the following being the prize winners: Boys' race, 12 years and under, members only—1. Wm. Currie; 2. Peter Cassidy; 3. Frank Dennison. Girls' race, 12 years and under—1. Miss Annie McEhary; 2. Miss Katie Walsh; 3. Miss Winnie O'Leary. Single ladies' race—1. Miss Gagherty; 2. Miss McGrath; 3. Miss Killfeather. Boys' race, 16 years and under, members only—1. Wm. Currie; 2. Harry Edwards; 3. Peter Cassidy. Married ladies' race—1. Mrs. Fitzgerald; 2. Mrs. Benoit; 3. Mrs. Oram. Members' race—1. Frank Biggs; 2. Michael McEhary; 3. Michael Flood. Married men's race—1. Mr. M. Bronstetter; 2. Mr. A. Paquette; 3. Mr. F. Dennison.

100 yards dash, open to amateurs—1. Mr. Joseph Biggs; 2. Mr. Frank Biggs; 3. Mr. Lawrence Marigan. Hop, step and jump (committee)—1. M. Cosgrove; 2. F. Biggs; 3. J. J. Collins. The prizes for the different events were costly, and each event was well contested. When the races had been concluded the rain commenced to descend, and the party assembled at the dancing pavilion, where for a few hours the lovers of the dance stepped it out lively to the sweet strains of Casey's orchestra. At 3.30 another contingent of nearly 100 arrived from Montreal, but owing to the rain they were obliged to seek shelter at the dancing pavilion. The members of the committee retired to a private room, where they had a special programme for themselves, including songs and dances, and a right jolly time was spent. At 6.30 a start was made for home. On boarding the train the members of the committee assembled in a special car and a pleasant function took place. Mr. R. J. Louis Cuddihy spoke on behalf of Mr. E. J. Colfer, whose birthday it was, and then the President, Mr. John Collins, wished the adviser of the young society every success and blessing. The company then sang "He's a jolly good fellow," and gave rousing cheers for Mr. Colfer, who made a short speech thanking the members for their good wishes. Cheers were then called for the worthy president, Mr. Collins, which the boys responded to with a vim. On the return a concert was given, and when home was reached all felt tired but happy that they had spent a very pleasant time with the young total abstinence society of St. Gabriel's parish. The members of the committee deserve great praise for the manner in which they worked to make their first excursion a success.

OBITUARY.

MR. ROBERT WARREN.

Death came suddenly to a well known business man of Montreal on Tuesday, in the person of Mr. Robert Warren. The deceased was apparently in the best of health, but when nearing his residence at 41 St. Famille street, at lunch time, he was stricken down. The ambulance was called from the Royal Victoria Hospital, but before arriving the vital spark of life had fled. Mr. Warren was the father of St. Patrick's choir, being attached to it for fifty years. The funeral takes place to-morrow morning to St. Patrick's Church. R. I.P.

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M. O'CONNOR,
Sec.-Treas. of the School Board,
Mayo P.O.,
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Grand Excursion to Burlington, ST. GABRIEL'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

On SUNDAY, September 3rd, 1905. Tickets good to return on Labor Day, Sept. 4. Tickets—Adults, \$1.35; Children, 70c. Trains leave Bonaventure Depot at 9.10 a.m., stopping at Point St. Charles and St. Henri. Tickets for sale by Mr. P. O'Brien, 310 St. Patrick street, and at the Station.

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