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DEVOTION OF THE "FORTY HOURS," AT GASPE. To the Editor of the True Witness. Dear Sir,—Having frequently read in your truly Catholic Journal, an interesting description of the devotional exercises in various parts of the Dominion, which I read with pleasure, and I trust with profit, the publication of which I believe tends to edify I solicit the favor of a small space, to give the readers of the True Witness an opportunity of knowing that even here the spirit of Catholicity is so rife, as to excite admiration in the minds of strangers who witness the exercise of the Forty Hours devotion in the little Church of St. Albert, at Gaspe Basin.

The decoration of the Church was unique, plain, and beautiful. Festooned in green boughs, and "traped in scarlet, gold, and white; emblazoned by myriads of emblem lights, surrounding the great object of our adoration. The Blessed Sacrament, which was raised above the High Altar on Monday, the 25th inst, after Grand Mass, and not moved from its position, night or day, till the following Wednesday, at the termination of the same Holy Office, and not left for a moment, without worshippers who relieved each other at the pious Dieu within the rails, constantly and regularly. The highest in the community not hesitating to put on the Surplice.

It is a specialty need be alluded to, it was the music of Miss Louise Morrison Fiset, late leader of the choir in the magnificent Dominican Church of New York; and now the founder and leader of a choir in our secluded parish Church. The grand mass on the last day, was a monument of musical supremacy. Mozart's 14th rendered in a manner that would do credit to a Cathedral, owing to the talent and indefatigable zeal of our worthy manager whose very soul is music.

Several Protestants were attracted to hear good music; between whom and our Catholic community perfect harmony existed. About four hundred persons participated in the Holy exercises. Thanks to the worthy Pastor, Rev. M. Boldue, to whose untiring efforts so much is due; aided by his excellent Coadjutors the Rev. Fathers Martin, of Cap de Rosier, Duret, of Fox River, and though last not least, Bossé of Percé, whose sermon at the closing exercises will illustrate what I have attempted to describe.

AGRICULTURE. COWS. Preserve strict cleanliness in the cows' stables. Dry cows may be fed moderately to keep them in fair condition only. Heavy milkers, when near the time of coming in, need judicious treatment, so as not to unduly stimulate the secretion of milk. Milking cows should be kept warm. YOUNG STOCK. To keep your stock growing through the winter, will hasten their maturity by half the time.

SMUTTY CORN. The wet weather of the past summer has caused much smut to grow in the corn. This fungus is poisonous to animals, and doubtless is the cause of much unexplained trouble. The smutty stalks should have been laid outside in the field; but if not done, throw out now and burn. The dust of the smut is its seed, and if permitted to escape, will perpetuate the pest.

A SMOKE HOUSE. A Smoke House may be prepared and set up ready for use next month, when bacon and hams may be taken from the pickle. A store of corn cobs may now be saved for the smoking. A smoke house, 6 feet square, and 8 feet high, made of double boards, will be sufficient to cure a large quantity of meat by beginning early. Finish this work, and have the meat packed away safely before the flies appear.

WATERING STOCK. Watering Stock is a very important part of the care needed for them at this season. Empty and clear the troughs of ice every afternoon, so that when filled in the morning there is no ice to chill the water. In cold weather water should not be drawn from the well until it is needed for the stock. Covers should be provided for all outside water troughs to keep out snow. Clear away the ice from watering places, gates, and all places where cows would be in danger of slipping; many a calf is lost by reason of cows falling upon icy places. If nothing else can be done, scatter upon the ice some coal-ashes, or sand, which will thaw in during the sunshine and will freeze on to the surface at night, and make it rough.

mixed together in the heap. We find it pays to turn over the heap once or twice during the winter, mix it thoroughly, and break up all the lumps. This makes it fine, and fit for use early in spring.

GETTING READY FOR WINTER. In this cold and changeable climate, it shows a lack of fore-thought and economy to neglect such repairs and improvements as will secure proper shelter during the rigors of winter for the farmer's own family, his stock and the crops he has gathered. A board off, or a pane of glass out, here and there, may cause a long doctor's bill, the loss of a young animal, or of a part of the potatoes' roots, or apples, and of the labor and money bestowed on their cultivation. Moreover, if the places where animals are kept in winter are cold, windy or damp, a large proportion of the food that would otherwise contribute to the increase of the bulk of the carcass, or to the yield of milk in the case of milch cows, is diverted from these purposes in order to make good the waste induced in meeting the severe demands for animal heat. Experiments have proved that for an animal exposed to the cold, from one-fourth to one-third more food is required to maintain the proper degree of animal heat, than for one protected from the elements by suitable shelter. To provide proper protection against inclement weather for the animals on the farm is, therefore, to consult economy quite as much as humanity.—Rural New Yorker.

ROOSTING PLACES. Far less attention is paid to providing suitable roosting places for fowls and chickens than is given to a host of other and less important matters connected with poultry and poultry houses. We have seen neat, tasty poultry houses, which appeared, from the outside view, to be the most comfortable places, fowls could wish for, yet an inspection of the inside revealed the roost from five to six feet high, far too high for heavy fowls. In "ye olden times" when light-bodied fowls were the rage, it did well enough to let them roost high, especially as the hen house was not carefully closed at night to prevent the visits of predatory rats, weasels and other animals with the natural relish for chickens in the rough. Now we have heavier fowls, are more particular in regard to the condition of the plumage, and take more pains with them, so these aerial roosting places can readily be dispensed with, a substitute being readily found in the now popular roosting benches which can be made but with a small outlay of time, labor and money, and are moveable, permitting the fancier to move them wherever necessary. These benches can be made from twelve to sixteen inches high and of 2x1 inch slats. There is no regular length for these benches, from five to six feet being a very convenient size, though if the compartment be not too wide, they can be made to conform to the width of the house, being careful to make them set true on the floor, with widespread legs well fastened on.—Poultry Journal.

REMITTANCES. Received at this office to 9th February. ONTARIO.—Hawkesbury, D. D. 2; Brockville, W. H. P. 1,50; Mrs C S 66; North Oxford, P. B. 2; St. Marys, J. H. 1,50; Beaverton, per D. J. McR, self 2; Wm L McR. 2; St. Marys J W 1,50; Merrickville, P. D. 1; Vankleek Hill, Mrs P P 150; Dickinsons Landing J S 1; Chepstow J D. 2; Brockville, J. A. F. 150; Glencoe, P. B. McR. 2; Trenton, P. K. 3; Toronto Loretto Abbey 15; Port Lambton, J. O. L. No. 2; Wolfe Island, per E. J. B. J. B. 1,50; J. O. B. 75; Ottawa, J. C. C. 1; Niagara, A. R. 2; Falloufield, D. 2; Napanee, M. G. 2; Inverness, per J. O. B. Revd J. G. 1,50; M. M. 150; Brockville, Revd F. McC. 1; per D. J. O'D. J. F. 2; St. Andrews, F. McR. 1; Walkerton, P. G. 2; Clayton T. M. 2; Brockville, J. S. 2; North Lancaster, L. McL. 1; Toronto, A. A. P. 2; Alexandria, L. McC. 1; Monckland, Miss K. McJ. 2; Centerville, Rev J. T. 2; London, E. C. 2; D. O. G. 2; Offa, J. W. R. 2; Glenroy, A. R. K. 2; Eamers Corners per M. M. Mrs M. M. D. 2; Ottawa, M. D. 2; Harper, J. P. 2; Martintown, J. D. McJ. 1; Huntley, per S. K. L. K. 1; Port Hope, per P. McC. M. G. 2; Ottawa, Revd Dr O. C. 2; Wawanosh, F. McG. 1; Arr. O. H. 2; South Truro, J. D. 2; Lowe, per J. M. Miss M. T. 2; self, 2; Lindsay, A. McG. 4; Arnprior, D. McN. 2; Muoro's Mills, A. McC. 2; Lonsdale, B. McA. 2; J. McC. 2; Vankleek Hill, L. M. 4; Dalhousie Mills, D. McD. 1; Guelph, E. F. M. 1; Hamilton, J. McD. 1; Pictou, J. P. 2; Kingston, per J. N. M. G. 2; Emily, J. McG. 3; Arthur, P. D. 4; St. Mary, J. H. 2; St. Raphael, D. McD. 2; Kingston, P. O. D. 1; Vankleek Hill, per C. McG. B. D. 1; North Mountain, H. L. 2; Lancaster, J. G. 2; Lucknow, per F. L. E. R. D. 1; Kingsbridge, J. S. 2; Vankleek Hill, J. McG. 2; Crysler, T. R. O. S. 1; Vyne, J. L. 2; Perth, H. H. 6; Arlington, D. O. L. 25c; per P. D. Toronto J. P. 2; Woodbridge, G. G. 2; Ottawa, P. L. 1; Victoria, Road, N. H. 2; Ottawa, P. P. 2; C. G. 2; P. B. 2; M. G. 2; Kingston, per J. N. M. G. 2; Osceola per P. H. M. S. 1; Napanee, per M. A. E. M. B. 2; Rev J. H. McJ. 1; T. P. 2; Carronbrook, J. K. 2.

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CANADA, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal. SUPERIOR COURT. Philomene Provencen, of the City of Montreal, wife of Edouard Barsalo, Culler, of the same place, duly authorized to ester en Justice, Plaintiff, against the said Edouard Barsalo, D-fendant. An action for separation as to property has been this day instituted. F. X. THIBAUT, Attorney for Plaintiff. Montreal, 4th March, 1878. 31-4

NOTICE. THE COUNTY OF HOCHELAGA BUILDING SOCIETY will apply to the Parliament of Canada, at its next session, to obtain a special act of incorporation, giving it power: 1st. To become an ordinary loan and investment society, with the privileges accorded to Permanent Building Societies according to the laws in force. 2nd. To discontinue and abandon the system of allotments. 3rd. To reduce its capital to twenty per cent of the amount now subscribed, except in so far as respects the holdings of present borrowers, who will remain shareholders for the full amount advanced to them. And if they prefer not to retain such shares, power to make arrangements with them for the repayment of what is due on their loans will be asked. 4th. To increase its capital stock from time to time; to create a reserve fund; to continue to issue temporary shares, if thought advisable; to create a lien on the shares for the payment of claims due to the Society; and to invest its moneys in public securities, and to accept personal, in addition to hypothecary guarantees as collateral security for loans made by it. And generally for any other powers necessary for the proper working of the said Society. H. JEANNOTTE, N. P. Sec. Treas.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal. SUPERIOR COURT. Dame Julie Tellier dite Lafortune, of the City and District of Montreal, wife of Joseph Narcisse Portelance, trader, of the same place, Plaintiff, vs. The said Joseph Narcisse Portelance, trader, of the same place, Defendant.

An action for separation as to property has been this day instituted in this Court, at Montreal. THIBAUT & MCGOWN, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Montreal, 9th March, 1878. 22-5

CANADA, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal. SUPERIOR COURT. Dame Hermine Mathieu, wife of Louis Arthur DesRosiers, of the City and District of Montreal, Notary, Plaintiff, vs. The said Louis Arthur DesRosiers, Defendant.

An action in separation as to property has been instituted in this case, the twenty-first of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight. A. MATHIEU, Attorney for Plaintiff. Montreal, 21st February, 1878. 29-5

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal. SUPERIOR COURT. Dame Marie Louise Theliste Anselina Provost, of the Parish of St. Philippe, in the District of Montreal, wife continue en biens of Francois Edmond Huboux, dit Deslongchamps, a farmer, of the same place, duly authorized a ester en Justice, Plaintiff, vs. The said Francois Edmond Huboux dit Deslongchamps, Defendant. An action for separation from Bed and Board and from property, has been instituted this day by the Plaintiff in this cause. LACOSTE & GLOBENSKY, Attys for Plaintiff. Montreal, 19th February, 1878. 29-5