

News from the Catholic Parishes of the City.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH.

At St. Patrick's Church on Sunday last High Mass was sung by Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan, and the sermon preached by Rev. James Killoran. In the evening solemn Vespers were sung, and a procession around the Church was held in honor of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. A special musical programme was sung during the service.

The visitation of the parish will soon take place.

Rev. Father Polan, who has been on the sick list for some time, is again back at parochial work.

The Catechism classes are again in full swing, and the pastor, Rev. Father M. Callaghan, is greatly pleased with the younger portion of his large flock.

The sale of tickets for the lecture to be given by the well known Paulist, Rev. Father McCorry, at the Windsor Hall, Friday, Oct. 21st, is meeting with great success. Rev. Father Peter Heffernan has charge of the arrangements.

The members of St. Patrick's choir have resumed their weekly practices. Every Friday evening at 8 o'clock practices are held in the Church. Young men possessing a good voice should join the choir, as they cannot use the gift which God has given them better than by singing His divine praises.

ST. ANN'S PARISH.

The pilgrimage of the Holy Family Sodality, Men's Branch, was held on Sunday afternoon to the Church of the Sacred Heart, and was very largely attended, there being 300 in attendance. Special cars had been provided by the Street Railway Company, and the brass band of St. Ann's Young Men's Society accompanied them. At the Church solemn Benediction was given by the Vice-Provincial of the Redemptorist Order, Very Rev. Father Lemieux, C.S.S.R.

St. Ann's Young Men's Society held a meeting on Sunday afternoon, which was attended by 70 members. Arrangements were made for the holding of a grand euchar party in St. Ann's Hall on Oct. 18th. Mr.



REV. FATHER STRUBBE, C.S.S.R.
Director of St. Ann's Young Men's Society.

Whitely was named chairman of the gymnasium section of the Society, and Mr. Ed. Quinn chairman of the dramatic section. A new choral union was formed. Several applications were read asking for the position of director, but the appointment was left over to the next meeting. Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., is again the spiritual director of the Society.

St. Anne's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society will hold their regular monthly meeting next Sunday afternoon, when the report of the Newfoundland delegate will be presented. A full attendance is requested.

The annual pilgrimage of the parish will be made next Sunday afternoon to Cote des Neiges Cemetery.

ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH.

The feast of the Most Holy Rosary was fittingly celebrated at St. Gabriel's Church on Sunday. Rev. Father Fahey sang High Mass, and the pastor, Rev. Wm. O'Meara, preached an excellent sermon on the devotion of the Holy Rosary. He took for his text: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, Blessed art thou among women." (St. Luke, chap. I.,

verse 28) "You are all aware," said the preacher, "that the Catholic Church celebrates to-day the feast of the Holy Rosary. Prayer said in public moves the heart of God." He (the preacher), gave a detailed account of the origin and devotion of the Holy Rosary and the manner of saying it well. In conclusion, he exhorted the congregation to assist at the devotions, held every evening in October, and those who could not do so to say the Rosary at home. By doing so they would receive God's special blessing here and eternal happiness hereafter.

The St. Gabriel's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society held their regular monthly meeting on Sunday immediately after High Mass. Rev. Father Fahey was appointed spiritual director of the Society. The meeting was a lengthy one. The address of the Newfoundland delegate, Mr. Cuddihy, was given. As St. Ann's meeting will be held next Sunday, and as both societies are about to start a juvenile branch in connection with their societies, we will deal with both in next week's issue.

Rev. Father O'Meara in making the announcements on Sunday, referred to the great benefits derived from the night schools, and earnestly requested parents to send their boys to them. He said that many boys were obliged to leave school at the ages of 12 and 13 years, and it was principally for those that the Government granted a large sum of money to better their education. We hope that parents will follow the instructions of the pastor of old St. Gabriel's.

The Church choir has been strengthened by a special choir of boys from the Brothers' school, and the rendition of the beautiful plain chant "Mass of the Angels" was heard to good advantage.

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH.

At the 8 o'clock Mass, the pastor, Rev. Father J. E. Donnelly, took occasion to refer to a misunderstanding of his action in reference to the school system in vogue at the Belmont School. Some persons were under the impression that he had condemned the teachers who are at present employed there. "This was entirely wrong," said Father Donnelly, "I have some personal friends among the teachers at the school, who are excellent teachers, and if I were starting a school in the parish I would not ask for better ones. It is not the school nor the teachers that I condemn, it is the system authorized by the School Commissioners."

Rev. Father Goggins, of London, England, who has been here for some time in connection with the Catholic Emigration Society, officiated at the nine o'clock Mass.

At the solemn High Mass, Rev. Father Shea officiated, and Rev. Father Thos. Heffernan preached an eloquent sermon on "Injustice and Debts."

The Catechism classes held in the basement of the Church are largely attended. The director, Rev. Father Thos. Heffernan, feels proud of his young flock.

The next series of euchar parties will be held on October 26th. The sum realized on the first was about \$400.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH.

High Mass was sung by Rev. Robert E. Callahan. The Rev. Father Kiernan was the preacher.

The young men of the choir are taking great interest in their work. Plain chant is now being used at all the services, and St. Michael's Young Men, by their earnestness and perseverance, are doing all they can to second the efforts of their pastor and his assistant.

The parishioners of St. Michael's will have reason to rejoice when at the end of the present month they will assist for the first time in the new temple raised up for the honor and glory of God.

ST. AGNES PARISH.

Solemn High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Condon, C.S.C., St. Laurent College, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. Rev. Father Conolly, S.J., Immaculate Conception Church, preached the sermon.

GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE CITY.

The solemnity of the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel will be celebrated in all the Catholic Churches of the city to-morrow.

At Notre Dame Church last Sunday solemn High Mass was sung. In the afternoon solemn Vespers were sung, followed by a procession around the Church. Rev. Dr. McShane officiated and carried the statue of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary.

The Young Men's Sodality of the parish of Notre Dame held a special service on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, at which several young men were received into the Sodality. Rev. Father Wilfrid Hebert, S.S., said the Mass, preached a beautiful sermon, and presided at the reception. In the afternoon at 1.30 the Young Men went on a pilgrimage to Cote des Neiges Cemetery.



REV. FATHER FAHEY.
New Director of St. Gabriel's T. A. & B. Society.

St. James' Cathedral was visited on Sunday last by hundreds making the jubilee visits. Besides those who made them individually, several of the city parishes went in a body.

St. Louis de France held an imposing procession on Sunday last, in honor of the Holy Rosary. Mount St. Louis band assisted.

The feast of St. Francis of Assisi was fittingly celebrated on Tuesday of this week at the Franciscan Church, Dorchester street. Solemn High Mass was sung at 8 o'clock, at which several members of the Order made their profession. At 10 o'clock another solemn High Mass was sung by a Dominican Father, and a sermon preached. The singing of the monks was soul-inspiring. In the evening solemn Vespers were sung, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament imparted.

A large number of Catholic emigrant children arrived from England on Saturday last, and are at present at the Catholic Home, cor. St. Antoine and Fulford streets. Last Sunday a special reunion of the past and present children was held, presided over by Mr. Cecil Arden, manager of the Catholic Emigration Society for Canada, assisted by the Rev. Father Goggins, Hon. Justice Curran and Mrs. Curran. A very pleasant time was spent. The work is progressing very favorably in Canada.

The Chinese mission gives promise of great results. The services held on Sunday at the Brothers' Chapel, Cote street, are largely attended. Rev. Father Hornsby, S.J., is in charge.

On the 12th inst. there will take place at Cap de la Madeleine an imposing ceremony of the coronation of a statue of the Blessed Virgin. Mgr. Sbarretti, the Papal Delegate, and several Archbishops and Bishops are expected to be present.

The citizens of Montreal are about to tender a farewell banquet to the Earl of Minto previous to his departure from Canada. The banquet will be held at the Windsor Hotel on October 13th.

Rev. Canon Ouellette, Superior of the Seminary at St. Hyacinthe, died

suddenly early on Monday morning. He was feeling well the previous day, but was stricken with syncope of the heart at midnight. He was in his seventy-fourth year.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL SPORTS.

The first annual sports of St. Patrick's School took place on Tuesday afternoon of this week, and were greatly enjoyed both by the boys and their parents and friends. The weather was ideal, and the green sward of the Shamrock lacrosse grounds at Mile End was in fine condition. Rev. Fathers Martin Callaghan, Peter Heffernan and James Killoran were present and took great delight in watching the children enjoy themselves. The lacrosse match was warmly contested, as well as the races and the many other events.

The following gentlemen acted as judges: Messrs. B. Tansey, F. Luke-man, M.A.A.A., J. P. Murphy, F. Green, M.A.A.A., and R. Walsh.

The Brothers and their pupils are to be congratulated on the success attending their first annual field day.

THE NIGHT SCHOOLS OPENED.

The night schools under the direction of the Catholic Commissioners' Board opened on Monday evening with large attendances. This year there is a change as regards teaching, the principals being obliged to teach a class in their respective schools. Another vigorous fight was put up by some of the commissioners to have a new staff of teachers employed rather than the day school teachers, but it was finally voted down. The following are the schools, with the staff of professors:

Montcalm School—Messrs. J. N. Perrault (principal), A. P. Gelinas, J. J. Maguire, J. Hogan, J. B. Paquette, J. E. Bernier.

Champlain School—Messrs. H. O. Dore (principal), P. P. Burke, L. Warren, F. X. St. Laurent, Victor Dore.

Sarsfield School—Messrs. P. Ahern (principal), E. N. Gobeil, P. J. Fitzpatrick, W. Kelley.

Belmont School—Messrs. J. V. Desaulniers (principal), J. J. McCullen, J. Weir, J. A. Archambault, J. W. Meloche, P. E. Smith.

Olier School—L. A. Primeau (principal), M. Lanctot, T. F. Cuddihy, G. A. Fendall.

Edward Murphy School—Messrs. P. J. Leitch, W. J. Brennan.

The night schools are free to all pupils who wish to profit by them.

ST. ANN'S FIELD DAY.

The annual field day of St. Ann's Christian Brothers' School took place on the Shamrock grounds, and was the most successful in the history of the school. A large number of the clergy, Christian Brothers, and the parents and friends were present. All the events were keenly contested, and many records were broken.

The True Witness congratulates the boys on their success in athletics. Good old St. Ann's has given many a brave and sterling athlete and lacrosse player who has helped the Shamrocks to achieve many of their signal victories on the lacrosse field, at football and at hockey.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

On Monday morning at nine o'clock a solemn anniversary service was chanted at St. Michael's Church, for the repose of the soul of the late Father McDermott. The celebrant

of the Mass was Rev. Robert Callahan, St. Michael's; the deacon, Rev. P. McDonald, of St. Mary's, and the sub-deacon, Rev. P. Kiernan, P.P., St. Michael's. Representatives of the clergy from the English-speaking parishes were present, as also a number of relatives and friends of the deceased.

Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock an anniversary service was sung at St. Ann's by Rev. Father McPhail, C.S.S.R., A large congregation was present.

The late Father McDermott was attached to St. Patrick's, St. Mary's, St. Michael's, St. Gabriel's, and was also chaplain at the Gabriel Sanitarium under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy, situated in the Adirondack Mountains.

A PLEA FOR THE BOYS.

Many of our English-speaking boys are obliged to leave school owing to circumstances, at an early age, and go out to face the cold and dreary world to fight life's battle. The boys are poorly equipped with knowledge, consequently their fight is an uphill one. They have to look for work very often, for which nature never intended them. It is not the boys' fault; it may be the death of a father; it may be that their few dollars are required to meet the running expenses of the house. But yet with good will, earnestness, and perseverance, many of them improve their leisure hours, and succeed in bettering their positions after a while. Others again get into bad company, and in time become a burden to themselves and the community.

With all the advantages in our midst, no boy should be without an education. Night schools are established to help them along. Business colleges and private evening classes are all over our city, and there is absolutely no excuse for illiteracy. Parents should see that their boys attend to the evening classes, and with a little will power great results will follow. Outside of those who are obliged to work from force of circumstances, there are two other classes, namely, the boys who are two careless or lazy at school, and the boys whose parents allow them to do just as they please both at home and at school. The careless or lazy boys leave school in disgust, having an aversion for work, and when they get employment they take no interest. They wander from one job to another, and in the end they become like rolling stones. When they reach manhood they realize the mistake of their lives, the need of a good education. The class of boys whose parents allow them to do just as they please in regard to attending school seems to be the saddest of all. What comes of such conduct but a spirit of so-called independence, which will ever stand in their way of success. Children do not seem to honor and respect their parents in this age of enlightenment. The fourth commandment seems to be reversed. Parents live to see themselves reap the whirlwind of their folly, when their children take the upper hand.

Parents, keep your boys at school. Give them a decent education. Equip them well for life's battle, so that they will go out to fight it like brave and courageous soldiers. Make a sacrifice for their education. Do not send them to work at the ages of 12 or 13, for the paltry sum of two or three dollars a week, in factories and other places, where the life-blood is being slowly ebbed away. Do your duty, parents, towards your boys fearlessly and courageously, so that each one may be able to say: "I have given my boy a good education, and have equipped him well to fight life's battle honestly and honorably."

HEARD IN A STREET CAR.

One evening this week while riding in a street car, I observed two boys sitting near me. One was about fourteen, and the other thirteen. The conversation was about work. "Where are you working?" said the elder of the two. "In an office down town," was the reply. "What wages do you receive?" "Two dollars and a half a week," replied the other. "I don't like the work, and I thought school was a burden, but I have made a mistake. I guess I will give up my job and return to school, and study harder, and fit myself for a good position." "I think you are right," said his companion.

Being obliged to get off at a certain place, I lost track of the balance of the conversation, but certainly the above case is one of many. Young boys are often misled by thoughts of work at an early age, go out with the greatest handicap, the want of a good sound com-

mercial education, and having only a good time before them, never rise to any importance at their work. Boys, take a lesson from that boy who saw his error and wanted to correct it. The better equipped you are, the better position you will be able to command.

A.O.H. DIVISION NO. 5.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division No. 5, held a grand euchar and social on Friday evening, Oct. 7th, at Stanley Hall.

ATTENTION TO THE THREE R'S.

A thorough grounding in the three R's, reading, writing and arithmetic, should be given in the junior departments of every school, so that as the pupils advance, the work will not be too difficult for them. Owing to the want of a solid foundation in these branches, many children when promoted to higher grades, get discouraged and abandon school in disgust. Reading is taught in a sing-song tone, and consequently there is no expression in it. Writing has been in many schools a back number, the pupils being allowed to scribble their home exercises. Neatness in a page of home work tells well for a pupil. Arithmetic is the weakest branch in many of the schools, owing to the poor foundation given in the lower schools. If these three branches are well taught, pupils will advance rapidly in every grade in the school.

THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY.

The present month, October, is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is richly indulgenced. In many Catholic families, the world over, the Rosary is recited every evening. Even in the streets, people recite their beads as they walk along. A few afternoons ago I met a man, and having stopped to speak to him, he reached me his left hand, excusing himself by saying he had his hands in his right hand, and was reciting them as he was taking a walk. The example of that man edified me very much. Persons should make a point to say the Rosary every day this month. "In all your wants turn to the Blessed Virgin," says Blessed Clement Hofbauer, the Redemptorist. "She is the Mother of Mercy, and will obtain mercy for you from her Son. Never has the Son refused His Mother a grace."

SAVE THE YOUNG.

Among the growing evils of the present day is intemperance. Its baneful influence is felt and seen on all sides. It is a disgrace to the fair name of our good city to see so many of our population addicted to this awful sin. The young men form a large proportion of this formidable army, yet no effort is being made to have them stop it. Where are our juvenile temperance societies? We have none. A persistent effort must be made to form such bodies, and when the boys make their first Communion and take the pledge after their confirmation, they then have these societies to go to, and they will be kept away from drink's alluring snare. Parents, see that your children join those societies when they are formed and you will see peace, joy and happiness in your homes.

SPORTING ITEMS.

The Rugby football season opened on Saturday last. The weather was chilly, and now and then it rained. The knights of the gridiron faced the elements and played for all they were worth. Montreal furnished a surprise for the famous Rough Riders of Ottawa, the champions of Canada, by defeating them by 18 to 7. Ottawa College found they were up against a hard proposition in the Westmount boys. Westmount had 6 to 0 at half time, but College took a brace and won 11 to 6. Westmount greatly surprised the College. The teams in the senior series are evenly matched, and a hard fight for the championship will be the feature of the season's work.

In the intermediate series the Shamrocks, though possessing a strong team, met defeat at the hands of Westmount by 6 to 4.

Cups for lacrosse matches are becoming the rage. La Presse has offered one for two matches between National and Shamrock, and an Ottawa paper one for two matches between Capitals and Shamrocks. If the "Boys in Green" win the two, the club house at Mile End will have the honor of adding to their already great number of trophies.

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