

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

At the meeting of St. Gabriel's Juvenile Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society five new members were initiated and the most successful meeting of the Society was held. Tomorrow evening there will be a special meeting for the excursion committee.

RECEIVED BY HIS HOLINESS. Ald. Galloway and family were received in private audience by Pius X. on Tuesday.

MONTH'S MIND SERVICE. Last Monday morning a month's mind service was sung at St. Mary's Church for the repose of the soul of the late Prof. Francis D. Daly. Rev. Father P. McDonald celebrated the Holy Sacrifice.

PILGRIMAGE TO STE. ANNE DE BEAUPRE. A pilgrimage for married and single men to Ste. Anne de Beaupre will take place next Saturday afternoon. The affair is under the direction of the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION. The solemnity of the feast of the Assumption was celebrated in all the Catholic churches of the city last Sunday. The altars were beautifully decorated with flowers, lights and banners, while the music was in keeping with the occasion.

APPOINTED PROVINCIAL FOR CANADA. Rev. Father Pelletier, of the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament, has been appointed by the Superior of the Order in Rome, Provincial for Canada. Rev. Father Pelletier was born near Quebec, and has been for some time procurator of the Monastery on Mount Royal avenue.

SUNDAY EXCURSIONS FORBIDDEN. His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi has issued an order forbidding Sunday excursions in future. The announcement was made at the different masses on last Sunday. Sunday excursions already arranged this year will be allowed, but such excursions cannot be held any more, and Catholic organizations will have to govern themselves accordingly.

THE JUVENILES' EXCURSION. St. Gabriel's Juvenile Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society will hold its first annual excursion to Highgate Springs, Vermont, on Saturday next. Trains will leave Bonaventure depot at 8.45 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. Tickets, adults, \$1.00. Children 50 cents. The officers in charge have worked very hard, and the people should encourage the youngsters by spending a pleasant day's outing with them. Races, dancing, and other forms of amusement have been provided, and a record crowd will be in attendance.

SATURDAY'S PRINCIPAL EVENT. At the regular monthly meeting of the St. Gabriel's Juvenile T. A. & B. Society, held last Sunday, the final arrangements were completed for its first annual outing to be held at Highgate Springs, Vt., next Saturday, the 26th inst. The society is making every effort to mark this, its first excursion, a grand success, and if favored by fine weather it is expected that there will be a banner crowd in attendance. The officers and committee in charge are leaving nothing undone in the way of providing amusements on the grounds, and everybody that takes the trip may expect to have a royal good time.

FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO RIGAUD. On Sunday next, Aug. 27th, the members of the Third Order of St. Francis, under the direction of the Franciscan Fathers, will conduct a mixed pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady at Rigaud. As is known from the past, the direction of the Franciscan Fathers promises well for a devout and successful outing. Moreover, the shrine itself, with its picturesquely set surroundings, has ever won the admiration of its many visitors. Special train leaves Windsor station at 7.30 a.m., calling at Westmount and Montreal Junction. Departure from Rigaud 5.30 p.m. Tickets, adults, \$1.00. Children, 50 cents. For further particulars apply to the Franciscan Fathers, 1222 Doncaster street.

PRINCE LOUIS ALEXANDER CALLED ON HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP BRUCHESI.

One of the most interesting of the admiral's movements was the visit which he paid to His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi on Tuesday. Early in the day Mgr. Bruchesi intimated that he intended to call upon the Prince at the Windsor, but the latter at once replied that he would like to have the honor of first calling upon the head of the archdiocese. Prince Louis arrived at the episcopal residence shortly after noon, and was received by the Archbishop, who presented the city's distinguished guest to the members of the household. Mgr. Bruchesi also accompanied Prince Louis to the cathedral, and the Admiral expressed his high appreciation of the architectural qualities of the sacred edifice, and warmly thanked His Grace.

FATHER McDONALD BACK FROM AN EXTENSIVE TOUR.

Rev. P. McDonald, curate at St. Mary's Church, who was on a tour through Ireland, England, Scotland and Italy, arrived back last Sunday morning. During his sojourn he visited many places of importance. During his stay at Rome the hottest weather in fifty years was experienced. He had the privilege of a private audience with the Holy Father, who sent his benediction to the good people of St. Mary's parish and commissioned Father McDonald to impart to the congregation the Apostolic Benediction, which will be given next Sunday at high Mass. Father McDonald visited the once renowned city of Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius. He said Mass at the tomb of the prince of the Apostles, St. Peter. At the Cathedral of Milan he offered up the Holy Sacrifice at the tomb of St. Charles Borromeo. Speaking to a representative of the True Witness about Pope Pius X, he said: "His Holiness is a man of charming manners and of very imposing appearance. Dressed in immaculate white, his countenance beaming with heavenly sweetness, his very presence would inspire love and confidence. I will never forget my visit to Pius X, and the fatherly way in which he conversed with me. He was particularly interested in the welfare of the Irish Catholics of Montreal, and spoke in the highest terms of the allegiance of the Irish people to the Holy See. He empowered me to give the Apostolic Benediction to the people of St. Mary's parish."

PRINCE LOUIS AT OLD ST. SULPICE.

The gates of the Seminary were thrown wide open and Father Lecocq, Superior of the Sulpitians, and Abbe Troie, pastor of Notre Dame, surrounded by the priests of the household, stood on the steps to welcome their guests. The Prince gave a hearty shake of the hand to each of the Fathers, and during his visit spoke in the French language, with an apparent foreign accent, but with ease and quite correctly. Upon a table in the large reception room were displayed those old documents which form one of the most precious treasures of the Seminary and are always produced with pride for the guests whom it specially desires to honor. His Serene Highness looked with great interest over the first baptism register entry ever made on the island of Montreal, and which was written as far back as 1642. There, too, were the signatures of Louis the Fourteenth and Fifteenth, Kings of France, and of Maison-neuve, whose bronze figure the Prince had just admired on the square, of Mademoiselle Manca, fountress of the Hotel Dieu, of Mademoiselle Leber, of Frontenac, the lion-hearted old governor of Quebec. Of this last autograph the Prince remarked: "That does not look like the hand of a man who wrote much. It is the writing of a rough soldier." The Prince complimented the reverend fathers on the remarkable preservation of these documents, which speaks so well for the careful attention they receive. The distinguished guests were led from the Seminary to the church, after glancing at the spacious gardens which, with their pretty flowers and fruit trees, and foliage have become a rare curiosity in the heart of the congested district of our city. At the foot of the main altar of Notre Dame, prie-dieu were arranged and as the party approached by the centre aisle the entire display of electric lights were turned on and Professor Dussault played upon the great organ with telling effect. Widor's first symphony, "Marche Pontificale."

PRINCE LOUIS AT THE HOTEL DIEU.

On Wednesday morning at 11.30 His Serene Highness Prince Louis of Battenburg, with Captain Kinghall, his secretary, visited the Hotel Dieu. The Prince was accompanied by His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, His Lordship Bishop Racicot, Rev. Canons Vaillant, Roy and Gauthier, of the Cathedral. At the hospital the party was received by Sir Wm. Hingston, M.D., Rev. Mother Broseau, Superioress, Rev. Fathers Bernard, S.S., O'Reilly, English chaplain, and Dr. Donald Hingston. The cloister was first visited, then some of the wards, afterwards the operating room, where Drs. Lachance, Meunier, Moreau, Tampi, Larocque, Martel, Dumont, Hemelin, Pajouette, Bousquet and Berrier, the regular staff physicians, with the nurses, welcomed the party. The Prince expressed his pleasure at the visit. After leaving light refreshments were served. The party then drove to the Windsor Hotel. Prince Louis drove with His Grace, Captain Kinghall and Canon Vaillant.

PILGRIMAGE TO POINTE AUX TREMBLES.

Last Friday afternoon a pilgrimage took place to Pointe aux Trembles under the direction of the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament. Over eleven hundred people attended. The preacher was the Rev. Thomas Heffernan, of St. Anthony's, who held his audience spellbound by the magic of his inspired words. As he began to speak at each grotto the rustling incidental to the presence of so many hundreds stopped like magic. In language eloquent and poetic, he told the oft-repeated story of Christ's passion, sufferings and death with an intensity of feeling all his own. His words, clear-cut and distinct, fell on some hearts like rain on the thirsty earth, on others like a prick from a red-hot needle. At the beginning he told his hearers that it was not his mission to explain why sin existed and exists, and why God, who knew all things, would tolerate sin. Sin caused misery and provoked the anger of a just God, and only a God-Victim could make atonement. God permitted His own Son to carry on His shoulders the cross, the sign of ignominy. He

Christ, the most beautiful among the sons of men, the virgin son of a virgin mother, carried his funeral pile up the rugged path to Golgotha's gibbet-crowned summit to atone for men's sins. For nigh two thousand years the blood-stained standard of Calvary has towered aloft among mankind as the awful price of a human soul and the terrible malice of mortal sin. In the groupings of Calvary Father Heffernan was particularly impressive and effective. The scene was a striking one. At the top of the miniature Calvary, with its image of the crucified Saviour, stood the preacher, imploring, pleading, exhorting his eager listeners in the little valley beneath to regret the sins of the past, and to sin no more. He drew the attention of his audience to statues of the two Marys at the foot of the cross—Mary the Sinless and Mary the Magdalen, who sinned, rose and sinned never again. He exhorted his hearers to admit to their God their faults, like the reclaimed thief, and like him they would hear the sweet words from the sweet lips of Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, "This day thou shalt be with Me in Paradise."

A short sermon by Rev. Father Jean, a procession to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament concluded the pilgrimage. The grounds were tastefully decorated with flags and banners, and Rev. Father Jean was highly pleased with the pilgrimage of the Irish Catholics. In a future issue we will deal with the many improvements which have taken place lately at what is destined to become a famous shrine.

PRINCE LOUIS AT OLD ST. SULPICE.

The surprise of the season in the lacrosse world came last Saturday afternoon when the champion Shamrocks went down to defeat at the hands of the Cornwall team. In spite of the fact that the champions were handicapped owing to the loss of three good men, Hootbin, Smith and Robinson, yet the present team was sufficiently strong to down Cornwall. Carelessness and over-confidence played an important part in the defeat of the Shamrocks. A free fight marred the afternoon's work, during which the Shamrocks were obliged to seek protection in the club house. It is really too bad that such work cannot be stopped. This is the third one this season, in each case the Shamrocks being attacked away from their own grounds. When visiting clubs play at the Shamrock grounds the boys in green do not treat them in such a manner. Like the fracas at Ottawa, victory slipped away from the Shamrocks when the fight commenced. The goal keeper of the Cornwalls, Lalonde, stopped sufficient shots to enable a team to win three matches. He was struck in the eye, in the chest, and in the mouth with the ball, from hot shots, and was obliged to retire, he was injured so badly. Over 400 supporters of the Shamrocks accompanied the boys, and all occupied seats on the grand stand. In the last quarter, with the score a tie, Shamrocks made frantic efforts to win out, but four men were ruled off, and defeat followed, Cornwall winning by 7 goals to 5.

IN THE LACROSSE WORLD.

Since the defeat the topic of the hour is "Will the championship and Minto Cup travel this year?" At present it looks very much that way, but if Shamrocks play their old time game their supporters can rest assured that the banner at the end of the season will read: "Shamrocks, Champions, 1905."

Last Saturday afternoon the Capitals played a draw game with Montreal, the score being 3-3. In the junior series, the Ontarios and St. Patrick's Cadets battled for the junior championship, and at the end the score read 2 all.

Next Saturday afternoon a lively battle will be held when the champions meet the Capitals at Ottawa. This will be the beginning of the second series of games between the two teams. An excursion train will be run, and hundreds will accompany the Shamrocks.

NOTES.

Capt. O'Connell says that the team will travel at its best to win all the other matches. Hennessy and Hogan are the stars of the home, and with Hootbin on the attack the three H's and the two B's (Brennans) should make a bright, breezy, humming home. Hootbin is practicing again, and will be found leading the home. McIlwaine and McIntyre are playing good lacrosse. The Mas's are great boys.

A FAC-SIMILE OF PAPAL BENEDICTION

Granted by Request of His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi to the C. M. B. A. of America.



When in Rome, at the Immaculate Conception Jubilee services, last December, His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, of Montreal, presented to His Holiness Pius X. a petition from Bro. J. E. Costin, of Branch 4, of Montreal, Grand Council of Quebec, begging the inestimable favor of an

Apostolic Benediction for the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of America. That His Holiness was graciously pleased to grant the petition appears from the above reproduction of the precious document, which will give joy to the heart of every member. The original document was sent to

Supreme Deputy A. R. Archambault, who at once remitted same to Supreme President John J. Hynes, of Buffalo, where it will be preciously kept as the greatest memento attached to our great and noble order, and obtained through the saintly Metropolitan of Montreal.

THE CATHOLIC SAILORS' CONCERT.

Last evening's concert at the Catholic Sailors' Club, although not quite so largely attended as those given for the last few weeks, a circumstance due, no doubt, to the many social events at present going on in our city, was, however, a success in every sense of the word. It was under the auspices of Branch 26 of the C.M.B.A. Mr. J. Kennedy made a fine chairman, and in his opening remarks he paid a high tribute to the management, as also to the intrinsic value of the Club as an institution. The programme was well carried out, the various events being enjoyed most heartily. Special mention is due to Mrs. Margulson for her entertaining and genial manner, as well as her beautiful rendition and well cultivated voice. Messrs. Palmer, J. H. Maiden, W. Costigan, J. Farrell, Gilchrist, Grimes, Murphy and Cherry also deserve special notice for the manner in which they acquitted themselves of their parts. Mr. Gerald Malone, of the SS. Tunisian, in his cake walk and general comic sketches, evoked mirth upon all sides. The clog dances by Master W. Palmer, and the sailors' hornpipe by Miss Grant were very nicely executed. Then came a concertina solo by Mr. Burke which brought to a close a most successful and pleasing evening with our friends the Catholic sailors. The chairman announced that next Wednesday evening's concert would be in the hands of Loyola Court, No. 1461, C.O.F.

SOME RECENT MIRACLES AT STE. ANNE DE BEAUPRE.

(For the True Witness.)

A few years ago I was cured of several ailments through the intercession of St. Ann, the wonder worker, at the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre. My last experience of her powerful intercession was when I was threatened with total paralysis of my whole body. In consequence of such goodness to me, I have made it a rule every year, as long as I live, to visit her shrine at Ste. Anne de Beaupre, and to spend a few days in thanksgiving for the favors bestowed on me. This year during my visit there I was a witness of some wonderful cures. The first one was a young lady of 21 years of age, Miss Marie L. Evilette, Old Town, Me., who was suffering from a

disease of the leg. Her leg became so bad that the veins had to be removed, and the leg was put in bandages. She could not enter the church without help, and during her stay, I, in company with another person, would help her in and out of the church. On the morning of the 8th of August, she received holy Communion, and after receiving the bandages burst at the knee and she was perfectly cured. She walked out of the church unaided and went to her hotel alone, her countenance beaming with joy and gratitude for the favor bestowed on her.

On Sunday, August 6th, Miss Evilena Roberts, 464 Eight street, Troy, N.Y., was cured of hip disease. She had spent about fifteen days at Ste. Anne de Beaupre, and after receiving holy Communion on the morning of the 6th, came back from the altar rail perfectly cured.

The most remarkable case was that of a couple of days later, when a young lady about 20 years old was cured. One foot was fully six inches shorter than the other. A large piece of iron was attached to the boot in order that she might walk better, but still she had to use crutches. While kneeling at the shrine in the church, she placed her two crutches inside the rail, and then removed the boot with the iron attachment, and handing it to her father, she said she was perfectly cured, the short leg becoming the same length as the other, and she walked out of the church without a limp. The crutches and the boot are to be seen at the shrine in testimony of this wonderful cure.

On July 26th last, the feast of St. Anne, there were four cures, an unusual thing, for St. Ann generally reserves her feast day for herself. A young lady was almost blind for 4 years. She prayed fervently on the feast of St. Ann, that she would see the eyes of the statue of St. Ann, and her sight was restored. Another lady was so deaf she could not even hear the report of a gun when fired off a few yards from her. Her hearing was restored. A lady from Troy, N.Y., suffering from hip disease for three years, was also cured. She contracted hip disease, through a fall, and owing to contraction one leg was shorter than the other. After Communion on the morning of the feast she arose and walked back to her place cured. On the evening of the feast, while solemn Benediction was being imparted, and the famous choir of Quebec, the Union Palestrina, were just finished singing the Laudate Dominum, a little boy of eight years of age, who had entered the church on crutches, was cured. A cry of joy resounded throughout the sacred temple, many Protestants witnessing the miracle, and said they could not remain silent on witnessing such a sight.

One lives and breathes in a new world of faith and piety at Ste. Anne de Beaupre. We leave the scenes of everyday life to witness scenes that are heavenly and to teach us to prepare for our heavenly home through the intercession of good St. Ann. LAUS DEO.

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