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OTTAWA NOTES

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
The annual Mass of the St. Jerome Sewing Circle was recently celebrated in the Basilica with a large attendance. The organization is maintained for charitable purposes and is progressing satisfactorily.

His Grace, Archbishop Bruchesi, of Montreal, was in the city recently, when he bestowed the tonsure upon his nephew, Rev. Paul Bruchesi. Many friends of the family were in attendance at the ceremony, which took place in the chapel of the Juniorate.

A Triduum was held in several of the churches in preparation for the Feast of St. Anne. In the Basilica the church had been extensively decorated and the sermons were delivered by Rev. Father Corbett, who had recently returned from Washington.

Rev. Father L. P. Gravelle, pastor of a parish in Moose Jaw, Alta., was a recent guest at the Basilica. Father Gravelle is interested in colonization and each year is accompanied by settlers for the western district from Eastern Canada and the United States. This year over fifty accompanied him on his return to his parish.

Among the recent visitors to the Archbishop's Palace was Rev. Father S. A. Souve, who is now retired, but some years ago was organist in the Basilica. Father Souve, who resides in St. Hermas, Que., was heartily welcomed by many friends of long standing.

An interesting circumstance recently occurred in the wedding of Miss Lena Deschamps to Mr. J. L. Billy, when the ceremony was performed by Mr. Routhier, V.G., who had also officiated at the marriage of the bride's parents as well as at her baptism and first communion service. Miss Deschamps was secretary of the Sodality of Mary and the wedding ceremony was attended with the honors of that society.

Many improvements will begin shortly in Notre Dame de Grace Church, Hull, the majority of which will consist of interior decoration. The lighting system, especially, will be materially altered. The work is estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000, and the greater part of this has been generously donated by the parishioners.

Rev. Sisters St. Julien and St. Hilaire, of the Grey Nuns Community, have left for Albany, a mission among the Cree Indians near Hudson Bay. The mission is an isolated one, with little cultivation and the necessities of life must be conveyed to it from a considerable distance. The Sisters are accompanied by the little Indian girl who was brought to this city for the first time some weeks ago.

The Provincial Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians is being represented at the National Convention of the Order, in Indianapolis, Ind., by Mr. C. J. Foy, president, Perth; Mr. Jas. McLaughlin, Vice-President, Ottawa; Mr. J. E. O'Meara, Secretary, Ottawa; and Mr. A. Tobin, Treasurer, Ottawa. Mr. J. G. Kilt will represent the Carleton County Board. It is likely that several matters of interest to the local members of the Order will be discussed at the convention. It is altogether probable that a proposal will be made to have a Canadian delegate elected to the Executive Board and also to transform the convention from a National to an International assembly. There is a probability, too, that the next convention will be held in this city.

Rev. Sister Mary of the Sacred Heart, who previous to taking the vows, was Miss Philomena Cassault, has passed away in the Servants of Jesus Convent, Hull. Deceased, who was twenty-five years of age, had been a member of the community for about five years and a half. She had been ill for several weeks and was a daughter of Mr. Napoleon Cassault, of the Militia Department, this city. Rev. Father Duhaud, of Notre Dame de Grace church, officiated at the funeral service, which was

held in the convent. His Grace, Archbishop Duhaud, was present and presided at the Libera.

The results of the Entrance Examinations, which were recently made public, are a source of much satisfaction to the Separate School Board, as well as to the teachers of the schools. William Patrick Daly, a pupil of St. Patrick's School, headed the entire list, securing 587 marks out of a total of 650. This was four more than were received by the winner of the Harmon scholarship and twenty-eight in excess of the marks received by the two winners of the Public School scholarships. Again, Thomas Gordon Lowrey, of the same school, won the other Separate school scholarship with a total which was but six marks lower than that of Daly. The teachers of the successful pupils, as well as the scholars themselves, are receiving many congratulations on the excellent showing.

An announcement, important to this city, was made at the close of the annual retreat of the Christian Brothers in Montreal recently, when it was stated that a noviate, similar to that of La Salle, in Toronto, would be established here within a year. The community owns considerable property in this city, which could be utilized for this purpose. About sixty-five members from Ottawa and Hull were in attendance. The directors of the local schools were all represented as follows: La Salle Acad. Sem., Brother Philadelphus, who will have a staff of eighteen Brothers; St. Anne's School, Brother Terentian, with fourteen assistants; St. Jean Baptist School, Brother Francis and staff of twelve; and Hull College, Brother Mark, with twenty-two Brothers. There is not the least probability of the Christian Brothers leaving this city and they will take the model training course prescribed during September.

LONDON'S CATHOLICITY

London, July 16, 1908.

A great deal of the old prejudice concerning the Catholic Church and her priests has undoubtedly passed away in this land of ours, where we now find no social or moral movement of great moment, is complete without the presence of a representative of the venerable Church of Rome amongst its promoters. Archbishop Bourne is to be represented by one of his clergy, a Papal Chamberlain, at the forthcoming Peace Conference to be held towards the end of July; and last week it was a Catholic priest who, at the special invitation of Leeds, pleaded so magnificently for one of the grandest of those many philanthropic enterprises which are supported by the private purse of the Nation, i.e., the Lifeboat Institution.

Father Bernard Vaughan held the great audience that was gathered in the Corporation Hall, Leeds, last Sunday afternoon, with his usual magnetic force, while he drew a parallel between the building of a lifeboat and the formation of character in a human being. He touched the note of true patriotism too, when he said that it was the mission of every Englishman to help his brother man, to throw out a life-line, to rescue from sin and misery those who had been led by false lights, or currents strong and almost irresistible. He was not without a splendid tribute to the faith which was in him when he said "I myself belong to that old original Lifeboat manned by the Twelve who pulled in the Barque of Peter, and which has rescued countless souls along the coast line and on the open sea. No one can deny that my Lifeboat has a fine record." The great preacher wound up his special appeal for the widows and orphans with a word of loyalty towards King

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JOHN NORRIS,
The Oratory, Provost,
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Similarly I have just received a full account of the Enquiry which has been held into the occurrence which took place in May last year in a little village of the Vosges called Rairemont, famed for its shrine of the Blessed Virgin. Just before the occurrence under enquiry, the authorities of the district, having become incensed with the hatred of religion now raging like a contagion in Paris, had forbidden the annual procession of Our Lady of Rairemont. On the day when the procession should have been held a severe storm was experienced and large hailstones fell abundantly. Several of these broke in two and on the inner half of each portion was seen the image of Our Lady of Rairemont.

An enquiry organized by the Bishop and attended by M. Lapparent, Secretary of Arts and Sciences, and M. Duhan, Professor of Physics at Bordeaux, was held, and in the presence of these independent gentlemen the Parish Priest examined 107 witnesses, men, women, and children, from various parts of the district, who gave independent testimony of having seen the phenomenon.

While the Bishop's decision as to the miraculousness of the occurrence is not yet given, the two laymen have agreed that, whatever was the cause, the marvel really did occur. M. Lapparent tries to satisfy himself and others, by stating that a possible explanation is that an electrical current may have traversed one of the medals of our Lady, which are familiar in the district, and then passing on into the layers of air in which the hail was formed, have thus conveyed the image to the stones which fell. This is very well, but M. Lapparent does not attempt to state the process by which such a result was achieved, beyond saying that it would be a form of photographic or vapourgraph impressions, such as was observed in the photo in London, a finely worked replica of the flag of Castile, with permission to fly the castle on festal and high days, an honor seldom bestowed and greatly coveted in Spain itself.

The annual pilgrimage to the scene of the martyrdom of St. Thomas of Canterbury in the glorious Cathedral which dominates the sleepy little town, was largely attended from London and elsewhere. The pilgrims, who joined forces at the railway station, marched through the town, chanting "Faith of our Fathers" and other stirring Catholic hymns, headed by the beautiful banner of Our Lady of Ransom. Fortunately the day was fine, and the spectacle of the band of modern pilgrims passing over the ground hallowed by so many saintly feet in days gone by, between the rows of old world houses, each with its recollection of ancient hospitality tendered to the Canterbury pilgrims of the past, was a moving one. After prayers in the Cathedral, where the Rosary was said in the chapel which once held the shrine erected around the Saint's remains, the Pilgrims went to the humble Catholic Church, where the relic of St. Thomas was venerated, and Father Basil Maturin addressed some appropriate words on the expedition which had brought them to that old centre of England's Catholicity. In the cool and peaceful glow of evening, the clustered houses surrounding the queenly fane, like little children clinging to their mother's mantle were left behind, and London's roar soon swallowed up the units of that little band of pilgrims, who had caught a glimpse of a Pageant grander and more beautiful than that of the most storied city in the world, the Pageant of Christianity in the Ages of Faith.

PILGRIM.
Monsignor Fraser has taken exception to certain words which Hocking puts into the mouth of a Cardinal of the Church, one of his characters, advising the hero to remain in the Church of England after his reception into the one true fold, as he can do more good for the Church of Rome in such a position, which will be no

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bar, however, to his ordination as a priest.

The Monsignor challenges the authority to produce his authority for attributing such impossible advice to a Prince of the Church, or to apologize for doing so. Of course Mr. Hocking has only a lame excuse ready and quotes some numbers of the "Church Times" some thirty years old, and, of course, a Protestant organ, if High Church, in support of his belief that what he describes is possible. When again brought to the wall by Monsignor Fraser, he wanders off into generalities about the wonderful view he is at present enjoying of the house where Martin Luther once lived, and ends up by hoping the public will judge between him and the Catholic priest. The Scottish prelate happily replies with that saving sense of humor which is only found in good men, that it is a virtue to keep to the point in a discussion, and that he, like his esteemed fellow townsman, the Aberdeen Terrier means to stick to his bone, but is quite willing to leave judgment in the case, to a fair minded and unbiased public.

Professor Kuno Meyer's lecture, under the auspices of the school of Irish language, the other day, brought a large audience to the Lecture Hall at Limerick. The learned Professor in comparing the various systems of Education in vogue at present in various parts of the world, gave the palm to Germany for simplicity and efficiency, and advocated the settlement of the present educational deadlock on the lines adopted in the Fatherland. In speaking of the new University promised to Ireland, he expressed the hope that it might become a home and centre wherein the ancient glories of the Celtic tongue might be to some extent revived.

Some interesting statistics have just been published in regard to the Irish electorate. While the male adult population of Ireland in the beginning of this year stood at 1,207,524, out of this number 692,726 have their names inscribed on the Parliamentary Register of voters. Should the Suffragettes ever get their way, it will certainly mean a great deal of additional labor for the tellers at elections, even in Ireland it would be a doubling of the population to be dealt with, while in some parts of the British Isles the lady voters would far outnumber the men.

A signal honor has just been conferred on the Church of St. James, Spanish Place, the descendant of the Spanish Embassy Chapel which was supported by the Crown of Spain. King Alfonso has bestowed upon the beautiful building where he and his Queen heard Mass together when staying in London, a finely worked replica of the flag of Castile, with permission to fly the castle on festal and high days, an honor seldom bestowed and greatly coveted in Spain itself.

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The Cardinal-dean is always the prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Ceremonies and secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office over which the Pope himself presides. In the absence of the Pope and during a vacancy in the Apostolic See, the Cardinal-dean presides over the College of Cardinals. Hence Pope Alexander IV. frequently said that after the papacy there is no greater dignity in the Church of God than that of the Cardinal-bishop of Ostia, the dean of the Sacred College.

Rev. Father A. Tardiff, of Illinois, recently officiated at the wedding ceremony of his nephew, Mr. A. D. Tardiff, which took place in Hull.



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