

ITEMS OF INTEREST

GOOD FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY SERVICES.

At St. Patrick's Church on Good Friday the Mass of the pre-sanctified will be at seven o'clock, and on Holy Saturday service will also be at that hour.

CONVENT TO COST \$30,000.

A permit for the erection of a \$30,000 convent on Rachel street, near Sanguinet street, was issued on Monday at the City Hall to the Sisters of Jesus and Mary. The building will be forty-four feet by one hundred and thirty-four feet, and forty-eight feet high.

NEW SCHOOL IN HOCHELAGA.

A permit was on Monday granted to the Catholic School Commissioners of Hochelaga, for the erection of a \$28,000 school, on St. Germain street. The structure will be eighty-nine feet by fifty-eight feet in dimensions, and three storeys in height.

ST. GABRIEL'S JUV. T. A. & B. CONCERT.

On Easter Monday evening, the 16th inst., the Juvenile Temperance Society of St. Gabriel's parish will hold its first musical and dramatic entertainment. Judging from the several items on the very well arranged programme, there remains no doubt but that those who will attend will be amply repaid. The boys have formed this society with the object of helping to combat the great social evil. They are doing their part nobly, it remains now to give them proper encouragement and support. Tickets for this entertainment may be secured at Mr. Hickey's store, 144 Centre street, at the following prices: Reserved seats, 50c; adults, 25c; children, 15c.

ST. ANTHONY'S JUVENILE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The first regular meeting of St. Anthony's Juvenile Temperance Society took place on Sunday afternoon at St. Anthony's Hall. Rev. Father Thomas Heffernan, spiritual director, presided, and outlined the work of the society for the year. He expressed the hope that every working boy of the parish and every school boy of the proper age would join the ranks of the young temperance crusaders. A reading-room, he said, would be provided for the members, as well as games of different kinds, also a debating class would be formed. After Rev. Father Heffernan's remarks, Masters Vincent O'Reilly, Leonard McGrath, Thomas Callaghan, Philip Mulcair, John O'Connor gave short addresses on the evils of intemperance. Recitations were given by Masters John McLaughlin, Leo McElroy, Hugh McCloskey, Russell Lavallo, Walter Brophy, Ernest Gibson. The work of the first annual concert of the society is now in progress, the funds to be devoted to purchasing a new altar for St. Anthony's Church.

MGR. GAUTHIER TENDERED A RECEPTION ON HIS RETURN TO KINGSTON.

The reception tendered Archbishop Gauthier last Tuesday afternoon on his return from a visit to Rome was a memorable one in the history of Kingston. Shortly after noon the C.M.B.A., A.O.H., and Catholic Order of Foresters met in their respective halls, and then moved to the Grand Trunk depot. At this point also assembled the 14th, the Battery band, and the Citizens' band of Gananoque, and the Deseronto band. Many citizens found their way there, and hundreds from outside Kingston were present, making a big crowd when the train bearing the Archbishop arrived. A procession was at once formed for St. Mary's Cathedral. Here Dr. Ryan, superintendent of Rockwood Asylum, read the chief pastor an address, to which the recipient made an appropriate reply. In the evening there was a reception to His Grace at the Convent of the Sisters of the Congregation de Notre Dame, and on Wednesday he was received by the Sisters of the Hotel Dieu.

SUPERIOR GENERAL OF JE-SUITS DYING.

Father Louis Martin, general of the Order of Jesuits, whose right arm was amputated in April, 1905, for cancer, is in a very serious condition, and is sinking fast, a cancer having appeared in his breast.

Father Martin is a Spanish theologian, who was born near Burgos in 1846. He entered the Jesuit novitiate at the age of twenty-two years, and rapidly acquired a great reputation. In 1878 he was made rector of the University of Salamanca, and eight years later became provincial of the order in Castile. He was one of the chancellors of the General, Father Anderley, who designated him to govern the order during the period following his death, which occurred in July, 1892. When the electors assembled, in September, of that year, he was chosen head of the order. He was a great opponent of the Americanization of the Catholic Church in the United States, and some three years ago was sued by an Italian editor for alleged services in causing the subsidence of the movement, but denying that he owed anything to the editor, the latter was non-suit. After he lost his arm the Pope, by special indult, granted him the privilege of continuing to say Mass.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS.

Palm Sunday was celebrated in all the Catholic churches of the city on Sunday last. Before High Mass the palms were blessed and distributed to the assisting clergymen and sanctuary boys. Then followed a procession around the church, the choir meanwhile singing "Benedictus." At the Gospel of the High Mass, which followed the procession, the Passion according to St. Matthew was sung by three priests, clothed in white albs and purple stoles. Owing to the length of the ceremonies in many of the churches no sermons were preached.

At the church on Notre Dame the Rev. Abbe Troie was celebrant, the Gospel being sung by Rev. Fathers Bedard, McShane and Lafontaine.

At St. Anthony's Church Rev. Father Donnelly officiated, and with Rev. Fathers Shea and T. Heffernan, sang the Passion.

At St. Ann's, Rev. Father Rioux blessed the palms and assisted by Rev. Fathers Flynn and Fiset, sang the Passion.

At St. James Cathedral His Grace blessed the palms, being attended by Rev. Canons Roy, Dauth, Gauthier, Vaillant and Rev. Father J. B. Demers.

CLOSING OF MISSION AT ST. GABRIEL'S.

A grand two weeks' mission has just closed at St. Gabriel's. The opening took place on Sunday, March 25th, under the direction of Fathers Boorman, S.J., and O'Malley, S.J., Boston. The first week was devoted to the women of the parish and the second to the men. In spite of the many calls made upon the time and energy of the good priests, their programme of daily exercises plainly showed that their intention from the start was that nobody should be either forgotten or neglected. From the early hour of five in the morning until late in the evening did those self-sacrificing workers labor with unabated zeal in their mission of love.

Another unique feature of these two weeks' work was the special instructions given to non-Catholics, or to those who, Catholics though they call themselves, yet, for one reason or another, did not have the consolation of being confirmed or of having made their first communion. Whilst the elder people were being looked after, the children, the hope of the future, were in no way forgotten, they too had their turn. Every afternoon at 3 o'clock witnessed the grand and consoling sight of the hundreds of little folks, wending their way to that dear spot in their affections, where they, too, had given to them those instructions so practical and so necessary to prepare their young hearts for their battle with the world. The good missionaries, though doubtless fatigued after their continued labor, have consented to remain in order to assist in the ceremonies of Holy Week. On the whole, the two weeks have been memorable, and too much can not be said in the praise of Rev. Father O'Meara and his able and zealous assistant, and let us hope that the happy feeling so long and favorably known to exist in this favored little parish may long continue to flourish, and that the long-established good spirit existing therein may receive one more link to bind its members more and more closely together.

St. Patrick's Concert.

F. M. T. A. Scores Another Success—Good House and Splendid Program.

(Almonte Gazette, March 22.)

If a full house has anything to do with the success of an entertainment then that given by the members of the F.M.T.A. last Saturday evening, March 17th, was a grand success. The hall was literally packed to the doors when Rev. Father Harkin opened the annual concert put on by the members of the F.M.T.A. dramatic club, and throughout the evening the order was the best, thus enabling every person in the hall to hear and see everything that was put on. The play this year was a thrilling Irish episode of the civil war in the United States entitled "Brother Against Brother," and the different actors took their parts apparently with the greatest ease throughout, and at no time did they seem, to use a common expression, "stage struck." The first act opened with a scene on the Bennett plantation before the war and depicted the life of the U. S. people at that time. Shortly after, and in the next act, war is declared between the north and south, and the mail carrier for the plantation brings home the sad news. It is at this point that the title of the play comes in, when the Bennett brothers decide one to stand by the north, while the other pledges to do the same by the south. The part of the brothers was taken by Messrs. Frank Malone as Martin Bennett and M. Maxwell as Frank Bennett, and the scene is a sad one as they part to go to the war. Miss Theresa Nagle took the part of a northern girl who was on a visit to friends in the South, and who became the affianced wife of Mr. Martin Bennett ere he left for the seat of war. The two brothers become prominent men in their respective armies, one becoming a colonel of the union army and the other a captain and a spy in the Confederate army. As the play goes on and during the progress of the war the Confederate spy is captured by the members of a detachment of which his brother is colonel, but at first he is not recognized, until one, who has long been an enemy of his, recognizes him and gives him away to the officers. His trial then takes place and he is sentenced to death. The third act shows the prisoner in his cell and of the visits of kind friends who are endeavoring to obtain his release, but all seems in vain until, like an old friend and former overseer of the plantation home, comes to the rescue and aids him to escape. The scene then goes on to describe the war over, and the return home of the participants, but the escaped spy never turns up and his friends wait anxiously but in vain for his appearance. Word comes some four years after his escape of his death in his own army after coming through a severe engagement, and the play ends with the other brother claiming the affianced wife of the deceased as his bride. Mr. M. F. Trainor appeared to good advantage as Michael Duffy, a worker around the plantation, who afterwards becomes Sergt. Duffy of the Union army, and his ready wit stood him in good stead as a stage performer and he had his audience with him all the way. Mrs. M. F. Trainor, as Celia Bennett, a cousin of the brothers, but really a rebel at heart, afterwards becomes the wife of Sergt. Duffy. Mr. Jas. O'Donoghue, as Maurice Thompson, who fought for neither side, but who was a villain who was always making trouble, took his part well and showed himself to be right at home at all times on the stage. The other members of the caste were Mr. A. J. Dutrizac, as Gen. Quinlan, commanding a detachment of the Union army in the south, and who acted as judge in the trial of the spy; Mr. W. P. Johnston, as private in the Union army; Mr. R. O'Sullivan, as a Union spy under the name of Alabama Joe; and Mr. Wm. McGee, as Ike Jackson, overseer of the plantation.

During the evening a number of specialties were introduced which greatly pleased the audience; Misses Etta Young and Fannie Donaldson gave a piano duet, which was well received; Misses Tena and Fannie Donaldson a vocal duet, for which they had to respond to a vigorous encore; also Mr. R. A. Jeffray, of Arrprior, who sang in his usual pleasing style. Mr. Jas. L. Byrne was a stranger to an Almonte audience, but his selections, given in his strong Irish brogue, were well received. Mr. W. P. Kyle gave an exhibition of bag punching which was excellent, and the applause which greeted him on his encore was proof of his ability in this line. Miss Clara Nagle presided as accompanist for the evening. This was the first year ladies were admitted into the play, and Miss Theresa Nagle and Mrs. M. F. Trainor assisted very materially in the success of the play. The boys are to be heartily congratulated on the high order of their entertainment, and are a credit to the town in the dramatic line.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT WEST HUNTLEY.

"But wherefore lament o'er the glories departed? Her star shall shine out with as vivid array, For ne'er had she sons more brave and true-hearted Than those she now sees on St. Patrick's Day."

St. Patrick's day was ushered in here, West Huntley, with all due pomp and ceremony. A beautiful emerald flag with a golden harp, the flag of dear old Ireland, threw its verdant folds to the breeze and silently proclaimed to the visible world, around from its lofty place on the top of the great flag pole in front of the C.M.B.A. hall, that this was Ireland's holiday. A splendid concert was given on the evening of March 16th, and the attendance was such that the necessity of a more commodious building for occasions of this kind was made amply evident to everybody. Very Rev. Canon Corkery and Rev. Fathers Harkins and Brownrigg, pastors respectively of Almonte and South March, were among the visiting folk of the evening. The Rev. Pastor fulfilled the duties of chairman, and after a few words of welcome to all, and particularly to the visiting clergy and more particularly to the Rev. Canon Corkery, former pastor and friend of everybody present, he proceeded to give the programme of the evening. It was as follows:

Part I.

Chorus—St. Patrick's Day. St. Michael's Choir.

Duet—Welcome as the Flowers in May. Master Patrick and Angus Manion.

Solo—My Wild Irish Rose. Miss Katie Manion.

Declaration—Battle of Fontenoy. Master Jos. Gosson.

Chorus—Men of Tipperary. St. Michael's Choir.

Chorus—Forlorn Hope. Men of the Choir.

Declaration—Erin's Flag. Miss Sheehan.

Irish Jig—Mr. John Kilfoile.

Farce in one Act—"Pot of Broth." Yeats. By Wm. Egan as tramp; Miss Maggie Carroll as Sibbie, and James Kennedy as John, Sibbie's husband.

Part II.

Chorus—Believe me of all those endearing young charms. St. Michael's Choir.

Duet—Oh Barney, Take Me Home Again. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Brown.

Solo—She is Far from the Land. Mrs. McDonnell.

Quartet—The Bells of Shandon. Misses Egan, Michael Egan and Frank Forrest.

Declaration—Why we wear the Green. Miss Rosie Killen.

Solo—Three Leaves of Shamrock. Miss Winnifred Casey.

Chorus—Irishman's Toast. St. Michael's choir.

Chorus—Memory of the Dead. St. Michael's Choir.

After some sparkling flashes of wit from the good and dearly beloved old Canon, and words of the highest praise and encouragement from the pastors of Almonte and South March, the evening's thoroughly enjoyed programme was concluded with the whole audience singing "God Save Ireland."

The following day High Mass and a sermon for the occasion appropriately closed the primarily religious and secondly national celebration of Ireland's patron saint in West Huntley. Many of the younger element hied to Almonte on St. Patrick's evening to finish up the celebration. The strict observance of the Lenten total abstinence promises was a pleasing feature of this Irish and Catholic festival. May we all live to see the old green standard in its place many and many a time again, and many such worthy celebrations chronicled of the good folks of this eminently Irish and Catholic parish of West Huntley.

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SOUTH MARCH CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY

South March was this year no exception to the surrounding parishes in the observance of the national festival of the Irish race, St. Patrick's Day. High Mass was celebrated and a glowing tribute was paid to the great Saint's wonderful life-work by our worthy pastor, Rev. Father Brownrigg. The people showed their appreciation and earnest zeal in the religious part of this celebration by the large numbers which turned out. The concert was postponed a few days on account of so many other similar celebrations in the country around. On Thursday evening, March 22nd, the concert took place in the beautiful new separate school here. The programme was made up of the choicest selections of Irish song and story, and addresses were given by the neighboring clergymen who graced the occasion with their presence. They were Rev. Father Harkins, of Almonte, and Rev. Father Cavanagh of West Huntley. The former spoke on Irish patriotism, and the latter on the Irish struggle for legislative independence. It was all vocal talent in the musical part of the programme, and many a more pretentious place would be happy to be able to boast of the talent that South March is possessed of in this respect. Mrs. McDonnell's rendering of some of the sweet melodies of Thomas Moore would be difficult to be surpassed by the best talent the national capital can boast of. The final rendering of God Save Ireland showed how highly each pulse of Irish blood now beats with high hope for the old land's future. Rev. Father Brownrigg and his parishioners are worthy of the heartiest congratulations on every side for the splendid success they achieved in these noble undertakings.

ELA SAGARTH.

HE IS RISEN!

(By Amadeus, O.S.F., in Donahoe's for April.)

He is risen; He is risen;
Toll the tidings o'er and o'er;
He has left His earthly prison,
He now lives to die no more;
He has proved His Christly teaching.

He is Victor o'er the grave;
And the joyous news is reaching
To the souls He came to save.

As partakers in His glory
Let our gratitude be shown;
Let us spread the wondrous story
To the lands where yet unknown
Is the tale of our salvation
From the tolls that Sin has set;
Tell it out to every nation
That our Lord is Master yet!

SIGNED IN GAELIC.

For the first time in the history of the British House of Commons, a member, after taking the oath, signed his name in Gaelic. This patriotic member thus introducing the Irish language into the House is John Murphy, the member for East Kerry.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN.

There is no telling when a medicine may be needed in homes where there are little ones. Therefore, the prudent mother will always keep a box of Baby's Own Tablets on hand. These Tablets promptly cure indigestion, colic, sour stomach, constipation, diarrhoea and teething troubles. They break up colds, prevent croup, expel worms, and give the child sound, natural sleep. Mothers have the guarantee of a Government analyst that these Tablets contain no opiate or poisonous soothing stuff. Mrs. J. C. Gildart, Prosser Brook, N.B., says: "Baby's Own Tablets act like magic when a little one is ill, and I would not feel safe without a box in the house." You can get Baby's Own Tablets from your medicine dealer or by mail at 25 cents a box from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

A FIRST MEETING WITH PIUS X.

One after another we knelt before the Pope on our presentation, and each one received a few quiet words of welcome and heart-felt blessing, spoken with earnest feeling, not on account of his own personality but for the sake of One whom Pius X. represents, to every Catholic pilgrim who kneels before him. The Holy Father's manner is quiet and reserved rather than expansive, almost the manner of a shy and retiring person. He has not the instant ready flow of conversation, the quick personal interest and inquiry with which Leo XIII. was wont to draw out the most timid stranger, making him feel at ease in the presence of the Pontiff, no matter what his nationality. Naturally in speaking to foreigners His Holiness is somewhat hampered, for in his own language Pius X. speaks with much ease and fluency. However, His Holiness' manner is so uniformly gentle that it wins all hearts instantly. Only once during our audience did the grave, almost melancholy, thoughtfulness relax from the Holy Father's face, when speaking in Latin to one of the priests of the party as he knelt before him. Then a smile so ineffably winning and transforming lit up the quiet face for an instant that it seemed literally a revelation of what the kindly cheery nature must have been before the great and sudden elevation which has shadowed it. Notwithstanding his humility and visible shrinking from the signs of outward sovereign homage paid to his person, and his strong dislike of pomp and state, Pius X. embodies the perfect ideal of a sovereign pontiff.—Marie Donegan, in April Donahoe's.