

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

MAY the festive season bring happiness and plenty to the firesides of our friends!

HEAPS of toys and bonbons for the young; good prospects to the older ones; and peace, comfort and happiness to the aged—is our greeting for 1895.

It is proposed to open a subscription in France for the erection of a monument at Chambéry, to Joseph and Xavier de Maistre. Well do the two great men deserve them.

THE late Archbishop Meurin, of Mauritius, to whom a monument is to be erected at Bombay, in the shape of a home for the poor, was offered a Cardinal's hat, but he declined it on the ground that he preferred active missionary life.

THE commercial world is likely to suffer more and feel with greater effect the late utterances of America's "great man," than are the military powers. The panic on Wall Street was real; the supposed panic in the breasts of the threatening parties was only sham.

THE delivery to Mgr. Satolli of the zucchetto, or small red skull cap, and the consistorial letter informing him of his elevation to the cardinalate, all preliminary to the conferring of the Baretta, took place, in Washington, at the Catholic Legation, on Thursday evening last.

PERE DENJOY, of the Society of Jesus, who recently died in Madagascar, was a grand and faithful follower of St. Ignatius. He had received permission to accompany an expeditionary corps as chaplain, and he died at Autananarivo soon after the entrance of the troops.—R.I.P.

THE list of successful candidates at the B. A. examinations of the University of London contains the names of six Stonyhurst students. The Jesuits are over to the front. The A. P. A. crowd, in the neighboring Republic, may find this a justifiable cause for war with England.

MR. JOHN MACKAY, the Irish-American millionaire, is about to erect a grand statue to Joan of Arc in one of the chief squares of Nancy. In 1429 the Maid of Orleans visited that city. Mr. Mackay's example should teach a lesson to many a disbelieving fellow-countryman of the wonderful Maid.

THE statue of St. Michael slaying the dragon, about to be set up in the Place de Brauckere, in Brussels, is to be of bronze and colossal size. The figure of the saint will be surrounded, at night, by a halo of electric lights. The conception is magnificent and we are confident the execution will be in accordance.

POLITICAL meetings are the order of the day. If the electorate does not know all about the school and tariff questions it will not be the fault of the newspapers, nor of the politicians. It may, however, be the fault of the chaotic confusion of ideas that is flung in a heap at the unoffending head of the public.

THE world has been stirred into excitement by the Venezuelan affair. All Europe as well as all America may be said to be in a state of expectancy. One thing President Cleveland has done—he has made a name for himself in every quarter of the Globe. Perhaps that is what he has been aiming at.

LECKY, the historian, recently elected to the Parliamentary seat for Dublin, is not "Dr. Walter Lecky," the brilliant American critic, essayist, and poet. The former writes romance and calls it history; the latter writes history and presents it in the form of romance. The M.P. is a fit subject for criticism; the M.D. is the man to apply that instrument in an effective manner.

ONE by one the old landmarks are disappearing. Many of our readers will regret to learn that Mr. Patrick Henchy, of Quebec, one of the best known Irish Catholics in Canada, died last Friday. Mr. Henchy was known wide and far in the pulpit days of old Quebec, and all the older generation throughout Canada, particularly amongst the travelling and commercial public, will learn with sorrow of his departure.

ON Christmas, it was announced, the full ritualistic service would be introduced into St. Barnabas' Anglican Church at Ottawa. Incense is burned once, at the evening service, during the singing of the "Magnificat," it is burned four times at the Eucharistic service in the morning. There are only two things wanting to render the service effective—transubstantiation, and acknowledgment of infallibility; but, alas! both these necessary dogmas do not figure in the imitation of the Church.

RECENTLY a regular discovery was made amongst the Locks forbidden by

the Congregation of the Index. It was written by Leo XIII. when he was Archbishop of Perugia, and was published in 1874. It recommended to Catholics the devotion to the "precious blood of the Blessed Virgin." It seems, at that time, Cardinal Pecci was not in the good graces of Cardinal Antonelli, and the latter accused him of liberalism and had the book condemned as being rash and in contradiction with tradition. The author is to-day Pope of Rome.

MGR. FARLEY recently lectured on his trip to Mexico, and he drew a comparison between the Catholic and the Protestant methods of Christianizing and civilizing the Indians, as illustrated by the results in Mexico and the United States. In the latter the Indians are dying out, while in the former they flourish and many of them occupy high places in Church and State. Of the eleven million inhabitants of Mexico nine millions are Christian Indians.

A FRIEND has drawn our attention to the "Compliments of the season" sent out, in the form of a caricature upon Irishmen, by a city baker. We will not mention the baker's name—he would consider it a free advertisement—but we advise him to learn better manners if he wishes to keep his custom and to preserve the respect of his neighbors. We like a "Merry Christmas," but we don't want to eat bread and be merry at the expense of our fellow-countrymen's feelings.

ON November the 22nd a very historic structure in Drogheda collapsed. Peter Street is still known by the name of the "bloody" street, on account of the slaughter of two thousand of the garrison that took place in the church there, when, in 1649, the Cromwellian forces besieged the town. Under the house just collapsed was the kitchen of the old palatial residence. Here the "mere Irishry" were imprisoned and then taken out and cut to pieces. With the disappearance of the old landmark we would like to see the spirit of bigotry also collapse.

## Death of Mr. Barry.

The many patrons of the St. Lawrence Hall will miss the familiar face of Mr. Albert Edward Barry, sixth son of the late Thomas Barry, Collector of Customs, Richmond, who died Saturday at noon after a very short illness. Mr. Barry has been in a delicate state of health for a number of years, but did not seem to be any worse than usual until Monday afternoon last, when he was seized with a rather severe attack of heart failure while walking up St. James street. He was taken into the hotel by friends who happened to be near by, and after a few minutes seemed to recover. Upon advice of his physician, however, he retired to his room, where he gradually grew worse until yesterday morning, when he seemed to be much improved, and his friends thought he would be all right in a few days. At noon Saturday, however, he quietly passed away without any pain whatever. Mr. Barry has been employed in the office of the St. Lawrence Hall since last June, and during that time made a large number of friends. His funeral took place this morning, from his mother's residence, 239a St. Antoine street.



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By order of the Board,

H. Y. BARBEAU, Manager.

Montreal, 24th December, 1895.

## THE LATE MR. O'BRIEN.

A Large and Representative Funeral—Mourning Observed at St. Ann's Church.

The funeral of the late Mr. M. J. O'Brien, President of St. Ann's Young Men's Society, was one of the most imposing and representative ever held in that section of Montreal. The Victoria Rifles Band, under the leadership of Mr. E. Quiverson, headed the sad procession. The St. Ann's young men, to the number of two hundred, marched in a body, and a vast concourse of prominent citizens followed the hearse. The church was richly and solemnly draped and the floral decorations were magnificent. What is not always customary, a very large number of the citizens followed the deceased to the Cote des Neiges cemetery. The choir, which was in full force, was under the direction of Mr. J. Morgan and Prof. P. J. Shea presided at the organ. Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., spiritual director of the society, officiated, with Fathers Schellault and McPhail as deacon and sub-deacon respectively.

On Monday, a Requiem Mass, at 7 o'clock, was sung, attended by all the members of the society.

## RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At a special meeting of the St. Ann's Young Men's Society, held on the 18th inst., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS: The Almighty Disposer of all His creatures has, in His infinite wisdom, called unto Himself our late president, Michael O'Brien, thus inflicting upon loving parents, brothers and sisters, the greatest sorrow borne by the children of men; be it therefore

Resolved,—That we, the members of St. Ann's Young Men's Society, individually and collectively, tender our sympathies to the parents and family of our deceased president, and we earnestly pray that the all powerful God, who is also a merciful God, will apply to their stricken hearts a soothing balm and enable them to bow with Christian resignation to His Holy Will; and be it further

Resolved,—That a Solemn Mass be offered up for the repose of his soul on Monday, the 23rd instant, at 7 a.m., and that the members of this Society receive Holy Communion in a body during the month of January;

Resolved,—That this resolution be entered in the records of our Society, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased, and to THE TRUE WITNESS and daily papers for publication.

JOHN WHITTY,  
Rec. Secretary.

At a special meeting of St. Ann's Junior Young Men's Society, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to call unto himself Mr. Michael O'Brien, President of St. Ann's Young Men's Society, thus depriving his sorrowing parents, brothers and sisters of a most dutiful son and brother, and our parish of one of its most worthy young men;

Resolved,—That we, the members of St. Ann's Junior Young Men's Society, tender our sympathies to the bereaved parents and family, and earnestly pray that it may please Almighty God to grant them strength to bear with Christian resignation the affliction He has sent them.

Be it further resolved, that this Society have ten Masses offered for the repose of the soul of Mr. O'Brien; that these resolutions be published in THE TRUE WITNESS, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

THOMAS P. GLEESON,  
Secretary.

Montreal, December 20th, 1895.

At a meeting of St. Mary's Catholic Young Men's Society, held on Sunday, the 22nd inst., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved,—That this society having been informed of the death of the Presi-

dent of St. Ann's Young Men's Society, the late Mr. M. J. O'Brien, desires to record the high esteem which it has always entertained for the late President, and to tender St. Ann's Young Men's Society, in its affliction, its sincere sympathy.

Signed, on behalf of St. Mary's C.Y.M. Society,  
HERBERT J. CODD, President.  
WILLIAM BRENNAN.  
TAGGART SMYTH.

## ST. MARY'S RETREAT.

On Sunday night last, in St. Mary's parish church, terminated one of the most successful retreats ever held in that section of the city. Rev. Father Klauder, C.S.S.R., who preached the mission, felt surely a great consolation in the magnificent success attained. The average nightly attendance was between fifteen and seventeen hundred people. Great gratitude is felt towards the good pastor, Rev. Father O'Donnell and his assistant, Rev. Father Shea, for having procured for the parishioners such a splendid advantage and such spiritual aid. The effects of the mission will be long-lasting and it is certain that the name of Father Klauder will be remembered with sentiments of gratitude by all who benefited by his powerful sermons and sterling advice.

## PERSONAL.

We learn with pleasure that Mr. J. N. Ennis, the popular agent and canvasser, has been appointed to represent in Montreal the Comparative Synoptical Chart Co. He has commenced with the circulation of Mr. Scalf's Comparative and Synoptical Chart of English history, which is to be followed by one of Canada, and then one of each country in the world. The Chart in itself is a real revelation. It so simplifies the study of history that in future school children will bless the name of its inventor. Mr. Ennis is meeting with grand success—not but greater than we wish him, nor than his energy and talent deserve.

## ECCLIASTICAL NOTES.

The Archbishop of Montreal has made the following appointments: Rev. Napoleon Morin, cure of the new parish of St. Edouard de Montreal; Rev. J. T. Proulx, vicar of St. Joseph de Montreal, and Rev. J. O. Cabana, vicar at St. Louis de France.

Archbishop Fabre will officiate pontifically at the Cathedral at Midnight Mass on Tuesday, and at High Mass and Vespers on Christmas day.

Rev. Abbe Tasse, cure of Longueuil, has been appointed Vicar-forain for the County of Chambly.

## EUGENE FIELD'S LAST CHRISTMAS.

The Catholic Citizen has the following pertinent paragraph:

Was it last Christmas that "Little Boy Blue" was alive, and with his toys? But now  
"The little boy is covered with dust.  
But sturdily and staunch he stands:  
And the little soldier is red with rust.  
And his musket moulds in his hands.  
Time was when the little boy was new.  
And the soldier was passing fair,  
And that was the time when our Little Boy Blue  
Kissed them and put them there."

And even the author of that song, Eugene Field, has "left his broken playthings on the floor."

## Funeral of Mme. Langevin.

The funeral of the late Mme. Langevin, mother of the Archbishop of St. Boniface, took place at St. Isidore, Friday morning. The remains of the deceased lady were borne to the parish church and thence to the cemetery vault by eight of the oldest residents of the locality. A large number of priests and distinguished citizens attended the funeral.

## Deerfoot Farm Sausages and Deerfoot Farm Sliced Bacon FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST TABLE.

Supplies received regularly twice a week direct from the Deerfoot Farm, Southborough, Mass.  
Deerfoot Farm Little Sausages in 2 lb. packages.  
Deerfoot Farm Sliced Bacon in 2 lb. boxes.  
Also Fairbank's celebrated St. Johnsbury Sausage Meat, also in 2 lb. packages.  
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## THE CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.

On last Friday evening a large audience, composed of gentlemen and ladies, attended the regular monthly meeting and entertainment given by the Catholic Truth Society, of Montreal, in the Hall of the Gesù. Mr. H. J. Kavanagh, Q.C., the newly elected president, occupied the chair, and the Rev. Father Devine, S.J., spiritual director of the society, delivered a most entertaining and instructive lecture on "The Fur Hunter." In the course of his remarks the Rev. Father cited many experiences of his own in the field of practical missionary life, and illustrated his theme with numerous anecdotes. It was announced that two new corresponding members of

the society had been elected: one, Chief Justice Theodore Davis, of British Columbia, and the other, Hon. Francis Dunne, of Jacksonville, Fla., ex-Chief Justice of Arizona. The society intends continuing its series of lectures after the holidays. The next address is expected to be given by Mr. Frank Curran, B.C.L.

MANY a debt do Catholics owe to the generosity of Protestants. The liberality of the late Mr. Bernard Hall, of Liverpool, deserves to be recorded. Though a Protestant, he left to the Catholic Bishop of Liverpool, for Catholic Charities for relief of the poor, £1000, and to the Little Sisters of the Poor, £500. His was a truly Christian and charitable nature.

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## Dress Goods.

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Handsome Black Silk "Peau de Sole." \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.00.  
Art Silks, in great variety, 75c to \$1.15.  
Colored Bengaline in all the leading shades, \$1.50.

## Prints.

Christmas Prints from 5c to 15c, in the latest designs and shades.

## Home Decorations.

Fancy Cushions from \$1.50 up.  
Tea Coves from 75c up.  
Mouchoir Cases from 50c up.  
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## Suggestions

## For Boys' Presents.

Skates, 60c, \$1.00, \$1.25.  
Skates, Star Hockey—the leading skate—\$3.00.  
Hockey Sticks, 15c, 25c, 40c.  
Sleighs from 25c to \$3.00.

## Toys.

Steam Engines, 80c, \$1.25, \$1.50; Mechanical Engine, 75c to \$1.25; Mechanical Rabbits and other animals; Blackboards, 60c and \$1.25; Toys from 10c to 40c; Washstands 55c, 75c to \$1.50; Darkey Musician, \$1.25, \$1.50; Iron Banks, 40c, 60c, 85c, \$1.05; Musical Boxes, 60c and \$1.25 and other toys in great variety.

## House Furnishings.

Fancy Metal Tea Pots, from \$1.50.  
Jelly Moulds, from 20c up.  
Five O'Clock Tea Kettles, at all prices.  
Chafing Dishes, Nickel plated, \$5.  
Hot Water Dishes, from \$2.25 up.  
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