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EPISCOPAL APPROBATION.

If the English Speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the TRUE WITNESS one of the most prosperous and powerful Catholic papers in this country.

PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

SATURDAY..... OCTOBER 7, 1899.

FATHER QUINLIVAN

Rev. Father Quinlivan, the devoted pastor of St. Patrick's whose recent illness was at one time so serious and caused so much alarm, is now on the high road to perfect recovery, and is enjoying a few weeks rest at Magog.

THE MAYORALTY.

As time goes on, and events crowd upon us, this Mayoralty question becomes more and more serious. As in all matters of public importance there are to be found more critics and obstructionists than hearty co-operators and supporters.

If the Irish-Catholic element does not send a representative to occupy the chair of Montreal's chief magistracy, during the coming term, it will be due to the half-heartedness of the people comprising that section of the electorate.

emphatic in our efforts to impress upon the Irish Catholics of Montreal, that if they are unanimous and practical in their choice, they will have the good will and support of large contingents of well-meaning French-Canadians and fair-minded English-speaking Protestants.

Firstly: Any man seeking a second term, no matter who he may be, no matter what his alleged reasons are, is certainly to be rejected by the general voice of the electorate, if he be opposed by one who has a just claim upon the place and whose individuality is the expression of his own people's desires and wishes.

Secondly: This is not the time to conjure up objections, to raise imaginary obstacles, to draw back before the phantoms of cost, or risk, or means; it is the hour for decision, and decision consists in selecting the proper candidate and securing his consent to take up the cause of his fellow-countrymen and co-religionists.

With these cold facts before us, and considering how important, for all future time, will be the action about to be taken, we do not hesitate to say that not only is it the duty of every Irish-Catholic in Montreal to actively co-operate in the present movement, but that it would be a national sin for the one whose indifference, or whose lack of interest and patriotism would cause him to sacrifice—at one stroke—the future rights and privileges of the rising generation.

PAROCHIAL CO-OPERATION.

Not long since we had occasion to express a very emphatic opinion concerning the obligations upon Catholics to co-operate with their pastors in all matters affecting the temporal affairs of the parish.

"The progress of the Church in America depends on the active co-operation of the clergy and laity. We cannot imagine a church composed of

the laity alone, or the clergy alone. Both the clergy and the laity should work hand in hand. In many places the laity ought to take a more active interest in the temporal concerns of the parish.

Some become conspicuous by their absence, others by their work and presence. Caste is apt to creep in and find a home where it should never get a lodging.

"It would be a blessing if the priests did not have to bother or worry about the temporalities of the parish, but could devote all their time to the spiritual work of the congregation.

This is all very true and very timely; but there are many other ways of co-operation that might be suggested, and the list of them would demand several columns.

In Montreal, for example, the parishes and parish churches are so numerous that no person can honestly plead distance as an excuse.

THE HOLY ROSARY.

October is the month dedicated by the Church to the devotion of the Holy Rosary. In the 'Semaine Religieuse' we find a beautiful explanation of this lovable method of honoring the Blessed Mother of God.

The word 'Rosary' is taken from the Latin 'Rosarium' which means a place where roses grow. The rosary itself is a form of prayer, consisting of one hundred and fifty 'Hail Marys,' divided into fifteen decades.

This devotion is by no means new in the Church; it dates from St. Dominic, the founder of the Friars Preachers, who received it from the Blessed Virgin, during the thirteenth

century—when the Albigensian heresy raged in central Europe. The recitation of the Rosary is replete with pious lessons. It brings before us the mysteries of the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord; the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries.

The beauty of the Rosary can never be too frequently dwelt upon; and the very simplicity of its formula, the ease with which all can learn it—the ignorant even as the wise, the illiterate as well as the educated—should naturally render it popular, as a form of invocation throughout the world.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FAIR.

The Fancy Fair in aid of the Catholic High School, which was organized some months ago, will open on the 18th instant, in the main hall of the new building.

A WORD ABOUT ATHLETICS.

An Ottawa contemporary makes the following announcement: 'Rev. Father Fallon, than whom there is no better coach in Canada,

The 'True Witness' is very much pleased that the Rev. Father Fallon has again shown a desire to manifest his old-time enthusiasm which has carried the colors of the Ottawa College team to the front on so many a well fought field.

There is another championship which the 'True Witness' would like to see Father Fallon capture; and that is a championship over the bigotry that prevails in the council-room of the Quebec Rugby Union.

Mrs. M. J. Collins and Master Willie Collins, of Chicago, are visiting Mrs. P. Kennedy, 79 Park Avenue.

Father Fallon, who ranks first amongst the great exponents of muscular Christianity in this Dominion will, while coaching his boys regarding all the fine points of the game of football on the field, instil at the same time into their minds the lesson that athletic sports in Canada should be conducted on broad and patriotic lines.

LOCAL NOTES OF INTEREST.

The retreat for the school children of St. Patrick's Parish, which is held annually at the opening of the scholastic year, commenced on Monday last and ended on Thursday.

The monthly meeting of the English-speaking branch of the Third Order of St. Francis will be held on Sunday next at the Franciscan Church, Dorchester Street.

The annual English retreat for the ladies of Montreal, will begin in the Jesuits' Church, Bleury Street, on Tuesday, Nov. 15, ending on the following Saturday.

The annual pilgrimage to Cote des Neiges Cemetery of St. Ann's parish was held on Sunday last, under the direction of the Redemptorist Fathers.

The death rate for last week was 84, of whom 74 were Catholics, 8 Protestants and 2 Jews.

The Catholic Sailors' Club gave a special concert Monday night and Judge Doherty presided. The entertainment was a great success, and among those who took part were a number of seamen from the ships in port.

A solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated in St. Ann's Church, on Tuesday morning, for the preservation of Rev. Father Coppin and Dakere, C.S.S.R., who were among the shipwrecked passengers of the ill-fated steamer 'Scotsman.'

The second annual field-day of Loyola College was held Tuesday last, on the M.A.A.A. grounds and was most successful. The programme was very lengthy and occupied the whole day.

Reference—G. F. Ransom. Judges—Art. Harries, L. Charlebois, H. Trihey. Starter—A. Bennett, M.A.A.A. Timekeepers—C. Manhire, H. Hough. Measurer—Leslie Thompson. Scorers—W. Brannen and W. McKenna.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Father McDermott, better known as 'Walter Lecky,' one of America's leading Catholic writers and critics, who has been ill for some time, at the Hotel Dieu, of this city, left for home last week, being escorted to the depot by Rev. Jas. Callaghan.

malady, that, at one time, menaced his life. It is a distinct gain for the cause of Catholic literature in this section of the world that 'Walter Lecky's' pen will, in all probability be again as active as it has been during the past few years.

Miss Annie Quinn returned home Monday after an extended tour, through Ontario and Central New York. During her stay in Buffalo, she was the guest of her brother Mr. J. Quinn.

WEDDING BELLS.

A beautiful marriage ceremony took place at St. Mary's Church last Monday morning, at 6.30 o'clock. The contracting parties were Mr. Edward Egan, of St. Gabriel's, and Miss Lily Smith, of St. Mary's. Mr. James Smith acted as best man, while Miss Mamie Egan, was bridesmaid.

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS.

During the first week in August, the editor of the Western Penman, visited Chicago for the purpose of giving instruction in muscular movement writing, to the members of the Christian Brothers' Institute, which brought together nearly eighty members of the Order from Mississippi valley points.

THE LATE MRS. BRIDGET SULLIVAN

She passed away to her eternal reward on the 22nd of September, an old and highly esteemed resident of Quebec, in the person of Mrs. Bridget Sullivan. The deceased lady was always known as a kind and loving mother and a sincere and practical Catholic.

MORAL RESPONSIBILITY.

It is a matter of opinion as to how far an employer of office labor is responsible for the comfort and well-being of his clerks. Some little time ago such an employer in Montreal had drawn to his attention the fact that one of his young men was impairing his eyesight.

The Order of the Holy Cross have purchased a fine Karn Piano for use in their institution at Terrebonne, Que. The best place to test the lasting qualities of an instrument is in an educational institution, where it is in constant use by the pupils.

ABOUT CAR DRIVERS.—It is strange but nevertheless true, that the number of juries in Dublin, Cork, and other Irish cities, has increased instead of diminishing since the introduction of electric motor power. Of course, it does not follow that the same thing will happen here, but, be that as it may, we cannot lose sight of the fact, that the very 'Jarvis' Society in Limerick complained bitterly at a recent meeting of the Council against granting fresh hackney car licenses, on the grounds that there were already too many cars and drivers in the city.

The highest honor that can be paid a piano manufacturer is to select his piano in open competition. That is what the makers of the Chickering want. They prefer the unbiased examination of all other makers, before purchasing theirs, for they know that theirs, from the musician's standpoint, is the superior. Beautiful stock to select from in the Chickering parlors, Karn Hall Bldg., St. Catherine Street.