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City Law Department

Says Charter does not Confer
Authority to Censor Plays.

Apocryphal of His Grace the Archbishop's application for a theatrical censorship the law department at the City Hall has given a legal opinion which in effect is that the city charter does not give sufficient power to pass an enactment that plays shall be submitted to a special commission before they are produced. The Council must make application for increased powers to the Legislature. The opinion is clear that the Chief of Police has full powers to stop plays that are considered immoral when produced.

The special civic committee will now pass a resolution asking the Legislature for the increased powers referred to. In referring to the matter, a member of the Finance Committee said:

"I approve of the application which has been made by Archbishop Bruchési and others for the appointment. It has already been shown that it would have been a most difficult thing for a body of censors to order that the manuscript of all plays should be sent to them for consideration before the plays were put on the boards. According to legal advice, which the aldermen now possess, they are in the position of not having the necessary powers to pass an ordinance creating a body of censors.

"It is likely that the outcome will be that the task of censoring plays will be left to the clergy, and that all immoral plays, if they are immoral in their presentation, will have to be forbidden by the Chief of Police."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CHILDREN OF MARY OF ST. ANN'S PARISH.

During this month the meetings of the Children of Mary will take place as usual on the first and third Monday. There will also be a reception into the Sodality.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

On Wednesday, May 8th, the first concert in connection with the Catholic Sailors' Club will take place, under the auspices of the Ladies' Committee of the Club. These concerts have always been a source of pleasure to the sailors and their friends in the past, and considering the good cause for which they were established—the entertainment of the sailors while in port—they merit the warmest support.

A Cure for Rheumatism.—The intrusion of uric acid into the blood vessels is a fruitful cause of rheumatic pains. This irregularity is owing to a deranged and unhealthy condition of the liver. Anyone subject to this painful affection will find a remedy in Parmentier's Vegetable Pills. Their action upon the kidneys is pronounced and most beneficial, and by restoring healthy action they correct the impurities of the blood.

HOME FOR INCURABLES.

On Sunday, the 14th ult., the choir of the Church of Notre Dame de Grace kindly sang during the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at the Home for Incurables. A solemn requiem Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, the 18th April, at 9 o'clock a.m. for the repose of the soul of the late Sir William Hingston, also on the 25th inst. there was a requiem service for the repose of the soul of the late Madame Raymond, mother-in-law of the Hon. L. J. Forget.

OBITUARY.

MISS MAY McCORRY.

On Friday last little May McCorry passed peacefully away. Delicate for a long while, everything possible was done in order to give her the strength she craved, but it was ordained otherwise, and He who so loved the little ones while on earth took her to Himself. Of a very affectionate nature, her piety, too, was most remarkable, intense child-like simplicity and confidence always characterizing her little demands to the Sacred Heart, in particular, and to the other blessed intermediaries before the great white throne. This can best be understood by reading the following letter written by little May a few days before she gave her pure spirit back to her gentle Saviour. The confidence that the favor she was asking would be accorded was only secondary to the resignation if it were "not for her good." We reproduce the letter as it was written:

Dear Sacred Heart,
Every night in my prayers I mention your name, but perhaps I am not fervent enough, but, dear Sacred Heart, you know well that what I say in this letter is from the bottom of my heart. Dear Sacred Heart, when you were a little boy you knew how children loved to play. Now, Darling, I want you to do me a favor, and please don't refuse unless you see that it is for my good. The favor is I want you to make me well and strong. I am going to pray to St. Joseph and St. Anthony, and I know that my darling mother will also pray for me, so when these three come to your throne and ask you to make me better please say "Yes." And then, darling Jesus, I will get big and strong and be a help to my mother, and I promise you I will always be a loyal child to my blessed mother and to St. Anne your grandmother, to both of whom I am consecrated, and, Jesus, I know that my two little brothers, Frank and Jack, will also pray for me. Now Jesus darling, who died on the cross for me, grant my prayer if it is pleasing to you, it is your will, not mine. Now good-bye, dear Jesus, and don't forget me as I have forgotten you. Now good-bye once again, and don't be angry at a poor child venturing to send her love, but I know you won't.

Your loving child,

MARY.

The service took place on Monday morning to St. Patrick's Church and was largely attended. The Rev. Martin Callaghan, P.P., received the body, and Rev. James McCorry, cousin of deceased, celebrated the solemn requiem Mass, assisted by Rev. Luke Callaghan as deacon and Rev. James Killoran as sub-deacon. At the cemetery the Rev. Luke Callaghan recited the prayers at the grave. The True Witness offers its deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

SISTER MARY LORETTA.

News reached the city, on the 31st ult., of the death of Rev. Sister Mary Loretta, (née Winifred Walsh, of this city), which took place at Victoria, B.C., on the 30th. Deceased was the sister of the late Very Rev. Thos. E. Walsh, C.S.C., for many years president of Notre Dame University, Indiana, and was a member of the Congregation of St. Ann, which she entered some 25 years ago, after graduating at Lacine Convent. From the beginning of her religious career, she was stationed at Victoria, being there connected with St. Ann's Academy, first as a teacher in the academic course, and for the past few years as Superioress.

Death was rather unexpected, as the Rev. Sister was still in the prime of life. A few weeks ago, being fatigued by the many duties entailed in the administration of affairs, she was forced to retire to the Sisters' Hospital, as it was supposed, for a rest. Complicated stomach trouble unfortunately proved to be the cause of her illness, and an operation was deemed necessary. It was performed with apparent success on the 23rd. Everything seemed favorable to a speedy recovery, when, to the consternation of the beloved Sisters attending, on the 30th, she gradually sank and passed peacefully away in the midst of her spiritual children.

Deceased was universally known and loved, not only in Victoria, but in the Western Coast States, whence came the majority of the young ladies attending the Academy. By Catholic and non-Catholic alike, in fact by all who came in contact with her, she was ever remarked for her Christian sincerity, broadmindedness and profound piety. But it was by those who came directly under her charge as students in the Academy that her real worth was appreciated.

ed and her influence did not end with the conferring of the graduation parchment. The passing years but seemed to deepen that influence, and to render stronger still the bonds of motherly solicitude that united her to her old pupils. To the Sisters she was in every respect a model; kind, cheerful under the painful malady from which she suffered for months, self-sacrificing to a fault, her only desire was to help and encourage them in every way. Possessing great executive ability in the administration of the convent, she was ever the humble servant of them all. Preferring to obey, but called upon by her Superior General to rule, she strove and prayed for the good of all. That she succeeded is eloquently attested by the universal sorrow of her co-laborers at her unexpected demise. May her pure soul rest in peace.

To her three sisters and relatives resident in this city we offer our sympathy.

MGR. BERNARD O'REILLY.

Mgr. Bernard O'Reilly, once confessor to Emperor Napoleon III, and grandfather to King Alfonso XIII., is dead at Mount Vincent, N.Y. He was 91 years old. Mgr. O'Reilly was born in County Mayo, Ireland. When he was 16 years old he emigrated to Quebec. There he was graduated from Laval University. For a time he was connected with St. John's College, in Fordham, and later, in 1847, he entered the Society of Jesus. During his stay in Canada he kept in touch with Irish affairs, and was an eager worker for home rule. He was chaplain of the Sixty-ninth New York Regiment in the Civil War. On the close of the war he went to France, and as confessor to Napoleon III, remained there until the downfall of the empire. He was well known to nearly every royal personage in Europe. He was grandfather to the present King of Spain and wrote the biographies of Pope Pius IX, and Pope Leo XIII.

MR. LEO CONDON.

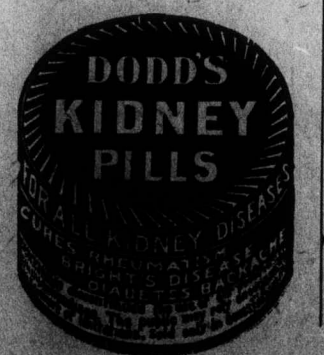
After a long and painful illness, borne with patience and resignation, Leo Condon, only and dearly beloved son of Mr. John Condon, passed to his eternal reward.

The deceased had been a student at Loyola College for the past eight years, and was dearly loved by both his teachers and classmates.

The service took place on Tuesday morning at St. Gabriel's Church, the Mass being sung by deceased's teacher, Rev. Father Cox, assisted by Rev. Fathers Fahey and Polan as deacon and sub-deacon. Rev. Fathers Hington and Quirk assisted at the Libera. The many friends and classmates who followed the remains testified to the respect and esteem in which deceased was held.

THE CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL.

The sixteenth session of the Summer School at Cliff Haven, on Lake Champlain, will open in July and continue until September. The lecturers will include Rev. John Talbot Smith, President of the Summer School; Francis T. Moloney, Prof. Denis O'Sullivan, Catholic High School, Philadelphia; Miss Elizabeth Pattee-Wallach, Rev. Robt. Schwickerath, S.J.; John T. Nicholson, Rev. D. F. McGillicuddy, Worcester, Mass.; Rev. James J. Fox, S.T.D., St. Thomas' College, Catholic University Washington; Rev. W. L. Sullivan, C.S.P.; Rev. Gerald J. McShane, S.S., Montreal; Joseph Dunn, Ph.D., Catholic University, Washington; Miss Margaret McCann, Australia; Hon. M. J. Ryan, President U. I. L., Philadelphia; Rev. J. T. Driscoll, Albany, N.Y.; Mary Catherine Crowley, Boston; Rev. Michael P. Smith, C.S.P.; Dr. James J. Walsh, Rev. John T. Donlon, Brooklyn; Prof. James C. Monaghan, Washington; Dr. John G. Coyle, New York; Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan, St. Albans, Vt.; Rev. F. P. Siedfried, Overbrook, Pa.; Rev. F. C. Kelley, Rev. Thomas McMillan, C.S.P.; Mrs. B. Ellen Burke, Loretta Hawthorne, Hayes, Waterbury, Conn.; Prof. Camille Zeckwer, Philadelphia, and Catherine J. Collins, Boston.



PEEVISH AND CROSS.

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Society Indignant at Father Vaughan.

Father Bernard Vaughan has been receiving from society ladies, and gentlemen of England letters of indignant protest against his condemnation of "cat and dog worship" as among the sins prevalent in British society or the "smart set." Telling about those letters in a sermon at Liverpool, the Rev. Father said he did not wish to descend to further particulars than to give samples of what some of his assailants had written. "My dog is dearer to me than anyone else on earth." Another: "I don't know whether you have a soul, but I know my dog has." Yet another: "You seem to think I shall be damned because I love my faithful friend; well, I should prefer to be lost with him than saved without him." And again: "You may say what you like, but my dog has more logic than any man, and more love than any woman I ever met." Once more: "I once thought of becoming a Catholic, but after hearing of your abominable cruelty to dogs I shall never join your Church."

"I might," continued Father Vaughan, "read whole volumes of quotations not unlike those I have given, all of which go to show that I was more than amply justified in condemning what has been called 'cat-and-dog worship.' I do not think that perversion of love, man's most God-like gift, could go further. Surely it is not a wholesome sign of our times."

Mother Sainte Croix of Quebec.

Probably Oldest Ursuline Nun in the World.

Mother Sainte Croix, of Quebec, is the oldest Ursuline nun in the world; but probably very few know that this remarkable woman is a native of New Hampshire, one of the Colebrook family of Holmes. She was Susan Holmes, and a Protestant until sixteen years of age, when she went to the Ursuline convent at Quebec, and became a convert to the faith. Three years later she made her vows as an Ursuline. This was in 1836, so that she has been a nun seventy-one years. She was 90 years old on February 19 and is well and strong. Mother Sainte Croix has lived in the house of the Ursuline order for all but three of these seventy-one years of her life as a member of the order. For the first time in fifty-one years, she left it in 1887 to take charge of the Ursuline house at Springfield, Ill. She had not been outside of convent walls once during these fifty-one years, and this was her first sight of a locomotive and other modern wonders.

Her fame spread in Illinois while she was there, and she was entertained once by no less a personage than the Governor of the State, who interested himself in the work and charities she was directing. Mother Sainte-Croix had a brother of remarkable intellectual gifts, who also became a convert to Catholicism and then a priest. This brother of the aged nun became famed as an Indian missionary, and the name of Abbe Holmes was known far and wide. He also lived to be very old. The Holmeses were quite a clan. There were thirteen brothers and sisters of them, and the majority became Catholics at the instigation of Father Holmes, who was the first in the family to embrace the Roman Catholic faith. All the girls became Catholics. All are dead now except Mere Sainte Croix.

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NEW CHURCH AT ST. JOHNS.

About two thousand people attended the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone of the church to be erected in the newly established ecclesiastical parish at the northern extremity of the town, at which Bishop Ratiot officiated Sunday evening. At 3 p.m. His Lordship, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Collin, cure of St. Johns, and Rev. Mr. Labrecque, cure of the new parish, started in carriages from the presbytery, followed by prominent members of the church, the band playing on route, a large procession proceeding to the new parish. The service commenced at once and was conducted by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Fathers Collin and Labrecque and the choir of the church. His Lordship proclaimed the parish as Notre Dame Auxiliatrice. After the usual ceremony and address by the Bishop, those present were requested to tap the corner stone with the Bishop's hammer. His Lordship then entered his carriage and pronounced the benediction. The building will be 125 by 55 feet. The basement will be used as a class room, the first floor as a chapel, and the upper floor as a parish hall for church gatherings.

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