

In and Around Toronto

ADVENT DEVOTIONS. The Advent devotions are held in all the churches of the city on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

NOVENA AT ST. HELEN'S. A novena in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is being held at St. Helen's. Devotions will be held in the church every evening during the week.

TRIDUUM AT ST. PATRICK'S. A triduum for the young women of St. Patrick's parish will be held, beginning Saturday next. Rev. Father Stuhle will conduct the exercises.

LECTURE ON THE VATICAN. Rev. Father Terly, C.S.B., F.D., will lecture on the Vatican on the evening of Dec. 10th, in St. Patrick's Hall, McCord St. The lecture will be under the auspices of the Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Association.

CARD OF THANKS. Mr. C. Healy desires to thank the members of Division No. 1, A.O.H., particularly Mr. J. Travers, for the kindness shown at his son's death, also for the prompt payment of his late son's insurance.

AN EDITION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT. An edition of the New Testament, now in stock at the firm of W. E. Blake & Son, is having a fine sale on account of its fine typography and general make-up. It is very convenient in size with a pliable binding and none need be without a copy as it sells at the exceedingly low price of 25 cents.

RESIGNATION OF REV. FATHER CRUISE. Feeling incapable of undertaking the work of erecting a new and costly church in the parish of Lourdes, Rev. Father Cruise, whose energies have been taxed during the past ten years, in the double capacity of Pastor of the parish and Secretary of the late Archbishop, has resigned and will probably be assigned to a less onerous charge. Needless to say the people of Lourdes will lose their Pastor with extreme regret, Father Cruise having spent himself unstintingly in their service.

ST. PETER'S YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION. At a largely-attended meeting of the St. Peter's Young Men's Association it was decided to again place a team in the Catholic Hockey League for the coming season. Mr. Kennedy was re-elected manager. The members are working hard to make this club one of the strongest of Catholic clubs in the city. Any Catholic young men wishing to become members will be made welcome. The next meeting will be held on the 6th of December, and a large attendance is expected. The club rooms are on Bathurst just south of Bloor, on the east side.

ARCHBISHOP McEVAY VISITS LORETTO ABBEY. At 5.30 on Tuesday of last week, His Grace, Archbishop McEvay, with a large number of the priests of the Archdiocese, visited Loretto Abbey, where the community and pupils of the house, together with a large audience of friends of the institution, had assembled to do honor to the first visit of His Grace as head of the Archdiocese. An address of welcome on behalf of the staff and pupils was read by Miss Kelly, and an excellent programme of music and readings, in which the pupils showed fine execution and training, was given. His Grace expressed his pleasure and appreciation of the beautiful numbers presented, and granted a holiday, an accession eagerly welcomed by the charming hevy upon the platform.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY BUILDING. A movement is on foot to erect a building for the use of the Catholic students of Toronto University. At present the one hundred and fifty students in attendance at the University are distributed throughout the several parishes of the city. The need has long been felt for a place where they could assemble for their mutual social and moral benefit. To aid the acquaintance of the Catholic students with each other, to promote good fellowship among them, to facilitate their entrance into Catholic society, to acquaint the students with the religious questions of the day, and to minister to their spiritual needs, are some of the aims of the supporters of this important matter. Assurance are not wanting from proper sources to show that these objects are not only possible, but will be realized in the near future. His Grace, the Archbishop of Toronto, is giving it his hearty support, and needless to say it fulfills the fond ideal of the student body.

SAD DEATH OF A BRILLIANT YOUNG LADY. The sad death of Miss Mildred Meader, who was a third year student in

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medicine at Toronto University, brought grief to a large home circle and to the students who were her associates. Miss Meader, who was of a remarkably bright and amiable disposition, was also one of the most brilliant students of her year, and her somewhat sudden death after an illness of but one week, has ended a career of much promise. The deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meader, of 535 Yonge street, and is survived by four brothers and four sisters. Mr. Daniel Meader of the teaching staff of St. Basil's novitiate, is a brother, and Mr. John Meader, another brother, who is a traveller in the United States, arrived but just in time to take a last look at the grave in Mount Hope cemetery. The funeral took place from St. Basil's church on Monday morning, Rev. Father Hurley singing Mass of Requiem and a large number of the priests of the city assisting in the sanctuary. The students of her year acted as pall-bearers. The Catholic Register joins in the general sympathy of many friends. May she rest in peace.

EXERCISES AT ST. JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL. The exercises of the twenty-seventh annual distribution of premiums at St. Joseph's High School, took place on Thursday, Nov. 26th, at 3.30 p.m. His Grace Archbishop McEvay, surrounded by the clergy of the city and from outside districts, was the honored guest of the occasion, and the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity by the parents and friends of the pupils. The hundred and fifty girls of the school, attired in white, formed a bright and attractive picture, arranged in tiers upon the platform. A programme of vocal and instrumental music diversified by readings, was presented in a very creditable manner. The most laudable feature of the afternoon, however, was the distribution of premiums, medals and diplomas, which in number and standing reflected the highest credit upon the pupils and teachers of the school. The honor list showed five who had passed Normal School Entrance, eight matriculants for Toronto University and eighteen winners of diplomas in the Commercial Department. This was indeed a fine showing and was in keeping with the now noted reputation of the institution for first class scholastic work. His Grace, Archbishop McEvay, expressed his great pleasure at the exhibition and urged the pupils to still greater endeavor in the future, impressing upon them that even though parents and teachers did their utmost for their advancement, the success after all depended upon the pupils themselves. Very Rev. J. J. McCann, V.G., Mr. Wm. Prendergast, Mr. D. A. Carey and Mr. Chapman, Inspector of Public Schools, also made short addresses, the last speaker gaining favor with the pupils by declaring that if the candidates at Entrance continued making such high marks as at present, they would reach something like one hundred and five per cent. The entertainment closed with the National Anthem.

Kelly—Monahan. At St. Mary's church, Brantford, Mr. Walter P. Kelly, one of that city's most popular young men, and a valued member of the office staff of the Western Counties Power Company, and Miss Annie Monahan, daughter of the late D. J. Monahan, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The church was prettily decorated with palms and chrysanthemums and presented a very artistic appearance. The service was attended by many friends of the happy young couple. The groomsmen were Mr. James Kelly, a brother of the groom, Mr. Thos. Nelson and Mr. D. J. MacKinnon were the ushers. Rev. Father Cummings, assisted by Rev. Father Englehart and Rev. Father Becker, solemnized the wedding and a grand high Mass was said. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Kelly drove to the Grand Trunk station where they took the 10.29 train to Buffalo. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly will reside at 7 Victoria street, where they will be at home after Dec. 1.

An Explanation. A friend has sent us the following: Seeing that you have kindly quoted from the Catholic News the transference of Father Fraser to Hanchow, I wish to say that this does not refer to the Rev. J. M. Fraser of King-po, who has a special district of the Province of Iche Kiang assigned to his care by the Bishop, with Naomy Fenghua as a central point. The remark refers to his brother, Father William, who has been at Wenchow since his arrival in China. In this district there are a number of difficult dialects to be learned by the missionary, and no opportunity to be given to converse in his native tongue (English). Hanchow is the capital of the province and the latter difficulty is to a certain extent removed. The Catholic News seems unaware of there being two brothers of the same name in China.

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SUBJECT OF THE HOUR (Continued from page 1.) them or they will take up with other organizations altogether and be lost irrevocably to us as a body. The Catholic Church surely cannot lag behind the others in this zeal for the care of souls. If she does then many more thousands of her children will be lost to her, as has already happened here, and with ourselves. The ministry of the multitudinous sects is to-day ornamented with names which indicate a purely Catholic origin, and emphasizes losses we have suffered when we could ill afford them. We cannot permit such calamities to occur again; we must make every effort and sacrifice to see that our Catholic people of English tongue in rural districts be found out and ministered to by their own at least, not permitted to be absorbed by the more active sects among whom they have settled. For this we want priests—missionaries with the spirit of their calling and ready and willing to save these souls to the Church. We cannot afford longer to resist the cry either of the strange peoples of our faith—Catholic, and submitted to the Holy See, which are pouring into our country without any pastors of their own. Within the last few weeks an earnest appeal on behalf of one hundred and fifty thousand Ruthenians of this class has been made to the Church of Canada, especially to the French Bishops. These people have been the victims of religious and political proselytizers to an incredible extent since they reached America, and this through the agency largely of missionary societies. Just think what the perversion of such a body of people as this would mean to us! Think of the organized efforts of the sects to bring about this result! Think of the immense sums of money they spend to effect it! And all this time we stand idly, and let me add, criminally negligently by and permit them to do their work un-

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restrained. These Ruthenians want to acquire English, the idiom of which is easy to them and which they will have to know anyway to live in an English country like ours; they need English-speaking priests who will devote themselves to their service, learning their language and practicing their peculiar religious rite at the outset at least. We could readily secure young Ruthenians from their ranks and educate them for this special work. This is the plan the sects took to rob them of their Catholic faith; fast est ad hoste decre. The Missionary College is again a necessity. In his pamphlet just issued on attempts at schism among Ruthenians of the Canadian Northwest, Rev. Father Lalaere, C.S.S.R., makes this touching appeal: "Imagine these 150,000 abandoned Ruthenians, almost without pastors, exposed to the fury of the wolves that ravage the sheepfold. They are nevertheless Christian and Catholic souls, our brethren in Jesus Christ. No; they are not pagans whose education has entirely to be undertaken, they are living in a country of unknown frontiers; they are in our own land, in the midst of us even. Without doubt we admire the zeal which fires young Levites to work for the salvation of souls in the wilds of Africa among those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death; but can we leave those so near to us to perish whilst we give succor to the unknown? Can we be generous with the stranger whilst there is a debt to be discharged to our real brother in the faith? Behold 100,000 brothers are now stretching out their hands to you and beseeching you to succor, protect and govern them!" This pathetic picture might be painted in regard to many other peoples in the unorganized or recently organized districts of Canada and the United States. We cannot remain longer insensible to the appeal, and call ourselves Christians and Catholics. We must provide for these souls famishing in the desert; we must give them priests after God's heart, and to do this the Missionary College is a necessity. We make an appeal, then, to your generosity and your faith to supply it, and we shall not appeal in vain.

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