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PARISH NEWS OF THE WEEK.

ST. GABRIEL.

Last Sunday evening St. Gabriel's presented a grand sight, it being the anniversary of the foundation of the T. A. and B. Society. The beautiful edifice was filled to repletion with the members of the various temperance societies and their friends. The Rev. Father Elbert preached a powerful and eloquent sermon, in which he traced a vivid picture of the terrible effects of drunkenness upon the family and upon domestic relations in general. Then followed solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, presided over by Rev. Father Holland, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. After the Benediction the society held a reception, at which all the delegates of the sister societies assisted, thus bringing to a fitting climax one of the grandest evenings yet spent in St. Gabriel.

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ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL.

The large hall on which guesses were taken as to its name, was drawn for Tuesday afternoon: the name being "Martina." There were seven who guessed the right name as follows: The Misses A. Lynch, Katie Egan, Jessie Breslow, Eileen Powis, Margaret Cullinan, Rev. J. P. Kilhonan, Mr. Frank Lukeman.

The doll was contested for in presence of Rev. Dr. Callaghan, Mr. Frank Lukeman and Rev. Jas. P. Kilhonan were tie on second drawing, Rev. Jas. P. Kilhonan eventually winning.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual election of officers of Division No. 1, A.O.E., held on the 6th instant, resulted in the following officers being elected for the ensuing term: John Dods, President; M. Toner, Vice-President; J. J. McKinnon, Recording Secretary; J. McIvor, Financial Secretary; Hugh Ward, Treasurer; P. McHugh, Chairman Standing Committee; P.

Sweeney, Chairman Finance Committee; J. Shelly, Chairman Sicc Committee; P. Keane, P. Scullion, H. Ward, Employment Committee; J. T. Tracey, chairman Literary Committee.

ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT REFUGE.

Report for week ending Sunday, 15th December, 1907: Irish, 126; French, 100; English 7; other nationalities, 11. Total, 244. All had a night's lodgings and breakfast.

Sudden transition from a hot to a cold temperature, exposure to rain, sitting in a draught, unseasonable substitution of light for heavy clothing, are fruitful causes of colds and the resultant coughs so perilous to persons of weak lungs. Among the many medicines for bronchial disorders arising, there is none better than Bick's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. Try it and become convinced. Price 25 cents.

St Joseph's Home.

Owing to the moving of this struggling little institution from its cradle to more comfortable quarters at No. 26 Overdale Avenue, the True Witness has been without news of any importance from the home. The present Home was built by the late Mr. Michael Scanlan, and occupied by him until his death, which occurred last month. Mr. J. C. Walsh, M.P., at the head of a quiet little corporation, has taken upon himself the purchase of the new home for six thousand three hundred dollars. Eight hundred dollars saved, above expenses during the three years of its existence, together with one hundred from Mr. J. P. Kavanagh, formed the first payment, but the bill of sale is withheld until another thousand will have been paid. Our readers must not forget to put St. Joseph's Home for Catholic Boys on the list of charities to be considered during this Christmas time. No special appeal will be made for some time yet, as the new Home will require some arranging before a pound party can be held. All donations will be most thankfully received or sent for, and acknowledged most heartily. Since last account Mr. McKeehan, Ormstown, P.Q., sent six bags of potatoes, at least he is suspected. Mrs. Penfold sent blankets; Mrs. J. Coffey, books; Mr. John Gaffney, thirty dollars; Mrs. Wolf, of New York, thirty-five; Mr. Walter Bale, W. A. D. Baby, John

Walter Ryan, three dollars; Rev. Father Wulstan, for St. Anthony's bread, three dollars; Mrs. O'Loughlin, three dollars; Gregory Mantell, Pakenham, Ont., two dollars; Mr. Costello and Mrs. Mooney, one dollar each. Miss Rose Ward collected five dollars from the ladies under her charge, and Mr. W. Furlong, of Young street, with his usual generosity, moved the effects from the old home to the new gratuitously.

But there are five thousand dollars to pay and interest at six per cent. Maybe some of our readers could think of a plan to it inside of a year. One at a time!

OBITUARY

THE LATE MR. THOMAS LEWIS.

In the passing away of Thomas Lewis, or as he was better known to many, "Honest Old Tom Lewis," the curtain goes down on the life of one of Nature's noblemen. To know him was to love him. He was ever a friend, indeed, no one ever went to him in distress and was turned away empty-handed. He was held in the highest esteem by both Church and people. He was one of the first to introduce the St. Vincent de Paul Society into Hamilton some 40 years ago, and was an active member up to the time of his death.

He was born in Nanna, County of Tipperary, Ireland, in the year 1819, and came to this country about 1854, and has lived continuously in Hamilton, except one year, which was spent in Chicago. Back in the 60's he entered the employ of the late B. E. Charlton, and has continued with his successor, Mr. Wm. Marshall, the Royal Distillery Co., up to the time of his death. Mr. Lewis was a staunch Catholic, and the Church has lost a good friend. He was always ready to defend the faith, and earned from his comrades the title of "Bishop Tom Lewis," and thus were his letters addressed by those corresponding with him after leaving the city. He wanted no flowers, but the spiritual bouquets were many. He leaves to mourn their loss one son, Thomas, of Chicago, and one daughter, Miss M. A. Lewis, who devoted her life to caring for her father.

The funeral took place from his late residence, 163 West Ave. N., Monday morning, December 9th, for St. Patrick's Church, where Rev. Father Coty celebrated the Mass for the dead. His Lordship Bishop Dowling read the funeral service. The cortege then proceeded to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, where the last rites of the burial service were administered by Fathers Coty and Mahoney. The ball-bearers were Messrs. Walter Bale, W. A. D. Baby, John

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W. A. D. B.

The Christmas Midnight Mass May be a "Missa Privata"

As, according to a general decision of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, the privileged midnight Mass, at Christmas should be a missa cantata, a doubt arose whether the recent decree (1 August, 1907; see Ecclesiastical Review, December, 1907, 639-38, also p. 654) in which the Holy Father grants the privilege of the celebration of the three Masses during Christmas night to religious communities, seminaries, and pious institutions which have a chapel in

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which the Blessed Sacrament is habitually reserved, is to be interpreted so as to allow all three Masses to be low Masses. The Ecclesiastical Review submitted this question to the Prothonotary of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, whose prompt re-

Synopsis of Canada North-West HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

ANY even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

Entry must be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land is situated. Entry by proxy may, however, be made on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

The homesteader is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon said land.

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ply we have just received by cable, to the effect that the decree extends the privilege of the midnight Mass to low and solemn masses alike.

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