

op McCloskey laid the corner stone of a third Catholic church in Troy, under the invoc'ion and title of St. Joseph.

**DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK.**—In the last French steamer from New York, the Very Rev. Father Stark, C. S. R. of Vienna, took his departure, having finished the visitation of the houses of his order in this country, in which he has been most arduously engaged for the last three months. He expressed himself as greatly comforted in finding them so strict in the observance of their severe rule, and so fervent in all the duties of missionaries. Father Stark is more than sixty years of age, but to the last day of his fatiguing visitation he displayed the vigor and fearlessness that might be expected from a man of thirty. The Redemptorists in this country have the hope of seeing him again in the spring in a more permanent capacity than that of a visitor.

In the Catholic Herald we read the details of eleven places which the Bishop of Philadelphia has visited from the 14th Aug. to 17th September, and in which he confirmed more than seven hundred and forty-four persons.

**OHIO.**—There were fifty-three persons confirmed in St. Vincent's Church, Akron, Summit co., on the first Sunday of September; and forty the following morning, in St. Joseph's (a new church not yet dedicated) in Randolph, Portage co., Ohio.—*Cath. Telegraph.*

**MILWAUKEE.**—St. Mary's (German) Church.—This beautiful edifice was consecrated on the 12th September, with all the impressive ceremonies of the Catholic Church. Bishop Henni, in full canonicals officiated. The sermon was delivered in English, by the Rev. Michael Shaw, of Indiana, who left a most favorable impression on the audience, not less from the piety of his sentiments, than from his ability and earnest eloquence. The rich and solemn music added impressiveness to the ceremonies of the consecration.

The attendance was very large, and we understand that not less than 1800 persons passed the doors during the morning. The Germans are justly proud of St. Mary's, as an evidence not only of their religious character, but of good taste in erecting a temple to the Deity.

Mr. C. J. Shaw of this city was ordained sub-deacon on Wednesday last, deacon yesterday.—The Bishop this (Saturday) morning conferred the holy order of priesthood on the same gentleman and on Mr. John O'Donnell.—*Cath Observer.*

The Bishop of Montreal accompanied by his private Secretary, the Rev. A. W. Mountain, embarked in the Trinity House steamer St. George; his Lordship's destination being the district of Gaspe,

where he is about to visit the missions and to hold confirmations. His return is expected in about a month.—*Quebec Gazette.*

## HUDSON'S BAY.

We made mention at the time of the departure of some missionaries from Montreal, in May last, for the Indian missions of the far north. The Rev. Fathers Garvin and Laverlochere, after making thus their annual visit to the poor Indians at Abbittibi, Temiskaming, &c, have returned, and the *Melanges Religieux*, gives an account of their laborious operations.

They extended their excursion to Moore Factory at the mouth of the Hudson's Bay. This is the first time that Catholic priests have visited this spot, where the savages are in great number. Their appearance made a great impression on the Indians, who were astonished to hear the Black Gowns talk, and sing songs in their language, and especially they were moved by the order and beauty of the religious ceremonies. Many of them also had been already partially prepared for Baptism by some neophytes from Abbittibi, with whom they had intercourse, and who had inspired them with a great desire to become Christians. They had made already their greatest efforts to instruct themselves in the unknown faith. The missionaries had thus the happiness to baptise large numbers of them. This happened to be at the time that very many of the converted Indians from places heretofore visited by the missionaries were at this place with the skins that the annuity bring to the Bay. So the Fathers were able to open a mission in regular form amongst them, and this made the deepest impression the other Indians. Some of the Indians from other places had heretofore been the recipients of Protestant missionary attentions, and now with earnestness demanded to have at their respective places the true Black Gowns to teach them "*the Prayer.*"\*

The missionaries acknowledge the reception of great kindness from the authorities of the Hudson's Bay Company, and in every respect rejoice over the success of their mission. The Rev. Father Bourrassa has also returned from St. Maurice.

\* We are deeply touched by the propriety of this term of the Indians for the true religion. Protestant missionaries, when they happen to be zealous, talk to the Indians, and even repeat to them several Catholic truths—of a future life—a heaven, a hell—sin, and of the justice, or perhaps in some way of the love of God. All this may excite and trouble the poor savage, as it may the civilized Protestant, but "*teach us to pray*"—this will be their first and most natural demand. And when they have been taught—"*let us pray*" will be their desire. So it is, that they turn away from the Protestant missionaries, more simply, but for the same reason as does the doctor of philosophy. "*Give us the true Black Gowns to teach us the prayer—Give us the true Black Gowns that can say for us the TRUE PRAYER, the* MISSA, THE MASS.