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Local and Diocesan News.

LOCAL CALENDAR:—
Sat. Dec. 18. Expectation of Bl. Virgin.
Sun. " 19. 4th Sunday of Advent.
Mon. " 20. St. Christmas.
Tues. " 21. St. Thomas.

FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION.—
Monday, 18, Novitiate of Brothers of
Charity; Wednesday, 22, Grey
Nuns, Motherhouse; Friday, 24, No-
vitiate of Christian Brothers; Sun-
day, 26, Juvenate, Terrebonne.

BLESSING OF STATIONS.—On
Sunday evening next, at 7.30
o'clock, there will take place at
St. Michael's the solemn blessing of
Stations of the Cross, the gift of a
parishioner.

EARLY CLOSING OF SALOONS.—
A petition from the temperance
workers of St. Michael's was pre-
sented last Sunday, the object be-
ing the early closing of saloons, to
which was appended many signa-
tures, which goes to show that the
temperance movement is spreading
greatly. May the good work go
on.

LECTURE ON IRISH MUSIC.—
Rev. Father M. Callaghan will de-
liver a lecture on Irish music in St.
Ann's Hall on Tuesday next. The
lecture will be interspersed with
musical and instrumental selections.
The ability of Father Callaghan as
a lecturer is widely known, and
the subject—one dear to the Irish
heart—will be in the hands of a
master, so that those who desire
to enjoy a thorough treat on the
nature and history of Irish music
should not fail to be present in St.
Ann's Hall on Tuesday next.

IMPORTANT MEETING AT ST.
MICHAEL'S.—Immediately after the
High Mass on Sunday last, the
largest meeting ever held at St.
Michael's convened to endorse a re-
solution from the parish school
board maintaining their independ-
ence and appointing the pastor,
the Rev. J. P. Kiernan, to appear
before the School Commissioners to
express their views.

NO. 2 DIV. A.O.H., ELECTIONS OF-
FICERS.—At the regular meeting of
Division No. 2, A.O.H., held in
their hall on Richmond street, on
Dec. 9th, the following officers were
elected for the ensuing year: Pres-
ident, Bro. Quigley; vice-president,
Bro. Walsh; financial secretary, Bro.
P. Ryan; recording secretary, Bro.
Donohue; treasurer, Bro. Hogan;
sentinel, Bro. Donnelly; marshalls,
Bros. M. Mullins and Hannay. After
the meeting one of their regular
scheduled games of eucher took
place, which was very much enjoyed
by all. The contestants were No.
4 vs. No. 2, resulting in a win by a
few points by the visiting Brothers.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.—
The following Resolution of con-
dolence was passed by Division No.
5, A.O.H., to Bro. J. L. Devine,
Treasurer of the Division, on the
death of his mother:
Whereas, it has pleased Almighty
God in His infinite goodness to call
to her eternal reward your most
beloved and respected mother;
Resolved, that we tender to you
and to the family our most sincere
sorrow and sympathy;
Be it further resolved, that while
bowing down in humble submission
to His divine will, we pray that
Almighty God may console her sor-
rowing family and grant them grace
and strength to bear with fortitude
the loss they have sustained; and
it is our fervent prayer that she
is now enjoying with her Eternal
Father the reward which God gives
to those who do their duty.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The
following officers were elected for
the ensuing year at the regular meet-
ing of Division No. 5, A.O.H., held
on Friday evening, Dec. 10.
Chaplain—Rev. T. F. Heffernan.
President—Bro. P. Maloney.
Vice-President—Bro. J. Brennan.
Rec. Secretary—Bro. J. Brophy.
Fin. Secretary—Bro. W. E. O'Fla-
herly.
Treasurer—Bro. J. L. Devine.
Medical Examiner—Bro. J. J. Mc-
Govern, M.D.
Marshall—Bro. P. Tracey.
Finance Committee—Bros. H.
Tracey, chairman; J. Delaney, J.
Waldren.
Sick Committee—Bros. E. Waldren
chairman; T. Lane, J. Dowling.
Literary Committee—Bros. J. Bren-
nan, chairman; B. Munday, D.
Downey, P. Tracey, J. Brophy.
This Division is making great

preparations for the increasing of
their present membership during the
coming winter, and by the pro-
gramme outlined the membership
will not only be doubled but trebled,
as the series of entertainments
are up to the standard and with
such an excellent body of officials
prospects are bright.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.
At the regular meeting of Branch
1024, L.C.B.A., held on Monday,
Dec. 13, the following resolutions
were adopted on the death of Sister
Anastacia O'Donnell.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty
God, in His infinite wisdom, to take
from our midst our beloved sister,
Anastacia O'Donnell, and
Whereas, in her death the Branch
sustains the loss of one of its char-
ter members, and an earnest worker
and her husband and children a lov-
ing and devoted wife and mother;

Be it resolved, That our charter
be draped in mourning for a period
of thirty days, also that the mem-
bers and officers of Branch 1024, L.
C.B.E., hereby tender our most sin-
cere and heartfelt sympathy to her
bereaved husband and children in
the hour of their great affliction:
Resolved, That a copy of these re-
solutions be inscribed in the minutes
of the Branch and be published in
the Montreal Daily Star and Mont-
real True Witness, and that a copy
of same be forwarded to her be-
reaved husband and children.

Sisters MARY HOGAN,
MARY RIDDELL,
MAUD NEHIN.
Montreal, Dec. 15, 1909.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB EX-
ECUTIVE MEETING.—Last Thurs-
day afternoon, the parlors of Loyola
College were the scene of a
busy gathering, as the members of
the executive committee of the Cath-
olic Sailors' Club held a prepara-
tory meeting. The progressional re-
ports made by the managing direc-
tor, the secretary and the treasurer
show the institution to be in a
very hopeful condition. This Club is
constantly carrying on an eminent-
ly good work, and ever ready to aid
those coming within its range. The
full account of the year's doings was
deferred until the third Thursday
in January, 1910, when detailed re-
ports of the last year's business
may be looked forward to. Mem-
bership in this grand work may be
had for the modest sum of one
dollar per year, which is an ex-
tremely low figure when it is taken
into consideration the amount of
genuine good done within the pre-
dicts of the institution.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME.—We hope
to have a long list of benefactors
to delight the readers' eyes the next
time we have occasion to speak of
this unpretentious little institution.
The following will show that Christ-
ianity is approaching and Father
Holland is thankful to those who
are thinking of his proteges and his
efforts. Mr. T. McAratly, twenty
dollars; Miss Daly, seven dollars to
buy a ton of coal. A friend, two
dollars; Mr. Sam Rowan, three dol-
lars; Mr. Levine, three dollars; Mrs.
C. Shanahan, two dollars; Mr. Jas.
Kelly, two dollars; Mrs. Huber,
Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Boyd, Miss Con-
nelly, one dollar each, and Mr.
Donoghue one bag potatoes. Mr.
McCarthy of McCord street did a
job of necessary plastering gratis.
We hope he will not have to be
called upon again before Christmas.

Committees of Eucharistic Congress.
We take the following official list
of committees having charge of
ceremonies, decorations and pro-
cessions, from the current issue of
the Semaine Religieuse:
President—Rev. G. Lepailleur.
Ceremonies—Vice-Presidents, con-
jointly: Rev. C. Laforce, P.P., St.
Vincent de Paul; Rev. H. Gauthier,
P.S.S., Rev. J. U. Demers.
Decorations—Vice-presidents con-
jointly: Rev. J. A. Belanger, P.P.,
St. Louis de France; Rev. J. H. S.
Rosconi.
Processions—Vice-Presidents con-
jointly: Rev. A. V. J. Piette, P.P.,
Villeray; Rev. T. F. Heffernan, P.P.,
St. Thomas Aquinas; Rev. A. Des-
champs, Almoner Deaf and Dumb
Asylum; Rev. A. Martin, Almoner
Providence Convent.
Secretary, Rev. T. W. O'Reilly, St.
Patrick's.

Members—Rev. H. Bedard, P.S.S.,
Rev. L. J. Bouchier, P.S.S., Rev.
E. Colclough, S.J., Rev. L. Deslar-
des, secretary, Loyola University;
Rev. O. Gauthier, St. Leo's; Rev.
V. Hudon, S.J., Rev. Abb. Luche,
P.S.S., Rev. Father Piché, P.S.V.,
Rev. Father Pitre, S.S.S., Rev. Fa-
ther Raymond, O.S.F., Rev. N. A.
Troie, P.S.S., P.P., Notre Dame;
Rev. C. G. Villeneuve.
General Committee—Honorary Pres-
ident, His Excellency Mgr. Sbar-
retti, Apostolic Delegate.
President—His Grace Archbishop
Bruchesi.
Honorary Vice-Presidents, Their
Lordships the Archbishops and B-
ishops of Canada.
Vice-President—Canon Gauthier.
Secretary-General, Rev. Father
Palletier, Superior of Fathers of the
Blessed Sacrament.

IS ENGLAND CHRISTIAN?

Father Vaughan Startles a Fashion-
able Audience by His Question
and Masterly Reply.

We take the following timely ser-
mon of the Rev. Bernard Vaughan
from the Catholic Times, the lessons
it teaches being so applicable to
ourselves:
Having opened his discourse with
an explanation of his plan of ser-
mons, Father Vaughan said they
must start by answering the ques-
tion:

IS THE MIND OF ENGLAND CHRISTIAN?

You will ask me, he continued,
what are the chief characteristics of
the mind of a Christian, in what
respect does it differ from the mind
that is not Christian, what are its
dominant principles, what its laws,
its outlook, its aim and aspirations?
In answer to these questions, I may
say that the Christian mind real-
izes as no other mind does or can
that man belongs to God absolutely,
and depends upon God entirely. The
preacher then gave a vivid descrip-
tion of the true Christian's devo-
tion to God, and continuing, said
the Christian mind, then, is bent
upon, and occupied with not tem-
poral things most of all, but things
eternal; its motto is borrowed from
Stantibus: "Non caduca, sed
aeterna." Having sketched the
thoughts, the projects, and the am-
bitions of the mind of a true Chris-
tian, Father Vaughan proceeded:
For a moment, let us pause to ask
ourselves, is this the mind of the
average Englishman whom we meet
to-day in this twentieth century?—
or, to put the question less directly,
a little more in the abstract, is
the mind of England to-day Chris-
tian? To answer this question we
must first of all know something
about the output of her mind. It
is in the library, on the platform,
in the press, and upon the stage,
that England reveals to us her mind
Go forth, then, and enquire, not
merely at the different free libraries,
but at the chief lending libraries of
London and the provinces, what is
the type of book having the widest
and largest circulation. You will
find that there is little, very
little demand, I will not say for

THE SUPERNATURAL IN LITER-
ATURE.

but for what is clean and whole-
some and instructive in the natural
order itself. What Alexandre Du-
mas once told his Parisian audience
I might with some truth say to an
English audience, that "the only
books which make a sensation are
bad books," bad as regards ques-
tions of faith or morals, or both.
"The modern novel and the modern
play," says a recent writer, "take
infidelity as their text. They are
destroying the nation's life." This,
I take it, is too sweeping a denun-
ciation, but there is an element of
truth in it.
But what about the Press? The
Press has its hand upon the public
pulse; the press judges to a nicety
what sort of mental pabulum its
patron will take; what most of all
he dislikes, and what he relishes
gluttonously. The bulk of its read-
ers, the Press assures us, will have
nothing to do with the supernatural
or the miraculous. To be candid,

THE AVERAGE DAILY PAPER

would lead you to suppose there
was no God at all. Not that it
denies the existence of a personal
Deity, but because it undertakes to
explain all occurrences without even
the mention of His name. It is a
daily record of daily events, and its
discourses are wholly devoted to
the interests which belong to time and
sense. It takes no cognizance of
revealed truth, it professes no
knowledge of the Kingdom of Heav-
en; it is silent about the future of
the immortal soul. If the Press is
non-Christian, the reason of it is
that the mind of its readers, the
people of England, is not Christian.
It grieves me to say that in our
seething modern cities there is an
ever-increasing population "drinking
at Stygian pools of foulness, feed-
ing upon the offal of literature and
learning, the language of shame."

And now to come to the drama.
Whatever may be said in praise of
it, we cannot pretend that it could
define its mission as the dramatic
method of drawing people to put
eternity before time. Heaven before
earth, and the soul before the
body. On the contrary, theatres,
music-halls, and other places of
amusement provide entertainments
best calculated to fill a house. They
exist to supply a demand they re-
flect the mind of the country, and
like the book and the paper.

THE THEATRE AND MUSIC HALL

tell you in terms about which there
can be no mistake the character of
England's mind to-day. I do not



ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH, WHICH WILL BE BLESSED ON SUNDAY.

BLESSING OF ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH.

On Sunday Next Pastor and People
Will Witness Happy Consumma-
tion of Their Hopes.



REV. M. L. SHEA.
Pastor St. Aloysius Church.

Sunday will be a joyful day for
the parishioners and pastor of St.

Aloysius, when the Archbishop kindly
comes to bless their new edifice
to the service of Almighty God, and
when many friends will come joy-
wise to participate in their joy.
Among the societies that have ac-
cepted invitations to be present are
the Catholic Order of Foresters, the
Knights of Columbus and the A.O.
H. In the sanctuary with the Bis-
hop will be the pastors of the
English-speaking parishes and re-
presentatives of the religious com-
munities of the city. The solemn
High Mass will be chanted by the
Rev. Father Donnelly, pastor of St.
Anthony's, who will be assisted by
deacon and sub-deacon, and the ser-
mon will be delivered by the Rev.
Father Doyle, S.J. A specially
augmented choir under the direction
of Mr. J. S. Shea, will render the
Mass of St. Therese with orchestral
accompaniment.

The parish of St. Aloysius was
formed by His Grace the Arch-
bishop less than two years ago, and
its progress has been indeed re-
markable. A temporary chapel was
opened in the basement of St. Jo-
seph's School, Desory street, on
Feb. 2nd, 1908, and the pastor
with his small congregation con-
tinued services there for upwards of
sixteen months.

On Sept. 1st, 1908, ground was
broken for the new church and fair-
ly good progress has been made
since then. The corner-stone of the
new edifice was laid by the Rt.
Rev. Bishop Racot on Nov. 1st,
in the presence of a large gathering

of the clergy and laity among whom
were representatives of the Eng-
lish-speaking societies of Montreal,
and distinguished representatives of
the City Council.

The new church is now practi-
cally completed and is the just pride of
the English-speaking Catholics of
Hochelega and Maisonneuve. The
style of architecture is pure Renais-
sance, and was designed by Mr. A.
Karch, architect. The contractors
for the stone work were Messrs
Sparrow and McNeill. Its extreme
length is 160 feet and extreme width
56 feet. The church will have three
handsome altars—the main altar the
gift of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ryan,
of Windsor St.; the altar of the
Blessed Virgin, the gift of Mrs. M.
P. Ryan, and the altar of the Sa-
cred Heart, the gift of Mrs. M. A.
Healy and family—and 12 stained
windows. Those with a beautiful
set of the Stations of the Cross, life
sized statues, and a Communion
rail of neat design in brass, all
gifts of generous friends, will prove
highly effective ecclesiastical orna-
ment.

The pastor and parishioners of St.
Aloysius are to be congratulated on
the realization of the long and fond
cherished hopes for a church of their
own and for the wonderful success
achieved during the short period of
the parish existence.

After the blessing of the Church,
and the Holy Mass on Sunday, the
ladies of St. Aloysius have organ-
ized to give a dinner to all those
who may wish to attend. The pro-
ceeds of the dinner to be devoted to
the fund for furnishing the sanctu-
ary.

say it is anti-Christian, like the
mind of France, but I cannot re-
frain from declaring it is non-Chris-
tian. With Cardinal Newman we
might say: "Some visible idol is
taken as a substitute for God." We
all know how heavily handicapped
in its race for readers is the high-
principled paper, advocating what
is right. The journal most sure of
circulation is the one "recording
facts which never happened, to
please readers who never think."
Father Vaughan went on to ask
his readers to examine their con-
sciences with a view to testing
their spiritual whereabouts, and
concluding with a brilliant rerora-
tion, said: My message to you this

morning is an exhortation from the
Master, not to be conformed to this
world, not to be dragged down be-
low the snow-line of the eternal hills
not to feed your minds on food
stuffs that can only make them
worldly, tethering your thoughts to
earth and things earthly. Rise to
the full height of your Christian
manhood or womanhood, and for-
get not that it is not "the bewitch-
ings of vanity," but the teaching of
Christ that forms the Christian
mind. Be persuaded that it is not
by what it knows but on what it
believes that the mind of man grows
great and good. Well saith the
Christian poet:



CONDUCTED BY HORTENSE

Let Me But Do My Work. Let me but do my work from day to day...

Exaggerating Trifles.

You can always take a man's measure by the way in which little annoyances and petty exactions affect him...

Some Delicious Home-Made Candies.

Home made candy is always the most wholesome...

CHOCOLATE CARAMELS.

Four cups of granulated sugar, one half-cupful of butter...

MARSHMALLOW PASTE.

Dissolve one pound of clean gum arabic in a quart of water...

OLD-FASHIONED CREAM CANDY.

Take two cups of granulated sugar and two cups of water...

MAPLE CREAM.

Take one cup of maple sugar, one and a half cups of butter...

ALMOND TAFFY.

Boil together half a pint of water and a pound of brown sugar...

NUT CAKES.

Nut cakes are made with one pound of confectioners' sugar...

Men More Sentimental Than Women.

The other day I discussed the marriage of her daughter with a devoted mother, says a woman writing in Black and White...

Bite Your Tongue.

Study self-control. Keep up that study till temper gusts can be stilled at will...

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What is Worn in London.

London, Dec. 9, 1909. The great Hat Question which has been so hotly discussed this autumn has now been definitely solved...

Removing Ink.

A girl bookkeeper displayed fingers black and unsightly with ink stains.

HER INDORESEMENT.

"I want to get this check cashed," said the young matron, appearing at the window of the paying teller...

A LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT.

One evening when Irving was playing Macbeth he worked his audience into an unusually high pitch of excitement...

BRINGING THE LESSON HOME.

Isabel had been making heroic efforts to get on with the boy who had recently moved next door...

started two abnormally long dark blue iridescent quills. The intense blackness of the velvet lining and the width of the brim gave one the feeling of peering into a dark cavern...

Three excellent examples of the present fashions were seen in the show rooms of a fashionable milliner. One a big Cavalier shape in long-haired beaver or polouchon...

The popularity of the toque, however, has a serious rival in the tricorne, which appears on all sides, and, one might say, in all sorts of disguises...

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Advertisement for Surprise Soap. A Yard of flannel is still a yard after washed with Surprise Soap. Its pure hard Soap - that's why. Don't forget the name - Surprise.

Punny Sayings.

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ONE ON THE CHINK.

Like many of his countrymen, his Excellency Li Chung Fong is blessed with a fund of humor. Nor is he averse to telling a story against himself...

The Call of the West.

The new territory in Western Canada which the Grand Trunk Pacific is opening up is so attractive to farmers, prospectors and investors...

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Advertisement for St. George's Baking Powder. It's simply astonishing the way St. George's Baking Powder has taken hold of my customers. They say it makes lighter, tastier, finer-grained Biscuits and Cakes than any other they ever used!

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including names like MORRISON, KAVANAGH, and BROSSARD, along with addresses and contact information.

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Ellis Rhinehart's Betrothal.

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After the humiliating interview with the school board, which resulted in her resignation, Ellis Rhinehart closed and locked the heavy doors, gave the key to Mr. Wheeler, director, and walked dejectedly down the quiet village street.

She prayed that no one would witness her ignominious retreat, but she had not reckoned with Donnie Wheeler, who sat by the roadside picking short-stemmed violets. "Say, you got home?" cried the tot shrilly, scrambling up. "Here's some violets for ye. Lookie at my dress! Mugson's pup got down in a hole and I crawled it out. Won't mother be mad, though?"

The child hopped along on one foot, shaking with wicked laughter over her parent's discomfiture, until a sudden thought caused her to shake back the curls from her mischievous blue eyes and again break into sharp, breathless sentences. "Say, Miss Winehart, maw's awful mad with you 'cause you shook Hardie for throwing paper wads. She told him not to take you home, and he has wunned off from you. She sent paw over to the school house to—do somethin'. She'll say she didn't, but then she lies so you can't believe a word she says."

Behind her sounded the din of horseback riders, and the girl trembled and cowered close to the sticky, brimming ditch.

"Ugh!" she thought with genuine terror, "here come some horrid, howling boys, and Hardie is one of them."

She knew that no other boy could so thoroughly bespatter her with mud before pretending to sloop up, nor remark with such an oily sneer upon the suitability of the roads for walking. Oh, how she hated boys! What had she not, in her brief experience, suffered at their hands?

"But you are done with it, you poor thing," she told herself, with savage joy. "It may be somebody's kitchen, or trapping the countryside, but never, never again the parlor. There'll be a good many in—some of the young folks in the evening."

"Well," he ventured, feeling an angry demon rising at what he knew would come next. "I don't want you to bring her here, that's all. Mrs. Wheeler said herself it wouldn't do. The way folks are feeling. She said the school board had to turn her off, she was so trifling. Besides that, she abused Mrs. Wheeler's children. You just do not know her, Stephen. Mrs. Wheeler says she wouldn't wait for Hardie last night, but started off afoot so's you'd overtake her and carry her home. She says it's country talk the way the girl has run after you."

"Well, you know the kind of a woman Mrs. Wheeler is," answered Stephen patiently. "Or, maybe you don't—you have so little to do with your neighbors; but, mother, she has her nose poked into everyone's business, and the very people who trust her most she talks about the worst. She don't mean half she says, so why should you mind?"

"I won't, Stephen, not a word, though I think it right kind of her to warn me, but I won't mind if you say there's nothing to it."

"Nothing to what?"
"To that girl roping you in. But you've too much sense, though—I might have known that."
Stephen rose from the table with a suddenness that upset his chair with a crash. His ruddy face had grown white.

"Mother," he said, with a look she had seen on his father's face in the old days when her will had clashed with his—"mother, last night I asked Ellis Rhinehart—I implored her to marry me. But she consented only on condition that you will welcome her like a daughter, as you will—you must. Now I beg of you not to listen to any more of this gossip about her; if forbid you ever to tell me if you do."

He waited with his hand on the door, but his mother was silent under the blow that had fallen, and he passed angrily out. After dinner, as he was dressing in his room, he heard the quilts already assembled in the "back room."

"How their tongues wag!" he thought bitterly. "And everyone with a stab for her! But I'll bring her now, if I have to carry her. They're afraid of me. Things will be different then."

He laughed harshly and ran down the back stairs to the side gate, where his horse was tied. As he was about to drive away his mother signalled him to wait, and hurried after him between the tall rows of blossoming yuccas.

"Stephen," she panted, her proud old face working with a strange pleading—"Stephen, if you go and bring her here, I'll never forgive you. If you marry her I'll never welcome her, and you'll lose your mother, for I'll go to your Uncle Stephen's and never darken your doors. If you could only hear what they say, you wouldn't—" but she stopped before the stubborn look she knew so well.

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As this was the first time Mrs. Gifford's neighbors had ever had a chance at her, with no question of results, they were thoroughly enjoying themselves. Not a word could she say, being dumb with humiliation, but every syllable fell upon her literal soul as truth absolute. Despairingly her sharp black eyes turned from one to the other of the excited, noisy group. How awful it was! If Stephen could only know the truth, she thought, and her blood boiled in sympathy with little, sharp-nosed Mrs. Bagley, who was demanding of Mrs. Wheeler: "You say she knocked him down?"

Shrinkingly she heard Mrs. Wheeler's positive assertion: "Yes, flat—he was that dizzy he could hardly get home. She got Donnie to say that he stubbed his toe against the platform and fell. I just can't believe a word that child says since she started to school."

"Well," wheezed fat Mrs. Mugson, fanning herself excitedly, "I wouldn't have my boy, Josh, roped in by no sich girl as that, but since he went to visit the school I ain't worried a particle on his account. He says the very first thing he did was to get a wad of paper slung right in his eye. He says the school board was there giving out problems, and she couldn't work one of them. Said it wasn't no place for working puzzles. Josh says they had her mighty nigh cry'n'."

"I believe," put in Mrs. Gifford distractedly, "I had better go and hunt some more thread. I see we're pretty nigh out."

Tremblingly she climbed the stairs, and with breathless haste took her best bonnet and shawl from the closet and laid them on a chair with her handbag and gloves. Seeming to breathe more easily after this, she hunted in the cabinet for the thread and then reluctantly descended to the "back room," where the tide of astonishing revelations flowed endlessly on.

"And my man heard up to the postoffice from your man, who heard it from Mrs. Mugson's boy, Josh, that Hardie passed them the other side of town, and they were goin' on awful."

"They was," affirmed Mrs. Wheeler, with a cautious look at Mrs. Gifford. "She was bawling out loud just like a baby, and he—"

"Here's Ellis Rhinehart now—her and Steve," shrieked Mrs. Bagley, with her nose flattened against the window.

Her timely and noisy proclamation was followed by an entire shifting of the scene before Mrs. Gifford's astonished eyes, which traveled dazedly from her son's stern face and the slim, shrinking girl at his side, to the smiling, flattering group that surrounded and welcomed the belated couple.

She heard Mrs. Bagley kiss Ellis and call her "sweet thing"; she saw Mrs. Wheeler kindly, even caressingly, arrange a loosened comb in the girl's wavy, shining hair; she heard Mrs. Mugson tell the despised one what a pity it was she was too ill to finish her term, and how her boy, Josh, enjoyed his visit to the school last week. And all the time she stood with her hands clenching the back of a chair, her stern gaze holding something of shame, betrayal, revenge.

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WELL DONE, MR. ASQUITH!

Mr. Asquith has at last pledged the English Liberal Party to Home Rule for Ireland. This declaration of policy was made by him, amidst storms of applause, in Albert Hall, London, on the tenth day of December.

VERY REV. DR. A. Curotte HONORED.

We were rejoiced—but not, in any sense, surprised—to learn that Very Rev. Dr. A. Curotte, of our own archdiocese, had been called to the Apollinarist Chair of Dogmatic Theology, in Rome.

A CALL FOR ACTION.

Montreal is doing very much better, but we need a more determined crusade against evil of all kinds. Our youth, at least, must be saved, and all respectable citizens, whether Catholic or Protestant, must take a hand in the action.

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and banish infamy from our midst. Let there be a grand Citizens' League! Let us all shoulder the wheel! We are not more badly off than is any other great city; we have a tremendous majority on the side of righteousness; but let us act, and act with a vengeance!

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them must stop. Enough have been irretrievably lost already, and we want all we have left saved, with a work of reclaim for the downfallen.

OUR CANADIAN PARLIAMENT.

Canadians are justly entitled to feel proud (in a good sense) of their parliament and the men who go to make it up. First of all, no more truly and deservedly popular man could occupy the Speaker's chair than the Honorable Charles Maclellan.

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What has happened? Why didn't the Presbyterians celebrate Chiquy's centenary? Then John Calvin's memory was very tamely dealt with, too. History often plays unexpected tricks.

Brother Lebeau, of the Baptists, when going to Quebec, asked for prayers. The Maritime Baptist promised them, but Brother Lebeau thinks he has been forgotten.

The Toronto Saturday Night is typical of its city, and Montrealers know what that means. With the Telegram and the Orange Sentinel you have the trio. Toronto is welcome to them. It will take a long time to make Canadians out of some people.

The best proof that the English Protestant Alliance is made up of men not bent on being sincere is due to the fact that when convinced of fraud and trickery they still go on with lies and calumny. They do Deelzebub's work for him.

According to a story in some of the dailies a preacher was saved through a cannibal's "superstitious" belief in the crucifix. More power to the cannibal chieftain; he, at least, did not grow enraged, as do some heretics, at the sight of the emblem of mankind's redemption.

It is not long ago since the Ken- siffites belonging to an Anglican church in Eastern Canada tore down the Cross from their church and threw it into the river. Their respectable minister was too "High Church" to suit them. No wonder Combes has friends in Canada.

And now Anglican Canon Talbot, over in England, has canonized Ferrer. As bad as the Spanish anarchist was, he did not deserve that. But what a blasphemy to interpret the blessings of Holy Writ in a sense to be understood of Ferrer. Fighting the Catholic Church may be a trade, but we had thought all Anglican canons were above the tactics of the "Black Hand."

We know and feel that the vast majority of non-Catholic clergymen look with disgust upon the non-sensical doings of the few, but why does their sect tolerate the like? The antics of many of the preachers are driving more men from Christianity than could as many Ingersolls. For instance, just think of a preacher in his pulpit arrayed as a knight of old to give stress to St. Paul's teaching about putting on armor and helmets! And the other preachers mute!

Although we do not care to interfere, yet we must say we commend Archbishop (Anglican) Matheson's action with regard to his Brandon

clergy. If the latter gentlemen know what episcopal authority is supposed to be, they ought to be honestly obedient. We are glad Mr. Matheson does not believe in getting up synods for the daily press. If Canon Hensley Henson's bishop had some of Mr. Matheson's courage, it might help us believe he understands what his office is supposed to mean.

Archbishop Hamilton, Bishop Dunne, and Bishop Richardson, three of Canada's Anglican prelates, are men we truly esteem. They are evidently men of sincere purpose. They believe in a Christian education for Anglican children, and they are bent on having marriage considered a sacred and unbreakable contract, if not a sacrament. The same is true of worthy Bishop Farthing, of whom Montreal Anglicans may justly feel proud.

Rev. Dr. Hart, in a recent lecture on the "Varieties of Profanity," unconsciously invented another one, to make up the fifty-seven, we presume, when he spoke of different celebrities, assigning them their characteristics. When we think of Garibaldi we think of patriotism, says the rev. doctor. He did well, however, to place Judas in the same enumeration, but he should have left out Gladstone, Solomon and Shakespeare.

We were grieved to hear that Bishop Dunne, of Quebec, was not at all well some time ago, but we hope he is better now. Bishop Dunne is deeply respected by the Catholic people of the Ancient Capital; he is a model of courtesy and a bright example of righteous citizenship. He is an indefatigable worker and has succeeded in fostering a deep piety in the souls of those for whom his church has called him to care. May he speedily and thoroughly recover the health he lost through arduous work and endeavor.

The Lloyd-George budget which is the greatest political issue in England just now, imposes heavy special taxes on the very rich, who are well able to pay, but these confiscatory taxes may drive the recipients of large incomes out of the United Kingdom. Make the rich pay their honest share in the taxes, but do not drive capital out of the land. We have no sympathy for the

ignorant demagogues who get rich themselves by dishonestly fighting the wealth of the nation. We know there are very good points to the calm Socialist's programme; nor is any Catholic paper going to say the contrary. What we denounce are the bad points—and, then, some of us may have read more on the subject than we care to rehearse. Sociology is not treated in a paragraph, however sweeping the writer may deem it; while our friends the Nihilists, Anarchists, and utter Socialists can thrive easily even if deprived of our philosophy on the subject.

The Evangelical Alliance of Halifax, N.S., lately thanked a minister for his services, just because the gentleman "converted" people who had not previously obtained leave of their former pastor to undergo the change. Strange to say, the conference work was not meant for the daily press this time. The poor preacher is now practically excommunicated from his sect, even if all the Evangelical Alliance can put out of the Church is a fire. But there you are. They admit "free interpretation" of Holy Writ, they denounce the tyranny of Rome, and yet they banish a preacher for having proved loyal to their teachings. Is that what they mean by the "Free Gospel"? How would their Canon Law work in the case of proselytizers? Whether excommunicated (?) or not, the poor preacher has just as much right and power to preach now as he ever had. He ought to appeal to the Binghampton General Council of the "Bishops of the World!"

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN T. McNAMEE.

The death occurred suddenly on Saturday last of Mr. John T. McNamee, only son of the late Mr. F. B. McNamee. He was born in Montreal 48 years ago, and leaves a wife and three children. His funeral took place on Tuesday morning from the residence of his mother, 469 Lansdowne avenue, Westmount, to St. Leo's Church and thence to Cote des Neiges Cemetery.

MRS. M. J. O'DONNELL.

Although not suddenly called away, a long illness having prepar-

ed the sorrowing family for the inevitable, yet the passing away of Mrs. O'Donnell, beloved wife of Mr. M. J. O'Donnell, of the Inland Revenue Department, has been a bitter blow to the bereaved husband and children. A great sufferer for almost a year, yet Mrs. O'Donnell was always cheerful and full of hope that she might be spared to the ones who needed her so much.

The funeral took place to St. Patrick's Church on Monday, the Rev. Father Singleton, assisted by Rev. Fathers Killoran and Ellett as deacon and sub-deacon. Besides the husband, the chief mourners were the four sons, Martin J., Patrick E., William J., and Gerald S. O'Donnell, M. O'Donnell, father-in-law; Leo. Hennessy, Richard Hennessy and George Bradley, nephews.

THE LATE MR. BERNARD LAW.

By the death of Mr. Bernard Law Montreal loses one of its well-known citizens and most prominent society men. Mr. Law had been ill only a short time and his death came as a sad shock to his many friends. Deceased was born in County Antrim, Ireland, 47 years ago and came to this country when quite young and was for many years connected with the Montreal Brewing Co. Later he embarked in business for himself and was for twenty years a successful hotel-keeper. Mr. Law had many engaging qualities, but will perhaps be best remembered by his cordial manner, warm sympathies and his readiness to aid any one in distress. Besides a wife and three children, Mr. Law is survived by his father and mother, who still reside on the old homestead in Ireland.

The funeral, which took place on Monday, December 6, was one of the largest seen in the city for years, being attended by many prominent citizens. A solemn requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Church by the Rev. Father P. Heffernan, assisted by Rev. F. Singleton and Rev. M. O'Brien.

The chief mourners were Master Bernard Law, son; Mr. John Law, brother; Mr. John Keegan and Mr. Peter Gilronan, brothers-in-law. The interment took place at Cote des Neiges cemetery. May he rest in peace.

MR. MICHAEL SULLIVAN.

After an illness of but two weeks Mr. Michael Sullivan passed away in Brockville, Ont., on Wednesday last.

Born in County Kerry, within sight of the famous Lakes of Killarney, the late Mr. Sullivan was a typical representative of the South of Ireland. He came to Canada fifty-five years ago when the construction of the tunnel was underway and that was his first employment in Brockville, the con-

tractors being the late D. S. Booth and his father, who followed Sykes, Dubergue & Co., the original contractors. Upon the completion of that big undertaking Mr. Sullivan accepted a position with the late J. B. McGregor, lumber dealer and general forwarder, who a few years later established himself in the coal and fuel business where the Geo. E. Shields estate is now located. The late Mr. Sullivan remained with Mr. McGregor for many years, and during that employment saw hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of lumber shipped from the present C.P.R. property to points south, east and west.

Thirty-five years ago Mr. Sullivan accepted the position of janitor of what in those days was known as the East Ward Market Building, later Victoria Hall, and now Victoria Building. This position he retained until his death. That he discharged the duties incumbent upon him faithfully and well is but saying little. Thirty-five years in the service of the public is a long period, but when it is accomplished without as much as a complaint being registered against his work, it is something remarkable. Naturally, Mr. Sullivan saw many functions of a different character held within the walls of the building, but the occasion never arose when he was known to disappoint their promoters through negligence of any sort. Year after year the deceased saw the members of the town council and other public bodies meet and legislate and though the hours to him must have been long and the debates, at times, tedious, yet he never flinched and Michael Sullivan was always present to turn out the lights when the last member or official left the building. Upon resuming his duties two weeks ago Mr. Sullivan noted the fact to a few friends that the latest council meeting held while he was confined to his home was the first he had missed since he accepted the position and that it was the first time since he came to Brockville that a physician had stood by his bedside. The latter explains itself—a wonderful vitality coupled with tireless energy.

Shortly after settling in Brockville the late Mr. Sullivan was married to Miss Mary Gallagher, sister to Mr. Patrick Gallagher, Apple street. She passed away on the fourth of May, 1908. A family of seven daughters now mourn the loss of an affectionate father, namely, Mrs. S. Ryan, Mrs. F. X. Connolly, Misses Elizabeth, Mary, Annie and Carrie, all of Brockville, and Miss Catharine Sullivan, of Binghampton, N.Y. Of a family of seven brothers, one alone survives, Mr. John L. Sullivan, still residing at the homestead in County Kerry, Ireland.

During his long residence in Brockville deceased formed the acquaintance and enjoyed the respect and esteem of scores of citizens, all of whom will greatly miss him. Possessed of an upright and straightforward disposition, of unswerving character, he was a man whose bond was as good as gold and whose word was worth one hundred cents on the dollar.

The late Mr. Sullivan was a devoted member of St. Francis Xavier Church and in politics an ardent Liberal, one who saw and assisted through many a hard-fought campaign.

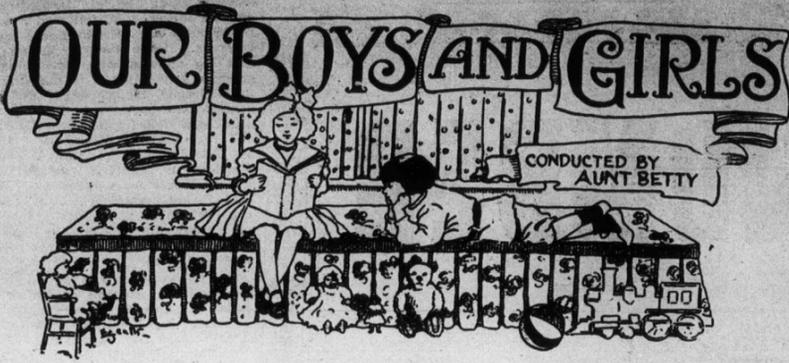
The funeral took place on Friday morning to St. Francis Xavier Church and was very largely attended. May his soul rest in peace. Com.

The Late Brother Joseph, C.S.C.

O harmless death, whom still the valiant brave, The wise expect, the sorrowful invite, And all the good embrace, who know the grave A short, dark passage to eternal light! —Davenant.

A few days ago there died at the Cote des Neiges College of Our Lady a lovable old religious, Brother Joseph, by name. For years he had served God as a humble lay brother, beloved by all who knew him, and the foe of none he knew. Brother Joseph was not called by God to work in the classroom, or to train the minds and hearts of youth, through the precept of word and the message spoken; and yet he won souls to Christ through the gentle manner of his life and the chastened tenor of his way. There is in the maxims of a truly consecrated life, such as his, a nobleness and grandeur which the sordid world cannot appreciate. The Christian religion is the religion of great souls and the works of a devoted religious are second only to the deeds of angels.

There, in the little cemetery of his congregation at St. Laurent, P. Q., his mortal remains have been laid, while generations of boys and students who once knew and loved him will breathe a felt prayer for the repose of his soul. Brother Joseph's leading trait was his admirable charity for his fellowmen, fostered by an earnest and unrelenting devotion to the Most Blessed Virgin and his holy patron, the foster-father of the Infant Jesus. Such a life as his, though hidden with God from the gaze of the worldling, makes life all the more worth living. While, then, we grieve his passing, we cherish it as a blessing to have known him, and as a boon to have dearly loved him. "Beati pacifici quoniam filii Dei vocabuntur!" May the gentle soul of dear Brother Joseph have already found its dwelling-place for eternity amidst the heavenly Plains of Peace! R.I.P.



Who's Afraid in the Dark.

"Not I!" said the owl, And he gave a great scowl, And wiped his eye, And fluffed his owl. Tu-who!

Tom the Newsboy.

Tom was in despair. For two days he had been trying to set himself up in business as a newsboy and boot-black, but the big boys cuffed him, and the people wouldn't pay attention to his cries.

Neal's Moving Day.

"If I could only live in a tent or the barn," grumbled Neal, "it would suit me lots better than here in the house."

remarked papa, pleasantly. "I always enjoyed camping out when I was a boy." "I wish I could do that now," said Neal, letting a little of the frown fade away.

Neal had seen the real tramps splitting wood for Mary many a time before she gave them bread and meat and coffee, but he did not know how they felt doing the work before eating.

Neal was very glad for the bread and milk, but he could not forget the smell of the warm cakes. Mary always saved the big corner cakes for him when he washed his hands particularly clean.

They were in Venice at last. Lillian leaned from her window, trying to make herself realize that this was not a dream from which she would soon awake.

As Lillian looked at her friend her face changed. "It's true," she cried. "Whether you're in Venice or at home, your mother comes first."

follow your example." And so out of the first hour, amid scenes of enchantment, came two letters, carrying loving messages to hearts across the sea.

New Tricks with Soap Bubbles.

It is easy enough to blow three soap bubbles one inside of another. It is very simple when you know how, and here is the explanation of the trick:

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Origin of the Moving Pictures.

Although it is true that the moving picture machines are of decidedly modern invention, the idea, or discovery, upon which motion photography is based is older than Christianity.

In the year 130 B.C. the Egyptian scientist, Ptolemy, ascertained that the human eye had the property of retaining a light, or object, for some time after it had vanished from its radiance. To prove this by practical demonstration, he traced a color line on a section of a piece of glass, or glazed surface, after which he was able to show that, by revolving the glass with great rapidity, he could make it appear that the comparatively short color line extended completely around it.

While the importance of this discovery is now recognized, it was the middle of the eighteenth century before further investigations were made along these lines, and practically the end of the nineteenth century was reached before the experiments brought any very tangible results, says John R. Meader in the "Bohemian Magazine."

It is true that, during this period, several toys, like the "Wonderdum," were devised to provide parlor tests of the duration of objective impression upon the eye, but it was not until 1877 that the celebrated photographer, Muybridge, succeeded in actually taking a moving picture.

A CHAPEL IN EVERY HOUSE.

REACHING FOR OLD STANDARD

An Appeal to All Who Worship God.

The following striking editorial from the Philadelphia North American, is a healthy indication of the sentiment which is rapidly gaining ground, that religion is a necessary concomitant of every nation's growth, says the Catholic Columbian.

"Joseph R. Wilson, LL.B., lawyer, and layman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, has published a booklet under the title of 'A Chapel in Every Home.'"

"This editorial is to deal with the suggestion of that booklet. Perhaps some persons not interested in religious life or activities may say that editorials on religious subjects have no place in a secular newspaper, that it is doing quite enough for religion when a great daily gives up part of its news space to record the doings of religious bodies, and that the Sunday edition of the North American has acquired itself of all obligations to the religious side of its readers when it has printed a weekly sermon that appears at the head of this column.

SPIRIT NOT NEGATIVE.

"We are not among those who regret the good old times." That day has gone by for the religion of idle ecstasy seems to us to be as certain as that the world will never return to the stage coach as its principal means of locomotion. But one of the gravest mistakes perpetrated by the adverse critics of supernatural religion is in assuming that the devotional spirit is necessarily negative.

"Service is the latter-day test, but there is no reason to believe that devotion and a sense of responsibility to a higher power are not potent motives for service in humanity. The most striking example of self-effacement in service are in the charitable sisterhoods of the Roman Catholic Church and these are intensely devotional.

"History teems with proofs that the religious spirit has been the mainspring of the highest citizenship ever developed in man. The patriotism of the Jewish state was identical with the religion of the Jews. The Greek and Romans were indomitable people as long as their devotion to their gods held them true. With the decay of Greek and Roman religion came the decay of Greek and Roman citizenship.

"Closely related to our own history is the civic character of the Renaissance, whose religious zeal encouraged them to take up arms against corruption in the state. In our own generation we have seen the spirit of the ancient Japanese religion inspire the nation to sublime sacrifices against what seemed to the rest of the world to be an overwhelming foe.

MUST BE MORE THAN HABIT.

"Religious teachers more and more are coming to recognize the fact that the religious spirit can be cultivated nowhere so successfully as in the home. Indeed, there is no example that may be cited of religion as a national and vital force that does not show it as part of the family life of the nation.

Unfair Comparison.

Catholic and Protestant Criminality from Records.

Dom Gilbert Higgins, C.R.L., in an article in the Catholic Times, Liverpool, says: On the faith of old and incomplete statistics the number of Catholics compared with that of non-Catholic offenders is declared in the North Middlesex Chronicle to be out of all proportion to the size of the Catholic body in England.

First—The size of the Catholic body, a vital factor in the comparison, is not accurately known even by priests.

Secondly—Conviction statistics would be more helpful than mere goal returns in establishing the relative criminality of the Catholic and the non-Catholic. It is conceivable, owing to a circumstance I shall dwell on later, that many non-Catholics escape with a fine, whereas their Catholic fellow-culprits go to gaol. There is no creed register for the unimprisoned, though convicted offenders.

Thirdly—Those engaged in the struggle for life, the horny-handed sons of toil, not the refined, the wealthy, constitute the bulk of those who inhabit our prisons. Now the Catholic Church in England, for reasons obvious to all fair-minded students of English and Irish history, is largely made up of the aforesaid, horny-handed, and consequently possesses a vaster portion of these handicapped strugglers for bare subsistence than any of the sects. If, then, the prison statistics were to show a larger proportion of Catholic culprits, what wonder?

Fourthly—Regard must be paid to the fact that many of the poorer class of culprits are habitual offenders. Each time, however, they are imprisoned, their creed is ascertained, and the same individual may appear many times in the demarcation register. Every appearance is assumed to mean a fresh culprit. In other words, one Catholic may, like Falstaff's men in buckram, be multiplied into a dozen, a score, a hundred.

Fifthly—Should not the quality of the crime be taken into account by our censurers? Is a brawl to be put on a level with a murder, a case of pilfering with bogus company-making? Is an unfortunate tramp, caught sleeping out, to be ranked with Ferre, the Pagan of Barcelona?

Sixthly—It should not be forgotten that crime punishable by law is not the only criterion of a people's morality or immorality. Punishable crime is not always the most heinous crime; nay, oftentimes it is not. Respectability, as the Times puts it, must not be confused with morality. "Vice is vice, whether it be gross or refined—especially refined—but it is a melancholy comment on our legislation that the former alone, and that only when overt, is punishable by human law.

Those desirous to pursue this subject should read the record from which I have just quoted.

Father Mathew Didn't Care What Brand He Was.

Father Mathew was the most lovable and lovable of persons, and in the light of this statement found in a biography of the famous Irish priest by Mrs. Katherine Tynan Hinkson, two incidents of his crusade for temperance in the North of Ireland should be read: At Clones, in Ulster, there were two Orange flags raised when he visited it. Instead of considering it an insult, he thought it a very great compliment, never having seen one or been honored with one before. When he saw them he called for three cheers for the Orange flag. Commenting on this, a writer says: "A Catholic priest calling for a cordial salutation of the Orange banner, and a Catholic assembly heartily responding was something almost inconceivable. It had never occurred before in Ireland. I'm afraid it has never occurred since."

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A Trip to Alaska.

A trip to Alaska is one seldom undertaken by the people in the British Isles, and of the many booklets undertaken by the Grand Trunk Railway officials in London, few tickets show the destination to be where coal and gold, together with meteorological observations, are often supposed to be the chief reason for the existence of that land. That such a trip can be made with little out of the ordinary fatigue of traveling is well proved by the recent communication sent to Mr. Fred C. Salter, European Traffic Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, from Mr. Bromley Challenger, F.R.G.S., who has just returned from the northwestern limit of the North American continent.

"Bronchitis."

Advertisement for Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, describing symptoms and benefits for bronchitis.

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CATHOLICITY AND FREEMASONRY.

FR. LAMBERT REMINISCENT.

Veteran Editor Tells an Interesting Story.

When a young priest, writes Rev. L. A. Lambert, LL.D., in the Freeman's Journal, we became acquainted with Col. Ashley, of Southern Illinois, who as contractor built the southern part of the Illinois Central Railroad.

One day, in a soul to soul talk, he said: "You are a young man beginning your career. Every young man should set before him some man purpose in life, some ideal, great which he should labor and towards lose sight of in all the various occupations that may engage his attention."

"Now there is a noble end towards which you might devote your life." "What is the end you would propose, Colonel?" "It is the reconciliation of the Catholic Church and Freemasonry. I have been a Freemason for many years and I have never seen anything wrong in it, or in its teachings. In fact some of its proceedings and ceremonies are similar to some of those I have seen in Catholic churches. I have become greatly interested in the Catholic Church. In fact I have thought seriously of joining the Catholic Church, and I do not like to do that."

"Suppose I undertook that enterprise, how do you think I ought to proceed? How begin?" "Well, you might represent to the authorities that there is nothing wrong in Freemasonry."

POINTED QUESTIONS.

"If I did that they would smile on me benignantly, and ask: 'Are you a Freemason?' I would have to answer, No. Then they would ask, 'What induces you to think you know more about it than we do?'" "I would say, a very reliable Freemason told me so."

"But, they would say, 'This reliable mason was under oath not to tell you the secrets, the mysteries and esoteric doctrines of the order. If so, he broke his oath and is therefore not reliable.' In fact we know all that you know, and more."

COL. ASHLEY BECOMES A CATHOLIC.

Some time after that talk Col. Ashley went to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he had interests in silver mines, but finally returned to southern Illinois. He told me he had become a Catholic, and of course, had left the Masons. I recalled the suggestion he had made some years before about reconciliation and what I should do about it.

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POET'S CORNER

BE STRONG.

"We are not here to play, to dream to drift, We have hard work to do and loads to lift, Shun not the struggle, face it. 'Tis God's gift. Be strong!"

"Say not the days are evil—Who's to blame? And fold the hands and acquiesce—O shame! Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name, Be strong!"

"It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong, How hard the battle goes, the day how long, Fight not, fight on: To-morrow comes the song."

THESE, LORD.

These are the gifts I ask of Thee, Spirit serene: Strength for the daily task, Courage to face the road, Good cheer to help me bear the traveller's load, And for the hours of rest that come between, An inward joy in all things heard and seen,

These are the sins I fain Would have Thee take away; Malice and cold disdain, Hot anger, sullen hate, Scorn of the lowly, envy of the great, And discontent that casts a shadow grey, On all the brightness of the common day. —Henry Van Dyke.

BEATI MORTUI.

Blessed the dead in spirit, our brave dead Who tower up to mystical full bloom, From self, as from a known alchemist's tomb;

Who out of wrong, Run forth with laughter and a broken thong; Who win from pain their strange and flawless grime, Of peace anticipant; Who late wore crements of sin, but now, Unbound from foot to brow, Gleam in and out of cities, beautiful

As sun-burn colors of a forest pool, When Autumn sees The walnuts splash in, from her thinning trees.

Though wondered-at of some, yea, feared, almost As any chantry ghost, How sight of these, in hermitage or mart, Makes glad a wistful heart! For life's apologies read—most true

In spirits risen anew, Like larks in air, To whom flat earth is all a heavenward stair; They from your parapet Soothe every mortal fret, And stain their sweet bewildering graves.

Upon our furrow of fresh-delved graves, If thus to have trod and left the wormy way so wondrous gay, So stripped and free and potentially alive, Who would not his infirmity survive, And bathe in victory, and come to be

As blithe as ye, Saints of the ended wars? Ah, greeting give; Turn not, too fugitive; But hastening towards us, hallow the foul street, And sit with us at meat; And of your courtesy, on us unwise, Fix of those purer eyes, Till in ourselves who love them, dwell

The same sure light ineffable, Till they who walk with us in after years, Forgetting time and tears (As we with you), shall sing all day instead: "How blessed are the dead!" —Louise Imogen Guiney.

LEST I OFFEND.

Lord keep my lips, not only from the sin Of idle words and cruel words this day, But from the silence that would shut within, Unsaid, the kindness Thou wouldst have me say.

Lord, keep my hands, not only from the soil Of evil act this day, and grasping greed, But from the nerveless sloth, the loveless toil Which would not turn to meet my brother's need.

Lord, keep my feet not only from the ways Of open wrong this day and vanity, Let them be glad in heralding Thy praise; Let them not linger low nor tire for Thee.

Let me offend this day some little one, Not only in the deeds which men might blame, But in love's daily ministries undone, Keep me, dear Lord, to glorify Thy name!

What Other Editors Say.

TEMPERANCE IN IRELAND.

A great and beneficent change has followed some strong measures recently taken by the Irish Bishops in the West, in the interests of temperance among the people. These measures include the admission to the reform ranks of people who are not absolute totalitarians but pledged to temperance, and forming graded classes of reformers—the moderate drinkers and those who are pledged against treating. As a result of the Bishops' action we find reports of an unusual character from the western counties. For instance, at the close of the mission in County Mayo it developed that at Swinford Petty Sessions the magistrates found there was not a single case of drunkenness before them, although prior to the mission there were at every court at least half a dozen prosecutions for drunkenness. At Claremorris Petty Sessions also the magistrates had a blank book in regard to drunkenness listed, although two large fairs had intervened. The only people who will not derive satisfaction from these pleasing facts are the Government officials and the persons who pay them large sums for licenses for premises in which there is now little or no business being done. This is a good way to go about getting rid of British rule in Ireland, bag and baggage.—Philadelphia Standard and Times.

HYPNOTISM IS A SIN. Lately we have been questioned about the rectitude of the course of a Catholic who would permit himself to be hypnotized. We have no hesitancy in declaring the Catholic who would be the subject of the hypnotist as guilty of mortal sin. What does he do? He robs himself of his free will and fritters away the priceless gift so that he has no longer power of choice. He is serving no one save the superior power of a man who robs him of the exercise of his faculties. He is losing his time that was given by God so that he might with it work out his salvation, and he lies a helpless puppet or becomes the jumping-jack of another.

The subject, then, of the mesmerist enslaves himself, worships human power and is in "the sleep" a sluggard. For these reasons, which can lead to a multitude of abominations, no Catholic can permit himself to be clod in the hands of another. It has been proven a thousand times over that physical health has been impaired by hypnotism, and that the man who has been, even once, a subject of the spell, has a will so weak that he never again can resolve as he once did, nor act with the determination he once possessed.—Catholic Union and Times.

THE CURSE OF EVIL LITERATURE. A boy bandit held up a bank in New Albany, Ind., last week, murdered the cashier and seriously wounded the president. The unfortunate lad—he is only 17—lays the cause of his villainy to the reading of bad books and lurid novels.—The Michigan Catholic.

WAR AGAINST PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The French Republic is at the present time taxing French Catholics to support an educational system of which the chief object is the poisoning of their children's minds against the Christian faith. Call this a neutral or a secular system! Since the days of Julian the Apostate history records no such insidious and dishonest attempt to rob a nation of the Christian faith. The tardy protest which the French episcopate is now raising against this tyranny is not primarily a claim for denominational justice. It is only an appeal for common honesty and common fairness—a demand that schools which are in name neutral shall no longer be used as instruments for the repression of Christianity.

"The talk of a business-like education for French children is as idle as the legend about clerical disloyalty. For a century and more, ever since the day that the civil constitution of the clergy was introduced into the National Assembly, French Republicanism has labored steadily and patiently to undermine and destroy Christianity, or, in the words of its prophet, 'crusher l'infame,' and these State schools have been established to accomplish this and no other end."

The hope of French Christianity lies in the movement for liberty and associations against bureaucracy that is now beginning to show itself in France. Meanwhile in its bitter struggle for the children's faith the French Church may claim the moral aid of Christendom.—Saturday Review, London.

PRIEST IN THE VANGUARD. A priest led the rescuers who discovered the living miners in the shaft at Chagry. Wherever death and danger stalk a priest of the Roman Catholic Church may be found. No danger is too great and no situation too severe for him to go if there are men needing the offices of the Church. Calibrate, wedded to the Church, carrying with him the consolations and sacraments, nothing detours him from his duty. If he dies it is only

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New Oratorio by Monsignor Perosi.

Another oratorio entitled "In Memoriam Patris" has just been finished by Monsignor Perosi, master of the Sixtine choir. The music has been pronounced by the few musicians of note whose privilege it was to hear it privately to be a composition of exquisite beauty. The activity of Monsignor Perosi continues unabated. For many hours each day, apart from those necessary for the fulfilment of his engagements, he studies and composes, adhering always to the works of the old classical masters and never even touching those of modern schools. His "Scuola di Canto" in the institute in the Piazza Pia, Rome, holds about sixty boys who are trained in singing by the master in person. He never allows another to take any part of the burden attaching to the difficult work, and is repaid for his zeal by the progress of the pupils and the deep affection they entertain for their unselfish tutor.

Altars For C. P. R. Liners.

The first of the two altars to be provided by the C.P.R. for the use of Roman Catholic priests on the Empress steamships was despatched from Montreal last week for St. John, N.B., and at once installed on the Empress of Britain. The altar, which has been made according to the instructions of Mr. E. J. Herbert, of the C.P.R. passenger department, is constructed of solid mahogany, and is so made that it may be shut up into box form, and thus take up very little room. Being portable, it may be carried to any part of the ship. Its equipment includes the consecrated marble, on which the chalice rests when the Host is consecrated, and a complete set of ornaments of solid silver. All the various forms of vestments were also provided, so that the priests will find all the necessary appurtenances for the various offices, from celebration of the Mass to the administration of the last rites. The altar for the other Empress boats will not be made until it is seen how this one suits. For the present only the Empress boats will be equipped with altars.

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Could Not Sleep In The Dark.

Doctor Said Heart and Nerves Were Responsible. There is many a man and woman tossing night after night upon a sleepless bed. Their eyes do not close in the sweet and refreshing repose that comes to those whose heart and nerves are right. Some constitutional disturbance, worry or disease has so debilitated and irritated the nervous system, that it cannot be quieted.

Mrs. Calvin Stark, Rosmore, Ont., writes:—"About two years ago I began to be troubled with a smothering sensation at night, when I would lie down. I got so bad I could not sleep in the dark, and would have to sit up and rub my limbs, they would become so numb. My doctor said my heart and nerves were responsible. I saw Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills advertised and got a box to try them. I took three boxes and can now lie down and sleep without the light burning and can rest well. I can recommend them highly to all nervous and run-down women." Price 50 cents per box or 3 for \$1.25 at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price, by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Advertisement for Lipo Resolene. For Whooping Cough, Croup, Sore Throat, Coughs, Bronchitis, Cold, Diphtheria, Catarrh, etc.

Advertisement for a remedy for worms. Would be allowed to suffer from worms when I can get in a simon-strom remedy—Mother's Exterminator.

Up to Alaska.

Alaska is one seldomly the people in the British of the many book-keepers by the Grand Trunk Railway in London, few the destination to be far north of Canada, and gold, together with all observations, are the chief reason for the existence of that land. In fact I have thought seriously of joining the Catholic Church, and I do not like to do that. "Suppose I undertook that enterprise, how do you think I ought to proceed? How begin?" "Well, you might represent to the authorities that there is nothing wrong in Freemasonry."

Chronic Bronchitis.

Generally the result of a cold exposure to wet and cold air when neglected. Cure the Bronchitis by the use of Dr. E. J. Bickel's Pine Syrup. Miss Martha Bourne, Little Falls, N.Y., writes: "Last spring I was very poorly, had a bad cough, sick headache, could not sleep at all the time. I consulted a doctor, and both told me I had to give up. I almost gave up, but I was advised to try Dr. E. J. Bickel's Pine Syrup. I had a first bottle when I felt as well as ever, my cough and headache were gone, and I could sleep well. I bought a second bottle when I felt as well as ever, my cough and headache were gone, and I could sleep well. I bought a third bottle when I felt as well as ever, my cough and headache were gone, and I could sleep well. I bought a fourth bottle when I felt as well as ever, my cough and headache were gone, and I could sleep well. I bought a fifth bottle when I felt as well as ever, my cough and headache were gone, and I could sleep well. 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THE MERCHANT'S BANK.

Report of the 46th Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

The annual general meeting of the Shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of Canada was held on Wednesday, December 15th, at the head offices, 205 St. James street, Montreal. The chair was taken at noon by Sir H. Montagu Allan, the President. Among those present were Messrs. Jonathan Hodgson, Thomas Long, C. F. Smith, Alex. Barnett, F. Orr Lewis and K. W. Blackwell (Directors), and Messrs. C. R. Black, A. Piddington, D. Kinghorn, M. Burke, M. T. Burke, G. Smith, G. Durnford, M. S. Foley, C. W. Lindsay, G. F. C. Smith, A. Haig Sims, T. E. Merrett, D. C. Macarow, R. Shaw, J. M. Kilbourn, J. G. Muir and H. B. Loucks.

Mr. J. M. Kilbourn, Secretary of the Bank, was appointed Secretary of the meeting, and read the notice calling the meeting. The minutes of the last annual meeting were taken as read, after which the President presented the report of the Directors, as follows:

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Directors have pleasure in submitting the report of the Merchants' Bank of Canada covering the year's business up to the close of books on 30th November for the information and approval of the shareholders.

The net profits amount to \$831,159.57, equal to 13.85 per cent. upon the capital, as against \$738,597.19 or 12.30 per cent. for the previous year. We hope you will consider this a good return, and from present indications we feel safe in saying that the outlook is promising for equally good results covering the next twelve months. We are loath, however, to predict, for we all know how easily it may turn out otherwise, so many factors come into the calculation.

The past year's earnings have been dealt with as follows:—After paying the usual dividend at the rate of 8 per cent., we have written down our bank premises \$100,000, and credited \$50,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, leaving a balance to be dealt with of \$201,159.57. This sum, added to the amount brought forward, enables us to add \$500,000 to the Reserve Fund, making 75 per cent. of the capital, and to carry forward a balance in the Profit and Loss Account of \$102,157.51.

All the branches of the Bank have been inspected during the year. We have opened fourteen offices, namely, St. Eugene, Ont.; Ste. Agathe, P.Q.; Unity and Kisbey, Saskatchewan; Castor, Mannville, Viking, Acme, Trochu, Killam and Okotoks, Alberta; Nanaimo, New Westminster and Sidney, B.C. We have also opened four sub-agencies, viz., Meadowdale and Muirkirk, Ont.; Strome and Botha, Alta. We have closed the Fort Saskatchewan office.

We are asking you to authorize us to apply to the Dominion Government for power to increase the capital stock of the Bank by issuing, at a convenient time, 40,000 new shares, equal to \$4,000,000. We are not proposing to issue this stock now, but think it desirable in your interest to take the necessary power.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. MONTAGU ALLAN, President.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Statement of the Result of the Business of the Bank for the year ending 30th November, 1909.	
The Net Profits of the year, after payment of charges, rebate on discounts, interest on deposits, and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to	\$ 831,159.57
The balance brought forward from 30th November, 1908, was	400,997.94
Making a total of	\$1,232,157.51

This has been disposed of as follows:	
Dividend No. 86, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum	\$120,000.00
Dividend No. 87, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum	120,000.00
Dividend No. 88, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum	120,000.00
Dividend No. 89, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum	120,000.00
Transferred to Reserve Fund	500,000.00
Written off Bank Premises Account	100,000.00
Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund	50,000.00
Balance carried forward	102,157.51
	\$1,232,157.51

THE STATEMENT.

The Statement of Liabilities and Assets at 30th November, 1909, was read as follows:

LIABILITIES.	
To the Public.	
Notes in Circulation	\$ 5,541,700.00
Deposits at Call	\$19,220,454.53
Deposits subject to notice (accrued interest to date included)	28,967,961.64
Deposits by other Banks in Canada	1,263,178.76
Balance due to Agents in Great Britain	49,471,594.93
Balance due to Agents in the United States and elsewhere	352,661.33
Dividend No. 89	120,000.00
Dividends unclaimed	707.00
	\$66,800,151.70
	\$56,598,625.77

ASSETS.

Gold and Silver Coin on hand	\$ 1,588,652.57	\$ 1,569,822.58
Dominion Notes on hand	3,777,968.50	3,013,220.00
Notes and Cheques of other Banks	3,223,191.06	2,276,482.88
Deposits due by other Banks in Canada	7,326.61	4,796.95
Deposits due Banks and Agents in the United States	149,854.10	12,625.78
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks in Canada	\$3,863,775.42	1,957,782.71
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks elsewhere than in Canada	9,504,602.87	8,959,351.07
	13,368,378.29	
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities	699,144.81	609,071.56
Municipal, Railway and other Debentures	5,835,529.09	6,344,224.22
	\$28,650,065.92	\$24,746,377.75
Time Loans on Bonds and Stocks in United States	\$1,371,894.71	
Current Loans and Discounts (less Rebate Interest Reserved)	34,819,043.68	
	86,190,938.39	29,799,622.31
Loans to other Banks, secured	337,617.87	486,889.89
Loans and Discounts overdue, fully provided for	31,418.52	86,798.01
Deposits with Dominion Government for security of note circulation	240,000.00	240,000.00
Mortgages and other securities, the property of the Bank	48,134.87	53,794.89
Real Estate	40,794.44	49,368.69
Bank Premises and Furniture	1,227,047.39	1,118,685.08
Other Assets	34,134.80	17,089.21
	\$86,800,151.70	\$56,598,625.77

The President—You will see from this that the figures in the statement are clearly shown, with last year's figures introduced to form a basis for comparison and show the progress of the Bank during the year just ended. Before the meeting Mr. Thomas Long—I think the stockholders would like to have the General Manager say a few words in connection with this statement.

GENERAL MANAGER'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Hobden, General Manager of the Bank, then made his annual address:—It was then moved by the President, seconded by the Vice-President, that the report of the Directors as submitted be, and the same is, hereby adopted and ordered to be printed for distribution amongst the shareholders. Carried unanimously.

THE CAPITAL STOCK.

It was also moved by the President, seconded by the Vice-President that:—

"Inasmuch as it is expedient that the capital stock of the Bank should be increased from six million dollars to ten million dollars, that for that purpose the following by-law be, and the same is, hereby adopted as by-law No. X. (Ten) of the by-laws of the Bank:

BY-LAW NO. X.

"The capital stock of the Bank is hereby increased from six million dollars to ten million dollars by the creation of forty thousand new shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each."

The resolution was then voted upon, and unanimously adopted.

THE DIRECTORS.

It was moved by Mr. A. Haig Sims, seconded by Mr. M. S. Foley, that Messrs. C. R. Black and D. Kinghorn be appointed Scrutineers for the election of Directors about to take place, and that they proceed to take votes immediately; that the ballot shall close at three p.m., but if an interval of ten minutes elapse without a vote being tendered, the ballot shall close immediately. Carried.

Moved by Mr. A. Piddington, seconded by Mr. G. Durnford, that the Scrutineers cast one ballot in favor of the following persons as Directors:

- SIR H. MONTAGU ALLAN,
- MR. JONATHAN HODGSON,
- MR. THOMAS LONG,
- MR. C. F. SMITH,
- MR. HUGH A. ALLAN,
- MR. C. M. HAYS,
- MR. ALEX. BARNETT,
- MR. F. ORR LEWIS,
- MR. K. W. BLACKWELL.

This was unanimously adopted and the Scrutineers accordingly reported that the old Board of Directors had been unanimously re-elected.

The President—Gentlemen, you have heard the result of the election of Directors. This ends the business of the meeting, and all that remains for me to do is to thank you for your attendance.

VOTES OF THANKS.

It was then moved by Mr. A. Haig Sims, seconded by Mr. G. F. C. Smith, that a vote of thanks be tendered the President and Directors for their able services during the past year. Also that a vote of thanks be tendered the General Manager, Mr. Hobden, and his staff for the loyal manner in which they have worked to further the interests of the Bank. (Hear, hear).

This motion was unanimously carried with applause.

The meeting then adjourned. At a subsequent special meeting of the Board of Directors the following officers were re-elected:—President, Sir H. Montagu Allan; vice-president, Mr. Jonathan Hodgson.

Another Letter.

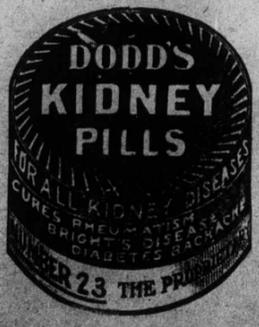
Montreal, Dec. 6, 1909.

To the Editor, True Witness:—Kind Sir,—I was once a Protestant, a Baptist. I have faith in God and the Lord Jesus yet. I read my Bible regularly. I try to lead a righteous life. Some of my friends are continually scolding me because I won't go to church. Two of them are continually showing me the Saturday numbers of our daily papers, which tell where and when services are held, and, in some cases, what the sermons are going to be. There are twenty or thirty different churches and religions, according to the advertisements, but nobody to tell me which is the right one. One is as good as the other, I suppose, because they are all advertised together. I notice the Roman Catholic Churches are not, and was not surprised either. What do you think of the whole affair? Hoping you will answer, and begging to be excused, and thanking you in anticipation,

Yours respectfully,

J. W. M.

First of all, we must absolve our correspondent for having called us "kind"; while we assure him that he is, by no means, a very earnest Baptist. We hope he forgot to tell us that he is praying for light and studying up the claims of Holy Church. We are not surprised that



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he and thousands of others are where they are, and not surprised, either, to see him awed by the weekly array of church advertisements. The Catholic churches here in Montreal, fifty, sixty, seventy, eighty, ninety, and more than a hundred, churches and chapels, are filled several times on each Sunday morning, and in the afternoon and evening; the people believe in God's abiding presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and they think more of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass than they do of any preacher, be he even as great as Bossuet, Lacordaire, or Bourdaloue. They, likewise, go to church because they must sanctify God's day, the Sunday, and because the Church makes of Holy Mass a precept on Sunday and holidays of obligation. She advertises her services in the penny Catechism. She claims authority over her children. She knows that Christ sent her to teach mankind, and not to be taught. In this she shows common sense as well as faith. Other churches, no matter how great they deem themselves, do not proclaim their right to infallible teaching, and consequently they admit their liability to err. One Anglican Church is very seldom advertised in the Saturday papers, and we can understand why. We know what the late Rev. Edmund Wood thought of the like. If you follow the papers, you have from Anglican down to Baptist and Spiritism up. You need an authority, and if you read such books as "Plain Facts for Fair Minds," "The Faith of Our Fathers," "Butler's Catechism," "Catholic Belief," or Cardinal Newman's "Apologia pro vita sua," you shall find that authority, under God and helped by grace. Newman, Manning, Faber, Benson, "Father" Paul, etc., etc., found it, and why shouldn't you? "To those outside the visible unity of the Church of God," says Lady Herbert, "many things may appear contradictory and disordered; but seen from within it is, like the Basilica of St. Peter's, or like Dr. Newman's simile of a new glass window,—all order, harmony, and in perfect proportion." Continue to lead a righteous life, for you will need it all when you join the Church. Do not copy the example of any lukewarm Catholics, or "bad eggs," you may come across. They are what they are, just because they are not what they should be. Remember that the street-corner Catholics are not the pillars of the Church. Meet one of our good priests, and he will instruct you. It won't cost you a cent, even if Ralph Connor's last book, "The Foreigner," had led you to believe it might. Trust, pray, and study. Learn to wait in the bargain—not to begin but to finish. Don't take the advertisements to heart.

There reside in the townland of Panaghaus, Parish of Inver, Donegal, on a small farm bordering Inver Bay, a hale and healthy old woman named Mrs. Arne Gallagher, who has five of a family residing with her, all of whom are unmarried, viz., three sons and two daughters. The mother, together with two of the sons and one daughter, are in receipt of old age pensions since the first of January last. Within a few months the other son will be eligible for an old age pension, too, and the remaining daughter within a year from that will be eligible as regards age. All remain remarkably vigorous for their years.

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WARREN-BROOKS.

One of the most beautiful state weddings of the season occurred on Wednesday, December 1, at the Church of St. John the Baptist in St. John, N. Dak., when Miss Theodora Brooks, and Dr. J. G. Warren, formerly of Montreal, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Relatives and friends filled the beautifully decorated church edifice and Rev. Father Gauthier performed the marriage service under an arch of carnations and autumn foliage. The bridal procession entered the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, which was played by Mrs. Wm. Varty. The ushers, Messrs. Tobaldo Fourasse, O. J. Bolstead, Albert Crum and A. J. Brooks, brother of the bride, headed the procession, and were followed by two little flower girls, Misses Regina Martineau, and Blanche Bourassa, dressed in white batiste inserted with valenciennes. They wore wreaths of lilies of the valley, and carried white carnations. The maid of honor, Miss Marie Gregoire, a cousin of the bride, from Thompson, N.D., wore a draped gown of pink silk embroidered mulle, trimmed with rat-tail braid and embroidered bands. Her hat was of pink velvet trimmed with white satin and roses, and she carried a large bouquet of white bride's roses. The bride entered on the arm of her father and wore a beautiful gown of ivory white satin on train. The bodice and draped skirt were entirely rat-tail braided. The yoke and other trimmings were of real lace. Her tulle veil was fastened to her hair with lilies of the valley. The bride carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. Dr. Warren was supported by Dr. Verret of Rolla, N.D. During the service, Miss Jeanette Phillips rendered beautifully two solos. Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride. The bride's travelling gown was of walnut colored suiting. Her hat was of fur with large draped crown of moire silk, and she wore beautiful Alaska fox furs. Dr. and Mrs. Warren left on the evening train on a visit to the Doctor's parents in Montreal.

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