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BELLE RIVER'S JOYOUS FESTIVAL.

Silver Jubilee of the Rev. Joseph Gerard.

In accordance with a promise made in the issue of the RECORD we this week present our readers with an extended report of the celebration in Belle River, on the 2nd inst., of the Silver Jubilee of the Rev. Joseph Gerard. We say an "extended report," because it is far from being an "exhaustive one," for a simple enumeration of the many pleasing features of the day would overtax our time and space. The united efforts of the clergy and laity to fittingly honor the "celebrant and the celebration," resulted in a demonstration the principal features alone of which can be alluded to.

The rev. gentleman whose festival was worthily celebrated is a native of French Lorraine. Animate with the laudable desire of furthering the interests of his holy religion in newer and wider fields, and with years of preparatory study already completed in his native diocese of Nancy, he severed the bonds of home and kindred and, in company with Messrs. J. T. Wagner, now the Very Rev. Dean of Windsor, and L. A. Wassereau, at present pastor of St. Francis, came to Canada and, with them, shortly afterwards became incorporated in our then infantile diocese. After continuing for a time, his theological studies whilst acting as professor of classics in the College of Assumption, Sandwich, he completed them under the able guidance of the Sulpicians at the Grand Seminary, Montreal, in the cathedral of which city he was promoted to the sublime dignity of the priesthood, by the recently deceased prelate, Archbishop Bourget, London, then under the pastoral care of the late Father Edward Bayard, was the scene of the young priest's first labors; a year later he was transferred to Sandwich, then the episcopal seat of Mgr. Pinsonneault, our first bishop. In the year 1864 his ministerial labors in the diocese were interrupted by a short visit to France, returning whence he was assigned to St. Sulpice, where, however, he found him in charge of the parish of Biddulph, which thrived under his able and devoted administration for many years and where the name of "Father Gerard" is never mentioned unaccompanied by expressions of admiration for his many endearing qualities. During the summer of 1876 our rev. friend bade farewell to his prosperous mission and since that time the parish of Belle River has been the constant object of his pastoral care and solicitude. It is generally said that "comparisons are odious," for the reason, we suppose, that one is apt to wound charity, be they unfavorable, or to foster pride, be they the reverse; but, occasionally, when they can be made, they are but a source of legitimate pride to all, they must surely be admissible, and we think the celebration of the 2nd inst. was such an occasion. At all events, the number of comparisons made, on that day, by those most competent to do so, and which invariably favored the "honored one" of the hour and his devoted parishioners, seem to verify our view.

Nine years ago the present church of Belle River was in existence, but unpainted, partly plastered, and almost without pews. It was, so to speak, a mere shell, and one in imminent danger of being crushed by the pressure of a heavy debt—today, with comfortable and neatly-grained pews, a commodious organ loft, an elegant pulpit, a chastely finished interior, and with windows of richly stained glass, it needs but a new main altar, the funds for which are already well in hand, to justify His Lordship's remark that it is superior to most of the diocesan churches and inferior to none. But in addition to the costly improvements just enumerated, a roomy, convenient and handsome brick structure has been erected for school purposes, which is at once the ornament and pride of the village. The presbytery has been renovated and enlarged, and the fact that all this, and more, has been effected, and that the debt of the parish has, simultaneously, been almost completely liquidated, bears ample testimony to the energy and administrative talent of the pastor as well as to the generosity and devotedness of his people.

That the close of a quarter of a century of such zealous services should be suitably recognized was indeed fitting; but by no one was such a recognition, as the 2nd inst., witnessed, less anticipated than by the recipient himself, who, with the unselfishness and modesty that always characterize sterling worth, has not only been ever ready to advance the interests of his parishioners but also ever willing to credit them with the fruits of his own labor. Fortunately the date of this interesting occasion was not known to himself alone; and some weeks ago a quiet but energetic movement was organized with a view to its proper cele-

bration. Notwithstanding that the success of the movement was threatened to be impeded, and, in fact, was to a certain extent impeded by circumstances beyond the power of anyone to control, the necessary arrangements were soon perfected and little remained but to await in pleasant anticipation the festive event. The day preceding it was devoted to suitably decorating the altar and sanctuary, which was very tastefully accomplished by the president of the Altar Society, Mrs. Marenlette, assisted by Mesdames Brossoit, Miller, Cloutier, the Misses Annie and Lizzie Brossoit, Miss Rose Gauthier and others.

The long looked-for event was favored by most propitious weather—a cloudless late summer day with just a suggestion of autumn in the air that well-harmonized with the period of life which had arrived whom it served to honor. The members of the parish, young and old, were early astir, and numerous hand-conveyances were on hand to conduct the visiting clergy from the G. T. R. station to the parochial residence. Of the clergy present, in addition to His Lordship the Bishop and the Very Rev. Monsignor Bruyere, V. G., we noticed the Very Rev. Dean Wagner, Windsor; Rev. D. O'Connor, C. S. B., president of Assumption College, Sandwich; the Rev. Drs. Kilroy, Stratford; Gauthier, Detroit; the Rev. Fathers Laporte, Detroit; J. McManus, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Flannery, St. Thomas; Boubat, Kingsbridge; Bayard, Sarnia; Brennan, St. Mary's; Bauer, Paincourt; William, O. S. F., and Innocent, O. S. F., Chatham; Aboulin, C. S. B., McBrady, C. S. B., Sandwich; Ryan, C. S. B., Amherstburg; Dumoulin, C. S. B., Toronto; Marselle, Canard River; Andrieux, Tecumseh; Villeneuve, Stoney Point; Scanlan and McManus, Windsor; J. O'Connor, Maidstone; Lorion, Rusoom River; Schneider, McGregor; Cummins, Woodside; Lapierre, Walkerville, and the Rev. Messrs. Bechard, Paincourt, and Traher, London. Letters or telegrams of congratulation and of apology for absence were received from the Very Rev. Dean Murphy, Iridatown; the Rev. Fathers Vanduyke, Detroit; Soffers, Monroe, Mich.; Ouellette, President of the College of St. Hyacinthe; F. Ouellette, St. Regis Falls, N. Y.; Coffey, Editor of CATHOLIC RECORD; Molphy, Ingersoll; Colovin, Port Lambton; Wassereau, St. Francis; O'Neil, Kinrossa, Connoly, Biddulph; Corcoran and McCrae, Parkhill; Masenod, C. S. B., Sandwich; Dillon, La Salette, and West, St. Augustin.

The religious solemnity of the day opened by the formation of an imposing procession of the assembled clergy, the beauty of which was greatly enhanced as it ascended the centre aisle towards the sanctuary by Prof. E. Girardot's skillful rendition of an inspiring march. A solemn High Mass was immediately commenced, with Father Gerard as celebrant, and Fathers Boubat, deacon, and Brennan, sub-deacon. His Lordship was assisted at his throne by the Rev. Drs. Kilroy and O'Connor, C. S. B., Monsignor Bruyere being attended by Rev. Fathers Williams, O. S. F., and Flannery, Father Bayard officiating as first and Father C. McManus as second master of ceremonies. At the conclusion of the Gospel

THE BISHOP advanced to the sanctuary railings and addressed the assembled congregation in English. After a graceful allusion to the event which all had met to celebrate, His Lordship briefly but vividly portrayed the sublime dignity of the priesthood, after which in a few vigorous sentences he indicated the marvellous effects that follow the exercise of the priestly office, conveying at the same time to his listeners a powerful impression of the result that must necessarily proceed from the faithful performance of its duties during the long period of twenty-five years. His Lordship then made a touching application of his previous words to the pastor and his people, complimenting the former upon his long career of unswerving loyalty and constant zeal, the latter upon their fidelity and generosity, and both upon the more than creditable results that have followed long years of concerted action. The Bishop's powerful though brief address was received with the deepest attention and has since formed the object of general admiration throughout the mission. At its conclusion

THE VERY REV. DEAN WAGNER ascended the pulpit and choosing as his text the words of St. Paul: *Ex hominibus assumptis, pro hominibus constituitur in vicibus aut ad Deum*, spoke eloquently and at considerable length, in French, on the dignity of the sacerdotal office and of the veneration and respect due to one who is vested with the priestly character. In the development of his subject the very rev. speaker manifested an intimate acquaintance with the writings of the Fathers of the Church and enviable skill in the construction and presentation of his arguments. The entire discourse would well repay a careful translation and we hope at no distant date to be able to gratify our readers with an English version of it.

THE ADDRESSES. During the solemn services of the day a number of prominent members of the parish occupied seats immediately fronting the sanctuary. At its conclusion

MR. H. BEUGLET, on behalf of the French members of the mission presented an address in that tongue. It testified, in very touching language, the veneration, affection and esteem which they entertain towards their pastor; paid graceful tribute to his many virtues, to his disinterested devotedness and his self-sacrificing zeal; and was an ardent expression of thanks for his wise administration since Divine Providence had placed them in his charge. It em-

braced a warmly yet delicately expressed desire that their pastor would meet with increasing prosperity and would yet celebrate a still dearer festival—his golden jubilee—amongst his present flock. It bore witness to the gladness with which they accepted this occasion to testify the sentiments of their hearts and begged the rev. gentleman's acceptance of a more substantial expression than words of love and respect.

MR. PATRICK DELANEY, representing the English-speaking parishioners, then advanced with an address expressing, in that language, sentiments of gratitude for the past, of esteem for the present and of desire for the future. In a few but appropriate words it depicted the salutary effects of their pastor's exercise of his sacred duties upon their children, upon themselves and upon their departed friends. It alluded to the gratifying results recently achieved in the mission and concluded with an earnest expression of thanks and of good wishes both for time and eternity. The address concluded, Dr. Uirick Gaboury, in the name of the entire parish, presented to Father Gerard the substantial offering already referred to, its contents of a rich and suitably inscribed silver salver containing \$250.00 in gold.

FATHER GERARD, in replying to the French address, gave expression to his gratitude towards his parishioners for their warm profession of veneration and attachment and for the generous and very tastefully presented offering which it was accompanied. Their charity, he thought, had greatly exaggerated his merit and in their portrait of a truly sacerdotal life he failed, he said, to recognize himself, but would endeavor for the future, to effect a greater personal resemblance to it. However, he felt that during his long career in the holy ministry he had been the instrument of some good for the salvation of souls, and asked his people to assist him in returning thanks to God for this favor. Referring to the complimentary remarks upon his administration he expressed much pleasure to learn that it had met their approbation. Notwithstanding that the means of many, as they themselves had said, were by no means extensive and the membership limited, especially since the last division of the parish, he had, nevertheless, through their generous assistance, been enabled to accomplish very satisfactory results. He could safely assert that his administration had been disinterested and he could also say that it had been wise because he had never undertaken any work of importance without consulting the chief pastor of the diocese and others who were more wise and prudent than himself.

Addressing the English-speaking members of his mission, Father Gerard said that the reception of their address afforded him much pleasure for they constituted a very important portion of his flock. He was proud to see that they lived, labored and worshipped in perfect harmony with their brethren of other nationalities and could testify, as to the "children of Ireland" amongst them, that they were by no means inferior in faith and other Christian virtues to other members of the same noble race whom he had learned to admire and love in other parts of the diocese. In conclusion he exhorted his entire flock to strive to merit the approbation of the Bishop and of the venerable clergy who were present, and to pray that God would reward their generosity by many blessings, spiritual and temporal.

The chanting of a solemn hymn of thanksgiving, the *Te Deum*, in the rendition of which the occupants of the sanctuary alternated with the choir, terminated the religious ceremony of the day.

It would be ungrateful, nevertheless, to close a description of it, however incomplete, without paying a warm and well-merited tribute of thanks and praise to the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly volunteered to assist the local choir in rendering the musical portion of the service worthy of the occasion and who so successfully accomplished their purpose. To Prof. E. Girardot, of Sandwich, whose reputation as an organist is provincial, and the Misses Rose and Albertine Ouellette, and Messrs. A. Ouellette and P. Belleperche, who were the soloists in a splendid rendition of Peter's mass in D, special praise is due. The church of Belle River is possessed of remarkable acoustic properties and the voices of all were heard to fine advantage, more particularly the rich basso of Mr. Ouellette. The large congregation assembled greatly appreciated the musical treat afforded them, and the committee in charge of the celebration made the visiting vocalists their guests for the day.

THE DINNER. After the solemn high mass the presbytery and grounds presented a very animated appearance. Obligated by their sacred duties to live for the most part separated from their brother priests, the Catholic clergy gladly embrace a legitimate occasion for a reunion, and we are sure that the hour that followed the imposing service just described was by no means the least enjoyable of the day. Still, no one seemed loath to interrupt the discussion of absorbing topics or the revocation of interesting reminiscences at the announced dinner, or rather banquet, for such in truth it was. Nothing less, in fact, was to be expected from the pastor of Belle River, whose generous hospitality is so widely known and so very enjoyable. And, indeed, a beautiful sight met the eyes of the guests as they entered the dining-room. Its naturally pleasant aspect was enhanced by appropriate decorations, choice bouquets in rich vases charmed the eye and lent their fragrance to the air, and almost idealized the more material burdens of the table, which in themselves gave testimony of refinement and generosity. The Misses Gerard, Lorion, Doyle,

Burns Heenan and Strong are the ladies to whose skill and taste the acceptability of this important feature of the festival is due, and the exclamations of admiration uttered by the guests as they took their seats must have assured them that their efforts were crowned with complete success. His Lordship presided at the table around which over thirty rev. gentlemen were gathered, each manifesting a laudable determination to conscientiously "do his duty," and we believe that such one did it. The natural instincts of man demonstrate him to be a social being. Let him be in what mood he may he cannot long withstand the seductive influences of good company; consequently the hall that usually follows the grace and the occupation of seats was of very brief duration, and merry jests and witty repartee soon enlivened the conversation, giving zest to the viands and pleasure to all. Fortunately, or otherwise, the digestive faculties of man cannot keep pace with his receptive ability, hence to a dinner, as to all things human, there comes an end. But before the close of the feast in question Father Flannery availed himself of the occasion to read to Father Gerard, in the name of his brother priests, an address; and to present him, also in their name, with a generous purse of \$250.00, which went to prove that the beautiful sentiments expressed by the address were no idle words. This elicited from Father Gerard a feeling reply delivered in that style peculiarly his own, which is so agreeable to hear though so difficult to describe. Several other rev. gentlemen spoke briefly and appropriately. Perhaps more desired to follow their example; if so, their ambition was effectually quenched by one of those inimitable efforts of the pastor of St. Thomas.

During the afternoon the visiting choir and a number of prominent members of the parish sat to personally congratulate the pastor, and the remaining hours were pleasantly spent in music and song. Many availed themselves of the occasion offered by the festival to make Father Gerard the recipient of valuable presents, notable amongst which were an exquisite "Burse and Stole" for benediction services. The Burse was from the "Eunuchs of the Pines," Chatham, the Stole was the offering of two of their pupils, the Misses Maury and Ella Simmons. The ground-work of both articles was a rich white corded silk, the ornamentation a graceful pattern of vine leaves so delicately worked in "chenille" as to be easily accepted for the brush work of a gifted hand. Beautiful floral offerings were received from Fathers McManus, the Sisters of the Holy Name, St. Jean and Mary, and from Miss Lizzie Burns, Windsor, and a chaste article of silverware from Mrs. John Charland of the same place.

We cannot terminate our feeble report of the celebration without adverting to the generous efforts of a number of gentlemen who labored for its promotion. Prominent amongst whom were Messrs. Brossoit, Gaboury, M. D., Mousseau, Croy, Marenlette, Durocher, Cote, O'Rourke, Martin and, above all, to Mr. N. Conway, the secretary of the Committee, to whose energy and tact its material success is mainly due.

In conclusion, we can but extend our congratulations to the pastor and people of Belle River. Such a celebration cannot fail to cement inrefragably that unanimity of feeling, action and design so necessary in every parish, and we are sure that the recollections of this day will—as we predicted some weeks ago—live long and pleasantly in the memories of all who had the good fortune to be present.

BEQUEST OF A PATRIOT PRIEST.

A LEGACY FOR THE POPE AND MR. PARNELL.

It will be in the recollection of our readers how, at a time when the harmony between Irish politics and religion was not at all evident, the late worthy P. P. Heenan, of Lanesborough, county Longford, emphasized his dying profession of religion and political faith by making the Pope and Mr. Parnell his legatees.

Various difficulties met with by the executors prevented, it appears, till lately, payment of these as well as of other bequests. As regards the Pope's legacy, transmitted through the Most Rev. Dr. Woodlock, the venerated Bishop of Ardagh, we are informed that His Holiness expressed himself as greatly pleased with the bequest, and promised to offer Mass for the soul of his benefactor.

Subjoined we are enabled to print Mr. Parnell's letter of acknowledgment of receipt of net amount of his own bequest—a bequest with which the leader of the Irish people, it will be seen, declares himself to have been very much touched and encouraged: Irish Parliamentary Offices, Palace Chambers, 9 Bridge St., London, S. W. My Dear Father Colomb—I have to apologize to you for not having sent an earlier reply to your letter of the 17th inst. The delay was caused by the great pressure of my public duties at this crisis, which makes it impossible for me to give proper attention to my own personal affairs. I thank you very much for your communication with cheque for £50 (ninety pounds). I regret that you should have had so much trouble in carrying out the trust confided to your care. I feel very much touched at the pressure of the circumstances attending it, coming as the legacy did from so estimable a priest and patriot, and I shall always look back upon the event as one calculated to give me great encouragement at a very difficult period of my life.

With very many thanks for your kind

expressions and good wishes, I am, my dear Father Colomb, yours very truly,
CHARLES S. PARNELL.
Rev. Father Colomb, P. P., Killashee, Longford.—Dublin Freeman.

MR. PARNELL'S QUARRIES AT ARKLOW.

THE NATIONAL LEADER ON THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIES.

On August 20th Mr. Parnell and a sub-committee of the Paving and Lighting Committee of the Dublin Corporation, visited Arklow to inspect the quarries which Mr. Parnell has opened at Big Rock, about two miles from the town. Some six months ago, with a view to affording employment to the people of the neighborhood, he took a lease for 31 years of a piece of land from Lord Caryfoot, and directed the immediate opening of quarries. The result has been constant employment for 140 men, and the Arklow paving sets established in the market as the equal of any others. The quarries have now begun to repay the expenditure on them. Up to the present about 5,000 tons of sets from the Ballinaclesh (Rathdrum) and the Big Rock Quarries have been supplied to the Dublin Corporation, and a small order has been filled for the Corporation of Waterford.

A meeting was held in the Bazaar Field, the same evening, Lord Mayor O'Connor presiding. Addresses from the Arklow and the Avoca branches of the I. N. L. were read. From Mr. Parnell's response we select the following:—"You know that my business here to-day was not, strictly speaking, to make a political speech, or indeed to make a speech at all. And it was a very pleasant surprise for me to find myself face to face with so many of my countrywomen and countrymen, although in the unpleasant position of being so absolutely unprepared to say anything or to find suitable words with which to address you. My visit to-day was for the purpose of meeting the principal members of the Corporation of Dublin and their permanent staff, that eminent engineer, Mr. Parke Neville, and the deputy surveyor, Mr. Lawless, with one of the two scientific gentlemen, specialists as they would be termed, one from England and one from Ireland; Sir Charles Cameron, and Professor Dewar, of the University of Cambridge, who had come over here to put your native rock through the mill of criticism, and found they were absolutely unable to pulverize it or break it at all (cheers). These gentlemen have reported very favorably as to the result of to-day's visit upon our little undertaking at Arklow Rock (hear, hear), an undertaking which is small at present, but which I hope with the help and assistance of the hard-working men engaged and Father Dunphy and you, his fellow-townsmen, and by the continued patronage of the Corporation of Dublin, we may make by degrees into an important industry, and one which will be the source of a great and permanent employment to the working people of this neighborhood (applause). But the practical illustration that I wish to present to your minds for consideration is this—an illustration of the truth of what I have long felt—that without a Parliament with full powers for Ireland we can do nothing for her in the way of reviving her industries (hear, hear, cheers), without a freely elected National Assembly with power to control all the affairs of Ireland, and with power to protect her struggling industries (applause), in fact it is my opinion, as a practical man, for what that opinion may be worth—that it is impossible for us to revive our native industries. We have had movements by voluntary effort in the direction of stimulating our people to give the preference to articles of native manufacture; these movements have borne fruit for a while, they have effected considerable good, revived several valuable branches of manufacture, but they have not had that lasting quality which alone is to be obtained from laws made and administered for the people by the people (applause). We have had a great exhibition in Cork; we have had exertions made by many associations over the country for the purpose of stimulating a demand for Irish manufacture, but we are met face to face with this fact that we find ourselves in the commencement of our industry confronted by the competition of England, with her perfect system of taxation and her vast possession of capital and wealth, and we know well that the English traders are so unscrupulous that they will compete against and trample under foot any struggling Irish industry in order that they may thereby earn more for their own industries (applause). Now the little undertaking at Arklow Rock is an example of this. It would have been utterly impossible for me to have carried it even into its present position—in fact I may say, with knowledge of all the circumstances of the case, that a "set" would never have been dressed on Arklow Rock had it not been for the protection which has been afforded to this little industry by the freely elected body of the Dublin Corporation. We should have power to do for the whole of Ireland, and all the industries of Ireland, what the Dublin Corporation has done so far for this little industry (cheers). What was the history of this undertaking? When I commenced to make sets some two years ago in another part of the country, I offered the Dublin Corporation

sets at 24s. a ton. That was a reduction, I believe, of something like 2s. or 3s. per ton on the average price that the Welsh quarry owners had been previously charging that body for the same kind of sets. The very minute I started and came into the field the Welsh quarry owners formed a combination amongst themselves, sent their agents over, and, although the Corporation of Dublin could never buy from them previously at less than 26s. or 27s. a ton, they offered to supply them then at 24s. a ton (groans) in order that they might stamp me out (cries of "Never"). I could not have faced this agitation—it would have been utterly impossible for me to have faced this agitation—if it had not been for the spirited action of the Dublin Corporation (loud cheers.) What did these gentlemen say to themselves? They said the Welshmen have only lowered their prices now because Mr. Parnell has come into the field; they want to stamp him out and restore their own monopoly, and charge again the old price—the high price which Mr. Parnell has succeeded in reducing.

A Voice. You lowered the rents, too (cheers).

Mr. Parnell—And they said to themselves, like sensible men, "Neither we, the Dublin Corporation, nor the citizens whom we represent, will be any the better by taking advantage of the small temporary reduction in price by the Welshmen. We will support Irish manufacture, and we will give a preference to native goods." And they have been acting on that principle, so that now at last we have been able to supply them with a material and with workmanship in every respect as good, if not better, than foreign material (hear, hear). Aye, and after a time I believe we will make the Welshmen tired enough of the name of competition, which they have started (loud applause). This question of the protection of her industries of Ireland is one of vital importance for the life of our nation. The land question is a great question, too. We have fought hard for the tenant farmers, and we have obtained great benefits for them (hear, hear). We will continue to fight for them, and we believe that before long it will be possible for the great programme of the Land League to be carried out (loud cheers), that landlord oppression, eviction, and rackrenting will be put an end to, and that it will be possible for every occupying tenant to become the owner of his holding upon fair terms. And we have also in addition to consider the interests of the laboring population (applause). We have to consider the interest of the artisans of the towns and of the laborers in the country, and, as I have already stated, it is my firm belief that it will be impossible for us to keep this great portion of the laboring classes at home and in comfort without protection to Irish industries (hear, hear). It is a problem which requires the utmost exertion on all our parts to solve. The life of Ireland is dependent upon the preservation of her bone and sinew. Our population has diminished at the rate of a million a decade during the last forty years; it is time that that should be put a stop to (hear, hear), and that it should be possible for the laborers, the artisans and the mechanics of Ireland to live, thrive and prosper at home (applause). And on their part I am sure that they will prove that they are as good as any others, that now that opportunity has been given to them to come within the Constitution, and to help forward the great work of the legislative independence of their country—that they will do so cheerfully and with a self-sacrificing and bold spirit of courage and determination (applause), that they will not be backward in any work for the advantage and freedom of their country, and that all those who now, for the first time, will shortly undertake the sacred duty of choosing the band of men, who, I firmly believe, in perhaps a few months, certainly not longer than a few years, will bring back to you, the Irish people, the right of governing Ireland at home (applause), who will banish forever English misrule, that each one of you who are now for the first time admitted to the franchise, and who will shortly be called upon to exercise that sacred task, that you will long remember the day when it was given to you by Providence to strike one strong, and, as we hope, one last and successful blow (loud cheers) for the freedom and prosperity of our country (loud and prolonged applause).

Mgr. Lalleche, of Three Rivers, has issued a pastoral letter to the clergy and laity of the Church in his former diocese, which has been divided, offering full submission to the will of the head of the Church. The pastoral will be read in all the churches next Sunday. After recording this emphatic endorsement of the highest hierarchical authority, Mgr. Lalleche goes on to express his unconditional obedience and most humble submission to the wishes of the Holy See. He expresses his ardent desire and pronounces his formal wish that his flock should entirely conform themselves to the pontifical decision. He then asks the prayers of that portion of his flock who now are under the pastoral care of Mgr. Gravel, hoping at the same time that they will be as obedient and filial in their affection to their new pastor as they were to him during fifteen years.

An excellent idea is conveyed in the following words of a Western contemporary:—"The day which sees women as careful to choose virtuous husbands, as men are to select virtuous wives, will make the great social revolution of the age."

The Nun's Prayer.

My God, that I could die and go to Thee!
Years past like meteors through the starry dome.

Mr. Davitt: Recently many organs of English opinion have been predicting a certain disunion here in Ireland before the general election.

Well, it may be very ungenerous and rude on my part to dispel these illusions that are maintained on the other side of the Channel, but as my name has been connected with the prophecies of evil I am therefore in a position to answer these enemies of ours, and to show myself in the light of a Job's political comforter to them (cheers).

THE BORNEO MISSION.

London Weekly Register, August 8.

The following extracts from a letter just received at St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary College, Mill Hill, from one of the Missionaries at St. Joseph's, Kuching, Borneo, will be of interest to our readers, to whom, as the Catholics of England, the Holy See particularly intrusted the conversion of the Dyaks:

AFTER THE IRISH REBELLION, 1641.

Contemporary Review.

The struggle lasted 11 years. Lord Clare described it in his great speech on the Union as a war of extermination. Sir W. Petty calculated that, out of a population of 1,466,000, as many as 616,000 perished by the sword, pestilence, and famine.

DEFEAT OF THE FIRE BRIGADE.

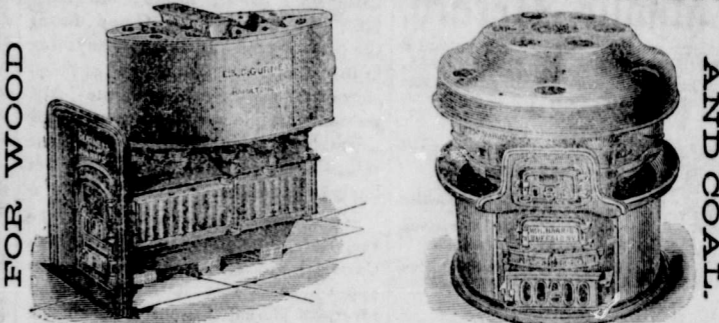
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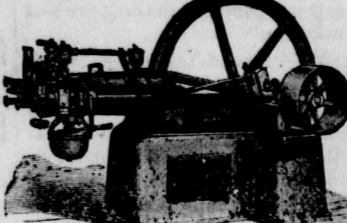
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MICHAEL DAVITT AND GEORGE ERRINGTON.

London Universe, Aug. 22.

On Saturday Mr. Davitt and Mr. William Redmond, M.P., arrived in Longford, and their arrival was made the occasion of a great popular demonstration.

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Mr. Davitt: How can the weaker portion of our population take part in this work? I will tell them, by doing their utmost on every occasion to promote Irish manufacturing industry (cheers).

Mr. Davitt: Ireland, though not represented by an accredited ambassador, had still a powerful and unexpunged representative in Rome.

Mr. Davitt: My friend, Mr. William Redmond, will doubtless speak to you of the achievements of the talented and patriotic party of which he is one of the most eloquent members (cheers).

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Advertiser says that "Those who undertake to make the French Roman Catholic missionaries responsible for the rebellion in the North-West are altogether mistaken as to their efforts. The Roman Catholic missionaries again and again warned the government of the impending danger. They did not instigate it—they were wholly unable to control it."

The Western Catholic very truly says: "Parents who do not give their children a Catholic school education are not fulfilling the precept of God in this respect, as they are bound to instruct them in matters pertaining to their eternal salvation. If children grow up indifferent to their religion, and ignorant of God's holy laws, their parents are responsible before the Lord for the manner of their training."

The Manitoba Free Press corrects with good reason the Minneapolis Tribune for speaking of the small-pox epidemic in Canada. If the small-pox scare in Montreal has, as hinted by the Tribune, kept out of Canada Americans of the Eno stripe, it has done great good. But, as the Free Press justly remarks, Montreal is not Canada, no more than Minneapolis is the United States.

The citizens of London by a decisive vote pronounced themselves on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., in favor of Queen's Park for Fair purposes. The vote, the largest ever cast in London, stood as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Queen's Park, Carling's Farm. Rows for Ward 1-5 and totals.

We learn from the Altoona Gazette that the Rev. Father O'Donoghue, of Carleton Place, some time ago announced that he would himself give a gold watch to the lady who up to a certain time collected the largest amount towards the building fund of the Catholic church in that town. Several ladies, married and maidens, entered into competition for the prize. On Tuesday, the 1st inst., the presentation was made, Miss Burke, with a collection of \$393.45, being the winner. A concert was held on the occasion of the presentation, Mr. J. L. Murphy in the chair. Among those present was the Rev. Fathers O'Donoghue, McWilliams and Walsh. The presentation was made in a neat speech by the Rev. of Carleton, Dr. Preston. The total sum realized by the competitions, fourteen in number, was \$1,548.65.

At an Orange meeting held a few weeks ago in Belfast, Major White, to whom reference is made elsewhere, said: "Canadian Orangemen is not confined to those alone of Irish parentage. They had native-born Canadians, English, Scotch, and even aborigines who were members of the association. (Hear.) In his own district there were lodges composed of full-blooded Indians and he was glad to say that he never saw men behave better—they did nothing ever to disgrace the colors. (Cheers.) The speaker concluded by again expressing his thanks to the meeting for the unanimous manner in which the resolution had been passed and for the hearty welcome the delegates had received." We may after some time expect to hear of the formation of lodges in Zululand. The only difficulty the Orange organizers will meet within that country is the superior civilization of the natives.

The first excursion of the Catholic Literary Association of Kingston, was, we learn from the Freeman, a gratifying success. The steamer St. Lawrence, selected for the excursion, is, that journal tells us, the ahead of her competitors in point of speed, and comfort. Although fully four hundred persons enjoyed the sail there was an entire absence of crowding. On the return trip a vote of thanks was extended to the officers of the steamer by the Rev. Father Kelly, who read the following:

To Captain John Eaton, St. Lawrence. On behalf of the Catholic Literary Association, we, the undersigned, beg to express our acknowledgments and thanks for the courtesy and care with which our excursion to-day was conducted. We have to be grateful for the very kind treatment which yourself, Steward J. Rowley, and the other officers of this beautiful steamer bestowed upon us; and all our party expressed their pleasure with your arrangements for their comfort and enjoyment. President, Secretary C. L. A. Miss Lillie Kelly kindly favored the excursionists with two solos, which she rendered in a most pleasing manner. The splendid piano used on this occasion was kindly loaned by Mr. John Meagher, and was greatly admired by those on board.

The wealthy Catholics of Baltimore are talking of erecting a palatial residence for Archbishop Gibbons to occupy after he is made a Cardinal. The primate is a very plain man and prefers to remain at the archiepiscopal residence, but that will be out of the question, as another Bishop will occupy it. The leading churchmen say that the new Cardinal must have an elegant home.

The church of St. Benedict, the Moore, New York, for colored Catholics, in the first year of its existence reduced a debt of \$40,000 to \$14,000.

DR. BOURK.

We announce with pleasure the arrival in the city of a new medical practitioner in the person of our old and esteemed friend, Dr. Bourk, formerly of Montreal. No word of praise is needed from us, as he has been in practice many years, and is well up in his profession. His classical studies were made in Regiopolis, under the tuition of the late Bishop O'Brien, of Kingston. He studied medicine at Queen's University, and took the degree of M. D. from that institution. He also visited hospitals in the United States during the war and was a private student of the late Nathan R. Smith, of Baltimore, and took out another degree from the Academia Terræ Mariæ. His record as surgeon in the United States Army was good and his appalling experience in Annapolis, Md., in treating the famishing and sick soldiers returning from the prisons in the south, was something to be remembered.

We heard of him favorably during the epidemics of diphtheria and small-pox in Montreal, where he was acting in connection with the board of health. Some years ago he removed to one of our thriving western towns, but a fire that destroyed two-thirds of it left him one of the principal sufferers. He has removed into London for, amongst other reasons, to secure for his family the advantages of education it holds out. His extended experience in his profession will, we have no doubt, ensure for him a lucrative practice. We wish him success and welcome him to our city.

CATHOLIC PRESS.

We have not yet reached any cause sufficient to account for the loud reverberating thunder in the English press; nor, as we stated at the beginning, has Mr. Parnell put forth anything startlingly new. He is reported to have said that the Irish people would never rest content until their own Parliament was restored to their own soil. Perhaps it is this that caused the outcry and the shudder at the thought that the Parnell programme meant separation from England. Humbled! Why should such a Parliament mean separation now any more than it did formerly? Why could not Irishmen look better after Irish affairs untrammelled in Ireland than when hampered and crowded in an English Parliament in England? Besides, all the English parties now advocate local self-government for Ireland. What is the highest form of local self-government but a free Parliament sitting on the soil to which it belongs? Why do these English writers persist in stultifying themselves and striving to delay the inevitable? Instead of separation, an Irish Parliament devoted to Irish affairs, while abating the burdens and responsibilities of imperial interests, would mean peace and prosperity to Ireland and good-will to the country that had dropped the tyrant for the friend. Truly and nobly does Mr. Parnell say that "there is something solemn and dazzling in the thought that we belong to a generation about to witness the finish of a struggle lasting 700 years, opposed by such tremendous obstacles and odds." God grant for the peace and future of both peoples that the scales fall at last from England's eyes and that the end so long sought for, fought for, hoped for and prayed for, come soon and forever!

The Universitair departs from its disbelief in Hell to make an exception in the case of the London scoundrels exposed by the Pall Mall Gazette, of whom it says: "For such as these, Universalists believe in Hell general and particular, all and singular, and are not ashamed of their faith."

Lord Carnarvon has been touring lately in the West of Ireland. He has dispensed throughout with police and military escort, and has been civilly, though unenthusiastically, received. Lady Carnarvon and her companion, Lady Winifred Herbert, conveyed with the peasantry in Gaelic, of which language both ladies are devoted students; and Lord Carnarvon pointedly rebuked the deputation from the Queen's College, Galway, because there is no Irish professorship in the college. Arriving at Avon, he made the journey to and from Killybegs Harbor on a jaunting car driven by the lately-released Bryan Kilmartin. The Lord Lieutenant has promised to personally investigate Kilmartin's case, with a view to obtaining for him compensation for his unjust imprisonment. Evidently he has determined that the last of the Irish Viceroys shall be kindly mentioned in Irish history.

The Freemasons have only three hundred lodges in all France. Since the publication of the Holy Father's Encyclical on the subject, Freemasonry has been slowly sinking on the Continent, and it is said that scenes of revolt against anti-religious aggression are common in the lodges.

Several of our exchanges are discussing the subject of preaching—whether the rule with those who appear in the pulpit should be short or long sermons. Preaching is one of the things for which, obviously, it is hard to make general rules; however, eminent authorities could be cited favoring short discourses, among them St. Francis de Sales, who used to say that preaching at too great length is like watering plants too copiously. Another spiritual writer remarks, very truly: "If a sermon be good, it needn't be long; and if it isn't good, it oughtn't to be long." It is said that the ladies of the French court, who had the greatest admiration for the genius of Bossuet, and listened to him at first with rapt attention, afterwards complained that his sermons were too long, and used to mutter a fervent Ave Gratias when he had concluded. These ladies were not probably as pious as they might have been, but that surely did not

lessen the preacher's eloquence. "Of course," remarks one contemporary, "there are gifted men whose pulpit orations, no matter how lengthy, will always be listened to with undiminished delight. These need no advice regarding brevity." Perhaps not, still there are not a few who overestimate their oratorical powers. Eloquent preachers are not numerous, and speakers whose discourses are invariably alluded to as "brilliant efforts," should be on their guard against the intoxication of praise, and remember what was said of—even a Bossuet.

Philadelphia Standard. Nothing can be more untrue than that Catholics are credulous in their belief respecting miracles. The very fact that it is part of their belief that God does work miracles, whenever and wherever it is possible, and that He will do so in His own way, as well as in past ages, preserves them from credulity and makes them slower and more cautious in believing every allegation of a miraculous occurrence. It is, as we have said, part of their faith to believe in the possibility and actuality of miracles to-day, as in past times. But it is no part of their faith to believe in the actuality of an alleged miracle, no matter how strongly it is supported by human testimony, until the Church formally vouches for its authenticity. On the contrary, they are obliged not to believe it as of the certainty of divine faith until the Church has testified to it. They may have a human belief of it, may accept it on the ground of human testimony to it, as not only possible but probable, or actual, according to the clearness and strength of the testimony supporting it. But beyond this Catholics do not and cannot go, consistently with their religious faith.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Among recent converts to the Church are to be included the Rev. Thomas Wasmann, B. A., rector of East and West Torrington, England; and the Baroness Komeritz, whose husband is attached to the service of the King of Saxony. Her father was at one time Prussian Plenipotentiary at Dresden.

A private letter from Rome announces the arrival at the English College there of an English gentleman named Hay, who was formerly a Protestant clergyman stationed at Canterbury, but who has recently been received into the Catholic Church. He is 30 years of age and is a widower. It is his intention to study theology for a year at the college of the Jesuit Fathers.

The Scottish Hierarchy is composed of the following prelates, the Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh being vacant: Most Rev. Charles Eyles, Archbishop of Glasgow; Right Rev. John McDonald, Bishop of Aberdeen; Right Rev. George Rigg, Bishop of Dunkeld; Right Rev. John MacLachlan, Bishop of Galloway, and Right Rev. Angus McDonald, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles.

Archbishop Leray ordained priest Rev. John D. Whitney, S. J., of Spring Hill, Ia., on August 13th. Father Whitney is a blue-blooded Yankee. He was born in Nantucket, Mass., in 1850, was for a time a teacher on the United States Schoobolp, S. J. Mass.; was ordained by Father De Laquet in 1870; joined the Jesuits in 1873; and has distinguished himself as a teacher of mathematics at the College of St. Francis Xavier's, in New York. He is a born leader of men, and the Society of Jesus expects great things from him.

A telegram from the correspondent of the Daily News dated Madrid, Thursday, says: Granada is now the most suffering province in Spain. Last Monday its capital had 395 cases and 217 deaths, and its rural parishes 800 cases and 410 deaths. The cholera prevails in all the towns and villages where the ruins of last winter's earthquake yet remain unrestored. Many people who were spared then have fallen victims to the spread plague. It is melancholy to reflect that so many places are in absolute want of medicines and relief of every kind, amidst scenes of panic and desolation. The clergy, with their brave and heroic devotion to the cause of the Christmas earthquakes. The village priests and doctors go about with admirable tropical night and day, braving the tropical heat and the severe thunderstorms that have several times aggravated the epidemic. Their zeal is only rivaled by that of the Sisters of Charity. In Granada several of the latter have already sacrificed their lives. 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We make it in the heavy clouds, The ghost-like wander by; In hour, To bed and bloom, then die.

The written on the tranquil waves, Oh, fearfully and strongly, The rivers that now calmly glide, In torrents rush along.

Oh, not only in the woods, The streams, the flowers, the trees— Do we appear from year to year, Less changed than angels of those?

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By the Paulist Fathers. Preached in their Church of St. Paul the Apostle, New York.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

"If any man have not care of his own, and especially of those of his house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than infidel."

—St. Timothy, v. 8.

Brethren, St. Paul knew full well the meaning of the words he used, and yet he did not hesitate to declare that a man enlightened by the teaching of our Lord, who has no care of his own family, is indifferent to the welfare of his children, denies the faith in a way which renders him worse than an infidel.

Catholic father may justly be compared to an unbeliever when he exerts an influence over his own children which impedes the growth of the virtues.

From their pleasant homes for miles O'er hill and dale, and folds to Mass, When Sunday morning smiles;

As we near the town the chimneys of the chapel bells peal forth, and with the reverence of religious devotion, the people stop their worldly discourses, and offer Pater and Ave each to their Ruler on high.

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SUNDAY IN IRELAND.

The sun rises over the mountains far off into the east. The waking fields, answering to the glowing rays, brighten and sparkle with all the gems of nature.

The quiet and fair are the hill-bound glens charmed with the seaward rushing streams as they sing their songs of praise, and the lightly-winging birds warbling their exquisite carols as they soar above the gladdened scene.

The view grows richer as the hours increase, and the deepening splendor, in its brilliant hues, unfolds the traditional dreams of Paradise. It is a day of thanksgiving; it is a day in summer, and Sunday in Ireland.

The fields grow animated. The people are coming down the beaten paths that lead to the country road, which is already covered with the crowds all bent in one direction.

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PUSH.

Push means a lift for a neighbor in trouble. Push means a lift for yourself out of the slough of despond and shiftlessness, out of troubles, real or fancied.

Push never hurts anybody. The harder the push the better, if it is given in the right direction. Always push up hill—few people need a push to get down hill.

Push! If there is anything good being done in any place where you happen to be, Push!

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