

Technical and Bibliographic Notes / Notes techniques et bibliographiques

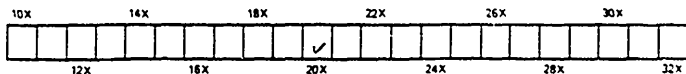
The Institute has attempted to obtain the best original copy available for filming. Features of this copy which may be bibliographically unique, which may alter any of the images in the reproduction, or which may significantly change the usual method of filming, are checked below.

L'Institut a microfilmé le meilleur exemplaire qu'il lui a été possible de se procurer. Les détails de cet exemplaire qui sont peut-être uniques du point de vue bibliographique, qui peuvent modifier une image reproduite, ou qui peuvent exiger une modification dans la méthode normale de filmage sont indiqués ci-dessous.

- Coloured covers/
Couverture de couleur
- Covers damaged/
Couverture endommagée
- Covers restored and/or laminated/
Couverture restaurée et/ou pelliculée
- Cover title missing/
Le titre de couverture manque
- Coloured maps/
Cartes géographiques en couleur
- Coloured ink (i.e. other than blue or black)/
Encre de couleur (i.e. autre que bleue ou noire)
- Coloured plates and/or illustrations/
Planches et/ou illustrations en couleur
- Bound with other material/
Relié avec d'autres documents
- Tight binding may cause shadows or distortion
along interior margin/
La reliure serrée peut causer de l'ombre ou de la
distorsion le long de la marge intérieure
- Blank leaves added during restoration may appear
within the text. Whenever possible, these have
been omitted from filming/
Il se peut que certaines pages blanches ajoutées
lors d'une restauration apparaissent dans le texte,
mais, lorsque cela était possible, ces pages n'ont
pas été filmées.
- Additional comment::/
Commentaires supplémentaires:

- Coloured pages/
Pages de couleur
- Pages damaged/
Pages endommagées
- Pages restored and/or laminated/
Pages restaurées et/ou pelliculées
- Pages discoloured, stained or foxed/
Pages décolorées, tachetées ou piquées
- Pages detached/
Pages détachées
- Showthrough/
Transparence
- Quality of print varies/
Qualité inégale de l'impression
- Continuous pagination/
Pagination continue
- Includes index(es)/
Comprend un (des) index
- Title on header taken from:
Le titre de l'en-tête provient:
- Title page of issue/
Page de titre de la livraison
- Caption of issue/
Titre de départ de la livraison
- Masthead/
Générique (périodiques) de la livraison

This item is filmed at the reduction ratio checked below/
Ce document est filmé au taux de réduction indiqué ci-dessous.



The Catholic Register.

Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest.—BALMEZ.

VOL. VII.—NO. 51.

TORONTO, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1900.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK.

Thursday—St. Dominick Sylo, Abbot, Confessor.
Friday (Fast day)—St. Thomas, Apostle.
Saturday (Fast day)—St. Zeno.
Sunday, IV. of Advent—St. Servulus, Confessor.
Monday (Fast day)—St. Delphinus, Bishop.
Tuesday—Christmas Day.
Wednesday—St. Stephen, First Martyr.

SACRED HEART CALENDAR.

Thursday—Pity—32,817, Parishes.
Friday—Fear of Presumption—90,876, Souls.
Saturday—Sacrifice—85,898, Superstices.
Sunday—Long Suffering—237,371, Militars, Retreats.
Monday—Prepare for Communion—307,994, Societies, Works.
Tuesday—Love of Christ—308,207, Conversations.
Wednesday—Presence of God—655,100, Sinners.

PRAYERS FOR DECEMBER.

O my God, I offer Thee my prayers, works and sufferings this day, in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the intentions for which He pleads and offers Himself in the Mass, for the petitions of our associates; especially for this month for the Jubilee, 1900-1901.

Current Topics.

South African Trade.

A Brockville despatch says: Another evidence of the wisdom of the Dominion Government has been given in the selection of Mr. James Cummings, of Brockville, as Canada's trade commissioner to South Africa. The field opening for our export trade is well worth looking after and the present is the most propitious time to take that step. In selecting Mr. Cummings, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Sir Richard Cartwright, has made no mistake. Being the proprietor of a large successful roller mill business, Mr. Cummings is in close touch with the commerce of the country. In addition he has large interests in other concerns, and, no shrewd man could have been found to perform the very important mission. Full of vigor, he will bring to the aid the experience of many years of a successful career and Canadians can rest assured that their interests will be thoroughly looked after by the commissioner. Mr. Cummings expects to leave Canada in February, and will be gone several months. In the meantime he is anxious to receive all the possible information from every branch of commerce in Canada that looks to share in the development of trade with South Africa. Mr. Cummings did not seek the post, but it was offered him without any solicitation.

Upper Canada.

A unique ceremony, marking a distinctly new era in the history of Upper Canada, took place in the Normal School building last week. The occasion was the formal relinquishing by the Government of the supervision and management of the college and its property, which now devolves upon the new Board of Governors appointed under the terms of the act passed at the last session of the Provincial Legislature. Hon. Mr. Harcourt was the only representative of the government present, and the Board of Governors was represented by the following: Chief Justice Armour, Col. G. T. Denison, Messrs. W. R. Brock, M.P., J. B. Willson, W. T. Boyd, F. Arnold, Q. C., John Henderson, W. D. Matthews and J. W. Flavell.

Manitoba Liquor.

The argument before the full court fit constitutionality of Winnipeg, as to the liquor act was concluded last week. The liquor act was upheld last week. Chief Justice Killam announced that judgment would not be delivered until the next sitting in terms of the court, which will be next February. The act is supposed to come into force June 30 next year, though this will scarcely be done should either the provincial government or liquor manufacturers and dealers enter an appeal against the findings of the full bench at Winnipeg.

Canada Protest.

It is understood that the Elder Dempster Steamship Company has forwarded to the Canadian Government a tender for the

Patent Laws.

The International conference for the protection of industrial property, which has adopted the following resolutions: 1. The period of exclusive rights, previously fixed at six months for patents and three months for industrial designs, models, and trade-marks, is extended to a year for the first named and four months for the second named.

2. Countries signing the convention enjoy reciprocally the protection accorded by each country to its own citizens against unfair competition.

3. Patents cannot lapse because they are not put in circulation, except after a minimum delay of three years, dating from the first application in countries where the patent is allowed and in cases in which the conditions of the patent do not justify causes of inaction.

German Finances.

According to a Berlin despatch there has been such a slump in the prices of mortgage bonds that unless public confidence is restored the economic stability of Germany will be imperilled. The amount of mortgage bonds in circulation is five milliards of marks (\$1,250,000,000). The mortgage banks were the principal sources of supply to the money market, and these banks' confidence has disappeared and the public are selling bonds indiscriminately regarded as first class securities. Recently the Pommer Bank in one week repurchased \$4,000,000 worth of its own bonds. The First Preussische Hypothek Bank and the Deutsche Grundschuld Bank are unable to meet the strain, and the Government has appointed receivers in such cases. The papers demand the arrest of Directors Sanden and Schmidt.

The New York Evening Post says: Banking firms having intimate association with the German financial situation express to-day no great concern over the statement of Germany's precarious economic stability. While admitting that the situation presents serious aspects, they assert positively that there is no cause for alarm.

Patriotic Fund.

At a meeting of the Canadian Patriotic Fund association, and presided over by the Governor-General, reports were submitted by the secretary and treasurer, showing that up to date 324 dependents of soldiers had been assisted, and that 106 invalided soldiers had also received assistance, to whom payments amounting to \$23,887 and \$2,287, respectively had been made. The treasurer's statement showed \$835,900 remaining for distribution. The committee reported the number of casualties to date as 184, and authority was given to the committee to make special grants where assistance is required to the dependents of deceased soldiers, such grants to be in addition to the regular allowances now being paid to the dependents of soldiers still serving in South Africa, and to returned invalids. The committee has kept in view the fact that the larger part of the fund will be required for distribution at the close of the war to the widows or dependents of deceased soldiers, and also to provide for soldiers who have been permanently or temporarily disabled while on service.

Prince Edward Elections.

The Prince Edward Island provincial elections resulted in the Farquharson Government. In all 17 Government supporters have been elected, against 11 Conservatives, exclusive of Fort Augustus district, from which complete returns are not in, but which it is thought

will go Liberal (Queen's county elector Simpson, Smith, Farquharson, Douglas, Hughes, and Wilson, Liberals), and Wood and McLean (Conservatives). In Kings county John John Kitchin, McLean, Jas. E. McDonald, Murdoch, McKittrick, Matheson, Gordon and A. J. McDonald (Conservatives) and A. McLaughlin, Arthur Peters and Capt. Malcolm McDonald (Liberals), are elected.

In Prince county Benjamin Rogers, Benjamin Gallant, Alfred McWilliam, Jas. W. Richards, Capt. Reid, S. E. Reid, R. C. McLeod and Geo. Gaskin (Liberals), and J. P. Arsenault and J. Macdonald (Conservatives) are the choice. Cummeray and Palmer (Liberals) have a slight lead in Fort Augustus district, with three polls to hear from. A small vote was polled all round, and the majorities, except in Charlottetown, were not large.

Mulhall Dead.

A cable despatch from Dublin on Tuesday, announces the death there of the distinguished Irish Catholic statesman and journalist, Michael G. Mulhall. He was born in Roscommon town, County Roscommon, Ireland, in 1836, and was educated at the Irish College in Rome. For many years he lived in the Argentine Republic, where he was engaged in journalism. The Buenos Ayres Standard, the first English daily paper printed in South America, was founded in 1861 by Mr. Mulhall. He afterwards returned to Ireland. Since 1890 he contributed articles on scientific and statistical subjects to various Irish, American and English magazines and newspapers.

Mulhall's first important work, published in 1890, was entitled, "The Progress of the World." His greatest work, the "Dictionary of Statistics," was published in 1898 and has gone through many editions. It is regarded as the best work on the subject published. One of Mr. Mulhall's latest performances was a paper on the progress of the Catholic Church in the last half of the nineteenth century, which was read at the recent Catholic Congress in Australia and published a few weeks ago. He made a remarkable prediction about the United States. Writing in the North American Review last July he said that figures would be 76,000,000, "Statistical Abstract" having forecasted it at 77,500,000. The result of the actual count has been 76,295,000, only a trifling comparative above Mulhall's estimate.

Chinese Trouble.

The negotiations of the powers in regard to the joint China note were concluded satisfactorily yesterday, all agreeing to the conditions identically outlined by Count Von Buelow, the Imperial Commissioner of Germany, November 10, with the exception of the introductory clause saying the demands are irrevocable, which is eliminated.

Herr Von Holleben, the German Ambassador, in discussing the Chinese situation, is quoted in a Washington despatch to the World as saying: "The Chinese question, so far as vital issues are concerned, may be treated as solved. The work of the powers in China is now one of detail. The vital questions from this time will be the dispositions of the various treaty rights and concessions. Germany stands for open ports and free access to the Oriental trade. If new treaties are negotiated—individually by the powers with China or collectively by the Congress of Ministers now in session at Peking—other questions of detail and administration may obstruct themselves."

A special despatch from Peking to the Tribune says that the Ministry will present the protocol to the Chinese Commissioners, and then proceed with the negotiations without waiting for the arrival of the Chinese credentials. The Ministers prepared a draft of the credentials to be demanded of the Chinese and submitted a copy to Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, together with a request that the credentials be secured without delay.

Cost of the War.

During discussion in the House of Commons, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, promised that a considerable portion of the cost of the war should be obtained from the Treasury. He added that a treasury commission was about to proceed to the Treasury to ascertain the cost

and their taxable capacity. Sir David Barbour had been selected for this task. Sir Robert T. Reid, Q.C., Liberal, painted a gloomy picture of the conditions in South Africa. He said that after a fourteen months' war, costing \$5,000,000 per month, anarchy was prevalent and famine was threatened, and this might be followed by a native rising. An attempt to place the colonies under military rule, he added, would imperil the very existence of the empire. He thought the time had arrived for offering the Boers terms not inconsistent with British dominion. All ideas of unconditional surrender should be discarded. Mr. James Bryce, Liberal, suggested granting general amnesty to the Boers now in arms as legitimate combatants.

Mr. William St. John Brodick, the Secretary for War, hotly challenged the statements. Sir Robert Field's speech, he asserted, was impracticable, unwisely and mischievous. He had gone out of his way to gratify the Queen's enemies. The Government was perfectly willing to offer terms for surrender, so long as it could not be interpreted as proof of weakness and thereby causing a prolongation of the guerilla warfare.

Victory and Reverse.

Newspapers all comment upon the seriousness of the defeat which befell the British force under General Clements last Thursday. The Telegraph considers that the reverse was fully rendered possible by the carelessness of those in command. The authorities are quite alive to the urgency of the present situation in South Africa, and an additional contingent of 5,000 mounted infantry will shortly be sent out. Lord Kitchener, it is stated, is to be allowed an absolutely free hand.

Gen. Lord Kitchener has sent the following report to the War Office: "Clements has brought his force to Comandoo net, unopposed. The casualties were:—Five officers and nine men killed, six officers and 45 men wounded and 18 officers and 355 men missing. The latter were four companies of the Northumberland, who were stationed on a hill, and some Yeomanry and others who were sent to their support."

"Clements came to see me. He says the four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers held out as long as their ammunition lasted. The Boer force that attacked the hill held by the Northumberlanders were 3,000 strong, while another force of 1,000 attacked his camp. Clements' retirement was carried out with regularity, but a considerable amount of baggage and all the ammunition which could not be taken away was destroyed."

"The Northumberland Fusiliers and the other prisoners captured by the Boers at Nootgatbaai have been released, and have reached Rustenburg. "After the fighting the Boers separated into two bodies, one moving west and the other south."

The report of another severe battle, resulting in a British victory, is current in London. According to the story, the fighting began at daybreak on Monday and lasted several hours. The Boers, who numbered from 1,500 to 2,000 men, were surrounded at the Orange River, and totally defeated, with very heavy losses in killed and wounded. A number of Boers were captured. It appears that Dr. Wat's force was twice repulsed before it broke through the British lines, in the neighborhood of Thaba N'Chu. In the third attack Dr. Wet led in person. With a few determined men he charged and broke the British lines, the rest of the command following. He was forced, however, to leave in the hands of the British a fifteen-pounder and fifteen wagons, with ammunition and stores.

Commandant Hasbrouck, with a command and two guns, tried to get through Springfontein's neck, but was driven back with a loss of forty men. A commando which has been endeavoring to capture Thaba N'Chu neck has been repulsed.

Chinese Catholics.

Cardinal Vaughan has issued a pastoral which was read from the pulpits of the Catholic churches, detailing the martyrdom of Catholics in China. The cardinal declared that the Catholic Church in China was made up of 750,000 communicants, including 942 Europeans and 445 native priests. All work of the Catholic Church throughout the most of China had been

swept away. The material loss represented 4,343 churches and chapels, 1,000 elementary schools, 47 seminaries and a number of other schools. His eminence described the upheaval as primarily a revolt against Christianity, but its most recent activity was aroused by foreign, especially Russian and German, encroachments on Chinese territory.

LONDON'S CATHOLIC HERO

Impressive Ceremony in St. Peter's Cathedral.

St. Peter's Cathedral, London, on Sunday afternoon was the scene of a great gathering having for its purpose the honoring of the memory of one of London's noble sons who answered readily the call of duty, who faced unflinchingly the hail of bullets at Paardeberg; and who met a hero's death on that fatal field. The magnificent memorial erected by the people of the parish to Pte. John Donegan, of the first contingent, was unveiled with appropriate ceremony, and in the presence of a number of the dead soldier's former comrades in South Africa, and members of the military bodies of the city and county. The ceremony recalled with added force the way in which every section, every party and every creed in Canada had responded to the call for men, and the honoring of the dead Catholic soldier, who was one of the first to fall in battle, should be an effective answer to those who are ready to cast aspersions on the loyalty of those who profess a different belief.

THE PARADE.
Shortly before 8 o'clock the soldiers who attended the ceremony left the armory and proceeded by way of Central ave. and Richmond to the cathedral. The order of parade was as follows: Lieut.-Col. Holmes, D.O.C., and Odey; Lieut.-Col. Stacey and Odey; Lieut.-Col. Henshaw and Odey; First Hussars; Sixth Field Battery; Returned Soldiers from South Africa. No. 1 Company, R.C.R.I. M. J. Little; Hon. Col. Sir John Carling, Seventh Regiment Band; Seventh Regiment; Twenty-sixth Regiment.

After the soldiers entered the cathedral there was a great rush of people eager to gain admittance, and many narrow escapes from serious injury occurred. The crowd completely filled the seats and aisles of the large building and many were unable to gain admittance. After the singing by the choir under the direction of Mr. William Miller, of Millard's "Veni Creator," Father Aylward preached an able and inspiring sermon from the text, Matthew viii, 9: "For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth, and to another, Come, and he cometh, and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it."

THE UNVEILING.
Bishop McEvay, attended by Rev. Fathers McKewen, Egan and Traber, and followed by the attendant altar and choir boys, moved in solemn procession towards the rear of the church. The new window is situated on the west side of the cathedral and is the most southernly window. The unveiling was performed by Ptes. Frank Cole and Harry Chapman, two of the returned soldiers. The window was then blessed by the bishop. As the episcopal party retired to the altar the 7th Regiment Band gave an impressive and beautiful rendition of Chopin's Funeral March. After the singing by Mr. Reynolds of "O Salutaris" and Gosh's "Tantum Ergo," benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by the bishop. This concluded the ceremony, and the vast audience filed slowly out to the majestic strains of Gounod's "March Pontifical," rendered by the organist, Mr. Hubert Traber.

THE WINDOW.
The memorial window is a magnificent example of the art of stained glass manufacture. It was constructed in Munich, Germany, and arrived here some weeks ago, but the unveiling was postponed till the anniversary of Pte. Donegan's birth. The scene is an already mentioned. The coming of the centenary to feast, to ask the Saviour's healing power for his sick servant. The text quoted is from Luke viii, 9: "For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one go, and he goeth." Then follows the inscription: "Honored by the patriotic citizens of

London, in faithful remembrance of Pte. John Donegan, a member of this parish, and one of the first Canadian soldiers killed in South Africa, war, Feb. 18, 1900, aged 21 years. 'I will give thee rest from all thy enemies.'—II. Kings, vii. 11."

PTE. JOHN A. DONEGAN.

Pte. John A. Donegan was the third son of Mrs. P. D. Donegan, of No. 559 Colborne Street, London. Mr. Donegan, his father, was locomotive foreman in the Canadian Pacific roadhouse in London, and died shortly after his son's death in South Africa. Pte. Donegan was born in Perth, on Dec. 16, 1879; was educated in the schools of that district and in Smith's Falls, whither his father moved in subsequent years. Five years ago Mr. Donegan went to London, where John attended St. Peter's school. At the examination for entrance to the Collegiate Institute he passed with the highest marks from Sister Bonedie's room, and obtained the gold medal. When 17 years of age he left the institute and worked one and a half years at Pocock Bros' store. He afterwards obtained a position in the freight offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in Chatham, where he was working when the order was received for the formation of the first contingent. He immediately gave up his position and went to London, and was among the first to enlist. Besides his mother and two older brothers, Alphonse and Edward, of the C. P. R. freight offices of London and Chatham respectively; two younger brothers and one little sister, survive him. Pte. Donegan was well known throughout the city, was popular wherever known, and was esteemed by his employers as well for his courteous manner as for his business ability.

FRENCH INTOLERANCE.

Church Seized for Taxes by the Rigote of Paris.

The French Government has refused the petition of the American and British Abolitionists, requesting that the Protestant Fathers and Chaplains of the English-speaking Catholic Church of St. Joseph be exempt from the heavy tax which the apostol law imposes on religious bodies. The petition requested that the fathers discharged the duties of secular priests stationed in Paris, solely to minister to the needs of the English-speaking colony, and that their withdrawal will be an irreparable loss to the colony. The church was built thirty years ago with English and American money, and the congregation is composed chiefly of English, American, and Irish. The fathers have already contested the matter in the courts, which have decided against them.

The Government has now seized St. Joseph's Church and the property of the fathers on the Avenue Hoche, and threaten to sell them unless the sum of twenty thousand francs, arrears of taxes since 1896, is paid. The services, however, are not interfered with. The fathers propose to appeal to English and American Catholics for assistance.

A recent notable court ruling in England is that of Miss Emily Stather, daughter of the late Colonel Stather, who has been received into the Church by the Prior of Woodchester. Father Vincent MacNabb, O. P., Miss Stather's confessor, had caused a great sensation in Woodchester and Stroud, where she has formerly been associated with charitable work in various kinds has a member of the Church of England. The division in the Establishment and its conflict teaching were the cause of Miss Stather's renunciation of the claims of the Catholic religion which has resulted in her submission to the Church.

The Hon. Alan McLean, who has succeeded in forming a new government in Victoria, is the third Catholic Premier who has governed that colony. But, unlike his predecessors, Sir John O'Shaughnessy and Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, who were Irish, he is a Scotch Catholic. The new attorney-general, Mr. Irvine, is a nephew of John Mitchell, one of the leaders of the '45 government.

PARISIAN PROTESTANTS.

Some of our Protestant contemporaries have taken us to task for the estimate of Protestant missionary enterprise in France. Rev. Dr. S. P. Hovear, of Chicago, writes from the French capital: "The Protestant churches there are in a precarious condition. I attended a church of our denomination in Paris, and, although it was a beautiful Sunday morning, the congregation numbered exactly thirty-three. So far as Protestants in general, there has been a great deal of sympathy with the little republics."—Western Watchman.

OUR WEEKLY SERMON.

THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST—HIS SYMPATHY WITH SINNERS.

Continuing his series of sermons... The Divinity of Christ—His Sympathy with Sinners. The divine life of Jesus Christ, His sympathy with sinners, His love for the lost, His mission to save the world...

initio Magnificence in her great faith... The divinity of Jesus Christ, His sympathy with sinners, His love for the lost, His mission to save the world...

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

That Warm the Christian Heart—A Season of Universal Joy and Gladness.

Despite its sadness, perplexities, and sorrows, that mark all the days and years of our mortal existence... Christmas thoughts that warm the Christian heart, a season of universal joy and gladness...

It is peculiarly the season of unusual movement and gladness of heart and mind... The joyous and peaceful atmosphere of the Christmas season, the love and sympathy of the angels...

In this we see the difference between things that are temporal and perishable, and things that are of divine origin which are lasting and eternal.

JAPANESE STUDENTS.

A Plan to Establish Boarding Houses for Them.

The following appeal has been sent up from Tokyo, Japan, for assistance in the work of housing Japanese students... The importance of education in the formation of the young Japanese, the need for boarding houses...

And subjected to surveillance, and to a code of rules adapted to Japanese customs... The need for a boarding house for Japanese students, the importance of education...

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

- St. Michael's Cathedral. Father Ryan, pastor; Father Robler, chancellor; Dr. Tracey, assistant; Father Bench, curate. Sunday—Masses, 7, 9 and 10.30.
- St. Mary's. Very Rev. Father McCann, V.G., pastor; Father W. McCann, J. B. Dillard, and A. O'Leary, assistants.
- St. Paul's. Father Hand, pastor; Fathers O'Donnell and Caullion.
- St. Patrick's (Redemptorist Fathers). Father Ward, pastor; Fathers Grogan, Rathkey, Miller, Stuhl, Dodaworth, and Hayden, assistants.
- St. Basil's (Basilian Fathers). Father Brennan, pastor; Father Fracon, assistant.
- St. Helen's. Father J. Walsh, pastor; Father Richardson, assistant.
- St. Joseph's. Father Kelly, temporary pastor.
- St. Peter's. Father Minahan, pastor.
- Our Lady of Lourdes. Father Cruise, pastor.
- Holy Rosary Chapel. Father Aboulin, pastor; Father Burke, assistant.

THE TORONTO GENERAL TRUSTS CORPORATION. Office and Safe Deposit Vaults 56 YONGE STREET, TORONTO. CAPITAL \$1,000,000 RESERVE \$350,000

ANGLIN & MALLON, BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, NOTARIES. Offices: 100 Queen Street West, Toronto. F. A. ANGLIN, JAS. W. MALLON, LL.B. TELEPHONE 1968.

MEBRADY & O'CONNOR, BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, NOTARIES. Offices: 100 Queen Street West, Toronto. L. V. MEBRADY, T. J. W. O'CONNOR. TELEPHONE 2928.

MACDONNELL, BOLAND & THOMPSON, BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, NOTARIES. Offices: 100 Queen Street West, Toronto. A. C. MACDONNELL, W. J. BOLAND, JOHN T. O. THOMPSON. Telephone No. 1076.

HEARN & LAMONT, BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, PROCTORS IN ADMIRALTY, NOTARIES. Offices: 100 Queen Street West, Toronto. EDWARD J. HEARN, JOHN LAMONT, B.A. Residences: 51 George Avenue, Toronto. Telephone 1006.

FOY & KELLY, BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, ETC. Offices: Home Savings and Loan Company's Building, 80 Church Street, Toronto. J. F. FOY, Q.C. H. T. KELLY. Telephone 798.

T. FRANK SLATTERY, Barrister, Solicitor, Notary Public, Etc. Office: Cor. Richmond & Bay Sts., Toronto. Telephone 1384.

Are You Deaf? All cases of DEAFNESS or HARD HEARING... International Aural Clinic. 110 St. George Street, Toronto.

THE EXCELSIOR LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF ONTARIO, LIMITED. HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO. Incorporated 1899. Our Annual Report for 1899 shows the result of the year's operations in the following substantial figures in the important items shown below:

Dr. R. J. McGahey, DENTIST. 278 YONGE STREET, opposite Wilton Avenue, Tel. 309.

ALL WANTING Marriage Licenses should go to Mrs. S. J. Reeves, 619 Queen West. No Witnesses Required.

E. J. BOWLEY PHOTOGRAPHER, 433 Spadina Ave. (4 doors S. College St.), Toronto.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY. CHEISTMAS RAILES. Return tickets will be sold at following rates: GENERAL PUBLIC, At lowest one-way First Class Rate, Dec. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1900, good returning C.P.R. until Dec. 26, 1900.

The Wabash Railroad Co. route from Canada to Old Mexico. with the wealth of antiquities and grand natural scenery, Texas and California, the land of sunshine and flowers, the land of the great mountains and the great rivers, the land of the great cities and the great states, the land of the great people and the great things.

F. ROSAR, UNDERTAKER, 555 KING ST. EAST, TORONTO. Telephone 1864.

McCabe & Co. Undertakers & Embalmers. 222 Queen St. East, Toronto. Tel. 2838. Open Night and Day.

J. YOUNG, THE LEADING Undertaker & Embalmer. 222 YONGE STREET, TORONTO. Telephone 676.

A. HANDY Dealer in Granite, Marble and Statuary. Prices Low, Satisfaction Guaranteed. OR. WOODBINE AVE., A KINGSTON ROAD, NORWAY, ONT.

MONUMENTS. Best work and best designs at low prices in Granite, Marble and Statuary. We are the largest Manufacturers in Ontario. McIntosh Granite and Marble Co. 1114 & 1116 YONGE ST. (Central Yonge St. Car Route). Telephone 621. TORONTO.

For Croisiers, Beads, St. Anthony's and Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague's Medals, Little Chaplet of St. Anthony and Canceled Postage Stamps, write to Agency Bethlehem Apostolic School, 153 Shaw Street, Montreal, Que.

Catholic Prayer Books. Rosaries, Crucifixes, Scapulars, Religious Pictures, Statuary and Church Ornaments. Educational works. Mail orders receive prompt attention. D. & J. SADDLER & CO., Montreal.

COFFEE, Chocolate and Coffee. And you will get absolutely pure goods, that will be a pleasure and delight. THE best in some good therefore avoid poor quality of goods. You can always rely upon HENRY T. FLYNN. MONEY TO LOAN in small or large sums on Household Furniture, Warehouses, Stocks, etc. etc. JAMES BULLOCK, 75 YONGE ST., TORONTO. Please mention this paper. (Take elevator).

THE ABERDEEN RANGE. They are giving the best satisfaction. Every range warranted. Call and examine the ABERDEEN line of Ranges and Ranges. If your dealer does not handle this line, call at our Warehouse. 270 Queen Street West. THE COOP BROS CO.

The Catholic Register.

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY

THE CATHOLIC REGISTER PUBLISHING COMPANY

SUBSCRIPTION:

City, including delivery \$1.20 To all outside points \$1.50

OFFICE, 9 JORDAN ST., TORONTO.

Approved and recommended by the Archbishop, Bishops and Clergy.

ADVERTISING RATES. Transient advertisements 10 cents a line.

A Liberal discount on contracts Remittances should be made by Post Office Order, Express Money Order, or by Registered Letter.



NOTICE.

City subscribers who do not receive their paper every week will confer a favor if they will notify us at once by Post Card or otherwise.

THE REGISTER should be received in all parts of the City on Thursday, or at the latest, Friday, of each week.

Telephone 489.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1900.

CHRISTMAS.

Sweet is it to turn from every day work and contemplate the great feast of Christmas. So old is it, yet ever new. The children never weary of it, for legend has twined holly and ivy and mystery round it, and never hurt the soul-enthraling truth.

our joy. This holy Christmas-tide is the time of good wishes. Such may it be to us all. May our readers and their families enjoy a holy and happy Christmas—"peace of Christ and joy of Many."

CATHOLIC PHILOSOPHY.

There is no subject which serves to round off a good education so well as Catholic Philosophy. Whatever value may be placed upon other subjects, such as literature, mathematics, physical science or natural sciences, these leave a void which cannot be filled except by the one great branch of study. In fact they contain the germs of danger, whose outgrowth is either scepticism or irreligion, and indeed frequently both.

Question gave place to induction. Doubt henceforth ruled where certitude had held sway. Materialism and scepticism, rendered bold by their apparent triumph, have held high revel in the halls of learning. Through the press, in the pages of novels and other literature, in books of physical science, theories poisoned with falsehood, but covered with a sugar coating of honored words, have been administered to "minds already diseased."

PULPIT ORATORY.

Within the last week or two the Christian world of Toronto has been treated to a species of pulpit oratory that it could well have done without. The idea of a minister ascending the pulpit to take up cudgels against petty trifles in the civil government, to treat of politics and on a small scale, is not a thing to elevate the pulpit nor to advance Christianity.

The complaint is decidedly in the hands of a civic investigation committee, not to raise the question in the pulpit. Surely scandal-mongers are numerous enough already without clergymen entering into the list. The pulpit should elevate, not drag down Christianity into the mire of politics, and petty politics at that.

SPOILED ONTARIO.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier seemed to make a slight departure from his "sunny ways" in commencing his speech at the Gifton Banquet, when contrasting his enthusiastic reception in Toronto and Ontario prior to election day, with the disappointing results actually shown by the official returns.

Ontario had nothing to fear from the Liberal party under the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Richard Cartwright. No leader has preached and acted the gospel of a United Canada, free from race, creed and sectional prejudices, more than Sir Wilfrid has done; no leader has shown himself more fit to be trusted with the varied interests involved in the government of this country; but Ontario has stood aside and said: "Your policy is all right, Sir Wilfrid; we have nothing to say against it; we like to turn out and welcome you, but unless you, the Province of Ontario, have the sole control of the Government of this country, you can count us out; we like progress well enough, but we like ourselves better."

Can any other construction be placed on the action of Ontario in the last election? Here was the opportunity to show herself really progressive, but, instead, she acted the part of the spoiled child of Confederation—look a backward step, and placed herself on record as opposed to the true progress of this country.

We know that under the broad and liberal policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier Ontario will not be discriminated against, and that the Liberal party will continue to govern this country wisely and well; but let us hope for better things from the provinces of Ontario in future; let us hope for the day when she will throw aside her narrow sectional views as a province and look a little more to the interests of this broad Dominion.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Paullists have just closed a mission for non-Catholics in Ottawa. An enquiry class is being held open this week for those who wish to become better acquainted with Catholic doctrine. The Fathers express themselves as well satisfied with the results obtained. Toronto could well stand several weeks of these bigotry-removing missions.

The much-talked of union of the Presbyterian Churches in Scotland does not seem to have been as unanimous as some would have us believe. Last week a number of anti-unionists attempted to take possession of a church which the unionists were holding services in. The doors were barricaded, but the besiegers attempted an entrance through the roof, finally gaining possession by means of the windows, and at the point of a revolver. And now will come a lawsuit. Truly a happy family reunion!

For the sake of peace and quiet, which seemed impossible of attainment otherwise, the United Irish Parliamentary party expelled Timothy Healy from the party. Tim has been a little party all by himself for some time back, and the only fault the Irish in Canada will find with the action of the Convention is that it was a long time in coming. The wrangling at home has been a scandal to the world and a source of grief to the cooler temperaments of this country.

The Presbyterian Committee of the General Assembly has at last come to the conclusion that "Westminster Confession of Faith" needs revision and supplementing. The idea seems to be to conform the "Confession" to the times, rather than the times to the "Confession." That the Presbyterian Creed is the work of man, and of man alone; that it lacks the mark of universality; that it is a thing of to-day is amply shown in this necessity of revising it.

The opening of Parliament is set for February 6. It is generally thought that the session will be a short one. The Government has no legislation in view that is at all likely to provoke an extended series of discussions. The supporters of the Government think too that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's substantial majority will tend greatly toward making this "ret" assembly a very brief one. Brevity is not always productive of the most good in Parliamentary sittings.

The Divorce Statistic of Canada just issued contain some very wholesome lessons. In comparison with the Divorce methods in vogue in the United States, we are to be congratulated here in Canada. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick carry off the palm with totals of 91, and 78 out of a respective population of 460,000, and 321,900, during the past 89 years. The returns show comparatively few divorces—271 in all since Confederation, 88 years ago, but that is 271 too many. The sooner the mill is stopped here the better. It would be interesting to note how many of those who secured divorces remarried. It might also be a revelation to Canadians at large to know that the vast majority of Canadians secure their divorces in the United States, and come back here freed from the shackles of married life. These cases are not included in the following report from Ottawa:

During last year Bills of Divorce as follows were granted in Canada—Ontario 2, Quebec 1, Manitoba 11, Northwest Territories 1, Nova Scotia 5, Prince Edward Island 1, British Columbia 2. In the 33 years since Confederation there have been granted by Parliament and the Courts 271 divorces whole Dominion of Canada. In Ontario, population 2,114,821, there have been granted 45 divorces; in Quebec, population 1,488,333, 16 divorces; in N.W.T., population 163,100, 1 divorce; in Nova Scotia, population 460,000, 91 divorces; in New Brunswick, population 321,900, 78 divorces; in British Columbia, population 80,200; 43 divorces. There has not been a divorce in Prince Edward Island, population 100,000, in 30 years, and the comparatively small number in Quebec is due to the fact that the great majority of the population is of the Roman Catholic faith.

The financial standing of the Oak street Presbyterian Church is not, according to The World what it should

be. It is stated that some \$30,000 or more is due to the Imperial Loan and Investment Company of this city. The Church Committee has been making strong efforts to interest the other Presbyterian Churches in the city to assist them, but so far they have not been very successful. We have no desire whatever to call attention to the sad financial state of the above-named church; in fact we sympathize with them in their difficulty, but it is necessary to give the above facts in view of a remarkably strong letter on the subject addressed to the committee by Mr. E. H. Kerland, manager of the Imperial Loan Company. Whatever may have moved Mr. Kerland to such strong language we are not prepared to say, but the fact remains that he does not make any effort to hide his feelings. While scolding the Presbyterians of Oak street in particular, and the rest as a body, he pays Catholics somewhat of a compliment. The epistle must have been very interesting reading to the Oak street Presbyterians and others. Although the letter was evidently written when Mr. Kerland was somewhat out of humor, nevertheless it contains many little germs of truth that Presbyterians at large will do well to ponder over. The letter is as follows:

Toronto, Nov. 19, 1900. Rev. J. A. Turnbull, 318 Bathurst street, City, R. E. Church. Rev. Sir—The position taken in your letter just received is exactly what I warned my board would be the result of their culpable leniency some six months ago. I personally am not at all surprised at the conduct you have found in the members of the various Presbyterian Churches to whom you have applied for relief, when one considers the moribund condition of that church, owing, no doubt, to the universal contempt which an impudent and devilish teaching, as to infant damnation and such like stuff, has merited.

No doubt the days of the Presbyterian Church are numbered, and I feel sorry for you notwithstanding the gain to the world at large. I cannot say what action my board may take in the matter. But my advice to them shall certainly be to call on the bondsmen of the church, and then to put the building forthwith, and then to put the building forthwith and endeavor to sell it to some live and honest Church like the Roman Catholic.

The R. E. Church has galled six months fire of payment as I expected by the treasury, but will have lost infinitely more in the estimation of the members of my board if I am not very much mistaken.

The Orange Sentinel indulges itself in the following as the result of an imperfectly understood portion of a sermon by a priest in one of our city churches. The idea of a merciful God condemning to everlasting punishment a man who was born in the Protestant faith, and brought up in it, and who honestly believes it and sincerely practices it, is beyond my comprehension and I do not believe that a Protestant of that kind would be condemned to everlasting punishment. Some time ago we took occasion to present the Catholic doctrine upon this very point, and were at some pains to state it clearly. It is evident that "Two-and-a-half" did not read our effort. The writer in The Sentinel has put the case clearly for us, and could not do it better if he were a Doctor in Theology in the Catholic Church. Protestants must, however, "honestly believe and sincerely practice." There must not be the slightest doubt in their minds of their being right, for in that case they would not be "honestly believing." As soon as the least doubt creeps in then they are bound to clear it up, otherwise they would certainly be in bad faith. A Protestant in good faith, who lives up to his belief, will be saved—that is exactly what the Church teaches, but such a man is looked upon as a member of the Catholic Church, of the Church Universal. Hence the statement that there is but one true church out of which no one can be saved.

The Fat Stock Show at Guelph has been a decided success. Those who were fortunate enough to visit the show are enthusiastic in their praise of the exhibit and of the accommodations afforded for the showing of cattle and other farm stock. The building is a credit to Guelph, and is so arranged that the best possible use may be made of the space covered. The building is steam-heated, and one may watch the judging of the stock in comfort. The quality of the different exhibits was wonderfully good. The cattle were grand, and the show of poultry was decidedly the finest ever seen in Ontario, whether in point of quality or of quantity. All-in-all, Guelph has demonstrated to a nicety that the choice of that city as the permanent seat of the Winter Fat Cattle Show was an exceedingly fortunate one. The presence of the Experimental Farm in the neighborhood is an additional attraction for the show.

Unique Catholic Community.

A Large Section of Country in Minnesota Combines Church and State.

A writer in the Boston Transcript gives this description of what he considers the most unique community in the north-west. The German Catholic colony in Stearns county, Minnesota. This is the county near the most popular county in the United States. Its educational system, if such the work of the school may be called, is unique. Its church edifices are unequaled anywhere in the new world in districts of similar size and population. Its peculiar blending of law and religion, of what is against the statutes of the state, is the most singular, perhaps in the United States.

THE PLAN.

There are two school buildings in the village, one a neat two-story brick building. The other is a wooden flag daily during session of school, as is the law of the state, and like every other public grade school in the state. Here are quarters of the superintendent of schools and his staff of teachers. Here the instructions are given to the children in other parts of the state where Catholic influence is not dominant. The other school building is an old Catholic church, dedicated for purposes of worship since the erection across the street. Here the school is held. The building is rented to the school board of the village, daily for school purposes, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and is the property of the public school between those hours and at no other time. The teachers are all men, who, of course, wear the curb of their sacerdotalism, during the sessions of school. The decorations on the walls, the tread of instruction, the sympathy of teachers and children, are all Catholic. The playground lies between the church and the residence of the principal. The children attending the school are expected to arrive at the school house at 8:30 a.m., and the school is in session from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. When under the control of the church, a full hour is devoted to the mysteries of the Catholic Church, as expounded by those who till that minute had been teachers in the common school. During that hour, the children are instructed in the German language, and most of that is in religion, and all with religious tendency.

THE TEACHERS.

The nuns who have charge of this school are duly accredited teachers of the state, with state certificates entitling them to teach. The superintendent, with headquarters in the other building, has supervision over them and their school, and he is a Catholic. The two schools draw their equal per capita share of state and county school funds, and there is no parochial school in the place. It is not necessary. The line of divisions between the schools does not appear to be religious as Protestant children are to be found in the old church and the superintendent of the parochial school is largely Catholic, but it is along the line of language; those who desire their children to receive a part of their instruction in the German language and consider German an important language, send their children to the church school, and the more progressive, perhaps the younger element of the population to the other building. Every member of the school board in this village is a Catholic, and a German, and an effort to elect a Protestant school board a few years ago resulted in war to the knife, with the most serious kind of bitter politics. The Catholic element was determined that no means should be used to elect a board to be mixed, and it was not. Since then no effort has been made to elect a Protestant.

ALL SATISFIED.

It is said by the dominant element of the county that this system works to the satisfaction of the residents and of the state superintendent of public instruction, who is claimed to regard as the "best solution of the difficulty." It is, of course, directly contrary to law. This situation, is outlined for this village in the majority of the school districts in the county, but no other one in the state, and possibly where also in the United States. Stearns county is full of Catholic churches, costing from 20,000 to 70,000 each. Its only industry is farming, and there 650,000 acres of land in the county. Its population is about 100 of which most were poor little old men, and whatever they may be now has been driven from the land. At Melrose, a town of perhaps 100 persons is a great brick and tile factory, and the population is about 200 of which was \$65,000. It was above the nesting village, dominating the horizon for miles and, the vast roof and domes, the

most prominent feature of the landscape. It is 180 feet long, 75 feet wide, with nearly the main floor for 1,000 people, with a great organ loft and with a balcony, and with a great east and west windows, and its great arches and round windows are all decorated in keeping. Its pictures about the walls are costly, the altar is magnificent, and the organ and the choir of boys to be bought the coming year are to be the best.

THE CHURCHES.

Ten miles to the south is a church of nearly the same size, the contract price for the interior of which was \$75,000 dollars. This is at the village of Springhill, which consists mainly of two stores, two saloons and a blacksmith shop. The church is now almost completed. This church will be finished by the addition of \$10,000 in the interior furnishings. Ten miles east of Melrose is a church at Albany, costing more than \$20,000, a few miles to the north is another of \$15,000, and in every direction the landscape is dotted with great churches, better than may be found in cities of 50,000 persons. There are 20 such churches in the county. They are all paid for. It is stated that not a mortgage exists amongst the religious buildings in the county, and in the case of a few small and inexpensive Protestant erections. Twenty miles east of Melrose is the great abbey and university of St. John's, founded in territorial days, located on the banks of the beautiful lake and surrounded by a rolling prairie, black under the plow and mellow as summer, edged with forests, a land that laughs with rich crops and fertile meadows. Most of this abbey is now in ruins. The abbey buildings are amongst the largest devoted to education in the state, and the abbey is populous and wealthy. Its farms extend into adjoining counties and are all free from taxes, under an old territorial law. At St. Cloud, the county seat, there are three very large Catholic churches, any one of which will seat 1,000 persons with comfort, and each of which is surrounded by splendid convents and all the educational facilities that can be demanded. This city is the seat of a bishopric, which has a very large number of priests and several important sisterhoods. The Catholic property in Stearns county is conservatively estimated at more than \$900,000.

QUEBEC ELECTIONS.

Editor Catholic Register: Sir—In notice in your issue of Dec. 13, an article entitled "Quebec Elections," in which you state that "feeling insecure in Gaspé, the Hon. Mr. Flynn left that county and ran in a Conservative stronghold; and that he was elected by only 40 although his predecessor had obtained 250." Having generally accepted of the facts, I beg to correct your statement. In the first place, the election for Gaspé takes place only on Jan. 5 next; this was the sole reason that prevented Mr. Flynn from being a candidate there. On the other hand, the County of Nicolet is not a Conservative stronghold. On Nov. 12, Mr. George Ball, who had been elected in 1897 by the majority you quoted, for the Legislative Assembly, only secured a majority of 119, at a time when it was generally supposed that Sir Charles Tupper would, and not without reason, be elected, and that the Conservative party would have a personal influence amongst the Liberals. In the recent election in the County of Nicolet, Mr. Flynn had against him the fact that he was a stranger in the county, and the fact that some 30 elections had gone by acclamation, and amongst other neighboring counties. The contest lasted only seven days, in a very extensive county, where 18 parishes are to be found, and Mr. Flynn has been obliged to hold three public meetings every day. His adversary had over him the advantage of a two weeks' canvassing, in addition to his previous Federal campaign ending on Nov. 7, and the fact that he is a resident, employer of labor, and possesses large pecuniary interests in the county. Strange to say, though Mr. Flynn's majority is 41, still he has polled some 55 votes more than Mr. Ball did. This has been the most hotly contested election held in the county, and probably in the province. Every effort has been made by the Liberal party to spite the Leader of the Opposition. In spite of all, he has come out successful.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

Quebec, Dec. 17, 1900.

CHAS. WARRON STODDART

The Famous Literature Speaks of Himself. (The famous entrepreneur speaks of himself.) Yes, dear friends, it is quite true. I was born in Rochester, N.Y., on Aug. 7, 1843, born in the very heart of the business center of the city, the very spot where that my dilk of the tumult of traffic is prenatal. The first years of my life I passed in the bosom of my family, but we were fated to frequent separations. At the age of 7 the process of weaning me began. I was sent away from home to school. In 1855 we left the family nest for California, to take the steamer route; for two years I roved there. Then I rounded Cape Horn with my older brother, who was an invalid and I his companion. We were at days at sea, without setting foot on shore. My brother again rounded the Cape for two years, I was languishing at school in California, via Panama, at the age of 16. Probably these early voyages awakened within me the unrest that has roiled me many a time when I was comfortable at home, and has at intervals sent me killing

hither and yonder for the mere love of change. In 1864 I went to the Hawaiian Islands, and again in 1866, in 1870 to Tahiti, and then to the Sandwich Islands, and other islands. In 1871 I set sail for Samoa on what, had it proved successful, might have been a filibustering expedition. After having the sport of going for five and twenty days, we were glad to make the port of Honolulu for repairs. Here I deserted, and for the third time found myself at home in Hawaii. Nor were these my last sojourns in that beloved kingdom. In 1881 I passed two years there and returned to San Francisco only to once more seek the land I loved and to spend another year—my last—under the merry rule of the King of good-fellowship, Kalaakoa, in 1884 I was for a brief season a member of the stock company supporting the late W. C. Coudry in a round of standard plays, but I did not remain long enough in the profession to prove myself an ornament to it. In 1873 I went to Europe as special traveling correspondent of The San Francisco Chronicle, and for three years I visited all the countries of Europe, Asia and Africa. In 1878 I was again in California, and for three years lived chiefly on remittances. Then, weary of commutations, I resolved to banish myself from Hawaii and there end my days in some island of Tranquil Delight. Three years ago the feeling came over me that my dream was over. I awakened, to find myself in 1885, professor of English literature in the University of Notre Dame, Ind. My first long summer vacation was spent in Alaska; my second in Kentucky; my third prevented my return to Notre Dame, and for two years I have been in Europe for the old world's home. In 1888, to Europe again for a year, and while at Rome, during the carnival of 1890, I was called to the chair of English literature in the Catholic University of America, which opened in the November of the same year. This chair I occupied until the year 1893, when I was the sole layman in Divinity Hall at the university, a house full of priests, and where his eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, the archbishops, bishops and monsignori of the land were our frequent guests. After three years of comparative idleness, I set up my household gods in the "Bungalow," where, with my foster-son, Kenneth O'Connor, I have been at home to those I love ever since. My work? If all that I have published were collected under covers, it would fill at least 30 good volumes. Doubtless, I have written five or three as much and yet, were I condemned to solitary confinement and supplied with pen, ink and paper, I could go on writing to the end of my days and the tale would not yet be told. As it is, I am responsible for a volume of poems, and for these books of prose: "South Sea Isles," "The Legends of Malakoff," "Hazy Letters From Low Latitudes," "Mushallah, A Flight into Egypt," "A Cruise Under the Crescent—From Suez to San Marco," "Over the Rocky Mountains to Alaska," "A Troubled Heart," "The Wonder of Paganism," and some brochures; other copy in the press. I have also written a number of episodes, furnished material for many sketches, but the list has not been told. I must confess that what I like best to write of in these days of reminiscence is the past; the past wherein I have lived and loved and loved and enjoyed; where I have met and mingled with all sorts and conditions of men, women and children; and where, though for so many years I have in a certain sense been homeless—I have been at home, for, as the cowboy says, "My home is under my hat." The fact will be fully demonstrated when I have completed my memoirs.

ROGERS' FINE FURNITURE

Fancy Desks. Few articles of Furniture so happily combine Use and Beauty as a fancy Secretary. We have them in Mahogany, Golden Oak, Birds' eye Maple and Flemish Oak; some plain, others richly inlaid and carved. Prices range from \$7.50 to \$190.00. One of these desks would make an ideal Christmas present for a lady.

THE CHAS. ROGERS SONS CO. LIMITED.

97 Yonge St.

LATEST MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS. TORONTO. The run of cattle was comparatively small and a good proportion of the receipts were of indifferent quality. The market was for choice lots, particularly for butchers, and prices are firm. The butchers' market was for good quality and there were not enough to meet the demand. The total run was 64 head, including 42 cattle, 19 sheep and 3 calves, all sold at 1 1/2 cts.

Wheat, white, new weight, new 80 1/2 87 1/2
Wheat, red, new weight, new 75 1/2 82 1/2
Wheat, white, new weight, old 75 1/2 82 1/2
Wheat, red, new weight, old 70 1/2 77 1/2
Barley, new weight, new 65 1/2 72 1/2
Oats, new weight, new 55 1/2 62 1/2
Corn, new weight, new 45 1/2 52 1/2
Rye, new weight, new 40 1/2 47 1/2
Clover hay, new weight, new 35 1/2 42 1/2
Timothy hay, new weight, new 30 1/2 37 1/2
Straw, new weight, new 25 1/2 32 1/2
Wool, new weight, new 20 1/2 27 1/2
Hides, new weight, new 15 1/2 22 1/2
Tallow, new weight, new 10 1/2 17 1/2
Lard, new weight, new 5 1/2 12 1/2
Sugar, new weight, new 1 1/2 2 1/2
Flour, new weight, new 1 1/2 2 1/2
Cocoa, new weight, new 1 1/2 2 1/2
Cocoa butter, new weight, new 1 1/2 2 1/2
Cocoa shells, new weight, new 1 1/2 2 1/2
Cocoa cake, new weight, new 1 1/2 2 1/2
Cocoa meal, new weight, new 1 1/2 2 1/2
Cocoa dust, new weight, new 1 1/2 2 1/2
Cocoa powder, new weight, new 1 1/2 2 1/2
Cocoa fat, new weight, new 1 1/2 2 1/2
Cocoa oil, new weight, new 1 1/2 2 1/2
Cocoa meal, new weight, new 1 1/2 2 1/2
Cocoa dust, new weight, new 1 1/2 2 1/2
Cocoa powder, new weight, new 1 1/2 2 1/2
Cocoa fat, new weight, new 1 1/2 2 1/2
Cocoa oil, new weight, new 1 1/2 2 1/2

Gourlay Winter & Leeming, 188 YONGE STREET, TORONTO

SACRIFICE SALE OF MUSIC BOXES

Supplementing our recent announcements re Music Boxes, we wish to announce a special line of Swiss Boxes playing from 6 to 18 tunes each. They are the finest instruments of their class ever made and would make.

IDEAL XMAS GIFTS

Let us mention a few samples of what we have to offer.

- SWISS MUSIC BOXES
No. 4.—Rosewood finish case, nicely decorated, has inside glass cover and nickel-plated trimmings, case 14x7 inches, with 6 tunes, regular price \$7.50. Reduced to ... \$4.75
No. 25.—Handsome rosewood case, with inlaid marqueterie decoration, tone indicator, tone skipper, and nickel-plated trimmings, case 16x8 inches, with 6 tunes, regular price \$12.50. Reduced to ... 8.75
No. 30.—Handsome inlaid rosewood case, patent improved movement, case 20x9 inches, with 8 tunes, regular price \$17.50. Reduced to ... 13.00
No. 36.—Handsome inlaid rosewood case, patent improved movement, case 20x9 inches, with 12 tunes, regular price \$20. Reduced to ... 13.75
No. 58.—Handsome inlaid rosewood case, patent improved nickel-plated movement, has harp, zither, mandolin attachment, case 25x9 inches, with 10 tunes, regular price, \$42.50. Reduced to ... 27.00
No. 511.—Ideal guitar, interchangeable cylinder music box, in handsome inlaid rosewood case, with border of tulip wood, has patented nickel-plated movement, playing hundreds of tunes on interchangeable cylinders, has drawer for holding extra cylinders, case 25x18 inches, with 8 cylinders of 6 tunes each, regular price \$105. Reduced to ... 49.00

Gourlay Winter & Leeming, 188 YONGE STREET, TORONTO.

OPEN EVENINGS FROM 7 TO 9 O'CL OCK.

CROTTIE'S BUSY CORNER

The West-End Store, cor. Queen and Northcote.

Wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Don't forget when you have to buy Fancy Goods and Toys, you'll find it will pay you to buy here. We have the finest display in the City.

M. J. CROTTIE, cor. Queen and Northcote

Phone 5515

THE GOOD BOOK SAYS

"Let the living take care of the living," etc. Life insurance for the protection of dependents is, therefore, not only the performance of a solemn duty, but also the discharge of a solemn duty, which should be promptly attended to by every uninsured man. The 5% Guarantee Debenture Policy OF THE NORTH AMERICAN LIFE. will provide a definite income for a family for twenty years, and is one of the surest means of securing lasting protection. Send your name, address and age next birthday, and rates and full particulars regarding this desirable form of insurance will be forwarded to you. L. Goldman, Secretary. Wm. McCabe, Managing Director.

North American Life

Head Office: 112-114 King St. West, Toronto, Ont.

KARN IS KING. The Karn Piano is a Peerless Piano. 115 to 121 King St. East. 116 Yonge St., Toronto. PROF. HOR BARTON Voice Specialist. All telephones and letters to be sent to his residence, 116 YONGE ST., TORONTO COLLEGE OF MUSIC, PUBLIC SQUARE, COR. WEST BEACON ST., AT ALMA COLLEGE. Residence—223 Robert Street.

NIMMO & HARRISON

Business and Shorthand College, I.O.O.F. Bld'g, 2 COLLEGE STREET, TORONTO.

Up-to-date Courses in Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Civil Service and English Courses.

Individual Instruction, Enter Now. Write, or call for free information.

COME in and see our offerings in Boys' Winter Clothing.

There are cut prices in our Boys' clothing to help reduce heavy stocks before Christmas.

- Children's Vestee Suits that were 2.60 and 3.00, now ... 1.99
Fine Vestee Suits, three-fifty values for ... 2.39
8.00 and 8.50 Double-breasted Suits, ages 7 to 11, for ... 2.79
Boys' Reefers, for ages 8 to 8, regular 4.00 coats, for ... 2.89
6.00 and 7.00 Reefers, for ages 9 to 12, to go for ... 5.00
Top Coats, for boys 9 to 10 years, 4.00 values for ... 2.98
Vestee and Sailor Suits, ages 4 to 10, the 5.00 and 6.00 suits for ... 3.98
7.50 suits for ages 11 to 17, to be closed at ... 5.00
Boys' Chinchilla Reefers, ages 8 to 10, worth 2.75, for ... 1.79
6.00 and 6.50 Top Coats for ages 9 to 12, clearing at ... 3.98

The Home Circle.

MYSTICAL ROSE. By C. Mariotti Callahan. Only a hunk of the lattice shingle. Upon an aged mother sitting there. A lovely child within her arms reclining.

BANDS OF FUR.

The fancy for stripping a gown with bands of fur is almost a new one. It is very effective if well done. The most appalling possibilities in the hands of an adept fur trimmer will be infinitely the more.

TAILS IN DEMAND.

The demand for tails continues. Tail-bearing animals are ruthlessly robbed of their caudal appendages, and where no tails can be found, tails are manufactured.

DINNER COIFFURE.

Not a hair is cut short in the latest dinner coiffure. And these women so unfortunately to wear hair that has been shaved and then made to grow out into little locks...

WINTER PETTICOATS.

It is not good form in dress this winter to wear long, trimmings and because a white skirt that is allowed to touch the dusty pavements is a revolting sight...

LATEST IN SCREENS.

Screens are shown now in unusual and artistic abundance. While no strikingly new styles are seen, those with which we have become familiar are offered in fresh and improved manner...

NOVELTY SILKS.

In Roman blue, striped with black, there can be obtained some very pretty novelty silks, not heavy nor too elegant, just suitable for afternoon wear...

SUNSHINE IN THE HOME.

This is the season of the year when it behooves the good housewife, not only to open the blinds to let in the winter light, but to take care also that the warmth of love and sympathy brightens her home...

CURE FOR PIMPLES.

The skin whose face is covered with pimples, or even one or two of annoying eruptions, is generally in need of the application of these purifying salts, which are injurious to the face.

CANNIBAL TREES.

In certain parts of Australia cannibal trees flourish—trees which will devour a man's body in the centre, and devour it as readily as our insectivorous wild flowers trap the insects on which they partly subsist.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

The giant a telephoned made. He stretched it over his hip and glared. When Grim had gone out. Jack iter it would shout.

SIGN OF THE CROSS.

The holy sign of the cross is made use of in all the sacraments to give us to understand that they have their whole force and efficacy from the cross, that is, from the passion and death of Jesus Christ.

AN INDIAN TALE.

Major Payment of Ottawa, has an Indian arrow head of flint, which he picked up near Calumet Falls, a few days ago near the grave of Cadieux, a Canadian pioneer.

EPPS'S COCOA.

Grateful and comforting. Distinguished everywhere for delicacy of flavour, superior quality and highly nutritive properties.

THE HOME SAVINGS & LOAN CO.

Capital \$2,000,000. Hon. Sir Frank Smith, President. Eugene O'Keefe, Vice-President. DEPOSITS RECEIVED FROM 20 CENTS UPWARDS.

THE YORK COUNTY LOAN AND SAVINGS COMPANY.

Best system for accumulating money. Head Office—Confederation Life Building Toronto. A Prize Offered. We take great pleasure in announcing that a prize of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be offered by this office for an essay upon the following subject: "History of the Catholic Church in Canada during the Nineteenth Century."

EPPS'S COCOA.

Grateful and comforting. Distinguished everywhere for delicacy of flavour, superior quality and highly nutritive properties. Specially grateful and comforting to the nervous and dyspeptic.

Good Serviceable Rugs. TORONTO RUG WORKS. A Good Thing—Bly's Quick-Fire CHARCOAL. Makes the quicker and hottest fire of any on the market.

ROOFING. ROYAL ROOFING CO.—SLATE AND GRAVEL ROOFING ESTABLISHED 1872. Mrs. Elsa MacPherson, COOPER PLUMBER AND TACKLER.

School of Practical Science. Toronto. This school is equipped and supported entirely by the Province of Ontario, and gives instruction in the following departments: 1—Civil Engineering, 2—Mining Engineering, 3—Mechanical Engineering, 4—Architectural, 5—Analytical and Applied Chemistry.

The Home Savings & Loan Co. Capital \$2,000,000. Hon. Sir Frank Smith, President.

THE YORK COUNTY Loan and Savings Company. Head Office—Confederation Life Building Toronto. A Prize Offered. We take great pleasure in announcing that a prize of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be offered by this office for an essay upon the following subject: "History of the Catholic Church in Canada during the Nineteenth Century."

EPPS'S COCOA. Grateful and comforting. Distinguished everywhere for delicacy of flavour, superior quality and highly nutritive properties.

EPPS'S COCOA. Grateful and comforting. Distinguished everywhere for delicacy of flavour, superior quality and highly nutritive properties.

EPPS'S COCOA. Grateful and comforting. Distinguished everywhere for delicacy of flavour, superior quality and highly nutritive properties.

EPPS'S COCOA. Grateful and comforting. Distinguished everywhere for delicacy of flavour, superior quality and highly nutritive properties.

EPPS'S COCOA. Grateful and comforting. Distinguished everywhere for delicacy of flavour, superior quality and highly nutritive properties.

EPPS'S COCOA. Grateful and comforting. Distinguished everywhere for delicacy of flavour, superior quality and highly nutritive properties.

EPPS'S COCOA. Grateful and comforting. Distinguished everywhere for delicacy of flavour, superior quality and highly nutritive properties.

EPPS'S COCOA. Grateful and comforting. Distinguished everywhere for delicacy of flavour, superior quality and highly nutritive properties.

EPPS'S COCOA. Grateful and comforting. Distinguished everywhere for delicacy of flavour, superior quality and highly nutritive properties.

O'KEEFE'S SPECIAL Extra Mild Ale. Turn it Upside Down. DRINK IT ALL—NO DREGS—NOT GARNATED. The success attained in the short time this Ale has been before the public is unprecedented.

The Congrave Brewery Co. OF TORONTO, Ltd. Maltsters, Brewers and Bottlers. Ales and Brown Stouts. Brewed from the finest malt and best Bohemian bread of Hops. They are highly recommended by the Medical Faculty for their purity and strengthening qualities.

THE DOMINION BREWERY CO. Limited. Brewed from the finest malt and best Bohemian bread of Hops. They are highly recommended by the Medical Faculty for their purity and strengthening qualities.

WHITE LABEL ALE. Our Ales and Porters have been examined by the best Analysts and they have declared them Pure and Free from any deleterious ingredients.

THE ARLINGTON. TORONTO'S FAVORITE HOTEL. This well known and attractive Hotel is now under new and liberal management.

THE ELLIOTT. J. W. HIRST, Proprietor. OFFICE ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL. Cos. Church and Shuter Sts. TORONTO.

THE IROQUOIS. POPULAR HOTEL. Popular Prices. Centrally Situated. TORONTO, CAN. JAMES K. FAISLEY, Proprietor.

Every family should have COWAN'S Hygienic Cocoa, Royal Navy Chocolate or Favourite Blend Coffee. They are PURE and HEALTHFUL.

MUSIC AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. Manufacturers of the "IMPERIAL" Band Instruments, GUITARS, MANDOLINS, and BANJOS. MUSIC TEACHERS write us for our new 364 page Music Catalogue in writing for Catalogue, mention goods received. WHALEY, BOYCE & CO. 108 Yonge Street Toronto, Canada.

ANGELIQUE

BY ANNA T. SABLIER

Angelique Desouville had been the beauty of the village. As a child, the neighbors used to say, when they saw her at church with her parents, that her name suited her exactly. "Yes," it is an angel, sure enough, which the good God had sent to the Mother Desouville to comfort her for the death of her first-born.

which should keep quietest pace with the early spring. Up in the woods the birds were building and twittering, the leaves were green, and the flowers were in bloom. They were in the fields, the young calves in the fields were trying their staggering legs, and the lambs were bleating in the happiness of their first spring. All was life and joy and beauty indescribable, and Angelique, who had loved all these things, lay dying!

Monsieur le Cure was met at the door of the Desouville house by Angelique's father. His eyes were red and swollen with the grief which he now restrained in the presence of the good God. He, with some of the neighbors, holding lighted tapers, knelt to receive the great God. The priest, who had just returned from his morning prayer, stood in the doorway, looking at the young man in the arms of his father. He had seen the young man in the arms of his father, and he had seen the young man in the arms of his father.

of the priest. "I told my father I would marry her in spite of him," cried the youth, almost incoherently. "God knew better, my son," said the cure, "but you were to blame in letting your poor Angelique grieve. If such were your purpose, you should have written."

And she died. Even the harbor's tongue was still, and the birds, with their twittering, alone broke the silence. The young man, who had been so full of life and joy, was now a mere shadow. The cure, who had been so kind and merciful, was now a stern and just man. The young man, who had been so full of life and joy, was now a mere shadow.

can doctrine and regulations is that we, being dead to sin, should live to justice. (1. Peter, ii, 21). What is to be done, to strive and follow, in which we are to be perfect, that is, to be pure and certain hope of eternal happiness. But justice in its true and proper sense, the justice which attains salvation, is upheld by Christian faith, and by that alone. "Without faith it is impossible to please God." (Heb. xi, 6.) It follows that Jesus Christ, who is the author and parent and upholder of faith, himself maintains and supports the whole of our life, and in particular the ministry of the Church. To His administration, according to His bounteous and most provident purpose, He has committed the appropriate means of generating and restoring the virtue of faith, which generates and conserves the virtue necessary to salvation. This virtue when morally is divorced from divine faith; and, truly, those who are without the grace of divine faith, who are without the authority of reason, rob a man of his highest dignity, and most injuriously out of him from his supernatural life, and throw him back on the purely natural. Not that man is so lowly as to be without any of the many natural precepts by the light of reason, but even if he recognizes and observes them all without a stimulus for the whole of his life, which, without the grace of our Redeemer, he will never receive, he will never be able to do more than to be a good man, but not a saint. (St. Thomas, Summa Theologiae, II-II, q. 172, a. 2, ad 3.)

"It matters but little now," observed...

"It matters but little now," observed...

"It matters but little now," observed...

"It matters but little now," observed...

"It matters but little now," observed...

"It matters but little now," observed...

THE ENCYCLICAL.

(Conclusion of the Holy Father's Christmas Message.) (Continued from last week.) Such is the obedience which Christ has shown to His Father, and which He, therefore, supreme sovereignty over the understanding equally over the will of man. There is nothing servile in serving Christ; but Lord with the will of God, He is not only a subject to the law of nature; nor does a man allow himself to be governed by the imagination of any human teacher, but by the eternal and immutable truth. He attains to the highest good of the mind and moral freedom. For truth, as proceeding from the magistracy of Christ, sets in a clear light the intrinsic character and relative importance of things, whatever they may be, and does not leave the student to the truth he sees, man will set facts before fancy and not vice versa; his desire will be confronted to reason, and not the reason of things to his desire; casting off the pernicious slavery of sin and error, he will be made free with the best kind of freedom. "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." (John viii, 32.) It is plain, therefore, that those whose minds refuse to acknowledge the truth, are in a state of slavery against God. Having escaped from the divine subjection, they will be no more their own masters; for that they will come under some authority; they will choose, indeed, as men do, some one to whom they will look to follow as their master. Besides this, debarring themselves from theological studies, and confining the exercise of their minds within a mere circumference of spheres, they will lose all scientific advancement to the study of the subjects with which reason properly deals. There are many things in nature on which theology sheds considerable light, and often God, to punish men for their ingratitude, makes the truth and to pay the natural penalty. For one of these things is very many men have seen endowed with great intellectual capacity and consummate education, who have nevertheless, by their own fault, nature arrived at the most absurd and egregious blunders. It is certain, therefore, that in Christianity the understanding should be free and untrammelled, and assigned to the divine authority. If we, therefore, submit our spiritual will, which is so strong in us, suffers repression, and feels pain, that proves all the more that in a Christian there ought to be patient endurance to the constitution of the will, but of too much as well. We would remind of those who dream of and would evidently prefer to have some discipline of thought and act to Christian profession, but with principles of free will, that is, that is not to human nature, requiring from us little endurance or none. They have no notion of the spirit of faith and of Christian institutions, they do not see the life of the soul, and therefore they are not Christians. If, however, we are not Christians, we are not Christians, and by the proper nature of Christ is "to live," equally as "to die," being God of God, from His nature, and not from His nature, and therefore we are not Christians. If, however, we are not Christians, we are not Christians, and by the proper nature of Christ is "to live," equally as "to die," being God of God, from His nature, and not from His nature, and therefore we are not Christians.

EDUCATIONAL.

Toronto School of Domestic. Mrs. Jean Joy-Principal. Daily Classes.—Complete three month course for young housewives. For further information apply 18 Elm Street.

St. Joseph's Academy.

The Course of Instruction in this Academy embraces a second year of Latin, French, English, and the Education of Young Ladies. In the Academic Department special attention is paid to the study of the French, Italian, and Spanish Languages. Pupils on completing the School Course and passing a second examination, receive the Certificate of the Board of Education. The Academy is connected with the Government Art School, and affords Teachers' Courses. In the Domestic Department special preparation is made for the University of Toronto, and for the Degrees of Bachelor of Music of Toronto U.S.G. and the Degrees of Bachelor of Music of Toronto U.S.G. and the Degrees of Bachelor of Music of Toronto U.S.G.

St. Michael's College.

Under the special patronage of His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto, and Decreed by the Bishop of Toronto. Full Classical, Scientific, and Commercial Courses. Special course for students preparing for University Matriculation and Commercial Certificates. Terms given in a brochure. Board and Tuition, per year \$125.00. Day Pupils, \$75.00. For further particulars apply to Rev. J. R. Traft, President.

The Yorkville Laundry.

H. P. PALSER, Proprietor. ALL HAND WORK. Mantles, Men's Ordered Clothing, Men and Boy's Readymade Clothing, Dry Goods and Bedding. Many Terms. W. H. GARDINER. Removed from Brunswick to 474 Queen Street, West. J. E. FRANKLIN, 228 Wellesley St. Telephone 1150. Fullerton & McMullen, Plumbers, Steam and Gas Fitters and Sanitary Contractors. Estimates and contracts on plumbing, gas and steam fitting. Particular attention to smoke chimneys. STONE'S DYE WORKS. HEAD OFFICE AND WORKS, 100 KING STREET WEST, TORONTO. These are office and goods will be called for at address in city. DOMINION LINE ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS. RATES OF PASSAGE—FIRST CABIN.—Toronto to Liverpool or London, \$32.50 and upwards. Toronto to Glasgow, \$35.00 and upwards. Toronto to Glasgow and return, \$60.00 and upwards. TORONTO TO LONDON, Liverpool, Glasgow, and return, \$100.00 and upwards. For full information apply to Toronto at A. F. W. TORRENTS, 150 Queen Street West. DAVID TORRANCE & Co., General Agents, Montreal 17 St. Jacques Street. PROFESSOR BARTON, Violon Specialist. All notes and methods of instruction. For terms apply TORONTO COLLEGE OF MUSIC, Toronto Street, or West End College, cor. Spadina and College. Residence—330 Robert Street. SITUATIONS VACANT. FURNISHING YOUNG MAN CAN MAKE \$600 per month for his services. Write for particulars. Charles O., 414 & 416 West St., Philadelphia.

St. Michael's College.

Under the special patronage of His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto, and Decreed by the Bishop of Toronto. Full Classical, Scientific, and Commercial Courses. Special course for students preparing for University Matriculation and Commercial Certificates. Terms given in a brochure. Board and Tuition, per year \$125.00. Day Pupils, \$75.00. For further particulars apply to Rev. J. R. Traft, President.

General News.

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO.

St. Michael's New Windows.

Mr. Eugene O'Keefe has donated two beautiful stained glass windows to St. Michael's Cathedral as memorials of his wife and son. They are beautiful representations of the Resurrection and the Ascension of our Lord. One is a good copy of Murillo's Immaculate Conception, and the other is a reproduction of Hausman's Jesus among the Doctors. The coloring in both is strong and bright. The dark blue and red are especially noticeable. The angels form in the Immaculate Conception are well outlined and firmly set. In the Hausman copy of the God-head, while the Law, the Gospel, Prophecy and Kingship are represented on the sides. Both windows reflect great credit on the donor and the artist.

St. Michael's C.M.B.A.

At the last regular meeting of St. Michael's Branch C.M.B.A., held in St. Vincent's Hall, the following officers were elected:—Spiritual Adviser, Rev. F. Ryan; Chancellor, William Waterbury; President, J. J. Moran; Vice-President, Rev. P. H. O'Connell; Treasurer, J. J. Moran; Recording Secretary, H. J. Waterbury; Secretary, Wm. Ryan; Financial Secretary, B. J. Doyle; Recording Secretary, H. J. Waterbury; Assistant Recording Secretary, Wm. Ryan; Treasurer, Thomas Moran; Marshal, J. Moran; Guard, Wm. Davey; Trustees—Wm. Ryan, M. Kelly, T. B. Winterbury; M. J. Phelan, R. Dineen; Representative to Grand Council Convention—Dr. Charles McKenna; Alternate, Thomas B. Winterbury.

St. Patrick's.

SOCIETY OF THE CHILDREN OF MARY.

At the election held on December 10th, the following officers of the Society were chosen for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. Gertrude Vane; 1st Vice-President, Miss Lillie Costello; 2nd Vice-President, Miss L. Fraser; Secretary, Miss Mary Ann Costello; Treasurer, Miss Josephine Kelly; Recorders—Misses A. Hagan, Margaret Larden, Mary Tracy, Nellie Costello, Katie Larden, Lucy Jane Burke; Director—Sister M. Benedict.

William Hogan, a prominent member of the Knights of St. John, died on Sunday at his home, 804 St. George Street, Toronto, on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. F. Hayden, C.S.B., was celebrant of the Mass. Mr. Hogan had been sick only two weeks. Rev. Hayden administered the last Sacraments. May he rest in peace.

Ordination at St. Paul's.

On Saturday morning His Grace the Archbishop will confer Orders on four young men. Rev. Mr. John McLeod of St. Paul's parish will receive Holy Orders; Rev. Mr. Henry, C.S.B., of St. John's; Rev. Mr. O'Connell, C.S.B.; and Rev. Mr. Loughney, of St. John's. They will have Minor Orders conferred on them.

Christmas in Prison.

The Catholic inmates of the Central Prison number 130, and on Sunday received the Sacraments last Sunday in preparation for the Christmas time. It is expected that all will have received the Sacraments at Christmas. The Catholic Chaplain, C.S.B., was assisted in preparing his congregation for Holy Communion by Fathers Madry, Murray and Sullivan, of St. Michael's College. It will be Father Walsh's aim to bring the inmates to the sacraments. He is also working hard among his parishioners in the Mercer Reformatory.

ST. JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of medals and prizes took place at St. Joseph's High School on Wednesday afternoon. The medals and prizes were distributed with pains and colors and the whole room put on a gala appearance for the day. Very Rev. J. J. McConn, V.G., presided at the distribution. The other clergy present were: Rev. Dr. Tracey, Father Murray, C.S.B., Redford, McIntee, Brien and Lind. The musical portion of the programme was admirably rendered and the pupils showed the extent of their education. The other prizes were given to the good Sisters. The Sisters have every reason to feel proud of the showing made by their pupils at the examinations last summer, as the honor list will amply show. We congratulate all upon the eminent success attained by the school and wish them a continuation in their good work. The programme was as follows:—

- First Prize—'Immaculate Conception.'
Chorus.
Patriotic song—'Song of Canada.'
Chorus.
Distribution of Commercial Diplomas.
Recitation—'The Obstructive Hat in Paris.'
Chorus.
Miss Pauline Padden.
Part song—'Come Back to Erin.'
Distribution of Art School certificates.
Autumn song.
Chorus.
Distribution of Departmental Portfolios.
'God Save the Queen.'
The list of medals and prizes awarded is as follows:—
A first prize for Christian doctrine and Catholic theology—A gold medal, presented by Rev. J. P. Tracey, D.D., awarded to Miss Carrie Crocker.
Second prize for Christian doctrine—A gold medal, presented by Rev. Father Doland, awarded to Miss Annie Crowe.
Third prize for Christian doctrine—Presented by Mother Superior St. Joseph's Convent, awarded to Miss Marie Francis Lamplier.
Silver medal for highest marks at entrance examination in the Separate schools of Toronto—Presented by Rev. L. Brennan, to Miss Helen Todd, of the Convent.
Gold medal—Presented by Very Rev. J. J. McConn, for highest standing entrance from St. Mary's school, awarded to Miss Lillian Burns.
Gold medal—Presented by Rev. J. L. Egan, for highest standing entrance from St. Paul's school, awarded to Miss Stella Bruzer.
Gold coin—Presented by Rev. J.

J. McEntee, for highest standing entrance from St. Ann's school, awarded to Miss Lizzy McMahon.
A gold coin—Presented by Rev. J. M. Cruise, for complete communion certificate, awarded to Miss E. E. Sheridan.
A valuable pair of books—Presented by Rev. H. Evans, for Latin proficiency, awarded to Miss Annie Crowe.
Departmental Certificates.
Form II, or Junior leaving certificate, awarded to Miss Annie Crowe.
Form II, or Junior leaving certificate, awarded to Miss Annie Crowe, Grace Leroy, Josephine Neales, Frances Lamplier and Jennie Lamplier.
Junior Matriculation—Part I.—Awarded to Miss Ethel Gonzales.
Continuation Diplomas.
Annals by the Nimmo-Harrison Business College for Shortland and typewriting—To Miss Alice Lizio Gardino, Clara Cannon, Annie Murphy, Ella Watson, Ellen H. Smith, Margaret Coddie, Maggie Mcgregor, Sadie McNamara, Daisy Nelson, Matilda Christie, Annie Taylor.
Provincial Art School for Ireland model and memory drawing—To Misses Grace McNulty, Gertrude L'Eveque, M. L'Eveque, Mary McCaffrey, Nellie Corbett, Flora Higgins, Gertrude McManion, Evelyn O'Donoghue, Ida Luke, Anna Conroy, Marguerite Chancy, Gertrude Horan, Besie Kelly, Edna Taylor.

IRISH MUSICAL ART SOCIETY.

The growing desire on the part of the Irish people to hear their national melodies performed by chorus, has led to the formation of a vocal organization to be known as the 'Irish Musical Art Society,' of Toronto. Mrs. Elizabeth Macdonald, the distinguished concert pianist, has been engaged as conductor. The Irish Catholic Benevolent Union, have already engaged the Society's services for the Grand Irish Musical Festival, to be held in Murray Music Hall on St. Patrick's Eve. Membership will be absolutely free of charge, and open to those vocally qualified to take part. The Society's rehearsals will commence as soon as next month, when the location of the practice hall and date of the first rehearsal will be published. Vocalists wishing to join are requested to kindly send their names and addresses to Mrs. E. Macdonald, Hon. Sec., 217 Jarvis street, Toronto.

SUNNYSIDE ORPHANS.

The generous public are respectfully called upon to extend the hand of kindness and liberality, as they have so often done before, toward the poor orphans. To fathers and mothers whose children enjoy the comfort and blessings of home, the appeal is especially made. The little ones at the 'Sunnyside' are eagerly awaiting the coming of 'Santa Claus' with his gifts, but alas! unless the good citizens share their Christmas cheer with them, their load will be very light. Here it may be said, 'Santa' will require no small amount of good things to please three hundred little tots.

OAKVILLE.

The parish of Oakville contributed over \$100 towards the rebuilding of the 'House of Providence,' Dundas, in the name of the good Sisters, Father O'Reilly and the Sisters of Mercy, of their own, as well as those outside his own congregation. Father O'Reilly has established a society for the young men of St. Andrew's church. The following are the officers:—President, F. E. O'Reilly; President, L. V. Cole; Secretary, E. Maloney; Treasurer, D. McDermott. The object of the society is for the moral and mental improvement of the members, and to supply them with profitable recreation for the winter months. The meetings will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings of each week at 7.30 in the hall over the Separate school—New Era.

ARTHUR C.M.B.A.

The regular annual meeting of Branch 47, C.M.B.A., Arthur, for the election of officers, took place in the hall on Thursday and the following officers were declared elected for the year 1901: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. J.P. Doherty; Chancellor, J. McDonald; President, J. E. Brown; 2nd Vice-President, D. McGee; Rec. Sec., W. J. Driscoll; Asst. Sec., J. O'Donnell; Fin. Sec., D. McIntosh; Treasurer, H. Campbell; Marshal, J. T. Kearns; Guard, Chas. Hoffert. Trustees for three years, C. O'Neill and J. McDonald; Rep. to Grand Council, J. D. Callaghan; Alternate, C. O'Neill. The Grand Council meets at Niagara Falls in August.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY.

There was a large attendance at the regular meeting of the Holy Name Society, held in St. Mary's school on Dec. 18th. Twenty-one applications were received and balloted for, seven were accepted and members initiated into the society. Resolutions were passed by the effect that some suitable emblem be chosen to distinguish mark for the members. A committee was appointed to see to the matter and report at the next meeting. Rev. Father William McCann, addressed the Society giving a very interesting and instructive discourse. He complimented the members on their large numbers, and the laudable end proposed. He hoped it would be a great success, but they must remember that the society always have many obstacles to contend with. He would do all in his power to help the society in its undertakings. A regular low mass was said on Monday morning, at 7.30, for the late Mrs. Ryan. The members of Sacred Heart League were present in large numbers.

St. Mary's.

Literary and Athletic.

The regular weekly meeting took place in the rooms of the Association on Sunday afternoon, the Vice-President, Mr. C. J. Ryan, presided. Reports were made by the Entertainment and Banquet Committee and Mr. H. McTarrige was added to the House Committee. Mr. W. Callaghan was unanimously elected an Assistant to replace H. C. Stuart, who was obliged to resign owing to pressure of other duties. The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of invitation from Mr. C. J. Ryan, to the Annual Dinner of the Ryerson Old Boy's Association. Mr. Ryan attended the dinner in question and ably represented St. Mary's C.I., and A.A. The transaction of the routine business the debate by the resolution that 'The Negro has suffered more at the hands of the white man than the Indian has' was resumed and decided in favor of the affirmative. The subject for next Sunday will be argued out by Messrs. J. Jones, J. Cahill, and M. Donovan. J. Christie, will not doubt be interesting. The Tuesday evening entertainment took the form of a lecture and concert provided by the Entertainment Committee and was much appreciated.

ST. PETERS.

On Tuesday the 18th inst., a Requiem High Mass was offered up for the repose of the soul of Miss Annie Kelly. The Mass was very appropriately said in a funeral of the Blessed Virgin of whom the deceased was a most devoted member. Her fellow-soldiers testified their esteem by attending her funeral in body. They met her gentle modesty and amiability very much at their meetings when she was always one of the most pure and devout members of the Society. Her death was very sudden. She was found by her father in a room where her death at the early age of twenty-one years had left a void not easily filled. Her death was exceedingly edifying and fittingly crowned a life of singular innocence, sweetness and purity. Her father, in the words of wisdom: 'Being made perfect in a short space she fulfilled a long time. For her soul pleased God, therefore He listened to bring her out of the midst of affliction.'

BELLEVILLE.

Notice of Postponement. The Bazaar Committee of St. Michael's Church, Belleville, beg to announce that owing to the incomplete returns of tickets, they have postponed the 'Grand Drawing' until February, the 12th, 1900.

St. Basil's.

The Catholic Union held its weekly meeting on Monday evening. The usual full list of members turned out. The programme consisted of three papers instead of the usual debate. The first was upon 'Our Holy Normal' by Mr. Griffin. The second was read by Mr. Fred Fay upon the burning of the great steamships at New York; and the third by Mr. W. O'Connell on the 'Eloquence of the Immaculate.' All three papers were well planned and much appreciated by the club. The regular meeting of the Union will not take place for two weeks owing to the holiday season. Rev. Dr. Tracey presided over Scranlon Park on Wednesday. He had been down to that city at the re-opening of a new church, (Archbishop Ryan) the High Mass, while Bishop Moran of Springfield, preached in the evening at the same place. In the presence of so distinguished an assembly was given to Dr. Tracey. The College closes for the Christmas holidays to-morrow at noon.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

The Italian Society receives Holy Communion in a Body. The Italian society of the Immaculate Conception did itself proud last Wednesday morning at St. Patrick's church. Fully a hundred members of the society gathered for the occasion of their annual special communion within the octave of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The society was out in full force and received Holy Communion at the hands of their Grace Archbishop O'Connor. About two hundred friends of the society were present at the mass. The Mass was sung by Rev. Father Miller, C.S.B., assisted by Rev. Father Brennan, C.S.B., as Deacon and Rev. Father Ward, C.S.B., as sub-Deacon. Dr. Tracey acted as Master of Ceremonies. The other clergy who were present in the sanctuary were—Fathers Leo Kempf, Cruise, Brien and Doherty. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Doherty, C.S.B., in Italian, upon the Immaculate Conception. After mass his Grace congratulated the assembled society upon the good example they had set and upon the practical demonstration of their faith in the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother; and in the Holy Eucharist.

SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD.

In the election of trustees for the Separate School Board the nominations will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 20, and the election on the following Wednesday. Twenty trustees will be elected from office this year, by the convention of the board, to serve for one year. First Ward, Joseph J. O'Connell; Second Ward, Rev. Father J. H. Lind; Third Ward, Rev. Dr. Tracey; Fourth Ward, Michael Walsh; Fifth Ward, D. A. Carey; Sixth Ward, L. J. Woods. That they have given for almost satisfaction as representatives of the different wards on the board is quite evident from the fact that four of the retiring trustees who seek reelection will not be re-elected by acclamation. In addition to the retiring trustees only one candidate has entered the field. A widespread interest in being manifested in St. Michael's ward, which will probably be elected by a lively contest between Mr. Morris Deano and Father Cadaret. Rev. Father Tracey and Rev. Father Hani, who have both rendered valuable services during their tenure of office, will probably be re-elected by acclamation for another two years.—The Globe.

G. M. B. A.

The Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, Branch 49, at its annual meeting held last evening elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—Chancellor—M. J. Quinn. President—T. J. Conarty. 1st Vice-Pres.—John Tully. 2nd Vice-Pres.—P. J. Hayes. Rec. Sec.—J. E. Conarty. Asst. Rec. Sec.—D. J. Mellan. Fin. Sec.—H. McCaffrey. Treasurer—M. Clune. Marshal—T. O'Connor. Guard—T. J. Mulvhill. Delegate to Convention—M. J. Quinn.

CLINTON.

Father McMenamin Will Take Charge After Christmas.

Rev. Father McMenamin will take charge of the newly organized parish of Clinton about the first of the year. He was ordained at the Sacred Seminary in 1887. Falling ill, he was compelled to go to the Diocese of Halifax in the next year when he served the Church for five years. Finding the four missions a too great task upon the whole he returned to his native place, where he was elected by the Council of the Diocese and was appointed to Markham, afterward to Simcoe and then to Ridgeway. For the past year and a half he has been stationed at St. Augustines with missions at Birch and Wingham. Clinton is fortunate in securing so able and conscientious a worker as Father McMenamin. His first task will be to erect a parochial residence. Mrs. John Reynolds, an aged lady lying at the point of death at her home in Hullett. Miss Mary Lamb who has taught successfully in the Clinton Separate school for the past three years leaves at Christmas to attend the Normal school at Ottawa. Miss Lamb has made many friends in Clinton and her loss will be greatly felt by her pupils and their parents. On Sunday last a Forty Hours' Devotion commenced at Clinton. All the services were more than well attended. Rev. Father West was assisted by Father McCormack of Stanfield, during the devotion.

IN MEMORIAM.

A wreath of snow-white lilies, frail and sweet. We lay upon thy grave, with deep regret. And bitter pain. No flower more like thee. Our dear little child, Ah, we can ne'er forget. Thy gentle ways, thy willing heart and hands. Now cold and helpless 'neath the sod. We placed thy will-loved rosary on thy breast. And dumb with sorrow gave thee back to God. And pure, even on the day when thou wert sent. A gift from God, to cheer our earthly joy. Was thy white soul, when thou wert summoned home? Thy page in Life's great Book was without blot. "God take me!" was thy spirit's part. A death which, worthy of thy life, the calm. Of His eternal peace fell on thy brow. Here was thy conflict—there thy virgin's pain. And when thy stricken parents mourn thy loss. With a great sorrow—yet 'tis not all pain; For we have now another child in Heaven. To pray for us until we meet again. And through our lonely hearts are sent with grief. Our burden to the feet of Christ, we'll bring; And when our torn crown will this exile's orb. And angel choirs proclaim: "Behold the King." In loving memory of Miss Lizzy McCullery, Port Credit, who departed this life All Saints' Day, 1900.

REV. FATHER O'LEARY ACCEPTS.

Colonel Mason, Chairman of the committee having in charge the arrangements for the banquet to Lieut. Col. O'Leary, has received a letter from Rev. Father O'Leary, chaplain to the first contingent, accepting an invitation to be present. It is the hope of the committee to join the returning soldiers when they pass through Montreal, on Christmas Day, when he is due at Ottawa. On the date of the banquet December 27, he will, however, be on hand as usual.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER. ABSOLUTELY PURE. Makes the food more delicious and wholesome. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Table with 4 columns: Category, Officers Men, Officers Women, Total. Includes 'British Losses' and 'ABSOLUTE LOSS TO THE ARMY'.

KAY'S "Noted For Fine Goods" KAY'S

A Beautiful Christmas Display

Worthy at all times of a visit, this store is especially attractive just now—in gala holiday attire. You can go through the six floors of the store and find abundance of Christmas suggestions—and because of the exclusive character of many lines just the suggestion that you want.

We settle easily that worrying problem:—"What shall I give at Christmas?" because we have so large a variety of beautiful goods, and because away from the common run.

Clara Grass Furniture. Full assortment of the famous Clara Grass Furniture, in Case Stands, Waste Paper Baskets, Tea Tables, Chairs, Stools, Rockers, etc. Special values in Oriental Silks for cushions and draperies, regular \$1.50, for \$1.15; \$1.25 for 75c per yard. Art Pottery. Novelties in Rosen Pottery, Pergamon, Majolica, Dutch and Flemish Pottery, Della Robia, Lilliput, Old Moravian, Ware, Fabric Glass, Inlaid Crystal, Cantonagall, Zolany Pottery, Barum Ware, etc., etc. Many artistic pieces marked down in price for Christmas trade, and very suitable for presents.