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SCOTLAND. The annual report of the Prison Commissioners for Scotland... Mr. MacNeill... Mr. MacNeill... Mr. MacNeill... Mr. MacNeill...

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The Manitoba School Question.

The Catholic Register is a Catholic Journal devoted to Catholic subjects and Catholic interests. The pastoral letter of His Grace, the Archbishop of St. Boniface, although it did deal with a delicate question, was a fit and proper subject for our columns, and we are not aware that a single word has appeared there on that question which the Catholics of the Dominion would not have stand.

In an editorial styled "An Attempted Revival" the Globe, June 16th, says:

"The Catholic Register of this city publishes an article denying very emphatically that the school question is settled. On this basis The World builds a somewhat heavy structure of supposition. The article in The Register is attributed to Mr. Fitzpatrick, the Solicitor-General for the Dominion, and is said to mean either that the Government will revise the school question or that Mr. Fitzpatrick will resign. We doubt whether Mr. Fitzpatrick had any more hand in The Register's article than in the World's."

All we can say is that we know not what hand Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick, the Solicitor-General for the Dominion, had in the World's article referred to, but we are quite sure that he had no hand in the Register's article, which seems to have stirred up a slumbering world.

In addition we may say that, under the present regime, no person has ever dictated to the Register, which has been conducted strictly as an independent and non-partisan Catholic newspaper. As a proof of this, we may instance the editorial in last week's Register on the Manitoba School Question, which shows no regard whatever for the feeling of either political party.

St. John the Baptist.

On next Sunday the Church will celebrate the nativity of St. John the Baptist. There are but three such celebrations in her liturgy, the others being the nativity of our Lord and the nativity of His blessed mother. The reasons why the birthday of the Baptist should be linked with these are admirably set forth in the opening words of next Sunday's mass, taken from the 49th chapter of Isaiah: "The Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother He hath been mindful of my name. And He hath made my mouth like a sharp sword... and hath made me as a chosen arrow." The Baptist's birthday is celebrated with those of our Lord and His mother because he, too, was born a child of grace, having been sanctified in his mother's womb, some three months before his nativity, on the occasion of the visit of the mother of the Redeemer to his home. The similarity of this privilege to the greater one of her immaculate conception would suggest a similarity in relationship toward the Saviour. Mary was conceived in grace because she was to be the mother of the Messiah; the Baptist was born in grace because he was to introduce the Saviour into the hearts of men. He was the sharp sword which was to pierce the pride and empty observances of the Pharisees on the one hand and the sensuality of the Sadducees on the other—the two great divisions of the Jewish people at that time. The former prided themselves on being children of Abraham, and thought they should on this account alone monopolize the blessings of the Messiah. They drew out the elaborate ritual of the Jewish law, spent their lives in discussions over its minutest details, adding thereto many observances of their own, and neglected that inward purity which

the outward things of the law were merely the shell. Like a sharp sword the Baptist pierced their pride of race and external piety. "Bring forth," he said to them, "fruit worthy of penance. And think not to say within yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father.' For I tell you that God is able of these stones to raise up children to Abraham." And how powerfully he strikes at the showy fastings and washings and external observances which he compares to foliage without fruit! "For now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree, therefore, that doth not yield good fruit shall be cut down and cast into the fire." (Matt. iii. 8)

The same keen thrusts were dealt to the sensuality of the Sadducees. They loved wealth and luxury, and in many cases looked longingly to the practices of the Gentiles, with whose belief, or rather want of belief, and immorality they were to a considerable extent tainted. These men cultivated the good will of the Romans, and of the sons of the tyrant Herod, who were creatures of the Romans. The manners of pagan Rome were copied, and its morality, too, as in the case of Herod of Galilee, who retained his brother's wife. As the Baptist warred on the pride and hypocrisy of the Pharisees, so he fiercely denounced the luxury of their opponents the Sadducees. "You brood of vipers, who hath showed you to flee from the wrath to come? Herod's position and well known disregard of human life did not save him from rebuke. The Baptist openly attacked his immorality, and was cast into prison and finally beheaded at the instigation of Herod's infamous partner in crime.

Whilst, however, unsparing in his attacks on religious shams and on sensuality, the Baptist had words of sympathy and encouragement for sinners, no matter how bad, who wished to lead new lives. When the publicans and soldiers came to him and asked what they should do, he did not drive them away or condemn their calling, but the abuse of it. "Do nothing more than that which is appointed you. Do violence to no man, neither calumniate any man, and be content with your pay." (Luke, 10-14.)

Such is the character of the great saint the Church holds up for our veneration next Sunday. It is a character eminently worthy of our imitation, a character which drew from the lips of the Saviour himself the eulogy that "amongst the children of men no greater is born than John the Baptist." In all the saints we find none whose life was more completely devoted to God's work. His whole life as well as his preaching is summed up in these words, "Prepare the way of the Lord." From his childhood until the time came for him to commence his mission his days were spent in mortification and prayer in the solitude of the desert. His mission was distinguished by the same thoroughness as his preparation. When the fame of his sanctity and preaching spread through Judaea, inasmuch that a deputation came from Jerusalem, sent by the Jewish priests, to ask if he were the Christ, he answered that so far was he from anything so exalted that he did not even claim the "ignity of prophet. When he had pointed out Jesus of Nazareth as "the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world," he effaced himself. From his prison he sends the last of his disciples to our Lord.

Surely the Church does well in bringing so prominently before us in this age of pride, of self-seeking, of self-advertisement, such a grand example of humility and self-effacement. She does well in this age of distrust to bring us face to face with this model of fidelity. In this age of self-indulgence she does well to hold up to us this great preacher and cultivator of penance, whose life, though angelically pure, was one unbroken round of mortification. Above all she does well, in this age in which the sanctity of the marriage tie is so lightly regarded in many quarters and conjugal fidelity looked upon as old-fashioned, to hold up before the world him whose blood was shed as a protest against that sensuality which would poison the fountain-head of society—the sacredness of marriage and the sanctity of the home.

The celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi was carried out with unusual splendor and success in Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec, where immense processions of men, women and children did honor to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Month of June.

June, the most beautiful month of the year, is fitly chosen by the Church as the month of her most gracious and lovable devotion. To the Sacred Heart, the source of all love and kindness, this month is set apart. Nature at this time is typical of the devotional nature of the season. Never are our skies bluer, our trees greener, our breezes fresher, our foliage more plenteous, our flowers more fragrant or more pleasing to the eye, than during this time, and all are symbols of the freshness and plenitude of the graces and blessings, flowing in a never ending stream and with undiminished fulness from the Divine Heart of Our Lord. During this month, communion between earth and heaven seems perfect, and at the early Mass or during the Solemn Vesper hour, countless are the souls that hear borne to them on the rarefied air, the words "My Child give Me thy heart." And how generous is the response: Worshippers are ever before our tabernacles; flowers bedeck our shrines; incense ascends from our Sanctuaries; lights innumerable gleam from our altars; hymns of praise float through our churches; loving eulogies come from our pulpits, all forming a great act of faith, adoration and love for the Heart so human though divine, which loves us with a love beyond all others, and which lives for us alone.

On Friday next the devotion terminates in the Feast of the Sacred Heart, when the universal Church, but more particularly the great organization of the Apostleship of Prayer, or League of the Sacred Heart, will make public profession of their belief and veneration, by approaching in thousands to receive really and substantially the Sacred Heart, the object of their love.

Then, too, during this month, we have Corpus Christi, the day set apart as a complement to Holy Thursday. This day, which commemorates the institution of the Sacrament of Love, is too near the tragedy of the Passion to permit of more than a brief season of joy; so the week of Corpus Christi is given us in June, when all environment is joyous, and happiness without alloy exists, and when, without the shadow of a coming sorrow, we can contemplate the wonderful love which prompted the gift.

Again, on Sunday next, we have the feast of St. John the Baptist. It is most fitting that this great saint, the precursor of our Lord, the one who came to "prepare his way and make straight his path," should have a share in the fulness of love which June carries with it. So we shall greet St. John's day gladly in joyful recognition of the "voice" which proclaimed to the world the coming of a Saviour. Lastly, we have the day on which falls the combined feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Peter, the great example of human weakness, depending on self alone; Peter, who declared "yes, though all should deny Thee, yet shall I not deny thee." Peter, the great example of patience and remorse; Peter the humble fisherman, yet Prince of the Apostles; Peter, the Rock on which Christ built his Church; he, too, is given a share in this glorious month. And Saint Paul, the one time persecuting Saul, afterwards deemed worthy of being "rapt to the third heaven" and there hearing "secret words not granted to man to utter"; Paul, who finally suffered death by the sword for love of his Master, is given a place in this time, in which the Church celebrates a continuous feast of love.

Hail and welcome to June, the month of love, the month of the Sacred Heart.

Our Young Men.

Some time ago we chanced across a gentleman who for some years past, had had much to do with our Catholic youth, through the medium of Truth and kindred societies. During his association with such he had naturally and perhaps incidentally received certain impressions regarding the members of those societies and taking them on mass he had come to the conclusion, that the Catholic girl as a whole is infinitely superior to any other young woman, but that the Catholic young man suffered by contrast with the surrounding heath.

did not mean in a moral sense—far from it, but rather to those things generally termed or included in "culture" we thought there might be something in it, though we still did not altogether admit it, and we not about to search for the cause or causes which could bring about the condition of things as stated. The first cause we found was somewhat remote. Upper Canada being comparatively new, our men and boys, our grandfathers, fathers and brothers have therefore been engaged in fighting for a mere existence, in cutting out homes from the forest, in being literally "hewers of wood and drawers of water." No time for "culture" under such circumstances. Again in our cities, most father and mothers are waiting, seemingly with restless impatience, for the day when Tom or Harry will have attained his fourteen years, when the time demanded by law to be given to school life will have passed, and he may now go out to earn his dollar-and-a-half or two dollars a week in order to swell the family funds. After this, poor little Tom or Harry, not yet grown, thinks of nothing but of how best to get a "raise" of fifty cents or a dollar, which "raise" is looked upon as the acme of happiness. No time for culture here, nothing but the narrowing influence of the life with one object, and that a very scridd one—though of course most practical—and soon, even the half-developed sweetness and refinement of school life is forgotten. Again, in many homes—we never could tell why this is—the girls are brought to the parlor or drawing-room when there is "company," and their charms and accomplishments are on exhibition for the entertainment and admiration of the visitors. To a certain extent, this is all right, and the girl soon loses—perhaps never knows that diffidence which seems like awkwardness, which envelops so many of our young men, and is put down to lack of culture. While Mary or Aggie are in the drawing-room, Tom or Harry are relegated to the kitchen, or perhaps, congregated with others at our different street corners. Why is this? Are fathers and mothers not as fond and proud of their sons as of their daughters? If so, why not give expression to it by giving, from an aesthetic point of view, some nurture in both cases.

Again, the societies which are fewest, and which are, without doubt, the most important, are those for boys on leaving school—that is if they "must" leave at fourteen—and which they may frequent until they come to manhood's years. More of such associations should be found amongst us.

Again, looking for cause, many of our forefathers came from that little Island so fruitful in scholars, even when Britain was yet wrapped in Barbarism, but we remember too that much of her history is that of tyranny and oppression. That tyranny has tried to stamp out forever all intellectual development, and to obliterate all traces of our beautiful Faith, which is, after all, the source of all true culture. This Faith has triumphed, but our ancestors suffered from this regime of cruel oppression, and the law of heredity never fails. But the time has come when the past may be forgotten. Let each Catholic young man remind himself that his ancestry is something in which he may glory. To be of French extraction, then let him boast of his descent from Catholic France, that "First daughter of the Church!" Is he Irish, let him remember the deathless race from which he springs, that race whose children inherit an intellect that scintillates with a brightness never surpassed; be he of English extraction, let him remember the stability and decorum in matters of religion which distinguish the Catholics of England, and let him strive to emulate them; if Highland blood courses through his veins let him think of the men of his race, who boldly climbed their native hills, to attend the midnight mass in the heath-covered cave, and who, like the Irish Celt, never foresook his religion or proved traitor to the name Catholic.

Let our young men always, when occasion demands, declare fearlessly, nay proudly, "I am a Catholic." "I belong to that Divine Institution, the grandest the world has ever seen;" let them remember the lesson in their old school readers, which told them that the greatest name by which they could be known was "Catholic," and after that "Catholic gentleman."

Policy of Expansion.

The policy of expansion inaugurated with such a flourish of trumpets in the first warm moments of success promises to suffer a painful collapse in the Philippines, for the simple reason that the Filipinos persistently, and so far successfully, refuse to be expanded upon, and it looks as if the islanders and an abominable climate between them are going to make the Philippines eventually too hot to hold the Americans. The war in the Philippines is losing terribly in popularity in the United States, and by some newspapers it is branded as a campaign of falsification. The Boer War has not tended to make the "policy of expansion" any more popular at least in the United States. The censored despatches, in brief, are now being highly censured. The American public are beginning to realize that they have been systematically "gulled." They have been repeatedly informed that the war was all but ended, that the insurgents were utterly crushed, that the best people were shouting for the American eagle to spread its wings over them. Success waited on the banners of the Americans, and thousands of Filipinos were slaughtered in every engagement. The truth is that the Filipinos are not by any means subdued. When the rainy season is over, the struggle will have to be renewed under the disadvantage of having to cope with an enemy right against the valor and marvellous fighting qualities of the American soldier. "Never," says one anti-expansionist journal, "has there been in American history a more ghastly failure than the campaign for Imperialism in the Philippines. The attempt to hide the facts from the public, through the two-fold means of suppression of the truth and statement of the non-truth makes the unpalatable fact all the more humiliating. If the Filipinos do not surrender—a contingency most unlikely from all appearances just now—the war must go on to a finish. But they have it in their power to punish the unpatriotic clique who have led them into so deplorable a quagmire. The ballot box ought to seal the fate of the Imperialists and their policy in a way so decisive and memorable as to serve for an example for all the future for those who failed to grasp the spirit of the American constitution and misread the Declaration of Independence." Farewell, McKinley, a long farewell to all your greatness. This is the state of man—and this man, you!"

Misunderstanding.

Judging from the following, clipped from an American exchange, the United States seems to have a terrible dread of a misunderstanding with Great Britain, though why, nobody seems to know except themselves. "If there is no secret understanding or alliance between this country and Great Britain, as is charged by Senator Wellington, it is strange that there are so many suspicious circumstances pointing in that direction. The attitude of the government towards the Boers would be proof of it if we did not know the Anglomania of the Administration. President McKinley and his Cabinet, and the men of influence with the administration, Mahan and others, are all pro-English. The only thing that restrains them is they know the feeling of the country. They would gladly give to the winds Washington's advice if they dared. The scene at the reception of Lord Pauncefote would indicate English control. The putting of the bars up against the Irish "convicts" is another proof. The offense of these men was a political offense. They were infants against the British government, for it was a manufactured outrage. The men who played upon them, who induced them to action, occupied soft feet. The secret treaty men in some way cover such matters, and it has evidently been consummated only a short time, otherwise Dr. Gallagher and others would also have been barred. But after next election the country will return to old conditions and republican government."

Death of Mrs. Gladstone.

The death of Mrs. Gladstone, wife and companion of one of the greatest statesmen of modern times, removed from the scene a woman as great in goodness and womanly nobility as her

husband was in statesmanship and manly virtue. To have been the life partner of W. E. Gladstone was enough in itself to win the nation's approval of her intermin by her husband's side in Westminster Abbey.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We gather from the Literary Digest which has been considering the latest Catholic census, which is very carefully prepared, that in the diocese of New York alone there are more Catholics than there are Episcopalians in the whole country.

The New York World says: "If the American people shall, by a decisive vote, endorse Mr. McKinley and his foreign policy next November, they will have themselves to blame if Mr. McKinley construes that as meaning that they approve of his policy of using the American navy to protect British interests in China." This is certainly ultra. The American navy, according to present indications, may be very glad that it is at China to protect the interests of Americans there.

It was rumored that the Boer Delegates to the United States did at Philadelphia try to secure, if possible, a plank in the Republican platform sympathizing with the Boers. This, rather unfairly, by Anti-Boer journals, is interpreted as an alleged attempt to influence American politics. The press in general may be quite certain that these envoys will do what they can to gain intervention, they appear to be diplomatic enough not to out their own throats by an imprudence such as that hinted at. The motive for the insertion of the new plank in the Republican platform is said to be the certain loss of Irish and German votes at the approaching elections unless it is there.

In these fiery days, when men and nations in the various countries are shedding their blood in the cause of liberty, it behoves us to ask ourselves what this liberty is. Cardinal Vaughan, who, as an Englishman and a Churchman, has been on the side of the British as against the Boers, says: "Liberty, inasmuch as it is a virtue perfecting man, should have truth and goodness for its object. But goodness and truth cannot be changed at man's pleasure; they remain ever the same, and are not less unchangeable than Nature herself. If the mind assents to false opinions, and the will chooses what is evil and follows it, neither will attain to perfection, but both will fall from their natural dignity and will become corrupt."

In an address to the Knights of Columbus in his episcopal city, Bishop McPaul of Trenton reiterates the claim, which he so eloquently urged before the national convention of the A. O. H., that Catholics should band together in support of their rights, which are being denied them in state and nation. Whilst he was careful to state that it was not his intention to advocate a Catholic political party, Catholics allowed themselves to be put aside too easily, on the plea that it was useless to assert their rights. He complained that the treatment they had received from the present administration was simply outrageous, and, to illustrate his statement, pointed out that Catholics were utterly unrepresented on the various commissions sent out to the new United States possessions.

The Boston Republic has recently been exercising itself with the trade statistics of the United States and says: "Our outspoken contemporary, the Ram's Horn, has been studying the statistics of the liquor trade with our new possessions, and has come to the conclusion that rum follows the flag. In 1897, the year before we went to war with Spain, the exports of malt liquors to Cuba were valued at \$27,849; last year they were valued at \$324,654, an increase of \$296,805. The value of our exports of distilled spirits increased from \$495 to \$65,371. In 1897 we sent to Porto Rico distilled spirits valued at \$15; last year the value of our exports of that quality of merchandise was \$19,218, while the value of our exports of malt liquors rose from \$2854 to \$175,510. In 1897 the Filipinos did not buy distilled spirits from our merchants. In 1899 they brought spirits to the value of \$106,848, and their expenditure for American beer went up from \$968 to \$154,488. In calculating our increased trade

General News.

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Corpus Christi.

The community of the Most Holy Body of Christ... in a fitting manner in a hall on... (text continues)

St. Michael's College Alumni.

As the result of the efforts of a committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Tracy, Rev. Father Teefy, J. J. Foy, Q.C., M.L.A., Dr. Cassidy, H. T. Kelly, Thomas Mulvey and Dr. Amoyt, our... (text continues)

Election of Officers.

A constitution was adopted and the following officers elected: Hon. President, His Grace Archbishop O'Connor... (text continues)

An Alumni Dinner.

The alumni dinner was held in the college dining hall last night, at which the chair was occupied by J. J. Foy, Q.C. Among the guests were His Grace Archbishop O'Connor, Rev. V. Marjion, Provincial of the Brazilians... (text continues)

Letters of regret were read from Judge McCurry, of Owen Sound, E. Girardot, of Sandwich, V. Muluich, of San Francisco, Rev. Dr. William Talbot Smith, of New York, Thomas O'Hagan, of Paisley, and many others.

The toast list embraced the toasts of "The Pope," "The Queen," and "The Hierarchy," the latter of which was responded to in fitting terms by His Grace Archbishop O'Connor. "The Clergy," proposed by J. Lee, and responded to by Vicar-General McCann, Father Ryan and Father Barrett. "Alma Mater" was proposed by Dr. Cassidy and responded to by Father MacLellan, Father Teefy and Father Brennan. "The Alumni" was proposed by Rev. Dean Egan and responded to by Father McGrady, L. M. Hayes, H. T. Kelly and Father McLaughlin, of Saratoga, N.Y. "The Graduating Class" was proposed by Rev. Dr. Tracy and responded to by Mr. Walsh. Bayley's Orchestra furnished music during the evening.

Entertainment at St. Joseph's Academy.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., at 5 p.m., the young ladies of St. Joseph's Academy gave a farewell entertainment to the chaplain of the institution, the Rev. F. R. Frachon, who is to leave for Europe in a few days. Besides the guest of the evening, there were present the Rev. J. R. Teefy, president of St. Michael's College; Rev. E. Murray, C. B., the members of the Community of St. Joseph, and some friends of the pupils.

The entertainment was decidedly novel, solos, choruses, recitations all being in French. The opening number, "Les Lilas," was admirably rendered, the solos being taken by the Misses Curtis, Wyman, Noble and Urooker. An address composed in elegant French was well read by Miss Leach Curtis, then followed an instrumental duet by Misses Urooker and J. Noble. The next number, a recitation in pantomime, entitled "Le Vieux Musicien," was very much admired. The young ladies who took part in it were the Misses Curtis, Curtis, Sullivan, Wyman, Brazenor, Falconbridge, Devlin and Wilson. A song, "L'Amitie d'une Honorable," was very sweetly sung by Miss Noble. A recitation of "St. Joseph" was given by Miss Devlin. This young lady's accent was perfect, and she displayed much elocutionary ability. Next, a duet, arranged to violins and mandolins, was played by Misses Wilson, C. Noble and M. Martin. The hymn, "Je Suis l'Elegant du Sacre Coeur," brought the entertainment to a close.

Father Frachon, in thanking the pupils, said that he had not heard so much French since he landed in Ireland many years ago. He congratulated them on the proficiency they had attained, and said they might well be taken for French young ladies. Father Teefy made the closing remarks, in which he complimented the young ladies and their teachers, and dwelt at length on the devotion to the interests of St. Joseph's, which Father Frachon has displayed throughout his twenty-eight years of chaplainship. All united in wishing Father Frachon "bon voyage."

St. Basil's.

After the 8 o'clock mass on Sunday a large number of boys and girls received the sacrament of confirmation, and at the same mass many received their first communion. They all took part in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament in the afternoon. Masses were invested in the Scapular at 2.30, and renewed their baptismal vows at vespers in the evening. His Grace, as is customary, gave the boys the pledge against intoxicating liquors until they were 21, and counselled them to avoid bad companions; to approach the sacrament frequently—

once a month at least—and to live in accordance with all their needs. He advised them also not to put any money without first obtaining permission from their parents. The 2.30 mass for the boys and girls and the arrangement for the confirmation, a 1.15 order and amount, and that he would require all those who are contributing to return to cathedral for one year and to make a resolution not to receive by the name of God a priest's very simple, in the and undoubtedly too prevalent nowadays.

St. Mary's.

The procession last Sunday in connection with the Feast of Corpus Christi was very large and impressive. Vicar-General McCann carried the Blessed Sacrament, and was attended by Rev. J. Aloysius William McCann and O'Leary. The remainder of the procession was made up of the Sanctuary boys, carrying lighted tapers, the boys of the Separate School, with banners, and the boys and girls who had received their first communion and had been confirmed. The church was filled with girls strewed flowers in the path of our Blessed Lord, while the whole was surrounded by a guard of honor, composed of the members of St. Mary's Literary and Athletic Association. The first named association held a meeting the same day, and the ruling of the president, Mr. D. A. Carey, that there would be no excursion this year was upheld.

St. Patrick's.

In this church, at 10.30 o'clock last Sunday, there was solemn High Mass of exposition, the officiating being Rev. Father Grogan, assisted by Rev. Father Ward as deacon, and Rev. Stuhl as sub-deacon. After the High Mass there was a solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament, in which walked the boys and girls of the school, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and members of the Holy Family, a dozen little girls strewing flowers before the Blessed Sacrament. In the evening there were solemn vespers of exposition, the celebrant being Rev. Father Grogan, assisted by Rev. Father Stuhl as deacon, and Rev. Father Ward as sub-deacon. Rev. Father Ward preached the sermon, in which he preached the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help—the special feast of the Redemption of the Captives—and dwelt on this title of the Blessed Virgin. The music by the choir at both services was of a high order.

A solemn triduum, in preparation of the act of consecration to the Sacred Heart, will begin next Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock, and continue on Sunday evening, when the people will be called upon to make a solemn act of consecration to the Sacred Heart. Sermons will be preached on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings on the Sacred Heart.

Our Lady of Lourdes.

The closing exercises of St. John's School, Winchester street, were held on Thursday, the 14th inst., there being present Rev. Fathers Cruise and Walsh, Inspector Odey, and a large number of the relatives and friends of the pupils. The program, which we give below, was exceedingly well given, the conception and rendition of their parts by some of the tiny beauties being beyond praise. In children so young, not only evidence in this superior natural ability, but much careful training on the part of their instructors.

St. Peter's.

At Special Vespers, on Sunday last, Rev. Dr. Tracy, of St. Michael's, preached a very forcible sermon on "Mortal Sin," making special reference to the Sacred Heart devotion of the coming week. He explained the nature of mortal sin, the Rev. Father went on to show its malice—as inferred from the fact that creatures gave a greater preference to their fellowship and sensual enjoyment than to their Creator and enlarged very fully on this aspect. "Vespers" were particularly well rendered by the choir, Miss Carrie Dockery singing in good voice, the "O, Salutaris." After vespers, Dr. Tracy called upon the choir, and complimented them on their good singing.

St. Joseph's.

A very pretty wedding took place in this church, on Wednesday morning, the 13th inst., when Miss Mary McGuire, daughter of Mr. John McGuire, contractor, was married to Mr. Joseph Kirby. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Kelly, after which he celebrated a nuptial mass. The groom was supported by Mr. Patrick Fogarty, the bridesmaids by Mrs. Mary McGuire, Misses Mary McGuire and Miss Kirby, sister of the groom. The altar was beautifully decorated, Miss Lizale Murphy, the organist, and her choir sang some choice selections during the mass, and, as the bride party rose to the church, the choir sang "The Wedding March." After a trial to Niagara Falls and other points,

the happy couple, settled down in a handsome, well-furnished home on 1st Avenue, the gift of Mr. McGuire to his daughter. May they live long and happy be the wish of their friends! At last Monday, on Sunday, Father Kelly announced that a Triduum would be given by Rev. Dr. Tracy of the Cathedral in preparation for the act of consecration to the Sacred Heart, which will take place on Sunday evening, after vespers. St. Joseph's school is to be freshening up these days, there being new vigor infused into everything lately.

Weston.

The annual picnic and games of the Weston R. C. Church will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, in the Eagle Grove, Weston. The committee have spared no pains in providing amusement for their patrons for the afternoon and evening, and expect to be favored with the usual large attendance from Toronto, Weston and vicinity. The attractions are many and varied, including numerous athletic sports, a tug-of-war between York and Etobicoke, Township, Weston Brass Band, A. J. Collins' Orchestra both afternoon and evening, etc., etc. The following distinguished public men have been invited, and the replies received are assurance that most of them, if not all, will be present: Hon. F. R. Leachford, Q.C., M. P., Hon. N. C. Wallace, M.P., Arch. Campbell, M. P., W. J. Hill, M. P., J. J. Foy, Q.C., M.P.P., and J. W. St. John, ex-M.P.

The Eagle Grove is an ideal picnic ground, well shaded, and situated on the banks of the Humber. The Weston cars connect with the Toronto cars at Toronto Junction and run direct to the grounds. The committee assure all who attend an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

League of the Sacred Heart.

There will be services in St. Michael's Cathedral every evening this week at 7.30. Friday, the 22nd, is the day of the Sacred Heart, and the Catholic Church, as the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Our Divine Lord and Saviour, to honor Him, for His mercy and goodness to mankind. On Sunday morning next, at 9 o'clock, the Men's League of the League will give a Holy Communion in the Cathedral. Special seats will be reserved for them, and a large number is expected. The services will be conducted by the Director, Rev. Father Ryan.

Maintenance of the Eastern Clergy.

The conditions of clerical existence and maintenance in the Eastern Church are altogether different from what it is in the Western Church. In the Eastern Church the clergy have sufficient to do to call upon their people for help. There is in Toronto a little settlement of Catholic Syrians, whose spiritual wants are ministered to by the Rev. Father Macarios, a self-sacrificing priest who left his own land to devote himself to his own people in other lands, and came to Toronto.

His congregation is both small and comparatively speaking poor, and the clergy, however, are willing to do what he can towards the support of their pastor, but that is altogether too small to provide a living for him. Consequently, unless he receives some charitable assistance, he will be compelled of sheer necessity to abandon his little flock and return to his own country. The object is a deserving one, and we feel sure that there are Catholics in the community who will come financially to the assistance of this devoted priest, so that he may be able to continue his good work of retaining and gaining among his countrymen in this city souls for God.

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An Interesting Ceremony.

A Mohammedan, 25 years of age, who has embraced the Christian religion, will be baptized publicly at the Syrian Catholic Church on Sunday next immediately after Mass at 9.30. The Rev. Father Macarios Nasr will perform the ceremony according to the Greco-Malchite Rite.

Obituary.

There died suddenly, in New York, on the 1st inst., of pneumonia, James Macarios, a Syrian, who had been having been a resident of this city for many years. His funeral took place from the residence of his mother, 85 Gloucester street, on Sunday last, to St. Michael's Cemetery, and was very largely attended. The remains were detained in New York, awaiting the arrival of his brother, who was in England at the time of his death. May his soul rest in peace!

CONDOLENCES.

Rev. Dr. Burns.

At a regular meeting of the County Board the following resolution of condolence was unanimously passed: Whereas, we, the officers and members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, have learned with profound regret the death of our distinguished and honored friend, the Rev. Dr. Burns, who departed this life, May 22, 1900. Whereas, the intimate relations held by our deceased friend with the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians render it fitting and proper that we should place on record an expression of our appreciation of him as a friend, an Irish Nationalist, and of his merits, as a man; therefore, be it Resolved, that while we recognize the Divine will of Him who doeth all things well, and while we humbly bow in submission to the decree of the Most High, we do hereby mourn for our fond and loving friend, who has been called from the sphere of toil to the sphere of his reward. Resolved, that in the death of the Rev. Dr. Burns, the Ancient Order of Hibernians has lost a fond and loving friend, who was an earnest admirer of its principles, also the Irish



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cause, in which he was one of its foremost workers, promoting every laudable object for its welfare, which gives a price to his name in the heart of every true Irish patriot, whose sons of many others of Ireland's great sons who have passed away. Resolved, that we tender our sincere condolences to the widow and family of the Rev. Dr. Burns for the sad loss in which they have sustained. Resolved, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the family of the deceased, spread on the minutes of the County Board, and published in the Catholic Register and Catholic Record.

F. W. FALVEY, JAMES CONLIN, HUGH KELLY, Committee.

M. J. Ryan.

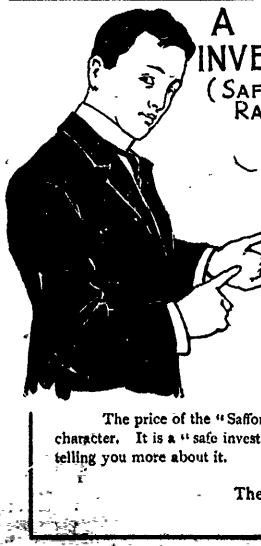
At a regular meeting of the County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians the following resolution of condolence was unanimously passed: Whereas, the officers and members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in meeting assembled record with profound regret and sorrow the sudden demise of our most worthy and respected brother M. J. Ryan. Whereas, it is fitting and proper that we should give expression to the great sorrow that we feel at the loss of one who had endeared himself to us by his kind and gentle disposition. Therefore, be it Resolved, that in the death of Bro. M. J. Ryan his family has lost a loving and devoted husband, a kind and indulgent father, the community a general spirited and exemplary citizen, and the Church a good and practical Catholic. And, whereas, by the death of our late brother, the Ancient Order of Hibernians has lost one of its most esteemed members and cause of Ireland a faithful worker and a most zealous supporter of its principles, his many sacrifices for the same will leave him to be cherished in the memory of his many friends for years to come. Resolved, that we do deeply sympathize with the family and relatives in their sad affliction, and that we humbly pray that God may give them strength to bear with Christian fortitude the sad loss they have sustained. Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the widow and family of deceased, and inserted on the minutes of this County Board, and published in The Catholic Register and Catholic Record.

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