

TEMPERANCE.

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The new year is already some days old. For us who are so deeply interested in the greatest reform work of the day it is but another name for opportunity. Already is the machinery prepared and in such running order that there will be secured during the year 1895 the greatest triumphs that any year has achieved in the history of temperance work. It is remarkable to note the tremendous activity that has been awakened in all parts of the country in this work to which we have consecrated our best efforts.

There is scarcely a society reporting to this office that has not to tell of unusual additions to its membership. To give you but one sample of the reports we are receiving from all parts of the Union, we may quote from the report of Mr. Slattery, Secretary of the Illinois Union: "Please forward 1,000 copies of Dr. Conaty's lecture. I inclose application of Catholic Total Abstinence Society of Galesburgh. I hope to receive application of K. F. M. of Springfield. Father Hagan pledged over 800 in Springfield; in Dansville there were pledged 300; society will be organized to-day. Lectures arranged for Streator, Braidwood, Ottawa, in January; Ivesdale follows in February. Indications are that a ladies' T. A. Society will be organized in Peoria. They expect Mrs. Lake there to lecture soon. Two or three societies are being organized in Chicago."

So from other Unions the same cheering news comes. It is, perchance, the remarkable development given to the lecture work that has aroused latent energies and stirred individual forces to unwonted activity. Since the St. Paul Convention, when this particular kind of work was emphasized by our great leader, Archbishop Ireland, the societies have entered into it with great zest—have, through their spiritual director, invited lecturers from afar, secured for them large audiences, and have developed in their localities a more than ordinary manifestation of the total abstinence sentiment. With this sentiment aroused members have gone to work to bring new recruits into their societies. A great deal of individual and personal activity has been thus aroused; the practice of total abstinence has been put on a more intelligent basis, and behind it has been placed that most impelling of all forces—the spirit of religion.

PRIZE BANNER.

A great many societies I know are in a quiet yet wonderful efficacious way reaching out for the Prize Banner that has been offered to the society that will report the largest increase of membership during the year. This beautiful silk banner will be, as you know, presented at the great public gathering in New York during the Convention of 1895. Some of the Philadelphia societies, counting on their already large membership, are straining every nerve to carry off the trophy of victory. Connecticut societies too are in the race, while Father O'Brien, in Ohio, and leaders in other Unions have passed the word along in a quiet yet thoroughly effective way to awaken every energy among the workers and leave no stone unturned that will enable them to seize the prize. And New York too has awakened from its lethargy and in various churches of the city immense temperance gatherings are being held every month, and membership is being increased right along the line.

With this prospect ahead of us the Convention of 1895, the Silver Jubilee of the National Union, the 25th anniversary of its organization, bids fair to be the greatest in the history of the National Temperance body. St. Paul last summer certainly provided for us a splendid Convention, as the proceedings just published will show, but St. Paul will fade into a very ordinary place alongside the immense gathering that will assemble in the great metropolitan city during the first days of August of this present year.

Already negotiations are on foot looking to the presence of ten thousand Temperance people in the parade, while societies from Philadelphia, Scranton, Connecticut, and Massachusetts have been talking about coming to New York

Every one wants to see New York once in his life-time at least, and a cheap, convenient, and enjoyable trip can easily be arranged, especially when crowds come together.

So now is the time to lay your plans, and save your dollars, and make the trip to New York an event of your life-time. And when you come, come with credentials showing such an increase in membership that you may be the lucky one to carry back to your society the National Union's banner that is awarded to the society that can show the largest increase in membership since the last Convention.

Fraternally yours,

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ST. PATRICK'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

REV. FATHER M'CALLEN DISCOURSES ON THE EVIL EXAMPLE OF THE MODERATE DRINKER.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Patrick's T. A. & B. society was held Sunday afternoon and the attendance was very large. The members assembled in St. Patrick's Church after Vespers.

The Rev. president, Rev. J. A. McCallen, S.S., opened the religious meeting with a short discourse on the power of good example, quoting; "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven," (Matthew v. 16). After some introductory remarks on the power of good example in general the rev. speaker drew a striking contrast between the good example of a sober man and the pernicious results of the example shown by the habitual drunkard and habitual tippler. The last named seemed unable to understand, much less to follow, the example of St. Paul, who, though he knew that meat offered to idols did not when eaten sully the conscience of the Christian, yet determined for the sake of the weaker brethren to forgo such meat altogether. The habitual tippler is the cause of more encouragement to intemperance than the drunkard himself. The sight of the latter in his rabid mania or drunken stupor excites disgust and serves as a warning to the young (to some of them at least) not to follow in the same path. The example, the solicitation, the bravado of the tippler, leads hundreds of unfortunate imitators to destruction. If drink scandalize my brother I shall never touch, taste or handle drink, lest I should scandalize my brother.

After the sermon prayers for the repose of the souls of deceased members of the society were recited, after which the Rev. Father administered the pledge to a large number.

Mr. Michael Sharkey presided at the business meeting. Several new members were admitted.

Mr. Costigan, the secretary, reported on the arrangements which had so far been made for the society's grand concert on St. Patrick's night. Remarks in the interest of the society were made by Messrs. John Walsh, A. Martin, T. Smallshire and the chairman and others.

A REQUIEM MASS

FOR THE LATE PREMIER, AT THE GESU.

Yesterday morning at half past ten o'clock, a most solemn pontifical High Mass of requiem was chanted in the Jesuit Church, on Bleury street, for the repose of the soul of the late Sir John Thompson, Premier of Canada. The church was most richly decorated, the catafalque surrounded by numerous lights, and the sanctuary gorgeous with funeral drapings. His Grace Mgr. Fabre, Archbishop of Montreal, officiated in person, as celebrant of the Mass, assisted by the Rector of St. Mary's College. The deacons of honor were Rev. Father Doherty, S.J., and Rev. Mr. Lesage; the deacon of Mass was Rev. Mr. Sigouin and the sub deacon, Rev. Mr. Forest. The master of ceremonies was Rev. Father Perron, the Bishop's secretary. In the sanctuary were noticed His Lordship Bishop Gravel, of Nicolet, and his Vicar General, Rev. Mr. Thibaudiere. Also present were Rev. Father Donnelly of St. Anthony's parish, Rev. Mr. Lecour, of Long Point, Rev. Mr. Delinelle, chaplain of the Sacred Heart, Rev. Mr. Charpentier, chaplain of the Convent of Mercy, and a number of the members of the Jesuit Order, including Rev. Fathers Devlin, O'Brien, Schmidt, and many others.

The Mass was Perrault's Harmonized Requiem Mass, chanted by the college

choir. At the offertory Mr. Sancier sang a magnificent solo. The church was well filled, and a great number of prominent citizens were present, including judges and members of the different professions. All were deeply impressed with the grandeur and solemnity of the ceremonies, while the music and singing have been judged as superior to what was given at Halifax on the occasion of the great funeral. One would almost imagine that the illustrious dead were present, so strongly did all the surroundings bring back to mind the one for whose soul the great prayers of the church ascended to God.

"In the church, as if midnight, the tapers were gleaming,
In each proudly arched chapel the banners were beaming,
Far down the long aisle sacred music was streaming,
Lamenting the chief of a people should fall."

Words that were suggested to the Laird of Abbotsford, three quarters of a century ago; words that find their application in that grand requiem service for Canada's dead statesman.

VILLA MARIA CONVENT.

GRAND RECEPTION GIVEN HIS HONOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CHAPLEAU.

Yesterday afternoon the pupils of Villa Maria Convent tendered a most interesting reception to His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Chapleau. The singing was most charming and the presentation of the addresses was accompanied with all the attractiveness of such occasions. One of the most pleasant incidents was the fact that when the English address, which was a beautiful piece of versification, was read in a very admirable style, His Honor surprised all present by replying, also, in English verse.

The reply corresponded so nicely with the wording and sentiments expressed in the address that all were delighted with the Lieutenant-Governor's tact and cleverness. It was on the whole a most enjoyable entertainment, and His Honor left with a very pleasant and high impression of the convent, the good sisters and their clever pupils.

If there is an institution in Canada that can do honor to such an occasion in a most satisfactory manner, it surely is the Villa Maria Convent. We are confident that the occasion will long remain fixed in the recollections of the young pupils and that of the Hon. Mr. Chapleau.

A CHURCH OF ENGLAND HYMN.

To St. Thomas of Canterbury.

The following hymn, used by the Anglican Order of the Holy Redeemer, is interesting from the tone of devotion attending a saint whose name but a few years back was to be known but for execration:—

Glorious saint and glorious martyr,
Crowned, when dying, by the sword;
Fearing not this life to barter,
Life spending with the Lord;
Glorious martyr, hear us praying,
Far from Peter's See we roam,
See thy flock, St. Thomas, straying;
Gather them and lead them home.

Good St. Thomas, when at nightfall
Fear fled thee, where others fled;
One alone to fight for rightful
Church and for her earthly Head;
By thy last grand prayer of anguish,
Ere thy spirit passed home,
Lead our England, lead thy England
Back to Peter's See at Rome.

Glorious saint, through glorious ages,
Here thy glorious faith was owned,
Rearing warriors, teaching sages,
Till by one man's hand dethroned.
Now again the truth we're learning,
Teaches us to cry to thee,
Lead thy flock, whose steps are turning,
Back again to Peter's See.

Saint, crowned once with martyr's chrism,
Win thyself a crown more grand;
Win all England back from schism;
Triumph twice in thine own land.
Lead, O Father; strive, O Spirit,
Let not Thomas plead in vain;
Jesu heed his death, and, for it,
Take Thy England home again.

[This looks very much like a Romeward movement. It is certain that St. Thomas of Canterbury will listen to the prayer and intercede with the Almighty, on behalf of England. Surely the author of this hymn believes in the invocation of the saints.—Ed. T. W.]

John Knox's only lineal descendant is a member of the congregation of the Holy Cross at Notre Dame. "Brother Philip" was a Methodist preacher in his early manhood, but for thirty years past he has been a teacher in various schools directed by the order. He has in his possession a snuff box which belonged to his great ancestor.

Sister Mary Agatha celebrated her golden jubilee last month in Chicago. She is a Sister of Charity.

A CENTRAL CLUB FOR YOUNG MEN.

To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS:

DEAR SIR.—There seems to be a growing inclination to agitate the question of a central, amalgamated club for Catholic young men. Protestants, who are less numerous and no wealthier than ourselves, own a flourishing and excellently managed institution where every branch of study that a young man might require is taught. A library of 3,000 volumes is at the disposal of members, all the latest and best magazines and newspapers find place on the table. In the matter of pleasure as apart from study the young men have means formed for enjoying almost all rational amusements. There are nearly 2,000 members of this institution, including perhaps 200 Catholic young men. The question is, "why do these young men who would be a credit to a Catholic club join a Protestant institution?" The answer is easy. It is because no equivalent, or anything approaching an equivalent, among Catholics, is obtainable. These 200 young men are industrious and ambitious and they join this Protestant Y.M.C.A. because they are determined to do everything they can to improve their knowledge in various branches that will be of assistance to them in securing worldly advancement. The same young men, in joining an average Catholic club, would doubtless learn few of these accomplishments.

When a young man applies to a merchant for a situation, he is not asked: "Can you play billiards, etc." No. He is more likely to be asked: "Can you write shorthand, do type-writing or keep books acceptably?"

There is more latent talent (that could be developed to the benefit of individuals and the community) being allowed to go to loss than it is possible to compute.

Night schools are valuable, but they do not supply the want. Many Catholic young men's societies are excellent from a spiritual point of view, but from a temporal outlook they are wholly inadequate.

We could, were we to exert ourselves, obtain a better equipped, better managed hall than the Y.M.C.A. The young men themselves are only very little to blame; it is the backward men of wealth, whose energies and names alone would accomplish half the battle, who are to blame.

FREDERICK SHAW.

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ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT CONCERT.

The officers and members of Division No. 2, Ancient Order of Hibernians, are making fine preparations for the concert that they purpose holding, on next St. Patrick's night, in the St. Gabriel's old church. A strong committee has been formed and energetic work is being done to make the entertainment one of the most attractive of the season. It is expected that Mr. C. R. Davlin, M.P., will deliver the address upon that occasion. We wish Division No. 2, every success imaginable and trust that their brightest expectations will be realized.

A BRIGHT YOUNG MAN.

It is with pleasure that we hear that Mr. Richard B. Milloy, of this city, who is a member of the "Joseph Howarth Dramatic Co.," has been making rapid strides in the profession. Since his short visit home he has been assigned excellent parts in Mr. Howarth's large repertory, which includes Hamlet, Rosedale, The Bells and Richelieu. During their engagement at the Castle Square Theatre, Boston, which commences Monday, the 21st, inst., Mr. Howarth will face the critics of the cultured city for the first time in the great role of Cardinal Richelieu and will be supported by Mr. Milloy as Francois.

The statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul shows that it distributed 11,233,460 francs to the poor during the year 1893, all over the world. Of this amount France contributed 2,198,566 francs.

Cups and Saucers given away with every pound of our 40c Tea. There are many other presents given away on delivery of every second pound. THE ORIENTAL, 418 St. James street, opp Little Craig. J. W. DONOHUE, Prop.