

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

Old Times, Old Friends, Old Love.

There are no days like the good old days— The days when we were youthful; When humankind were pure of mind And speech and deeds were truthful; Before a love for sordid gold Became man's ruling passion, Before each dame and maid became Slaves to the tyrant fashion.

INEXCUSABLE LOITERERS.

The saying, "better late than never," says the Sacred Heart Review, may apply in a measure to people who have fallen into the habit of being late at Mass, but it would be well if custom were to reform it altogether, for there can be, as a general thing, no good reason for it. Those who are behind reason for it. Those who are behind reason for it. Those who are behind reason for it.

LONDON MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

Annual Meeting - Highly Gratifying Reports of the Business for the Past Year. The annual meeting of the London Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held on the 3rd February, at their rooms, Richmond street, London. The various reports showed a very satisfactory year's work, and a very satisfactory year's work, and a very satisfactory year's work.

lated may understand and not be left, as at present, unintelligible to court, jury and counsel. A uniform policy will be adopted, and only varied by special contract.

TERRITORIAL DISTRICTS. It has occurred to the board that it would be of advantage to the company and a great saving of expense, to divide the Province into three districts, having an inspector in each district. A material saving in travelling expenses would be at once taken place. Long trips by rail, often doubled, would be avoided, and the inspectors would be on the spot to ed, and the inspectors would be on the spot to ed, and the inspectors would be on the spot to ed.

AGENTS. The agents as a rule have done their work well. Most of them have shown a devotion to the company's interests that is indeed commendable, and deserves to be commended, and deserves to be commended, and deserves to be commended.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT. The reports of the company's inspectors were then presented and adopted, as follows: Gentlemen—Your inspectors beg leave to report that during the year ending 31st December 1906, they have inspected 1,497 buildings, and reported on 56 claims against your company. Six of the claims, amounting to \$2,100, have been referred to the board of directors, and the board has decided to pay the same.

LOSSES. The losses for the year exceeded those of 1905 by \$2,730 47, making the total losses \$126,707 17. This increase was wholly unexpected, for in the past few years the losses have been comparatively light, and in three days we met over \$22,000 in losses from the unprecedented lightning storm that took place in the western section of the province, which carried away heavy lines of iron-pipes, and caused a great deal of damage.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The report of the financial condition of the company, which was read and adopted, proved highly satisfactory to the members. It is as follows: RECEIPTS. Cash balance from 1895.....\$ 1,947 15; Molsens bank.....\$ 28,047 85; Net surplus of assets.....\$ 491,114 18.

DISBURSEMENTS. Adjusted losses of 1905.....\$ 8,507 77; Losses.....\$ 120,028 81; Commission on assessments.....\$ 39,054 80; Bills payable.....\$ 10,532 42.

ASSETS. Amount available of premium.....\$ 229,017 29; Amount due on assessment No. 34.....\$ 7,289 53; Amount due on assessment No. 35.....\$ 39,175 89; Amount due on assessment No. 36.....\$ 18,114 41; Balance due by agents.....\$ 9,184 56; Office furniture.....\$ 1,489 41; Bills receivable.....\$ 275 35.

LIABILITIES. Losses adjusted but not due \$ 6,709 81; Bills payable.....\$ 20,000 00.

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COLORED NUNS SOUTH.

Hall Room Changed to a Convent. A sight which invariably attracts the attention of strangers in New Orleans is the colored Sisters. One so seldom hears of negroes professing the Roman Catholic faith that when he meets a colored nun for the first time he can but gaze after her in open-mouthed wonder.

It they were really Catholics in spirit, it, as well as in name, they would be in church at least a few minutes before Mass began. The time need not be wasted. It could be passed in a spiritual exercise that would prepare them properly for assisting at the holy sacrifice.

CONVENTUAL REFORMATORIES. Mrs. Spooner, whose efforts to ameliorate the condition of that unfortunate class of mortals whom the community, for its own safety and in the hope of effecting their reformation, feels obliged to imprison are well known, declared at the meeting of the Massachusetts Prison Reform League held in this city last week that she strongly favored placing female prisoners in conventual reformatories.

It is this cause a religious discussion," she added, "let the Catholic convicts be placed under the care of the Sisters and the Protestants and other consecrated women of the Protestant churches." At present it may be not practicable—in fact, it is partially impracticable—in fact, it is partially impracticable—in fact, it is partially impracticable.

In the boarding department of the convent, Sister Frances told me there were nineteen students. These came from Louisiana, Mexico and even South America. They are not only given a good ordinary education, some of them graduating at eighteen, but they also have the advantage of instruction in music if desired. Indeed, I could hear the monotonous run of the scales as I passed through the halls, and wondered if the little colored maids hated to practice as much as we used to do when at school. I fancy not, for occasionally I caught glimpses of figures seated at the piano, and saw on the little dusky faces expressions which spoke neither of fatigue nor discontent. Connected with the convent is a home for aged and infirm colored men and women.

In this convent of the Holy Family there are at present sixty-eight Sisters, twenty six novices and six candidates. The candidates remain six months, and if at the end of that period they still wish to continue they become novices. The novitiate lasts two years, after which the novice takes the black veil. Even then, however, the vows only become permanent when they have been renewed ten years in succession. One must thoroughly understand the character of the colored race to fully appreciate the sacrifice entailed by these vows of renunciation.

The colored people as a class are always so light-hearted and laughing-loving, so fond of gaiety and amusement, that such rigid self-denial must necessarily require even greater strength of purpose than that displayed by the white Sisters who devote their lives to religion and charity. And yet in all these years there has been only one who has left the sisterhood after taking the final vows.—Boston Transcript.

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In our times we have seen the Gospel spread through the world numbering the hundreds of millions of the nations who men and women nursing fathers mothers. The Church has grown and might, but she has stripped them of their kingdom. When spring? From the smallest and most remote corners. Go to the hem of the holy robe, the cross and the room in which the gathered together the source and the from which the mission of the Church has been sent. In grace of God was a seed to grow habits of faith, hope, then given to us by the Holy Spirit, and we grow passionate increase enemies, the world, grow fiercer seed planted in the storms and held in strife? The tion depends upon upon our own gain the good we certainly carry has given us to the seed. He with His grace, fire of His love at.

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