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BISHOP CAMERON'S TIMELY WARNING.

The Catholic Church has always raised its voice against the evils of drunkenness and advised its adherents to abstain from alcoholic stimulants.

there is Christian charity, which, as the bishop points out, we should reflect in all our thoughts, words and works.

Bishop Cameron, of Antigonish, on learning that intemperance is on the increase in some parts of his diocese, has sent a circular to the faithful of his diocese, in which every argument which could possibly be used against the use and abuse of alcoholic drink, and in favor of total abstinence, is lucidly and forcibly set forth.

Animated by the Spirit of our dear Lord and Master, we are bound, like St. Paul, to account even one single soul to be so precious that we will on no consideration allow ourselves any indulgence whatever tending to endanger it.

After a careful investigation extending over several years, many of the most renowned specialists of the age have come to the conclusion that alcohol, while it does warm the surface of the body, does not increase its heat, but diminishes it, does not give tone to the muscles but relaxes them and reduces their power.

At frequent intervals during recent years the cheering news comes from different leading cities in the United States and Canada, that Catholic institutions are remembered by name of wealth.

Let it next be remembered, says Bishop Cameron, that many practically cannot, partly because of existing temptations arising out of the force of perditions example, partly from want of self-restraint proceeding from moral and religious culture, be temperate in the use of alcoholic drink.

Some of the bequests are as follows: Catholic University of America, \$10,000; St. Mary's General Hospital, St. Mark's avenue, \$10,000; Little Sisters of the Poor, \$10,000; St. Vincent de Paul Society, \$10,000; St. Mary's Maternity and Nursery, \$7,500; St. John's Home Orphan Asylum Society, \$7,500; St. Joseph's Home for Girls, \$7,500; Newsboys' Home, \$5,000; Convent of Mercy, \$7,500; Visitation Academy, \$2,500; Home for Consumptives, \$5,000, and Brooklyn Bureau of Charities, \$5,000.

Had the immortal Father Matthew never pronounced or acted upon his famous "Here goes in the name of God," as he proceeded to take the pledge—never could he have achieved one hundredth part of the martyrdom that crowned his apostolate and his centennial this year would have passed without evoking any of the extraordinary phenomena which have greeted it on both sides of the Atlantic.

Bishop H. M. Turner, colored, at a recent conference of delegates of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, said: "I see no manhood future for the negro in this country, and the man who is not able to discover that fact from existing conditions must be void of common sense."

wealth can ever elevate us to the grade of respectability. I say this because we are surrounded by so many influences that militate against our manhood.

NOTES FROM AMERICAN CENTRES.

Monday, November 28th, was the 10th anniversary of the installation of the Right Reverend John S. Foley, D. D., as Bishop of Detroit.

A recent evidence of this fact is to be found in the will of David T. Leahy, New York, who was member of the firm of Edward H. Van Ingen & Co.

David T. Leahy, jr., the son, is liberally dealt with under the terms of the will. The executors are instructed to pay over \$600,000, one-third to each of the three following trusts:

The Bridgeport, Conn., correspondent of the New York Herald writes: Miss Mary L. Burritt, has embraced the Roman Catholic faith, having been recently baptized in the Church of the Paulist Fathers, in New York City.

Bridgeport family, and has long been one of the regular communicants of Trinity Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Father L. N. Booth, the rector, is a high church man, and Miss Burritt was one of the warmest adherents of the high church ritual introduced some years ago at Trinity.

Before embracing the Catholic faith she was compelled to pursue a rigorous study of the dogmatic teachings of the Church. The Paulist Fathers were very strict in their course of preparation of the candidate.

Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, possesses a great deal more courage than the average lawyer whose ambition it is to wear the livery of the Bench.

Mr. P. A. O'Farrell contributes an interesting article to the Dublin Freeman, under the caption of "Irishmen in Canada," in which he refers to Mr. T. G. Shaughnessy, the well-known Vice-president of the C. P. R., as follows:

Knowing Sir John Shaughnessy as I did, I had hoped that Richard O'Shaughnessy would play a noble part in the history of his time, but he has fallen by the wayside and sunk into obscurity.

The Irish Industries, sold at Liverpool during the first three days of November realized \$5,000.

THE BISHOP OF LIMERICK'S Remarks on Education.

His Lordship, Bishop O'Dwyer of Limerick, presided at a lecture recently delivered by Lord Emily in the city of the Broken Treaty.

"Sometimes they had people discussing Irish affairs—the actual affairs of the present day—as if Ireland had risen out of the ocean yesterday, and had no past history.

There was a time in Lord Emily's life that he gave his Lordship great satisfaction. Sometimes they met together and spoke of the Irish Catholics and Irish ecclesiastics, and great liberties and great privileges.

Rev. Father O'Bryan, the popular and able president of Loyola College occupied the pulpit at St. James Cathedral on Sunday last.

Mr. M. J. F. Quinn, G.C., M.P., and this talented wife, gave some tangible appreciation of the splendid work being done in musical circles by that clever little musical organization composed of young Irish-Canadian Catholics, from the Parish of St. Ann's of this city.

knowledge is the great motive power and the great means by which people were raised up. Now in this century they were taking a more insidious and a more refined way of oppressing the Catholics of Ireland, and shutting us out from the sources of higher knowledge.

Now, he ventured to say that the loss of higher education to the Catholics of Ireland has in itself amounted in material consequent to the loss of money, and what was equivalent to money, the greatest infliction that could be imposed upon our people.

Let them look at Belgium. Sixty years ago it got its freedom, and set to work to educate its people. It was like a babe in industry and work.

But the method that was being applied now in this 19th Century is one of education, and in which any country to deny Ireland justice.

BRANCH 54 C. M. B. A.

At a meeting of the above Branch held on Friday the 2nd inst. the following were elected to hold office during the ensuing year:

The foregoing were elected without opposition and with the exception of one are the same who served during the past year.

Leave your order with us to have your piano or organ tuned or repaired for Christmas. We will do it as cheap as is consistent with the best of workmanship.