

St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference at Westminster.

The annual meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of England was held at Archbishop's House, Westminster, Eng., recently.

The proceedings were opened by Brother Whitlaw, who read a letter in the "Bulletin" from the President-General, dealing with matters affecting the work of the Society.

The Marquis of Ripon, in his presidential address, said the Brothers met that day under a sense of serious disappointment, because it was their hope that they would be honored by the presence of His Eminence the Cardinal.

that was the duty of the clergy, and it was a duty for which most of them were quite incompetent - but what they had to do was first and foremost to gain the confidence of the families whom they visited, and then, having done that, to use those little opportunities which sprang up from time to time in which they might say a word in season, and which was often laid to heart and bore fruit in the end (cheers).

CATHOLICITY AND POVERTY.— Brother A. E. Moore read a paper on this subject, in the course of which he asked whether Catholics generally did all that was possible for the poor—a charge which was received direct from the Omnipotent; was that which they did calculated to effect the most good, and the measures which were employed the most efficacious?

INCREASE OF A CONFERENCE.— Brother Henry A. Whitehead, vice-president of the Kentish Town Conference, contributed a paper on the ways and means of increasing a conference. Briefly sketching his early connection with this northern branch and reviewing a paper which he had already written on the subject, Brother Whitehead said of each member who sought or accepted office he would ask whether he was prepared to give the necessary time to the efficient discharge of the duties, and if the reply were in the affirmative he would recommend that person for the office.

other interesting suggestions for increasing the membership of a conference, and concluded by appealing to the Catholic Press for assistance. "We are poor," observed the writer; "all we possess we give in charity. I would ask them to give us as much publicity as possible, so as to render it impossible for any Catholic to say he does not know of the Society."

In the discussion which followed Brother Hemelryk characterized the paper as an admirable one. Some years ago he read a paper at the annual meeting to induce the members of the aristocracy and rich laymen to join the Society, and, although he was graciously listened to, his words met with no success. He still thought that men of good position, and leading lights in the country, might be induced to join the Society. The speaker considered that if the Cardinal Archbishop could be induced to take an active part in the advancement of the Society he might do a great deal of good.

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clergy in that great work, they were not more sought after than they were.

THE WORK.—Father Price then read a paper entitled "Our Influence," written by Brother McCudden. The writer said it was true that each brother joined the society first and foremost for his own personal sanctification, and it followed that a practical brother of St. Vincent was sure to be a good Catholic, for he realized what an important thing was good example.

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France of The Future.

(By a Regular Contributor.)

The pessimist may well be excused, if under existing circumstances, he foresees the destruction of religion and a moral as well as social chaos falling upon France. It was in the very darkest and bloodiest days of the great Revolution that the brightest rays of hope flashed upon the horizon of France's future. Licence, when it springs from the levelling of authority, always marks the downfall of the usurper. It proved the Nemesis of the great Roman Empire; it was the precursor of a new system in the days of the Terror.

New Prefect of The Propaganda.

In the death of the late Cardinal Ledochowski the Church has lost one of her most noble soldiers, and the Propaganda Fide has lost its most renowned prefect, the Holy Father has supplied, in his place, that which the Church has of the most talented and most able in the person of Cardinal Gotti. Previously Cardinal Gotti was prefect of the Congregation of Bishops and Regulars and of Discipline. A week ago last Tuesday he was appointed to succeed the late Cardinal Ledochowski.

footed Carmelites. Then Leo XIII. called his services and abilities into requisition, and sent him, when Dom Pedro resigned and a republic followed, to Brazil to look after the interests of the Church in that Catholic country as internuncio.

When he returned to Italy from South Africa he was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and even the Italian Government, which had taken note of the great amount of good which he accomplished in South America among the large Italian population there, thanked him for his good offices. The Pope honored him by making him a Cardinal in the consistory held Nov. 25, 1895.

TEMPERANCE TALKS

A MATTER OF HABIT.—A pleasing little story of Andrew Carnegie comes from the New York "Times." Mr. Carnegie was the guest of honor at a recent dinner at Philadelphia, and before its close not a few of the guests noticed that his wine-glasses remained untouched. At last, just as the dinner was about to end, one of the more inquisitive persons present said:—

THE EVIL OF IT.—Gladstone said: "The traffic in strong drink has inflicted more evil on the human race than war, pestilence and famine combined."

PHYSICAL ILLS.—Dr. Demme of Germany has been investigating. He found that 82 per cent. of the children of teetotalers were sound in their internal organs, while only 17 per cent. of the children of liquor-drinkers were as well off.

CLOSED SALOONS.— Cardiff, Wales, when saloons were open Sunday, had 80,000 population and sixty-two arrests for drunkenness on that day, but with 170,000 population, and the saloons closed on Sundays, they had but two arrests.

The OGILVY STORE

The Store will close at 1 p.m. to-day, as usual, and every Saturday during the month of August.

THE LINEN DEPARTMENT.

Homestead Damask Tea Cloths. At 85c, 90c, 95c, \$1.00, \$1.10 and \$1.25 EACH. Striped Cotton Turkish Towels. 24 x 50 INCHES, 35c. For 25c EACH. Brown Linen Turkish Towels. 40c, 45c, 55c, 65c and 85c EACH. Linen Dress Crashes. 27 inches wide, 25c and 30c, for 20c PER YARD. 27 inches wide, 35c, for 25c per yd.

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We have reduced two Special Lines of Ladies' Summer Ties. The first lot is Muslin and Silk, in Fancy Colors, and Plain White, Lovely and Cool for wearing this warm weather. Regular 45c, 50c and 60c. SUMMER SALE PRICE, 25c EACH. The second lot are all our regular stock of Ladies' Fancy Silk Stocks and Ties, in all the newest colorings. Prices range from 75c to \$1.75. SUMMER SALE PRICE, 50c.

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SATURDAY, AU... OUR CURBSTONE OBSERVER.

If my contribution a few years have any interest, they have remarked that taking a holiday, least, we will suppose day. At all events I writing down any c. tions. Still, I have "Curbstone" just as ever, but not necessarily curbstons. No matter cast by the whim of I mind is always full of I keep up the keeness that concerns the city. there was always an h joyment for me—the l could sit down and re read daily papers. Th be three, four, or even when they would come session, but that did i situation—could not twenty-four hours to reading the papers bel space of time. I do n I was always perfectly that I was invariably what I read; but I cou the effects of that spee sickness which craves i information from the c affections. But I had that one does not exp at home; I was ena more critically the ene and character of our de when existing in the r affairs in this city. H the evening papers, an glance hurriedly throu dwelling upon the sp that have an interest, when abroad, I cou every column, every ite over advertisements. sious of finding fault, resist recording a few c tions.

OUR DAILY PAPER ards of excellence r reached by means of c I take four leading da Montreal—two English French—and compare th daily papers of other c countries, especially in States, I find, if anyth are equal to the best superior to not a few. this general statement through any prejudice our local organs. It i possible that the news the Montreal press wo have a greater interest that which I would fin pers published in place am a stranger. I adm always in a position to better that which I rea may call our home pap which I found in a forei making due allowance i cial sentiment of the k mly experience. I frankly say that our p much up-to-date as an this continent. They m sist of as much paper as but, when it is all bol will be found that very world's news escapes th an easy matter to par not crushing one with umes of matter that n man being can find tim be the inclination to re

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Under the caption "A Abroad," the Catholic Liverpool, says:— It would be hard to tory a period of trouble allel to that through Church is passing to- few lands can we say th joying place. Here at face to face with a situat y perilous for her sch when all is said, are the sanctuary. What the which Mr. Balfour direct Minister may ultimately Education Bill not even foretell. But, fortunatel not now appear as if w cede a majority represe the committees of man the public authorities. I so, the Bill, so far from strain, would increase it thirty years the pride an