The Care of the Young and Old in St. Bridget's Home.

The Devotion of the Nuns to the Homeless and .Helpless - The Wonderful Woman From Tipnerary-One Hundred and Six Adolphe Chapleau Figured.

From our own Correspondent.

Through the courtesy of the Rev. Mother Superior I was conducted over that most impressed me was the thought of the sacritice made by the holy conseerated women who willingly devoted spiritual welfare of creatures whom the sordid outside world would likely spurn from its doors. Some of St. Bridget's inmates are able to pay part of the cost of their keep, but the great majority of them depend entirely upon the good And this is no easy task at a time when money is scarce and former liberal givers are obliged to curtail donations. Even with a full treasury the Rev. Lady is moved by vain glory as well as in its Superior and her devoted co workers would have a heavy responsibility; as it is the task is greater but the reward of the laborers will be increased, for they are doing it for Him whose reward is ever just and sure. In the award of merit the good men who now give, and have for years given, their time and means towards the Asylum's support, will not rank far behind the consecrated ladies who spend their lives in the good work. The inmates consist of old men and women, little orphan girle. some of whom are not over two years eld, and orphan boys from about 3 years to after they reach the age of sturdy boyhood, when they are wisely placed out in positions where their early training will serve to the highest advantage. and their moral and religious teaching will not be exposed to perversion.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' SECTIONS.

The visit to the boys' room was prolonged because the Rev. Mother in charge and the Lady Superior wished to give proof of the extra care bestowed upon their wards, and rightly so, as the battle of life will be severe enough for tue lade when they leave St. Bridget's even with the best training and moral equipment. The lads were caused to sing and recite, and they did their parts very well indeed, and showed an intelligent conception of what was expected of as they entered into the spirit of the enterainment. In the girls' room there are little tots of two years and others up to fifteen. They all appeared clean, healthy and intelligent, and showed marks of the very lost training, for they are under the care of the zealous Mother St. Felix, who exist all is the guiding hand of Providence who will not suffer liss sillicted to the tenderest care upon the tenderest care upon the following t dently bestows the tenderest care upon their happiness and welfare. A touch ing incident was seen here when it was feigned that their protectoress was going to leave them, for the poor little ones shed tears, and when the statement was contradicted the little eyes brightened and small arms strove to clap the body of their beloved guardian.

The motherly kindness that produced

such warm infantile affection must have been of the very tenderest kind, and who can doubt that it will reproduce the best Christian fruits in later life. When these girls grow up to womanhood and have to face the world's blasts and temptations, a look backwards to the moral, virtuous lessons instilled in St. Bridget's may save them from the templer's spares. We found

THE OLD MEN SNUGLY HOUSED

ard cleanly kept and well fed. They were smoking and seemed to enjoy their ease and comfort. Upon one remarking as to the privilege of being allowed to bacco, the Rev. Mother Superior explained that she considered the use of the weed a pacifier, for hardly any com-plaints came from that ward. Here, ain all parts of the Asylum, the inmates are of the Irish Celtic race and their hu morous traits and ready wit do not desert them. They seem cheerful and happy. While some of them may have seen better days, others have surely seen worse, for the inmates get enough clothes to wear, wholesome food to eat, clean rooms and beds, and the best spiritual and religious accommodation by the zealous Re demptorist Fathers of St. Patrick's, and of the gifts that heaven bestows they have more than an ordinary share, for the Asylum home is situated on high ground in the St. Louis Road, near the famous Plains of Abraham. The view from the upper windows is simply grand, and the air breathed in the home is the purest, being tinctured with the first sunbeams in the morning and the last at sundown.

THE WOMEN'S SECTION

is perhaps the most interesting in the building, containing, as it does, desolate females of various ages and temperaments and conditions. Some of them are not much over middle age, and many of them, no doubt, once had happy homes of their own, but either through improvidence or some other fatal cause on their own part or that of their providers they had to seek shelter in this charitable retreat, and thankful indeed ought they to be that they can become guests of such tender nurses who are able to dispense charity through the con tinued efforts of the managing commit-tee of St. Bridget's Asylum Association who are again strengthened by the generous donations of the public benefactors

CATHOLIC CHARITY IN QUEBEC a record if not a history unique in itself, This noted Irish woman is Mrs. Bridget Glennan, aged 106 years. The venerable old lady herself denies the impeachment either from the instinctive womanly habit to curtail the years of this life or from other mistaken idea, but 106 years is the actual count, as the Rev. Mother Superior assured me that the certificate of baptism

CAME FROM TIPPERARY,

where Mrs. Glennan first saw the light.

She is yet hale and hearty and possesses all her mental faculties clear and strong. Years Old and in Possession of stich, nor does she wear glasses or feel All Her Mental Faculties An the need of doing so. She talks with great vigor and valiantly asserts that the owes the institution nothing for she owes the institution nothing, for she can pay her way," and has already provided for her funeral expenses. The effort to make good the last named ex-pense the Rev. Superioress holds is pecu-liar to the Irish Catholic race, as her years of experience proves that if they have a surplus dollar at all it goes into this deserving institution, and as I was a fund to pay for the coffin and shroud led from room to room and saw them and burial charges. Then this famous filed with helpless inmates, the thing matron never neglects to tell of her episode with the Lieutenant Governor. This is how it happened: She was returning from her husband's grave, wearied and toots (re, when overtaken by their lives and activities to the care and Sir Adolphe Chapleau and Lady on their way from Spencerwood to the city. Bridget appealed to the coachman for a 'lift," but she didn't want it for nothing. She was willing to pay a price. This, however, was not accepted, but the distinguished couple took her inco their carriage and deposited her at the deor of the asylum. She related to them her nuns for their support and attendance. history and they were interested in her unique personality. She evidently loves to speak of this and takes a pardonable pride in its reheareal, proving, as it were, that humanity in its doting stage

If the initial efforts of St. Bridget's were traced the mind would be carried back to the dark days when

THE STRICKEN IRISH EMIGRANTS

were landed at Grosse Isle and Quebec in a dying condition that called aloud of Catholicity,-I care not if every man for human aid and compassion. But it were better perhaps not to dwell upon those dreadful scenes. The present time position is what we are here concerned most about, and in it we find the famed institution still strong and beneficent in dealing out its charity and protection to the desolate and helpless ones of St. Patrick's parish. Its chief financial support comes from the well-to-do of the congregation in direct contributions of money or goods, and through the annual bazaar in which the prominent ladies take deep interest and oftentimes cause unwilling hands to go deep into pockets that fain would hold on to their dollars; still the vigilant directress says that the money results are far from being what they were in the good times and when the congregation was larger. The Legislature contributes, or rather, allows, a grant, and the School Commissioners give something, but the sums are small, so that the burden chiefly falls upon the generous members of St. Patrick's flock, who, of course, strain every nerve to maint in the vigor and usefulness of the well known institution.

Then the domestic management is of them, and it was refreshing to see their the most skilful and economical sort, bright Irish faces and eyes light up as not a cent is lost or misapplied, so that dorses a sociable, or encourages any even with diminished funds, rigid economy and wise government can make character which the whole community money go far and last long. Then the shall regard as worthy of the Majestic poor to die of starvation.

WM, ELLIS N

CANADIAN TRADE FOR CANADA.

The Victoria, BC, Times says:-"The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have shown wonderful, yet character istic, energy in dealing with the Klondike question; they have fairly flooded the United Kingdom with literature in the highest degree beneficial to the interests of Canada, yet indulging in no abuse or misrepresentation of the Americans. The case for Canada has been put in such a manner that thousands who would have gone to Scattle, Tacoma. Portland and other American points will come to Victoria, Vancouver and other British Columbia cities. The C.PR, can take passengers to Seattle quite as cheaply as they can land them in Victoria or Vancouver, but it is to the company's credit that all their efforts have

been to divert the travel to Canada. We don't expect railway companies to be influenced entirely by patriotism, but the C.P.R. have certainly in this matter done all within their power to give Canada the benefit of their influence without going out of the way to hurt rival lines by false statements. The Alaska Commercial Company, with all their experience in the Yukon and thorough knowledge of the rules and regulations governing the import of the committee has done is to insist upon goods to the Klondike, purchasing their the general need and demand for these stores in Victoria, is significant testimony to the fact that the Canadian camprign bas been conducted on the proper lines and that it will be completely suc-

Mr. Licnel Phillipps, the South African speculator, who was one of Dr. Jameson's accomplices, has been banished for life from the Transvaal Republic. He was set free, with other conspirators, on promising never to interfere directly or indirectly in Transvaal politics. He broke his promise by writing an article condemning the Government in the Nineteenth Cen-

In the province of Smolensk, Russia, there is a district fifteen miles square which is wholly administered, and for the greater part of the year exclusively inhabited, by women. In the early spring all the able bodied males emigrate to the large towns in search of work, leaving the women to cultivate the fields and manage local affairs generally under the guidance of a mayorees.

No man ever climbed a ladder at a In this female ward several very old bound. Each round represents a step in women reside, but one in particular has the progress of achievement.

MR. HENRY AUSTIN ADAMS, editor of Donahoe's Magazine, in the current number, under the familiar caption of 'Men and Things," deals with the sulject of Catholic Clubs, in the United States, or what we would call in Montreal, Catholic Societies, in a fearless and practical manner. He eulogizes the good work of one of these organizations. carried on in the parish of Trenton, and in detailing the objects and methods of the institution has this to say :-First of all, then, the Trenton Club starts out on the theory that

THE CHURCH AND THE CIVILIZATION which inheres in her teaching, are the refining and elevating forces which have created society. All art, music, literature and culture are the offspring of true pr neiples. The function of Christianity has been to teach man all truth,-hence all that is true in life, in civilization. Therefore, when the Church, or when churchmen, acting as such, and under Church auspices, engage in efforts which are not elevating nor refining they are to that extent departing from the true work of the Church, and neutralizing one very important note of her mission in the world.

A CATHOLIC IS A GENTLEMAN in so far as he is catholic. An association of Catholic gentlemen organized for purely social pleasure remains Catholic only so long as the entertainments, manners and spirit of the association continue to be those of gentlemen

Consequently, when a club called "Catholic" manifests in its conduct and attitude no essential difference from that of a gang of political heelers, or of a fourth-rate pool room, it is not merely not Catholic but an outrageous betrayal in it be a Catholic and its meetings be held in the Parish Lyceum. To say that because a majority of our young men are poor and uneducated, we cannot expect them to be gentlemen,

IS A GROSS LIBEL, which I resent and deny. Riches and learning never yet made a gentleman. Charity and humility and self-control are the only possible elements in a true gentleman, and these, thank God, come from Heaven, and not from the pocket book. Let every Catholic Club in the land realize that in our holy religion lies the secret of all true culture, and we shall have more of them doing the splendid work now being accomplished in Trenton. If our young men must have variety shows, does it follow that the Church must become the impressario? If young fellows must spit, and romp, and indulge

IN VULGAR HORSE PLAY,

does it follow that our over-worked pastors must put up coatly buildings in which these hoodlum propensities may be indulged? Father Hogan does not think so. He seems to feel that before he announces an entertainment, or enpublic event, that it ought to be of a onymous with vulgarity, and they have been happily educated to realize that anything given under the auspices of the Catholic Club and with the endorse ment of the reverend clergy carries with it a guarantee of its being at the same time refined in manner and sound in principles.

A project initiated by a New York journal having for its aim the establishment of public gymnasiums in different places throughout the city was discussed recently at a joint meeting of the athletic organizations, and as a result a repert was adopted which goes to show that the undertaking will be pushed to a successful issue.

President Clausen, of the Park Com mission, has also invited the committee of the allied athletic associations to call upon him so he may give them a hearing and tell them what he can do for them. This invitation was accepted.

The committee closed its statement as follows:

"As to the details generally, whether playgrounds or gymnasium are to be arranged in this or that park, or in the East River Park or Central Park, the committee takes no position; in fact, at the present time it is an immaterial detail of the general proposal to do this.

"It involves close study and investi-gation of local conditions and environments, which properly should be made by the constituted authorities. What recreation places, and it has sought to explain the wholesome effect upon the physical as well as moral life of the community."

The Catholic Witness of Detroit, under the caption "Our Young Men," has this

Look at the man who succeeds in life. What does it? This: He chooses a calling, trade, profession, or what not, and sticks to it. He digs, works, labors in it, making all things, all circum stances, and, as far as may be, all men, tributary to it. The successful man is

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variably does everything, small or large. they laugh and applaud the wit of the with a heart—just as though the thing hero and hiss the villain. They shout in hand came into the world for his their approval of a duel and weep aloud special execution. There is not a busi-over the death of the aged mother. special execution. There is not a busi-ness followed by man, if it be reasonable. When they drive in the Bois they smile. in its nature and carried on in a decent and have an air of enjoyment quite at place, but will be successful if the right variance with the bores expression of means be applied to it. It is the man English and Americans who have enough behind that determines the result. What money to own carriages. We rove in can be expected of him who has no Hyde Park in London the day before we pluck, no courage? Not much. It is came to Paris, and nearly we; t with the man of nerve enthusivem, intelli sympathy for the unspeken grief in the gent and consecutive workers backed faces of the unfortunate rich who were with sufficient capital to start without at such pains to enj y memselves. I never saw such handrome men as I saw in London. I never saw such beautiful 'I like the way the French take their women as I see in Paris. French men are amusements,' writes Miss Lilian Bell, insignificant as a rule, and English wo in a letter from Paris to the February | men are beefy and dress like rag bags."

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