

CATHOLIC CHARITY IN QUEBEC

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 Tipperary - One Hundred and Six Years Old and in Possession of All Her Mental Faculties An Amusing Incident in Which Sir Adolphe Chapleau Figured.

From our own Correspondent. Through the courtesy of the Rev. Mother Superior I was conducted over this deserving institution, and as I was led from room to room and saw them filled with helpless inmates, the thing that most impressed me was the thought of the sacrifice made by the holy consecrated women who willingly devoted their lives and activities to the care and spiritual welfare of creatures whom the world outside would likely spurn from its doors.

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 the lads when they leave St. Bridget's even with the best training and moral equipment.

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.

THE OLD MEN SINGLY 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 smoke, the Rev. Mother Superior explained that she considered the use of the weed a pacifier, for hardly any complaints came from that ward.

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 continued efforts of the managing committee of St. Bridget's Asylum Association who are again strengthened by the generous donations of the public benefactors of the place.

In this female ward, several very old women reside, but one in particular has

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. She can knit without dropping a single stitch, nor does she wear glasses or feel the need of doing so. She talks with great vigor and valiantly asserts that "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 expense the Rev. Superiors holds is peculiar to the Irish Catholic race, as her years of experience proves that if they have a surplus dollar at all it goes into a fund to pay for the coffin and shroud and burial charges.

THE STRICKEN IRISH EMIGRANTS

were landed at Grosse Ile and Quebec in a dying condition that called aloud 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.

WM. ELLIS N

CANADIAN TRADE FOR CANADA.

The Victoria, B. C., Times says:—"The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have shown wonderful, yet characteristic, 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. This case for Canada has been put in such a manner that thousands who would have gone to Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and other American points will come to Victoria, Vancouver and other British Columbia cities.

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 goods to the Klondike, purchasing their stores in Victoria, is significant testimony to the fact that the Canadian campaign has been conducted on the proper lines and that it will be completely successful.

Mr. Lionel Phillips, 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 Century.

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 mayoress.

No man ever climbed a ladder at a bound. Each round represents a step in the progress of achievement.

CHATS TO YOUNG MEN.

MR. HENRY AUSTIN ADAMS, editor of Donahoe's Magazine, in the current number, under the familiar caption of "Men and Things," deals with the subject 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 principles. 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 hooligans, or of a fourth-rate pool room, it is not merely not Catholic,—I care not if every man 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.

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 impresario? If young fellows must spit, and romp, and indulge

IN VULGAR HORSE PLAY, does it follow that our over-worked pastors must put up costly 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 endorses a sociable, or encourages any public event, that it ought to be of a character which the whole community shall regard as worthy of the Majestic Mother of Civilization, the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Roman Church. The result is that the ladies and gentlemen of Trenton not of the Faith do not regard Catholic entertainments as synonymous with vulgarity, and they have been happily educated to realize that anything given under the auspices of the Catholic Club and with the endorsement 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 report was adopted which goes to show that the undertaking will be pushed to a successful issue. President Clausen, of the Park Commission, 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 gymnasiums 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 investigation of local conditions and environments, which properly should be made by the constituted authorities. What the committee has done is to insist upon the general need and demand for these 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 to say:—"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 circumstances, and, as far as may be, all men, tributary to it. The successful man is

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always the man of enthusiasm. He invariably does everything, small or large, with a heart—just as though the thing in hand came into the world for his special execution. There is not a business followed by man, if it be reasonable in its nature and carried on in a decent place, but will be successful if the right means be applied to it. It is the man behind that determines the result. What can be expected of him who has no pluck, no courage? Not much. It is the man of nerve, enthusiasm, intelligent and consecutive work, backed with sufficient capital to start without making a debt that is successful.

'I like the way the French take their amusements,' writes Miss Lillian Bell, in a letter from Paris to the February

Ladies' Home Journal. 'At the theatre they laugh and applaud the wit of the hero and hiss the villain. They shout their approval of a duel and weep aloud over the death of the aged mother. When they drive in the Bois they smile and have an air of enjoyment quite at variance with the bored expression of English and Americans who have enough money to own carriages. We have in Hyde Park in London the day before we came to Paris, and nearly wet with sympathy for the unspoken grief in the faces of the unfortunate rich who were at such pains to enjoy themselves. I never saw such handsome men as I saw in London. I never saw such beautiful women as I see in Paris. French men are insignificant as a rule, and English women are bely and dress like rag-bags.'

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