

"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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TWO IRISH BISHOPS.

On Mr. Dillon's Appeal for Parliamentary Funds.

A Powerful Letter from Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe—The Bishop of Galway on the Situation and Needs of the Irish Parliamentary Party.

Within a week Ireland has turned in some two thousand dollars to the Irish Parliamentary Fund. The subscriptions in all cases so far have come from prominent men. All the branches of the Irish National Federation throughout the country have opened subscription lists. Among the subscribers are the Bishops of Raphoe and Galway, whose letters to 'The Freeman's Journal' we give below:

Powerful Letter of the Bishop of Raphoe. To the Editor of 'The Freeman's Journal.'

DEAR SIR—With the bleak prospects before our agricultural population during the coming year in the poorer parts of Ireland it needs more than an ordinary cause to draw a subscription for political purposes from one situated as I am. Yet I feel I ought to double my usual contribution to the Parliamentary Fund.

The Nationalist Party cannot subsist without public support; and it would be difficult to raise this without the aid of the State as we now depend on maintaining a thoroughly efficient force in Parliament to compel attention to the wants of Ireland. The state of Taxation, now branded with injustice, the condition of Agriculture, the condition of Education, the method of government, comprising in itself an epitome of Irish grievances, all demanding that the existing unnatural system of legislation and administration from without should be changed for one that will accord with the just claims and best interests of the Irish people.

In that conviction I enclose a cheque for £20; and, needless to say, my contribution is unreservedly at the disposal of the Party, to be used according to the judgment of what is best for the National cause. But while not desiring to fetter in any way the discretion of our representatives it may be well to express publicly the feeling under which I subscribe.

I should not contribute at all if I thought my little sum would do anything for anyone but the time to come would about himself from party meetings or break party discipline, or fall in ordinary common-sense allegiance to the pledge, no matter how good his intentions or how specious his plea. Whoever the leader is, he must have discipline to make progress.

I have sometimes been asked what course I would take if the Party selected a chairman whom I should distrust. Well, there is discipline for the elector as well as for the man who is elected. If the Nationalists who were unable to be with us except in spirit, may even in a poor year not only make the just appeal issued by Mr. Dillon a financial success, but can see that it receives such a response as will be a tonic and to disruption in the Irish Party. That Party, even in its days of bitterest pruning, never questioned the truth that the mercy and consideration we all need so much from above should be initiated in our own hearts and in the hearts of those with our own. The Christian law requires that the door of forgiveness be never closed. It is always open, on conditions, in the realm of higher things. No matter, then, what the past record may be, for all who give unfeeling consideration to the wrongs of the past, let us be ready to act unbecomingly in loyal comradeship, the Irish Party will know, without any thought of humiliation, how to reconcile the respect due to its members with the imperative demands of the country they serve.

I have written all this rather with the object of helping to clear the ground than of attempting to sound any high note on behalf of the appeal. The Party, now pledged before our race to maintain discipline in its own person and promote as well as possible the cause of the Nation, has a right to generous support from the nation, and eloquent voices will be raised to press the claim for a splendid National effort. I think I may promise that the priests and their difficulties are not slight, will do their part to sustain the old cause.

I am, dear sir,
Sincerely yours,
PATRICK O'DONNELL,
Leterkeny, Oct. 24th, 1896.

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Mount St. Mary's, Galway,
28th October, 1896.

My DEAR SIR—I beg you will do me the favor of conveying the enclosed cheque for £20 to the Treasurers of the

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An Anniversary Greeting to Loretto Abbey.

A Brilliant Musical and Social Event—The Archbishop Compliments the Pupils and Their Teachers on Their Successful Entertainment.

Loretto Abbey was the scene of a brilliant musical entertainment on Tuesday afternoon, in honor of the anniversary of the ordination of His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto, which occurred on the 10th inst. Many of the city clergy and all the leading Catholic ladies and gentlemen of Toronto were present, as well as many leading Protestants. Among those who were noticed were: Vicar-General McCann, Vory Rev. Father Wynn, Father Ryan, Father Hand, Dr. Teefe, Father James Walsh, Father Cruise, Father McGroarty, Father McBrady, C.S.B., Father Engros, C.S.S.R., Father Rohleder and many others. The hall was crowded long before the appointed hour. The stage presented a charming appearance with its row after row of fair young girls dressed in white. The entrance march was brilliantly executed by Miss Edith Mason and Miss Gwendoline Jones, and the song of welcome admirably rendered by the choral class. The principal feature of the evening, which followed, was a national tribute to his Grace, of excellent literary merit and unique conception, and was interpreted by the pupils in a manner to do it the fullest justice. The "Living Age" coming forward, boasted of her greatness, but the different nations interposed to show that only for their past achievements the "Living Age" would be divested of much of her glory. Nazareth, Ireland and Canada paid special homage to his Grace. Ireland took occasion to thank her for her generous assistance for her missions in the recent Irish Race convention at Dublin on her behalf, and Canada to praise him as the daily witness of his kind and devoted administration. National songs were interspersed with the recitation of the whole a novel and delightful entertainment.

The second part of the programme consisted of vocal and instrumental music which displayed an amount of skill wholly unexpected in school girls. The choir, under the direction of Mr. J. M. Maher and Lobel were brilliant and artistic excursions, and the solos of Miss Lobel and Miss Chapin, with violin and cello obligato, were exquisite features. Miss Gertrude Hughes displayed remarkable skill in declamation with fascinating and interesting stories from the "Living Age" was specially delightful, and both the solos and concerted parts did credit to the young ladies and their instructors.

Before the audience separated His Grace paid an eloquent tribute to the merit of those who complimented the teachers and the pupils.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

The Catholic Union.

The members of the society at its meeting on the 4th inst. thought it best to give for at least a few hours the finger of time from placing on the shelf of dogmatic politics, that question which has for the last three months enraged the fiery spirit of our southern neighbors and to which the elections of the 3rd inst. have in all probability given a new impetus. It was a future resurrection, in order that they might give it the consideration which the national aspect of the question deserves, and thereby pay to those across the border, the recognition which is due to them as friendly neighbors.

The question was handled by the speakers in a manner highly creditable to themselves and it may not be too much to say that their speeches on the different sides of the question would have done credit to any of the great Republics of the world.

The resolution was "Resolved that the gold standard is the only way to a stable and sound currency." The affirmative being supported by Messrs. W. Winterberry and M. J. Conroy, and the negative by Messrs. A. Hoaly and J. G. O'Donoghue. This was practically Mr. Winterberry's first appearance on a debate and he certainly approached the subject in a very satisfactory manner, dealing intelligently with all the more important phases of the question. A reference by him to the absurdity of a man's idea who was the leader of such a great party as that led by Mr. Bryan in making a gold standard as applying for a "job" with a theatrical company, was taken up by Mr. O'Donoghue on the negative and served to awaken the audience from the seriousness into which the gravity of the arguments had led them. He thought that a man should not receive a centuro because he was so unfortunate as to have to work and that the alleged application for a "job" was a good illustration of a man's industrious principles. Mr. Conroy who also had the public appearance treated the members to a speech on behalf of the affirmative. He laid much stress on the intrinsic value of the gold as compared with the silver and also on the fact that the intelligent mind of a great nation had sent up their voice in favour of the former.

BOOK REVIEWS.

CATHERINE McAULEY AND THE SISTERS OF MERCY, a sketch by K. M. Barry.

The wonderful workings of God's Providence are nowhere more manifest than in the lives of those whom He calls to serve Him in some especial or signal manner. Temptations to which others succumb leave them apparently scathed, difficulties and opposition before which ordinary minds would give up, are met and overcome with a quiet courage born only of perfect submission to the will and correspondence with the grace of God. Miss Barry in her clever and powerful sketch of the life of Rev. Mother Catherine McAuley, has seized upon an delineated with graphic force, every circumstance of note in the career of this great and remarkable woman. Dwellings more particularly upon the difficulties and dangers that surrounded her childhood, she has brought before our eyes prominently the wonderful correspondence with grace which was to lead her to the high position she afterwards attained as foundress of one of the greatest and best known orders of the Church, that of the Sisters of Mercy.

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CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.

St. Mary's Branch, Toronto.

A largely attended meeting of this branch was held on Monday evening in the Hall, Bathurst street, when gratifying reports were presented by the different committees and that of the Corresponding Secretary, which dealt with the sending out of Catholic literature being especially satisfactory. It is very encouraging to note that this portion of the work is growing. Requests for literature are pouring in from all over Canada and it is to be hoped that this will continue. If Catholics generally had any knowledge of the vast number of cheap publications ranging from 40 cents per hundred copies up and of the infinite variety of subjects and of the national and historical subjects, there is no doubt but that they would be more generally purchased. One dollar will procure a goodly assortment and orders may be sent to the Corresponding Secretary, W. E. Blake O'Malley, care of Toronto.

The Rev. Father O'Malley, of Urbid, Ont., who was present, gave a most interesting address in his well-known eloquent manner, dealing with the mission to non-Catholics given in his parish by the zealous Paulist, Rev. Father Elliot, who has just concluded a missionary tour in Ontario. The lecture was replete with references to the usual questions asked through the month of the Question Box, and he pointed them to Catholic ears being of course somewhat amusing. Father O'Malley, who is quite an enthusiast in the spread of Catholic truth, has promised upon some future occasion to deliver an address on the subject of dealing with the poor and it will be unnecessary to add that the event will be looked forward to with much pleasure by his many friends in this parish.

Among others present were noticed the Rev. Fathers Moran and Wynn. McCann, the last named of whom also delivered a very spiritual address.

The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by vocal selections from the Misses Murch and Memory and Mr. R. A. Baker and Master F. Fulton.

Splendid Concert in Thorold.

St. Catharines, Nov. 7.—The concert given in the Odd Fellows Hall, Thorold, on Friday evening was a very decided success and the funds of the Choral Society of the church of the Holy Rosary will be augmented by a snug little sum in consequence.

Mr. John Coulon presided and presented a fine programme.

Miss Annie Coady was in good voice and sang with charming effect, a Farewell to Ireland, the new song from the pen of Mr. D. J. Dalton. Everyone was pleased with the rendition and delighted with the song itself. It runs in beautiful metre and the thoughts are very prettily expressed. It is musically bright and sure to be a favorite. Miss Coady's rendition was masterly; short and to the point, it leaves nothing out that is worthy of description, and the reader lays it down with the sense of having received an almost ineffaceable impression of the character of Catherine McAuley.

The musical selections of the Burloy Bros. William, George and Thomas, were exceptionally good. The Lancashire dialect sketch by Mr. Thatcher kept the audience convulsed with laughter. It was a treat to all to again hear Miss Nellie Doyle, of Buffalo. She has a rich sweet voice and her solo "Melody Divine" was rapturously received. Miss Doyle is a decided favorite in Thorold. Mr. J. Walker Low sang "Believe me; if all these undeserving young men in his very pretty selection "Answers." Mr. Snickling's bass solo "The fisherman and his child" was faultlessly rendered.

The Excelsior Quartette were accorded a great reception.

In the voting contest for the most popular member of the town council, Mr. Joseph Bathe received the largest number of votes and was presented with a costly umbrella. The voting was quite spirited, the leaders, Messrs. Battle, C. J. and Henderson, being well bunched. Mr. J. Bathe's victory was a fitting tribute to his popularity and he hoped to find himself just as popular on election day. The concert closed by the singing of "God Save the Queen" by the company.

Back from Ireland.

The Flora Express says: Mr. Cormick Haly, of Lutcher, who has been on a visit to Ireland, has his daughter, Miss Mary Haly, and his son, the Rev. Father Haly, of Weston, and Oustic, returned home recently.

Death of an Aged Priest.

HASTINGS, ONT., Nov. 8.—The Rev. Father Higgins died this morning at the residence of his niece, Mrs. John Coughlan. The aged priest was in his 88th year, and had lived a few weeks longer than he had occupied in the Sacred Ministry. He was born in the County Mayo, Ireland, educated in Maynooth, finished his ecclesiastical studies at the Grand Seminary in Montreal, where he was ordained by Bishop Bourne in December, 1845. His parish was Hastings, then called Crook's Rapids, where he spent five years. From that place he was transferred to Camden, thence to Sheffield, where after a few years' ministrations he became one of a number of priests attached to the cathedral in Kingston, from which place he was sent to Tweed during the small-pox epidemic in that locality. From Tweed he was sent to Alexandria, and encumbered in body through age and the arduous duties of missionary work, was compelled to retire from active labour, and he sought retirement in the Hotel Dieu, Kingston. Desiring to spend his remaining years in his first mission, Hastings, where his parents ended their days, he, three years ago, took up his abode with his niece, Mrs. John Coughlan. Although very feeble he occasionally officiated in the parish church here until about a year ago, when he became completely helpless. For several weeks his death was hourly expected, and this morning he passed peacefully into the "last rest." The body will lie in state in the parish church until Tuesday, at 10 a.m., when the interment will take place in Asphodel cemetery, and his body will repose beside the remains of his parents. R. T. P.

Died During the Holy Sacrifice.

St. Catharines, Nov. 5.—An old lady about 70 years of age named Mrs. Macdonald died suddenly in the Holy Catholic Church this morning while attending early Mass. She was seen to fall from her seat and was carried into Dean Harris' residence next door to the church, but life was extinct.

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The twelve converts who founded by her own efforts, have, since her death, increased and multiplied so as to fill the wide world with her fame. On the shores of the Black Sea, in the wilds of Australia, in the Channel Islands, in the bulwark of New Zealand, in North and South America her Order is a glory and a bulwark of Christ's Church, and a ministry of enforcing humanity.

No service that can lessen the burdens of adversity, redress the evils of savage life, or the worse results of overwrought civilization, is so arduous for the Sister of Mercy.