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PROTESTANTS AID CATHOLICS.

The Former Raise Funds to Build a Church for the Latter.

From the Catholic News.

Manchester, Vt., Aug. 12.—Tucked away in a lovely valley among the Green Mountains lies a little village full of natural beauty, repose, and quaint charm. Its houses are white and old-fashioned, reminiscent of the past rather than suggestive of the present century. It has a long, wide street, elm and maple shaded, with stretches of green lawn between the road and marble sidewalks. The whole pretty scene is inclosed by a cincture of green hills, which form the Taconic and Green Mountain range. Year after year, many summer visitors are attracted to this happy valley, for it offers three essentials to tired town-dwellers, namely, good water, good climate, and good accommodation. Until now there has been wanting one need to make Manchester complete—a Catholic Church. If all is well, by next year Our Lord's Presence will find permanent abode in a place so fitted for His earthly habitation. The work is already under way for the completion of a little church.

Money is greatly needed for this sacred enterprise, and on the evening of Aug. 10th a concert was given for the benefit of the building fund. This entertainment was not only remarkable from an artistic point of view, but it has a higher and a unique value, inasmuch as it was the voluntary and unaided undertaking of non-Catholics. All the artists who contributed their talents, headed by Mr. George H. Thacher, of Albany, N. Y., who spared neither time, trouble nor expense to carry out his generous project, belong to various Protestant denominations, with but one exception. Signor Miglionico, leader of the Equinox House Orchestra. It was such a concert as one enjoys in mid-winter in Carnegie Hall; a musician has but to glance at the programme in order to understand its excellence:

Plano—Etudes Symphoniques, Schumann
Dr. J. Albert Jeffery.
Voice—Romance: O thou Sublime, Sweet Evening Star, Wagner
Mr. D. J. Griffith.
Violin—Fantasie Suedoise, Leonard
Sig. Francesco Miglionico.
Voice—Reed and Air: Lend Me Your Aid Gounod
Mr. J. H. McKinley.
Piano—a: Barcarolle, Jeffery
b: Hunting Song,
Dr. J. Albert Jeffery.
Voice—a: Allerseelen, Lassen
b: Wintertied, von Koss
Mr. D. J. Griffith.
Violin—Gypsies, Sarasate
Sig. Francesco Miglionico.
Voice—a: Oh Fair, Oh Sweet, and Holy, Cantor
Thacher
b: Ken's Lullaby,
(By Request)
Piano—a: Nocturne,
Mr. J. H. McKinley.
b: Polish Dance, Jeffery
Dr. J. Albert Jeffery.

Despite the warm weather, which will make the early August of 1896 memorable, the admirable work done by these artists roused the audience to enthusiasm. Dr. J. Albert Jeffery, the well-known composer and professional, invited to Manchester for this occasion as the guest of Mr. Thacher, began the programme brilliantly with his interpretation of Schumann. Dr. Jeffery's fine technique requires a virtuoso to describe it as it deserves. Mr. Griffith's beautiful baritone by its richness and compass reveals the years of thorough training under the famous Lamperti of Dresden.

After the encore insisted upon, Signor Miglionico delighted the audience with his violin playing so suggestive of the peculiar charm of Sarasate. Then came a vocalist familiar to New Yorkers, Mr. J. H. McKinley, who sang Gounod's splendid air, "Lend Me Your Aid," in his triumphant tenor, a voice and style which thrilled those who listened, as later it touched their hearts in his rendering of that lovely song, "Ken's Lullaby." The words and music are Mr. Thacher's composition. This melody is such as the Blessed Mother herself might have sung to the Divine Babe of Bethlehem as she pressed Him to her bosom and watched His sweet eyes close in restful sleep. The words suit the music, as may be seen by the second verse:

"Who maketh the shadows and maketh the leaves,
Setteth fast mountains, stilleth the waves;
Who maketh the stars and the birds and the trees,
His holy love to little ones gave;
And surely His goodness and mercy shall be
Forever deep treasured by you and by me
And mother shall rock now her darling to rest;
Twilight is fading, night draweth nigh,
Oh, dear little baby held close to my breast,
Sleep, Lullaby."

The Father of us all is never outdone in generosity; and certainly those who are His children and who have contributed to the honor of His Holy Church will receive a blessing as a reward for their good work. Archbishop Ryan said, in his fine address to the veterans of the army upon patriotism, that before men could join in the accomplishment of Christ's ardent desire and last prayer (St. John, xvii.) for the unity of His Household, there must be a unity in charity before there can be unity in religious belief. In this entertainment towards the building fund of a little Catholic Church in Manchester, all the services were owing to the cheerful charity of non-Catholics who were the promoters and participators, including the young men who acted as ushers and door-keepers, as well as those who brought from the woods a cartload of ferns for the decoration of the stage in the concert hall. Such acts of good will enhearten one, and make one feel that the day must come when Christ's children will not be separated by the unfortunate differences which are caused by the existence of three hundred and sixty-five contradictory sects, but when all whom He loves will be gathered into one fold, acknowledging one Lord, one baptism, one Faith.

A CONVERT.

A New Protestant View of the Church.

From the Catholic News.

Quite frequently of late have we heard of Protestant ministers who have preached to their congregations on the beauties of the Catholic Church. This is a welcome sign of the gradual passing away of the intense bigotry that at one time was so generally manifested in Protestant pulpits. To the misrepresentations of a minister may be traced much of the intolerance that exists to-day in many a community in this land. It is, therefore, very pleasing to Catholics to note that when a minister has something to say to his congregation about the Catholic Church he discusses his subject with fairness. On a recent Sunday the Rev. Joseph Zweifel, pastor of Grace Methodist church in Troy, N. Y., preached on the Catholic Church.

Perhaps his hearers were startled as they listened to his words of praise. He told them that splendid lives had been lived in the Catholic Church, devout, earnest, God-fearing. He remembered his maternal grandmother, whose crucifix was on the mantel of the room he occupied as a boy. At five o'clock in the morning she would rise and kneel before the crucifix, spending a time in prayer. He described her as a "sweet, gentle old woman." "I ask you," he went on, "to notice the influence, the control the clergy exercise over their members and note how the members respect and revere their priests. I am not attempting to discuss how this influence is gained and retained. I am only stating a fact; and I do not hesitate to say it is a good thing. Some of you perhaps remember the draft riots during the Civil war. Who was it that controlled the mob of this city at that time? Am I correctly informed? Then it was Father Havermans, priest of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, younger than than now by thirty years, but he by his strong power held back the rioters and prevented further destruction."

Mr. Zweifel spoke of the "many good things" in Catholic theology, and showed how the Catholic Church is one everywhere, while the Protestant denomination is split up into numerous parts. He also noted the fact that in charitable institutions and works the Catholic Church has been very prolific, and he quoted as follows from an address delivered at the World's Congress of Religions at Chicago: "There is no form of human misery for which the Church does not provide some remedy or alleviation. She pro-

vides homes for those on the threshold of life and secures retreats for those on the threshold of death. She has asylums in which the aged men and women find at one and the same time a refuge in their old age and from the storm of life and a novitiate to prepare them for eternity; thus from the cradle to the grave she is a nursing mother. She rocks her children in the cradle of infancy and she soothes them to rest on the couch of death. The Little Sisters of the Poor, founded in 1840, have now charge of 250 establishments in different parts of the world, the inmates of which in 1890 numbered 30,000 souls."

The preacher also spoke in terms of commendation of the Catholic Church's method of training children and the attitude of the Church in reference to marriage and divorce. All this must have been a new view of the Catholic Church for the majority of that Methodist congregation. How much better it was that they should hear the truth about the faith of many of their fellow-citizens than that their minds should be filled with ridiculous, but nevertheless startling, calumnies.

Spiritual Retreats.

The general intention of the League of the Sacred Heart for September is the work of spiritual retreats—that they may become more common and more fruitful. The Pilgrim of Our Lady of Martyrs says: "Most people know what a retreat is by what they hear during a mission. Some judge of it by seeing priests and religious going off every year to make or to give retreats. Others, finally, imagine that it is only for very spiritual people and that ordinary Christians never need such an experience, unless they are going to decide a vocation or attempt a reform of life. All agree that it is something unusual, and, unfortunately, this is too truly the case. What ought to be a common practice in every Christian's life is regarded as suited only for the select few, and for them only when they are thrown into peculiar circumstances. This is why so many have not only vague but erroneous notions of a spiritual retreat, looking upon it as a time for idleness, monotony, or as a series of religious readings, instructions or sermons, or, what is worse, as a thing to be on one's guard against, as if the exercises were designed to entrap the soul into some unpleasant vocation, or into some dangerous system of sanctification. The only way to know the nature of a spiritual retreat is to make one under an experienced Director. By an experienced director we mean one who knows not only how to guide the conscience, but to train every power of soul and body to live and act for God. It is very easy to give spiritual readings and instructions, but it is the hardest of all things to make people think and act for themselves, and take so much interest in the great truths of our holy religion as to meditate on them with earnest application of mind and make their own of them by practice." That more lay persons may regularly go in retreat, that they may be wisely directed therein, and that they may derive an abundance of light and grace through the performance of the spiritual exercises—are the purposes of the intention to be sought this month by the members of the Apostleship of Prayer.—Catholic Review.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Items of Interest to Catholic Readers Gathered (by the Church News) From Many Sources.

It is rumored that the Holy Father intends establishing an "Apostolic" delegation at St. Petersburg.

During next month St. Vincent's Benedictine Abbey, Beatty, Pa., will celebrate its golden jubilee.

The second Sicilian Catholic Congress meets this year on the 9th of October at Girgenti and continues until the 11th.

Queen Victoria was much affected by the kindly sentiments expressed in the letter from Pope Leo XIII., which accompanied the massive gold bracelet sent by His Holiness to Princess Maud upon the occasion of her wedding.

Paris papers report that another Catholic congress is planned by the leading churchmen of the chief centres of the Church in Europe.

The decree proclaiming the heroic virtues of the venerable Cure of Ars has been granted by the Pope and placarded in all the Roman Churches.

A ministerial decree in Bavaria disapproving of new Redemptorist convents has aroused a good deal of indignation amongst the Catholics of that state.

The Catholic Cadets of the United States Military Academy at West Point have been organized into two bands of the League of the Sacred Heart.

A congress of members of the Third Order of St. Francis will be convened some time next year, in all probability during the next session of the Summer School.

Rev. Thomas J. Campbell, S. J., a former Provincial of the Maryland-New York province of the Jesuits, has been appointed president of St. John's College, Fordham, N. Y.

Lightning struck the Bohemian Catholic Church at Omaha, August 5th just at the close of Mass, instantly killing Mrs. Joseph Zephyr, a widow, and injuring three other women.

The death of Cardinal Monaco La Valletta has reduced the number of members in the Sacred College to sixty-one, of whom thirty-three are Italians and twenty-eight foreigners.

The Papal College Josephinum, in Columbus, Ohio, has more endowments than any other Catholic educational institution in this country. It has no less than twenty-five scholarships, founded at a cost of \$5,000 each.

Star of the Sea Church, Beverley, Mass., was almost totally destroyed by fire recently. The vestments and the sacred vessels were the only things saved. The loss is fully \$30,000 with insurance amounting to about \$9,600.

M. Francis de Pressense the well-known writer on international politics and one of the most distinguished of French journalists, has almost ready a volume on Cardinal Manning. M. de Pressense is a quite recent convert to Catholicism.

Few are aware, says an exchange, that D. O'Kelly Brandon, a name well known in our Catholic literature, is the pseudonym of Father Dominic Brennan, a member of the Passionist Order, at present stationed at the monastery of his order in Newark, N. J.

Diplomatic relations are about to be established with Russia by the Holy See. Monsignor Tarnassi, who formed part of Monsignor Agliardi's embassy to Moscow during the late coronation, is at present at St. Petersburg and is continuing the negotiations.

Dean Farrar, of Canterbury, England, now imposes a fee of three pence ahead on persons visiting the tomb of St. Thomas a Becket. Roman Catholic pilgrims heretofore were allowed to worship at the shrine without hindrance, but now they are hurried away with other visitors. In Westminster Abbey devotions at the shrine of St. Edward the Confessor are not interfered with.

Bishop McDonnell, of Brooklyn, and his secretary, the Rev. John I. Barrett, were in Quebec recently, and called on Cardinal Taschereau. The Cardinal, who has been ill for sometime, was in a very low condition, and consequently their stay was of short duration. Bishop McDonnell attended the services at the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, Canada, which were celebrated on the festival of the saint.

The Holy Father, by a recent brief, has accorded to all the members of the Third Order of St. Francis for five years the right to all indulgences and spiritual favors enjoyed by the members of the First and Second Orders on the performance of the requisite conditions. He also bestows participation both in life and after death in all the merits of the good works of the First and Second Orders, upon the Third Order.

The Eucharistic Conference of the Priests of the League will be held at St. Aloysius' Church, Covington, Ky., in October. At the last Eucharistic Conference held in Washington, D. C., it was decided that instead of having a congress yearly it would be better to

have a diocesan conference in October, 1896, a provincial conference in 1897, and one grand conference for both priests and lay in 1898. The membership of the Priests' Eucharistic League in the diocese of Covington is about twenty-five.

OUR ENGLISH CATHOLIC PRESS.

FROM THE "KANSAS CITY CATHOLIC."

In another column we give an article by a correspondent, most likely a German priest, in the St. Louis Review, about the need of a Catholic press "in the language of the country," even a daily press. It deserves more than ordinary consideration. He says, and all men must acknowledge its truth, that "it is truly a shame for the English-speaking Catholics of the country that they have not even a daily organ of their own." The English-speaking Catholics not only have no daily Catholic paper in the land, while the German Catholic minority possesses, we believe, two and even the French have one daily Catholic paper; but they have not even a weekly press that is equal to the German Catholic weekly press, because English-speaking Catholics fail to properly support even a weekly Catholic press. There are hardly a dozen English weeklies in the land that are as well supported as the German weekly journals are. This is certainly worthy of some thought. That the fact is strangely discreditable must be acknowledged by all.

The question we ought to busy ourselves with is: What is the cause of this? Mr. Preuss, of The Review, gives us a reason for this strange state of affairs: "The English-speaking Catholics of this country, or at least the majority of them, do not see the necessity of a Catholic daily press. The secular dailies suit their taste. They are spiced and devote a considerable portion of their space to what they call Catholic news. That they inculcate infidelity and encourage immorality most of our simple minded people fail to perceive. The few that know it and have the means to antidote the poison, are sunk in apathy."

Mr. Preuss does not probe deep enough. There are many minor causes, but we will give what we consider the great cause: All organization depends much upon promoters and leaders, and upon steadiness in those promoters and leaders, and without these, our efforts become intermittent and futile. The leaders necessary to the establishment of a Catholic press, the natural leaders, are the clergy, and it is the lack of interest and effort—steady and sustained effort—now existing among the English-speaking clergy that is the cause.

We think we can give an instance that will illustrate this. There is but one diocese in the entire West where the clergy, English-speaking and other, and the bishop who was the soul of the endeavor, made a sustained effort to lead the laity in establishing and maintaining a Catholic journal in their midst, "in the language of the country," so that it could be read by non-Catholics as well as Catholics. That is the Leavenworth Diocese, now the Diocese of Kansas City, Kansas. It is certainly not a diocese with a large Catholic population, and it has no great city within its bounds, and it was too small for a paper of the proportions necessary. Yet notwithstanding some of the strangest vicissitudes and greatest difficulties we ever saw encountered, that steady and sustained assistance of the clergy have given a Catholic exponent to an entire section. This is principally, and in a manner entirely, due to the aid of the Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Fink. There was no large capital invested, this sustained effort of the clergy in attaching the laity to a Catholic press was better than money, for without this sustained effort on the part of the clergy money would not have established it in that small territory. We venture the assertion that if such sustained efforts were made by all other Bishops and their clergy in the country, it is reasonable to believe that we would have many scores of well supported Catholic weeklies, and several dailies, in the language of the people of this land.

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