

## St. Anthony of Padua.

By EDWIN B. HUSKILL.

(The author of this poem was for many years a clergyman of the Protestant Church, but is now a member of the Catholic Church.)

Thine gentle saint, whose blessed face  
Shines on us from the holy height!  
Vouchsafe to us the loving grace  
With thee to serve our God aright!

Thine arms the blessed Saviour held,  
An infant pure, in sweetest guise!  
To thee He gave His dear embrace,  
And turned on thee His holy eyes!

Twice when against thy name they spoke,  
He came to thee and proved thee true;  
Oh glorious power, whose precious love  
Thy honor and thy fame reveal!

On Jesus' cheek thy face is laid,  
On Jesus' breast thine arms repose;  
There, we no more may be afraid,  
But seek protection from our foes.

The Sacred Heart that beats for all,  
For thee beat off, thou blessed saint!  
And with its merits, thine we plead,  
Thou who dost hear the soul's complaint!

Thou givest help in time of need,  
Thou aid in spirit thou canst bless,  
Thou bring'st bright hours in woful times,  
And remedy for each distress.

With Mary's prayers, we ask for thine,  
At Jesus' feet to lay them down;  
He hears thee, for He loves thee well,  
Thou who hast worn the saint's bright crown.

## Catholic Young Ladies' Lit. Association.

As inquiries are often made by outsiders as to the working of the Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Association, it is thought that the present time may not be inopportune to give a resume of the work of the Society from the time of its inception to the present.

The Association held its first meeting at St. Patrick's Hall, McCaul street, on Nov. 6th, 1890, under the direction of its founder and first Director, Rev. Father Henning, the then Rector of the Redemptorist Fathers at St. Patrick's. At its second meeting on Nov. 11th, twenty-five members were present, and a staff of officers, consisting of President, 1st Vice-Pres., 2nd Vice-Pres., Financial Secretary, and Librarian, were elected. When we add to this that the literary and scientific Rev. Father Henning was appointed Director, and Miss M. A. O'Reilly and Dr. Alice McLaughlin filled respectively the office of Pres. and 1st. Vice-Pres., it is at once apparent under what favorable guidance the Society was inaugurated.

A Constitution was shortly afterwards drawn up by the Rev. Director, in which the ends and aims of the Society are described as the "Religious, mental and physical development of the Catholic Young Ladies of Toronto." Further, that any respectable Catholic girl having attained her seventeenth year, on payment of the initiation fee of one dollar, and having been proposed and seconded by two members of the Association, may be accepted as member. It will be seen by this that no line is drawn as to any particular literary standard, it being taken for granted that those desirous of entering the Association will have sufficient literary taste to appreciate and take an interest in the work done.

The work of the Society is, in accordance with its constitution, varied; Religion, Art, Science, Poetry, Prose, Music, Elocution and Physical Culture being at different periods studied or touched upon. Lectures and papers have from time to time been delivered or read upon the following subjects: Logic, Photography, the Art of Printing, Art, Sculpture, Catholic Culture and Catholic Education, Shakespeare, Mrs. Browning, Longfellow, Lady Fullerton, Father Ryan, Adelaide Proctor and Literature—in short, on many modern writers and subjects, and even the classical days of Greece have not been forgotten. Classes have been conducted under the ablest teachers procurable in the city, in the subjects of Reading, Elocution, Calisthenics, Delsart and French. Debates and Essay

contests have diversified the usual order of study on recreation.

Many public entertainments have been given and always generously patronized by the Catholics of Toronto. Among the many who have on different occasions shown their good will and interest in the Society by delivering lectures or addresses are the following: Rev. Fathers Henning, Molnerey, Krino, McCarthy, Ryan, McBrady, Very Rev. Vicar General McCann, Very Rev. Dean Harris, Hon. Daniel Dougherty, Thos. O'Hagan, M. A., Ph. D., Miss Gertrude Lawlor, M. A., Miss Caroline Hart and Miss M. F. Hart.

In November of last year the Society showed itself in touch with the times by holding an "Evening With Columbus," when the countries instrumental in the discovery of America were eulogized and represented by words, music and tableau. On the same occasion an eloquent lecture on "The part taken by the Catholic Church in the discovery of America" was given by the graceful and finished speaker, Vicar General McCann.

The spring of this year saw a representative literary and artistic audience at the Academy of Music—amongst whom were his Grace the Archbishop of Toronto and the representatives of Royalty in this city—to welcome and listen to one of Canada's foremost poets, Thos. O'Hagan, M. A., Ph. D., of whom Catholics may feel justly proud, and who on this occasion charmed and instructed his listeners in his lecture on the "Genius and Character of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow."

The greatest work of the Association, however, was achieved on a February evening of 1892 when the most intellectual men and women of Toronto filled the Pavilion to honor the person and receive the words that fell from the lips of the "Silver-Tongued Orator," the Hon. Daniel Dougherty. On that occasion were seen on the platform with the renowned speaker his Grace the Archbishop of Toronto, the Hon. Mr. Ross, Minister of Education, clergymen of many denominations and other prominent gentlemen from within and outside the city. When we add to this that the expenses of the undertaking, which amounted to something in the neighborhood of six hundred dollars, and a surplus besides, were cleared, the financial success of the enterprise is assured.

Had the O. Y. L. L. A. done nothing more since its foundation than the work of bringing to Toronto the world-renowned orator of the "Silver-Tongue" it would not have lived in vain; on the contrary, its mission would have been great.

In conclusion, the Society cannot be gratified with the knowledge that the fame of its success has gone abroad, that "the sound has gone forth," nor "to the uttermost ends of the earth," it is true, but throughout Canada and many places remote from it, as was instanced a week or two ago when a copy of its constitution was requested by a society in one of the far Western States. M. L. H.

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## An Optical Phenomenon.

A correspondent of *Nature* in Christiana gives an account of a very curious phenomenon witnessed from the top of Gausta Mountain (height 6000 Norwegian feet) in Telemarken, south of Norway. "We were a party," he says, "of two ladies and three gentlemen on the summit of this mountain on August 4. On the morning of that day the sky was passably clear; at noon there was a thick fog. Between 6 and 7 o'clock in the afternoon (the wind being south to west) the fog suddenly cleared in places so that we could see the surrounding country in sunshine through the rifts. We mounted to the flagstaff in order to obtain a better view of the scenery, and there we at once observed in the fog, in an easterly direction, a double rainbow, forming a complete circle and seeming to be twenty or thirty feet distant from us. In the middle of this we all appeared as black, erect and nearly life-size silhouettes.

"The outlines of the silhouettes were so sharp that we could easily recognize the figures of each other, and every movement was reproduced. The head of each individual appeared to occupy the centre of the circle, and each of us seemed to be standing on the inner periphery of the rainbow. We estimated the inner radius of the circle to be six feet. This phenomenon lasted several minutes, disappearing with the fog bank, to be reproduced in new fog three or four times, but each time more indistinctly. The sunshine during the phenomenon seemed to us to be unusually bright.

"Mr. Kireland Torkildsen, president of the Telemarken Tourist Club, writes to me that the builder of the hut on the top of Gausta has twice seen spectacles of this kind, but in each case it was only the outline of the mountain that was reflected on the fog. He had never seen his own image, and he does not mention circular or other rainbows."

## Some Plain Truths.

To those connected with the Catholic press and to God only can be known the sacrifices made for it. Practically there is no commensurate return made by the beneficiaries from so much labor and unappreciated toil. The dollar or two a year, even if paid—which many are unjust enough to fail in doing—is but a feeble and altogether inadequate compensation for all the benefit a Catholic paper brings. Yet an easy, generous and effective means of compensation is within reach of all.

Recommend the paper to your friends. Mention to the merchant with whom you deal that you saw his advertisement in the Catholic paper, as a reason why you deal with him. Loan it to some one who does not take it. Don't be always censorious concerning its size, make up, the matter selected, the subjects omitted; it is impossible to suit everybody in these things.

But above all, remember the paper has to be paid for; the printers must get their wages; the writers are entitled to remuneration for their work, which is far harder than that of your lawyer, physician or any other professional. These are paid—alas! how often those connected with Catholic papers are refused their just, though hard-earned pittance. The collectors who make his living for himself and family by the commission on collections is ruthlessly told to call again—to earn many times the quarter or half dollar he is already justly entitled to by calling once.

He gives double who gives promptly, and is blessed by the receiver, whom he thus blesses; therefore let our courteous collector have his labors lessened by being thus blessed and blessing.—*Western Crusader*.

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor O'Riordan, P. P., V. G., has been for some time past lying dangerously ill at the parochial residence, St. Patrick's, Cork. On October 27th his death was hourly expected.

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