

March 1st, by Rev. William McCann, on "The Bible."

April 5th, by Rev. Father Carberry, on "The Jesuits in America."

June 7th, by E. J. Hearn, Esq., on "A Visit to the Lakes of Killarney."

August 21st, by Rev. Francis Ryan, P.P. of St. Michael's Cathedral, on "Books, and How to Read Them."

October 4th, by Rev. Father Dollard, on "The Church in Ireland."

December 6th, by Rev. Father L. P. Minehan, on "The Infallibility of the Pope."

This branch has been instrumental in placing many of the publications of the Parent Society in the bookstores of this city. I have been informed also that the Rev. Father William McCann has under special instruction several persons who are desirous of joining the Church, as a result of the work of this Society.

I would like very much if the convener of each committee would throughout this year keep a more correct account of the number of publications distributed and other work done, and that the same be inserted in the minutes of each meeting of the Society, so that at the end of the year proper reports of the Society's work can be issued. I need not ask the members of all committees to do their duty well, as I am sure they will do so zealously. As I cannot devote the time to the Society that I should, and that I desire to, I respectfully ask you once more to give me the best assistance in your power, and to attend the meetings regularly. If you do this the St. Mary's branch of the Catholic Truth Society at the end of 1898 will show a record that will be the envy of all other branches of the Society. I think it absolutely necessary, in order to make the work more effectual, that some form of amalgamation should take place between the branches in the city, and I would suggest that a committee be appointed from this branch to confer with the committees of the other branches to this end. I think the scheme that Ottawa has adopted of having a central council is the more workable, with the exception that the central council should, in my opinion, be composed of only delegates from the branches, say one delegate for every branch having fifty members, or under that number, and one delegate for every fifty members or major fraction of fifty above that number.