

THE LAETARE MEDALLIST OF 1905.

(From the Notre Dame Scholastic.)

Thus far in the history of the Laetare Medal—Notre Dame's supreme distinction annually conferred upon a conspicuous member of the Catholic laity in America—recipients of the honor have stood for eminence in some specific field of literature, science or art, or for notable achievement in the sphere of broad philanthropic effort.

Among hundreds of notable Catholics engaged in business in these United States Notre Dame takes especial pleasure in signaling one whose name is synonymous with spotless integrity, unblemished honor, and the highest sense of religious duty; a Catholic whose influence is uniformly exerted for the uplifting of younger neighbors and the betterment of his fellow-citizens generally; a benefactor whose hidden charities are largely in excess of what is credited to his public generosity; a faithfully consistent son of the Church and a zealous promoter of every religious work; an illustrious representative, in short, of all that is worthiest in the ideal Catholic business man.

Mr. Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, New England's leading Catholic merchant, is the senior member of the firm of Brown, Durrell & Co., of Boston and New York, the largest wholesale dry goods house of its kind east of Chicago. He was born in the small town of Grafton, Massachusetts, Dec. 17, 1844.

At eighteen, young Fitzpatrick came to Boston, where he began his apprenticeship in the dry goods business. We are told that he started on the lowest round of the ladder, and worked at first for two dollars a week. The acquaintance which he formed with another boy of his own age, Oliver H. Durrell, grew into a strong friendship. During their spare moments, and on their way to and from the store, they talked of their plans for the future.

To-day Mr. Thomas B. Fitzpatrick is one of Boston's most prominent Catholics and best known business men. His zeal for religion, his thorough knowledge of affairs, his administrative ability, his untiring energy, and the facilities afforded him by wealth and position, enable him to achieve untold good for his fellow-men. His name has of late years been identified with all the great Catholic philanthropic movements in Boston.

the most prominent Catholic social organization of the city, he was instrumental in providing a stately building for that society. He has long been one of the main props of St. Mary's Infant Asylum. He contributed generously to the Catholic University, Washington, D.C., and was the originator of the proposal to secure one hundred annual contributors to that institution.

The particular esteem and universal recognition which the Laetare Medallist of 1905 enjoys among his fellow-citizens may be gleaned from the fact that at the banquet on the occasion of Archbishop Williams' Golden Jubilee, attended by Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Setolli, Mr. Fitzpatrick was chosen to deliver the address of the Catholic laity.

He was one of the founders of the Newton Co-operative Bank, of which he is now vice-president. He is also president of the Union Institution for Saving in Boston. The good he has effected by his work in these co-operative banks is incalculable. His efforts along this line have made many poor families the owners of comfortable homes which otherwise they would never have possessed.

If charity in itself—the more giving of alms—be a holy and wholesome thing, what shall we say of thoroughly well-regulated charity? Mr. Fitzpatrick's charity has always been thoroughly well-regulated. To quote his own words: "Here let me say that I believe the sphere of true charity is often misunderstood. In the minds of many it consists simply in giving alms to the needy, helping mendicants and the like. This is only one of its functions. It has a broader and grander meaning than could be expressed by even this worthy part. True charity means an unselfish service of man to man. Thus every human being comes under its sway. It is a greater charity to show a man how to earn his living than to give him alms. Teach a man to be self-supporting and he will be self-respecting."

Such a man is Mr. Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, the Laetare Medallist of 1905; such is the solid foundation of charity upon which he has constructed for himself "a house not built with hands, everlasting in the heavens."

DONAHOE'S FOR APRIL. "Oratory in the Federal Congress" is considered in a thoughtful manner in Donahoe's Magazine for April.

Another Washington feature, dealing with another department of the national service, is the "Comedy and Tragedy of the Pension Business," by Catherine Frances Cavanagh.

The dramatic department this month takes up in detail "A Modern Miracle Play." The dramatic critic, the Rev. John Talbot Smith, brings drama and actors vividly before his readers.

Entertaining reminiscences of Cardinal Cullen, Lady Henry Kerr and her family, Lady Lothian, and other interesting personalities, from the subject-matter of Father Fox's paper, "People I Have Met."

THREE YEARS A PRIEST.

Father Lacey's Anniversary Celebrated at the Ogdensburg City Orphanage.

Thursday evening, March 28, appropriate exercises were held at the City Orphanage, Ogdensburg, N.Y., in honor of the third anniversary of the ordination of Rev. James J. Lacey, chaplain of the hospital and orphanage. Father Lacey was the recipient of many hearty congratulations and best wishes for many returns of the occasion.

Had happy day! Had hour sublime! Your dawning thrills the soul once more, We bless you for your gift divine, And far that gift God's love adore.

Three years roll back—we see you kneel, Head lowly bowed and heart aflame, Your hands the sacred unction feel, Your soul is signed with mystic name.

Oh! lips enraptured by the blood; The precious blood of Jesus' veins, God's grace flows from you in a flood, Your murmur breaks the sinner's chains.

Oh! sacred hands, in which God's heart Rests in each morning sacrifice, Hands, God's treasures that impart, From whose sign the demon flies;

Father Lacey studied classics at St. Laurent College, near Montreal, from which institution he graduated with high honors June, 1896. In the fall of the same year he entered St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Mass., where his gentlemanly bearing and perseverance—sometimes under the greatest difficulties—won him the respect and admiration of all, both students and faculty.

Father Lacey is a young man of charming personality and rare eloquence. Since his ordination he labored over two years in the Holy Family parish, Watertown, N.Y., where he still has many friends and admirers, because of his assiduity in the performance of all his priestly functions. His devotedness to the sick, the poor, and the afflicted had much to do with his appointment to the Orphanage and Hospital. The same zeal and love for God's suffering ones followed him to Ogdensburg, whither he went early last September. He is already taking steps toward the erection of a beautiful new chapel for the orphanage.

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Newfoundland Correspondence

A few days ago the faculty and pupils of St. Bonaventure's College assembled in the Episcopal Library and presented His Grace Archbishop Howley with a handsome illuminated address of congratulation on the dignity recently bestowed on him, together with certain ecclesiastical appointments used in the holy offices of the church, as a memento of this auspicious occasion.

The three Newfoundland candidates for the Rhodes scholarship from St. Bonaventure's, Bishop Field, and the Methodist Colleges have been successful. It will be decided later by the special local committee which candidate will have the honor of going to Oxford.

St. Patrick's Day was royally celebrated at Holyrood. The Star of the Sea Society paraded to the Church of the Holy Cross, where High Mass was sung, and an eloquent sermon preached by Rev. Father Joseph Murphy, the young priest who delivered the sermon last year at St. Patrick's, Montreal. In the evening a grand concert was held and the celebration of 1905 will long be remembered by the parishioners of good old Holyrood.

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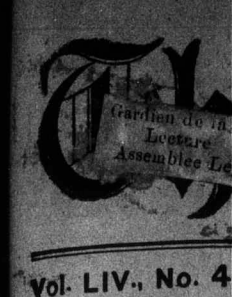
the lads, under the baton of Mr. Hut-ton. His Grace made a brief address, thanking all for this recognition, and secured for the lads the ever-welcome holiday.

The Catholic Cathedral at Harbor Grace will shortly be fitted with electric light. The initial work of wiring has begun. A large number of lights will be installed and the appearance of the handsome interior will be greatly enhanced.

"Missis Brown," said Hattie, "I go out this week a Wednesday 'stead o' Thursday?" Hattie is as black as a newly-shined shoe; she is not long from "de Souf."

"Why do you want to go out Wednesday?" asked Mrs. Brown. "Cos'm, Ah'm t' git 'ligion Sunday at de revival."

"Get religion on Sunday at the revival. What has that got to do with you going on Wednesday instead of Thursday?" "Well, y' see 'm, thar's t' be 'dance de de Lone Stah Suckle Wednesday night, an' I tho't as't was my last chance y' see 'em go. Thar no dancin' af'ish ys git 'ligion, y' know, an' I do love it so."



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ABSOLUT

One of the greatest dem Irish members have ever at Liverpool took place St. Day in the Hippodrome, W. Mr. John Redmond, M.P.

I recall that two years ago I spoke to you, I told you the of disbanding our forces of of these promises, on the of was our duty to stand to and I remember saying to we put our trust in the La was our duty to keep o dry. That was sound ad the last two years have shown that, while we enormous strides, both on tion of Home Rule, yet th was a time when the organ our race was more necessa this moment, because the h held out have to a large e satisfied by the events. Our tion is more widespread, n ed, and more powerful th was in the past twenty year

The settlement of the I question and of the Irish rested solely upon two th was, and I put it first, the tion of the evicted tenants homes. The end of the lan Ireland would be a national for the Irish people if it wounded soldiers of the attended, and we were from the Land Act would restor men to their homes. The necessary condition of the er the land war was the soluti problem of the West of Ire entirely different problem, know, from the general land because in the West the pro not to enable the people to the land that they have got enable them to get more la better land to enable them And we pressed upon the Go this consideration, that unl Western problem was solved Land Act, as well as the res of the evicted tenants, the I would fall in the settlement land question, and that the should go on.

In both these respects, I a to have to say, that up to ment the Land Act has falle have been in the year and its operations only about evicted tenants restored to homes. But while I consider the Land Act only restored of ed family to its home, that have been an act worth tak the same time it is absurd man to contend that this ac settle the Irish land question it is so accelerated in its and so amended in its provi to enable every single evicted to be restored to his home, far as Connaught and the W Ireland is concerned, the L to-day is a dead letter.

Everything that has happen proved the wisdom of our con during the committee stage o bill. We declared that, in o nom, unless compulsion were f into play to compel the landl all the great unrequited tra grazing lands to be used by broken up into small farms, in enlarging existing small that problem would not be and to-day we have the und fact that all over the West land the landlords, acting in ce are refusing to sell the unte grass lands, with the result th act in the West of Ireland to an absolutely dead letter.

What, on the other hand, ha gained on the land question? now, in my judgment, notwith in the failure of our hopes, large extent we have an incalcu gain on this Irish land questio the first time the total aboli of Irish landlordism has not only admitted by all political part England to be the only soluti the Irish land question, but w that the principles of the total tion of landlordism inscrib estate book of the kingdom, to say, the principle for Michael Davis contended, fo