

Ireland's Charter.

Eugene Davis in Chicago Citizen.

Not by the votes of men alone, or the voice of a parliament,
Can a land start forth from bondage a queen in her beauty rare,
Unless she be worthy of freedom, and bold in her bosom bent
A martyr's grit and a hero's strength, and a will to do and dare.

No force, no fraud could ever quell the spirit of liberty
No chains were forged that could ever blind the limbs of the brave and bold,
In ages past our faith was tried on the rack and the scaffold tree,
Yet time hath not changed our loyalty we are still what we were of old.

As the seed that the husbandman sows in the keen cold frosts of spring,
Which ripen in summer's sunlight, and glow beneath the autumn moon,
So our forefathers planted in sacrifice, in pain and in suffering
The grains that shall burst to harvest bloom through the glens of our late fall sown.

Our right to our own is penned on the vault of the Irish sky,
On the emerald land whose battlefields are the graves of no coward clay,
On the belt of crags that gird her shores with pillars of granite high,
On the circle of seas that wear for her feet laurels of milk white spray.

The charter of freedom is ours to-day, by the claim of our national pride
It thrilled the speech of our felons fighting for justice and right:
Kissed by their lips ere they perished stamped on their souls ere they died,
It shall never be rent or tattered by the power of alien might.

In a christian's glory mounted, the greatest of states took birth:
Loved with the blood of their sons, they bravely and gallantly trod
The slopes of the steep mountains to win them the fruits of the earth
Oh, parliament come from the handwork of man
Nationhood only from God.

THE HOLY CHILDHOOD.

The following is the text of the Brief composed by the Holy Father on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Association of the Holy Childhood.

LEO XIII., POPE.

For perpetual memory. The Church, the Mother of the human race, has, it is not to be doubted, an equal solicitude for all her children; but she regards with a most special commiseration the children of tender years who, born of parents deprived of the light of the Gospel, and often suffering from great poverty, are from their cradles exposed to the most serious dangers, both to their temporal life and eternal salvation. This maternal charity is neither new nor without precedent in the Church, for she has received it and transmitted it as her heritage from her Founder, Jesus Christ, Who, during His mortal life had a marvellous tenderness for children, and would never suffer them to be hindered from approaching Him. Nor is it surprising that the Roman Pontiffs have ever evinced a most lively sympathy towards, and favoured to the utmost of their power, those pious Institutions founded in the Church to procure the salvation of children. One amongst these has, with good reason, attracted towards itself the particular benevolence of the Sovereign Pontiffs, and enjoys amongst all the Faithful the highest esteem. We mean that society founded at Paris to save and succour children, particularly in China, which has the happiness of bearing the name and of being placed under the protection of the Holy Childhood of Jesus Christ.

Whenever we recall to our memory the beginnings of this Society, we experience a sweet joy and feel ourself filled with consolation. For at the time of its birth, under happy but humble auspices, when we ourself filled the office of Apostolic Nuncio to the august King of the Belgians, we felt in it the greatest interest, and gave it all our support; for it then already appeared to us to be a salutary work, full of the spirit of humanity and

charity. Elevated since then by the will of God to the height of the Apostolic dignity, it is an old affection we cherish for this Society of the Holy Childhood, now become so flourishing in the number of its associates as well as its benefits; and we rejoice to see it celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its birth in the same year in which we celebrate that of our Episcopal consecration. For this reason, after having declared in the third year of our Pontificate how much we have at heart the development of this Association, we desire on the occasion of this happy event to give it a perpetual proof of our benevolence. It is, therefore, for these reasons, as well as deferring to the prayers of our dear son, Cardinal Vincent Vannutelli, the Protector of the whole of this Society, that we will that the privileges already temporarily accorded should belong to it in perpetuity. Wherefore, confiding in the mercy of Almighty God, and by the authority of the blessed Apostles SS. Peter and Paul, to all and each of the priests who are members of any Council of the Association. Directors, heads of a series of twelve associates; to those also who out of their private means have increased the ordinary subscriptions of twelve associates, or who having given once for all the sum determined by the Apostolic Concession of July 16, 1845, have been inscribed amongst the associates called perpetual, provided they have the consent of the Ordinary of their respective dioceses (and if any amongst them have not obtained this, we will that the privilege shall be for them without effect), we grant the privilege to bless in the manner used by the Church, in particular and outside the city of Rome, the crosses, crucifixes, pious medals, chaplets, and little metal statues of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin, and the Saints, by applying to all and each the indulgences enumerated in the catalogue published by the Press of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda on February 28, 1878; and, as far as regards the chaplets, without excepting the indulgences called those of St. Bridget, provided that these priests have the regular faculties for hearing confession. Besides, by virtue of our Apostolic authority, we accord to these priests above mentioned, celebrating at any altar whatever the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the souls of the Faithful who have quitted this earth in the charity of God, this Sacrifice three times once a week, either for a soul or for souls in favour of that or those for whom it is offered, the same aid which they would have on a privileged altar, always on condition that these priests do not already enjoy another like indulgence.

In addition, we concede to the said priests, provided they have been approved as confessors by their Ordinary, and have first of all obtained his consent (in default of which the concession of this privilege is of no effect), the faculty to bless and to bestow upon the Faithful according to the usual rite the scapulars of the Confraternities of the Most Holy Trinity, of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, of the Seven Dolours, and finally of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, with application of the privileges and indulgences enjoyed by the members of the said Associations; but this faculty is not valid except in those places where no Convent of the Religious Orders exists to whom belong, by a special privilege emanating from the Apostolic See, the right of blessing and bestowing the said scapulars. Finally, to each of the priests mentioned above, provided they have the consent of their respective Ordinaries (without which we declare this indulgent to be of no effect), we concede the faculty of bestowing upon the Faithful in the article of death, who, having confessed, being truly repentant, and having received Holy Communion, or, if this is impossible for them, who, truly

repenting of their faults, have invoked aloud if they can, or at least in their hearts, the name of Jesus; and accepted with resignation from the hand of God death as the punishment of sin, the Apostolic benediction, in our name and in that of the Sovereign Pontiff then reigning, with a Plenary Indulgence and the remission of all their sins, always conformable to the rite and the formula proscribed by Benedict XIV., or predecessor. Notwithstanding all acts to the contrary, even those which concern all indulgences *ad instar*. These presents are to be valid in perpetuity. We will besides that copies of these present letters, even printed ones, provided these copies are countersigned by a notary public, and furnished with the seal of a dignitary of the Church, shall obtain the same faith in these presents if they were themselves produced.

Given at Rome, by St. Peter's, under the Ring of the Fisherman, the 8th of February, 1893, in the fifteenth year of our Pontificate.

(L. S.) S. CARD. VANNUTELLI.

The following is the Circular Letter of His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Vannutelli, Protector of the Society of the Holy Childhood, to the Archbishops and Bishops of the Catholic world:—

Most Illustrious and Most Reverend Lord,—I am most happy, in my capacity as Protector of the Holy Childhood—an office it is a pleasure to me to fill—to send you, most illustrious and most Reverend Lord, a copy of the Apostolic Letters, beginning with these words, *Humani Generis*, given by the Sovereign Pontiff Leo XIII. on the 8th of February of this year, as a striking testimony of his paternal kindness and a new proof of his solicitude for this Association, which has done so much for the protection and for the salvation of childhood, above all in infidel countries.

While congratulating myself upon having to undertake this duty, I also cherish the firm hope that the praises of the Sovereign Pontiff now ruling the Church which he enlightens by his wisdom and virtue, bestows upon our Society, and the solicitude with which he surrounds it, will be for you, most illustrious and most Reverend Lord, a powerful motive to accord increasingly your countenance and support to a pious Institution which has beyond that a title to recommend itself to the esteem of all. In fact, while it is of the greatest use for the children born of pagan parents (and in this there is no other to equal it), it also marvellously serves the interests of the children who enrol themselves under its banner to contribute to its prosperity, as it causes those children who are born in the bosom of the Catholic Church to feel and recognise from their earliest years the value of so great a boon, since it gives them efficacious means and accustoms them to care for their own eternal welfare as well as for that of others; in fine, also, because in accomplishing these acts of piety it opens in their favour the treasures of Divine goodness of which they stand all the more in need, as their youth is constantly exposed to the dangers and snares of this corrupt age. In this hope I take this opportunity of assuring you, most illustrious and most Reverend Lord, of the esteem with which I am, with all my heart,

Your most devoted servant,
† VINCENT CARD. VANNUTELLI,
Protector.

Rome, March 3, 1893.

Advice to Invalids.

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Concert at Barrie.

A most successful concert was held in the Opera House, Barrie, on Tuesday evening, the 16th inst. under the auspices of St. Mary's E. C. church. Notwithstanding the extremely unfavorable weather, there was a large attendance, and by common consent the concert was pronounced one of the most artistic and enjoyable ever given in Barrie. The programme opened with a song, "The Isle That's Crowned With Shamrock," sung in a spirited manner by Mr. D. E. Cameron. The same gentleman afterwards sang the "Longshoreman," and joined with Mrs. Cameron in Mendelssohn's beautiful duet, "I Would That My Love." Miss Polly Sheehan, who came next, sang, "That Sweet Refrain," by Jordan, and in the second part of the programme gave "The Portrait of My Mother," winning the warm approval of the audience. Miss Marguerite Dunn, in "The Ride of Jennie McNeill," and "The Gypsy Flower Girl," proved herself one of the cleverest elocutionists in the province, and was encored on each appearance. Mrs. D. E. Cameron, whose voice is a rich and deep contralto, made a distinct hit in Tosti's charming song, "Could I?" and in response to a hearty encore gave "Will He Come" by Sullivan. Miss Maudie Alexander sang a number of characteristic songs in a sweet and winsome manner, accompanied on the guitar by her father, Mr. F. G. Alexander, and was encored again and again. Miss Theresa Rolleri, who is the possessor of a genuine mezzo soprano voice of rich a sympathetic quality and considerable flexibility, sang the aria, "Scenes That Are Brightest" from "Maritana," and, with Mrs. Tapsfield, contributed the favorite duet, "Hear Me Norma," both of which were excellently rendered. The humorous element was supplied by Mr. W. E. Ramsay in his usual inimitable style he being recalled no less than three times on each appearance. The accompaniments were skillfully played by Miss Ward of Barrie and Mrs. Tapsfield of Toronto. Mayor Creswicke, who presided, made a very acceptable chairman, opening the proceedings with a neat speech. The concert was gotten up by Rev. Dean Egan, who was promoted a few months ago from Thornhill to the deanery of Simcoe, and who has already attained great popularity with all classes of the community in his new sphere of labor.—*Globe.*

Made the Convocation Laugh.

The Archbishop of Canterbury complained at the last meeting of the convocation that curates in the English Church are insufficiently paid. He attributed this to the fact that the Church was robbed first by Henry VIII. and then by Edward VI., and that what was left was stolen by Elizabeth. Thus, he said, "the Church was beaten by two kings and a queen." This allusion to a hand at cards made the convocation laugh, but the primate omitted to say that the robbery was perpetrated on the Catholic Church and not on the new fangled Church of Henry VIII.'s creation.—*Catholic Review.*

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