

THE CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.

Friends of the Catholic Sailors Meet.

A largely attended meeting of ladies was held at Hall & Scott's rooms, St. Catherine street, Thursday afternoon, to consider the best means of furthering the interest of Catholic seamen coming into the port. A reading room having been already secured by the Catholic Truth Society, an appeal was made for donations of money, furniture or literature to carry on the work.

The chair was taken by Mr. Feely, the President of the Montreal branch of the Catholic Truth Society; and Mr. Codd, the secretary, acted in that capacity during the meeting.

Amongst those present were, Mrs. Hingston, McGee, Thompson, Cagrain, Power, Sadler, Schmidt, M. Carthy, Rowell, Leblanc and Misses Drummond, Gethin, Sutherland, Feron, Casey, Bartley, Corley, Johnson, Byrne and Lamontagne. Rev. Fathers M. Callaghan and Jones, S.J., addressed the meeting. Interesting details concerning the work were given by the officers of the society.

The following paper, read by Mr. Codd, will, in itself, fully explain the object of the meeting:

"As this meeting has been called by the Montreal Branch of the Catholic Society, or the Catholic Association as it was formerly called, it may not be out of place to state, in a few words, the objects of this Society, and the means employed for carrying out the same, before coming to the special purpose for which the meeting has been called.

"Our objects, as stated in our Constitution, are: 1st. the conversion of non-Catholics; 2nd. the return to fervour of lukewarm Catholics; and 3rd, the relief of the forgotten dead in Purgatory.—To attain these objects, three special means are employed, viz:—

"Intercessory Prayer—through devotion to The Sacred Heart.

"Good Fellowship,—by promoting greater social intercourse among Catholics, introducing newly-made converts into Catholic Society, finding situations for Catholics, aiding the clergy in works of zeal, giving a Catholic tone to public opinion etc., and members are, above all, expected to discountenance blasphemy, lewd language, and the abuse of intoxicants.

"Church Defence,—by answering misrepresentation and slanders which may appear in the public press, by the diffusion of Catholic literature, and the judicious distribution of the tracts, leaflets, etc., published by the C. T. Societies of England and America.

"In virtue of affiliation, the members can gain all the indulgences granted by the Holy See to the Catholic Truth Society of America.

"At the last conference of the C. T. S. of England, held in Liverpool, one of the papers discussed was "How to help the Catholic Sailor." It was found that in the ships leaving Liverpool alone, for different parts of the world, there were upwards of 15,000 Catholic sailors, and that hitherto little had been attempted for their spiritual well-being. The outcome of the discussion has been the publishing, by the C. T. S., of a cheap prayer-book specially adapted for the use of seamen; and the organizing of members of the Society to work especially for the use of the Catholic sailors while in port.

"The Montreal branch of the C.T.S. took up this question at one of their monthly meetings and decided that something should be done by the Catholics of Montreal for seamen coming to this port, who are their brothers in the Faith. It was proposed to found an Institute for Catholic Sailors, where they could be entertained with books, papers, periodicals, etc., and the means of writing their letters, and such amusements as would tend to draw them away from the dangers that lurk about the wharves, the saloons, and places of evil resort. The society desires above all to look to the spiritual well-being of the sailors, by furnishing them with full particulars regarding the churches, the hours of Masses, and other services, and inducing them to attend to their religious duties.

"To carry out this laudable work, a sum of money will be required, and this is why we have invited you to meet here to-day, to solicit your hearty co-operation and support in making this work known to the Catholics of Montreal, so that all may have the opportunity of assisting in this great spiritual work of mercy.

"All money that may be subscribed for this purpose will form a 'special fund'

to be disbursed by the officers of the society, according to the rules provided in its constitution, under the supervision of a committee of management, to be appointed by the subscribers. We are especially desirous of the assistance of lady collectors, who have the time at their disposal, to solicit subscriptions for the work. The amount required to make a start is not much; the furnishing of the rooms we expect to obtain in the Bonsecours Market, the payment of a superintendent or caretaker being about the only expense. The proceeds of concerts and other entertainments to be given by the sailors will, we expect, be sufficient to defray most of the running expenses.

"When we get installed, donations of books, papers and magazines will be thankfully received."

TO THE HOLY FAMILY.

This is one of those beautiful hymns that His Holiness Leo XIII. recently composed in honor of the Holy Family. We give the Latin text, followed by a translation, as near as the writer could approach the original in English verse.

IN SACRAM FAMILIAM.

JESUM, MARIAM, JOSEPH.

HYMNUS.

O lux beata cœlitum,
Et summa spes mortalium.
Jesu, o cui domestica
Arrisit orto caritas:

Maria, dives gratia,
O sola quæ casto poter
Fovere Jesum pectore,
Cum lacte libans oscula:

Tuque ex vetustis patribus
Delecto custos Virginia,
Dulci patria quem nomine
Divina Proles invocat.

De stirpe Jesse nobili
Nati in salutem gentium,
Audite nos qui, supplices,
Vestras ad aras sistimus.

Dum sol rident ad vespertum
Rebus nitorem detrahit,
Nos hic manentes intimo
Ex corde vota fundimus.

Qua vestra sedes fluit
Virtutis omnis gratia,
Hanc detur in domesticis
Referre posse moribus.

LEO XIII.

Translation.

TO THE HOLY FAMILY.

JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH.

HYMN.

O light, the bliss of those above!
The mortal's hope supreme!
Jesus, at birth a family's love
Received Thee in its gleam:

Mary, rich treasure of all grace,
Worthy alone unto thy heart
To press that Jesus and to place
On Him a kiss, and milk impart:

And thou, great Patriarch of choice,
The guardian of the Virgin Maid;
In name of Father thou dost rejoice,
A tribute by that Infant paid.

Of Jesse's noble seed all three—
You brought salvation to our race:
List to the humble prayer that we
Raise at your altar's sacred place!

At that hour when the sun descends,
And darkness falls as the glow departs,
Our solemn offering then ascend—
Prayers from the secret of our hearts!

Resplendent your abode with light
That flashes from all virtues true;
Let our poor families all grow bright,
Reflecting images of you.

J. K. FORAN.

Montreal, 17th April, 1893.

First Communion at Mount St. Louis Institute.

On Sunday morning last the beautiful Chapel of Mount St. Louis Institute was most tastefully decorated, and filled to its utmost with the parents and friends of the pupils. It was the occasion of the First Communion, the brightest day in all the Catholic's life, the day to which youth looks forward with glowing anticipation and to which age looks back with happy and holy recollections. Amongst those present was Chief Justice Lacoste and lady, who came to witness the First Communion of their son. The sermon, an eloquent and instructive one, was preached by Rev. L. C. Therien, the Chaplain of the College. The music was grand and inspiring. The C. Illego orchestra under the able direction of Mr. O. Martel, opened by a march from Wagner's opera. The Mount St. Louis Choir with orchestra accompaniment rendered most creditably Mozart's Magnificat, Rossini's Inflammatus, and Lam-

artini's Lenda Sinn. The solos were admirably taken by Mr. A. Bennett. Some forty pupils received the Holy Sacrament, and after that angelic event in their young lives, they went with their parents to enjoy a few hours of that unalloyed happiness in which both parents and children participate on that glorious day. We regret that our report came in so late, otherwise we would like to dwell more fully upon the great importance of that day to the young. However, at Mount St. Louis the rising generation is in an atmosphere of faith and devotion that will cling to them forever down life's avenues.

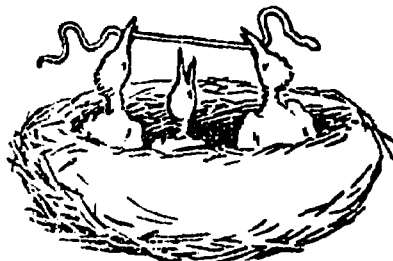
A LECTURE ON "THOUGHT."

Delivered by Mr. J. K. Foran before the Mount St. Louis Literary Union.

Last week we gave a synopsis of a lecture delivered by Prof. McKay, before the Mount St. Louis Literary Union. That gentleman treated in an able manner the subject of "Thought" and its results in the material and scientific worlds. As a second link in a chain of lectures that we hope to see continued, Mr. Foran, editor of THE TRUE WITNESS, gave the following address on Sunday evening last. We could not do better than reproduce the report that appeared in yesterday's Gazette.

On Sunday evening Mr. J. K. Foran, of THE TRUE WITNESS, delivered before the Mount St. Louis Literary Union another of his instructive lectures. The hall was well filled. In opening Mr. Foran said that the audience need not expect flights of oratory, as he intended merely holding a conversation with them. Yet at the close a couple of gentlemen from New York remarked that they had not in their city a Catholic editor gifted with the oratorical powers of the lecturer of the evening. In prefacing his remarks, Mr. Foran told of a trip once taken by himself on the Upper Ottawa. While standing upon the deck of the steamer he perceived a huge oak that appeared conspicuously upon the river bank. Its trunk was heavy with the rings of years, its branches extensive, its leaves variegated with the hues of autumn, and birds sang amongst its limbs. It appeared the picture of strength and life. But, glancing at the roots, they were white and bare. The waters of the river had eaten under the tree, and already it tottered to its fall. Another spring flood would sweep away the remnant of the earth that held the monarch of the woods erect, and the oak would fall into the stream, its branches would be broken, its fiery tangled, and after being knocked from rock to rock and shoal to shoal, it would finally be left, a shapeless log, to rot upon some swamp many miles below. Such, he said, was a picture of infidelity in the world. It has defied the tempests of years, it appears powerful and solid, full of life and with extensive branches, but the stream of truth is ever rolling onward—from its source in God to the ocean of eternity—and it carries away by degrees the earth that supports that giant tree. Another freshet will soon come, and the oak of infidelity will fall; its strength be broken, its leaves scattered, and from rock to rock it will be tossed, until a few hundred years hence, it will be flung to perish and decay upon the dull swamp of oblivion. The battle that wages between faith and infidelity began before the dawn of creation. It is a struggle between truth and error, God and Satan. In heaven Lucifer conceived one thought of pride, and he refused to obey. The effects of that thought Mr. Foran described in the language of Milton's "Paradise Lost." God conceived and thought—that of creating man to replace the fallen spirits—and the mighty effects and wonderful results of that thought were told in glowing terms. Defeated Satan then gave birth to a thought of vengeance, and he planned the destruction of man, the being made to the image of God. How that thought was put into execution the speaker told in a few rapid phrases. This was followed by a thought of disobedience in man the consequences of which were death and "all the ills that flesh is heir to." On man's fall, the second person conceived the thought of redemption.

The four thousand years' preparation for the execution of that conception were hurriedly passed over. In fine the spirit of evil found himself defeated upon all sides. He was astonished at the wonderful creation of man; still more was he astounded at the incarnation of the Son of God. He held council and determined to frustrate the work of the Redeemer as he had tried to destroy the work of God in man. A new dispensation began, and the field of battle was changed: the souls of men were to be the battle ground upon which the Christian legions of faith and the anti-Christian ranks of infidelity should contend. But to use Mr. Foran's own figure: "With a nail through His hand for a pen, and crimson blood for ink, from the height of Calvary, the Son of God wrote His name upon every page of human history from the dawn of redemption to the sunset of time." In glowing language the speaker pictured the different elements or instruments used by Satan in his vain attempts to break up the army of the church militant. The pagan persecutions, the hordes of barbarians, the power of Mahomet, the different heretical insurgents, all imitating the cry of disobedience and following out the first thought of insurrection against the Most High. Coming to our day, Mr. Foran drew a picture of the battle raging between the genius of Faith and the powers of Infidelity. And as a practical conclusion to his lecture he showed that our educational institutions on the one hand, and the press on the other, are the two mighty weapons that should be brought to bear upon the ranks of the common enemy. He paid a grand tribute to the Christian Brothers, and advised the students to take full advantage of the opportunities now afforded them. And he suggested as a means whereby they could learn to express the thoughts that they would have received from their instruction the establishment of a college journal. He instanced the Ave Maria, the Notre Dame Scholastic, the Ottawa College Owl and other such publications, and dwelt upon the great and important roll they play in the work of education. After an eloquent peroration, Mr. Foran spoke in French, dwelling principally upon the suggestions made in the end of his lecture. Rarely are the students of any institution favored with such a literary treat as were those of Mount St. Louis Institute on Sunday evening.



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The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th to the 21st of May inclusive.

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will take place at the Head Office of the Bank on Tuesday, the 20th June next, at noon.

By order of the Board

W. WEIR, President.

Montreal, April 21, 1893.

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