

ful gesture and sympathetic expression. "The Bootblack," as given by Master P. J. Poitras, was very much liked.

Mr. Albert Bétournay presided, with his usual skill, at the piano.

The cast was as follows:—

- Lambourcy, landlord P. Beaubien
Leould, h's brother T. Plamondon
Colladan, ex-farmer J. Magnan
Cordenbols, druggist H. Heque
Felix Renaudier, young notary
..... R. Lagimodiere
Sylvain, son of Colladan N. Bellavance
Bechut, secretary J. Laliberte
Benjamin, restaurant waiter J. L'Eveque
Dne Garcon, (2nd waiter) J. Guay
Un Gardien, Mr. Tricoche E. Migneault
Dne Garcon, (3rd waiter) B. Chenier
St. Chatainel

ST. MARY'S AID.

The annual meeting of the St. Mary's Ladies Aid and Altar Society for the election of officers took place on Friday, the 11th. inst. The Rev. Father Guillet, having been requested to take the chair, commenced by reading the Constitutions and Bye-Laws lately adopted by the Society. The President, Mrs. Bawlf, requested to be relieved of the duties of that Office. Madame Cauchon, proposed by Mrs. Cass, seconded by Mrs. Guilmette, was unanimously chosen President; Mrs. Healy, First Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Weisse, second Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Cass re-elected Treasurer; Mrs. Guilmette Secretary.

The ladies selected for the poor Committee are Mesdames Devine, Smith and Bourbeau; Hospital Committee, Mesdames Gardiner, Kilgour and Landers; Altar Committee, Mesdames Driscoll, J. Egan and Jobin. It was proposed by Madame Cauchon, seconded by Mrs. Devine, and unanimously carried, that Madame Forget be elected an Honorary member of this Society in recognition of her valuable and able services during her too short stay in our midst. A vote of thanks to the retiring Pres. was moved by Madame Monchamp, seconded by Mrs. Guilmette and heartily joined in by Rev. Father Guillet, who referred to Mrs. Bawlf's regular attendance and deep interest in the Society, but whose multiplied duties now prevented her continuing the position of President. The Secretary read the following report.

Report of St. Mary's Ladies Aid and Altar Society for year 1897-8.

The last annual meeting of the St. Mary's Ladies Aid and Altar Society was held on the 12th October 1897. After the report had been read and adopted, the election of officers took place. Mrs. Bawlf was re-elected Pres.; Madame Cauchon First Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Healy second Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Cass re-elected Treasurer and the Secretary re-elected. The Ladies chosen for the Hospital Committee were Madame Gautier, Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. J. Kelly. The poor Committee: Mrs. Shea, Mrs. Allman and Mrs. Dixon. Altar Committee: Mrs. Driscoll, Mrs. Jobin, Mrs. Cloutier. Owing to the Bazaar in aid of the St. Boniface Hospital scarcely any work was done or meetings held till the 10th November, when it was decided to hold the weekly gatherings henceforth on Fridays instead of Tuesdays. 20 meetings were held since that date, and with a better average attendance than in former years. The year's work resulted in the making up of 20 articles of underwear, 11 shirts, 2 pair sheets, 2 pair pillow covers, all of which were

distributed to the needy poor. Other articles given out were 35 yds. dress goods, 51 yds. flannel, 36 yds. flannel, 14 yds. cotton, 1 shawl, 10 caps, 2 coats, numerous mitts, rubbers, hose, moccasins, and 13 pair boots. Other work done by the members of the Society were the cassocks and surplices for the Sanctuary. Your Secretary was instructed to write the St. Vincent de Paul Society for a share in the proceeds of the lecture given by Rev. Father Drummond on St. Patrick's night, which was responded to by the receipt of a cheque for \$25.00. This was acknowledged by the passing of a vote of thanks by the Ladies Aid Society, which was duly sent. Visits to the applicants for help have been made from time to time by the different members to the number of about 12 or 15 and here surely is to be found true charity, in trying to diffuse sympathy and consolation to those of whom Our Lord and Saviour said "Ye have them always with you." In connection with the Local Council of Women of Canada, at the annual meeting held in January, your Secretary was called upon for a report of the St. Mary's Ladies Aid and Altar Society, which was read.

We have not been able this year to have our annual picnic in connection with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and our funds are therefore very low; we trust, however, to be successful in carrying out some other plan of raising the wherewithal to keep on a work so necessary in the Parish. Charity to the poor is the intention for this month recommended by our Holy Father, and the American Messenger says "By Charity to the poor, "is meant, not merely the aid or "alms given to the poor, it is the love which prompts the gift and makes it beneficial and acceptable. There is a way of "helping the poor man which "makes him shun the giver, "and there is another way "which makes him love the "giver more than the gift. It is "the way of true charity, which "is bound to beget love in others even where it cannot offer them "favours or benefits."

The Treasurer Mrs. Cass reports: Balance from last year \$ 8.28 Members, fees 37.00 Part Proceeds of Lecture by Rev. Fr. Drummond 25.00 Rev. Fr. Guillet 5.00

Total 75.28 Expenditure 75.69

Balance 00.19 All of which is respectfully submitted. K. Guilmette, Secretary St. M. L. A. and A. Society. 11th Nov. 1898.

Impoverished Blood.

A CONDITION THAT FREQUENTLY CAUSES MUCH SUFFERING.

Mrs. Henry Gifford, of Kentville, Proves the Value of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in this Condition.

From the Acadian, Wolfville, N. S.

The case of Mrs. Henry Gifford, of Kentville, who some time ago was cured of a distressing malady through the medium of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, is of peculiar value as illustrating the rapidity with which this remarkable medicine operates. A representative of the Acadian who called upon Mrs. Gifford the other day to elicit information concerning her cure, found her to be a very intelligent lady, and a hearty advocate of the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Upon learning the object of his call Mrs. Gifford expressed herself as pleased at the prospect of having an opportunity to give publicity to her remarkable cure. "I have told all my friends about it," she said, "but have often felt that it was my duty to have a statement of my case published in the papers." Three years ago this spring my system was in a badly run down state. In this condition I was attacked by a heavy cold and an enlarged tonsil of great size and extreme painfulness was the result. For nine weary months I was unable to turn my head and my health became such that I could not exert myself in the least. Several physicians were consulted, but without the slightest benefit. The swelling was finally lanced but the operation only aggravated the matter as my blood was so impoverished that the incision did not heal but developed into a running sore. Despondency seized me and at times I almost wished that I was dead. At last by a happy chance I was advised to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After using a few boxes the swelling disappeared and perfect health and buoyancy of spirits returned. Since that time Mrs. Gifford has had implicit confidence in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and has used them for any physical disorder of herself or children with the same happy results. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills create new blood, build up the nerves, and thus drive disease from the system. In hundreds of cases

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THE LATEST PROTESTANT APOSTLE.

Liverpool Catholic Times.

The title of Protestant lecturer is becoming synonymous with jail-bird, and it is usually supposed that convicts and ex-convicts are not inspired by Heaven but rather by the inhabitants of the other place. The Satanic army, if they delight in foul assertions and suggestions, might certainly feel proud of this Protestant reviler of the Catholic Church. According to trustworthy information from America he was found guilty on an indictment for swindling in the Court of Sessions, Erie County, New York, and was sentenced to a year's imprisonment in a local penitentiary. Four other indictments on the charge of swindling were found against him, but were evidently not pressed when the sentence of a year's imprisonment had been passed. Again we are informed that he acted as a Presbyterian minister in Australia,

and the result was that when he appeared in an American Court Presbyterian ministers were amongst the chief witnesses against him. The "Boston Herald" states that he manufactured a good character for himself, making it appear that that paper had spoken of him in the language of respect, whereas it had never done so. Nay, we are assured that he is a living lie, that Rathven is not his name at all but an alias, such as ex-convicts are wont of adopt. He declared at Southampton that he was ordained in the private chapel of "Vicar-General Quaine" at Kingstown, Dublin, in 1879. Dr. Quinn was evidently referred to; but our Dublin representative learns that Dr. Quinn had no private chapel. When such an individual uses blasphemous language against the Catholic Church, and accuses her ministers of the most horrible crimes, it cannot be surprising that in their just indignation upright men such as Mr. Freeley, of Southampton, should kick him out of their houses; but we would earnestly urge Catholics to be patient under the strain put upon their feelings. The infamy of the ex-convict's conduct will fall upon those who are aiding and abetting him and must disgust honourable men with a religion propagated by such disgraceful methods. Their baseness is indeed so undisguised that they might well advertise: "Wanted Protestant lecturers. Preference given to ex-convicts who have 'done' the longest terms."



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