

THE C. M. B. A.

Editor CATHOLIC RECORD:—In the interests of the C. M. B. A. I will ask you to be good enough to publish the following resolution which was unanimously adopted at a recent meeting of Branch No. 38, Cornwall.

At a meeting of Branch No. 38, C. M. B. A., of Cornwall, Ont., held on April 7th, 1915, there was a full discussion of the proposed increase of rates, and the effects the proposed increase, as published in the Canadian, would have on the membership of Branch 38.

It was moved by Brother Peter Rivier and seconded by George Lablanc and resolved that the proposed increase and options are not in the best interests of the C. M. B. A.

It was further resolved that the Grand Officers be petitioned to examine and, if possible, follow the course pursued by the C. M. B. A. of the United States as published in the CATHOLIC RECORD of March 20th, 1915, as we believe that a similar course if adopted, would place the C. M. B. A. on a solid foundation, restore confidence to the present membership and also be the means of adding new members to the order.

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It would be unfair to ourselves to think that this defect is characteristic of ourselves alone. It is a national defect. It is more or less true of a large portion of the graduates of all our American colleges and universities. These, however, are making strenuous efforts to remedy the defect. In many schools there has been introduced a custom that has long existed in the better universities.

Clubs have been formed in the colleges for the purpose of discussing the current magazines. High schools confine themselves for the most part to a single weekly which they discuss under the guidance of their teachers.

This practice can not be too highly commended. We might well adopt it ourselves. The correct and appreciative attitude toward the more serious and the more dangerous part of our journalism needs cultivating. Parents and pastors complain and not without justice that we do not teach the children how and what to read. In this matter they contend there is a crying need of training. Why do we not remove the reproach? In our Catholic schools boys and girls are educated to read with pleasure and discernment such papers as the Literary Digest, the Outlook, the Independent and the Nation. Even in Catholic schools some of these papers have been made the medium of a course in reading. The choice might be happier, but the practice is excellent, and should commend itself to all Catholic teachers of older children.

Apart from the supernatural means of grace, there is scarcely a means more likely to permeate the results of Catholic education, to foster piety and to make the Church's children what she has a right to expect that they shall be, than the regular reading and discussion in the school room of a representative Catholic weekly.

If such reading and discussion were customary, our teachers would not be called upon to lament that their work is almost entirely undone soon after the graduation of their pupils; and bishops and priests would have less cause to complain that graduates of Catholic colleges not only take little or no interest in Catholic thought and achievement, but are often decidedly un-Catholic in their viewpoint.—J. Harding Fisher, S. J., in America.

WHAT HAPPENED IN AURORA

TRAGIC OUTCOME OF REVIVAL IN HOME OF THE MENACE

that it shall. They are telling the builders, we are told, to collect from the merchant, generators, who bear their liability for the debt. As the days multiply, for the debt, as it were, increases. When and how it will end we don't know. The chances are, however, that it is destined to become something of a lasting soreness."

THE CHRISTIAN'S JOY

Joy is for all men. It does not depend on circumstances or condition: if it did it could be only for the few. It is of the soul, or of the soul's character; it is the wealth of the soul's own being when that soul is filled with the spirit of our Blessed Lord, which, St. Bernard teaches, "is the spirit of eternal love."

A strange instrument hung on an old castle wall, so the legend runs, its strings were broken and covered with dust. Those who saw it wondered what it was, and how it had been used. Then, one day a stranger came to the castle gate and entered the hall. His eye saw the dark object on the wall, and taking it down, he reverently brushed the dust from its sides and tenderly reset its broken strings. Then chords long silent woke beneath his touch, and all hearts were strangely thrilled as he played. It was the master, long absent, who had returned to his own.

The convert understands this. In his soul there hangs a marvelous harp, dust covered with error and indifference, with strings broken, while yet the Master's hand had not found it. Then He came. He touched the long silent cords, and the instrument sprang into new life and grew melodious with joy. Deep thankfulness seemed to quiver in every string. This is the way Dom Aelred, O. S. B., Abbot of the Benedictine Community of the Isle of Calday puts it, in the last Quarterly, Pax:

Truly with full measure, pressed down and running over, has God rewarded us for the little Act of Faith that everyone must make who tries to find the Truth; and for the painful surrender that His lovers ask of those who desire to forsake all things that may follow Him. The time of doubt, hesitation and controversy is past, and in its place we have certainty and decision, together with a happiness that at the moment of the uprooting we could hardly have believed possible."

GOING TO CHURCH

From a secular newspaper published in Sioux City we extract the following: Going to church is not as popular, or as fashionable, as it once was. In the days of our fathers, as we all remember, there was much greater fidelity to the Church in this respect than to day. It was more the custom then for the entire family to attend the services of the Sabbath, not only once, but twice, with the Sunday school in between. And those were sermons was formidably lengthy and heavy, if not dry, and when less attention was given to making the services "attractive." Our fathers, it seems to us in the retrospect, took their religious duties much more seriously than we do to-day. They regarded their churchgoing more as a duty than as a privilege or an opportunity, and with many of them Christianity was a thing of flesh and blood, paramount to every other phase of life. Time was, too, when the church was the chief social center, an advantage that has largely developed of modern life.

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state of Pennsylvania. The sole reason Parker chose to turn anti-Catholic lecturer was for the money there was in it. He has been in the city for the past week but has not lectured. We heard that he intends leaving soon, but do not know his destination."

So Parker for some reason, no doubt a sufficient one, was expelled from the local organization of the Socialist party and prohibited from lecturing in Pennsylvania under their auspices. At this juncture, having lost all hope of making money in that way, he seized upon the opportunity, offered by the anti-Catholic movement, to become a lecturer against the Roman menace. It is in this stuff that these enemies of the Church are made. Disgraced among those with whom they had chosen to resort, they turn to this movement of bigotry and hatred, knowing full well that they will find dupes there. Isn't it about time that these non-Catholics, who are allowing themselves to be deceived by these knaves, should wake up to the ridiculous part which they, poor mortals, are playing in this affair?—Intermountain Catholic.

CATHOLICS AND CERTITUDE

When the Church makes a thousand converts among the less fortunate classes no comment arises from the sneering skeptic but the oft repeated cry of "senseless superstition!" What explanation can he offer to the equally patent turning of the intellectual souls to the haven of truth eternal! There can be no other adequate interpretation of the notable conversions of men of science and learning but that they have found what all great minds are seeking—intellectual certainty. A writer in a recent issue of a popular monthly, after interviewing a Catholic theologian on a mooted question, was moved to say that whatever his personal convictions, he had to admit that Catholic philosophy was a perfect whole. That is why so many educated men and women, after years of truth-seeking in the wilds of Protestant heterodoxy, find peace and certitude under the banner of the Catholic Orthodox Church, which means literally the universal church of true thought.—The Canisius Monthly.

THE SAFE GUARD

WHERE WRITERS DIFFER FROM FIGHTERS

the deepest aspirations of his soul are satisfied in acts of adoration. On his hands he believes himself to be in the Real Presence of His Lord. It is only in his own Church that the profoundest yearnings of his soul are satisfied.

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