

RABBI VELD'S PRAISE.

One of the most interesting sights in Plattsburgh during the sessions of the Catholic Summer School was the appearance of a Jewish gentleman, his wife and family, all wearing conspicuously the tasteful badge of the Summer School, consisting of a bow made of the Papal and American colors entwined. This gentleman was the Rabbi Veld, the pastor of the Temple Emmanuel, the oldest, wealthiest, and most influential of the Reformed Jewish congregations in Montreal. An Englishman by birth, with a face distinctly Hebrew in its cast, the rabbi dresses very much in the fashion of a Catholic priest or an Episcopal clergyman. Note-book in hand, he was a daily attendant at the lectures, and followed closely every subject discussed.

Being questioned by a newspaper interviewer, Rabbi Veld spoke of the Catholic Summer School as follows:

I have been a lifelong student of philosophy, mental and social. My congregation is a body of progressive men who have always encouraged me to keep abreast of modern thought. Last year I followed the courses of psychology and ethics in the McGill University. Being an intimate friend of ex-Mayor McShane, of Montreal, my attention was called by Mr. McShane to the printed syllabus of lectures issued by the Catholic Summer School. I was struck with what seemed a very ambitious course of studies, and resolved to run down to Plattsburgh to look in on the school for a day or so and see for myself whether the reality corresponded with the prospectus. After listening to a few of the well-considered and striking lectures of the Rev. Father Doonan, S.J., of Boston College, and of Father Zahm, of Notre Dame University, I made up my mind that I and my family would remain for the entire season. The favorable welcome extended to me by the authorities and students of the school strengthened my resolution.

Although in its infancy, the Catholic Summer School is doing work of a distinctly higher intellectual character than is attempted in other institutions of a similar nature. Here the work is entirely of a university type, and, as you see, Plattsburgh has taken on for this summer, at least, the appearance of a university town. I found that the lecturers, especially the Jesuits, were profound thinkers, who had made a thorough study of their respective subjects, and apparently were animated with the single purpose of enlightening their hearers irrespective of their creed. The subjects were treated in a clear, conversational, yet scholarly manner, that proved immensely interesting, and caused me often to regret that the lectures could not be extended. I was particularly impressed with the very practical treatment of the difficult, and, to my mind, all-important subject of ethics by Father Halpin, of St. Francis Xavier's College, New York. Dismissing for the time being supernatural revelation, he established clearly that man was created for a specific purpose and that happiness on earth could only be obtained by compliance with the laws imposed by the infinite will. He never propounded a difficulty without giving a logical and conclusive solution, and he was always ready to consider and answer the many knotty problems asked him by the students. In many respects he surpassed Prof. Clark Murray, of McGill, whom previously I had considered the ablest expounder of philosophy in the English language. In listening to Father Zahm's exposition of the relation of science to revealed religion I frequently said to myself that the Messianic period is not only at hand, but we are almost in the midst of it. I could see how critically Father Zahm had examined many of

our old Hebrew authorities, especially the Talmudists. So deeply impressed am I with Father Zahm's researches that I am impelled to pay tribute to his erudition by delivering next Saturday in the Plattsburgh Synagogue a sermon which I have called "Father Zahm Endorsed."

Everywhere I was treated as one of their own, and I received every opportunity of getting the information I sought. Although the atmosphere of the school was intensely Catholic, the clerical lecturers always wearing their cassocks and the Sisters of the religious communities their various habits, yet every one was courteous and considerate towards my family and myself. While here I had the pleasure of meeting Bishop Gabriele, a learned and genial gentleman. With the President of the summer school, the Rev. Dr. Laughlin, Chancellor of Philadelphia, I have had many friendly discussions over the Hebrew texts of the Scriptures. In a word, I found the authorities and my Catholic fellow students far more liberal and tolerant than those who travel on a platform of avowed liberalism and professional toleration. I was not surprised at my treatment, since historically this is what I should look for. In the past the Roman Catholic Church has always been the protector of the Jews. Nowadays it is Protestant Germany and holy Russia that mob and persecute my unfortunate co-religionists.

With Father Halpin I have very much in common. Death can never be the end-all to me. Man is under the dominion of law, and the operations of that law are not confined to the material things of this world. I do not believe that there is any death in the spiritual order. With the strong endearing, and never slumbering desire for life, and the irrepressible repugnance to death which all men feel, to say that the grave closes in forever that magnificent thing that we call the soul, intelligence, mind, is to utter a sentiment that all that is best within us repudiates. The cry for never-ending life is the cry of universal intelligent nature, and springs from a desire that is implanted in every breast by the Author of nature; and, in my judgment, it is a longing which the Great Framers of earth and sea and sky is bound to satisfy."

Pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre.

St. Anne de Beaupre, the famous shrine below Quebec, continues to hold its own in the estimation of the faithful. This year it has been visited so far by a larger number of people than in any of its history. The pilgrims not only come from all parts of Canada, but also from several States of the American Union, and included people of all nationalities. The cures reported to have occurred are numberless. In years past the beautiful Church of St. Anne was reached only by boat, and the number of pilgrims was necessarily smaller. Since the opening of the Q. M. C. Railway the number of pilgrimages have increased.—*True Witness.*

A pilgrimage by special train via the Grand Trunk Railway to this celebrated shrine will take place Monday, Aug. 21st. It will be from Lindsay, Peterborough, Campbellford, Moore, Belleville, and all stations of the Grand Junction Division of the G. T. R., and will arrive at St. Anne's 7 a. m. Tuesday, 22nd. It is under the direction of Rev. Father Casey, Campbellford. Special cheap rates have been secured.

League of the Cross.

St. Paul's Sodality of the League of the Cross held its usual interesting meeting on Sunday afternoon in St. Paul's Hall, Power street. Five new members were welcomed into the Sodality, and several important temperance measures were discussed. Mr. W. H. Cahill spoke eloquently on the terrible effects of liquor on the human system. The Rev. Father Reddin was present, and after administering the pledge to the new members, addressed the Sodality at some length. He complimented the members on the good work they were doing in the parish, and urged them to further efforts, with prayer to Almighty God for the results of perseverance in this direction, would not only be evident in the parish but all over Toronto.

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