

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS.

On the 9th of May last we expressed our pleasure at being enabled to lay before our readers two weighty testimonies from non-Catholic sources to the seal, success and merit of the Christian Brothers in the great work of education with which they are identified. We added that Catholics do not, in many cases at least, place sufficient value on the labors of the disciples of the Venerable De La Salle, nor do they sufficiently appreciate the blessings of having them as teachers and guides for their children.

We proceeded to say that the Catholic clergy find in the Christian Brothers valued and trusted auxiliaries in the battle against ignorance and vice. The city, district, or parish favored by their presence and blessed by their labors, blossoms out into a veritable garden of virtue that blooms and flourishes, a joy to men, a delight to heaven.

The first of the testimonies we have to adduce is from the Rev. Dr. Riggs, Principal of Westminster Training College, who, in a recent insurance address, pays the following just tribute to the Christian Brothers:

"The remarkable history and really wonderful achievements of that great Roman Catholic Educational Order, the Christian Brothers, who have done almost all for France that has been done in the way of true educational science and inspiration, serves impressively to teach us that it is to moral influence, and therefore to spiritual convictions and experience, that the educational inspiration and progress of the world are due."

The second of our testimonies is taken from the columns of the New Orleans Picayune, penned by a Protestant gentleman, evidently a writer of force and observation.

He declares that "one of the most notable exhibits in the Educational Department of the World's Fair is that of the Christian Brothers, an order of the Roman Catholic Church devoted to education. It comprises every appliance necessary to the most modern system of education, from those in use in colleges down to those so highly prized by educators who have to deal with the young children, together with examples of the progress made by the pupils of the Brothers in various parts of the United States, of all ages, from the youngest to the oldest, and of all the various school grades and classes of such grades. It is a complete exhibit, and is therefore instructive as to the schools, the scholars, the teachers and their designs. It answers every question that can occur to the inquirer who takes an interest in education, and will be found especially interesting to practical educators."

all these are to be found among the more conspicuous objects in an exhibit that the best and most practical educators in the country pronounce the best of all those that at the World's Fair challenge the admiration and commendation of educators. The BROTHERS EXHIBIT THEIR OWN SERIES of readers, arithmetics, geographies, drawing copies and penmanship, their own free hand ornamental and figure drawing, studies from nature, linear drawing, projections, shades and shadows, oblique and perspective drawings, constructions of carpentry and masonry, constructions of architecture and machinery. In these series they are especially happy in their reach after simplicity, and let us say again are conspicuously so in geography. The methods of teaching book-keeping, commercial law and banking, physiology, and the science of living, their methods of short-hand, of analytical geometry and moral philosophy will compel the approval of all educators who have of such well-known professors as Dr. W. I. Harris, Dr. Bicknell, Mr. Hancock and Dr. Searing. Dr. Harris, well known as the President of the Concord School of Philosophy and former Superintendent of the public schools of St. Louis, said that the Congress of Educators expressed their great gratification at seeing the good exhibit presented by the Brothers, and Dr. Bicknell expressed himself as anxious for an article on the Christian Brothers' exhibit for his Journal of Education. Dr. Searing, of Minnesota, said that the exhibit is complete and admirable, and Mr. Hancock, of Ohio, said there never had been so complete and exhaustive an exhibit in America as that of the Christian Brothers.

THE ADMIRATION OF THESE EDUCATORS thus summed up, is to be engrossed in a report on the completeness and excellence of the exhibit, to be made to the next meeting of the Educational Convention, which is to convene at Saratoga in July next. What higher testimony than this can be offered in favor of so admirable a system of education? But this does not exhaust the half that has been said about it. The pupils of the Medical College of the Tulane University were sent by the demonstrator of anatomy of that institution to study the anatomical models that are so prominent among the exhibits of the Brothers, because of their excellence, and Col. J. M. Murree, President of Howard College, suggested the publication of an album setting forth the development of solids, saying that he had never in his life spent so little money, learned so much, and was so highly entertained in so short a time as that he spent in viewing the exhibits, which it would take a volume, and a large one, to contain anything like a full review.

In the arrangement of the exhibit for which the Brothers are conspicuous in all that they do is more apparent. It takes the visitor through all the grades of instruction and with samples of the work of many pupils, and make a marked and very delightful impression. This arrangement is due to Brothers Mauritian and Famian, who are in charge of the exhibit and who are themselves conspicuous among the most experienced and enthusiastic educators of the country. With such means as were at their disposal they have made one of the practical exhibits in the Government Building.

It owes nothing to meretricious surroundings or a staid adornment. It is just what it pretends to be—a graded grouping of the aids and means for educating the young that a hundred years or more have developed through the Christian Brothers. It arrests the attention of visitors by its own merits, and there are so self-evident that the plainest people may be found spending hours reviewing the excellent work that comprises it. It challenges the sympathy of the people because it is for them and of them, and tells the story of the upward development of their children in all classes of society. It is the story of a Heaven inspired purpose to make good and useful men and enrich the world by the added industry of their hands and brains. Taken in any light and in any sense it is one of the most engaging exhibits in the Department of Education and one that will leave an enduring impression."

It is with pleasure, we repeat, that we are enabled to lay these testimonies to true worth and solid success before our readers. In this country we have had experience of the zeal, devotedness and merit of the Christian Brothers. In many of our large cities they have done and are doing a work that it were so difficult as to be almost impossible of achievement without them. They have planted in the hearts of thousands of our citizens the seeds of truth and honesty and self-reliance. How many of our successful men of business, how many of our brilliant professional men, owe their success and their distinction to their early training by the Brothers of the Christian schools? Their name is legion. This country can never adequately repay the debt under which it lies to the followers of De La Salle. But if it cannot do so, it is bound in gratitude, honor and justice, to do its best to make some reparation for their sacrifices and their labors. This requirement we should make by seeing in every way to facilitate their mission and extend the field of labor of these faithful religious. We have here a new country—we have here a great and promising land—but its promise will be blasted, its greatness unrealized, its resources never profitably developed, unless the youth of the country be nourished by the bread of a Christian education. Canada might acquire wealth and enjoy for a brief time the greatness wealth begets without such a system, but the true, the real, the solid and lasting national greatness begotten of fidelity to principle, never can be ours without Catholic education. It is our privilege to have in this land a system of religious education provided for by law. The provisions of that law have not, however, been as fully carried out as they should have been—nor the benefit they should have seen—not the benefit the Christian Brothers secured in all sections of the country. There are, indeed, many places where their services could not and cannot be availed of, but the question is whether we, as a body, have done all we could to strengthen the

hands of the Christian Brothers, by giving their work that extension and permanency we could, by united effort, achieve. When Protestants are so ready to testify to their merit and success, shall we fail to do our duty by them? Since last we wrote of the merits and claims of the Christian Brothers as Catholic educators we have been enabled to find a list of the honors by them won at the New Orleans Exposition. To this list we invite the closest attention of the Canadian public.

BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS. (CHRISTIAN BROTHERS). Grand Diploma of Honor. Brothers of the Christian Schools—For collective educational exhibit.

Diploma of Honor. Alexis Brother, Christian Brothers' College, Memphis, Tenn.—For geographical display, students' work, crayon drawings, anatomical models, etc.

Christian Brothers (Brothers of the Christian Schools)—Plaster casts, charts and series of copy-books for teaching drawing.

De La Salle College, Philadelphia, Pa.—Students' work and linear and architectural drawings.

De La Salle Institute, New York City.—Students' work, historical maps, etc.

Manhattan College, New York City.—Students' work, in languages, mathematics and natural sciences.

Normal Institute, Ammendale, Md.—Literary works, astronomical charts, linear drawings, studies, etc.

New York Catholic Protector (Male Department), Westchester, N. Y.—Students' work of industrial, wood-working, shoe-making, chair-making, electrotyping, tailoring, silk-weaving, maps, drawings, etc.

Rock Hill College, Elliot City, Md.—Students' work, linear and architectural drawings.

St. Joseph's Normal College, Amawalk, N. Y.—Normal manuals; application drawings (free hand); linear and architectural maps and studies from nature.

St. Joseph's College, Clapham, London, Eng.—Students' work, higher mathematics, physics, etc.

St. Mary's and Sacred Heart College, San Francisco, Cal.—Students' work, drawings.

Diploma. Brother Professor of Botany at St. Joseph's Normal College, Amawalk, N. Y.—Collection of plants and woods formed by him and his students for the museum.

Brother Professor of Mathematics at De La Salle Institute, New York City.—Album of development of solids.

Brothers Curator and Librarian of Christian Brothers' College, Memphis, Tenn.—Complete museum of cotton and cotton seed industry.

Cathedral School, New York City.—Students' work, albums of historical maps and drawings, etc.

Cathedral School, Philadelphia, Pa.—Students' work.

Christian Brothers' College, St. Louis, Mo.—Students' work and drawings.

Christian Brothers' Schools, St. Paul, Minn.—Pupils' work.

Immaculate Conception School, New York City.—Pupils' work.

La Salle Academy, Province, R. I.—Students' work and photography.

Roman Catholic Male Orphan Asylum, Troy, N. Y.—Pupils' work, maps and museum.

St. James School, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Students' work, photography, and calligraph or type-writing.

St. Joseph's Academy, Baltimore, Md.—Students' work and photography.

St. Mary's Academy, Troy, N. Y.—Students' work and photography.

St. Mary's School, Melrose, N. Y.—Pupils' work.

St. Mary's School, New York City.—Pupils' work.

St. Mary's School, Yonkers, N. Y.—Pupils' work and museum.

St. Mary's School, Jersey City, N. J.—Pupils' work.

St. Nicholas School, New York City.—Pupils' work.

St. Patrick's School, New York City.—Pupils' work.

St. Patrick's School, Newark, N. J.—Pupils' work.

St. Patrick's Commercial Academy, Chicago, Ill.—Pupils' work.

St. Paul's School, Philadelphia, Pa.—Pupils' work.

St. Theresa's School, New York City.—Pupils' work.

St. Vincent's School, Baltimore, Md.—Pupils' work.

If in a country where Catholics have not the same educational freedom as in Canada, the Brothers were enabled to win such distinction, what overwhelming success should be theirs in this Dominion, where, in most parts, full educational equality prevails, and in all the provinces Catholics enjoy privileges denied them elsewhere. The Brothers have in this country achieved many a triumph, they have won a large measure of popular support. But they have not received all that is their due. Let Catholics see to it then, that the disciples of the venerated De La Salle everywhere, receive the active, earnest and unanimous support they deserve for their past services, their exalted merit, and their high educational attainments.

DEATH OF EX-ALD. CONWAY. AN OLD AND HIGHLY ESTEEMED INHABITANT DIES THIS MORNING.

Mr. Patrick Conway, ex-alderman for By ward, died this morning at one o'clock, at the age of 60. Although Mr. Conway has been ailing for some twelve months, his death at last is almost sudden, he only having taken to his bed on Tuesday. The cause of death was general decline and inanition.

He was one of the oldest inhabitants of Ottawa, having settled here and gone into the hack business forty years ago; afterwards he opened a grocery on the corner of Murray and Dalhousie streets. In 1882 and 1883 Mr. Conway represented By ward in the council, being defeated in 1884 by one vote by Alderman Swallow. In his civic life he never made any great mark, yet though an infrequent speaker he always attracted attention from the fact that he always went direct to the matter in hand.

He was not a prosperous man of business, and his closing years have been cloudy by a sense of non-success. Upright, straightforward, and high principled to a degree, he lived universally respected, as a man whose word was his bond, and who never willingly injured his neighbor. His death will be mourned by a large number of citizens and friends.—Ottawa Free Press, July 4.

The Real Presence. [From "La Presence Reelle," by Mgr. de Segur, translated especially for the Catholic Citizen.]

In Germany, when Luther and Calvin raised the standard of revolt against the dogma of the Real Presence, an engraving was published against their innovations, which was very successful, as it appealed to the Faith and good sense of the people.

This engraving represented, in the centre, our Lord Jesus Christ holding in His sacred hands the Blessed Eucharist, and underneath were the words, "This is my Body." To the right of our Saviour stood Luther also presenting the Eucharist, and below were these words, which are a summary of the Lutheran doctrine of the Eucharist: "This is Bread and my Body, my Body in the Bread." On the left, in the same posture, Calvin presented the Sacrament, saying, "This is not my Body, but only a figure of my Body."

The author had written, in large letters, at the bottom: "Which of these is right?"

The Catholic Church always says and always will say as and with our Saviour, "The Eucharist is the true Body of Jesus Christ, really and substantially present, under the appearance of Bread." She is right, and she alone is right, and heretics whomsoever and wheresoever are wrong, and all blasphemers the truth and give the lie to the Gospel.

When a Freethinker, or unbeliever, comes to you and says "Jesus Christ is not in the Eucharist; it is impossible; it is absurd," simply call to mind the words of the Son of God, "This is my Body," and ask yourself which of the two it is best to believe.

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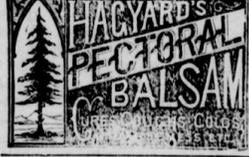
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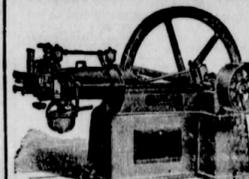
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