

## CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.

## THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

The Catholic Association and Montreal Branch of the Catholic Truth Society—The Election of Officers for the coming year.

In laying before you this our third annual report, we can with confidence say that the Society is steadily advancing in the working out of those objects for which it was founded, in spite of the fact that the number of paid-up members has been barely over half of the previous year. After much discussion and careful consideration, we have compiled and had printed our constitution and by-laws. To advance the interests of the Society, and to make the monthly meetings interesting, all business matters have been placed in the hands of the committee of management and the monthly meetings are thus left free for readings and discussions on suitable topics. Application for tracts have been received during the year from a missionary priest in the far west, and upwards of 1000 assorted tracts shipped to him and gratefully acknowledged; to another Missionary—a railway missionary—a supply of different pamphlets, published by the C. T. S., have been furnished on application. Books from our controversial collection have been loaned on two or three occasions to enquiring non-Catholics. One of our members was called upon during the year by a stranger who stated he wished to be made a Catholic. We are happy in being able to state that after a course of instruction the applicant was received into the Church.

A special subscription was taken up during the year to help one of our members in ill-health to reach his home in England. Temporary assistance has also been given to one other member.

We hope, during the coming winter, to make our monthly meetings a source of interest and entertainment to the members, and trust they will attend regularly, bringing others with them, who may thus be induced to become active members of the society.

## THE CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

The management of this institution during the past season was placed in the hands of a special committee, appointed by the president, in accordance with a motion passed at the general monthly meeting of 23rd of March last. The president appointed the Committee of Management to act in this capacity. Several improvements have been made in the club, among others being a space partitioned off for use as an office; the stage, also, has been moved, and placed in a more favorable position, a new sign has been painted on the front facing the river, and printed notices placed on the corners of the street leading to the club. The weekly concerts have been made a source of revenue to provide for the payment of a piano purchased for the club; the amount realized being something over \$80.

The more the club gets known the more popular it appears to become, and the conduct of those who frequent it cannot be spoken of too highly. Although the past summer has been a poor one for shipping, there has been an average daily attendance at the club of 90 men, and during the season 119 men took the pledge. There have been given to the seamen 14 dozen prayer beads, 14 dozen scapulars, 100 prayer books, besides other articles of devotion supplied by friends of the club.

To place the club on a permanent basis, and to relieve the Society of considerable anxiety as to its future welfare, it was decided by the committee to call a meeting of Catholic citizens, and ask for annual subscriptions. This meeting took place on the 14th inst., His Grace Archbishop Fabre being present. The exact financial condition of the club was placed before the meeting, who appointed from among their number a committee to solicit annual subscriptions, and thereby ensure an income for the support of the club. The committee consists of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. G. H. Mathews, J. O. Gravel, F. J. Hart, C. F. Smith, M. Scanlan, J. H. Semple and Hon. Mr. Royal. So that now we feel empowered to state that the Catholic Sailors' Club of Montreal is an established, permanent institution.

H. J. CODD, Secretary. J. H. FEELEY, President.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for

the ensuing year:—President, Dr. J. K. Foran; Vice-President, J. H. Feeley; Secretary, H. J. Codd; Treasurer, C. F. Smith; Asst. Secretary, J. P. Curran; Marshal, J. Milloy.

Committee of Management:—Messrs. H. Singleton, J. J. Walsh, F. W. Wurtele, W. Alcock, P. McDermott, F. Cogney, F. Cotter, R. Gahan, G. Langan.

Mr. Heckman, one of the active members of the society, being about to visit the Eternal City, has been appointed a delegate to petition for the Apostolic Benediction for the Catholic Sailors' Club.

The next meeting of the society will be on Friday, 21st inst., when a good muster will be looked for.

## OBITUARY.

THE LATE MR. THOMAS W. FOLEY.

During the year now approaching to a close we have been frequently called upon to announce the deaths of many of our fellow-countrymen and co-religionists, and in this issue we have to perform the same melancholy task in the announcement of the departure of Mr. Thomas W. Foley. Deceased was for many years engaged in the Royal Insurance Company, where he occupied a position of great trust. Mr. Foley was a young man who devoted his leisure hours to the service of our holy religion by contributing the wealth of his magnificent talents as an amateur bass soloist in several of our church choirs, until the first signs of the fell disease came upon him and rendered him incapable of further work.

The death of Mr. Foley is indeed sad, because he was removed at a period when he was fortified by all the strength of an intellectual equipment for commercial affairs, which was calculated to place him in a position of distinction in this community. The deceased was one of those clever young Irishmen who, having graduated under the fostering care of that great apostle of education, Rev. Brother Arnold, was moving along the highway of prosperity in his particular calling, and making hosts of friends by his genial manners and kindly dispositions. A few years previous to his first illness we remember him, after having completed his educational courses; and as we now dwell upon the then created impressions in our mind, we see him standing ready and waiting for the first tide that would carry him to the goal of his ambition. But, too soon were all these bright prospects shattered. Beneath the touch of that dread enemy, consumption, he slowly grew weaker, until finally, despite the change of climate that he sought some time ago, the summons came and to it he replied, prepared in every sense to meet it.

Rev. Brother Arnold, who stood by him in his youth, who followed him with watchful and fatherly care during after years, was there to pay a parting tribute to his pupil and to console the afflicted family in the hour of their bereavement. The deceased was a son of Mr. James Foley, dry goods merchant, and one of the pioneers in that business in Montreal. For the quarter of a century Mr. and Mrs. Foley have lived in Montreal, and, like their son, have won the esteem, admiration and affection of large circles of friends. The immense funeral, attended by Irish Catholics from all over the city, was in itself an evidence of the high standing of the deceased, and of the respect felt for the family. In St. Anthony's Church the Requiem was chanted, the decorations were in accord with the solemnity of the occasion, and the obsequies were most imposing.

The chief mourners were Mr. James Foley, father, and Mr. John Foley, brother, of the deceased. The pall-bearers were:—Messrs. W. J. McKenna, Henry McLaughlin, W. P. Clancy, J. H. Ryan, W. P. McVey, and Arthur Phelan. After the Mass the remains were conveyed to Cote des Neiges cemetery and there left to await the great resurrection.

While extending to the family and relatives our sincere sympathy, we join in the solemn but consoling prayer that the soul of the departed may rest in peace.

## LORD ABERDEEN WITH THE INDIANS.

A despatch from Vancouver, B.C., says:—The Governor-General of Canada and the Countess of Aberdeen left a splendid impression behind them on account of their stay in the Province.

Their Excellencies were presented with thirty-five addresses, while Lady Aberdeen took one hundred and twenty views of British Columbia with a camera manipulated by herself. The views will be used for engravings in a book to be published by the Countess dealing with her trip through Canada. The address of the Catholic Indians at Mission was very touching. It was simple and pathetic in its wording. The Indians claimed to have been unlawfully deprived of a quantity of land by the Government, and they were not satisfied with several promises made by His Excellency, until he told them that he would tell the Great White Mother about them when he returned. The Indians, no doubt, thought that the Queen would straighten out the land difficulty all right, and they say they are satisfied. The Indians of the Lower Fraser also complained that during the recent floods the white men were helped by the Government, but that the red men were allowed to shift for themselves. His Excellency, however, with his tact, left behind a favorable impression.

## OUR SCHOOLS.

A Striking Contrast—The Superintendent's Report.

A recent letter in the Herald presents some school statistics of considerable importance. The same letter contains extracts from Superintendent Oulmet's report for this year, and we deem it well to place before our readers the contrast that these figures suggest.

In Ontario the Government and the municipalities spend nearly five million of dollars annually on the schools; Michigan spends six millions; Ohio, twelve millions; Illinois, thirteen and a half millions; Massachusetts, ten millions; the small State of Connecticut, two and a half millions. In Quebec the municipalities contribute \$1,150,000, and the Government \$225,000, making an expenditure of \$6.40 for every child attending school regularly. In Ontario and the United States the average expenditure per pupil attending regularly ranges from \$15 to \$33. There are schools in this province where the cost of teaching is reduced to \$1.33 per pupil, and the salary of teachers to \$55 a year.

Superintendent Oulmet, in his report this year, makes the following remarks, which are to be found in many of his previous reports:

## SUPERINTENDENT OULMET'S REPORT.

"The average annual salary of the female teachers with diplomas in the Roman Catholic elementary schools was \$106.00; and, in the Protestant elementary schools \$185.00. In the Roman Catholic model schools and academies the average was \$140.00; and in the Protestant model schools and academies it was \$306.00.

"With such salaries, especially in the Roman Catholic schools, it is not surprising that the female teacher's diploma is so little sought; and that there are more than a thousand teachers without diplomas. These salaries very often keep those away from teaching who are the most capable, and who find no encouragement, sometimes not even food and proper maintenance. Under these conditions, teaching is adopted by a large number of teachers only in default of something better and they give it up on the first favorable opportunity.

"I had the honor to draw your attention last year to a resolution adopted by

## IT'S A LEAP IN THE DARK,

usually, when you set out to get "something for your blood."

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery gives you a proof. Its makers say that as a blood-purifier, flesh-builder, strength-restorer, if it isn't the medicine for you, they'll return the money.

It's guaranteed to cure or benefit, in the worst Skin, Scalp and Gracious Affections.

Nogal, Lincoln Co., N. Mex.

DR. R. V. PIERCE: Sir—I have a boy who was a solid mass of sores over his arms and legs and back from the time he was six months old until he was five years old. I gave him Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Pleasant Pellets. He has been well now for over two years. Four bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery made a final cure of him.

Respectfully yours,

Abbe May.

the Roman Catholic Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, with respect to the giving of a bonus to the teachers who had succeeded the best in teaching. I am of accord with the Roman Catholic Committee in recommending that a sufficient sum be placed at its disposal to this end, I renew my request this year, and I beg the Government to grant this bonus; which I am sure will raise the standard of our schools, by stimulating the zeal and bettering the position of the teacher.

"The grant to public schools has been for many years \$160,000.00, with a reduction of five per cent in favor of Roman Catholic schools for deaf mutes and the blind.

"The grant thus reduced does not exceed that allowed to public schools twenty years ago. The number of the schools, however, and that of the pupils, has increased to a great degree since 1874, and a large number of new municipalities have been erected. The result has been that the share in the grant of each municipality and of each school is much less than it was twenty years ago, and that, in a great many instances, this falling off is hurtful to the progress of public instruction.

"I ask, therefore, that the grant to public schools be increased to \$200,000."

## ST. ANN'S CHURCH.

REV. FATHER DEVLIN, S.J., TO PREACH.

On Sunday next, 9th December, a charity sermon, in behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, will be preached by the reverend and eloquent Jesuit, Father Devlin. The collection on that occasion will be for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It is to be hoped that the result will be all that could be desired. The object is one of the best possible to conceive, and the preacher is too well and favorably known to require any comment on our part—his name alone will draw a full church.

## ST. JEAN BAPTISTE RETREAT.

FOR THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING MEMBERS OF THE PARISH.

On next Sunday, December 9th, at ten o'clock Mass, will commence a retreat for the English-speaking population of St. Jean Baptiste parish. The preacher will be the Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., of St. Ann's parish. It is to be hoped that this retreat will be largely attended, as the good pastor and assistants of St. Jean Baptiste parish have gone to considerable trouble to furnish their English-speaking parishioners with all the benefits of the Church's ministrations. We therefore trust, that advantage will be taken of this occasion to make this a really successful retreat.

## AN IRISH PANORAMA.

On December 17, in St. Mary's Hall, under the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, an Irish concert, with an accompanying panorama, will be given. The object is a most laudable one; it is for the benefit of the poor of St. Mary's parish, and under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Halley Brothers will have charge of the panorama, and the famous Irish piper O'Brien will be on hand to "add new zest to the enjoyment" by strains of old Irish music, while the scenes in old Ireland will unfold before the audience. We trust that this will be a successful concert, and that the result will be felt by the poor of the parish in a merry Christmas.

## A REQUIEM MASS.

On Monday next, in the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel (St. Mary's) a solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Denis M. Caffrey, the popular and universally beloved mother of Mrs. E. Gunning, of that parish. We trust that the service will be well attended, for in truth was the deceased a noble Catholic woman, a model wife, a fond mother, and one whose example will long remain as a beacon light for the parishioners of that section to follow. On this occasion we do not let it out of place to once more extend the expression of our sympathy to all who so bitterly miss the presence of that good Catholic lady, and to join in the Church prayer, especially on next Monday, that she may rest in peace.