Catholic Emigration Society

"Gratitude begets gratitude" was fully exemplified on last Sunday evening when between seventy and eighty of the old boys' and girls' association of the Catholic Emigration Society assembled at the Canadian headquarters, corner of Fulford and St. Antoine streets, for the purpose of welcoming the Rev. Father Bans. the director of the Society, and Mr. by such a body. In addition to the came also from Ottawa. There were present Rev. Father Bans, Mr. omas, Hon. Justice Curran, Mr. Cecil Arden, Messrs, J. Lupton, W. P. Evans, J. Brien, J. Boyle, R. J. Louis Cuddihy. At 8.30 the evening's proceedings were opened by Cecil Arden, general manager of the Society for Canada, and after explaining the object of the affair, called upon several of the ladies and gentlemen present from the Association for songs and recitations, which were well rendered. Mr. Ar den then in a neat speech introduced Rev. Father Bans, the director of the Catholic Emigration Association of England to the Old Boys' and Girls' Association on this, his second visit to Canada. "The former pupils of the Association were greatly pleased to meet the president and secretary.' said Mr. Arden, and he hoped that the meeting to-night would convince the authorities in England that the work was lasting and beneficial. He considered that the meeting that night was indeed a splendid testimony of what good the work had done, and he was particularly well pleased to see that the old boys and girls were grateful to the associawhich had done so much for their future welfare.

Mr. William P. Evans, hon. secretary of the Old Boys' and Girls' As sociation, made a few remarks. He said the Association was started only last April, and since that time it has made wonderful progress. He jocularly remarked that if the people of England would open their purses a little wider for the benefit of the orphans more good and greater work could be done. He trusted that the report of the present gathering would have the desired effect with the home authorities.

One of the ladies present, a mem ber of the Association, read the following address:

The Rev. Emanuel Bans, president of the Catholic Emigration Association, of Liverpool, and London, England :

We, the members of the English Catholic Old Boys and Girls Association, of Canada, desire to extend a sincere and hearty welcome to yourself and Mr. Arthur Clifton Thomas, honorary secretary of the Catholic Emigration Association, on this, the occasion of your second visit to Canada. We welcome you both as representing the work at home which was instrumental in giving us our start in life, and we desire to express, through you, the deep feeling of gratitude which we hold towards those who not only contributed in various ways towards giving us that start, but whom we know still take a deep interest in our progress and welfare

Our thankfulness is intensified by the feeling that our condition in life sition of president of the new to-day is a standing testimony to the wisdom and foresight which animated our benefactors in their generous endeavors to foster our interests and while remembering that one of the chief objects of our emigration was to save our faith, we think we can confidently testify to the fulfilment of that object.

We include in our membership, boys and girls, representatives of nearly every Catholic school in England which has sent out children in the past, and we have in our ranks representatives of many occupations and employments.

We learn with pleasure of the approaching unity of the Catholic Emigration societies under one manageprayers and best wishes for the future success of the work.

In concluding, we beg to wish you both a happy and successful trip, and God-speed on your return journey. Signed on behalf of the members:

WILLIAM P. EVANS.

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

Father Bans replied as follows: I am deeply grateful to you, the members of the English Catholic Old Boys' and Girls' Association of Canada for the handsome address which you extend to me, as president, will be followed.

and to Mr. Chilton Thomas, as se- In conclusion, my dear emigrated Doing Good Work.

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Doing Good Work. nada. If it gives you pleasure to Catholic Church so dear to us all, see us, it gives us greater pleasure to see you. If you are grateful to Association, which enabled you to us as representing the work in Eng-land which was instrumental in giv-the school from which you came, and ing you your start in life in this free and glorious Dominion of Canada, we are no less gratified to know and to see with our own eyes that you each one of you have taken advantage of that start once given you you every blessing and prosperity, and by your own efforts have reached your present positions as respect-Chilton Thomas, secretary, and of ed and self-respecting citizens of Cashowing their gratitude to the Ca- nada. I will not dwell on what tholic Emigration Society for the might have been, had no opportunity deep interest taken in their welfare been offered to you. I will only congratulate you upon the result Montreal members, several members you have attained, following the good fortune which enabled you to emigrate to this country. Facts are stubborn things, and no better justification of our work could be pos- provements that might be expected sibly desired than that given by this splendid gathering here to-night. Re- been adopted, and he paid a tribute

the good name of those who cared for you during the tender years of your life is in your hands. I charge you to see that no act of yours shall ever sully that good name. I wish and I heartily thank you for your kindness in coming to meet us this evening.

Mr. Thomas made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, giving a brief history of the work of the association in England, and with which he has been associated since its inception. He referred to wider range which the amalgamated association would have, and the imunder the new regulations, which had



HIS HONOR JUDGE CURRAN

ports, too, that have reached us give | to the untiring work of the Misses us cause for great thankfulness. And Brennan for the English children in now I have an announcement to make to you and through you to all others whom it may concern. Wishing to be precise in my statement is the reason why I am reading this hoped Rev. Father Bans would take reply to your address. As you are aware, there are at the present moment two Catholic Emigration Associations. These two societies have not been in any sense rivals, nor have they in any way criticised each other. One was started by Canon St. John. Of the other I am president. Both societies have long desired union, but there were certain technical difficulties to be overcome before this happy state could be brought about. It will be a real pleasure to you to know, as it is to me to inform you that that union will take place to-morrow night. The form which the union is to take is the bringing into existence of a new society, which will take over all the responsibilities, duties and legal rights now exercised by the Canadian Catholic Emigration Society and the Catholic Emigration Association. These two Catholic societies, which have hitherto emigrated children to this Dominion, will to-morrow night cease to exist; at same time the new society will come into being and will be known as the Catholic Emigration Association. Canon St. John has accepted the poresponsibilities of the secretaryship. I know that you and all others will hail with delight the announcemen of the fact that Mr. Cecil Arden will be the hon. Canadian agent, responsible in all matters to the home so cietý. Miss Brennan also, I have the greatest pleasure in announcing, will not sever her connection with the work. The new society will not only exercise all legal rights ferred by the Dominion and Provincial governments of Canada, but will also put into operation certain well considered regulations, many of which I may say have been suggested a interviews with you, the boys and girls, who have been long in country, and who have acquired good a name for yourselves.

For you may remember that at our last visit we devoted much of our time in interviewing many of you individually, and we felt that we could best guard the rising generation by the knowledge acquired from the citizens of this great Dominion, who had themselves been at one time in the position of emigrated children. Your experience, therefore, has been of the greatest value to us and has work of Mr. Rodolph Bedard, secreteled to a considerable extent in tary-treasurer of the Rolland Paper in the building up of the system which

Mr. Thomas laughingly said that as he was no longer a member of the Association, but practically dead, he his corpse home with him on his return to England and give it a decent burial.

Hon. Justice Curran thanked the Association for the honor conferred upon him by electing him president of the new Association. He said, "Charity begins at home," and he was glad to see such a fraternal spirit shown by organized assistance, as great help in social ways would result therefrom. He was more particularly happy to give any assist ance in his power, as at least 60 per cent of the boys and girls sent out by the emigration societies were of Irish parents. The meeting would convince anyone of the admirable work being done. Each and every one of them should feel a grave re sponsibility, because if any one them were found guilty of any bad conduct, it was sure to be known, and to be widely circulated, to the detriment of hundreds who were do ing well and to the prospects of other poor children who might suffer therefrom. There were always those who were anxious to criticise, and not a few who were, actually, unfriendly to the work being carried on by this association. He wished that people who saw us of God. of the he could have a few of those presen to-night to see the young men and young women there assembled, who were all doing well, and reflecting credit upon themselves and those who had taken charge of their future only a few years ago. His Lordship cor cluded by a few complimentary re marks to Mr. Arden for his admirable management of the children ur der his special care, who now num ber over 899, in all parts of the

Dominion. Mr. G. Bogue Smart, Dominion in spector of British immigration children and receiving homes, made ar address in his usual felicitous manner. He spoke of the special interest he had always taken in the work of Mr. Cecil Arden. He knew how many of the boys and girls who had pass ed through his hands were now happy and prosperous citizens of Cane da. This work was being admirable carried on, and he had no hesitation in saying that St. Vincent's Homwas one of the best managed institutions that came under his official inspection.

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Girls' Association was taken after the entertainment.

The evening proved a very enjoyable affair, and as the large number of old boys and girls sat around in the parlors it made a pretty picture and one could not but think that health, wealth and prosperity had fallen in goodly places, and the Catholic Emigration Society was doing a noble and God-like work.

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story of St. Francis, who one day said to a young monk: "Let us go down to the town and preach." So they emerged from their monastery, walked demurely through the city and returned home. Arrived at the door the young monk exclaimed :-

"Father, I thought you said we vere going to preach in the town?" "And did we not do so?" replied St. Francis. "Did not the sight of us and our holy habit remind the shortness of life, of the vanity riches, of the necessity of penance and of the joy of Heaven for which we have given up all that the world

holds dear." And isn't the example of a good priest a sermon day and night all who know him? And does not the thought of him strengthen the strong in well doing and often stimulate the weak to resist their evil inclinations ?-Columbian. .

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Mr. John Redmond C the Irish Policy Under ticular Circumstan

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Speaking in Dublin last w the policy of the Irish Parli Party in view of the appropriate elections in Great
Mr. John Redmond said: "We are at this moment

very eve of a general election hear), and we would, indeed minal and unworthy of any in our national endeavor if single moment in preparing so as to be ready to take vantage of the opportunity before us (applause). Now say on this question of pre nothing new. I can say that I have not been sayi years-that all of us have saying for years. My confin viction is that all that is to ensure success for us in paratively short period of the future is a united Par plause). Gentlemen, I put organization first. Fathe han correctly gave expression view I and my colleagues l ways held-that without a organization in Ireland no ty can be powerful, and Party can long remain uni plause). I am glad to thir speaking of the Irish people ly, the Nationalist organize strong, widespread and unit plause). This meeting here is an assurance to me that mediate future Dublin will to put herself once more in ful position-in the van of th ment (hear, hear). As the tion is united, so also is t (applause). Without a uni disciplined Party the Irish tation would be absolutely less (hear, hear). By unity cipline I do not mean any the nature of a cast-iron u of views and opinions (her Such a thing as that is, in nion, impossible amongst t sentatives of intelligent peo the people of Ireland, and were attempted to be enfo would be an unnatural state and, in my belief, would (hear, hear). And there my liberty of expression of th nions (hear, hear). But, g

AN IMPORTANT LIMITA

On essentials the decision majority of the Party, arr after full deliberation and cussion, must be held to b minority (applause). That meaning of a united plea Party (hear, hear), and su this time of day it is unnec emphasize the fact that un Irish Party is a united an bound Party in that sens Party would deteriorate in of Commons and he depriv influence for good in the f Ireland (applause). I de say, in thanking this meet the generous expression of in the Party, one or two w that subject (hear, hear). men, the action and policy Irish Party in this last se been criticized. I would lil mind the public that the Ir commenced its work in the sion in Westminster under v disadvantages. We then of the counsel and assi some of these men who had most trusted and responsible of public opinion in Ireland years, and whose views and always had the most weight with the Party as with Ireland (applause). went to Westminster Mr. D plause) was unfortunately a

ing to ill-health, and when the meetings of the Party sider the action and policy session we were deprived all tunately of the counsel and these meetings of Mr.

O'Brien (applause). Under cumstances it is true, in and it would not be true not say it, that, owing to