

FOR YOUNG MEN

Inauguration of a Home for Catholic Societies in Liverpool.

The Duties of Catholic Youth—Some Practical Suggestions and Plain Truths on the Subject.

In England and in the United States there seems to be a well directed movement to unite young Catholics and to erect establishments of an attractive character, in order to secure the success of the undertaking. The Catholic Times, of Liverpool, says:—

Another cheering evidence of the growth of that admirable Catholic organization, the Young Men's Societies, was afforded on Sunday afternoon, when the Bishop of Liverpool laid and blessed the foundation stone of the parochial hall adjacent to St. Mary's, Highfield street, which is to be a centre of self-improvement, Catholic united action, and recreation for the district of which Father Bede Cox, O.S.B., has spiritual charge. It has been designed in the Gothic style by Messrs. Sinnott, Sinnott & Powell, and is being built by Messrs. Paterson & Sons, of Solo street, Liverpool. It will be a plain three storey brick building flanking Prussia street, measuring 76 feet by 27 feet. On the ground floor will be a large billiard room to hold three tables, lavatory, and other apartments; on the second floor reading and other rooms; and on the top floor a large assembly room with stage and gallery for entertainments, lectures, etc. There will be two entrances, and the estimated cost is £1,500. Highfield street and the adjoining streets were spanned with festoonings of bright colored flags, and the event awakened a good deal of local interest. The following branches mustered in Queen's Square, and headed by the band of the O'Connell Temperance Society, marched in procession to the church accompanied by Mr. M. Fitzpatrick, president; Dr. W. J. Sparrow, vice-president, and Mr. R. Carr, secretary, of the Central Council; St. Mary's, St. Augustine's, St. Anthony's, St. Sylvester's, St. Joseph's, St. Alphonsus', Our Lady's (Eldon-street), and Our Lady Star of the Sea (Seaford). The members, all wearing their sashes, filled the nave and aisles to overflowing.

After the recital of the "De Profundis" and other prayers by Father Cox, the Rev. W. A. Eager, O.S.B., addressed the assemblage, basing his discourse on the words from that day's Gospel: "And himself believed and his whole house." A kindred duty to that of the centurion in the Gospel devolved upon those who had long possessed the inheritance; they should not merely have complete faith themselves, but they should do what they could to further it in others. Zeal for the honour of their religion was not merely an ornamental part of it, but an absolute and clear duty, one of the primary duties of every Catholic. Privileged as he was to say a short word to the united members of the Young Men's Societies, he did not think he could say a better word than urge upon them zeal in the cause of their holy religion, zeal in the first place by the brave external profession of their faith, and in the second place by the edification of their lives. The first was a necessity—God demanded it of them. Any man who said to himself that it was quite sufficient for him to worship God externally failed in a most important duty, failed not merely to God but also in the eyes of the Church, which demanded of every one of her children zeal in her honour, and of his fellow-men. They were bound as Catholics to support one another by example. What was their practice? Did their language and habitual state of mind evidence that they valued the faith which was in them? Were they hypocritical, sometimes in matters of religion, sneering at the higher aspirations of others, or the faith? Did they stand forth as champions of the faith? Did they understand of circumstance hold their own before other people and stand forth manfully and show themselves as men before their fellow-men? Nothing obliterated the brilliancy of our faith more than the bad example of its adherents. It was useless for a man to say "I am a Catholic, a member of the Young Men's Society," if his life was not evidence that he was so in reality. What were they to think of Catholics who could sit silently when they heard the Church maligned, and even, in a sort of way, approve? Although they had external profession, so far as their lives were concerned, it was difficult to say whether they belonged to the religion they professed at all. The obligation of being zealous for their religion imposed on Christians generally was in a twofold sense obligatory on the Young Men's Society. There they were a magnificent body of men, sterling Catholic men, and he said to them that, if they were worthy of their position and worthy of their society, and in a great measure worthy of that noble nation to which most of them happily belonged, zeal for their Church must be the note of their society. He knew they loved their holy Catholic faith. Among the Irish people there were traditions and associations of centuries; they had been the known defenders of the Catholic faith among all the nations of the world. They stood alone, save, perhaps, heroic Poland, undergoing persecution in upholding the faith which they professed. No true Irishman was ever afraid of his faith; that was not one of his faults. He urged upon them the necessity of greater zeal for the cause which they loved so much, not to be content with their own profession of faith, but to extend their energies as far as they could outside the Catholic Church. These were stirring times in which they lived, when, under God's providence, many things might be effected for the good of His Church. How many outside the Church were longing to know the truth? He heard and knew of many who wept that they were not born into the One True

Church. There were young men and young women of promise who would give the world to be able to believe as they did, but they could not. Others would rise in the silence of the night and ask the Eternal God to "lead" them by His "kindly light." Thousands took to other works, philanthropic works and the rest of it, because they could not possess the true faith. He heard of others who called upon God to take them out of life that they might be relieved from the agony of doubt. They had a distinct duty toward these people. It was mere mockery, mere superstition, to be proud of their religion if they were not anxious that others should possess it as well as themselves. Some little of that spirit of zeal of those who had gone before them, of those great missionaries who had gone into foreign countries, was necessary. The Church looked to societies for good example. He believed the Young Men's Society, well developed, was the strength of every parish. He remembered, a short time ago, visiting Dublin, and there, to his intense delight, at one of the early Masses he saw something like twelve hundred men approaching the altar rails. Would that they could have a little more of that in that city of Liverpool! With more energy and earnestness what good they could do! Remember the influence which they possessed. Each one was a sphere of influence in his own circle.

After the sermon Pontifical Benediction was given by the Bishop, the Deacons being Revs. W. A. Eager and M. Sutor, O.S.B., Rev. H. M. Campbell, O.S.B., being Master of Ceremonies. There were also present the Revs. C. B. Cox, E. W. Van Volckxson, T. B. Feeny, J. B. Divey, and T. G. Rathe, O.S.B. The members then proceeded in procession to the site of the new hall, where the Bishop, who was assisted by the same clergy, having laid and blessed the stone with the customary ceremonial, delivered an address, in the course of which he said it was only the other day they were assembled to inaugurate a new hall at the Pro-cathedral, and now with as much joy they were assembled at St. Mary's to lay the foundation stone of what would be a magnificent hall for St. Mary's, the oldest of the Young Men's Societies of the city of Liverpool (hear, hear). The seedling planted there so many years ago had taken deep root, and had grown and increased with the increase of Liverpool. It was consoling to reflect that in the great increase of Catholicity in Liverpool the Young Men's Society had been an important factor in building up both materially and morally the Catholic Church in that city (applause). They had helped to build it up materially because, as they knew, they were so conditioned there in that city that their churches and schools and presbyteries had to be built, especially there along the line of docks, from the pennies of the poor, gathered week after week from door to door by what were called out-door collectors. It would only be known on the great accounting day how much Catholicity in Liverpool owed to those who collected with such zeal for so many years in the past. He believed he was not wrong in saying that the majority of those who in past times and at the present moment were out-door collectors had been supplied by the various young men's societies of Liverpool (applause). It was, therefore, true to say that to the young men's societies of Liverpool they owed to a great extent the material growth of Catholicity in that town. He believed they also owed to that same society the increase in that moral fibre necessary to build up a church in a city like that. He knew there were excellent young people in every mission who might not be members of the society, and excellent men who had not thought fit to start a society; but, nevertheless, he believed he was right in saying that the flourishing state of the young men's society in any mission was, generally speaking, an index of the spiritual state of that mission; that if they had in any mission a large body of young men attending the weekly meeting regularly, and therefore, avoiding the occasions of sin, attending to their duties regularly, and approaching the Sacraments, those young men acted as a leaven to the rest of the mission; and, as in past years, they had large bodies of such Catholic young men, he felt he was right in saying that to the Young Men's Society in Liverpool they owed in a great measure the building up of the splendid moral state of Catholicity in Liverpool of the present day (applause). His Lordship then proceeded to dilate upon the advantages of having such a hall, particularly in safeguarding them from many temptations and dangers to faith and concluded with an appeal for aid to Father Cox, who had taken a great responsibility upon him. Congratulatory addresses were delivered by Mr. M. Fitzpatrick and Doctor Sparrow and the proceedings were brought to a close by Father Cox thanking the Bishop for coming to give the seal of his approval to the work undertaken.

CATHOLIC SEAMEN'S CLUB CONCERT

Still another good concert was given last Thursday evening, Mr. P. J. Gordon, the worthy chairman, opened the programme: Miss Wheeler, piano; Miss B. Milroy was as usual applauded in one of her fine recitations; Miss M. Giroux, song; Mr. James Spofford, seaman, song, and was loudly applauded, and he sang several times by special request; Mr. A. Labbe rendered a fine cornet solo; Luke Redmond, seaman, song and chorus, in which the seamen joined, was a grand success; A. Lawlor, song; James Bruce, seaman, song and dance; Chas. Hunter and A. Green, songs; John Brady, seaman, a declamation; A. Read and Jas. Milroy, in the big 2, in original parodies, raised a storm of applause; J. Hanahan gave a declamation and was appreciated. The next regular concert will be held on Thursday as usual. But the last concert of the season will take place on Thursday evening, Nov. 12, when extra attractions will be offered, so that those who have not already attended these nice social concerts should not miss the happy closing one of the series, at the Club Rooms, 58 Common Street, corner of St. Peter Street, opposite H. A. Allan's offices. It is expected that Rev. Father Devine, chaplain to the Club, will bid farewell to the seamen, who have won all credit for themselves by their orderly conduct at the concert during the past season. Come one, come all.—F.C.L.

TO WEAR A SHAMROCK

In a Breach of Duty in the British Army

The following report of an incident which occurred in Ireland appears in a recent issue of an Irish exchange. It reminds us of the days of Napper Tandy:—

A poor Irish soldier named Cummins has just committed suicide under painful circumstances. He was a long service man, having served with Lord Roberts in 1868, and having won the medal and clasp for that campaign. He was foreman in the Ordnance Store, and did not think it a breach of duty to wear the shamrock on last St. Patrick's Day. His officer believed otherwise, however, and Cummins unwisely disputed the point and was dismissed, Lord Wolseley deciding that he was not even entitled to a gratuity. A few days ago his body was found in the Thames. Had he been a Scotchman or a Welshman who had honoured his national saint's day he would have been still alive and enjoying his position. We do not envy the officers and Commander-in-Chief who persecuted this Irish veteran. It is to the eternal credit of the Duke of Connaught that he recommended him for the gratuity which Lord Wolseley refused.

To Disinfect Kisses.

There is very little danger that a Canadian lover, however enthusiastic, will need to be submitted to the disinfectant process under the circumstances contained in the following despatch from Indianapolis, which we take from an American paper. The Secretary of the State Health Board has a case reported from Columbus, where a man persisted in kissing his sweetheart, who is alarmingly ill of diphtheria, by which he also contracted the disease. The Secretary, therefore, wants to interdict all kissing. He says:—

"I am convinced of the difficulty the Health Board will meet in trying to taboo kissing among sweethearts, although a most dangerous pastime I may have to recommend a disinfectant. All that would be necessary would be to rinse the teeth well with it and rub it well on the lips. That would insure devotees against the dangers resulting from osculation."

Vaccine on Ice.

All school children who have difficulty in getting their vaccinations to "take" are sent as a last resort to the Board of Health. Not one of the operations done under the supervision of Drs. Barnes and Green has failed to take effect, and in some cases five or six previous attempts by practicing physicians have proved failures. The success of the Board of Health's vaccinations is attributed to the fact that the virus is perfectly fresh, and is kept on ice all the time. Just what effect ice has on small-pox germs is not clear, but they seem to thrive under it, and are in good form to make life a burden to the patients for a day or two, when they are injected into the blood. Dr. Ford, President of the board, says there is not more than one in 10,000 persons who is not actually susceptible to vaccine virus, and up to the present no such cases have presented themselves.—Phila. Record.

MARKET REPORT.

RETAIL MARKET PRICES.

The fine warm weather for this season of the year and the good condition of the country roads were an inducement for farmers and gardeners to come to market, consequently the attendance at Bonsecours yesterday morning was large. There was also a large gathering of buyers and business in consequence was unusually active in all lines of produce. The offerings of oats and buck wheat were large, which met with a good demand and prices ruled steady. There was no important change in vegetables. The demand for all lines was good and sales were made freely. In cauliflowers the feeling was stronger and prices have advanced 25c to 50c per dozen owing to the smaller supply and improved demand. Choice stock sold readily at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen. In fruit the demand for winter apples, such as Spies, Baldwins and Greenings, was good and sales were made freely at \$1.75 to \$2 per barrel, while choice farmhouse sold at \$1.75 to \$2 per barrel, and inferior and common stock at 75c to \$1 per barrel. Jamaica oranges sold at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box, and lemons at \$7.50 to \$8 per case. Almeria grapes brought \$5.50 per keg for ordinary, and at \$6 to \$6.50 for heavy weights. The supply of poultry and game was ample and values were about steady. In dairy produce new laid eggs were firmer at 25c to 28c; good stock at 18c to 20c, and cooking at 15c per dozen.

THE PROVISION MARKET.

The local provision market was without any new feature of note. Business in pork and lard continues quiet, and principally of a jobbing character at steady prices. Hams and bacon are moving fairly well. Canadian short cut, clear \$10.00 to \$10.25; Canadian short cut, mess, \$10.25 to \$10.50; Hams, city cured, per lb., 9c to 10c; Lard, Canadian, in pails, per lb., 7c to 7 1/2c; Bacon, per lb., 8 1/2c to 9c; Lard, com. refined, per lb., 5 1/2c to 5 3/4c. In the Liverpool provision market bacon was weaker and declined 6c to 25c to 20c 6d. Pork closed 50s; lard, 23s 6d; and tallow 20s.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS.

The cheese market was quiet and unchanged to-day. Values are difficult to quote in the absence of business, especially Ontario grades, which, having cost pretty high prices, are held firm. Quebec makes range from 9c to 10c, but the lower prices are for October cheese, the quality of which is not equal to September. In England, according to mail advices of the 23rd from W. Weddell & Co., London, "the market for Canadian and, indeed, for all kinds of cheese, remains firm, and very high prices are being paid in Canada." Large lines of September make have been sold at 58s per cwt., c.i.f. London. The weather there a



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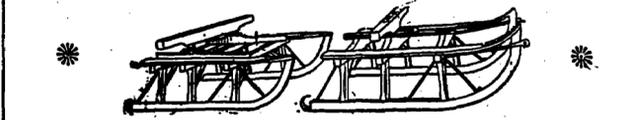
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week ago was very favorable for cheese-making. The grass had not been affected by frosts, and the make was good for the season of the year. Finest late August make are selling at 5 1/2 to 5 1/4, London, while choicest Septembers are realizing 5 3/4. There is no New Zealand on the market. The butter market was quiet and steady to-day. The only trading at the moment is in a local way, prices in this connection varying from 10 1/2 up. New export business is not noted and shippers are not even naming what they are willing to pay, complaining that orders are very few. The demand for eggs to-day was good and the market was active and firm at the recent advance in prices noted for choice candled stock. New laid sold at 18c to 20c, choice candled at 14c to 14 1/2, and culls at 8c to 10c per dozen. In potatoes a fair business continues to be done on the basis of 35c per bag in car lots, and at 40c to 45c in a jobbing way. The poultry market was quiet, and prices were unchanged. We quote:—Turkeys, 8 1/2c to 9c; chickens, 6c to 6 1/2c; ducks, 8c to 8 1/2c, and geese, 5 1/2c to 6c per lb. The demand for dressed hogs is fair, and all the small lots coming forward meet with a ready sale at \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs. INgersoll, Ont., November 3.—Offering, 2,775 boxes, principally October and November make. No sales; market quiet.

The Live Stock Markets

LONDON, November 2.—The demand for cattle was of a limited character and trade was slow, but as supplies were not heavy the tone of the market was steady and prices show no change from a week ago. Choice States sold at 11c; Canadian at 9c to 10c, and sheep at 10c. A private cable received from Liverpool reports the cattle trade slow at unchanged prices. Choice American steers 10 1/2c; choice Canadian, 9c to 10c, and sheep 10 1/2c. Messrs. John Olde & Son, live stock salesman, of London, Eng., write Wm. Cunningham, live stock agent, of the Board of Trade, as follows:—The supplies were very small at Deptford and the prices firm, only 457 being for sale, viz., 272 from the States & steamship Hindoo, which made from 5 1/2 to 5 1/2, and 185 ranch cattle from Canada at 4d to 4 1/2 ex steamship Frey. The number of sheep amounted to 1,416, of which 516 were from the States ex steamship Baltimore, and 900 from South America ex steamship Stockholm City; the former realized 4 1/2 to 4 1/2, the latter 5 1 to 5 1/2. The cattle ex these two last boats were not landed in time to be put up for sale. MONTREAL, November 2.—Now that the live stock export season is drawing to a close and all the ocean freight space has been engaged, things generally are moving along quietly and there is nothing of an important nature to note. Cable advices received to-day were all pretty much of the same, reporting the market quiet and steady, with the advance noted in Liverpool last week being maintained. On spot there is nothing doing in export cattle owing to the fact that shippers generally are filling their wants West, consequently very few really choice heaves are offered on this market for sale. There continues to be a fair demand for sheep for shipment and prices rule steady. At the East End Abattoir market the offerings of live stock were 700 cattle, 400 sheep, 400 lambs and 60 calves. There was no improvement in the market over last week, and as long as receipts continue liberal and supplies are in excess of local requirements, market after market, the general opinion is that the prospects for any higher prices are not very encouraging at the present. The quality of the stock coming forward is another depressing factor on the market owing to the fact that the bulk of it is very common, and choice stock which is mostly enquired for just now is scarce. The attendance of buyers was small and in consequence the trade in cattle was slow, and the market ruled quiet and about steady. A few good to choice steers sold at 3c to 3 1/2c, common to fair at 2c to 2 1/2c, and interior at 1 1/2c to 1 3/4c per lb., live weight. In sheep trade was quiet on account of the small offerings. Some small lots were picked up for shipment at \$2.50 to \$2.60, while butchers, in some cases, paid as high as \$2.75 for choice per 100 lbs., live weight. On the other hand, the market for lambs was weaker, and prices show a decline of fully 1c per lb. Some choice bunches sold at \$3.40 per 100 lbs., live weight, but the bulk of the sales were made at 3c to 3 1/2c per lb. The demand for calves was fair at prices ranging from \$3 to \$9 each as to size and quality. At the Point St. Charles Cattle Market the receipts of cattle were fair, but the demand from local dealers was very

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