

## The Catholic Church and Christian Art.

An Address by the Archbishop.

His Grace Archbishop Walsh lectured to the open meeting of the St. Alphonsus Catholic Association on Tuesday evening on the relations of the Catholic Church to Christian art. A very large audience had assembled to welcome the Archbishop's visit and its enjoyment of the lecture was proven by the frequent bursts of applause.

Before treating directly of the subject, said His Grace, it might be well to recall the various reasons why she calls everything that is beautiful in nature and art into requisition for the ornamentation of her churches and the adornment of her sanctuaries. The Catholic Church is distinguished from all others in this: that she has the true worship of God. All Divine worship must necessarily be centered in a sacrifice. That was the law of natural religion; it was also the spirit of the Jewish Tabernacle. To offer a victim to God; to perpetuate the anger of the Judge and acknowledge the sovereign power and majesty of the Creator, such was the object of religion in every age, whether under the perverted form of Paganism or under the Divine Covenant that guarded the spiritual destinies of the Hebrew commonwealth. Such tenets were perpetuated in the Christian religion which bears the same relation to the worship of Israel, as the type to the proto type as the reality to the image. Founded by God the Catholic Church has a sacrifice in her midst. Christ her spouse has given Himself to her as the High Priest of her sanctuary, the victim of her altars, the spiritual food of her children and the ever abiding presence of her tabernacles. With such treasures is it any wonder that a loving and adoring Church should call all that is beautiful in nature and art into requisition to elevate heavenward the hearts of her children and to render suitable homage to that God who humbles Himself to the condition of a victim that His Father might be adored in spirit and in truth. Christian art, said His Grace was essentially different from Pagan art. The pagans were materialists in the strictest sense of the word. Content with the things of earth and uninfluenced by higher and more celestial aspirations, they gave expression to the religious ideals in long horizontal temples that scarcely rose above the earth's surface. Their architecture was as their religion 'of the earth earthy.' Christian art on the contrary, inspired by loftier and holier sentiments produced architecture like the Gothic whose pointed arches and lofty domes rising heavenwards, told the onlooker that all her aspirations are centred there. Passing to other phases of the same position, His Grace said that Christian painting likewise originated with Catholicity. It began in the catacombs and from the somewhat crude production of these subterranean galleries, it gradually developed in the succeeding ages until it gave forth to an admiring world works such of those of Fra Angelico, Michael Angelo and Raffaele—works that shall forever remain unrivalled, and which modern masters are unable to copy much less originate. Such productions had no equal in classic Greece or Pagan Rome. They were copies taken not from the material human beauty of earth, but from the celestial beauty of heaven, from those bright spirits that encircle the throne of the Lamb and who reflect within themselves His beauty and glory. Again, what is so necessary in the accendents of religion as music? Music calls forth the noblest and most sympathetic sentiments of human nature. It inspires glory; awakens patriotism, deepens grief and melancholy, and gladdens the heart bowed down by earthly grief and sorrow. The Church makes use of music to raise our souls from this earth and elevate them

towards Heaven and God. Catholic music is the child of Catholic aspiration. Thus, for example, the organ is essentially Catholic in its origin and use. Its many stops and pipes of different tones and calibre, yet all combining to produce a sweet and solemn harmony is a beautiful image of a Catholic congregation. Different in nationality, customs and social life—some whose lives are bright with the happiness of earth, others cast down by age, penury or want, yet all raising their hearts to God in adoration before the Christian altar, produce a pleasing harmony before the throne of God that is the echo of the angel's chant in Heaven. Catholic music may be said to have originated with the Ambrosian chant which still survives in the Milanese Liturgy. Perfected by St. Gregory it was corrupted by the pagan tendencies of medieval Europe. The work of reformation in church music was entrusted to Palestrina with what felicitous result we are all aware. Thus it is that Christian art concentrated in the three graces of Painting, Architecture and Music, has descended down the river of antiquity losing none of its beauty by contact with modern Catholic thought. Is it not a great glory for the Church that she has done so much for Christian art? She alone is the mother and mistress of all that is beautiful in painting, sculpture and music, and that artistic beauty which she produces in the external world is but a faint shadow of the interior beauty and harmony which her teaching begets in the soul of man. Her efforts to promote education have been great and unceasing. All the great seats of learning in Europe bear witness to her zeal.

Be proud of such a church! Love yourselves Catholics in every circumstance of your daily lives and by striving to become honorable and practical members of the church militant on earth you shall gain the celestial honor of having your names enrolled in the Book of Life, thereby becoming glorious children of the Church triumphant in Heaven.

Mr. L. V. McBrady presided and a vote of thanks to His Grace was moved by Mr. Jas. Gilmore and seconded by Mr. W. T. J. Lee. Others who took part were Miss Roller, Miss Harrison, Miss O'Donoghue, Mr. R. Thompson and Mr. Ross.

The Catholic Almanac for Ontario is now to be had from the Office of the Catholic Register, mailed on receipt of price, 25 cents.

## A. O. H.

At the last regular meeting of Division No. 3, A. O. H., a resolution of condolence to Bro. Bryan Mulhern was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call unto Himself the beloved daughter of Bro. Bryan Mulhern.

Resolved, that we, the members of Division No. 3, A. O. H., tender to Bro. Bryan Mulhern, his wife and family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy and pray that God may enable him to bear his loss with Christian fortitude. Be it further

Resolved, that a copy of the resolution be spread on the minutes, a copy forwarded to Bro. Bryan Mulhern and published in THE CATHOLIC REGISTER and Record.

Twenty students of the Moscow University have been expelled from that institution for making demonstrations against a professor. They have also been prohibited from ever entering any High school living in any university town.

## E. H. A.

On Tuesday, Dec. 17th, an open meeting was held by St. Helen's Circle, No. 2, and Davitt Branch, No. 1, Toronto. Over 200 members and their friends being present, including the Grand President, Grand Marshal and J. J. Nightingale, District Organizer, J. J. Maloney, Chancellor of No. 12, the officers and members of St. Helen's Circle, No. 3, and St. Cecilia's Branch, No. 29, B. Morris, Esq., and several others. The chair was taken by W. Lane, G. S. T., supported by the other grand officers. The officers of the Circle and Branch were duly installed by the Grand President, assisted by the Grand Marshal. After the installation the evening was spent in recreation, and as usual upon these occasions the various artists gave their services free and each received well merited applause for their kind aid. The following ladies and gentlemen appeared: Misses Gunning, Graham, O'Neill and Mahoney, Messrs. B.



J. J. NIGHTINGALE,  
Organizer, Toronto.

Morris, Mahoney, Breen, Bark, Rafferty, O'Neill and M. Delory. The Grand President delivered a very eloquent and able address on behalf of the Association that was fully appreciated as evidenced by the frequent applause during its delivery. The ladies of the Circle supplied their friends with tea, cake, sweets and fruit, and a most enjoyable evening was spent; and we would advise other Branches to try this means of bringing the Association before the notice of their friends.

## ST. MARY'S BRANCH, NO. 24, ALMONTE.

A social entertainment under the auspices of St. Mary's Branch, No. 24, was held in the Town Hall, Almonte, on Thursday evening, the 17th, several prominent citizens of other denominations being present, showing the good feeling that exists between them and the Catholic portion of the community.



J. J. HAGARTY,  
Organizer, Stratford.

D. A. Carey, Grand President, was for an address, but greatly to the disappointment was not present, owing to circumstances over which he had no control. At his request the Gray Treasurer represented him; he can safely say that although he was poor he did the best up for the disappointment, kindly gave very great marks as to the aims Association and it is expected will follow. The Very Rev. occupied the chair and in his opening remarks expressed his satisfaction with the Association, and bore testimony to the good done by the Branch, and hoped the visit of one of the Grand officers would put fresh life into it and be the means of increasing its membership. Piano solos were given by Miss Foy, songs by Miss I. Nagle, Miss K.

C. Heare and Mr. D. Sheppard, recitation by Miss B. Dowdall, Miss C. Nagle and Mr. W. Gallagher, and a face entitled 'A Close Shave,' by the members of the Branch. The various numbers received well merited encores that were kindly responded to.

The Grand Secretary at the close of the concert had an interview with the members upon various matters, and there is every reason to expect beneficial results will follow the visit, some of the members signifying their intention to return.

The members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Ben. Society, Branch 10, will give a treat to their friends on Tuesday next (29th) in the form of a musical and literary entertainment. The proceeds go to the library fund of the Branch.

The Emerald Beneficial Society, Branch No. 8, I. C. B. A. of Canada, Cobourg, have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, J. J. Gormly; 1st Vice President, John Gordon; 2nd Vice President, John Dolan; Recording Secretary, Hugh Dolan; Financial Secretary, Felix Rooney; Treasurer, Ed. Gordon; Master of Ceremonies, Thomas Fitzgerald; Sergeant-at-Arms, Pat McDonough; Marshal, Patrick Nolan; Assistant Marshal, Andrew Burns; Librarian, Patrick Murphy.

W. Lane, G. S. T. & O.

## C. O. F.

The regular monthly meeting of Sacred Heart Court 201, C. O. F., was held in their hall Thursday last, a large attendance being present, John J. Mander presiding.

We are pleased to say that Bro. Malloy, who was sick so long, is able to be out again and will soon be able to attend his business.

Several important questions were dealt with which ended satisfactorily.

Our next meeting will take place Thursday, February 7th.

The following resolution of condolence was moved by Bro. Fletcher, seconded by Bro. Brady and unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove by the hand of death, the beloved father of our esteemed Bro. Ph. DeGruchy.

Resolved that we the members of Sacred Heart Court 201, do hereby tender to Bro. DeGruchy and members of family, our heartfelt sympathy in the sad loss with which it has pleased Divine Providence to afflict them.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Bro. DeGruchy and family, spread on the minutes of this Court and published in THE CATHOLIC REGISTER and Catholic Record.

The following resolution of condolence was proposed by Bro. Lonergan, seconded by Bro. Jocky. That we the members of Sacred Heart Court 201. Resolve

Whereas Almighty God in His Divine Providence has seen fit to take unto Himself the mother of our esteemed brother, Ambrose Madden.

Be it therefore resolved that we extend to our Brother and family in this hour of their sad bereavement, our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of this Court, and published in THE CATHOLIC REGISTER and Catholic Record. ANDREW KEER, Rec. Secretary.

## I. C. B. A.

The following officers for 1895 were elected at the last regular meeting of O'Connell Branch, No. 4, Port Hope:

President, T. O'Neill; Past President, James Horgan; 1st Vice President, R. Cooke; 2nd Vice President, Wm. Dungan; Master of Ceremonies, A. Gordon; Recording Secretary, M. O'Neill; Financial Secretary, T. Bradshaw; Assistant Financial Secretary, W. McIlmott; Treasurer, M. Curran; Sergeant-at-Arms, M. Fallon; Marshal, John Horgan; Assistant Marshal, P. Kennedy.

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