

St. George's Church, London.

"My dear Mr. Doyle—I do not know whether in the multitude of your benefactresses you have forgotten one who does not deserve that name, but who nevertheless, before 'Beta,' or 'Delta,' or many other generous donors were known to you had made from her widow's store her offering to St. George's; and though from unworthiness, or newness, or whatever other reason unaccepted, nevertheless now emboldens her to claim a favour at your hands in regard to St. George's, not from the merit of her own offering, but as the harbinger of so many other and better of its kind. For many years I have worn upon my finger a diamond ring of double value, the diamonds having been chosen for me by one of the best judges in India; and the ring placed there as a token of matrimonial love and esteem, by one who has long since ceased to speak but by the silent voice of that little treasure. In a few days, if not before this reach you, there will be presented to you, by a French Missionaire, a ring containing five diamonds: happy chance, just one for each of the sacred wounds of our Blessed Redeemer! and which is no other than the ring above alluded to. But *how*, you will say, *how* part with such a treasure? *How*, you may well say. Long did I seek *how* to part with it, but never did I learn that *how* until before the Blessed Sacrament I was inspired to sacrifice it to the sacred wounds of my Divine Saviour; then, indeed, I learnt the *how*—then I felt the power to remove it from where it had been placed, then I felt as anxious to part with it as before to retain it; but here I was stopped, not knowing how to get it conveyed to you, when suddenly I heard that in a few hours one of our missionaries would leave for London. My moment, I felt, had come. In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament I made my Sacrifice, and drew my treasure from its resting-place, and after one farewell embrace I entrusted it to him who will present it to you. Tell me then, dear Mr Doyle, am I in time to have *my* treasure added to the other offerings made to compose the sacred vessels of the altar of the Blessed Sacrament at Saint George's? Oh, I hope I am; and I feel sure, if I am, you will not refuse my request, for remember its smallness must not deter you. In this case it is not the gift, but the love of the giver which decides its value. Oh, then, try to find it a place somewhere; for, for such did I part with it; and so great is my weakness, that I could never have let it go from me, but for such a purpose, and to be rendered incapable of being worn by another. My christian love to —, with the assurance of my better health; and hoping, my dear Mr. Doyle, that you are yourself well, believe me most sincerely your worthy and for ever indebted child in Jesus Christ, FANNY MARIA —.

P. S.—You will not see the brilliancy of my diamonds until cleaned, as they were never removed, and not worn for ornament."

CATECHISTICAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of St. Mary's Catechistical Society was held on Tuesday evening last, in the Parochial School Room, Right Rev. Dr. Walsh presiding, the Very Rev. the Vicar General in the Vice Chair, supported by the Rev. Messrs. Nugent and McIsaac.

The Business of the evening was commenced by taking up the quarterly dues, and receiving the Treasurer's report, on the financial department, after which the question of changing the time of holding the annual Examinations was taken up for consideration, agreeably to a notice given to that effect, at the last quarterly meeting, and after some conversation was further deferred until next quarterly meeting.

It was proposed that there should be a procession to be followed by an entertainment for the recreation of the children attending the classes, and after some discussion, it was agreed upon, and a committee of ladies and gentlemen appointed for that purpose, consisting of the respective Teachers of the Male and Female classes with power to add to their numbers—the first meeting of said Committee to take place on Wednesday evening, July 8.

The Secretary and Miss McSweeney gave in a return of the number of Male and Female children attending the classes at St. Mary's for the past three months. Mr. Barron, Superintendent of the classes at St. Patrick's Church, also made a like return, which were comparatively satisfactory.

It was then moved and seconded that the Very Rev. the Vicar General and a Committee of five gentlemen be appointed to provide Teachers for the next year; the following gentlemen were constituted a Committee for that purpose:

Messrs. Patrick Magee
 " James Wallace
 " Patrick Walsh
 " John Barron.
 " John Morrissey

The following ladies were then proposed and admitted to Membership:

Mrs. John English
 Mrs. Black
 Miss Margaret Kinsella