

THE D'YOUVILLE READING CIRCLE.

Ottawa, Oct. 5th. On Tuesday evening last the members of the D'Youville Reading Circle met once more in the Assembly hall of the Rideau street Convent, to take up with renewed spirit the work interrupted by a long and delightful vacation.

Attendance was the same gratifying attendance that has been always a characteristic of the Circle's gatherings, and which speaks so well for the good will of all concerned and gives promise of the continued success of their praiseworthy enterprise.

The D'Youville Reading Circle has now entered on the fifth year of its existence, but none of the enthusiasm that marked its early days is missing.

At this meeting the work of the last four years was briefly reviewed, and it was shown how logical and connected had been the line of study followed throughout.

The history of education will be the principal subject of study. This will necessitate a review of general history from the earliest times to our own day, a rapid review of the march of civilization, and an earnest study of the ways and means of education among the people of what we are used to term disdainfully, "slower times."

The literary work of the Circle will consist, as in past years, of reviews of contemporary productions, and a comparative study of the most remarkable women in Shakespeare's plays—Ophelia, Portia, Rosalind, Queen Katherine and Lady Macbeth.

Notes will also be made on the greatest of Spanish writers, whose fourth centennial is being celebrated, Cervantes, the Shakespear of Spain. The genius of Spain has revealed itself more in literature than in any other line, and this genius has found its highest expression in those two great romances, the Cid, which belonged to the early days of chivalry, and its melancholy counterpart, Don Quixote, which belongs to its decline.

A good reason for studying other literatures is that it helps us to better appreciate our own. Some recent and very interesting additions to the world of books were reviewed, among them, Glen Aar, the latest work of the Rev. Dr. Sheehan, and the Voyageur, a new volume from

the pen of Dr. Drummond, which is even more delightful than his other books. In the Voyageur the author enters more intimately into the domestic life of his chosen subjects, the primitive French Canadians, unspoiled by civilization and modern customs.

A Daughter of Kings, the latest and probably the best novel, by Katherine Tynan Hinkson—that clever writer who so charmingly combines Irish wit and English humor, was warmly commended. A very appreciative little note on this work was prepared and read by the chairman, and it was decided that if every novel coming from the press were "as sweet, and fresh and strong" as A Daughter of Kings, the complaint about too many books would be heard no more.

The second number of The Crucible, a magazine published at Oxford by Margaret Fletcher, also came in for some kindly attention. The aim of this publication is to interest people who are not teachers in higher education and is a strong appeal to women in general, on this most important subject.

Mention was made of a few noteworthy articles in the October magazines of interest in the study of current history and also of sciences.

A delightful little poem entitled An Autumn Leaf, written by the Rev. Lucian Johnstone, of Baltimore, who is an honorary member of the Circle, was read and greatly appreciated. A letter from the President of the Loyola Reading Club of Montreal asking co-operation was also communicated.

Miss Florence Younan, who had the pleasure, during the summer, of visiting the Rev. Dr. Sheehan in his home in Ireland, delighted the members with a very interesting talk on their favorite author, whose books are always in demand among them.

Cards were given for the annual meeting of the Alumnae and Reading Circle, which will take place on the 15th of the month. The feast of St. Teresa and name day of the Lady Superior, will be, as in previous years, the day of the formal opening of the new session.

On this occasion it is expected that the Papal Delegate will preside in the absence of Archbishop Duhamel, who will be then on his way to Rome.

On the first Monday of November the lecture course will be opened by Dr. John Francis Waters, whose subject will be Joan of Arc.

MARGARET DONNELLY. Every kindness done to others in our daily walk, every attempt to make others happy, every prejudice overcome, every truth more clearly perceived, every difficulty subdued, every sin left behind, every temptation trampled under foot, every step forward in the cause of what is good, is a step nearer the cause of Christ through which only death can be really a gain to us.

Humility is the source of all true greatness; pride is ever impatient, ready to be offended. He who thinks nothing is due to him, never thinks

himself ill-treated; true meekness is not mere temperance, for this is only softness or weakness.—Fenelon.

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

REV. FATHER LAURENDEAU LEAVING STRATFORD.

Below we give a copy of an address presented by the St. Joseph's Young Men's Association Stratford, to Rev. F. S. Laurendeau, on the occasion of the Rev. Father's transfer from Stratford to the parish of St. Augustine.

The meeting was opened by an address by President Dr. Corrigan. Besides the Rev. pastor, Father M. G. Goss, there were present Father Danz and the new curate of the parish, Father Campese. After a short programme of songs and music had been rendered the president called upon Mr. D. J. Sullivan and M. A. Brisson to make the presentation, which consisted of an address and a well filled purse.

ADDRESS TO REV. FATHER LAURENDEAU. Reverend and very dear Father—It was with feelings of deepest regret that we, the young men of St. Joseph's parish, Stratford, heard of your removal from our midst.

We have indeed been blessed in a special manner in having such a friend and director as we have found in FATHER LAURENDEAU—one who has been at all times both assiduous and kind in his ministrations to us, and who has shown us the way to heaven by his personal sacrifice, to advance the welfare of the young men of the congregation. As a slight token of our appreciation of your kind efforts we beg of you to accept this memento on this eve of your departure from our midst, to take your place upon the parish priests of the diocese of London, and we are sure that Almighty God will grant you the same position in order to assist in the responsible duties of the young men.

STRAFORD, SEPTEMBER 29, 1905. REV. FATHER LAURENDEAU'S REPLY TO THE ADDRESS. I thank you for your generous gift, and I receive with yet deeper sentiments of gratitude the kind words that accompany it. The father without the son would be a simple representation for any little sacrifice I could have made in promoting the interests of this society.

I came to you with the fondest ambition that fills the heart of all young priests, i.e., "that of warming themselves into the hearts of the young men in order to assist them during the perilous years of life."

The seed for good or for evil is within us all. If left abandoned to the temptations of the world much harm will result to our bodies, to our souls and to our associates. The priest knows this and he knows also that you are good, hearty, generous, well disposed and, if kindly guided during your youth, you will become useful citizens in order to assist them during the perilous years of life.

In leaving you I ask that you take to heart the interests of this society. Make it self-supporting. Abide by its constitution. Be thoroughly Catholic. Be proud of it because it is Catholic. Love your priest director. My ambitions are his. He will take up the work left by me with increased zeal. Stand by him. God will bless you, you will become men of solid faith like unto the elders you have invited here this evening. God grant it. Good-bye.

After the Rev. gentleman's reply the following guests were called upon for short speeches in which they expressed their regrets in losing Father Laurendeau and spoke in eulogistic terms of his many good qualities: Rev. Father McGuire, Messrs. N. O. Long, E. O'Flaherty, C. McIlhaty, D. J. O'Connor and past presidents J. J. Conaghan and Walter Clony.

Among other gifts which the Rev. Father was made the recipient of were a fur coat from the married ladies of the congregation, a cap and gantlets from the Sodality, and a picture and illuminated address from the older men.

DIED. WILLIAMS.—At Read, Ont., on Monday, 19th Sept. Mr. Michael Williams, aged sixty-nine years. May he rest in peace! MALONE.—Of your charity pray for the soul of Maurice, only son of the late Mr. Thomas Malone, of Quebec, who departed this life in that city, on the 1st inst., aged fifty-two years. May he rest in peace!

PERSONAL.—In Bradford, on October 3rd, Cecilia, beloved wife of Mr. Arthur Fitzpatrick, in her thirtieth year. May she rest in peace!

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