

TEMPERANCE WORK IN ALL LANDS.

The Rev. James M. Cleary, president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, delivered last Thursday in McMahon hall at the Catholic University of America, a lecture on "Temperance Work in All Lands."

Remedies Against Intemperance. The excessive use of alcoholic stimulants, being such a fruitful source of moral disorders, of misery, wretchedness and debasement in all nations, the conscience and moral sense of mankind, very naturally arose in rebellion against it.

Man invariably suffers serious loss when he surrenders his soul to the captivating charms of appetite. But no loss that may come to him can for a moment be regarded with such earnest alarm as the loss of innocence, the injury to his moral being, the de-thronement of his reason, and the enslavement of his free-will, which are peculiarly the results of intemperance.

By a remarkable dispensation of Divine Providence, Father Mathew's co-religionists and countrymen are keeping pace with the great Anglo-Saxon tongue in its triumphant march throughout the world to-day. In every land where that tongue, once the hated language of the oppressor, is spoken, Father Mathew's memory is cherished, and the sacred cause of Christian sobriety is pleaded in Father Mathew's honored name.

Our is an age of mathematical calculation, concerning nearly all the affairs of men, and the statistician is abroad as never before. In no department of human inquiry has the statistician been more interesting than in his investigations bearing upon the drink problem.

All statistics must be studied with judicial fairness, and in the light of their environment. But no doubt can remain in any honest man's mind as to the injurious effects of even what is commonly regarded as the moderate use of intoxicants, after a careful study of English statistics upon this question. During the past thirty years life insurance associations in England have taken special care to note the influence of total abstinence upon the lives of their members, and compare the result with the influence of even moderate drinking upon other members. It is quite superfluous to observe that life insurance companies, in all countries, stubbornly refuse to assume any risks on the lives of intemperate drinkers. The comparisons made, therefore, are invariably between men of moderate habits, and total abstainers. Among many, I will select only one, to illustrate the lesson. "The Sceptre Life Association" of London, was established in 1864, with the special purpose in view of assuming risks only upon the lives of religious bodies. This association has kept a separate section for total abstainers, and reports that between the years of 1884 and 1892 the expected deaths in the general section of the association were 913, and the actual deaths 716; while in the temperance section the expected deaths were 433, and the actual deaths 241. In 1892, in the general section the actual claims amounted to 80.67 per cent, of the "expected"; while in the temperance section the actual claims were not 56.06 per cent, of the "expected". In most English companies total abstainers are insured at lower rates than are moderate drinkers, because of the salutary influence of total abstinence on human health and consequent longevity.

The eminent medical scientists, Drs. Richardson, Sir Andrew Clarke and Norman Kerr, have rendered in valuable service to the cause of temperance by their testimony against the common delusion that alcohol is conducive to health. Their solemn warnings against inebriety as a disease, that may be inherited as well as easily contracted, have been productive of most beneficial results.

The world is awakening to the folly of the drink habit. If better results cannot be shown after the earnest efforts of sixty years, we must not feel disheartened, but bear in mind that the condition of the people would have been infinitely worse were it not for the popular movements that arose in 1832.

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FATHER MATHEW. Speaking of Father Mathew's work in the temperance cause the rev. gentleman said:

What an inspiring lesson his (Father Mathew's) simple but unselfish life teaches! What weighty influence may lie concealed in one honest heart! What untold power for good may even one man yield! True merit will command the respect of men, and all the world will render the verdict that he indeed is a hero, greater than the conqueror of many battles, who leads virtue triumphant over vice. No Irishman of this century has brought greater honor to his country, and conferred greater blessings upon his countrymen, than Father Mathew. The great liberator, O'Connell, had repeatedly declared that his monster meetings would have been impossible, and his agitation of little avail, had not Father Mathew taught the masses to be sober. His name and his memory are an inspiration for thousands to day to preach and practice the doctrine of intelligent self-control. Intoxicating drink is in the world in answer to an imperative demand. The perplexing problem of solving the drink evil is simple if we can only succeed in destroying or diminishing the demand. The appetite for intoxicants becomes imperious and exacting in direct proportion to the generous response made to its capricious cravings. The intelligent method of "moral suasion," adopted by Father Mathew, has been more successful in mastering the appetite for strong drink, in arresting the progress of intemperance, and in reclaiming inebriates, than all other methods combined. This method appeals to the conscience, and to the enlightened reason of men, makes plain to them, on conservative and intelligent lines, the inexcusable folly and the disgusting sin of drunkenness.

The abstract of the sermon is as follows: A parish bearing St. Mary's name must keep St. Mary's days, the Annunciation and the Purification. This one, the Purification, sets her name in the prayer book just as here used, St. Mary. To-day, though extremes exist, the great body of thoughtful people are not extremists. History shows the extremes to which men have gone regarding the Blessed Mary.

In this age we are both devout and possessed of common sense. Because of the latter we decline to be influenced by extremes, whether historical or before our eyes. Because of the former we seek to know the Holy Gospel—all of it. So to St. Mary's people it is a joy to speak from the Word of God regarding "Mary, the Mother of Jesus."

Around motherhood the world throes an almost divine halo. Around the mothers of all the great and good the world gathers in affection. So highest in man's esteem should stand she whose Child is the Son of God, and deepest in man's heart should be enshrined she whose Son is the Saviour of the world. Think of the message and hear her, "Be it done unto me according to thy word!" It is the Lord's will to be born and to live in every soul of man. He appoints certain ways or channels. Men need now to drink in these, Mary's words. For men stumble at the new birth of Holy Baptism, questioning His word as to how these things can be? Men stand aloof from the Holy Communion of His establishment, and in these and all things else would serve in their own ways. Men forget the model of the little child and the test that doing His will shall prove His doctrine. See the Blessed Virgin at the Visitation, and hear the "Magnificat," which the Church in all ages has given the chief place at evensong. As if gazing from a lofty eminence, she pours forth the prophecy of what this event means to all mankind. And in its very midst she asserts her right to a title as unique as her honor was unique, "All generations shall call me blessed." Strong was the "yea" with which the Christ endorsed the title when some one said in His presence, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee!" Yet stronger the explanation of the secret of her blessedness, and in that explanation He linked Mary's blessedness with any man's that would have it in his words, "Rather blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it!"

The one commandment of Mary should never be forgotten. It was spoken at a marriage, where she and her Son were together. She was most naturally appealed to for His aid in an emergency. It came quickly and positively. "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it!" This from His Mother, than whom none could know a Son so well. This rings down all the ages. This might well be the motto of a parish of St. Mary's name, writ large and clear beneath its title. Such thoughts as these are our "Ave Marias." And such would surely have been suited her in whose honor we sing them. Motherhood always forgets self and magnifies the child. So Mary's motherhood, better than that of all mothers besides, emphasizes this ordering of God's good providence. Thus we deeply love her. Thus we most surely will never fail to call her "blessed." Thus in highest honor will we hold "Mary, the Mother of Jesus."—Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

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lation is earnestly striving to curb King Alcohol's power. With these three powerful forces cemented together—the moralist, the scientist and the legislator—all have good reasons to hope, with the blessing of God, that the demon of strong drink may not triumph over the enslavement of man.

CALL HER "BLESSSED" SAYS REV. J. D. HILLS.

A Protestant Episcopal Minister, on Reverence for the Mother of Jesus.

Rev. John Dows Hills, assistant rector of St. Mary's P. E. Church, Thirty-ninth and Locust streets, preached there last Sunday morning, taking as his text the words, "Mary, the Mother of Jesus." (Acts i. 14.)

An epitome of his sermon appeared in the secular press of Monday, and with a copy of it a representative of the Catholic Standard and Times called upon Rev. Mr. Hills to obtain his views on the subject of devotion to the Blessed Virgin, and particularly to have him define what he considered the extremes regarding it. These extremes, he said, were the attitude of Protestants generally, amounting in many cases to irreverence, but in most cases to an ignoring of the Blessed Virgin on the one hand, and the Roman Catholic cult of the Blessed Virgin on the other. When requested to point out what he considered extreme in the latter he declined, as he did not want to involve himself in any controversy regarding the subject, but wished the epitome of his sermon already published to stand as his views. He said, however, in explanation of his sermon that her right to be called "Blessed" was established by the words of the "Magnificat." In explanation of the sentence, "She was most naturally appealed to for His aid in an emergency," he denied that it implied that she now occupies the position of a mediatrix.

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ORGANIZE THE YOUNG MEN.

Organize. This is an age of organization. Individual effort has been largely replaced by associated. People combine for every conceivable purpose, good and bad; for profit and pleasure, for benevolence and altruism, for self-improvement and mutual advancement, for the promotion of religion, charity, education, comfort, prosperity and for innumerable other objects, praiseworthy, indifferent or questionable, as the case may be.

The Church is fully abreast of the times in taking advantage of this universal tendency directing it for the temporal and eternal benefit of the faithful. The number of religious societies and guilds is already very large and is steadily increasing. Nearly every pious devotion has its special confraternity, and so the various activities are guarded and stimulated.

In local Catholic circles there has been a general movement for organizing the young men in social and literary clubs. No fewer than a dozen such societies have been inaugurated since the first of the year. In the principal parishes these institutions have assumed large proportions and importance as to membership and scope. Inviting quarters have been provided in most instances, with library, reading and lounging rooms, gymnasium, billiard-parlor and other features calculated to appeal to the tastes and to subserve the best interests of those for whose benefit they are designed. They furnish effective counter attractions to the numerous doubtful and dangerous means and places of amusement that flourish outside.

No better or more needed work could enlist the sympathy and encouragement of priests and laymen, than this one of bringing the youth and young men together, in an atmosphere of sound faith, wholesome social influence and innocent recreation. Next to the Catholic school, the well-conducted young men's society is the surest guarantee of parochial growth and prosperity.—Catholic Universe.

THE KINDLY WORD.

It is Often Withheld Until Too Late to Do Good.

"Taffy is better than epitaph," says some one. It is sometimes difficult amidst the restraint and conventionalities of every day life to speak our love and interest in the welfare of those near us in the daily life. The opportunity does not seem to come; the heart does not seem to open itself freely. The husband thinks his wife incomparable; but their talk is of business, household expenses and social engagements, and there seems to be no point at which the tender speeches of their courtship can be renewed. The wife believes her husband to be the greatest man in America, but she fears to tell him so lest he call her "a sentimental little goose." The children are not unmindful of the debt they owe their parents, but their native and acquired independence keeps them from speaking of it, and their parents wonder sadly if their boys and girls are growing away from them, now that they are growing toward manhood and womanhood. By and by calamity breaks up the long habit of reserve. The loved one passes out of the daily presence, and then the words of love are spoken. They are not insincere words; but they are fruitless, for the moment of their opportunity is past.

It was not the crucified Jesus who most needed the anointing from Mary's precious vase. It was the living Jesus, still tortured by the brutality of His enemies, and by the gross misconception of those who called themselves His friends. If Mary had waited for His Easter morning her sweet ministry would have been too late. As it was she filled the whole world with the fragrance of an opportune service. Whatever good word is in your heart, dear friend, say it now!—Boston Budget.

A dying inebriate in Oswego left this last will and testament: "I leave to society a ruined character, a wretched example and a memory that will not rot. I leave to my parents as much sorrow as they can in their feeble state bear. I leave to my brothers and sisters as much shame and mortification as I could bring on them. I leave to my wife a broken heart—a life of shame. I leave to each of my children poverty, ignorance, a low character, and the remembrance that their father filled a drunkard's grave. This is for drunkards to read when they have time."

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