

League of the Sacred Heart.

The Golden Jubilee of the League of the Sacred Heart will begin with the year 1894, but the closing weeks of the year just ending will be ever memorable in the League annals of St. Michael's, Toronto. A friendly and zealous rivalry has been going on for some time between the Men's League and the Women's League of the Cathedral parish. In such a pious contest it would be only natural to expect that the devout sex would be victorious. But though the ladies deserve all praise, the men of the League are in no wise daunted.

Sunday, the 10th, was the day of glory and joy for the Women's League. "Clothed in beauty and surrounded with vanity," the ladies assembled at Vesper service in the Cathedral to see their Promoters receive from his Grace the Archbishop their official diplomas and crosses of honor and office. There was a splendid attendance. His Grace preached one of his luminous, soul-stirring sermons on Christ the Regenerator, with special and appropriate reference to the League of the Sacred Heart. Always learned and eloquent in his exposition of doctrine, his Grace is especially powerful and impressive when he treats of devotion to the Sacred Heart. His beautiful pastoral on that great devotion is one of the very best treatises on the subject, and the remarkable success of the League in St. Michael's parish is mainly due, under God's blessing, to the eloquent exhortations and zealous work of our great and good Archbishop. It must have been a joy to the heart of his Grace to see twenty five new Promoters of the Ladies' League come to him that Sunday, coming to receive their well-earned rewards for the work they had done for the Heart of Jesus. These twenty five Promoters represented about 400 members. When the diplomas and crosses had been conferred, Vicar-General McCann, the zealous and active Director of the Ladies' League and Altar Society, read the solemn Act of Consecration, and the impressive ceremony closed with Benediction.

Sunday, the 17th, was the day for the quarterly Communion of the Men's League; and, inspired by the example of the women, they made a very good showing indeed, and were warmly complimented by Father Ryan.

A special feature of this meeting was the Cadet contingent to the Men's League. Father Ryan had been for some time devoting special attention to the working boys, and he thought the best means of keeping them to their religious duties was to have them in the League. After giving the boys a little mission he formed a cadet society, provided them with neat, ornamental badges, and had them join the men at Communion on Sunday. The little fellows turned out well, and promise to be a most interesting and important addition to the League.

With such results in the past, and such zeal in the present, much may be hoped in the future from the League in St. Michael's parish.

League of the Cross.

St. Paul's Sodality of the above League held their usual weekly meeting Sunday afternoon, Mr. Geo. Duffy, President, in the chair.

The total abstinence pledge was administered by the Rev. Father Hand to five young men who became regular members of the Society. An interesting programme was taken part in by several members. Any of the men of the parish who wish to join may do so any Sunday afternoon.

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