

NECESSITY OF WORK.

The following is an extract from a sermon by Bishop Phelan delivered on Sunday, July 17, 1904.

His text was taken from Luke, Chapter XIV., as follows: "How is it that I hear this of thee? Give an account of thy stewardship."

"Why is the world full of thieves to-day? Is it because we all want to live without working? We all want to live on the fat of the land and clothe ourselves in fine linen, without working."

Now how without work are they going to keep up their present expensive style of living? They are forced to adopt a career of dishonesty, they rob the laboring man. The only producers in the world are the people who work.

Our Saviour praised this unjust steward, who said to himself, "I must do some thing." He was disposed from office. His had been a very good office.

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Now, brethren, no man ought to be above working. Poverty is no disgrace. It is because of a failure to appreciate these two great truths that men have often made shipwreck of their lives.

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Under your wise administration religion has flourished, harmony has prevailed, the angel of peace has breathed over all. You have been to us not only the faithful pastor but the kind father, the gentle and loving friend.

May it not be that much of the evil and ill-success which attend our daily vocations are due to the fact that we fail to ask God's blessing at the beginning of our tasks.

SCOTLAND COMING BACK TO THE FOLD.

Signs of Scotland's returning to the fold are appearing on all sides. A correspondent of one of our exchanges, writing from Edinburgh, speaks of Catholic Open-air Services as comparatively common in that city during the summer months.

HOME THE TRUE SPHERE OF WOMANHOOD.

To mould the hearts of those who make the laws is immeasurably more noble than to have a vote, and to be the guardian and patroness of virtue and morality is more excellent than to be the leader of an army or the ruler of a nation.

The true life, the life that is really life, is the life in which one is able to be true to one's self and to one's God, and in which one is able to live in peace and harmony with all.

This is her true sphere of duty, and if she were to leave it and engage in politics or law or commerce, there would be none to take her place.

London Abstainers Greet Cardinal Logue.

At an informal meeting of officers of the League of the Cross, London, it was unanimously resolved to send a telegram of congratulation to His Eminence Cardinal Logue, who has always been a staunch advocate of the cause of temperance.

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Therefore our hearts are full to overflow.

at this unexpected parting. In your new home we wish you every success. May your life there be happy and free from care and anxiety! May health of body, youth and strength of mind and vigor of body, that all your activities may be for the honor of God and the glory of His eternal Kingdom.

Napawa, July 31st, 1904. Father Hogan thanked the committee most sincerely for the kind address and for the sincere wish contained therein. It was with great regret that he severed the happy relations that always existed between him and his faithful people of Napawa.

DIocese OF HAMILTON. CIRCULAR LETTER OF HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP.

To the Reverend Clergy, Religious Communities and Faithful Laity of the Diocese of Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario.

Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers and Beloved Brethren: In the year 1874, the late His Holiness Pius X., proclaiming a solemn Jubilee Indulgence.

In accordance with the intimation given the diocesan clergy in our circular of June last, we have now much pleasure in officially informing you that the Jubilee Indulgence for the year 1904, has been proclaimed by His Holiness Pius X., and that the period of the Jubilee is to extend to the 1st of July 1905.

Three visits must be made to the cathedral or other principal church in the City of Hamilton the visits must be made to the cathedral, persons residing in the city are to make an annual or any of the prescribed visits either to the cathedral or to the parish church.

The visits may take place on different days, or all or two on the same day, provided the visitor does not exceed the limit of the indulgence.

A strict or back fall must be observed on some one day. On that day the visitor is to abstain from the use of meat, milk, butter, oil, eggs or any food of animal origin.

Confession and Holy Communion are necessary, but dispensation from Communion is granted in cases where the sick are unable to receive it.

The privileges granted to certain classes of penitents, as well as the faculties and restrictions of confessors, are clearly set forth in the encyclical, and should be very carefully studied.

May God bless you all. Your devoted servant in Christ, THOMAS JOSEPH DOWLING, Bishop of Hamilton.

J. P. HOLDEN, Hamilton: Feast of the Assumption, B. C. M., 1904.

DIocese OF PETERBOROUGH. SOLEMN AND BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY AT MOUNT ST. JOSEPH.

On Monday morning, Aug. 15, 1904, the chapel of Mount St. Joseph, the mother house of the Diocese of Peterborough, was the scene of a beautiful, solemn and interesting ceremony.

A procession had been formed in the community room of the Mother House, and proceeded to the chapel in the following order: First came two beautifully dressed little girls, carrying the banners containing the habit of the Order to be assumed by the postulants.

Following the service of the Mass, came the special address, delivered by the Rev. Father Fitzpatrick, of Hamilton. The sermon, which was very impressive, dealt with the significance of the solemn and decisive step that day taken by the young ladies, dealt with the nature of the vows they had made, which the holy life to which they had devoted themselves, opened up, and also referred to the trials and difficulties which they had to undergo in their new life.

The postulants for the holy habit then answered the questions prescribed for such occasions, after which they retired to the community room, where they were invested with the holy habit, shortly returning to the Chapel. The young ladies who took the habit were: Mrs. F. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. M. J. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. J. M. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. J. P. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. J. Q. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. J. R. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. J. S. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. J. T. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. J. U. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. J. V. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. J. W. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. J. X. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. J. Y. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. J. Z. Fitzpatrick.

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