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## HEROES AND HEROINES.

### THE HEROISM OF THE CHURCH.

Synopsis of an interesting lecture by Rev. Father Metcalfe, of Rochester, Mass.

(From the Boston Pilot.)

Heroism is a theme as old as human history. There has not been a nation without its heroes and its heroines. The history of the whole world clusters about them. We Catholics rejoice with the world for these good and great men who have lived or fought for humanity. The name of a Catholic saint, how little we know of it awakes in our hearts. Yet we possess the noblest race of heroes and heroines. The first kind of a hero and a heroine is he who is possessed of a high ideal. Christ came into the world Rome was in the zenith of her power. The whole world was at her feet. There were 70 temples in which to worship gods. In the city there were 100,000 slaves. Poverty and sorrow were everywhere. The monster of wealth was being gorged. Everything was dark and gloomy. That was the scene upon which the analysis began their first quest.

Barbarians then swept all over Europe. A more heroic and heroine were required. But the Church is the mother of heroes. The first heroes were the martyrs, and the speaker, who then referred to the great slaughter of Christians by the tyrant Nero who covered hundreds of them with tar, set fire to them, and the blazing bodies to illumine the sky. To be a Christian then was to walk into the very jaws of death. And so we pass to a more peaceful period. The heroes of this period were the monks. They tamed the marshes of Europe into blooming fields. They fed the poor. They were the schoolmasters and teachers of the people. And if today we have all the masterpieces of literature, all the jewels of art and the Bible, we owe it not to Luther, but to the monks.

The great heroes are the Popes, who came for seven centuries illumined the world. They have been the champions of right against might—of law and liberty.

Father Metcalfe then told how Pope Gregory the Great turned the insular Attila from the city. Rome was saved for the first but not the last time by the Popes. They saved the whole world from prostitution and from the barbarians. They encouraged all the universities of Europe; encouraged the arts and sciences.

The lecturer then spoke of the heroes and heroines of charity. They come shining out from all ages. They bow down before the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lepers.

We stand tonight within the very shadow of the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Their noble ladies are given up all. No pain, no tongue to describe their story.

And a little further on in Boston are the Nuns of the Good Shepherd, sitting in the isolated, deserted temples of the East.

During the Civil War, the Sisters of Charity and the Sisters of Mercy ministered aid to the Northern and Southern soldier. Protestant testimonies for Catholic charity are few. said Father Metcalfe, who then read the eloquent words of a non-Catholic, Captain Jack Crawford, the poet saint, whose life was saved by the careful nursing of the good Sisters of Charity during the war.

In Montreal there were 1000 lepers. There was no one to minister to them. From France comes the black-robed saint of a priest. He went to Montreal, where he spent thirteen years of his life and died a leper. He asked nothing of the world. He received nothing. His only words were: "My God, thy will be done." Take the saints of civilization and it will fall back on paganism. Saints are what we need. The saints shall rise again, the desert shall blossom and the spirit of the Church shall once more be heard again in the hearts of men.

cepting the gifts. Rev. M. Callaghan said he could not refuse to accept anything that the class offered to him, as he was fully aware of the nobility of mind and generosity of heart that inspired the donors of what he would ever hold dear to him as a token of the happy results that had rewarded his poor efforts in the great work of God amongst the hundreds whom he saw present.

In another column we give the address read to Father Callaghan and his reply in full.

The first item on the programme was a eulogistic exhibition of twenty-five pupils of Mount St. Louis College, the boys performing their musical drill in admirable fashion. The appearance of the young lads and their splendid training reflect great credit on their instructor, and thanks are due to Rev. Brother Prudent their director, for having furnished such an interesting feature to the evening's entertainment. This was followed by a most laughable comedy entitled "The Elvixie." The parts were taken in good style by Messrs. T. Finan, J. Fitzgerald, Emmet and Percy Quinn, J. Haggerty, T. McCaffrey, G. Fleming and J. Ward. A piano recital by Miss May Williams, executed in very elegant style came next. Then the "Three little curly-headed coons," an African trio, convulsed the audience and was encircled with all the children's might. After this item Professor Hubert A. Baker, one of the best masters of the lute in Canada, who is blind, performed to the admiration and enchantment of everyone a solo entitled "Concert Struck." The young girls of St. Patrick's Academy sang "Haste to the Woodlands" and "A Morning Invitation," in a manner that reflects no small credit upon themselves and their teachers. The soloists were Misses Maggie McAnally, Maggie O'Sullivan and Maggie Drumm. It is a rare sight to see so many young ladies, so modest, so clever, so elegant in appearance; we hope that our people will be often treated to such refined and splendid exhibitions. Miss Adrienne Lefebvre, a grand-daughter of Prof. Jules Hone, a little girl of six years, gave a very fine recitation upon the violin. Little Archie Gausley, and his sweet little sister Mable, a child of five years, delighted everyone with their songs. A humorous sketch by members of the Catholic Young Men's Society, performed with great success, brought a most entertaining programme to a close. At the end the Rev. Father Callaghan invited Mr. J. K. Moran, editor of The True Witness, to address the assembly.

Mr. Moran, in a few well chosen remarks, congratulated the teachers and pupils of St. Patrick's Catechism class, on having such an energetic and devoted director as Father Callaghan, and congratulated the latter on having such a splendid class as that which was now before them. He said that it was not the first entertainment given by this class which he had the pleasure of attending in St. Patrick's church, two Sundays before, he was present at another and none less amusing one for a stranger to contemplate. There he beheld the pupils, from the tiniest to the eldest present going through the catechism of their catechism in the great gymnasium of the Faith. And he found that while the pupils were experts in the serious sphere they were none the less adepts in the jovial one, when the time for play and recreation came about. He wished them success, both in their future entertainments and in their more important work in the catechism class; and closed with a hope that the seal of faith which was being stamped upon their young hearts would never be effaced by friction with a rough world.

The recent earthquake at Rome and its vicinity caused more damage than was thought at first. At Civitavecchia and Genzano houses were wrecked, and almost everything being ruined. Wooden huts were erected in the public places to shelter the afflicted inhabitants. Mass has since been said in the open square in Genzano. The lake of Bracciano, an ancient crater, was the centre of the convulsion. Cardinal Pareton, who is the bishop of the diocese, visited the city, and pronounced considerable aid for distribution with the parish priests.

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in the full and free exercise of their religion, and the court can never countenance nor authorize the application of an insult to their faith, or of torture to their consciences."—*Utah Citizen.*

## RELIGIOUS NEWS ITEMS.

The Catholic University at Ottawa has four hundred students from various parts of the country.

Mgr. Gorweia, a Portuguese Bishop, in parting, has been appointed Minister of Justice of Portugal.

In every church in Quebec province, on Sunday, bribery by cash or drink, and all political corruption was denounced.

Norway, which for thirty years had hardly a Catholic and was a seed plot of bigotry now contains ten Catholic churches and five convents.

Miss Bertram, the prima donna of the Opera Co., which played in Richmond, Va., last week, was lately received into the Church by Cardinal Gibbons.

The Rev. Herbert Gibbons, late of Oxford University, who came last year to a curacy at the Church of St. Andrew's, Montreal, has been received into the church, and will enter the Society of Jesus.

Bishop Mullen of Erie, has recently published a valuable work, "The Canon of the Old Testament," which shows deep and painstaking research on the part of its author, and is highly praised by secular scholars.

Sisters Master and Sebastian from the Marist Convent, Carleton-Place, Montreal, Ireland, accompanied by Mother Melan, from the same convent, and Sister Mary, who has left for the Fiji Islands in the south sea.

The Right of the Swiss National Council on the proposition of Councilor de Curtius, the illustrious economist, has sent an address of thanks to Leo XIII, for his magnificent financial and political reforms, and his recognition is recognized as historic and universal.

Special collections are already being taken up in the Canadian churches for the present year, in honor of the golden jubilee of the Holy Father. The fund will be made up by donations from every parish all over the Catholic world. The present will take the shape of a new church, which will be erected in Rome under the patronage of his patron saint, St. Joachim.

Archbishop Corrigan, in company with his private secretary, Mr. McDonnell, is about to make his first visit to the Bahama Islands, which are a part of the archdiocese of New York. Sir Ambrose Shea, the governor of the Bahamas, and Lady Shea, are now at Nassau, and will be accompanied by their children. They are Catholics, and are of much assistance to the Church and its missions in the Islands.

A manifesto has just been issued to the Catholics of France, signed by the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris, Mgr. Darbois, and the Bishops, declaring that they should bear towards the republic. The manifesto has received the cordial adhesion of Cardinal Lavigerie, and the Cardinal Archbishop of Lyons. It is a most timely and important document, and is a watchword.

Irishmen or descendants of Irishmen are everywhere. General Grant is in command of the division of the French army at Constantine, in Algeria, and it was his happy duty the other day to bestow the Legion of Honor upon the Irish President of the Legion, the most Sister Teresa, of the Order of Mercy. The general went to the military hospital, accompanied by his entire staff, and pinned the decoration on the outside lady's breast.

Spain is very apt to add another to the number of her illustrious Jesuits who have been chosen general of their society, as it is believed that Ven. General Martin, who was appointed to the office of Superior General, is shortly to be elected. He is a native of the Basque provinces, and is a most distinguished man. He is the first Spanish superior of the society, Loyola, Loyola and Borgia, were Spaniards.

Dr. Muller, the Minister of Worship in Bavaria, has declared that no abolition exists between the Roman and the Protestant churches. He has declared that the Protestant churches are not to be regarded as a separate church, but as a branch of the Roman Church. He has declared that the Protestant churches are not to be regarded as a separate church, but as a branch of the Roman Church.

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## CARDINAL MANNING.

Born July 15, 1808. Died Jan. 14, 1892.

One more great Voice gone silent! Friends of the Faith will mourn the loss of a man whose life was a long and noble one. None will could watch that long life's gentle close. Without a softening thrill, A valiant champion of the Faith he died, No conflict ever his strong courage quelled, Or shook his steadfast will.

Yet were that all, some well might turn away With custom's passing courtesies, today, And bid a cold farewell. To the great patriarch of the Faith, the noblest of men, subtle of verbal fence with tongue or pen. Aseptic of the cell.

But there was more; and many a hundred hearts, Will not in electric conflict played their parts, Friend of the poor, apart from creed or clique, And ardent champion of the struggling weak, Against the selfish strong.

Temperance, hastener on of Light, In many a fray were rights at odds with might, Might's foes will miss their friend, For well it moves the common heart to hear The glowing of so glorious a career By such a gracious end! —Punch.

## LENTEX PASTORAL.

### FULL TEXT OF THE CIRCULAR.

The Regulations as to Fast and Abstinence—Prescribed Prayers.

The following circular, issued by His Grace the Archbishop, was read in the churches last Sunday:—

I have today received notice of a decree from the Holy Roman See, dated January 14th last, in which His Holiness, Leo XIII., on account of the sickness which prevails in every country, has ordered the bishops the power of relieving their subjects from abstinence and fasting so long as circumstances require it.

In giving this notice, he has expressed his desire of seeing the faithful, who profit by this privilege, give themselves more to good works, thus meriting the divine clemency. He exhorts them specially to succor the poor, to pray and to assist at the various offices of the Church, and to engage in the exercise of the virtues which have come upon God's earth, in order that the corruption of their hearts and the practice of vices.

In virtue of the power accorded to the bishops by the decree of the 14th of January and under orders, from the 15th of February, I relieve the clergy, the communities and the faithful of this decree, from fasting, on Wednesdays and Fridays (during the Holy season) and on all the other Fridays during the year.

It is hardly necessary to remind the faithful that this temporary suspension of the ecclesiastical law, instead of doing away with the contrary, makes more obligatory the great divine laws of prayer, charity and penitence. Nevertheless, without making it compulsory, I advise those who can do so to fast on Wednesdays and Fridays (during the Holy season) and on all the other Fridays during the year.

1. At all the solemnities of the Holy Sacrament given with the monstrance, you will utter the prayer, *Domine, dona nobis pacem*, the Hymns of the Holy Mass.

2. When the salute is given with the monstrance you will recite the same Hymns.

3. In all the churches there will be a box for the purpose of receiving the alms of the faithful. These alms will be transmitted to the archbishop for diocesan work.

THE SHAMROCK BAZAAR. Formal Opening by Mayor McShane—A Magnificent Scene—Windsor Hall a Fairy Palace.

prettily constructed head gear of metal green silk velvet in the form of a shamrock, with two miniature lacrosse sticks crossed over the top of the head, which has the effect of adding to their already bewitching appearance.

One of the prettiest tables in the Shamrock Bazaar was arranged by the banner of the National Lacrosse Association, now held by the club, and beneath are many flags and banners woven into fanciful designs. The salient feature of this table is a portrait of a lacrosse player, looking well, its handsome portrait groups of lacrosse players, eminent personages and fancy work of every description, making a really picture. The flower table presents a pretty sight, and its contents diffuse a sweet odor through the hall. All the other tables also display articles of high quality and decorations on the part of the fair attendants.

The following are the tables, with the names of the ladies presiding over them: Mrs. McShane, Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. O'Hara, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. J. Tansey, Mrs. D. Tansey, Miss Nelly Coleman, Miss Kate Coleman, Miss Coleman, Miss M. L. Manning, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. White, Miss Duggan, Miss Kelly, Miss Giblin, Miss Alice Giblin, Miss McKenna, Miss Giblin, Miss Smith, Mrs. Gillis, Miss Dwyer, Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Whelan, Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. McNeill, Mrs. McKenna, Misses Ann, Misses Cox, Miss Mansfield and Miss Casey.

The bazaar was formally opened on Monday evening by Mayor McShane, in the presence of a large number of persons. There were, however, no gentlemen on the platform, among these were Mr. Bernard Tansey, who presided, Mayor McShane, Judge Doherty, Dr. Guerin, and Mr. W. A. Malby, who represented the Shamrock Lacrosse Club, and who made a few remarks, heartily wishing the bazaar success.

Mr. Bernard Tansey, who has worked so hard to promote the interest in lacrosse, stated that letters had been received from Sir Donald Smith, Hon. J. S. Hall, and Mr. J. J. Curran, Q. C., M. P., expressing regret that they were unable to be present, owing to pressing engagements. The Shamrock Lacrosse Club was, he said, very grateful to Sir Donald for his cordial generosity in donating \$1000 to the fund. He felt confident that the bazaar would be a success, and thanked the ladies and gentlemen who had taken so active an interest in it.

Mayor McShane, in declaring the bazaar open, said that the Irish citizens of Montreal had taken a great interest in the Shamrock Lacrosse Club. He thanked the ladies and gentlemen for their presence in such large numbers that evening, and was confident that a sufficient sum would be raised to pay for the new grounds to be purchased for the club. Mr. W. A. Malby delivered a short and graceful address, in which he expressed his gratification at being present as the representative of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club, and a few remarks, heartily wishing the bazaar success.

The musical and vocal entertainment which then proceeded with it, was given by St. Anthony's choir, under the direction of Professor McGillick. Last night it was given by the High Cadets, under Professor Wilson; tonight St. Ann's Y. M. C. will be there, under the direction of Professor Fowler.

From all appearances, it may be safely predicted that the Shamrock Bazaar will be a great success which the laudable object in view so thoroughly deserves.

## THE WEEK'S DOINGS.

Mount Vesuvius is again in a state of eruption. Smallpox is still raging at Yokohama and Tokio. A great strike of silver has been made at Florissant, Col. A strong shock of earthquake has been felt in parts of Sicily. Mr. Ingram's majority in East Elgin is officially stated as 185. Ex-Premier Crispien of Italy, has decided to retire from political life. Ex-King Milan, of Serbia, it is said, will become a Russian subject. It is thought that the British Parliament will be dissolved at Easter. The Pope has issued a manifesto dealing with the recent clerical troubles in France. Sir George Campbell, Liberal member of the British Commons for Kirkcaldy, is dead. The British Government's Irish Government Bill is being subjected to severe criticism. Montreal is likely to have an electric street railway at an early date, says a Toronto paper.

Attempts to kill President Montt and General Canuto de Chila have been discovered and thwarted. The Cabinet crisis in France is largely the outcome of the Radical opposition to the new tariff. All the members of the French Ministry have tendered their resignations to President Carnot. Le's wood-working factory at Moncton, N. B., has been burned. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$10,000. Dr. Spohn, Liberal, and Mr. R. Porter, Conservative, were nominated for the Commons in East Bruce. Hon. John Carling and Mr. C. S. Hyman were formally nominated in London, on Friday, for the Commons.

There is no truth in reports that the Mexican Government will grant a concession to the Canadian Lottery. In Cadix 182 Spanish Anarchists are under arrest, charged with participating in the recent disturbances in Xeres. Most of the Mexicans resident in Texas are in sympathy with Garza's revolution and are aiding him in various ways. Hon. John Hearn, Conservative, and Mr. Arthur H. Murphy, Liberal, were nominated for Quebec West last week. Judge Mathieu, having resigned from the Ontario Royal Commission, is now being appointed to the vacancy. The Supreme Court yesterday declined to restore on the list the West Northumberland appeal which was dismissed on Tuesday. The late Wm. Henry Smith, formerly government leader in the British Commons, left personal property valued at \$1,704,000. Mr. M. C. Cameron, Liberal, and Hon. J. C. Patterson, Conservative, were nominated for the Commons in West Huron yesterday. The New Orleans lottery officials were arrested on Thursday last under indictments charging them with violation of the postal law. In South Perth and Monck nomination will take place on March 3, polling March 10; in Montmorency, Que., March 4 and 11 are the dates. Henry Barr, Liberal, and James Findlay, Independent Liberal, were nominated for the Ontario Legislature in North Renfrew yesterday. William Toliner and Minnie E. Stackhouse rode up to the door of Squire Henderson's house in Paduca, Indiana, in a railroad car, called the acquire out and were married while sitting on their horses. Then they turned and rode home.

## SLANDER EXPOSED.

### A PROTESTANT ALLIANCE LECTURE EXPOSED.

How a Defamer of Nuns was Unmasked at Bodmin, by a Priest.

On Tuesday the Protestant Alliance sent down as their emissary, from London to Bodmin, a certain Rev. A. Rogers to lecture on "Convent Life: Its Customs and Cruelties." The lecture was illustrated by a magic-lantern. The lecturer began by an attempt to upset the magic calling as pagan (therefore a necessarily evil), as unscriptural, and unnatural, and thus of itself tending to produce in those who follow it a great many disorders and evils (?). Then he began to show some of these evils as told by so-called "escaped nuns" and fanatical Exeter Hall rangers of the Grattan Guinness stamp. The magic-lantern illustrations were of a description unfit to mention, but quite good enough to serve the hopeless end for which they were utilized. One or two of the pictures represented certain "escaped nuns" others showed nuns bolted and barred in dungeons; another showed some Little Sisters of the Poor, while another one showed a nun being beaten with heavy bars of iron! The rest were, as has already been said, obscene and disgusting. One could not help admiring the high moral feeling of those who sent large numbers of little children to listen to and behold all that was done at that lecture. At the close two Catholic priests attached to the Priory, Bodmin—namely, Fathers Augustine White and Herbert Jones, advanced to the platform, one of whom, Father White, put a few pertinent questions to the lecturer. Among other queries he was asked to produce the name of any given convent in England, with the name of any nun therein, and to bring against them some specific crime. He replied by mentioning Anthony Abbey, a certain monastery kept by "the Ritualist desecration (?) Ignatius." Father White objected to this one. "We are not answerable for Ritualistic establishments; we want a convent sanctioned by and belonging to the Catholic Church."

The Alliance man mentioned the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Fulham. A Protestant lady friend had told him that she visited this convent, and saw there certain dungeons where nuns are supposed to be kept (!).

Father White replied that he knew the convent well, having had a sister as a nun living there for some years, and thus was in a position to deny the statement. The emissary of the Protestant Alliance was so unprepared to keep up the tale of the Fulham convent that he wandered off the subject to mention that another case could be produced, told by some one who knew some one that knew a friend of Miss Cusack.

This reply at once resembles the reply given by a certain character in Dion Boucicault's immortal drama, "Peep o' Day." On the following Sunday evening the Catholic Priory church was crowded to overflowing to hear Father White's reply to the tirade of Tuesday. He dealt at length with the Scriptural proofs of convent life, showed the examples of Christ, the Baptist, and St. John, who led a life of chastity, and wound up by exposing the worthless or misleading character of the modern escaped nuns and itinerant antimonic nuns. At the close of a most eloquent discourse of an hour and a half, listened to with rapt attention by a crowded congregation, mostly Protestants, he appealed on behalf of the Little Sisters of the Poor, slandered by the lecturer, and got a very good response to his appeal. If Mr. Rogers and the Alliance come again to Bodmin they will have to produce better proofs and less disgusting and unkind topics for a lecture.

## The Others Were Wiser.

His Finances: "Now, tell me, dear, and you may be perfectly honest about it, how many times have you been engaged before this?" He (boldly): "Never once, my darling." She (delighted): "Do you mean to say you never asked any one but me to be your wife?" He: "Oh, that's different."

## Home Rule Despatches.

A special cablegram from London to the Canadian press, dated 21st February, states that a special committee of the Cabinet yesterday discussed the Irish Local Government bill. It stated the committee desired that an endeavor to carry it through the committee stage will not be possible until after Easter. The Times and Standard say that they understand the Government is willing to consider an alternative to the clause in the Irish Local Government bill which enables judges to suspend the proposed Irish county and baronial council. The latter members have impeded Mr. Balfour's approval of the Irish Local Government bill together with the opinion that it is advisable to withdraw the clause investing the judges with supervisory power over county councils and the transfer of power to assess damages for malicious injury or murder from the grand committee to the county judges.

Dr. J. H. Steiner, Librarian of the Enoch Pratt Library at Baltimore, died suddenly Thursday night of apoplexy. Dr. Steiner almost lived in his library and was surrounded by his books. He was a hard worker and eloquent speaker, and was a notable man.

The Austrian War Minister has issued a decree that the conscription laws shall be suspended until the end of the month.

Domitian Stangor, a volunteer Canadian, has been invited to give a lecture on silver-plate in the free school, held by the Ontario Education Board.