

presence of Christ in a creature body as well as in the Godhead.

What is the exact measure of the elevation things receive by being united with God through Christ, it is not necessary nor possible to determine in given instances. What we do know is that they are so elevated and increased in worth, and therefore deserve the respect proportioned to the place in which Christ pleases to use them, and the acknowledgment and payment of this respect is just about all that is meant by honoring pictures, or crosses, or holy water or the matter the sacraments or anything else immediately used or useful in the divine service. For the same reason the whole body of the ceremonies, and the material church itself, with its vessels and necessary furniture and everything that is helpful to Christians in doing their duty to heaven have a claim on our respect which we cannot overlook without losing this plain consequence of the Incarnation; namely, that when He chose a creature humanity by which to work the redemption and made it adorable, it was surely His intention to make all created agents that are necessary or useful to us in His service fit for their end, and therefore deserving of respectful treatment. The relics of saints may receive veneration because as the human body is made for the soul, of which it is the complement, it receives as St. Thomas teaches a higher blessing from the humanity of Christ. The Saint himself, as participant of the Lord, has a special reverence which we call dulia; and a still higher under the name of hypokritia, is due the Mother for her special relation to Him, and chiefly because for thirty years and more, she drank in the influence and nature of her divine Son from its very source.

What a magnificent circle is thus completed. Jesus first descending into the lower parts of the earth to communicate himself to it through a created body and soul, and as he leisurely and with measured step moves back to the eternal throne, carrying with him all the relics of his human nature, and all his parts with a sanctification and worth which make them fit to take the place He has prepared for them in glory to the end, as St. Paul says (Corin. 1, 28), that "When all things shall be subdued unto Him, then shall the Son Himself be subject to Him that put all things under Him—that God may be all in all."

What a very half truth then it is, when speaking of God to speak of Him only as a spirit.

E. B. A.

SARFIELD BRANCH, NO. 1, HAMILTON.

March 18th being the 25th anniversary of the introduction of Emeraldism into Canada, and of the organization of Sarfield Branch, No. 1, the members decided to celebrate the event by a banquet at Knappman's Restaurant, at 10, 11, and 12, about 60 members and their friends attended. Among the invited guests were the Rev. Father Mahoney, Branch Chaplain; D. A. Carey, Grand President; W. Lane, Grand Secretary; P. J. Crothy, charter member of No. 1; J. Law, Chairman of the Executive Committee; T. Rankin, President I.C.B.U.; M. Foley, President A.O.H.; J. Hennigan, ex-member of A.O.H.; and others. The dining hall and tables were very tastefully decorated for the occasion and did great credit to the proprietor who so generously provided for the entertainment and comfort of his patrons. The Branch President, J. Keating, presided, supported on his right by the Rev. Father Mahoney, T. Lawlor, E. Rankin and M. Foley, and on his left by D. A. Carey, W. Lane and P. J. Crothy.

Menu—Oysters Raw, Oyster Stew, Sugar Cured Ham, Roast Turkey, Ox Tongue, Mixed Pickles, Rolls and Butter, Assorted Pastry, Mince Pie, Apple Pie, Charlotte Russe, Mixed Cakes, Tea and Coffee.

Full justice having been done to the Bill of Fare, the following toast list was taken up: "The Queen," song, "God Save the Queen," "The Hierarchy," coupled with the name of the Rev. Father Mahoney. The Rev. Chaplain responded and in the course of his remarks expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present, and to bear testimony to the good feeling existing between the members and the clergy, and to the friendly manner in which the members conducted the business at their branch meetings, at which he should like to be present more frequently if he other duties would permit. He referred to the good done beneficially among the members, and in conclusion wished them every prosperity. It is needless to say that the Rev. Chaplain's remarks were received with great applause. "Canada our Home," coupled with the name of W. H. Jamieson, song, "The Maple Leaf."

W. H. Jamieson in response made a very eloquent address on the past, present and future of "Canada our Home," that received well merited applause.

"Grand Branch of Canada," coupled with the names of D. A. Carey and W. Lane.

The Grand President responded in his well known able manner upon the aims and objects of the Association, upon the duties of individual members and upon the good feeling that should exist with sister associations, and was as usual greeted with great applause during and at the close of his address.

The Grand Secretary also made a few remarks that were duly acknowledged. "The Members of '73," coupled with the name of P. J. Crothy.

P. J. Crothy in responding as a charter member thanked the members for their kind invitation to be present and assured them that although he was a resident of Hamilton he never forgot No. 1. He also gave a history of its early days that was well received.

"Our Educational Interests," coupled with the name of T. Lawlor, Chairman of the Separate School Board. In responding he expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present at their 25th anniversary and wished them every success in their good work. He also gave a very interesting account of the schools in Hamilton, showing that they had no second place. His remarks were fully appreciated.

"Sister Societies," coupled with the names of T. Rankin, President I.C.B.U., and M. Foley, President A.O.H.

These gentlemen in responding expressed the pleasure it gave them to be present and spoke of the good feeling existing between the Catholic societies of Hamilton.

"The Learned Professors," coupled with the name of Dr. Balfo. The doctor was absent having been called from the hall.

"Branch No. 1," coupled with the names of T. Haven and V. J. Sullivan.

These gentlemen spoke very encouragingly of the standing of the Branch and foretold great things during the next 25 years and hoped all would again assemble at the end of that time to see the results.

"The Ladies," coupled with the name of J. Hennigan, an ex-member of No. 1. J. Hennigan expressed the pleasure it gave him to accept their very kind invitation to be present at their 25th anniversary and could assure them that the happiest hours of his life were spent while in the Emerald Association and regretted having left them. It was a pleasure to the members to have present one that in days past had been a prominent and enthusiastic worker, and greeted him accordingly.

"The Press," coupled with the name of a local representative, (whose name we did not catch) and D. A. Carey. Three gentlemen responded with very able addresses that were fully appreciated, as fully evidenced by the frequent applause they received.

"The Hosts." A very hearty vote of thanks was adopted and acknowledged, and no closure for the proceedings. We could if your valuable space permitted give a long list of speeches, songs and recitations by the members and their friends, but let it suffice to say that a most enjoyable time was spent, and renewed energy will be thrown into the Pioneer Branch of Canada.

ST. HELEN'S BRANCH AND CIRCLE, TORONTO.

The statue of St. Ann and the Blessed Virgin, presented by the members of the Branch and Circle to their respective Chaplains, the Rev. Father Cruise, was placed in the niche at the side of the high altar in St. Helen's church, on Saturday, March 18th, and on Sunday at High Mass the Rev. Father Cruise informed the congregation that the beautiful statue of St. Ann, placed in the sanctuary, was presented by the members of the Emerald Beneficial Association, and the presentation was the more valuable it being a voluntary act on their part, without a suggestion in any way that a statue was needed. He was much pleased with the members of the association, and spoke of the good work done beneficially among the members. He also congratulated them upon their frequent communion, and recommended others to join the association.

W. LANE, S. T.

ST. PATRICK'S, HAMILTON.

A Festival Service in Honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland.

HAMILTON, March 17.—The people of St. Patrick's parish always remember the festival occasion of the anniversary of the birth of the patron saint of their church by holding an elaborate festival service in his honor. To day, wearing the green-leaved emblem of the Emerald Isle, the people flocked to the church until standing room only was at a premium. High mass was to be celebrated at 10.30, Rev. Father O'Reilly was to deliver an address and, best of all, his lordship Bishop Dowling was to be present. Rev. Father Graven, chancellor of the parish, was the celebrant of the mass, Rev. Fathers Hinchey and Holden acting as deacon and sub-deacon. Rev. Father Brady accompanied the bishop. Gathered in the forward pews of the church were all the pupils of Loreto academy, with their teachers and the Sisters.

The music, which was by no means an unimportant portion of the service, was looked after by J. F. Morrissey, the organist and choir leader of the church. The choir sang Weigand's beautiful festival mass, three solo voices being Miss Tessie Stewart, Annie Stewart, L. Byron, A. Byrne, and Prindaville; Messrs. O. Stanton, M. P. O'Brien and Master W. Mullens. Mrs. Bruce-Wikstrom greatly increased the good favor in which she is held by St. Patrick's congregation by her singing of an Ave Maria, by Luigi Luzzi. There is something about the acoustic qualities of the St. Patrick's auditorium that allows the full beauty of Mrs. Wikstrom's voice to be heard and felt, and her singing there is all ways of the best.

Rev. Father O'Reilly's address was largely historical, dealing with the Irish race and the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland from the time of St. Patrick to the present day. He dealt at length upon the persecutions of the people of the true faith in the time of Elizabeth, when every civil and even natural title was taken from them and their churches and church lands were given to the new religion. Cromwell renewed the persecution, his followers seeming to be possessed with demon spirits, but as he was apparently on the eve of victory he was called to his account, and for a time the church had comparative peace. Then came the horrors of the reign of Queen Anne when the holy ceremony of the mass had to be celebrated upon bleak hill sides in lonely glens and on bleak hill sides. About these had the martyrs of the true religion died. They suffered as did their Lord, and were scourged as He was scourged. With tear-stained faces they looked to heaven and there found grace and patience to continue the fight. Then came famine, and with it that greatest of temptations—

the proselytizer, with bread in his hand. This period of persecution, he said, had never been equalled in any other period of the history of the church. Then came the day star. The religious horizon cleared and the faith of Ireland stood triumphant. No other church could have such a history. Ireland was a spectacle of a whole nation united fighting, bleeding, dying for the sake of the holy faith.

In conclusion, he appealed to the people to consider the glorious past of their nation's history, to be proud of their ancestry and glory that they were the children of St. Patrick. It was not for them to allow the faith of their fathers to die in this land. God forbid. Might it be that history could never say they had bartered or sold that which history tells their fathers held more dearly than life. Rather let it be said that they had cherished it, fostered it and stood by it so that in the end it could be written of them as of the apostle of old, I have fought the fight, I have kept the faith.

At the conclusion of the service, Bishop Dowling briefly addressed the congregation. Whatever else might be said of the Irish, he said, it could not be said of them that they had ever lost their faith in God. The secret of this was to be found in the piety of the people and their respect for authority. He urged the people to respect all temporal authority and to avoid all occasions of sin on this, the anniversary occasion of the festival of St. Patrick.

A Noble Work.

The people of St. Catherine's Church were reminded on Sunday morning of the annual concert to be held in aid of the Sisters of St. Joseph on the 17th instant. It was put very plainly before the congregation that though the convent of St. Joseph in this city is not a charitable institution, soliciting aid from public subscriptions, like some of the homes in Toronto conducted by the same community, yet it is evident that the Sisters here are, and have been, practicing heroic self-denial for the benefit of the Catholic children, probably not known to all who are asked to buy tickets for the Sisters' concert; but when they become aware of the fact that the beautiful Separate School buildings have been erected to a considerable extent at the expense of the Sisters' salary, they may well say it is no wonder that the Sisters have difficulty in paying the debt on their home, the convent. And so do all you can in the good work by attending St. Patrick's Day concert, feeling assured that your mite, though most inappreciable to the gentle nurse, is very little in comparison with what they are doing for you and your children. —St. Catherine's Star, March 16.

Recalled Story Time. "Well, that looks natural," said the old soldier, looking at a can of condensed milk on the breakfast table in place of ordinary milk that failed on account of the storm. "It's the Gail Borden Eagle Brand we used during the war."

An Important Secret.

It is generally conceded that the hand-somest advertising pamphlets issued by any proprietary medicine house in Canada, come from the office of the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and one which has just reached us is no exception to the rule. The cover is printed in colors, the main feature being a reproduction of painting from the brush of a famous German artist, entitled "An Important Secret." The pamphlet contains calendars for 1897 and 1898, together with a mine of information as to the curative qualities of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The hand-some pamphlet will be sent post paid to any of our readers who write their address on a post card and mail it to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

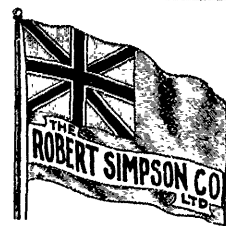
The Members of the C. M. B. A. at St. Michael's Cathedral.

On next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, there will be musical Vespers at St. Michael's, and the members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association will attend in a body. Rev. Father Ryan will lecture, and a silver collection will be taken up in aid of the poor under the care of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The members of the C. M. B. A. will meet in St. Vincent's Hall, Shuter St., at 8.15 o'clock, and People of the household where seats will be reserved for them. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are also invited to attend. An excellent musical programme is promised.

Further Massacres in Armenia.

LONDON March 24.—The Embassy has received intelligence that 100 Armenians were massacred while attending Church in the Sivas district of Anatolia. The Government has sent the old "chestnut" protest to the Sultan.

Attention is drawn to the advertisement of Creelman Bros' Typewriter Co. in another column. Mr. Seitz, the manager in charge of the firm, is well known among Catholic people, having been prominently identified with different societies in Hamilton for many years. Anyone desirous of getting a typewriter of any make at a very reasonable price should communicate with Mr. Seitz.



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