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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will do the rest."—BALMEZ.

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Mr. or Mrs. President Which?

(WRITTEN FOR THE REGISTER.)

The Christian Endeavor Society have chosen a woman for their president in their business entirely, of course, and we have as little inclination as we have authority to make any change in what they have done. We may, however, in charity wish and hope that she will not be too severe upon them. Some of the utterances made of late on woman's rights platform, are calculated to send a shiver down the spinal column, and make one not a little anxious about the future. If men, up till now, have been the tyrants they are represented, and have used their superiority chiefly in repressing woman, there would seem to be produced in moving slowly towards a radical change in the seat of power. The Americans are credited with scant statesmanship in dealing with the manumitted slaves. All right, indeed, to set them free; but some gradual tempering of them to the new state might have been a benefit, and saved a heap of lynching and a big difficulty in the future.

But this is not exactly the aspect of the Society's doing we are now concerned with. By moral constitution this writer is more interested in examining into the cause of things than in seeking to control their development.

What, then, is at the bottom of such a procedure as the appointing of a woman to the headship of a society made up largely of men?

The Queen's case throws little light upon it, for she succeeds by hereditary right. Better a woman than a disputed succession. Any man, with her claim, would have been preferred before her, and in an election she would, I think, have been hopelessly defeated upon what may be called a first principle, the primacy of man, at least in some departments.

Have we outgrown that principle; or was its opposite, or the modern substitute for it, feminine superiority, not known till our day?

Of course you are an enlightened generation, who doesn't know that? and have a duty for all those unfortunate enough to have lived before our time. The mortal current, up till recently, flowed so sluggish that a brisk life-like idea could have fared no better in it than a poor silly fly in molasses or tar, or any other sticky liquid. Everybody admits this, and yet to do those dull ancient's justice, they had theories capable of accounting for the act of the Christian Endeavor Society. They thought, for instance, that a human being could be at once both male and female, and they had a name for the odd creature.

This notion prevailed very widely, and endured for a long time, dying out we hardly know when or how, unless through the discovery that above the vegetable kingdom such a phenomenon was abnormal and monstrous and the specimens of it exceedingly lonesome.

Now, if this queer belief were true, we could see at once how and why a mixed society might elect a woman to an office usually filled by men—half-male, half-female, who or he, it—low can we be precise in such a case?—might find it easier than others to get along with mixed crowds; controlling the men by force of the masculine element and recurring to the feminine for the direction of women.

This would be handy, no doubt, but like other simplifications it introduces a difficulty of its own. One of the functions of a society is debate, and debate is referred to the chair. How style its occupant? Mrs. President is likely to offend one half, and the other is sure to dislike Mr. President. Yet what other way out of the difficulty? The good old term, Chairman, must be rejected altogether, as the dropping of an iota, when the feminine is used, might lead to hair-pulling.

A second notion obtaining amongst the ancients was that one might start a woman, but by contract with the gods, grow into man, and then, the work being over, might rise or sink—which over it is—back to the original state.

Juvenis quondam, nunc femina, Cicero.
Iraus et in referam sola revoluta figuram.—(Æneid vi., 449.)
Now, to be in the hands of the gods meant with the ancients very much what we mean by being the subject of an extraordinary or special fortune; something quite out of the usual run of things. And as the election of a woman as president of the Society is a case of this character it might be attended by some such transmutation as Virgil recites.

If so it would be very useful, not only necessary, for a lady pitch-forked into a very untidy life position to be able to make this change, and put on the nature of a man. She will need many of his qualities.

There was a third view commonly held before the growth of modern physiological science, and it was to the effect that woman was only a frustrated man, and might under circumstances, not of course, very accurately not grown into full masculinity. The illustrious

Gregory of Nyssa puts the question whether such a one, having become a man, of course, was a fit subject for election. If this were true it might justify the action of the Christian Endeavor Society in a clearer light, but again would raise the other question whether the subject of such strange experience should continue to masquerade under the appearance of a sex she had outgrown, claiming its privileges, as well as availing of the advantages belonging exclusively to man. This would hardly be fair. It would fall under the condemnation of monopolies.

With these and other similar advanced beliefs prevailing in the ancient times it can hardly be argued that modern enlightenment is the sole reason for such an action as we are criticizing. Antiquity had theories enough to lead them to do such things, yet they never did them. Why? Well I suppose there are many reasons, but a very good one is this: they had more manly sons than any of the moderns. Some of them, Persians, Greeks and Romans had too low an idea of woman, I admit, but others like the Germans, and the whole Gothic Stock, had a very high one; yet in neither case did they satisfy themselves by forgetting that man is man, and woman is woman, having much in common, indeed, but also essential differences in organization and very marked divisions in duty, and the aptitudes for it. Hence they did not make the mistake modern men do of putting a woman in a leadership position. The tenderness, the gentleness, the loving and lovable ways of woman, they felt and knew to be a mighty power, but not for that reason to be dragged out of the modest retired life so congenial to them, and pitted against the strength and boldness, the endurance and (sometimes) roughness of the male character.

And this reminds me of one of Newman's most felicitous illustrations in contrasting two forms of respect to the Blessed Virgin, the other to the Catholic, putting her in her right place as the most exalted of God's creatures, the other sentimental and false, exaggerating her into a kind of divinity, he compares the latter to a painter who intending to produce a comely maiden depicts her with the features of Plato and the brawn of Hercules. Plato by himself is a grand object, Hercules an imposing one, and the maiden beautiful. But if you fumble the whole three into one you spoil all and make a monster that is neither hideous or ridiculous, or both at once. Why then does nature give us a pink-cheeked little niddy for a man, or a big long angular woman, who would like to be a butcher's apprentice, we accuse her of a mistake, and can hardly tell whether the first is more contemptible than the second. We should be wiser to copy such mistakes and do what we can to disfigure the face of society? And this, in my judgment, is just what is being done as often as men, rightly acknowledging the power of woman and her usefulness for good, but forgetting that her power and this usefulness are rooted in her womanly nature and can neither flourish nor even live out of it, insist upon thrusting her into positions where her special aptitudes have no fair play, her best instincts are cramped and thwarted and the sources of her real power, and the sources of her nobility, are being shrunk and best of her sex have always shrunk from breathing.

When we find fishes thriving most in the air and birds flying fastest in the water, then may we expect to find women improved by being put in the place of man, but not till then!

The Truth Society in Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—St. Joseph's parish branch of the Catholic Truth Society of Ottawa was formed with a good membership yesterday afternoon in the vestry of St. Joseph's church. The annual membership for is 500.

The officers were: President, Mr. J. E. Skatton; vice-president, Mr. James G. Foley; secretary-treasurer, Mr. E. J. McDougall; librarian, Mr. W. L. Scott; committee, Mr. P. Clarke, Mr. J. W. Hughes, Mr. R. E. Watts.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is composed of Mrs. M. E. Davis, convener, Mrs. J. P. Brophy, Mrs. Philipps, Mrs. E. P. Stanton, Mrs. J. G. Warnock, Mrs. Dorian, Miss McGee, Miss O'Connell, Miss Agnes Scott, Miss Higgins, Miss O'Gara.

Ordination at Our Lady of Lourdes.

On Saturday last His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh conferred minor orders on Messrs. James Walsh and Thomas E. Finnegan in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Lawrence street. The Archbishop was assisted by the Very Rev. Father Marjon, Provincial O.S.B., Father Walsh pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, and Rev. Father Cherrier of the College, Rev. Father Treacy was master of ceremonies. The ordination was private. After the ceremony His Grace the Archbishop addressed a few words of counsel to the young men.

Irish Parliamentary Fund for 1898.

P. F. Cronin Esq., THE CATHOLIC REGISTER, Lombard St., Toronto.
DEAR SIR—Referring to my letter of 11th, acknowledging subscriptions received by me up to that date, I beg to append list of further subscriptions received up to today, amounting to \$1,208.25, and making with the \$5,837.50 formerly acknowledged, a grand total of \$6,995.75 received to date. I also append the letters of Mr. Fitzgerald of Peterborough, Father O'Donnell of Montreal, and Mr. P. F. Cronin of Toronto. In many districts throughout Canada the subscriptions are still under collection, and I have the satisfaction of looking forward to a considerable addition to this total. I will ask you to allow me to write again before I leave, giving the results to the latest day and the arrangements for the future. With no need of thanks to the friends of the cause, I am, yours faithfully,
P. F. Cronin.

Already acknowledged per letter of Dec. 7th, 1897 \$5,937.50
FURTHER SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.
Toronto (additional)
Per Mr. P. F. Cronin.....
\$5 00 each—Messrs A. T. Heron and P. F. Cronin.....\$10.00
\$20 each—Messrs J. O'Heara, W. J. Halloran, W. J. Croft, James W. Mallon, R. J. Bryon, John McInerney, M. McBrearty, Peter J. Rooney, J. Ryan..... 7.00
Mr. V. F. Fayle..... 25
\$ 23.25

Captain Larkin (St. Catharines).....300 00
Peterborough—Per Mr. J. W. Fitzgerald sr. Mr. J. W. Fitzgerald jr. Mr. W. Fitzgerald jr. \$5.00 each—Messrs D. J. Fitzgerald, W. H. Fitzgerald, John O. Fitzgerald, Gerald Fitzgerald..... 20.00
50.00

An Irish-Canadian Protestant Friend.....200.00
Branch No. 1, A.O.H. of Hamilton (per Rev. F. O'Rourke)..... 25.00
Rev. P. F. O'Dell (St. Mary's, Montreal).....100.00
Mr. John L. Carleton (St. John, N.B.)..... 10.00
The Very Rev. Duan Fitzpatrick (St. Catharines).....100.00
Ottawa (additional)..... 350.00
Mr. J. J. Roy, Q.C.....100.00
Rev. Dr. Treacy (St. Michaels')..... 110.00
Total.....1,208.25
Grand Total to date.....\$6,995.75

Peterborough, Dec. 10, 1897.
DEAR MR. BLANK—Herein I beg to enclose cheque, fifty dollars, being the amount of my own and sons' contributions to your Parliamentary Fund in aid of Home Rule for Ireland, which may God hasten, and bless you for your devotion to the cause.

Wishing you God-speed, a successful mission, and safe return to home and Canada, I remain, dear Mr. Blank, Yours respectfully,
HON. EDWARD BLANK, M.P.

St. Mary's, Montreal, Dec. 11th, 1897.
The Hon. ED. BLANK, Toronto.
BOX and DEAR SIR—Enclosed please find cheque for \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) as my subscription towards the Irish Parliamentary Fund. While regretting my inability to increase it a hundred-fold, I invoke the blessing of God upon yourself and the cause you are so nobly defending.
Yours very sincerely,
P. F. O'DONNELL, Prst.

Toronto, Dec. 9, 1897.
HON. EDWARD BLANK, M.P.
DEAR SIR—Enclosed cheque for \$23.25 to cover my own and a few other subscriptions to the Irish Parliamentary Fund for 1898 that have come to my hands. The amounts of the contributions that have been intimated through THE REGISTER will be forwarded you through the District Committees. May the cause succeed. I am respectfully,
P. F. Cronin.

Acknowledgment.

The Sisters of the Precious Blood, Toronto desire to acknowledge through the columns of THE REGISTER the receipt of a cheque for ten dollars from Messrs. The McIntosh Granite Marble Co., Limited, 524 and 620 Young street through the secretary, Mr. D. Taylor McIntosh, towards their building fund, and to express their gratitude for the generous gift.

Rev. Father Kiernan has been appointed pastor of the Gore Parish, Toronto.

Dinner in Honor of Mr. James E. Day.

A complimentary dinner was tendered to Mr. James Edward Day on Tuesday evening at Webb's. A few of his many Toronto friends desired to show their affection and esteem for the brilliant young barrister on the occasion of his changing the practice of his profession to Quebec, his native city. They took this means of honoring their friend, and all present will long remember the gathering with pleasure. The dinner was served in Webb's best style. The menu was a very elaborate affair, and the decorations of the dining room were most artistic. A pretty souvenir of the occasion was prepared in the form of a folded card, which contained a collection of quotations appropriate to the different toasts, as well as the names of the company. The chair was taken by Mr. W. P. Kernahan, Deputy Grand President C.M.B.A., Mr. H. F. McIntosh occupying the vice-chair.

There were present in the addition to the guest of the evening Rev. L. Brennan, C.S.B., J. D. Ward, P. F. Cronin, W. J. Boland, James Burns, James McCab, John Melady, Hugh V. Ferguson, William Kearney, Dr. Hayes, J. P. Phelan, W. Prendergast, Dr. McLaughlin, F. G. Higgins, L. V. McBrady, John Lawlor, M. Quinn, Andrew Cottam, W. T. J. Lee, D. J. Brennan, Dr. McKeown. The toast of the evening was proposed by the chairman in a sparkling speech with the true ring of affection and sincerity in it.

Mr. Day responded feelingly. He said he had prepared no reply for the complimentary references which would be made to him. A set speech would be out of place. He was well aware of the genuine friendship of his Toronto friends, and he felt that the only way in which he could acknowledge that friendship was to speak without reserve his own feelings. He then referred to his associations with the Catholic young men of Toronto in their clubs and societies and to the great influence for social pleasure and for practical help in his career, they and the organizations to which they belonged had upon him. The friendships he had made during the last few years were dearer to him than fortune, and the honor done him by his friends that evening would never be forgotten.

Mr. H. F. McIntosh proposed "The Clergy." In speaking of his own association with Mr. Day and the Catholic societies of his parish, he took occasion to make an especially complimentary reference to Father Brennan as the guide and dear friend of very many of the Catholic young men of the city, including most of those assembled at that table.

Father Brennan made a characteristic response, his words mingling the sentiments of warm personal friendship with the counsel of the priest. He made a lengthy reference to the general character of the guest of the evening speaking of him a true type of the solid Catholic young man.

Mr. J. D. Ward, President of the Toronto Advisory Board C.M.B.A., and Mr. W. T. J. Lee, the Chief Ranger, C.O.F., replied in excellent style to the toast of "Catholic Societies," which was proposed by Mr. L. V. McBrady, ex-president of St. Alphonsus Club.

Dr. McKeown proposed in a happy manner "The Catholic Press"—an unique form, he said, but a distinct improvement on the usual style of the Press.

P. F. Cronin and Mr. Hugh V. Ferguson spoke in reply. Mr. Cottam proposed the "Learned Professors."

Dr. McLaughlin responded, as did also Mr. L. V. McBrady, barrister, Mr. W. J. Boland, M.P., and the latter spoke in glowing terms of the special character as a lawyer, his high abilities, and his honesty and his love for his profession. Mr. Prendergast, provincial separate school inspector, replied for the teaching profession.

Other toasts and speeches followed, Mr. John Melady, Mr. William O'Connell, Mr. J. P. Hynes, Mr. T. P. Phelan, and Mr. M. Quinn contributing to the flow of clever speeches. The dinner concluded by the singing of the National

Catholic Truth Society.

On yesterday evening one of the brilliant meetings of the St. Michael's Branch of the Catholic Truth Society was held in St. Vincent's Hall, Shuter St. The Rev. Father Treacy was chairman of the meeting. The great feature of the evening was a very interesting lecture by Mr. H. T. Kelly, lawyer, on "Books their use and abuse." The lecturer was able, eloquent, interesting and full of good counsel and advice on the discrimination necessary in the selection of books. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the eloquent lecturer by the Rev. Chairman. The musical programme was very choice comprising renditions by such artists as Mr. Russell, Miss Nellie Kennedy, Miss MacMahon, Mrs. and Mrs. Bonner together. Mr. De la Haye and other friends of the institution had been invited. The priests who were at Sunnyside also came over. Lady Aberdeen thoroughly inspected the great institu-

Lady Aberdeen at Sunnyside Orphanage.

Sunnyside looked picturesque and inviting on Monday afternoon. The weather was mild enough for October, and the sprinkling of people around the grounds gave the suggestion of an autumn fete more than anything else. There were many ladies present, whose bright dresses also strengthened this impression. Welcoming scrolls displayed at the entrance to the buildings showed that a distinguished visitor was expected. Sunnyside is the most charmingly situated institution in Canada. It is always a pleasant place to visit; but there are times when it looks its best. Monday afternoon was unquestionably such an occasion, for the visitor expected was Lady Aberdeen, whose interest in the Christian work of this and all similar institutions is known far and wide. It was, therefore, a red letter day in the history of the great Catholic orphanage of Toronto, and Catholic people from every part of the city were met to honor the occasion. Inside the building decorative compliments to Lady Aberdeen were to be observed in the form of plaques of Campbell and Gordon plaids, loyal Canadian designs, and the garb of old Scotia worn by many of the children. Roses and other flowers were also profusely displayed to show what "Our Lady of the Snows" can offer at Christmastide. When Lady Aberdeen arrived, shortly after 3 o'clock, she was met by Mother Bernard, Mother Philon, and the nuns of the institution. His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto was also waiting to greet her, as well as the following guests and laymen: Vicar-General McCann, Rev. Frank Ryan, Rev. P. O'Donohoe, C.S.B.; Rev. W. E. Murray, C.S.B.; Rev. Father Langrish, Rev. James B. Dollard, Rev. James Walsh, Rev. Father Hennessy (St. Mary's, Kentucky), Rev. J. J. McEntee, Rev. William McCann, Rev. Father Cochrane, Rev. John Smith, Rev. J. J. McGrath, Rev. E. A. Anglin, E. J. Hearn, Col. Mason, D. A. Caray, P. F. Cronin, Patrick Hughes, R. J. Byron, James Way, Mr. Fitzgerald, John Laidlaw, Mr. Temple etc.

Lady Aberdeen was conducted to the western side of the room, where a couple of hundred ladies were waiting. Among them: Mrs. Austin Smith, Mrs. N. Rooney, Mrs. L. J. Cochrane, Mrs. Thomas Long, Miss Larkin, Mrs. B. B. Hughes, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. McKenna, Mr. Clark, Miss Mallon, Mrs. Van der Lunde, Miss Harris.

Lady Aberdeen was welcomed by the boys and girls singing the National Anthem. They also sang the Maple Leaf, and the boys alone gave with fine spirit "Hip, hip, hurrah for our native Canada."

The Archbishop opened the formal proceedings in one of his fatherly addresses, explaining to the children the basis of Christian charity and love. He told them how Christ became a little child in order to assure their childhood; moreover that he became a poor child so that all who love him might love His children. He told the children that Lady Aberdeen represented the Queen. They would love her for that reason; but they would also love her for her own great motherly love of Christ's little ones. It was a very simple and short address but exceedingly touching. When the Archbishop sat down three little girls at the front of the platform who were crowned with flowers and carried baskets of flowers in their hands bowed to Lady Aberdeen and the one in the middle read an address of welcome in a voice and with a manner that nothing could exceed for enunciation, naturalness and grace. Lady Aberdeen was evidently touched and said that she would like to stay for a while after they had presented the flowers they carried. She then made a little speech which presently ran into stories of childish heroism. The presence of a wee little boy, dressed in the uniform of the Gordon Highlanders reminded her of the brave little piper, Findlater, who is to receive the Victoria Cross for keeping up the music of "Cook or the North" at Dargai after both his legs had been shot through. She took the little Highlander beside her and said that she would like to see a man of his name, Jim Quigley, and he was Irish of course, like the other little Irish hero of Dargai; and she told the story with great feeling. She also told another story of a brave little Canadian girl who had saved a train from destruction by the Gordon Highlanders in circumstances of equal heroism, and when she asked the eager little listeners in front of her whether they too would do their duty whenever called upon, they all cried "Yes."

The children gave three cheers for Lady Aberdeen and the guests were treated to hot coffee by the nuns. Lady Aberdeen said she was greatly impressed by her visit and she would never forget it.

After leaving Sunnyside, Lady Aberdeen drove over to the Couvent of the Good Shepherd, which also was decorated with British, national, and Scottish colors. The nuns being cloistered the visit was semi-private; but Mrs. Austin Smith, Lady Thompson, Mrs. Falconbridge, Mrs. De la Haye and other friends of the institution had been invited. The priests who were at Sunnyside also came over. Lady Aberdeen thoroughly inspected the great institu-

tion, going through the laundry and the work rooms and asking many questions concerning the rescue work for which the Good Shepherd Sisters are famous. She expressed herself as being impressed by the nobility and the thoroughly reformatory character of the institution and thanked the Archbishop that she had been invited to see it.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Sermon by Rev. Father Walsh on behalf of the Ladies Aid Society.

Rev. James Walsh, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes delivered a beautiful and eloquent sermon, on behalf of the Ladies Aid Society of this parish, on last Sunday night. The large church was crowded to its utmost capacity. The sermon was a touching and admirable appeal to the charity of his audience for the suffering. The Christian and the earnestness of the preacher's words brought home conviction to every heart. The Rev. Father showed how different the pagan idea of poverty was from the Christian, giving the writings of the ancient Latin authors in support of his argument. The Christian idea of poverty and almsgiving he developed at length showing by many texts of scripture how beautiful and consoling it is, and how eminently suited to the needs and aspirations of man. The preacher eloquently insisted on the humility and sweetness of the character of our Divine Lord, as evidenced in His life amongst us. His voluntary poverty, His love and mercy and kindness to the poor with whom he identified Himself and His mission. "As you do unto these my little ones you do unto me." We must thus succor the deserving poor, if we wish for a part in His glorious Kingdom. The conclusion of the preacher's discourse was an eloquent and practical appeal to the sympathies of the faithful on behalf of the Ladies Aid Society which is doing such splendid and Christ-like work in this parish.

The beautiful and artistic rendering of musical verses by the choir under the able leadership of Mr. Donville was particularly remarkable. The solemnity of the Ave Maria by Mrs. G. G. G. especially the Ave Maria by Mrs. G. G. G. were of a very high order of taste and talent.

After a sermon a pleasing and impressive ceremony took place, the Vicar-General Very Rev. Father McCann, receiving into the sodality of the Blessed Virgin, twelve new postulants in the presence of other members of that sodality arrayed in their veils and insignia.

The vesper and closing benediction were sung by Rev. Father Dolan, assisted by Rev. Wm. McCann as deacon, the Rev. Daniel Murray acting as sub-deacon.

E. B. A.

The regular meeting of St. Helen's Branch No. 11, Toronto, was held on Tuesday last, with a very large attendance of members. Being the election of officers for 1898 and great interest was taken in the proceedings. After very keen contests for the different offices, the following were duly elected, their respected pastor, the Rev. J. M. Cruise, continuing as chaplain; President, John F. Kelly; Secretary, J. Strickland; recording secretary, James Howell; financial and insurance secretary, J. McCarthy; treasurer, W. Lane; stewards, P. Smith, J. Brady, J. Mehan, and P. McNamara; marshal, John Gore; assistants, James J. Kelly; J. Strickland, F. Holland, and J. Malone. Several important questions were discussed, and it was unanimously agreed to form a special fund for the purpose of assisting members to keep in good standing in the books. They also appointed a committee to make arrangements for an "At Home" on December 31st.

W. LANE, S. T.

C. Y. J. L. A. Notes.

A meeting of the Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Association was held on Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Quinn, in Queen's Park. Papers written by the members during the week were read and discussed. The sixth canto of Dante's "Inferno" was taken up for study. The reading of the Life of St. Richard Steele was then concluded. A very interesting paper on "Greek Mythology" was read by Miss Nellie Quinn, and after a few musical numbers the association adjourned to meet on next Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Meyers, 83 McCann street.

St. Joseph's Church.

St. Joseph's Church annual concert is advertised to take place on the first Wednesday after Christmas (December 29th) in Dugan's Hall. The pastor, Rev. Father McIntosh, is making every effort to make this concert unique in its proceedings, and to make it a success. A number of Toronto's leading artists have promised to assist, and the numerous friends of St. Joseph's should make it their business to leave this date open, as they can witness a first-class evening's entertainment.

There are cases of consumption so far advanced that Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup will not cure, but none so bad that it will not give relief. For coughs, colds and all affections of the throat and chest, it is a specific which has never been known to fail. It promotes a free and easy expectoration, thereby removing the phlegm and gives the diseased parts a chance to heal.