

TEMPERANCE.

The following is the official bulletin issued from the office of the General Secretary C. T. A. U. of A., 415 West 59th street, New York. May 1, 1894:—

The preparations for the next general convention to open at St. Paul, Minn., on August 1, are progressing in a manner highly satisfactory. The work is being prosecuted on lines much broader than usual, and the new methods promise most gratifying results. A list of societies has been secured by the chairman of the committee, embracing not only almost all those in the Union of America, but all other Catholic temperance organizations in the United States and Canada, with the name and address of an active worker in each. To these matter concerning the convention is being sent to be read to the societies, and then to be published in the newspapers in each locality. This, in addition to the influence it will exercise in securing a larger attendance at the convention, will have a permanent beneficial effect by drawing in an agreeable manner the attention of societies which have not yet joined our Union to the beauty and usefulness of our splendid organization. Notices have also been sent to all the Catholic publications in the country, to all the secular journals within several hundred miles of St. Paul, and to all the important dailies in the large cities. Great numbers of these newspapers, containing the notice, are being received every mail by the chairman of the committee. From prominent people in Baltimore, Boston, Omaha, and elsewhere, who have never before exhibited any interest in our conventions, letters have been received inquiring as to rates, routes, etc.

At all the subordinate union conventions held since February 1, the St. Paul committee has had letters read setting forth some advantages to be derived from sending large delegations to the national gathering. It is urged, with much force and truth, that by thus doing the local unions employ the cheapest, quickest, most certain, and most effectual means in their power of building up their respective organizations; "that this is the method now used by all the healthy unions throughout the country; that a union which waits till it is strong before sending a large representation to the general convention will scarcely ever send such a one—as it is likely, for this reason, to remain always weak; that the national meeting, by reason of the information it imparts and the enthusiasm it engenders, is the total abstainer's greatest source of light and strength and courage from year to year, and that almost all the assistance thus very freely offered is lost to the subordinate union which sends but one or two delegates." It is also specially urged by the committee that the party going to the convention from any locality should be composed to a greater or less extent of ladies, and that besides taking part in the work of the convention and sharing in the entertainment provided by the St. Paul people, the delegates and visitors, who it is hinted ought to travel largely at their own expense, should take time to visit important points of interest by the way. In this manner an enjoyable as well as a useful time may be spent, and all who attend will be benefitted physically and mentally as well as morally. The committee is also impressing upon local unions the wisdom of making their desire to sending large delegations a reason for immediately beginning more actively to strengthen this movement at home.

We advise a careful consideration of the arguments of the committee, as likely to be productive of good, but renew our recommendation offered in the March Bulletin, that the delegates should be "intelligent, clear-headed, hard-working men and women," that you "let your talkers stay at home," and that "it is the workers that are wanted."

When the committee began its work of advertising, it was given out that the attendance at the convention would probably reach 1,000. But from present indications 1,500 or 2,000 will be nearer the mark. Accordingly, a supplementary application has been made to the Passenger Associations for a lower rate than is usually made to delegates to conventions; and it now looks as if a single fare for the round trip will be granted. The railroads have been induced by the committee to attend Subordinate Union Conventions, and at the present time the people in New England are engaged in getting up



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a large party to visit St. Paul. The Cathedral and Father Mathew Tourist Clubs of Philadelphia—both big organizations—and the Young Men's Tourist Club of Wilkesbarre, Pa.—having some forty members—are preparing to attend. Chicago is likely to send a party of fifty or more. Members of the Knights of Father Mathew of the South-west are coming, and most encouraging reports of this nature have been received from the League of the Cross in California. The powerful commercial bodies in St. Paul have joined with the committee in an effort to get up excursions from Florida, Louisiana, and California with much promise of success.

The wisdom of our having fixed upon St. Paul—the home of Archbishop Ireland, our great leader—as the place for holding the Twenty-fourth General Convention is becoming more and more apparent, and the determination on the part of the temperance workers of that city to make the coming Convention "the greatest and most representative gathering of Catholic total abstainers ever brought together," seems almost certain of realization. An official Convention Bulletin, to be issued by the committee early in June, will be something all should have, and will be sent free to any one sending name and address. Information pertaining to the Convention will be cheerfully furnished by Mr. A. W. Gutridge, 509 Wabasha Street, St. Paul, Minn.

As there is no topic of such importance on the carpet now as the next Convention, we urge that the matter be freely talked about and thoroughly discussed, so that this Convention may be made the most notable Temperance gathering that has been convened for years. It will certainly mark a great mile-post of progress in our movement.

Fraternal yours,

(Rev.) A. P. DOYLE,

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SCHOOL COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS:

Dear Mr. Editor,—I know I am voicing the feelings of every ambitious school-boy in Montreal, when I thank you for saying in last week's TRUE WITNESS that you intend to throw open the columns of your paper to the service of the schools. 'Tis true it is late in the scholastic year and school children are all very busy trying to be first; still I am sure there are some amongst us who will find time to show you that they appreciate what you are doing for the young Catholics of our city. I suppose the big boy in the college will take up nearly all the room you can give, and of course they deserve the first place; but we know that you will not give the cold shoulder to the ambitious boy of the parish school, who is brave enough to squeeze in and show you what he can do.

T. J. D.

(Owing to the examinations and near approach of the closing exercises, we do not expect any contributions of the class mentioned before the next term.—Ed. T. W.)

Father Van der Eerden, S.J., who has been engaged in the mission at the Church of the Nativity, Chicago, has been compelled to retire from the work on account of illness, and has returned to St. Louis.

Constable's landscape, "The White Horse," was sold April 28 in London at Christie's rooms for \$32,550.

Miss Hattie Blaine, youngest daughter of the late James G. Blaine, was married in the historic Washington mansion, to Truxton Beale, ex minister to Greece.

MARY AS A PROPHETESS.

"ALL GENERATIONS SHALL CALL ME BLESSED."

Did the Blessed Virgin think, when she uttered these prophetic words, that she was then placing upon record one of the most reliable evidences by which the Church of Christ could be distinguished from among the multiplicity of beliefs in the present age?

Sufficient time has elapsed since the birth of the child Jesus, and so widespread and continuously from generation to generation has been the Christian devotion to the Mother of the regenerated world, that the most sceptical must readily admit that her prophecy has been abundantly fulfilled. Nor would any reasonable person suppose for an instant that the enemies of religion would become the greater, or Christians, whose every hope is attached to the maternity of Mary, the lesser effective power in the promulgation of that important truth. Had the Catholic Church been unable to survive the relentless fury of paganism in her infancy, or the deadly and insidious attacks upon her unsullied purity by teachers of false doctrine in later times, how could the prophecy of Mary have ever been realized?

Would the numerous dissenting bodies, satisfied with the disruption, if it were possible, of Christ's divine establishment, have spread abroad among all nations, and perpetuated from one generation to another, that prophetic declaration which is now so familiar and dear to Catholics throughout the four quarters of the earth? How have Protestants been exercised in the fulfilment of that prophecy? Is it a favorable argument in behalf of their sincerity and devotion that they remain entirely silent with regard to it, simply because, as they think or allege, the Catholic Church has unduly honored her from whose pure veins the precious blood of the most adorable heart of Jesus was drawn, and which same blood was afterwards shed for the redemption of sins? Turning to the Jews and pointing to the cross, that grief-stricken Mother might have exclaimed, with all due propriety: "Behold my flesh and my blood which are given for you and for the sins of the whole world;" for verily the Christ that suffered there was bone of her bone, flesh of her flesh, and blood of her blood; and we cannot separate His sufferings from her sufferings—we cannot truly say that her part in the great work of redemption had ended before that awful scene on Calvary.

It would be sad, indeed, and entirely foreign to our conception of the justice and benignity of God if, after having built for Himself an earthly temple, and adorned it with most precious and becoming treasures, and made it the scene of the profoundest of His enactments, He should relegate that blameless object of His particular love, and instrument of His corporal union with the human race, to an inferior or common position in His limitless creation—that having raised the spotless Virgin to the highest possible dignity by creating her His mother, He would afterwards, through no fault of hers, deprive her of the honor attached to that dignity by treating her as an ordinary mortal.

Death itself could not rob Him of His human existence, for after the third day He arose again from the dead and appeared to His apostles, saying to them: "See my hands and feet, that I am myself; handle and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, and you see me have." And with the same body also He ascended into heaven, where He is now sitting at the right hand of God in all the glory of His majesty. He is there the same God made man as when He clung to the arms of His mother in childhood, and, consequently, still the son of Mary. And as long as that two-fold mystical union of His Godhead and manhood shall exist, which will be throughout eternity, so long will He be the son of the Blessed Virgin.

And when the countless multitude of the redeemed shall have gathered around the throne on high, at the last day, to lift up their voices as the sound of many waters and great thunderings, in unceasing alleluias to the Lord our God, who reigneth for ever and ever; then, and not till then, will the joy of the Queen Mother be proportioned to the bitter anguish of spirit that she endured at the passion of her Son.

By the above evidences we see that, in addition to the many other endearing titles with which we Catholics are familiar, the mother of our Divine Saviour is also entitled to those of "Prophetess" and "Revealer of the Truth." And since as such she has conferred inestimable benefits upon us, we should take advantage of the privilege, during this month, that the Church has wisely and lovingly set apart for special devotion to Mary, to express our gratitude to her for her fostering care of our holy religion, and the irrefutable argument of her prophecy to sustain the claims of the Church against those of her opponents. To which end a prayer like the following would not, perhaps, be inappropriate: Oh, Mary! divinely inspired Prophetess and Revealer of holy truth, who has blessed us, through the medium of holy Scriptures, with a knowledge whereby we may distinguish the Church of thy Divine Son, aid us by thy prayers we beseech thee, to be fervent members of the same, that we may thereby glorify God through thee. Amen.

JOHN E. M. SHEA.

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IRISH TOPICS

Capt. Francis William Woodley has been appointed a Deputy-Lieutenant for County Cork.

Henry Stubbs of Danby, Ballyshannon, has been appointed Deputy-Lieutenant for County Donegal.

Bishop Lyster, of Achonry, is to preach at the opening of Father Houlihan's new church at Lambhill, Glasgow, Scot., on the 24th of June.

Sergeant McGovern, who had been for the last eighteen months stationed in Belcarra, has been transferred to Newcastle West, County Limerick.

The Lord Lieutenant has appointed Edward Fitzgerald Hickson, resident magistrate at Loughrea, to be a resident magistrate for County Fermanagh.

Constable Patrick Hanniffy, who has been over three months in Castlebar, has been advanced to the rank of Acting-Sergeant. He went to Castlebar from Clare Island.

At the Wicklow Quarter Sessions on April 27, Judge Kane was presented by E. E. Davidson, sub-sheriff, with white gloves, there being no business of a criminal nature to be disposed of.

William Magwood, aged thirty-two years, a foreman carpenter, fell from a ladder while engaged in superintending some works at the National museum, Kildare Street, Dublin, and was killed.

These Meath Catholics have passed away: On April 20, at Ranivogue, Crossakeil, Elizabeth, wife of Nicholas McCullen, of Gormanstown, formerly of Drogheda; April 20, at Wellpark, Drumcondra, Kate, wife of Joseph Murphy, and second daughter of Richard Boylan, of Dowth.

Very Rev. Archdeacon Halpin, V.G., of Rathkeale, died on April 30. He was educated at Maynooth, and after spending some years in St. John's Cathedral under the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ryan he was translated to Kilfinane, and on the death of the Rev. Dr. O'Shea in 1876 was transferred to Rathkeale.

An election for the Aldermanship of the West Gate Ward of Drogheda, rendered vacant by the death of Alderman Connolly, took place on April 26. The candidate were Thomas H. Simcocks, T.C., Nationalist, and John Mangan, Redmondite. The result was: Simcocks, 41 votes; Mangan, 20.

A NON CATHOLIC exchange, speaking of the recent election for a Mayor in St. Paul, Minn., has the following striking paragraph:

"Two years ago the Republicans elected the Mayor in St. Paul by nearly 4,000 majority. Now their candidate, who received the earnest support of the A. P. A., is beaten by over 1,000. This ought to convince these latter-day bigots that the time has gone by for their crazy ideas and that the best thing they can do is to accept the situation as it is, or else go to some country where fools are held in higher esteem than they are here."

When the A. P. Aists take this advice we hope they won't come to Canada. We have the P. P. A. here, and, miserable as it is, we don't require the presence of its parent.

THE Rev. Father Daniele di Bassano, a Franciscan, who for years had been the confessor to Pope Leo XIII., died last month in Rome. He was a profound theologian, and when the present Pope was Cardinal and residing at Perugia, he learned to appreciate the learned and humble monk. Father Daniele was also a fine Latin poet. As soon as Leo became Pope he sent for Father Daniele and made him president of the Penitentiaries of St. John Lateran. He occupied the position until the time of his death. The Holy Father expressed deep regret at the loss of his saintly confessor.

The monthly statement of the United States Treasury shows a decrease during April of \$8,852,289 in the net cash balance, and an increase of \$1,165,971 in the outstanding debt. The mints turned out \$10,750,000 of new coin during the month, of which 310,184,000 was gold.

A new universe is created every time a child is born.—Richter.