

NON-CATHOLIC MISSION WORK.

The following interesting correspondence has recently passed between Father Doyle, the Rector of the Apostolic Mission House, and the Grand Knight of the Indianapolis Council No. 437.

Knights of Columbus, Indianapolis Council, Feb. 19th, 1906.

Very Rev. Father—The Indianapolis Council No. 473 Knights of Columbus at a recent meeting unanimously approved and authorized a contribution of \$100 to the Catholic Missionary Union for the work of the Apostolic Mission House in the training of diocesan priests to be missionaries to non-Catholics.

It gives me therefore the greatest pleasure to hand you herewith a check for the amount mentioned and to request that our council be enrolled as an honorary member of the Catholic Missionary Union.

Acknowledged receipt on the enclosed voucher and return same to me.

Yours respectfully, G. A. O'CONNOR, G. K., Indianapolis Council 437 K. of C.

Acknowledging the handsome donation of the Indianapolis Council Father Doyle replied:

Dear Sir and Brother Knight—The directors of the Catholic Missionary Union thank you and the Knights of your council very warmly for your recent donation of \$100 for the Apostolic Mission House and its work of preparing missionaries for the non-Catholic Mission work.

We are glad to have the name of your council associated with this great providential work, and we believe the more you watch its remarkable growth the more you will become fascinated with its enthusiasm. It is good to look into the future and hope for the time when America will become dominantly Catholic.

There is every promise of it now. The breaking up of dogmatic Protestantism gives us our opportunity. If the American people could only be persuaded that in the Catholic church there is everything to satisfy their religious yearnings, there is nothing under the sun that will keep them out of the church.

To accomplish this work what is principally needed is the persuasive voice of the Catholic Missionary. Let us get a few hundred well trained missionaries out among the non-Catholic people of this country and it will not take long to remove their prejudices and prepare the way for a wholesale conversion of the people to the church. If the Knights of Columbus everywhere would only adopt the Mission work as a special feature, as you have done, in a few years the wonders of conversion would astonish us. The interest in the work will warm up our own hearts and give a new vigor to our religious life, and we would all be the better Catholics for having won so many victories for the church. Again thanking you and wishing you every blessing.

Sincerely yours, A. P. DOYLE, Rector Apostolic Mission House.

PRINCESS ENA TO THE HOLY FATHER.

OFFERS HIMSELF AS HIS MOST LOYAL AND DEVOTED DAUGHTER.

Rome, March 8.—Princess Ena of Battenberg, King Alfonso's fiancée, who was yesterday formally received into the Catholic church sent the following telegram to the Pope:

"As the moment of entering the Apostolic Roman Catholic church I desire humbly to thank Your Holiness for all your fatherly goodness to me. I also wish to offer myself with all my heart as your most devoted and loyal daughter. Asking again your prayers and your apostolic blessing.

"VICTORIA EUGENIE" San Sebastian, Spain, March 8.—Princess Ena received First Communion to day.

Right Rev. Robert Brindle, Bishop of Nottingham, who officiated at the ceremony yesterday, has presented to the Princess an autograph letter from the Pope and other gifts from Rome. The King gave his future bride a magnificent present as a souvenir of her abjuration.

Rome, March 9.—King Alfonso has telegraphed to His Holiness, saying: "With filial and grateful affection for the new and important proofs of the benevolence of Your Holiness, I announce my engagement to Princess Ena of Battenberg. My future bride is happy to call herself a devout daughter of the Catholic Apostolic Roman church, and she joins with me in asking Your Holiness' benediction so the Lord may concede us His favor in this and the future life."

PROPOSED BY CARINAL NICHOLAS.

Writing in a recent issue of the Catholic Times of Liverpool, J. C. McWalter, M. D., says:

In the Fitzpatrick lectures delivered at the Royal College of Physicians in London Dr. Norman Moore made the following reference to a famous Cardinal "Nicholas of Cusa was a man of varied learning and of a scientific habit of mind. He was a theological writer, a mathematician, and an observer of natural phenomena. He made an original examination of the Koran and critically discussed its contents, and in medicine he introduced an improvement which in an altered form has continued in use to this day. This improvement was the counting of the pulse, which up to this time had been felt and discussed in many ways, but never counted. The first method of a new invention is often unnecessarily cumbersome, but this does not detract from the merit of the man who first discerns its principle. Nicholas of Cusa proposed to compare the rate of pulses by weighing the quantity of water run out a water clock while the pulse beats one hundred times. Thus, he said, you may easily prove the degree in which the pulse of a young man is more rapid than that of an old man.

"The weight, therefore, of water

that flows out in relation to the different pulses in the youth, in the aged man, in the healthy and the sick ought necessarily to lead to a truer knowledge of the disease, one weight being proper to one infirmity and a different weight to another."

"The manufacture of watches with second hands has since given us a simpler method of counting, but the merit of introducing this useful kind of observation into clinical medicine belongs to Nicholas of Cusa. He is buried in the church from which he took his title, St. Peter ad Vincula. Devotion attracts many people to this church, and a love of art, since it contains a great work of Michael Angelo, many others, and science adds a third interest in the monument of this improver of clinical medicine. His tomb has no ornament but its inscription; yet it is not improper to consider that he has a more lasting memorial in his commemoration over the whole globe wherever medicine is practised by the simple clinical method of observation which he was the first to complete."

PROTESTANTS AND LENT.

We are pleased to note that many of the Protestant churches which formerly scouted Lent, as they did Christmas, as a popish invention, have opened their doors and recognize the season as a fruitful time for reflection, prayer and preaching.

The New York Evangelist (Presbyterian) says:

And here it may be said that it is a notable as it is an encouraging fact, that the observance of the Lenten season is becoming more and more general as the years go by. Ministers of all denominations delight to throw open the doors of their churches, while in this city the devotees of Wall street hasten to assemble at the noon hour and listen to the preacher's voice in old Trinity calling to prayer. There is not a religion but has its stated times of worship, and it is well that there come other days than the stated Sabbaths when, in the midst of the business stress the soul can find times of spiritual refreshment. It may be, at it is said, that fasting is not enjoined in the Bible.

Quite a number of Protestants retrench or eliminate their worldly amusements, and some, if they do not fast, at least abstain from sweets and things for which they have a special fondness. They thus enter into the spirit of the holy season and the grace which leads them to begin a good work may lead them to perfect it in the Lord Jesus Christ.—Catholic Universe.

RECEPTION TO THE RECTOR.

Rev. J. T. Aylward, Rector of St. Peter's cathedral, London, on last Sunday afternoon, by special permission of His Holiness Pius X., imparted the Papal Blessing to the members of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of which society he has been the zealous director for nearly seven years—in fact, ever since he came to our Forest City. A pleasing reception was afterwards tendered the Rev. Father in St. Peter's school, this being the first opportunity the Sodality had of showing their pleasure at having their director once more in their midst after his absence of over four months in Europe, in company with His Lordship the Bishop. The programme consisted of a Welcome Song (chorus), after which an address was delivered by the President, Miss Bricklin, at the conclusion of which the Past President, Miss Dorr, presented a beautiful floral offering. A solo, "Face to Face," by Miss Darkin, and a hymn (chorus) to St. Joseph, completed the programme—under the direction of Miss Moore, organist. The following is the address:

"CARD MILLE PAULINA." Welcome—a hundred thousand times welcome home dear Father Aylward.

Not a week has it been since we parted—at all times so snug a group of joy and happiness—fought with true sentiments of heart—spoke and sang and continued to often come and dearly loved pastor, than they are to day coming from your children of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Daily, during the long four months of your absence in the Eternal City and at other world-wide centres of historic interest, have our prayers followed you and our Reverend Chief Pastor. And now that the time we so ardently looked forward to has at last arrived and we have our faithful friend with us once again, words are all too feeble to express our feelings.

Added to our joy is the feeling of gratitude, for we know we were almost constantly remembered—and in a manner of all others the best.

You prayed for us at the holy shrines and—sweetest favor of all—celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for us in the City of the Pope and at our Lady's own dear shrine at Lourdes. Still another cause for our lasting gratitude—the privilege you secured from the Pope and at our Lady's own dear shrine at Lourdes. Still another cause for our lasting gratitude—the privilege you secured from the Pope and at our Lady's own dear shrine at Lourdes.

Dear Father, we wish you many, many years of happiness among us in the exercise of your holy vocation, and the blessed endless years of eternity with God.

Although taken by surprise, Rev. Father Aylward cordially thanked the Sodality for their kindly reception, and greatly pleased them by his interesting description of some of the most noted shrines of the Blessed Virgin of Loretto, which he had the happiness of visiting in the Old World.

Rev. Father Aylward then presented each of the Sodality with a silver medal of the Immaculate Conception, blessed by Our Holy Father.

The way of the cross is the road to Heaven. For what is virtue but fortitude to suffer? Self denial is the law of love. Sacrifice is the measure of sanctity. Can you endure pain, can you give up your own will, can you bear grief, can you stand shame, can you be patient under humiliations, for the charity of Christ? If you cannot, you have not yet learned the lesson of Calvary.

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SOCIALISM AND SHARKS

To a man overboard who was unable to swim, a shark's back would offer a possible place of security. It might be a kindly shark and stay on the surface until a vessel hove in sight—no knows. To lots of people Socialism makes a somewhat similar appeal. It has appropriated to itself the title of panacea for all the existing evils of society, and with this bait dangling before the public it has won a large number of converts.

Some are foolish enough to believe that Socialism can do what it claims, and those who are skeptical about the practicability of its reforms defend their position by saying that any change in our present corruption, no matter how radical, will be for the better.

The remarkable thing about Socialism is that it is thriving on ignorance. Take ten men who talk enthusiastically about it and eight of the number, when you pin them right down to it, cannot give you an intelligible explanation of what Socialism really is. "It is going to give us better times," says one. "The poor man won't be taxed and the rich man got free," says another. "One man won't have a chance to own the earth, then," opines a third. "It'll kill the trusts," remarks a fourth, "give the working man shorter hours and more money and the land and public utilities will belong to everybody."

And so the canvas is unrolled, disclosing ever new scenes of a veritable heaven on earth and the people are foolish enough to believe them real. But when it comes to the backbone of the affair—that is the means by which Socialism is to accomplish these millennial reforms the gibberish of the public departs and they are ignorant of the very platform of the movement they espouse. A paragraph of Coventry Patmore's, which we changed upon recently, is particularly worth quoting in this connection. He says:

"What most people call 'deep and earnest convictions' on political and social topics are generally muddled-headed medleys of knowledge of fact and opinion. They know that such and such a thing is an evil, and they opine that they see a way to amend it; and if wiser people point out to them that the evil would not be so amended or that greater evils would accrue from the attempt, they only feel that their 'convictions' are affronted and opposed by cold-blooded calculations. This kind of opinion is often as confident as actual knowledge."—Baltimore Mirror.

THE WELL-BELOVED ABERDEENS.

Says the Catholic Standard and Times: "Lord Aberdeen and his wife received a very cordial welcome in Ireland as representatives of the crown, and their first action tended to prove that they are still worthy of good wishes on the part of the Irish people. One of the first was the revocation of the Coercion Act, so far as twenty localities are concerned, and the next a decree ordering an alteration of the Land Act so as to permit of a large number of evicted tenants availing themselves of its provisions, and making other modifications in the direction of justice and common sense. Lady Aberdeen is very busy in her own sphere—the promotion of Irish industries, of which she has always been one of the most generous and self-sacrificing devotees and patrons. Both these estimable aristocrats are greatly beloved in Ireland for their sincerity and unaffected ways."

ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION. A number of the people of Sheenboro waited on the Rev. J. A. Harpin on the afternoon of Sunday, the 18th inst., and presented him with the following address accompanied with a large sum of money on his departure from the parish, where he had been temporarily assigned the place of Rev. Father Tracy during the absence of the latter. The address was made by Mr. M. C. Foley and the presentation was made by Mr. Michael Hayes:

To Rev. Father Harpin, Sheenboro: We, the undersigned, on behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's of Sheenboro, after our short and quiet sojourn, beg to approach you in our own behalf, and to present to you our intended departure from our midst for a short though your stay has been with us, still we feel that we have been benefited by your presence and your untiring labors in administering to our spiritual welfare during the absence of our own beloved pastor, Father Tracy.

In your remarks to-day you said the people of this parish would always retain a warm place in your heart, and in return we beg to assure your reverence that whenever your priestly orders may call you you shall always be kindly remembered by the people of Sheenboro.

In conclusion we beg your acceptance of the accompanying purse as a slight token of our regard.

We are pleased to know that Father Tracy is improved in health and feels well, though somewhat fatigued after his travels.

NEW BOOKS.

"The Holy Sacrament of Lent" by Rev. Ferrero Girardey, C. S. S. R., published by Benziger Bros., 35 Barclay Street, New York City. Price 25 cents.

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CATHOLIC DIRECTORY.—We have received from M. H. Wilson Company, Publishers, Milwaukee, Wis., the Official Catholic Directory. It contains a list of the clergy in the United States and Canada. Newfoundland, Great Britain and Ireland, and will be found, as usual, most useful to the clergy and religious communities.

THE UNNECESSARY POMP OF FUNERALS.

"That was a unique funeral which took place in South Chicago, Ill., recently, when no hearse, no long train of hacks and carriages, were in sight," says the Catholic Transcript. "The body was placed on the street car, and the mourners boarded the trolley for the cemetery. The whole affair was marked by extreme simplicity. Respect for the dead was quite as pronounced as in the procedure which custom has so long ordained in American towns and cities. All this according to the dictates left in his last will by the Rev. Martin De Laar. This is an example worthy of imitation. How many homes have been ruined by the debts incurred through extravagant funeral expenses? Relatives will not be charged with any want of regard for their dead. It is the one occasion that would seem to call for moderation. Deep-seated grief does not run to external pomp. The pangs of sorrow come high, but Americans must have it. What with flowers and casket and yards of crape and the long line of carriages the trappings and suits of woe mount well up into the hundreds. This Chicago pastor, eschewing all that savored of extravagance, preaches powerfully against a tendency of the age. During life he may have been a kindly and a good man, but in the common amongst Catholics who are given to elaborating the burial of their dead. His own modest funeral stands out as a vigorous protest against the abuse."

MARRIES CATHOLIC JAPANESE.

On the day of the Longworth-Roosevelt wedding at Washington a unique and unusual ceremony was performed in St. Joseph's church, Washington, when Dominic J. Sonayma, of Japan, and Miss Margaret Sherry of that city were married. It is not often that such an event takes place in a Catholic church.

Mr. Sonayma comes of one of the best families in Japan, and, as usual with the men and women of this race, can trace his progeny back many centuries. He is first of all, a Christian, and in this connection he has declared to friends that his family has been numbered among the Christian fold for very nearly three hundred years. It is a matter of pride with Sonayma that his family was converted by St. Francis Xavier, and fifty years after the advent of St. Francis when thousands of Christians were slaughtered at the hands of the Buddhists, a number of his family survived and fled to the mountains. Here the refugees formed a colony and lived for many years. Mr. Sonayma has an uncle in the priesthood, Father Fukaheri, in Nagasaki.—Catholic Sun.

Catholics near the King.

The Ave Maria says: "King Edward always wishes to have at least one Catholic peer among his Lords in waiting; and, owing to the recent change of Government, Lord Camoys will now succeed Earl Denbigh. Lord Camoys is very young, being just twenty-one years old; but his family has been for years connected with the court. His grandmother, Lady Stonor, was Queen Alexandra's first Lady in waiting; and his aunt, the Marquis d'Hautpoul, is the Queen's intimate friend; while his uncle, the Hon. Harry Stonor, is King Edward's favorite equerry. We are informed that all are strict Catholics."

Rev. Mr. McFaul's Want of God Manners.

If a Catholic is desirous of seeing a priest confute a Protestant preacher he should try to arrange a meeting between them by mutual agreement. But if he brings the minister to the priest's house without permission, or if the minister's zeal gets the better of his good manners and he thrusts himself in of his own accord, he need not be surprised to be shown the door, as lately happened to the Rev. Mr. McFaul, "evangelist" to the French-Canadians of Ottawa.—Antigonish Caseler.

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