

In Union is Strength.

One thing which gave occasion for expressions of gratitude on the last Thanksgiving day in the United States was the meeting on that day of the delegates from divers Catholic societies to consider ways and means towards a federation of Catholic societies. It was a step in the right direction, and much praise is due to Bishop McFaul who set the scheme on foot, and to Bishop Mesmer who systematically mapped out the work. In union is strength. In the new century we can hope to see all Catholic organizations united in a harmonious whole, presenting an unbroken front to the enemies of religion and doing great things in the cause of Catholic truth and Catholic morality.

Close of the Century.

As the nineteenth century passes into history never to return, we recall the poetic lines of a writer, Miss Sue X. Blakely, who wrote in this magazine in the closing days of 1896 :

"The mighty heroes of the past, the rich,
The great, the low,
All, all are gone who lived once on earth
One hundred years ago."

And, dear reader, some poet of the twentieth century will sing the same when you and we are in the grave. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away," said our Lord, and some of His words that shall not pass away are : "What doth it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

A Voice From the Vatican.

The Venerable Pontiff, His Holiness Leo XIII., who has lived through most of the past century, and, humanly speaking, will see the next century, is

anxious that we thank God for the many graces of the past, and dedicate ourselves wholly to our Divine Redeemer in the new century. In the letter which the Pope addressed last month to the Bishops, he exhorts the world to seek the Redeemer, who is the road to truth and life. "As Christ's coming to the world reformed society," says the Pope, "so the latter, in turning to Christ, will become better and be saved by following His doctrines and divine law, by discountenancing revolt against the constituted powers and avoiding conflicts." If the peoples acted so, the Encyclical continues, they would all love one another as brothers and obey peacefully their superiors. Neglect of God, the Pope further says, has led to so many disorders that the peoples are oppressed with incessant fears and anguish. He concludes with urging the Bishops to make known to the entire world that the Redeemer and Saviour of mankind alone can bring salvation and peace."

Charitable in Name and Deed.

We tender our heartiest congratulations to good Brother Jude, Superior of the House of the Angel Guardian, Roxbury, Mass., who lately celebrated his silver jubilee as a Brother of Charity. In 1874, at the age of twenty-three, he renounced the world, and, after a probationary trial in the order at Montreal, he received the religious habit Nov. 4, 1874, and pronounced his temporary vows Nov. 7, 1875. Soon after he was sent by his superior to the House of the Angel Guardian, where, after several years, he was made Superior. A beautiful bust, cast from Samuel J. Kitson's great statue, "Christ, the Light of the World," was presented to him by