LEAGUE OF THE CROSS.

Lecture by Rev Dr. Treacy in St. Peter's Church

On Sunday evening Rev Dr. Treacy delivered an interesting lecture before the members of St. Peter's branch of the League of the Cross. Mr. Dunbar presided and Rev Father McBrady was present. The lecturer said:

I am delighted to find myself associated with a body of men who without any material advantages to themselves are working together in one grand Catholic organization for the sacred cause of Christian Temperance. The Catholic Church is always ready and willing to offer her hearty sympathy and earnest co-operation to every undertaking that has for its object the amelioration of the human race, and it is but natural that her children, inspired by her example, should unite together in organizations of this kind and endeavor by means of strong united action and mutual good example to check the ever-growing miseries that press so heavily on the aching hearts of our suffering humanity. This is what you have proposed to do in the society of the League of the Cross Gentlemen, you have undertaken a great and glorious mission. You have united in a determination to do battle for the cause of Christian Temperance, and as long as the miseries of your weaker brethren call loudly for your assistance, as long as the principles which direct your society are based on Catholic Truth and morality, you are sure to succeed in a measure of success surpassing your most sanguine expectations.

I may venture to remark that there is no society that is more necessary to-day for the spiritual and temporal advancement of our Catholic people than the society of the League of the Cross, and no work calls forth such well-merited sympathy and applause from Christians of all denominations as the noble and blessed work in which you are engaged.

You may have many difficulties to surmount at the beginning of your career; many obstacles may unexpectedly arise and threaten to block your progress, your work may be retarded for want of members, for lack of funds, for money is a necessary factor in every organization, old members may grow cold in the service of the society and young members will be lacking in that religious enthusiasm without which no great work in ancient or modern times was ever carried to a successful issue, but despite these and many other obstacles I say that as long as you work steadfastly together under the patronage of the Catholic Church according to direction of her priests, along the sober and sensible lines of policy that you have marked out for yourselves, you are sure to succeed, you cannot fail to produce results that will be as creditable to yourselves as they will be beneficial to your fellow men. You are bound to promote the cherished cause of Christian temperance by the earnestness of your resolve and the force of your good example, to give the death-blow to that horrible vice of intemperance, and to elevate the lives and secure the salvation of thousands of your fellow men who are now buried in the deepest depths of moral degradation. That, gentlemen, is a cause well worthy of the noblest efforts of all Christian men whose hearts are in the right place and who can see and feel for themselves the terrible ravages that are daily wrought amongst us by the vice of intemperance. It is not only amongst those of mature years but even amongst the youth of both sexes that we see the unhappy consequences of intemperance. Not only are persons belonging to the lower classes and those of worthless character addicted to this sin, but the lives of the best and noblest sons of Church and state have been irreparably ruined, their usefulness has been destroyed, and their very lives have been blasted forever by this abominable habit which has wrecked more souls than all other vices put together. Nor does this vice rest with the culprits themselves, no, but it descends to their innocent children who will reap one day in the jails and penitentiaries of the country and in the evil houses of the cities the baneful consequences of their parents, intemperance. Like the plague of the wild locusts which God sent down upon the Egyptians of old the vice of intemperance carries death and destruction into all ranks of men, eating and corroding the sinew and muscle of the country and fouling by its evil consequences what it cannot itself destroy. The League of the Cross is the only Catholic barrier against the inroads of this terrible invasion, although in saying this I do not mean to discountenance the able and manly efforts adopted by our separated brethren in the cause of Temperance. Endorsed as it is by the highest authorities of the Catholic Church and supported by the practical adhesion of the best and noblest of her sons the League of the Cross is sure to succeed in promoting the sacred cause of Christian sobriety and morality. All the means with which God has enriched the Catholic Church are placed in its hands. Mutual good example, prayer, the reception of the Sacraments are the means appointed by God to overcome every bad habit; and, gentlemen, they are the only effective means that will ever eradicate the bad habit of intemperance from the heart of the individual and from the bosom of society. It will not do to look upon intemperance as a mere physical disease that can be healed by the opiates of physicians and the scientific drugs of Gold-cure hospitals. I do not deny that intemperance in singular instances may be so pronounced as to exhibit all the symptoms of a physical disease, but what I mean to say is that we must not regard it only as a physical malady and treat it as such. No, drunkenness is a vice, a crime, an evil habit that has been acquired by frequent and repeated acts of intemperance for which the drunkard is morally responsible before God. It is a moral cancer that eats and corrodes the most vital parts of man's spiritual nature. Like every bad habit it weakens the will power, it darkens the reason, blinds the intelligence and strengthens the force of the sensual passions that are constantly tugging at the heart-strings and striving to drag us down to the low depths of our animal nature. It is therefore a moral disease which needs a moral remedy to heal it. That remedy is the grace of God No other remedy is able to heal the wounds of sin and alleviate the spiritual diseases that prey upon the mind and heart of fallen humanity but that saving medicine that flows like balm of Gilead from the Cross of Calvary. Prayer and the sacraments are the ordinary channels of that Divine grace which will enlighten the mind on the error of its ways, give strength to the will to subdue evil passions that rise up against it, and reform the whole moral character of the individual. The good example of his brethren in the League of the Cross will assist the reformed drunkard to continue the good work begun in him by the grace of God. It will help him to know that so many good and generous souls who could take drink in moderation have given it up altogether only for the sake of encouraging him in the practice of temperance, and animated by the light of their good example and inspired by their Christian conduct he will walk faithfully on the pathway of Temperance and sobriety in the footprints of the League who have so nobly marched before him on the golden sands of Christian self sacrifice.

"Footprints that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's stormy main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing shall take heart again

You may have been told, and it is an accusation which is popular in certain quarters, that because the members of the League of the Cross have adopted the principles of Total Abstinence for the suppression of a intemperance and thereby joined issue with non Catholic organizations of a similar kind, they were all cranks and extremists of the most advanced type. I am aware, gentlemen, that the chief defect in a society organised like yours lies either in the extreme opinions that are sometimes advanced by its leaders or else in the extreme measures that are occasionally considered necessary for the success of the organisation. Extremes of any kind are never to be commended.

They are useless, nay, they are worse than useless, for they are positively hurtful to the best interests of every society. "Virtus in medio stat," is an old aphorism of the schools. Virtue lies in the middle between extremes, and if any society is to flourish through virtuous action it must be temperate in the principles it proposes and moderate in the means which it adopts. But nevertheless for extreme cases extreme measures must be employed when all other means prove unavailing. For a dangerous disease an equally powerful medicine must be employed, and the more terrible is the malady the more pungent must the remedy be. Common sense and the combined experience of all thoughtful men are a unit in maintaining that the only remedy, the sole effective remedy for a man who is addicted to drink is to give up drink altogether. Total abstinence is a bitter medicine, but it is the only alternative for the drunkard.

There is an old adage that "Children should not play with sharp tools." This is exemplified in the case of the man who wishes to reform but whose will is yet paralyzed by the effects of the bad habit he has contracted He may take the pledge, he may receive the sacraments occasionally, and keep sober for awhile, but if he does not give up drink altogether and avoid the occasions of his besettingsin he is irrevocably and irretrievably lost to eternal salvation. There is scarcely any use in my proving this from practical examples. Why, the jails and penitentiaries, the asylums and gold cure institutes of the country are full of men and women whose shattered lives are practical illustrations of the scriptural text and of their own folly in believing that they could really reform by limiting themselves to a certain quantity of drink. "There is a way that appeareth to man just and the ends thereof lead unto death."

I have now trespassed long enough both on your patience and you time. Heaven forbid that you who have the blessing of God on the labours you have undertaken should need any words of encouragement from me to strength your good resolutions. Let me however, while thanking you and the president, Mr. Dunbar, for the invitation to address you on the subject, take the opportunity of exhorting you to persevere in the blessed work you have begun in the sacred cause of Temperance. And when you feel your energies relax and your courage begin to waver, remember, I pray you, the shattered fortunes, the desolate homes, the ruined lives and the broken hearts that are strewn, like the wrecks on the ocean, across the unhappy path way that leads to the gulf of intemperance.

The Late Mr. John Power of Quebec.

One by one the "Old Guard" who have religiously fed the lamp of Irish patriotism, and kept it brightly glowing, are called to their reward. But a few weeks ago, with trembling hand, I recorded the demise of a few of the faithful band in Montreal, and in a feeble manner sketched a few of their most prominent characteristics. To-day it is my mournful privilege to chronicle the death of an Irishman sincerely devoted to the land of his birth, with an unconquerable hope of her ultimate triumph, of a Catholic, loyal and faithful to the teachings of the grand old Church, of a father, indulgent, of a husband, affectionate, of a friend to the poor, ever generous, and self-sacrificing, and of a man true to every obligation imposed by citizenship. I allude to the late Mr. John Power of Quebec. Mr Power was a native of the patriotic County of Waterford, where, to borrow the words of the celebrated wit Father O'Leary—you can find a "Power" at the foot of every bush. Dropping into that stream of Ireland's life-blood which flowed with such terrible force from the shores of Erin about half a century ago, the subject of this notice, then a mere boy, after being rocked in the Atlantic in one of the rheumatic hulks common to that memorable and awful period, found himself, after a lapse of several weeks, beneath the shadow of Cape Diamond. Here the Waterford lad, through the charm of his manner, as well as through the manly qualities of his proud nature, quickly drew to his side friends from every quarter. After a short residence in the "Rock City Mr. Power became a stevedore, which position necessitates the employment of large gangs of men in the loading and unloading of foreign vessels, and to our lamented friend the testimony is widely borne that, than he, there could not be found a more conscientious, a more thoughtful and generous, employe of labour. Mr. Power was more than once deputed by his fellow citizens to represent them at the seat of municipal government, and it said of him that no man more active or intelligent could possibly be invested with this important trust. John Power was twice married, the last excellent woman who adopted his name having preceded him to the tomb by about one year. Of his family, one son died—possessed of fine physical as well as of strong intellectual powers, besides a most exemplary character passed away about six years ago, and a daughter, a lady of culture, is now the wife of Mr. M J Morrisson, a rising Barrister of Montreal, and the law partner of M. J. F. Quinn, Esq, M.P.

Viewing John Power, all in all, as I have known him for more than thirty years, I can truly say that it will be some time before I can look upon his like again. May his eternal abode be in Heaven. —RAMBLER.

LATEST MARKETS.

TORONTO, August 18, 1897.

On the street yesterday 200 bushels of new wheat sold at 65c to 75c; 700 bushels of old oats, at 27c to 28c; and two loads of new at 21½c per bushel. About 25 loads of new hay changed hands at $7 to $9.

Wheat white	$0 83	$0 00
do red	0 82	0 00
do goose	0 65	0 00
Buckwheat	0 32½	0 00
Rye	0 35	0 00
Oats	0 28½	0 29½
Peas	0 46	0 00
Barley	0 28	0 00
Hay	7 00	9 00
Straw	8 00	11 00
Dressed hogs	7 00	7 50
Eggs	0 09½	0 10
Butter, lb rolls	0 13	0 14
do tubs, dairy	0 11	0 12
Chickens	0 40	0 50
Turkeys	0 09	0 00
Potatoes (new) per bush	0 40	0 50
Spring lambs	0 08	0 09
Mutton	0 04	0 07
Beef, fore	0 04	0 05
do hind	0 07	0 08½
Veal	0 05	0 06

FRUIT.

Duchess apples are coming forward in large quantities and find a good sale. Generally the market is steady. We quote Muskmelons, per basket, 40c to 50c. Blueberries, 60c to 70c for choice baskets. Black currents, per basket, 50c to 55c. Raspberries, red, per quart box, 4c to 5c, black, 5c to 6c, Lawton berries, 25c to 31c. Peaches, 15c to 30c per basket. New potatoes, 25c to 30c per basket, or 60c per bushel. Red currents, common, 20c to 25c per basket, 3c to 3½c per quart; cherry currents, 30c to 35c per basket. Cherries, 25c to 50c per basket. Watermelons, 20c to 25c each. Gooseberries, 2c to 25c per basket. Tomatoes, 20c to 40c per basket. Canadian cabbage 75c per barrel. Cucumbers, 10c to 15c per basket. Lima beans, per pound, 4½c. Canadian white beans, per bushel, 65c. Onions Yellow Danvers and silver skins, 30c to 40c per basket. Pears, only a few in, at 25c to 40c per basket. Apples, per basket, 15c to 35c.

The young King of Spain has written an autograph letter to Queen Victoria, thanking her Majesty for the distinction of the Royal Victorian Cross which she has conferred upon him.

Mr. Thomas Ballard, Syracuse, N. Y., writes. "I have been afflicted for nearly a year with that most-to-be-dreaded disease Dyspepsia, and at times worn out with pain and want of sleep, and after trying almost everything recommended, I tried a box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. I am now nearly well, and believe they will cure me. I would not be without them for any money."

Suffered from Infancy

THE WAND OF MISERY WAVED OVER MRS. THOS. GREEN.

From Her Childhood she Suffered from Heart Trouble—Doctors said Nothing Could Be Done for Her, and That Her Death at Any Moment Would Not Surprise Them

From The Herald, Stratford.

"Of the making of books there is no end," it has been said, and the same claim might be set up in respect of the making of testimonials in favor of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Wonderful as are some of the statements published in the newspapers as to the cures effected in all parts of the country, fresh evidence proves the half has not been told. Were it not for a false sense of delicacy which a great many people entertain in regard to such matters, the columns of the press would be literally teeming with grateful acknowledgments of benefit derived from and permanent cures effected by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. It is quite within the mark to say that there is no other medicine offered the public that can at all compare with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and there is not a corner in this wide Dominion in which their virtues have not been proved. A cure which recently came to the knowledge of a representative of The Herald is deserving of being widely known. It is an instance of heart trouble that baffled the skill of a number of physicians, some of whom positively refused to treat the patient on the ground that it was no use. The subject of the affliction referred to is the wife of a highly respected and well to do farmer in the township of Logan near the village of Dublin. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Green are firm believers in the efficacy of Dr Williams' Pink Pills, and for very good reasons. Mrs Green has suffered everything but death from a weak heart the trouble having afflicted her since early childhood. On several occasions she has been so low that it was not thought possible for her to recover. Her greatest trouble often arose from her exhaustion or a sudden start, and at such times her heart seemed to cease its throbbing and the breathing was fitful and labored. Doctor's medicine seemed to have no effect whatever. She was advised by one physician that all that could be done was to keep her strength up, and it was with a view to strengthening her system, and with no hope that her heart would be benefitted, that she began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She had not been taking them long, however, when there was an unmistakable relief from the trouble that had made her whole life miserable. During the past summer she has used Pink Pills freely, and has enjoyed better health than for many years before, and has been able not only to do her household work, but also many of the out door chores that fall to the lot of a farmer's wife. The different physicians who have treated her have frequently told her husband that they would not be surprised to hear of her death at any moment, but she is to day a strong woman, enjoying better health than she has done for years. Both Mrs. Green and her husband feel grateful for the great benefit she has received from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and spare no words in sounding their praises to everyone who enquires what has wrought such a wonderful change in Mrs. Green's health and spirits.

In cases of paralysis, spinal troubles, locomotor ataxia, sciatica, rheumatism, erysipelas, scrofulous troubles, etc, Dr. Williams Pink Pills are superior to all other treatment. They are also a specific for the troubles which make the lives of so many women a burden, and speedily restore the rich glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. Men broken down by overwork, worry or excesses, will find in Pink Pills a certain cure. Sold by all dealers, or sent by mail postpaid, at 50c a box, or six boxes for $2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont, or Schenectady, N. Y. Beware of imitations and substitutes alleged to be "just as good."

Salisbury and the Sultan.

Constantinople, Aug. 17 —The peace negotations between the Ambassadors of the powers and Tewfik Minister, are at a complete standstill. This is due to the refusal of Lord Salisbury's to allow a Turkish occupation of Thessaly, pending a partial payment of the indemnity agreed upon. Lord Salisbury's objection is based upon a fear that an occupation thus begun might become permanent.

Dizzy Spells.

THE EVIDENCE OF RHEUMATISM REACHING FOR THE HEART.

MRS WELDON A VICTIM, KOOTENAY HAS CURED HER.

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