

FRATERNAL CHARITY.

Some instructive thoughts from a sermon by the Rev. Father Corbett. At St. Columban's Church last Sunday, Rev. Father Corbett drew some instructive thoughts from the epistle of the day, on the subject of Fraternal Charity. Referring to the familiar parable he pointed out how the Samaritan was at the same time for our Blessed Lord a model of brotherly love and for His chosen people an object of scorn. "Salvation is of the Jews," according to the Divine Master, yet he to whom the Jews refused to speak was kindly looked upon by the same Divine Teacher. Hence, said Father Corbett, without compromising a single iota of truth we can, like Him, be at once kind and true. From boyhood the rev. pastor had been accustomed to act, he said, as he had then learned to cultivate feelings of respect and friendliness towards all classes, and his earlier lessons were only more deeply fixed by his later training for the priesthood. In this connection Father Corbett made an interesting reference to the privilege that had been his of passing under the care and the guidance of the Salpician Fathers, known the world over for their eminent fitness for the training of ecclesiastics. It was their grand central admission to their students to teach the doctrines of God's church and do the work of His ministry with blameless lives and with offense to no one of His loved ones, and it is a significant fact, said the preacher, that upon the pages of church history the foremost names are the names of men of saint-like charity. In illustration of this mention was made of the apostle of the Calvinists, the great St. Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, every act of whose life was prompted by charity and every line of whose writings is animated by the spirit of this same virtue. In our own time even, Father Corbett proceeded to say, the men who have achieved great things for the church in overthrowing the reign of sin—of those sins against which St. Paul inveighs in to-day's epistle—from the great Pontiff now reigning, the Vicar of Christ upon earth, down to the humblest of his priests, all have been the charitable dispensers of God's life-giving word, ever ready to rejoice in the performance of good works, whether by the "sheep of the fold" or by those outside the visible pale of the church. Concluding the rev. pastor exhorted his people, in the words of St. Paul, to "cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly as in the day, not in contentions and envy."

Stratford Branch No. 18 C. M. B. A. (Special to The Register.)

The open meeting of Branch No. 18 C. M. B. A., Stratford, and reception to W. P. Killackey, Grand Organizer C. M. B. A. for Ontario, was given in the Separate school hall, Grange street, Monday evening, Nov. 20th, 1897. The meeting was largely attended and was certainly a success. The platform was beautifully decorated, for the occasion, and on it were seated the following gentlemen:—President James O'Loane, W. P. Killackey, Grand Organizer; Rev. Father Fogarty, Secretary; E. J. Kneil, Past Grand Chancellor, Grand Council C. M. B. A. of Canada, D. J. O'Connor, J. J. Hagarty, Dr. DeVim, John B. Captain James Markey, J. J. Coughlin, M. F. Goodwin, M. J. Dillon and E. O'Flaherty. Chairman O'Loane in opening the programme stated that it gave him unbounded pleasure at having the speaker of the evening (Mr. Killackey) present. Mr. Killackey, he said, had so long been known to him by his reputation as a speaker that he need add no further comments upon that gentleman's ability. Mr. O'Loane's address, though brief, was to the point and of worth. Secretary E. J. Kneil being called upon read letters of regret from our respected Chaplain, Rev. E. B. Kilroy, D. D., pastor of St. Joseph's Church, this city, also from Rev. D. J. Downey, of Mitchell, formerly of this city. Regrets for unavoidable absence from His Worship Mayor O'Donoghue who has recently been elected unanimously as President of branch No. 18, for the coming year. The opening piece on the programme was an instrumental duet by Misses K. J. Carlen and G. Burke, which certainly won a warm place in the hearts of those present. A recitation by Miss Mamie Mullins was well rendered and the song by Miss Lizzie Phelan, a former Stratfordite, was a charmer. Little Emma Kneil gave a recitation in her usual superior style, and presented Mr. Killackey before his address with a beautiful bouquet of roses. Mr. Killackey, on stepping forward was received with rounds of applause. After announcing the pleasure it gave him to be present at such a large gathering, he highly complimented branch No. 18 and its executive officers on the manner in which they do their work, stating that, if all the branches throughout the province conducted their affairs as effectively there would be little use of having an organizer. Mr. Killackey then went on and explained the workings of the association and pointed out the advantages to be gained by joining an association of the stamp of the C. M. B. A. Although his speech was

stirring and effective his delivery is excellent and his language superb. The C. M. B. A. may be proud to have Mr. Killackey as their organizer and instructor. This gentleman's address and visit to Stratford will do good and although the local branch here is one of the strongest in the association Branch No. 13 will yet reach the top of the ladder in membership. At the conclusion of Mr. Killackey's address Bros. D. J. O'Connor and O'Flaherty moved a vote of thanks to the speaker, this was highly approved of by the meeting. Mr. Killackey replying in a neat little speech. Part IV of the programme was thus opened by a song by Miss M. Kennedy, which was very much appreciated. A duet by Misses Havihan and Gallagher, was one of the best selections of the evening and was well received and admired. Song by D. Duggan showed his strong bass voice to perfection and concluded the programme for the evening. Mr. Killackey was afterwards entertained by the committee to supper at the Commercial Hotel.

Brother Arnold Cures One of His Pupils.

Brother Arnold, who will be remembered in Toronto, Kingston and Montreal, is reported in The Philadelphia Standard to have been the instrument of a remarkable cure by the use of Lourdes water. A St. Louis boy named James Murphy was stricken with what had been looked upon as a fatal illness. Murphy is 15 years old, son of a wealthy pork packer. The boy is a devoted and religious scholar at the College of the Christian Brothers, of whom Brother Arnold is one. Three weeks ago young Murphy fell from one of his father's waggons and struck on his head, and was carried unconscious to his home, 2884 Morgan street. Two physicians were called and both said unhesitatingly that the boy had suffered violent concussion of the brain, and, more guardedly, that there was every symptom of fracture of the base of the skull. These skilled physicians treated young Murphy promptly and heroically, but his condition became more and more critical. Finally his state was so precarious that the doctors ordered that no one be admitted to his sick room. His mother, literally obeying for days refused admittance to the Christian Brothers and the priest who came to offer consolation to the youth, who, they heard, was dying. But one day she permitted the venerable Brother Arnold to approach James' bedside. This good old man has long been the boy's friend and teacher, and Mrs. Murphy declares that the moment he took James' almost pulseless hand the boy recognized him by a faint pressure of his fingers. Brother Arnold knelt and fervently prayed for a few moments. Then, taking from his frock a small vial, he sprinkled from it water of Lourdes on James' forehead, still invoking by prayer the aid of Our Lady of Lourdes. When the physicians visited him next day they were surprised by the improvement in their patient. But Mrs. Murphy, having disobeyed their orders, did not tell them she had admitted the Brother to her son's bedside. Brother Arnold daily prayed with James. The boy's recovery was so rapid that it amazed the doctors, who, however, naturally attributed it to their scientific skill and ceaseless attention. When James was well his mother gratefully told of the miracle, which she is certain was wrought. Dr. E. A. Terry, one of those who attended young Murphy, was asked to-day if he discerned the identical boy who was cured by a supernatural agency. "I do not wish to discredit any thing or anybody," said he. "I know, as every observing man knows, that the power of faith is not to be despised. It is comfort, hope and strength for those who believe. When the life of a devout person is in the balance its influence is positive. It is not the function of any doctor to scoff at such influences. They have nothing in common with the historical vapourings of fake scientists. The confidence inspired by religious faith might turn the balance where mere medicine failed. It is not an unheard of phenomenon."

most pathetic sketches we have ever read entitled "Father Salvatoris Christmas." For such a young author, Miss Kenna betrays a depth of sympathy, and a power that will quickly lead her to the front. An interesting article on the educational work of the Ursulines, and their labors in connection with the obstructing of the Indians is most instructive reading. Such a magazine deserves hearty encouragement, the high standard it has set up not only leads to a more widespread appreciation of the refined in literature, but also acts as a stimulus to Catholic writers, inciting them to exert their best powers and preventing the danger of a lapse into aliquid methods and careless habits of thinking. Knights of St. John. A large and enthusiastic audience attended the successful open meeting given by St. Helen's Commandery No. 810 Knights of St. John, in Mallon's Hall, corner Dundas street and Sheridan avenue, on Thursday evening, December 2nd. The speakers on the occasion were:—Provincial President Wm. Ray, D. J. O'Donoghue, Wm. Moylan, D. A. Carey, T. K. Hailey, Obs. March. The following contributed to the entertainment:—J. Brennan, song; Louis Reel, club swinging; J. Foley, song; B. M. McCormack, instrumental; James and Will Burns, sketch artists; J. Fannon, accompanist. ST. PAUL'S COMMANDERY. The Hustle started some weeks back by the members of St. Paul's Commandery of the Knights of St. John, still continues in full force, in fact the lower the mercury the greater the hustle. Our last meeting was the most successful for years. The hall was crowded by our own and visiting members. Everything went off with a rush. Three new members were received and eight propositions were handed over to the investigating committee. In spite of our nomination of officers for 1898—running four and five for each office—we found time to work our second degree, Knights Hospitalliers of Jerusalem, to all that were entitled to the same to a successful issue. M. K. McQuinn, Rec. Sec.

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LATEST MARKETS.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—On the curb in Chicago at the opening to-day May wheat was quoted at 89c, at the close May wheat was quoted at 87c bid; puts on May wheat, 88c; calls 89c; calls on May corn, 28c. WHEAT.—Wheat was lower to-day. There were sales at 89c middle freight, and at the close exports quoted at 27c and 28c for No. 1 hard and No. 2. Flour.—The market is quiet and unchanged, extra of choice straight roller are quoted at \$3.90 to \$4.00. Mixed—Is dull but steady at \$10 to \$11 for shorts, and \$7.50 for bran wheat. Barley—Is dull and prices are nominal at 23c for No. 2, 27c to 28c for No. 3 extra and 25c to 26c for feed outside. Buckwheat—Is steady at 12c to 12 1/2 to 13c. Oats—Steady, at 43c to 44c wheat. Corn.—The market is quiet at 25c for new yellow wheat. Oats—Steady; white sold at 23c middling, freights and mixed are quoted at 22c west.



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Butter. The receipts of large rolls are liberal, there is a good demand for them and the market is steady at 11c. Dairy pound rolls are selling at 16c to 17c. Choice dairy tubs is scarce and firm at 15c to 16c. Eggs. The supply of fresh gathered is an all there is a good demand for them and the market is firm at 16 1/2 to 17c. Lined are quoted at 13c. Poultry. Are in fair demand and about steady, at 40c for cats on the track here; 40c to 42c for ducks and 25 to 40c for chickens. Hatched Hay—is dull and easier; cats on the track here are quoted at \$8 to \$8.50 for No. 1. Baled Straw—is quiet; cats on the track here are quoted at \$5.

MARKETS. The receipts of grain on the street market here to-day were fair; white wheat was firmer; other grains steady. Wheat—Steady; 500 bushels sold to dealer for white at 85c to 86c; red at 81c to 82c and at 78 for goose. Barley—Steady, 1,500 bushels selling at 28 to 30c. Oats—Steady, 300 bushels selling at 46c. Hays and Straw—Steady; 20 loads of hay selling at \$8 to \$9, and one load of straw at \$4. Dressed Hogs. There were no offered, and prices are unchanged at \$5.75 to \$6. White white... 80 85 85 do... 84 85 do... 83 83 Barley... 0 25 0 25 Oats... 0 25 0 25 Rye... 0 40 0 40 Beans... 0 46 0 46 Peas... 0 35 0 35 Hay... 8 00 8 00 Straw... 8 00 8 00 Dressed hogs... 5 76 6 00 Eggs... 0 16 0 18 Butter, 1/2 lb... 0 18 0 17 do, tubs, dairy... 0 13 0 15 Chickens... 0 30 0 40 Turkey... 0 07 0 5 Spring ducks... 0 40 0 60 Geese... 0 05 0 06 Potatoes... 0 06 0 00 Spring Lamb... 0 00 0 00 Mutton... 0 05 0 00 Beef, fore and... 0 04 0 05 do hind... 0 05 0 08 Veal... 0 16 0 08

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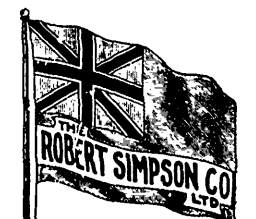
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