

## THE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

And Montreal Branch of The Catholic Truth Society.

## SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

In laying before you our second Annual Report, we must first notice a slight decrease in membership, the number for the past year being 104, as against 111 for the previous year. But this small falling off has been more than counterbalanced by the increase of work done by the Society. We attribute the good results to the prayers of our members, and especially to the fact that we count on our Roll 10 Grey-Card members, who each offer an Annual Mass for the intentions of the Society.

The Rev. Father Devine, S.J., under whose directorship we worked during the previous year, having been called away to Missionary labours, we have much pleasure in stating that His Grace the Archbishop has canonically appointed the Rev. Father Jones, S.J., as our Spiritual Director, we having been fully recognized by His Grace as a Catholic Society, for which we return hearty thanks.

The work of the Society for the past year may be summed up under the following headings, which will be treated in their order:—Distribution of Tracts; Assistance to Converts; Controversial Library; Newspaper work; and The Catholic Sailors' Club.

## DISTRIBUTION OF TRACTS.

During the past year we purchased from The Catholic Truth Society of England 5,350 Tracts. The majority of these have been distributed by the members and through the agency of our good Sisters, the Nuns, have been, with other Catholic literature, introduced into the hospitals and gaol. On the occasion of the visit to this city of the Christian Endeavour Society, acting on the suggestion of our parochial clergy, 29,000 Tracts, published by the Paulist Fathers of New York, were purchased and freely distributed to the Endeavours by our members. These tracts were paid for by private subscription.

## ASSISTANCE TO CONVERTS.

During the past year only one case of a convert needing assistance was brought to our notice. Assistance was rendered by the Society in this case, and happily, work obtained for him. Also, it gives us great pleasure to be able to inform you, that one of our most active members, whom we were called upon to help last year, is now completing his studies for the priesthood in one of the American Seminaries.

## CONTROVERSIAL LIBRARY.

Our Spiritual Director, at one of our monthly meetings advocated the gradual formation of a Controversial Library, and the keeping of a general index for reference on controversial questions. Acting on this suggestion, 5 works on Controversy were presented to the Society by one of the members.

## NEWSPAPER WORK.

Although we ourselves had no controversies with the press during the past year, we were enabled, on one occasion to assist the Ottawa Branch of the O.T.S. in refuting Dr. Campbell, a Presbyterian minister, who had imputed certain expressions to the late Cardinal Manning.

## THE CATHOLIC SAILOR'S CLUB.

At the monthly meeting of the Society, held in January 1893, a paper entitled "How to help our Catholic Seaman," which was read at the conference of the O. T. S. in Liverpool, was brought to the meeting. This, apparently trifling fact, originated a series of discussions as to the best way to help the numerous Catholic sailors who visit our port during the summer months. It was pointed out that Protestant seamen were well cared for, but that hitherto nothing had been done for our Catholic sailors.

A petition being drawn up to implore the blessing and approval of His Grace the Archbishop, was presented by a special committee to His Grace, who ever ready to help on works started for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, gave his blessing to this work. Vigorous steps were now taken for providing a place of resort for our Catholic sailors. The Rev. Father O'Donnell of the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel offered the use of St. Mary's Hall, and the Rev. Father Martin Callahan placed at our disposal St. Patrick's Hall, for any Entertainment we might give in aid of the sailors. Mr. G. H. Matthews

also very generously offered two rooms on Commissioner street, but unfortunately they proved too small.

In order to raise funds for this special work, an appeal to our Catholic citizens was decided upon; and, on the advice of our Rev. Director, the co-operation of the ladies of the League of the Sacred Heart was solicited to collect subscriptions. A general meeting of Catholic ladies was held and presided over by our Rev. Director, there were also present Rev. Father Martin Callahan, our president, Mr. J. H. Feeley and Secretary and others interested in the movement. The immediate result of the meeting was the formation of a ladies committee under the presidency of Mrs. Hingston to raise funds for the opening of a Catholic Sailor's Club.

A large room having been secured at 300 St. Paul street, and a year's lease taken for the place, donations of furniture, pictures, books, papers, games, &c., pound in, and the ladies committee, working under Mrs. Hingston, made everything attractive, comfortable, and homelike for the sailors.

Though not acquainted with the names of all the subscribers to this work, we pray God to bless and reward them for their charity—but their is one gentleman, whose zeal and activity displayed at the commencement of the movement, and carried on activity ever since, whose name we feel proud to be able to mention—Mr. M. Scanlan, Superintendent of the Dominion Line of Steamships. Much, and very much of the present success of the Catholic Sailors' Club is due to Mr. Scanlan, and we pray God to bless him and for his kindness to poor Jack. The Club room was thrown open to the sailors on the 18th May, and the members of the society rejoiced at the large attendance of the sailors, who expressed their gratitude at what Montreal Catholics had done for them.

The formal inauguration took place on May 30. The room was filled. Prominent citizens, the ladies' committee, members of the society, and a large number of sailors were present. The opening address was given by Rev. Father Jones, S.J., spiritual director of the society, followed by speeches from Dr. Hingston, Hon. J. J. Curran, Mr. F. Martineau, M. P. P., Messrs. Casgrain, Semple, McNamee, and our president, Mr. J. H. Feeley. The Rev. Father Hudon, S.J., rector of St. Mary's College, was present on the platform. An address signed by about 50 sailors, expressing their gratitude, was presented; and great satisfaction was expressed on all sides at what had been done.

We were very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. John McCormick, a Catholic sailor, as caretaker of the club; he has been most zealous and painstaking in looking after the club-room and the comforts of the sailors, and deserves every credit.

For an abundant supply of Catholic reading the Society tenders their thanks to The Catholic Register, of Toronto, The North-West Review, of Winnipeg, and The True Witness, of Montreal; also to St. Ann's Young Men's Society, Mrs. Sadlier, Miss Doherty, Miss Feron, Mrs. Jones, Hon. Ed. Murphy, Mr. Jas. O'Brien, Mr. C. F. Smith, Messrs. Murphy Bros. and Rev. Sister Hickey (Grey Nun), and numerous others, who, though not mentioned by name, are not forgotten for their thoughtful kindness.

The weekly concerts have been well patronized, both by the sailors and citizens, and our special thanks are offered to Prof. Fowler and St. Patrick's choir, Prof. Wilson and St. Mary's choir, the R. M. S. Vancouver Minstrel Troup, and to all the ladies and gentlemen who have aided in making these entertainments successful.

The good that has been done by means of this club is beyond computation. Sailors have spontaneously asked for objects of piety, such as beads, medals, scapulars, &c., generously supplied to the club by the Sisters of Providence and the Little Sisters of the Poor and others, and also prayer books, a special one having been prepared by the O. T. S. in England for the use of seamen, and a supply obtained for the club. Upwards of 100 sailors have taken, unsolicited, the total abstinence pledge, and have been provided with temperance cards through the kindness of St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society. Every ship leaving port has been supplied with two bundles of Catholic reading, and so pleased are the sailors with this, that they never fail to

ask for their "bundle" before leaving. There has been an average daily attendance at the Club of about 80 sailors.

Many things have yet to be done to complete our ideal Catholic Sailors Club, but in course of time, we are confident that generous offerings will supply all that is wanting and make of this work a lasting success.

The Catholic sailors feel now that they are not strangers in this City. Their first visit, on arrival in port, is to the Club to receive their home letters, and to meet those the friends they know are devoted to their best interests. The brave fellow's looks bespeak their gratitude and a predisposition to profit by the measures taken for their welfare.

Last month the first annual entertainment in aid of the Club was given, through the kindness of the Rev. Father Rector, in St. Mary's College Academic Hall, and was great success in every way, close on \$300 having been realized, which lays a good foundation for the carrying on of the Club next year. A benefit concert, in aid of the Club, has also been given by the R.M.S. "Vancouver" minstrel troupe in St. Mary's Hall, Craig st., the Hall being placed at their disposal by Rev. Father O'Donnell.

The future of the Catholic Sailors Club seems bright and not a shadow appears on its horizon. Its success no longer interests only the few members of the Society, whom God chose as the instruments of its inception, but the entire Catholic population begins to regard its maintenance as a duty, and wonders why its establishment was not thought of long ago.

The two financial statements attached to this report are for the Catholic Sailors' Club, and the Society. The financial report of the Society shows a small balance Dr., to prevent a recurrence of which, it is proposed to raise the annual subscription to \$1.

We have, perhaps, during the past summer, somewhat lost sight of the other objects of our Society owing to the time devoted to the Sailor movement; but in caring for the poor seamen do we not dispose him to accept the "Truth" and prove to him in a most practical manner the great "Truth" of Fellowship in Christ's Redemption? It seems, indeed, as a writer puts it, that the League of The Sacred Heart has been successful in its pleadings, and that the Catholic world is awakening to a sense of its duties to "the men of the sea."

## THE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION AND MONTREAL BRANCH OF THE CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.

## Annual Cash Statement.

Dr.	Receipts.
Balance on hand as per last statement .....	\$24 46
Annual Fees for membership.....	52 00
Donations to Society.....	2 80
Balance Dr.....	14 90
	\$94 16

Cr.	Expenditure.
Libraries for S. H. Library.....	\$24 00
Stationery.....	70
Printing.....	6 50
Advertising .....	50
C. T. S. Tracts.....	20 44
Printing.....	2 50
Ann. Sub. to C. T. S.....	2 54
Sundries.....	2 05
Assistance to Convert.....	7 00
Subscription to S. H. Library.....	5 00
Postage.....	8 93
Bookcase and Cupboard.....	14 00
	\$94 00

## THE CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Subscriptions .....	\$408 76
Contribution box.....	10 06
Sale of temperance drink.....	1 00
Discounts.....	4 82
Proceeds of annual concert.....	277 00
Proceeds of benefit concert.....	48 80
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	\$745 44

<i>Expenditure.</i>		
Caretakers' salary.....	\$130	00
Rent.....	43	75
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Gas.....	7	42
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Water tax.....	8	00
Daily papers.....	8	89
Lumber.....	6	16
Printing.....	8	00
Gas fixtures, etc.....	5	67
Carpentering.....	10	10
Sign painting.....	4	00

Printing church cards.....	8 50
Framing church cards.....	1 40
Violin and bow.....	3 00
Lawyers' fee.....	10 00
Plumber's account.....	52 69
Chairs.....	20 00
Sailors' prayer book.....	20 00
Stationery.....	1 00
Coal.....	3 25
Insurance.....	8 75
Sundries .....	20 54

Balance Cr.....\$312 99

In bank.....\$302 63  
Petty cash..... 10 86

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## OBITUARY.

## The Late Mr. Thomas Logan.

Mr. Thomas Logan, of Montreal, President of the Canada Paper Mills Company, died Saturday, at 10 p.m., in Windsor Mills, Ont. He was apparently in perfect health all day and wrote several letters to relatives and business correspondents in Montreal. Near 10 o'clock in the evening he was taken with an apoplectic fit and expired in a few minutes without speech.

The late Mr. Logan was born in 1825, in County Westmeath, Ireland. When a lad of 17 he came to this country with his widowed mother and young sister. He got employment in the paper works in Chambly, and there learned his trade. He afterwards went into partnership with Mr. Angus in the paper manufacturing business at Sherbrooke. He afterwards taking into partnership the Allans, founded the Canada Paper Company here, which is now the largest paper company in Canada. Mrs. Logan died a few years after coming to Canada. Miss Logan married the late S. Jackson. Three nieces of the late Mr. Logan are now living in Montreal; the eldest, the wife of Thomas Love, manager of the Montreal Steam Laundry; the next, wife of the late Charles Crossen; and the youngest, wife of Alderman James.

Mr. Logan was connected in business with the cotton manufactures of the city. He was president of the Montreal Steam Laundry and shareholder in the Montreal Cotton Company, The Hudson Manufacturing Company, the Paton Manufacturing Company, of Sherbrooke, the Magog Textile Company, and was an extensive land-holder in Cote St. Antoine.

The late gentleman will be remembered by many as always willing to help an energetic young man in business and it was a common saying of his that he "always delighted in helping a young man who was willing to help himself."

Ald. James left Monday morning for Windsor to bring the remains to this city. The funeral service takes place at St. Patrick's Church.

## The Late Mr. O'Loughlin.

The last sad rites were paid on Monday to the remains of Martin O'Loughlin, proprietor of the Gladstone House. The funeral took place from his late residence, corner of Jurors and Hermine streets, and was largely attended. Amongst those present were Mr. James McShane, Ald. James, ex-Ald. Cunningham, Messrs. Bernard Tansey, William Richmond, E. Elliott, Thomas Kearns, Wm. Scullion, M. Kilkerry, J. O'Shaughnessy, M. Rappe, M. Delahanty, O. Bruneau, Serpts. Loye and Gray, of the police force, and a large delegation of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, besides about one hundred others.

## The Archbishop's Academy.

On Saturday last, at the monthly distribution of honor cards to the pupils of the Archbishop's Academy, the scholars presented a most feeling and eloquent address to Rev. Brother Arnold, the recently appointed visitor of the English schools of the province. Rev. Brother Denis, the kind-hearted and able director of the academy, presided, and Rev. Brother Arnold acknowledged, in his own happy way, the tribute paid him by the pupils. Amongst other things the honored guest referred to the harmony which should exist, in mixed classes, between the boys of the different nationalities, and impressed on them that their only rivalry should be in their attempts to succeed in studies and carry off prizes.