SEPTEMBER INTENTION GOOD WORKS IN BEHALF OF CHILDREN

Perhaps the best evidence that whatever Christianity there is in the world is growing more widespread and active is the disposition not only on the part of the clergy and religious congregations but also on the part of the laity to provide for the most helpless members of the community—the aged, the blind, the deaf and dumb, and above all for the children.

The charity which prompts souls to exert themselves for such very worthy objects is all the more disinterested because there is little to be hoped for from the beneficiaries. It is true that every effort for the welfare of children is repaid abundantly by its influence in their after lives; but very few live long enough to see this influence and reap such reward, while quite as few have faith vivid enough to make the prospect of a reward in eternity a strong factor in sustaining their zeal.

This, then, is precisely the object of our prayers this month: the welfare of all who are engaged in any good work for children and the prosperity of the institutions under their care. It should never be necessary to ask prayers for the children themselves. Their needs naturally appeal to us and even if we could be so heartless as to overlook or ignore them, they appealed so powerfully to Christ as to draw from him the prayer which of old he made to His apostles: "Suffer the little ones to come unto Me;" and that terrible threat: "Better never to have been born, and better to have a mill-stone tied about one's neck, and to be cast into the sea, than scandalize one of these My little ones." Then there is for apostle as well as disciple the reminder: "Unless you become like little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of

they attract the love of Christ they also attract us, and we feel compelled to pray for them not only because we feel solicitous for their innocence, but also because we realize that the love for children is the best remedy for our own selfishness. Who will say that this love for children which is so deeply implanted in the human breast, will not, if for fear of spreading the infection. thoroughly Christianized become the chief factor in the solution of the grave moral problems with which we are today confronted? Never do we appretheir influence on children; and the alarm that is growing everywhere at the scandal of divorce for instance, which they witness in their own homes, or of the wholesale bribery and public corruption which even the youngest of them hear or read about daily, is swiftly forcing upon the community the conviction that without proper religious for the future, and that the ravages truction of soul and body alike which influence of religion among the young

that their elders will entirely overlook the children in their prayers; but we have reason to fear that those who are actually laboring for the children receive neither the prayers nor the sympathy and the alms of the very parents or guardians whom they relieve. In our country alone over one million Catholic children are under Catholic care in every kind of institution, in foundling and orphan asylums, infants' guilds, protectories, kindergartens and schools. An army of men and women, most of them members of religious congregations, but a goodly number also of the laity, are engaged in acting as fathers and mothers to these young persons, and we know that no ministry of religion has produced in our age such distinguished examples of piety as this. A Father Drumgoole, for instance, or a Monsignor Nugent, who died about a month ago, besides doing stupendous work themselves, have inspired countless others to imitate them; so that there is no exaggeration in saying that they have influenced millions of young children for good. Their work is bound to grow and to be multiplied all over the Christian world, and it devolves upon us by our prayers and zeal and alms to assist them and to develop everywhere an interest in the welfare of our children and of all who are devoting their lives to them .- Sacred Heart Review.

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RETURN OF CANADIAN SCI-ENTIFIC EXPEDITION ,TO LABRADOR.

Rev. Father Kavanagh Tells of the Experiences of the Party-Saw Many Interesting things, but not the Eclipse of the Sun.

(Montreal Star, Sept. 8.)

Rev I. J. Kavanagh, S.J., Professor of Science at Loyola College, has returned from Labrador, where he was a member of the party sent by the Canadian Government to study the eclipse of the sun. The King Edward, which was the vessel used by the party, reached Quebec yesterday morning, and Father Kavanagh immediately took train for Montreal.

When interviewed to-day, he spoke at some length and very interestingly of the life and work at the camp. He was of the first party sent, and is. therefore, familiar with the whole course of events there.

"You want to get the story of the trip. Well, to begin at the beginning, we left Quebec on the King Edward, the boat which runs to Natashkwan, on the Labrador coast. From that point on we had to charter the vessel for the party. Our route led us to Hamilton's Inlet and into Lake Melville. Between this lake and Lake Grand lies the North-West River, which is nothing more than a narrowing of the lake. It was on the bank of this stream that we pitched camp, near Rigolet, the principal post of the Hudson's Bay Company in those

Post Full of Measles

"Rigolet is also rather well known of late as the post from which the illfated Leonard Hubbard left on his disastrous journey into the wilderness. The Factor at Rigolet is Mr. H. M. Cotter, and no praise would be worthy of his unfailing courtesy and kindness to the members of the party. When we Precisely for the same reason that got there every bit of yellow in the place was in service as a danger flag to give warning of an epidemic of measles, which had attacked the inhabitants of the post and had laid even the Factor on his back. It was rather inconvenient for us at first, as we could hold communication with so few people, not being able to get even our washing done

"Just across the river from Rigolet is a post of the rival Revillon Company. Competition is very keen, and has resulted very well for the trappers who are ciate the consequences of corruption getting much higher prices for their so keenly as when we begin to observe furs. There are two kinds of Indians about the place, the Esquimaux, who live about there the year round, and the Montagnais, who come only to dispose of their furs, and who trap and hunt back in the wilderness.

Esquimaux a Fine Sort

The Esquimaux are a very fine sort of Indians, intelligent and good-natured. They nearly all speak some English. I training of the young there is no hope never saw anything so fine as the furs which are brought in to the post, splenof race suicide which is practised before did mink, bear, otter, sable, and now birth cannot compare with the des- and then a silver fox, one of the rarest and most beautiful of furs, a fine skin is sure to occur in consequence of bad being probably worth \$2,000 in London. example when there is no counteracting Rigolet, by the way, is the first post which Lord Strathcona worked for We need not, therefore apprehend the Hudson's Bay Company. He married the daughter of one of the Factors there, and she is the present Lady Strathcona. Some of the buildings put up during his time at the post are still standing.

Powerful Animals

"But when describing the post and camp I must not forget the dogs, as they are probably the most in evidence of anything about the place. It is not so much for their numbers as for their quality. There were only about ten or a dozen of them but you could never forget their existence. In the first place they are not like the huskies of the North-West, but are a much larger and heavier dog in every respect. To give you some idea of their strength, four of them will draw two men and 300 pounds of equipment on a long iourney. When we were setting up camp, Mr. Cotter harnessed six of them to a heavy waggon to draw lumber, and the great difficulty was to prevent them from running away with the load.

"They are very strong, but their strength is even exceeded by their ferocity. They are terribly savage brutes, and have been known to eat even their masters. When they are hungry it is ing. It was a most amusing thing at very dangerous to trip or fall within reach of them, for they would be on you in an instant, and that would be the end be started to hear the dogs join in, not

"The only thing they are afraid of is this.

Here Father Kavanagh picked up a long whip tightly rolled up, made of



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in two. Some of the members of the party were curious enough to try to wield the whip, and one of them received two weals across the face which considerably damped his ardour in the practice.

bark, but they make up for it by the greatest proficiency in the art of howlthe camp, when we would be sitting around the camp fire and a song would only on our side but also at the other post. It had a weird effect in those even beautiful.

"The first thing we did after we

thousand and one other things to keep us busy. The work to be done was allotted to each, and we had daily practices so as to be perfect in every movement when the eventful time arrived, for we would have only a little over "These dogs, by the way, cannot two minutes to do everything in.

A Forlorn Hope

"After we had been there about ten days we realized that we were only a forlorn hope. It rained at least twice every day. Still we went on with our arrangements, and when the moment came we were all at our posts. Though surroundings, which might be called the clouds were too dense for any observations, they did not take much drawn over the earth. We could not from the effect of the eclipse. It was walrus hide, with a very short handle. pitched our tents was to make pedestals terrible in its grandeur of appearance. the mountains, fifty miles away, were "This whip is about 25 feet leng, and of cement and set up our sun eclipse We were all anxiously waiting when in all the brightness of the sunshine. in experienced hands is a terrible observation instruments. Then they the clock indicated that the eclipse was I will never forget the beauty of the weapon. It could almost cut a man had to be adjusted, and there were a at hand, and suddenly a darkness fell sight."

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