

### TEMPERANCE GATHERING

Of the Irish Catholic Temperance Convention—Eloquent Sermon on Father Mathew's Life-Work by Rev. Father Conaty, of Worcester, Mass.

The demonstration of the Irish Catholic Temperance Convention at St. Mary's Church took place on Sunday. The societies connected with the convention met at the corner of Craig and St. Alexander streets, and headed by a band, marched by way of Craig street to the church. The attendance at the church was very large. Amongst those present were His Grace Archbishop Fabre, Rev. Mr. Lavallee, St. Vincent de Paul; Rev. Fathers M. Callaghan and J. Walsh, of St. Patrick's; Rev. J. M. Conaty, of St. Gabriel's; Rev. J. J. Samon and Rev. M. O'Donnell, of St. Mary's, and other reverend gentlemen.

### THE SERMON

was preached by the Rev. T. J. Conaty, of Worcester, Mass., vice-president of the Total Abstinence League of America, and ex-treasurer of the Land League. The reverend gentleman took for his text Ephesians VI, 10, 11 and 14 verses: "As to the rest, brethren, be strengthened in the Lord, and in the might of his power. Put on the armor of God that you may be able to stand against the snares of the devil. Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of justice. His sermon was devoted to a biography of the great temperance apostle, Father Mathew, and the lessons to be drawn from his life work. After giving his biography, the reverend gentleman said: "Father Mathew is dead, but his spirit still lives, his pure life still lives. His name immortal, the patriot will ever utter it to bless it, and the lover of humanity to cherish it as the memory of the truest hero of the race. He has gone, but he has bequeathed to us, his children, a precious legacy; he has confided to us, his followers, his work, and asked us to carry it to completion. The struggle which he withstood we must withstand. To-day, as in the days of Father Mathew, intemperance is a crying evil; it is still ravaging our people, it is still one of the greatest scourges to society; and the duty of every man who loves his fellow-man, who loves himself, is to raise his voice and arm against it. Its evil must be at every step of our progress. There is no need here for details. We each have a memory which will suggest harrowing scenes, depicting in language far more eloquent than words the necessity of united action to save society. If all men were temperate it is true we would not need total abstinence, but such is not the case, and while we must not set ourselves up as censors of public morals and add precepts which God has not imposed by inveighing against the use of liquors, still we must recognize the use of liquors as the approximate occasion of ruin by a great portion of our people. We must recognize for such an obligation to abstain from it as from association with a fiend; for others the obligation of good example and edification necessary in order to help in the salvation of so many victims. Yet it is for us to battle against it, for, as Archbishop Manning, of Westminster, has said, the liquor curse is growing on us. It is like a great prairie fire; it will destroy us unless we destroy it. Intemperance is written in letters of blood on the door of many a home; intemperance is stamped on many a brow; where intellect had once its seat; intemperance stands as a hindrance to many a grave where the hopes of a family lie blasted; intemperance blights our youth, destroys our families, destroys our old age; intemperance is the wail from our jails, our reformatories, our poor houses, and our asylums. Something must be done. We have intellect to cultivate, a country to serve, a destiny to carry out, souls to save. Labor was against capital—it needs protection. It loses sight of the grinding capitalist in intemperance, more soulless than the most arrogant monopolist, more exacting than the worst taskmaster that ever lashed a slave. We Irishmen are clamoring to-day for home rule. Temperance clamors for home rule against saloon rule, it wants man to rule and not be ruled by men. We honor to-day an apostle of home, an apostle of freedom, an apostle of God. Remember we are his children. We are called to be apostles, too. Remember, we have a soul to save, and intemperance will render it very difficult for us to save it. We have home to sustain, and intemperance threatens to ruin it. We have society and Church to preserve, and intemperance would destroy both. Let us remember that God has lifted up this man to be a leader, and let us take his principles which spring from the Gospel, and let us preach it to labor, to home and society. Let us total abstainers be true to our apostle and true to God, and we will be true to society and to ourselves. Total abstinence brethren, I offer you my congratulations upon your work here to-day. We have a great work to perform and great aid to assist us. In united, concerted action lies success. Guided by faith, strengthened and sustained by religion, with one idea in view—the glory of God, the salvation of our race, the destruction of intemperance—the pledge of Father Mathew is our weapon. Labor, then, in the temperance cause with this end in view; be faithful to the promise you have made; have one motive in all your actions—the promotion of the glory of God. Do not forget society has in its midst evils as great as intemperance, but none so tangible, none so flagrant, none so fraught with ruin to many. Let union be our strength; let character be the bond which will unite us; let us love temperance. 'Tis an old virtue, old as Christianity itself. Let us endeavor it with sister cardinal virtues; let us advocate temperance, but always with prudence, employing only means dictated by prudent judgment and avoiding fanaticism; let us advocate temperance, but always with justice, remembering every man has individual rights which we must respect, appealing never to force but always to entreaty and

### CONVICTION; let us advocate temperance, but above all things with fortitude, this being the virtue we need. We will meet with difficulties; we must expect taunts, encounter temptations, numerous and violent. Let us always possess fortitude; let our mind and will always be strong. Take then upon you the banner of total abstinence; stand firm under it; fear no man; carry out your principles, based on your religion; be strict in your duties; frequent the sacraments. Then will you be good children of Father Mathew; then will you deserve well of men and God; then will you always be true men.

### FAITH AND FATHERLAND.

Monday evening the lecture hall of St. Mary's Church was filled to overflowing by an enthusiastic audience to listen to the address by Rev. Father Conaty on "Faith and Fatherland." The chair was occupied by Mr. Donald Macdonald, and among those on the platform were the Rev. Fathers: Robinson, Lonergan, Foley, O'Donnell, James Callaghan, Hon. Mr. Tallon, Hon. Mr. Flynn, Messrs. G. W. Stephens, M.P.E., His Worship Mayor Beauregard, Dr. Guerin, F. A. Quinn, Owen McGarvey, U. E. Archambault, John O'Neil, president St. Gabriel's, T. A. and B. Society, T. Nicholson, St. Patrick's, T. A. and B. Society, and others.

### FROM HIS HOLINESS THE POPE.

A PONTIFICAL LETTER OF THANKS TO THE YOUNG MEN OF THE NAZARETH CONGREGATION.

An imposing ceremony took place at the Nazareth Church, Sunday, on the occasion of the reading of a letter from His Holiness the Pope to the young men of the congregation thanking them for their address. After Mass the Rev. Father Conaty read the brief before an audience of 400 young men, all signatories of the address to the Pope. The Rev. Father, who is always eloquent, surpassed himself in commenting on the brief, saying to the young men that they were to be congratulated upon their disposition always to receive anything from the fountainhead of truth. Not as Jansenists with cold and useless reverence, not as Catholic liberals who consider that these directions are exclusively given for each individual, and not for social life, but as true Catholics who are always ready to obey the commands of Jesus Christ in simplicity and earnestness.

### THE BULGARIAN ELECTIONS.

The Government Supported by a very large Majority—Another Russian protest—Maunder meets with a poor reception at Shumla—Alexander refuses the money voted him and offers to return.

SOFIA, Oct. 11.—All the members of the Ministry have been elected by immense majorities. The returns thus far received show the election of four hundred Ministerialists and twenty-one Zankovists. In the city election all Government candidates have been successful. M. Karavloff, pro-Russian, received but 50 votes out of 1,500 cast in his district. Returns from eighty to eighty-six electoral districts show that seventy were in favor of the Government. Rastchuk gave 1,940 votes for the Government and 39 for its opponents. The Macedonian voters at Dabnitza murdered the Government Deputy Zagra and Grancirof and Prefect Dimitroff. The elections were abandoned in Vratsa, Horeva and Buccino, all of which are pro-Russian districts.

### DRIFT.

A five-year-old, at the supper table set down a cup of milk, which he had raised to his lips, with the remark: "Mamma, I believe the milkman has a sour cow." Explicit directions—Young man (driving with young girl)—"I say, farmer, how can I get back to the village the quickest way?" Farmer—"Well, you might run your horse." The Professor: "How singularly you and your brother resemble each other, Miss Angelina. Miss Angelina: "Is that a compliment to my brother or a compliment to me?" The Professor: "Oh, a compliment to neither, I assure you!" Policeman to man who has fallen over a bridge, and is up to his neck in water: "Your name? Your address?" "Yes, but—" "Not a word; it is forbidden to bathe in this river, and I am not here to listen to extenuating circumstances."

### FATHER MATTHEW ANNIVERSARY.

CELEBRATED BY THE ST. ANN'S T. A. AND B. SOCIETY.

There was a very large and appreciative audience at St. Ann's Hall Monday evening in honor of the anniversary of the birth of Rev. Father Mathew, the apostle of temperance in Ireland. Mr. O'Reilly, President of the St. Ann's T. A. and B. Society, under whose auspices the concert was given, occupied the chair, and among those present were the Rev. Father Strubbe, Rev. Father Schwartz, Mr. J. J. Curran, C.C., M.P., the representatives of the different Irish Catholic societies and others.

### FIVE MINUTE SERMONS FOR EARLY MASSES.

BY THE PAULIST FATHERS.

"When thou art invited to a wedding, go sit down in the lowest seat, lest thou be invited to the next one, he may say a friend, go up higher."

Of the sins which men commit, some excite horror and detestation, others shame and contempt, others even pity and compassion. There is one sin, however, which, on account of its extreme foolishness, moves men to laughter and mirth, and that is the sin of vain-glory. The sin of vain-glory, I say, not the sin of pride; for, although people often confuse the one with the other, yet they are in reality as far sunder as the poles. Pride consists in despising others and all they say, do and think; say, even when carried to its full extent, might God Himself. The proud man makes so little account of others that he does not care what they think of him. He is entirely taken up with his own superior excellence and abilities. But for the vain-glorious man the good opinion of others is the very breath of life, and for which they live and move and have their being. I am inclined to think that there are not very many really proud people among us, but of the vain-glorious men and women the number is infinite.

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### BOYD BROTHERS.

Mrs. Kelly, over 80 years of age, residing on Tecumseh street, visited the warehouse to make a few purchases, which she had been in the habit of doing for many years. She was, as usual, permitted to use the hoist to reach the top story. Shortly afterwards the hoist was found fast at one of the intermediate flats, with the old lady's head jammed between the platform and one of the projections in the elevator shaft. Her head was terribly injured, the whole right side of her skull being crushed in and the brain protruding. She was conveyed to the hospital, where she died in about two hours. She owns considerable property in the city.

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