

CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL

AN OUTLINE OF ITS WORK.

AN ABLE AND INTERESTING ADDRESS DELIVERED BY THE REV. DR. CONATY—THE OBJECTS AND AIMS OF THE ORGANIZATION FULLY EXPLAINED.

A very enthusiastic gathering it was that listened to the Rev. Dr. Conaty, president of the Catholic Summer School, of Plattsburg, last week, at the St. Patrick's hall, on Alexander street, when he delivered an interesting and able address on the work of the Catholic Summer School.

Mr. Justice Curran was called to the chair and briefly explained the purposes of the meeting to be in the interest of the Catholic Summer School at Plattsburg, that arrangements might be made for a large representation from Montreal at the coming session. He then called on Rev. Dr. Conaty, the President of the School, to explain the aims and objects of the work and give such advice as he would about it.

The Rev. President proceeded to outline the scope of the school, and the means of its support, and thoroughly interested his large audience with the vivid pictures of the work already done and its possibilities for the future as a great agency in the education of the people. Among other things, he showed very clearly the points of view from which the programme was arranged, that it might meet all tastes and afford something of instruction to everybody. He alluded to the mistaken notions of many about the Summer School, some thinking it a sort of Kindergarten, or know-and-do-everything-in-a-week sort of school. Others think it a place for specialists, or pedagogues, or even a training school for ecclesiastics in certain lines of clerical study. The Summer School has something of all these, but it is broader than that, in that it aims to provide a place where non-Catholics may gather and listen to the scholarship of the Church and discourse upon the topics which are now engaging the attention of thinking people. It aims to provide for Catholics opportunities for higher education along university lines, and thus aid Catholics to lead in the intellectual movement of the day. Schools open on all sides giving instruction on every phase of intellectual life: unfortunately, many of them are not guided by the Christian thought, and they become sources of danger to faith, and thus schools guided by the Church become necessary, that our people may keep pace with the age while their faith may not be exposed to the error of materialism and rationalism.

Allusion was pleasantly made to the criticism against ethics and psychology as useless in such schools, and it was shown how fundamental such studies have become because of the loose notions of morality and the soul which pervade much of the teaching of modern science. Rev. Dr. Conaty dwelt upon the religious side of the school as seen in the magnificence of the ceremonial on the Sundays of the session, as also in the pulpit eloquence by which the dogmas of the Church are defended. The social side is also a strong element in the school life. The bringing together of representative Catholics from the great centres of activity forms not only a pleasant acquaintanceship, but also a strong social bond by which the Church presents itself to the country as a social strength which gives tone to the community as well as religious life, and attracts attention to the great underlying truths which it is its province to teach.

Rev. Dr. Conaty interspersed his lecture with many pleasant reminiscences and witty allusions, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Coming to the practical side of the work, he explained how this beautiful home, on the borders of Lake Champlain, became the property of the School by the gift of the Delaware and Hudson R. R. Co. and its Plattsburg friends. Its 450 acres of land, with field, and forest, and lake-border, offers facilities for summer enjoyment which can hardly be surpassed. During the past year the School has spent \$40,000 in improvements, having now several handsome cottages, a central dining hall for the cottagers, an auditorium that will seat 750 people, and an Oratory, where the Blessed Sacrament will be kept and Mass said daily, for the convenience of the community.

An electric railway is now being built connecting the town, which is three miles distant, with the school, thus giving opportunities for those who may wish to live in town to come easily to the school. Board and lodging can be obtained at reasonable rates, varying from the ordinary boarding house to the magnificent Hotel Champlain, which crowns the bluff just beyond the School and overlooking Lake Champlain. Special excursion rates can be had from the railroads, and pleasant trips are arranged for the many objects of interest which are in easy access from the School—the Adirondack Mountains, the Ausable Chasm, and other attractions. It is not generally thought of that Montreal is the nearest great centre to the School, for it is less than three hours ride to Plattsburg, while Boston is nine hours ride and New York ten.

There are two morning lectures every day except Saturday and Sunday, and a lecture every evening except Sunday, the Saturday evenings being special lectures and not in the general course. This leaves Saturdays free for excursions and pleasant reunions. Every Saturday evening there is usually a social reception. The term fees are \$10 for a sessional ticket, and 25 cents for an individual lecture. The sources of revenue besides the term fees are honorary life and associate memberships, by which men and women identify themselves with the movement by gifts of \$100 for life, and \$25 for associate membership. We have 225 life members on our rolls, among whom are Hon. Senator O'Brien and Charles F. Smith, Esq., of Montreal. We hope to have many more from this great Catholic city.

Our land is also parcelled into lots, which may be sold to those desiring a cottage site, and the money realized from sales has to be applied to our mortgage. We hope to have cities interested in owning special cottages for the accommodation of members who may form a corporation or a party for that purpose. Philadelphia, Boston, New York and Ottawa, have made a start in that direction, and Philadelphia has a cottage of 20 rooms erected for use at the next session. Boston, through the John Boyle O'Reilly Reading Circle, will erect a cottage next year. The Catholic Club of New York has formed a Champlain Summer Club, of which Hon. Justice Curran is Vice-President, and will occupy our Administration Building, which it has leased for that purpose. Several Montreal gentlemen are members of this Club.

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the Catholics of such Provinces are free to act as they may see fit in the present contest. There is no moral freedom to shirk the performance of a plain moral duty. I pity those Catholics who pretend not to know their duty in the present case because forsooth their Bishop has not publicly pointed it out to them. Such pleas are being advocated at church doors before and after Divine service. Trusting that it will not be all "O K" with the enemies of our Church and her institution, and also trusting that the Catholic Register's prediction regarding the result of the Globe's mistakes, or, rather, its bigotry, shall be fully realized, I remain yours, hopefully,

A CATHOLIC.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION

TO FATHER J. J. KELLY, YONGE.

We are glad to learn that the Rev. John J. Kelly, P.P., Yonge, who has been very ill for several months, was able to return home on Saturday last from Kingston.

After High Mass on Sunday he was presented with an address accompanied by a well-filled purse. We take the following extracts from the address: "Shortly after you were inducted into the parish and installed as its pastor, you showed that you 'love the beauty of God's house and the place where his glory dwelleth,' for you set about ornamenting the parish church of St. James, and the work therein reflects great credit upon your artistic taste, it being a model of chaste simplicity and eminently devotional.

"The next great works to which you devoted your attention were the building of two beautiful new churches—one at St. Brendan's, Rockport; the other at St. Denis, Athens, both of which were very badly needed, as those places are so remote from the parish church, and as a consequence many Catholics had to miss Mass very often. "Your zeal in the cause of Catholic education for our children is instanced in the very nice school at Sheatun; and before long we hope that you will have another school built and in working order, for we know that such is the desire of your heart, and He who has said: 'Suffer the little children, and forbid them not to come to me; for the kingdom of heaven is for such,' will bless your project."

Father Kelly thanked his good people most cordially for their kindness, and prayed God to bless them.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

At the annual convention of the Catholic Order of Foresters, held last week in the city of Quebec, the following officers were elected:—High Chief Ranger, Zolique Renaud, of Montreal, re-elected; Deputy High Chief Ranger, E. P. Shea, Quebec; Secretary, F. X. Bilodeau, re-elected; Treasurer, J. Walsh, Montreal; Directors, J. P. Jackson, Dr. Sylvain, Dr. Pelletier, and Dr. Laviolette, Montreal; Messrs. Lafontaine, Gatinneau Point, N. Page, Hull, and N. P. Lapierre, Boucherville. Delegates to the Supreme High Court, which will assemble in convention in the month of February, 1897, at Columbus, Ohio: J. Tourigny, advocate, Three Rivers; Aime Talbot, Quebec; C. P. Pouliot, Riviere du Loup; John Leonard, advocate, Sherbrooke; Joseph Lussier, advocate, Richelieu; A. P. Vanasse, advocate, Sorel; A. H. Pelletier, Marieville; P. Carroll, Morley; Rev. Father Lepalleur, Z. Renaud, F. X. Bilodeau, F. X. Lafond, E. Godin, L. Forget, and W. Pronk, Montreal. Substitutes: Messrs. Bryan Brennan, Montreal; N. P. Lapierre, Boucherville; S. Letourneau, Valleyfield; Dr. Cochiere, Eastern Townships; W. Bedard, Quebec; Dr. Blondin, Arthabaska; A. D. Bedard, Sherbrooke, and E. P. Shea, Quebec.

THE TRAGEDY AT MOSCOW.

SUCH AN OUTCOME WAS TO HAVE BEEN EXPECTED.

It is a pity that the monster open air banquet for the populace, which took place at Moscow, could not have been eliminated from the programme of festivities in connection with the coronation of the Czar. For it was obvious from the outset that there were great dangers inherent to an entertainment of this character, where the tables, weighed down with herds of roast oxen and flocks of sheep, extended more than fourteen miles in length; where the wine was served not in bottles, nor even in pails, but in big fountains, and where the guests composed of the lower and roughest class of the population, numbered well nigh double the 300,000 for whom the food and liquor had been provided. Of course, the crowd got beyond control, just as it did at the monster feasts of this kind that have constituted the popular feature of each preceding coronation, and a number of people appear to have been crushed and trampled to death, the loss of their lives furnishing the only shadow to an otherwise most brilliant and successful national celebration.—N. Y. Tribune.

SPAIN AND CUBA.

The Ave Maria, in a recent issue, thus plainly refers to the sentiment in the United States in favor of Cuba:—"The conviction that religious prejudice, as well as commercial interests, has much to do with the 'Free Cuba' enthusiasm must be forced upon those who read the newspapers attentively. If Spain were not a Catholic country, sentiment would at least be divided. At the very beginning of the war the sympathy of the great majority of Americans went out to Cuba, and as a result we hear only of victories by the Cubans and atrocities on the part of the Spanish troops. Every newspaper office in the United States has been turned, for the time being, into a recruiting office for Cuba; and all sorts of evil reports have been circulated to prejudice Americans against the cause of Spain. Now we have no great predilection for monarchies, but we have still less for 'republics' such as Hayti; and there is no assurance that the gang of adventurers who seek to overthrow the Spanish power in Cuba could replace it by anything

better than despotism. Most of the Cuban patriots are of the Garibaldi kind. The people have nothing to hope for from them, but much to fear. "We have carefully examined the documents lately issued by the Spanish Legation in Washington, and are firmly persuaded of two points: first, that Cuba has no valid and irremediable grievance against the mother country; and second, that if Spain were not a Catholic country misrepresentation of her government would not be so general, and there would be less enthusiasm for Cuba in both pulp and press."

UNITED STATES.

COAST DEFENCES SAID TO BE IN A SHAMEFUL CONDITION.

NEW YORK, June 2, 1896.—A morning paper says: The committee appointed by resolution of the United States Senate to examine the coast defences has been in this city since Friday night, and has examined the harbor and other defences, concluding its labors yesterday morning. According to chairman W. C. Squire, United States senator from Washington, the report which he will make to the Senate will conclusively show that the condition of affairs is something shameful and unworthy of a nation such as this. He said his committee would make the report before Congress adjourns, in order that it may know the chances that are being taken in case of war.

BOYLE O'REILLY MEMORIAL.

ACTING GOVERNOR WOLCOTT INVITED AND WILL PROBABLY ACCEPT.

The executive committee of the John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial, consisting of Mr. A. Shuman, Mr. T. B. Fitzpatrick and Mr. James Jeffrey Roche, waited upon Acting Governor Wolcott and extended an invitation to his Excellency to be present during the dedication ceremonies on June 20, which was accepted. It is expected also that Mrs. Wolcott will grace the occasion. The unveiling of this monument, the result of the skill of Sculptor Daniel C. French, will be an eventful occasion. The programme of the day is being arranged on a grand scale. General Francis A. Walker will be the presiding officer; Elmer H. Capen, D.D., president of Tufts College, will deliver the eulogy; Mr. James Jeffrey Roche will read an original poem. The music will be by a large chorus and a full orchestra, under the conductorship of Mr. B. J. Lang. (His Honor Mayor Quincy will accept the memorial on behalf of the city, and 1000 or 1500 seats, or as many as the space will allow, will be provided under the direction of the city messenger for the accommodation of the city government and representative citizens.—Boston Pilot.

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TWELVE MILLIONS OF CATHOLICS.

The Catholic Citizen, alluding to the population of the United States, once more, claims that there are in the country 8,097,000 Catholics of foreign parentage, and it adds: "It is reasonably safe to add to this number 4,000,000 others of American parentage who ought to be Catholics; our figures would then reach 12,000,000, which was, perhaps, the natural population of the United States in 1890. It ought to be 14,000,000 in 1895, if we are entitled to presume that the Catholic population increases at the same rate that the rest of the population increases." An authentic and full census of the Catholic American population would, doubtless, fully justify these statements and calculations.

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