THE CHURCH A PUZZLE, HER LIFE INDESTRUCTIBLE.

A book has been published—a remarkable book in its way—by James Anthony Froude, the English and anti-Irish historian; a man who hated the Catholic Church with an intensity deeper, if possible, than he hated the Irish people. Mr. Froude, in this work, speaking of the present position of the Catholic Church, uses these remarkable words:

"The tide of knowledge and the tide of outward events have set with equal force in the direction opposite Romanism. Yet, in spite of it, perhaps by means of it, as a kite rises against the wind, the Roman Church has once more shot up into visible and practical consequence. While she loses ground in Spain and Italy, which had been so long exclusively her own, she is gaining in the modern energetic races which have been the stronghold of Protestantism. Her members increase, her organization gathers vigor, her clergy are energetic, bold and aggressive; sees long prostrate are re-established; cathedrals rise, and churches with schools and colleges, and convents and monasteries. She has taken into her service her old enemy, the press, and has established a popular literature."

Evidently the position of the Church is a puzzle to Mr. Froude; and he confesses that in spite of scientific progress and in spite of what would be called religious progress, she still gains, and gains in the energetic nations. "What is the meaning?" he asks, "of so strange a phenomenon? Is progress, of which we hear so much, less real than we thought? Does knowledge grow more shallow as the surface widens? Is it that science is creeping like a snake upon the ground, and eating dust and bringing forth materialism, that the Catholic Church, in spite of her errors, keeps alive the consciousness of our spiritual being, the hope and expectation of immortality? Why does Rome count her converts from among the evangelicals by tens whilst she loses to them but here and there an exceptional and unimportant unit?" (Revival of Romanism, pp. 4 and 5.)

So the old Church is not dying. The old Church is one day said to be dying and in the next day we find her giving audience to the nations. We find her an indestructible vitality. — Archbishop Ryan.

LED BY SCIENCE TO FAITH.

DISTINGUISHED FRENCH SCIENTIST WHO DISCOVERED GOD IN STUDYING NATURAL PHENOMENA.

The death of Henri Becquerel, the distinguished physicist, is called by the French papers an irreparable loss to science. He was but fifty-six years old. One might have hoped for many years more of successful research. Glowing tributes to his great achievements will be paid by all the scientific periodicals, but we fear there will be scant mention of the fact that his scientific work, to quote his own words, "brought him to God and to faith." The funeral discourse, pronounced by his parish priest, was published in La Croix, September 9, 1908. The expressions used imply that in early manhood Becquerel neglected his religious duties. His conversion was attributed by himself to his study of science. Behind the marvelous phenomena, some of which he was the happy discoverer, and behind the laws that rule in nature, he discerned the intelligent First Cause before whom he bowed his mind and his heart. Becquerel was in later life a practical Catholic, a faithful attendant at Sunday Mass, and a model in his family, joining in daily prayer with all the members of his household. His life is a fresh refutation of the charge that faith and science are incompatible.—The Messenger.

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COUGHLAN—At Norham, Ont., on Oct. 15, 1908, Mrs. Elizabeth Coughlan, relict of the late Timothy Coughlan, formerly of Hastings, Ont., but recently of Toledo, Ohio. May her soul rest in peace!

MCCUE—In London, on Nov. 5th, Mrs. Mary McCue, relict of the late J. G. McCue. Aged ninety years. May her soul rest in peace!

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

THE ASSUMPTION COLLEGE ALUMNI MEETING.

The annual meeting of the alumni of Assumption College was held on Oct. 27, at the college. Although the meeting was not well attended, the enthusiasm was great and much important business was transacted, which will bring good results.

As usual the exercises opened with solemn High Mass. The officers of the Mass were: celebrant, Very Rev. J. J. McManus, Pt. Huron, Mich.; deacon, Rev. A. Weber, Tostoria, O.; subdeacon, Rev. J. Tobin, London, Ont.; master of ceremonies, Rev. F. White, London, Ont.; censer-bearer, Rev. H. Robert, Windsor, Ont. Under the direction of Rev. E. Pageau, the students sang the Mass in excellent style.

At the conclusion of the religious part of the ceremonies the visitors and students assembled in the refectory to partake of the banquet tendered the guests of the occasion. After the refreshments had been partaken of, Rev. J. Catolan, Marshall, Mich., who acted as toastmaster, made a few brief introductory remarks and introduced the Right Rev. Monseigneur Meunier, Windsor, Ont., who replied to the toast "The Pope." He recalled some incidents in the life of Pope Pius X. and urged the students to endeavor to imitate the wonderful perseverance in the face of difficulty which has marked the career of our beloved Sovereign Pontiff. In introducing Rev. J. Hally, the toastmaster expressed an interest in the word "Wyandotte" and had been unable to learn whether it was an Indian name or derived from the well-known brand of egg layers. Father Hally reminded the alumni that while a good beginning had been made by the association, much still remained to do and that the need was most pressing.

Prof. A. Langlois met with frequent interruptions by way of applause in speaking to "The Old Boys" and boasted that the students prior to 1878 were as loyal as any despite the inconveniences which they had to undergo in those days. In the name of the present students Mr. W. Moffath welcomed the visitors and thanked them for their disinterested efforts in behalf of the college. Father Catolan then called on Father Ferguson, the dean of the college faculty, to speak in the name of the staff. The venerable speaker compared the staff to the machinery which drives the ship forward, through storm and danger, to the harbor. Then in a reminiscent mood he recalled the difficulties which the staff had to overcome in early days. Among other inconveniences he declared that the chapel, unlike the present beatiful structure, was so small that the Mass server was forced to kneel outside the chapel door. The rev. president, Father Foster, concluded the speech-making, thanking the Alumni for the many kind things they had done for the college. Among the guests besides those already mentioned were, Rev. A. P. Temes, Detroit, Mich., Very Rev. P. Grand, Toronto, Ont.

Soon after the banquet the Alumni association met in the students library to transact the business of the year. The officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Very Rev. F. O'Brien, Kalamazoo Mich.; First Vice President, A. Weter, Tastoria; Second Vice President, Rev. H. Sullivan, Adrian, Mich.; Chaplain, Rev. J. Tobin, London, Ont.; Secretary, Rev. F. V. Moylan, college. The need of more systematic work to secure funds for defraying the cost of building the chapel was discussed and Rev. J. Tobin proposed that members be appointed in each district to visit the old students and so secure from them the promise of a certain amount annually for five years.

The suggestion was unanimously adopted and the following were chosen to solicit funds in places where there were alumni.

In London diocese, Eastern section, Rev. D. Forster. Western section, Rev. P. L'Heureux.

In Detroit diocese Rev. J. Hally; Port Huron Deanery, Rev. J. Latty; Monroe Deanery, Rev. H Sullivan; Kalamazoo Deanery, Rev. M. Comerford; Lansing Rev. Deanery, Brancheau.

In Toledo diocese, Rev. A. Weber.

In Cleveland diocese, Rev. J. Smith.

In Grand Rapids, Eastern section, Rev. E. Caldwell.

In Grand Rapids, Western section, Rev. Lefebvre.

In Toronto, Rev. M. D. Whelan.

In Hamilton, Rev. T. Ferguson.

The question of the college paper was discussed, and it was decided to promote it in every way possible. The meeting then adjourned.

After the meeting a number of the old boys took off their coats and entered into a strenuous game of football.

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On Sept. 27th, after a strenuous sacerdotal career of forty-two years, Very Rev. John Ryan, D. D., Dean of the Archdiocese of St. John's, Newfoundland, was summoned to receive his eternal reward.

Born in the parish of Doyay, County Tipperary, Ireland, in January, 1843, the piety and humility which he evinced at a very early age made it apparent that he was destined for the priesthood. At the age of fourteen he was sent to Mount Mellory College, at which he remained four years. He then proceeded to All Hallows, where he pursued his theological studies. He received the deaconship in April, 1865, and in the following October he arrived in Newfoundland. On Feb. 2nd, 1866, he was ordained by the late Most Rev. Dr. Mullock. Until the following year he acted as curate to his uncle, then parish priest of St. Mary's after which he labored two years in Placentia. He was then removed to St. Patrick's parish, St. John's, where he remained until his death.

In Dean Ryan, the Church in Newfoundland has lost one, who, though always endeavoring to shun publicity, yet shone forth as a luminary of great magnitude. His marvellous eloquence, his deep learning, his unaffected piety, his hidden charity, added to humility which is, alas, all too rare nowadays, all combined to form a most beautiful character—a character, which, like those of the saints, seemed capable of being admired rather than imitated. He realized to the full the awful responsibilities of those who are engaged in that "high employ, nor lightly given, to serve as messengers of heaven." He was a man who always bore in mind that greatest incentive to perfection—the presence of God. In private conversation, or when speaking at public gatherings, he always left the impression upon his hearers that he was accustomed to view things from a spiritual, rather than from a purely material standpoint.

To Dean Ryan the words of Richard Lalor Shiel upon Dr. Murray, Archbishop of Dublin, apply almost as if really written in reference to him:

He is meek, composed and placid, and has an expression of patience, sweetness and benignity, united with strong intellectual intimations, that would fix the attention of any ordinary observer who chanced to meet him in the public way. He has great dignity and simplicity of deportment, and has a bearing befitting his rank without the least touch of arrogance. His voice is singularly soft and harmonious, and even in reproof itself he does not put his Christian entleness aside. His preaching is of the first order. . . There is something independent of the charms of diction and the graces of elocution, of which he is a master, an internal evidence of his own profound conviction of what he utters that makes its way to the heart. When he stands in the pulpit it is no exaggeration to say that he diffuses a kind of piety about him. He seems to belong to the holy edifice, and it may be said of him with perfect truth:

'At church, with meek and unaffected grace
His looks adorned the venerable place.'"

That noble heart has ceased to beat; that voice which so often thrilled vast congregations with its impassioned eloquence is forever stilled, but the memory of the l ean, of his piety, of his humility, of his charity of which none knew but those whom it benefitted, will long live in the hearts of those over whom he was placed, and the prayers which, whilst in this life, he continually offered for his people, he will still continue to offer with even greater effect, as he stands in heaven wrapped in ecstasy, before the throne of that God Whom on earth he so faithfully served. May he rest in peace! J. P. F.

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Editor CATHOLIC RECORD.

Encouraged by results accruing from my former letter published in several Catholic newspapers, I again come to claim the hospitality of your columns for a renewal appeal in favour of the African Missions (Les Missions d'Afrique) under the care of the "White Fathers."—so called from their white robes—a missionary order founded by the late Cardinal Lavigierie forty years ago, whose head quarters in Canada is at 37 Ramparts Street, Quebec City.

On the occasion mentioned I appealed to the readers of the newspapers to save and send to the White Fathers—at above address—all the cancelled stamps coming into their possession, and at that time the Reverend Fathers assured me that following the publication of the appeal many generous responses had reached them in an increased receipt of stamps. Now again the Reverend Director has written me to say that they are receiving stamps "from every part of the North American Continent," and that by means of the sale of those stamps they have been enabled to redeem twelve slaves within the past twelve months! Just fancy, dear reader, twelve poor benighted souls redeemed from the spiritual darkness of heathendom and brought within the saving Truths of Christianity! and all by the means of cancelled stamps! "Oh," continues the Reverend Director, "if every friend of Missionaries would but spare the stamps instead of burning them or throwing them into the waste-basket!"

This might involve a little trouble, but what a good work would it also be, and what blessings it would ensure from Him Who has said that even a cup of cold water given in His Name shall bring its reward. One of these blessings would be the teaching of children—for even babies can pick stamps—of the household and of the schools the practice of works of charity; they, as they grew up would still follow in the habit of doing good, while to the grown up it would soon become a "labour of love" in view of the good being done.

But apart from the individual exertion there is another way in which much good may be accomplished with highly satisfactory results. In a letter which I have received from Los Angeles, California, the writer says: "I read your appeal for cancelled postage stamps in open Council of the Knights of Columbus, and since then at almost every meeting I attend one member or another hands me an envelope containing stamps, so that in addition to the large package I have already sent I am to-day mailing three to the Fathers, three good signed parcels, and I therefore wish you and them to be aware of the part the Knights of Columbus of this city have in this matter." (I take this opportunity at the special request of the Fathers to return their sincere thanks to the donors one and all, and to assure them of their prayers that God may bless them).

Now could not a similar course of action be taken everywhere at meetings of the Knights of Columbus, the C. M. B. A., the A. O. H., the Y. M. I., and the Catholic Foresters, and all other Catholic organizations; also in colleges, convents and schools? If only needs that some one charitable individual in each case should take the matter in hand so that the millions of stamps now carelessly thrown away may be gamered and forwarded to the White Fathers from time to time, as circumstances might require. The only expense involved would be the few cents for postag—a good investment.

In this connection I may mention that it will add materially to the value of the stamps if they be detached from the paper of the envelope and if each denomination be kept apart, and also that any foreign or rare stamps be put up separately; of course all this is merely suggestion.

Perhaps it will give a better idea of the result of concerted action in forwarding stamps when I state that the Reverend Director writes that the redeeming of each slave costs $20 so that the twelve already mentioned represent $240 the result of the sales of about five million stamps.

The Reverend Director wishes me also to state in reply to numberless enquiries which they have received that they propose commencing on 1st Jan. next the publication of an English version of their monthly periodical, "The African Missions" the annual subscription will be 50 cents in the Dominion, and, to cover extra postage, 60 cents in the United States of America. It is desirable that charitably disposed persons intending to subscribe should send their subscription at once to Rev. F. Gaudibert, White Fathers, 37 Ramparts street, Quebec, Canada, so that they may be in a position to judge of the number of copies that will be required at the start.

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