

doubt, hearkened to the prayers of his people and their venerable pastor, and turned away His wrath. Genial showers came to refresh the verdure of the fields and revive the drooping hopes of the inhabitants, and now all was changed into rich promise. Besides, Father Quirk had announced a ceremony such as never before had taken place in Hastings, and would interest every family, for was there one to be found in the broad extent of the parish without a promoter or assistant? Never was there such a concourse in the handsome, tastefully kept church. The Rev. Pastor officiated, the choir accompanying. The Central Director, who had come from Montreal for the occasion, after encouraging the people to perseverance, preached on devotion to the Sacred Heart and the Three Degrees. After mass, the lady Promoters, to the number of thirty, the *élite* of Hastings, advanced and formed a row reaching from wall to wall in front of the altar rail. After the ceremony of the blessing of the crosses, the diplomas were distributed, and, advancing two by two, led by the officers, the Promoters received on bended knee the cross from the hands of the venerable Local Director.

Nor were the school children of the Juvenile League forgotten by their kind pastor. Twenty-five of the boys and as many of the girls who had given most edification by keeping their promises to the Sacred Heart, especially the monthly communion of atonement, were decorated, the boys with the beautiful cross of the Juvenile League set in red, and the girls with the medal.

The congregation showed the greatest interest in the ceremony, which we have every reason to hope will give a fresh impulse to the Holy League in Hastings. The men were promised the chief part in the next celebration.

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A full and quite a representative audience of this thriving town assembled in the parish church on Sunday evening,