The Catholic Young Men Of the Twentieth Century.

recently addressing the Young Men's Archdiocesan Union, in the Philadel-phia Cathedral, spoke first of the noble young manhood of David and the victories which he won by his faith, purity and devotion.

*********** The world around about you is successful and wellwithout religion and obedi-ence to God. It has vast possessions, but it uses them to indulge passions and to flatter the senses. It has unlimited bestowal of power — but with it crushes out right and jusgion, its corruptions, its injustice you need faith, purity and courage.

Young men, the hope of the nation, the hope of the people, the hope of the Church lies in you. If you are faithful-great is the mph-the Philistine will be struck

If you fail or falter, your mighty strength will be taken from you like strength will be taken from you like tiful and true. But is this all to another Samson and your hair shorn live for? If this is the object of life by the temptress, you will regain it —if a man has not done more than only to pull down about you the this; if his life has not been lived in ruins of the world's temple to your

Young men—we read of your great ork and triumphs in the Sacred Scriptures, your victories are in-scribed on the scroll of the saints, your memory is enshrined in the history of the world, your deeds are pered in the events of the Church beginning of the twentieth century the people of God cry to you as Napoleon at the pyramid to his soldiers. Young men — twenty centuries look down upon you— the years of the future place their hope

What hope there is in the young man! Alexander was a young man-at twenty years he reigned—and died at thirty-two having conquered the

Aloysius was a young man, and greater than Alozander. He conquer-ed himself and died at twenty-two, to live forever.

Paris University when he gave him self to God, and he conquered king-doms by his love for Christ.

battle against that foe will need strong faith, a sinless

It must be the faith of Solomon, the chastity of Joseph, and the cour-

One alone is not enough; you must

have all three, for Samson was drawn into snares, where his courage availed him not; Solomon allowed himself to be carried away by by guarding the purity of his heart ageously accepting the trials placed upon him, became the ruler of Egypt and of his people.

The great material prosperity

world, its inventions, and its alth, its progress and its comforts, the wonderful successes of individuals who in a few short years rise from need to the possession of mil-lions, is liable to blind the heart make the young man believe when all is so bright and fascinating in the material world, it "Do you still keep yourselves under and spiritual order. That way, danger lies. What the world proposes as a career for a young man — house who share such seathers. career for a young man — noble at times—is not all

men, at first it seems admir-nen he finds it does not go far

something which will endure; vague it may now be, but it will grow with the advancing years. The saddest thought imaginable is that with death comes oblivion — that all you have done and your very self will eyes in your last sleep; that when your eyes lose their lustre no other eyes are shining brighter becaus you have looked into them with huan sympathy and affectionate interest; when your hand is marble still feels the warmth of your grasp in that hour when you brought new hope to one in despair; that when your day. Rather than such a fate, is no heart throbbing with high courage, because your heart beat with it as a friend to a friend; that no being has found the world brighter, better, or the stars of God shining with a clearer light because you have lived and loved and served your day. Father than such a fate, every man desires the grateful and living remembrance of his fellows, and strives so to live that many will keep his memory green." This is good as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. All this is beauthe life of God; if he has not labored, not merely to be forgotten by men, but to be remembered by his God-the problem of his life is not

His living in life, his position importance his casual doing good to his fellowmen in natural well-doing, will never fill the measure of the su God holds each human being responsible, and if this is all the aim and ambition of his life, such a life is a disastrous failure. It must rise to something better—something higher and something nobler.

With these natural virtues let the supernatural grace of God be a light your soul, a strength to bear you Him, and to yourself, and you can-not then be false to any man, but will bring to all the best and great est good.

But with these resolves in heart the great battle is still before you: Look at the world around you, go beneath the surface, and find what are the needs of the day. In the home life there is needy fidelity, in social life, integrity and honesty of purpose in public life. The home life is broken up by the violation of the sanctity of marriage. Divorce is increasing with powerful rapidity, that means moral disorder, in social life what laws are respected under the polished surface of politeness and urbanity when there is the contest between passion and right. Are all those engaged in public life animated purely by love of patriotism and the good of the nation, without a view to personal advantage or gain? Young men boast of their emancipa on the obligations of the sarraments.

It recalls the young atheist on his return from an infidel education abroad. He paraded his independence of the trammels of religion when he saw that by his hostess and her friends his advanced views were not favorably received. He cried horse and my dog, but they have the modesty not to boast of such feel-

had brought the nation to impend-ing ruin, a philosopher before the as-sembled elders took in his hand a

ing run, a philosopher before the alsembled elders took in his hand a
rotten apple, "Here," he said is the
rondition of our nation." He cut
the apple and seeing the seed there
intact, he cried out, "it is not all
rotten, the seeds are sound." Our
young men are still incontaminated,
they are the hope of our nation.
You young men must keep sound
in the midst of the tainting influence of irreligion about you. You
will hear of men adopting all forms
of religion, indifference, atheism, materialism and Buhdhism. They say
they believe in Theosophy or Christian Science, in ethical cuiture, and
others again pronounce themselves
openly for Hedonism or a pagen existence.

Lastly, you wish to accomplish what he must believe and what he something which will endure; vague to must do. A man like OzanaK in France. A man like Garcia Moreno in South America. A man like in South America. A man like Windhorst in Germany. I see before me the men who will be the leaders in thought, the leaders in action, the leaders in patriotism. O'Connell had to face prejudice against his race, and bigotry against his religiant, and won the religious emanyoung man, faced infidelity and founded the grandest monument to religious charity and zeal, the Con-ference of St. Vincent de Paul. Garcia Moreno was opposed by the hatred of anti-religious societies. gave his life gloriously in the service of God and religious freedom. Windhurst single-handed fought against the united power of Protestant Ger many, and by his courage, and skill, and faith, and persevering toil, cor quered the iron chancellor, Bismarck, ho had subdued all other foes, but the young man, by the stone of truth, brought him to his knees and Bismarck on his knees went to Canossa. You are called upon in the spirit of these men to battle against prejudices religious and racial prejudices like O'Connell against irreligion like Ozanam, against the hate of God like Garcia Moreno, against the opposition to Catholic truth and justice like Windhurst. You will say it is a great work. I say to you, that you young men, that you are Catholic men, that you are Catholic young men of the twentieth century. God in your hearts, and right in your lives, and courage in your souls, you must not fail, you cannot fail, you will not fail. In the word of the great Richelieu "in the levi con of youth there is no such word as fail. In a better cause than Mac beth's screw your courage to the sticking place and you will not fail. Like the knights of Rhodes — who broke forever the power of the Saracent in Europe, in such a cause as yours, with the cry upon your lips of the knights in their last great battle "God wills it" there is no such thought as fail; for you the David of the Christian people and the God of armies is with you. tury, in the cause of God, and o truth and of right will you fail-no! the courage and the grandeur of your youth, and the faith of your God within you, sets your heart answer is "with God with us shall never fail." The world will be better-history will be purer, the nation will be grander and nobler, that in this twentieth century.

And here my dear young men the great work of your life:

To be faithful to your God, in living up with teachings of your Church, in an unbelieving world. To be pure in your lives, in spite

To be courageous in the fight you will have to make against the unbe-lief and the wickedness that would, steal from you your faith and your of life, were you possessed of mil-lions, were you the greatest inventor

week upon the stage that from the fifteenth century. written by a priest, it is called morality play, and has met wi great success. It comes in our d as a stranger in time and though it is so much apart from the century in which we live, and yet i strikes into the hearts of men be

There have been few appointments made during the past week, but those that are gazatted may be worthy of notice. It is not always easy for a correspondent to form an opinion concerning motives actuating public men, or political parties, consequently one should not be too ready to jump at conclusions before learning all the circumstances of the situation. Without, therefore, wishing to express any rash judgment ing to express any rash judgment, one can fairly state facts and leave others to draw conclusions, Hon. Ar-thur L. Sifton, of the North-west Territories, and brother of the Min-ister of the Interior, has been appointed chief justice of the Northvest, replacing Judge McGuire,

lic, and a former Kingstonian bar-rister of prominence; Judge Prendergast is a French-Canadian, of Que bec, with an Irish name, which derives from his father's side of the family. Decidedly Hon. Mr. Sifton's brother is neither an Irishman, a Catholic, and Mr. Myer is not of the race or creed of his predecess There may be nothing wrong in these selections; but, at first sight, they certainly afford a ground-work justifiable inquiry.

ture, has been made a county judge

replace Judge Prendergast,

A country's statistics are always very interesting, especially to people who are anxious to follow the fluctuations of the general prosperturns we would have to conclud that our Canadian population not augmented in any proportional degree during the past ten years. Yet, if we examine the homeste tries, for one year, we would be force ed to the conclusion that in respect to increase of population Canada entries for the calendar year ending 1902 were 22,194, as compared with 9,145 last year. These entries re present 2,551,000 acres and estimat ing four of a family to each home stead this would give an increase of population to Canada of 88,000. Betries there were thousands of part es who purchased their land from railway corporations and land companies and private speculators.

made to the Redistribution Bill, that in the order of things, should be introduced during the coming session. It might not be out of place to now say that the Cabinet requested the Minister of Justice, Hon. Mr. Fitz patrick, to prepare a statement in rethe British North America Act. As a matter of fact, the Hon. Minister did prepare a table based upon the changes in the different provinces, and giving the proportionate repre-sentation of each province in the next Parliament. It will stand as follows: Ontario 86, Quebec 65, Nova Scotia 18, New Brunswick 18, Manitoba 10, British Columbia 7, Prince Edward Island 4. This is a reduction of 6 members for Ontario, 2 members for Nova Scotia, 1 for New Brunswick, and I for Prince Edward Island. There will be an inmay be adjusted as Parliament sees fit, but if the same rules are applied there as in the other provinces there will be six members for the Northwest and one for the Yukon.

Last week you published a very interesting account of the reception tendered, by the clergy and laity of biographical notes of Mgr. Sharretti the recently appointed Apostolic Delegate, in succession of Mgr. Falconio. As I have come upon a few biographical notes of ..gr. Sharretti as well as an account of his work of gigantic effect, in Cuba, I will take the liberty of introducing a few of them here. The Apostolic Delegate is a native of Monte Franco, in Italy. He had an uncle who was a Cardinal, and his family is one that may be classed as illustrious. When a young man he was appointed professor of ethics in the University of the Propagands. His former students are now all over the world.

He was Bishop of Havana for twenty months, and into that short space of time he crowded the above mentioned works and many more be-

When he arrived at Havana he re ceived a chilling reception because of his nationality; when he departed Thousands accompanied him to the boat and expressed their sorrow at losing a benefactor and father.

It is pleasing to add that Catho-

lics should be grateful to Gel Wood for his fair-mindedness. onjunction with Canada's new Apostolic Delegate he worked for the

Before leaving Washington for Canada Mgr. Sbarretti, accompanied by General Wood, was received by President Roosevelt, who expressed to him his satisfaction with the work he did in Cuba, and thanked cordially for co-operating with Govthe good of that island.

Another appointment of importnce, made on New Year's Eve, that of Hon. A. MacGillivray, barrister of Antigonish, N.S., judgeship of the County Court for District No. 6.-which includes tigonish, Guysborough and Invorness. Judge MacGillivray succeeds the late lamented Judge MacIsuac. who died last June. judge was called to the Bar in 1874 and practised, in partnership with his late predecessor, until the lat-ter's elevation to the Bench in

Suggestions concerning a Domin ion High Commissioner at Washington, such as Canada has in the per son of Lord Strathcona in London, and Mr. Fabre in Paris, are being made in some quarters. There see to be very good reasons why such a representative of our government should exist. Decidedly we are closer to the United States, and have more to do with the Republic in matters of a commercial and semi-political nature, than is the case with England or France. The utility of such an agency cannot be questioned, but, it seems to me, on ground here, that there is very liting considered during the comin session. There is too much work al-ready cut out for the Government this time.

Correspondents for the secular press are always fond of sensational going about, it is an easy matter to fabricate a few. The Ottawa cor-respondent of the Toronto "World," is soon to resign and abandon pubis soon to resign and abandon pub-lic life. He goes so far as to say that such is the advice of the Pre-mier's physicians, and that on Fri-day of last week, Sir Wilfrid, in Council, promised his colleagues to remain with them for one month

Well Known in Montreal.

The closing chapter, in the life of a member of a well known Irish. Catholic family of Montreal who had consecrated her life to God, is thus told in the following correspondence to the "Catholic Transcript" of Hartford, Com.

For the third time in less than ten months, death has knocked at the

months death has knocked at the door of the good Sisters of Mercy of this city, carrying off this time Sister Gonzaga, known in the world as Miss Teresa Whelan, passed away at the Academy, on Christmas even-ing, at 9 o'clock, after an illness of two months.

Montreal, Canada, forty-seven years ago. She completed her studies un-der the Sisters of Notre Dame of der the Sisters of Notre Dame of that city. One Sunday, from her pew in St. Patrick's Church, she listened to the earnest words of a young priest of the diocese of Hartford, sent by his Bishop to appeal for help in behalf of the newly-founded and as yet poorly appointed parochial schools of the diocese. The young priest was the present Bishop Tierpriest was the present bisney increased in the new of Hartford. And among the five young ladies who volunteered to accompany him here and give their lives for the ducation of the youth of the diocese was Miss Teresa Whelan, then eighteen years of age. She ontered the novitiate at Mount St.

Joseph. The following year, in
1874, the school and Academy of
Our Lady of Good Help were opened in this city, and Sister Gonzaga, then a white-veiled nun, was sent with the first contingent of religious teachers. She first taught in parochial school, but was soon terwards advanced to the important terwards advanced to the important position of directress to the young ladies of the Academy. And here she remained ever since, one of the pioneer band that laid the foundations of an institution of which the city has every reason to be proud, an indefatigable worker for the cause of education. Two years ago celebrated the silver jubilee of

event, she received a stroke of ap-oplexy, from the effects of which she never fully rallied. A complication of heart and liver troubles set in, of heart and liver troubles set in, necessitating her partial removal fram the duties of her charge. The last attack was too much for her impaired strength, and she succumbed after much suffering borne with remarkable patience and resignation. A sad feature of the death of Sister Gonzaga was that her only brother died during her last illness, but two weeks ago, and she had to be left in blissful ignorance of her loss. Mr. James Whelan, of Montreal, left eight children, the eldest of whom, Miss Lillian Whelan, graduated from the Academy in June last.

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Sister Gonzaga was a lady of exceptional parts; talented, refined, of rare administrative ability and ster-

add to them a bunch Well; this little article the moralizing—more t make in forty pages— the liberty, without its mission, of reproducing

"Does it ever occur ried men, fathers of fr you have a home, and home, dwell all that a you in life—your wife of a great many men no such place as home dens, in the homes of bors, in clubs, or, in fe but in their own home is all wrong. I see no ing a man a night or s to be absent from his h practice of absenting h home continually is wh condemnation. What is should more interest yo home? There is your you took in the holy s matrimony, as your co-life. Has not she more your company after you than anybody's else? You She labors during the bor is over, abandon h companionship of others, belongs your companion there, too, in your home children-your own flesh are they not dearer to yo so little of you. During are at work, and consequent bed. The result of this i dren see little of their fa count of this mania of sour married men to for our married men to for homes; and consequently ral love, filial love, of clather is chilled, weakens quently destroyed. Fayour own sake, for your children's sake, for the hyour home, stay at home become better acquainted children, spending all the can possibly, in their miding them by your converr good example; and, as thyears, love, reverence and you will grow with them

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