

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

Catholic Union.

At the meeting of the Society on Dec. 29th the members had the pleasure of listening to Toronto's esteemed citizen, Mr. D. J. O'Donoghue, in a thoroughly appreciative address on the question with which he has been so long and closely identified, viz: the Labor Problem. Owing to the fact that a number of the members are now absent on their holidays and that the meeting was considerably below summer heat, the attendance was not as large as it usually is, but nevertheless was fairly representative.

declared vacant. Mr. Dolorme was elected by acclamation, who is an energetic man, and one who will be of good assistance to the Society. Prof. E. J. O'Brien the phonologist then addressed the members on the honorarium derived from being a member of a temperance society, which was received with great applause. The Rev. Father Canning and Messrs. Duddy, Stubbis, Larkin and Harris made short addresses. In the evening the Rev. Father Walsh addressed the congregation on the auspicious of the League of the Cross. The sermon was one that will benefit the society a great deal. The learned Father delivered one of the finest temperance addresses from a religious standpoint ever delivered from any pulpit in Toronto.

St. Vincent de Paul Society. There will be a grand sacred concert in Michael's cathedral on Sunday afternoon, January 10th, at 8 o'clock, under the direction of Mrs. Joseph Bommer. Some of the best singers in the city will take part, and a leading orchestra will render selections. A large collection will be taken up, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance, as the proceeds are in aid of the poor of the parish. Tickets, 50 cents, may be had at St. Michael's Palace, or from the ushers in the cathedral.

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League of the Sacred Heart.

At the last monthly meeting of the Promoters of the Men's League of the Sacred Heart, held in St. John's Chapel, St. Vincent de Paul, on Monday evening, December 25th, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Moved by Mr. James Caslen, and seconded by Mr. Mark Kelly: Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst our esteemed fellow-promoter and Treasurer of the Men's League of the Sacred Heart, Edward Caslen, be it resolved that we hereby extend to the family of our departed brother, our heartfelt sympathy with them in their great loss they have sustained, and we trust that the knowledge that he who they miss most is now in a better world than this one of sorrow will enable them to bear with Christian fortitude the heavy cross that God has placed upon them.

Christmas Day in Guelph.

Christmas Day in the church of Our Lady, Guelph, was duly solemnized with four services in the morning, 6, 7, 30, 9, and High Mass at 10.30, and Mass in the evening. All the services were well attended, especially the 6 o'clock, at which Mass a large number partook of the holy communion. High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Kavanaugh, S.J., and an eloquent sermon was delivered by Rev. Father Kenny, S.J., on the birth of Christ, dealing with the humility and self-annihilation of our Lord whilst on earth. The discourse was extremely interesting throughout. The choir, under the direction of Miss R. Gay, the efficient organist, rendered Farmer's celebrated Mass in B flat. The singing was very nice throughout, especially the Adagio Fideles, sung with organ accompaniment. Amongst other hymns were Miss Rose Gallagher, Miss M. G. and Miss J. J. Brannon, and Messrs. J. Hoffmeyer, J. Costigan and others. At the offertory the sanctuary presented a beautiful appearance. The altar was artistically decorated with many colored lights; in the evening it was also beautifully illuminated.

Home, State and Church.

The following letter appears in The Christian Guardian:—Our editorial in the Guardian of December 2nd, under the above heading, as it converged into the subject of religious teaching in day schools, deals with what is one of the most important questions for the consideration of the church authorities at the present time. Without wishing to criticize your interesting definition of Home, State and Church, it appears to me that they cannot, except in a most general way, be divided so as each to stand separately. They are inextricably welded together so that according to our ideas and teaching in this Christian country the destruction of one would inevitably, as now constituted, involve the downfall of the others. They are wedded together by a harmony of interests and obligations for the general welfare, happiness and security of the whole community. Much is said about the separation of Church and State, but to consider it in an absolute sense is entirely repugnant to our conceptions of what is right. We only use the expression to indicate that the Church, as such, should keep aloof from political strife and intrigue, or association with any political party, and allow its members the fullest liberty of conscience in matters political.

LATEST MARKETS.

Table with market prices for various goods including wheat, barley, oats, hay, and straw. Includes sub-sections for Toronto, Montreal, and Quebec markets.