

CATHOLIC SAILORS.

A Much Needed Charity in New York.

Within a week His Grace the Most Reverend Archbishop Corrigan will open a new and needed charity in our city. For a long time His Grace has been impressed with the necessity of providing for the spiritual care of Catholic seamen in the port of New York, but circumstances prevented earlier action. Last June he called together Rev. John J. Kean, pastor of St. James' church; Rev. Charles Parks, chaplain in the United States navy; and Rev. John P. Chidwick, assistant-pastor of St. Stephen's church, whom he appointed as a committee to the work. After earnest investigation, the committee presented its report to the Archbishop which was favorably received by him and adopted with its recommendations. The report said that it is estimated that there are thirty thousand seamen daily in the port of New York, a fair proportion of whom is Catholic.

Realizing the difficulties of their mission, the committee has made a humble but substantial beginning by opening a reading-room for sailors at 296 W. 10 street. It is in the very heart of the seamen's district where the work will undoubtedly prosper. It will be furnished, as far as the means of the committee will permit, with requirements for the needs and comfort of the seamen. It will be for them a place of meeting, for writing and receiving letters, and a bureau of information. Books, papers and magazines will be supplied to them to spend their leisure time.

Religious services will be held every Sunday evening, and frequent visitations of the priests in the committee will serve to bring them closer to the Church and clergy. Rev. Daniel McCormack, in whose parish the reading-room is located, will also take a very active part in the work.

The plan of supporting the mission is very simple and interesting. While it is proposed that the expenses entailed in its establishment will be met by collections secured in the different churches of the city, a steady revenue is expected through an organization of promoters throughout the city. Two hundred promoters will be enlisted in the cause. They will each secure twenty-five subscribers who will contribute ten cents a month to the fund. By these means, the current expenses will be met. To facilitate the making of returns three centers have been established within easy access of any part of the city where the money collected by the promoters will be received. The Sisters of the Divine Compassion at 132 and 134 Second avenue, the Sisters of Mercy at 1075 Madison avenue, and Rev. Father McCormack, pastor of St. Veronica's church, have gladly given the use of their chapels for this purpose. The promoters will be called "The Catholic Sailors' Friends."

Already the committee have taken collections from St. Agnes' and St. Brigid's churches, and have obtained permission to take collections at St. Mary's, St. Rose of Lima, St. Peter's, St. James', St. Veronica's, the Immaculate Conception, St. Bernard's, the Epiphany, St. Stephen's, St. Gabriel's, St. Raphael's, St. Charles Borromeo's, St. Joseph's and St. Teresa's. Any person sympathizing with the work and wishing to help it by donations, may send the same to the treasurer of the committee, Rev. Charles Parks, the United States Ship Vermont, Navy Yard, Brooklyn.

This is a great work in which every Catholic in our city should be interested, that sailors visiting our port may be saved from the strong and numerous temptations that beset them in a large and strange city.—*The Catholic American.*

OBITUARY.

THE LATE MRS. PETER O'DONNELL.

Yesterday morning, in the 78th year of her age, amidst her sorrowing family, and accompanied with all the consolations of religion, Mary Cunningham, widow of the late Mr. Peter O'Donnell, departed from this life and entered upon the eternal reward promised to "the good and faithful servant." The deceased lady was the beloved mother of Rev. Father O'Donnell, the kind-hearted and zealous pastor of St. Mary's parish, Montreal. The sad event took place at St. Antoine Abbe, in the County of Hunt-

ington, P. Q. The family were among the first to take up any quantity of land in that district and for many years its members have been considered as the leading citizens of that section of the country.

During the last four days of that mortal illness the Rev. Father O'Donnell was by the deathbed of the good mother whose loss so many mourn. Her's was a most exemplary and Catholic life. What a glorious consolation it was for her maternal heart to feel that her own son, long since a priest of the Church, was there to accompany her last fervent prayers with his filial devotion and sacerdotal assistance.

The funeral takes place to-morrow and amongst the many members of the clergy to be present are Rev. Fathers Donnelly, O'Meara, Casey, Brady, Hefernan, Anhe, Lonergan and Shea. A great number of prominent laymen from this city will also attend. The Requiem Mass will be sung by Rev. Father O'Donnell, assisted by deacon and sub-deacon. The True Witness, voicing the sentiments of thousands, desires to express its sincere sympathy with Rev. Father O'Donnell, and to join him in the prayer, that his filial heart will so fervently send up to God, for the repose of the soul of the devoted wife, fond mother and noble Catholic lady that has just departed.

REV. MICHAEL QUINLIVAN.

Below is an account of the death of the Rev. Michael Quinlivan, of Kilkee, Ireland. The deceased clergyman was a cousin to the Rev. Father Quinlivan, parish priest of St. Patrick's Church. He was always a most zealous and energetic priest, and in the course of his 60 years ministry he doubtless drew to himself very many hearts that will now mourn his loss:—

Kilrush, Wednesday, Dec. 29, '94.

The death of the Rev. Michael Quinlivan, the respected parish priest of Kilkee, which took place at the Presbytery, Kilkee, this morning at two o'clock, will be heard with regret throughout the Diocese of Killaloe. Father Quinlivan was taken ill about a fortnight ago from an acute attack of bronchitis, and seemed to be recovering until Tuesday night, when paralysis supervened, to which he succumbed this morning. Dr. Hickey and Dr. Connihan, of Kilrush, were constantly in attendance, and did all that experience and medical skill could do, but to no purpose. Father Quinlivan was about eighty years of age, and through his long ministry was most energetic both for the spiritual and temporal interests of his flock. He had successfully accomplished the last ideal of his life—the construction of a railway to Kilkee—for which he strove unsuccessfully for four or five years before it was carried through. He was a great supporter of progress, and supported every useful movement for the cause of labor and the welfare of the people, and erected numerous schools in every parish where he had control. Father Quinlivan was ordained in 1837, and was a native of Ballyroughan, in Newmarket-on-Fergus. His first curacy was in Clare Castle. He was afterwards for a long time a curate in Ennis. From thence he was promoted to be administrator of Quin, after was sent to West Clare as parish priest of Kilmacduane. He was afterwards removed to the charge of Lisacasey and Clondragad, and last Sunday, thirteen years ago, was appointed to Kilkee, where terminated his ministry of nearly 60 years as a priest.

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ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.

MEETING OF DIVISION NO. 2—RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At a meeting of Division No. 2 Ancient Order of Hibernians, held January 9th, 1895, a Committee was appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Brother John Cahill.

WHEREAS, it has pleased the Almighty God, in His goodness and mercy, to remove from among us our beloved friend and brother member, John Cahill, in view of the loss we have sustained and the still heavier loss occasioned to his respected relatives, be it

Resolved,—That the members of this Division hereby desire to express their sense of bereavement and grief at the loss of one of their most faithful and most earnest members.

Resolved,—That we sincerely sympathize with the relatives and near friends of our late brother, and that we respectfully commend them for consolation to the Divine Father, feeling sure that to them, as to us, there is comfort in the knowledge that the deceased was not only honorable and manly in all respects, but was also a devoted and consistent Catholic.

Resolved,—That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this Division and published in THE TRUE WITNESS and a copy tendered to the relatives of the deceased; and be it further

Resolved,—As a further mark of our respect and sorrow for our deceased brother, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

M. MCCARTHY,
O. GLEASON,
W. N. SMITH,
Committee on Resolutions.

THE MANITOBA SCHOOLS.

A NEW CIRCULAR TO THE CATHOLIC CLERGY—THE PENDING DECISION.

It is generally expected that the decision of the Privy Council will reverse the judgment of Canada's Supreme Court in the matter of the Manitoba schools. But that is yet a matter of conjecture. In the meantime, Very Rev. Father Allard, Administrator of St. Boniface, has issued the following circular letter:

Reverend and dear Confreres:

The newspapers informed us last October of the disloyal and perfidious reply made by the Hon. Mr. Thomas Greenway, Prime Minister of the Province of Manitoba, to the petition of the Catholics of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface in vindication of our rights and privileges in the matter of education, and to obtain justice. This unkindly reply constitutes, as an infamy upon those who have drafted it; it imposes upon us the painful necessity of making new overtures to the Federal authorities in the form of a petition, which you will be asked to have signed by all your parishioners, as far as possible.

This new petition will be forwarded to you in a few days, to be signed and addressed to His Excellency the Governor General-in-Council, care of His Grace Mgr. the Archbishop of Ottawa, during the first half of the month of February next. Such an important and serious undertaking makes it necessary for me to make a trip of a few weeks in the province of Quebec, and the 8th of January next has been fixed for my departure. The Very Rev. J. N. Rivest, curé of St. Norbert, is commissioned during my absence to administer the affairs of the diocese, jointly with the Rev. Father Poltras, O.M.I., of the Archbishop's Palace, to which all correspondence and requests for dispensations, etc., should be addressed. Your fervent prayers, offered each day to God, for the triumph of the sacred cause of the Catholic schools of Manitoba and

of the North West Territories, will be continued for me, as I entertain the sweet hope, for the success of my journey, which I am on the eve of taking, for this end alone.

With my wishes for a good, happy and holy new year, kindly accept the assurance of my entire and respectful devotion in our Lord and Mary Immaculate.

(Signed,) J. ALLARD, O.M.I., Administrator.

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