

IMMIGRANT GIRLS

NEW YORK'S MISSION PASSES FORTIETH BIRTHDAY

The Mission of Our Lady of Rosary at 7 State Street, New York, which has been the greatest friend and protector of the Irish immigrant girl, has just completed forty years of this noble and fruitful work.

A celebration was held recently in honor of the Mission's fortieth birthday in the little chapel of the home. The celebrant was the Rev. Anthony J. Grogan, the present director of the mission, who also preached the sermon, reviewing the work the Mission has accomplished during its existence.

"More than 100,000 girls have enjoyed the hospitality of the home," he said, "and over 12,000 have been placed in employment, all free of charge. The change in the landing regulations at Ellis Island, however, has brought about a marked decrease in the number of guests.

The custom of discharging to the mission on the evening of landing all Irish girls unclaimed by relatives or unable to continue their journey is no longer in practice. They must now remain at Ellis Island until the claimants appear or until the necessary money to continue their journey has been received.

"During the past year 250 girls were received, ample proof that there is still great need for the home. Apart from the change noted, the mission is practically the same as it was when Father Riordan planned it. True, the Immigrant's Chapel is no longer crowded with Irish exiles, but the midday service conducted therein is attended by hundreds of young women from the downtown offices whose piety is equally edifying.

No doubt the good mothers of some of these were once guests of the home and worshipped before the same altar, thanking the Almighty for having saved them from the dangers of the deep. The priests at the mission make frequent visits to the steamship piers and to Ellis Island, particularly to the Immigrant Hospital and the detention rooms, and are at all times ready to give any assistance in their power."

CONVENT PUPILS TO HELP THE "SISTERS OF SERVICE"

Under the Club Title of "Little Helpers of the Sisters of Service," the pupils of St. Mary's Academy, Cong. de Notre Dame, Summerside, Prince Edward Island, have formed a Club, whose aim will be to assist, by their own efforts and monthly contributions of 5 cents per member, the missionary labors of the Sisters of Service. To explain their objective and to win new members, a one-act play entitled "A Little Samaritan," was given in the convent music-hall. This play, in which twelve children, (between the ages of six and of thirteen years) described in turn, how each had earned some money to contribute, at their club-meeting, to help the good missionary sisters, was so favorably received, that a real Club was at once decided upon, and is now *au fait accompli!*

The "Rules" are simple; and the modest "membership fee" of 5 cents per month will not prevent any little girl from joining.

At the close of the entertainment, a most encouraging and kind letter was read to the children, by the Mother Superior. It had been received that day from the Reverend Father Daly, Founder of the Order of the Canadian Sisters of Service, and contained inspiring words, urging that all children take an interest in the Missionary Work, in our own land of Canada. Any Mother, Teacher, or Little Girl, wishing to form a Circle in her own home, or school, is invited to write for particulars as to Rules, mode of conducting the Club meetings, Club-Colors, etc. There is also a bright and tuneful Club-Song. Why should not all little Catholic girls (and big girls, as well!) form Circles, and thus help the Sisters of Service.

TEA AS A STIMULANT

President Emeritus Charles W. Eliot of Harvard University, now in his eighty-eighth year, is quoted as having said that "tea materially facilitates the mental effort of writing and speaking." For that reason he has used tea as a stimulant for more than half a century.

It is interesting as proving that tea is pre-eminently the beverage of the man of letters, enabling him to work without fatigue, to delve somewhat into the dusty times of the past, where it will be found that tea was considered the one best beverage for revivifying the intellectual activities.

Mantagaza, an Italian physiologist of high repute, confirms the claims of President Eliot by placing tea above all other stimulants, classing

it as the "greatest blessing of providence to man." We all know that tea was Johnson's only stimulant. He drank it at all times and under all circumstances, in bed and out of it, with friends and alone, more particularly while compiling his famous dictionary. Boswell, his biographer, drank cup after cup of tea as if it had been the Heliconian Spring. Hazle like Johnson, was a prodigious tea-drinker, while Bulwer's breakfast was never complete without it, and DeQuincy states that he invariably drank tea from 8 o'clock at night until 4 in the morning when engaged in his literary labors.

All of which proves, if proofs were necessary, that the only moderate use of good tea, properly prepared, is not only a benefit but a blessing to mankind.

OBITUARY

DANIEL O'CONNELL O'CONNOR

Osgoode bereaves the loss of a much esteemed and highly respected citizen Daniel O'Connell O'Connor, who died September 23rd.

The deceased was born in Belfast, Ireland, Aug. 15, 1835. At the age of seven he came to Ottawa, Ont., where he completed his education. For thirty years his career as school teacher in the rural districts of Ontario and in Ottawa marks him one of the pioneer educators of a great educational province.

Ill health, however, compelled him to abandon with reluctance the teaching profession, and consequently he retired to Osgoode where he has since lived.

Mr. O'Connor was a devoted father, an exemplary parishioner, and a conscientious citizen. About six weeks ago the deceased became suddenly ill and was removed to the general Hospital, conducted by the Grey Nuns, Water St., Ottawa. His case was hopeless and he returned to his home in Osgoode where he died as peacefully as he had lived.

Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. G. H. Gorman of Almonte with Rev. Father Brownrigg of Bayswater deacon, and Rev. Father Corkery of Gloucester subdeacon; after which interment took place in the family plot Osgoode Cemetery. The deceased is survived by two sons James and Daniel; five daughters, Sister Mary St. Patrick, I. B. V. M., residing at Loretto Academy, Chicago; Misses Elizabeth, Ottawa; Anna and Teresa at home; and Mrs. J. M. Benoit of Verrier, Ont.

Numerous spiritual offerings were received from friends and relatives.

TRUTH OF CHRISTIAN IDEAL OF MARRIAGE

Confusion of thought always leads to a confusion of tongues. The modern world has become confused about the true ideal of marriage. That perhaps is the reason why we hear so many discordant voices raised about marriage and divorce. In the heat of controversy there is always danger as a recent Catholic writer has pointed out, that only such thoughts will gain prominence as can be used to controversial advantage. All the while the true ideal of marriage may be obscured and hidden.

Hence in their fervor to denounce and check divorce many well intentioned writers are apt to dwell too much upon the dangers of divorce and not enough upon the beauty and truth of the Christian ideal of marriage. It has been wisely said "that no defense is really adequate that does not reveal the beauty of the thing defended."

And the Christian ideal of marriage is as beautiful as it is true and good. "How beautiful," exclaimed Tertullian in the early centuries, "is that marriage which is cemented by the Church, confirmed by the obligation, and sealed with the benediction, which the angels proclaim, and which the Father ratifies in Heaven." It is only those who realize that the soul is made for God, that material development is only secondary to the great purpose of life which is eternal salvation, and who are willing by mutual sacrifice and forbearance who can hope to taste the beauty of this ideal of wedded life.

The Church speaks to the young couple at the altar and tells them that they are not entering an earthly paradise in marriage, that they must expect trials, and sufferings, and disappointments. She reminds them that the union they are beginning is a great sacrament in Christ and the Church, and that it is comparable to the highest union on earth, the union of Christ with His Church. She cautions them to be faithful to one another and exacts their mutual promise to take each other to have and to hold from this day forward for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death parts them. This is no great adventure, that can be given up when interest fades or changing mood, or weariness, or disappointment disenchants them, but an indissoluble union, an unbreakable bond fashioned not by man but by God Himself. To this He attaches sacramental grace sufficient to enable them to endure the quips and scorns of time, as well as the arrows of outrageous fortune.

It is the rejection of this sacramental character that makes the worldly ideal of marriage so brittle

and the Christian ideal so enduring. No one who has lived for a generation in this world can have failed to see the triumphant results of this sacramental grace in the happy lives of married people. Christian forbearance and forgiveness, patience and charity, the outgrowth of this grace, preserves in them the beauty and happiness of marriage. Darby is not always the Darby of old, nor John the old John. If they have not this grace and the knowledge that they are irrevocably committed to the Christian ideal of marriage, they might in some black moment add to the list of victims of the world's discontent in the divorce courts. But the restraint and sweetness of the ideal handed down through the ages, preached by the Church and practiced so triumphantly by so many millions of her children overcomes the murmurings of the natural man, and brings them to the end of life's pathway, hand in hand with God's benediction upon them, and the gates of eternal happiness opening to receive them. Here is an ideal to be pondered, to be popularized, and to be disseminated in arguments against the menace of divorce.—The Pilot.

"IF OUR COUNTRY WERE CATHOLIC"

I do not go to the "defense" of Catholicism—I'm not much of a churchman, anyhow; I simply point out to those overzealous Protestants, who are so bitterly assailing it, that if they would attack poverty, ignorance and crime with the same vigor it would be better for the world—that the best way to ascertain the relative of the two cults on public morals would be to compare the number of preachers with the number of priests in the penitentiary. Were Catholicism suddenly blotted out, Protestantism could scarce survive a century. The first has ever been the ark of the Christian covenant, the theological sun about which all schisms revolve. The schisms are born and die; they come and go, but the Catholic Church goes on forever. Numerically it occupies first place in the world's religions, while all the warring factions of Protestantism combined could scarce claim a fifth. Truly if the world is ever "captured for Christ" it must be by the Catholics. We have in America more than one hundred brands of Protestantism and the differentiation increases year by year—despite the Master's warning that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Some of these divisions are new; it yet remains for them to be tried in the crucible of Time—that Moloch which has devoured so many religious cults.—Brann's Iconoclast.

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SULLIVAN.—At her home Michigan Avenue, Pt. Edward, Ont., on Thursday, October 11, 1923, Johanna Collins, wife of the late Michael Sullivan. May her soul rest in peace.

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