

WORK OF NOBLE WOMEN.

AIMS AND OBJECTS OF LADIES OF THE SACRED HEART OF MARY.

A Great Order Born in France's Days of Terror—In the World, But Not of It—Requisites for Aspirants to the Religious Life—Extracts from an Able Article.

The Society of Daughters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (generally called Ladies of the Sacred Heart of Mary) had its heroic beginning in Paris during the stormy days of the French Revolution. The founders were humble Fathers of the Company of Jesus, aided by their Father General. The members live by the rule of St. Ignatius Loyola. The society has been formally approved by the Vicar of Christ.

A brief summary of the history, organization, objects and work of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart of Mary will be interesting at this time. The founders of the new order were Rev. Fathers Barrier and De Clorivière, of the Society of Jesus. The first Mother Superior was a lady of noble rank, who before the revolution had been a member of the Sisters of the Visitation. The ranks of the community were immediately filled by many ladies, who had been driven from their convents by the revolutionists. They included hundreds of Sisters of Charity, of the Good Shepherd, of the Visitation, of Mount Carmel, of St. Ursula, St. Benedict, St. Francis, St. Dominic, St. Augustin, and many others. It is related that after peace was again restored and the religious were notified by the General of the Society of Jesus that they were at liberty to remain and take the vows of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart of Mary or return to their former convents, not one religious out of several thousand left the community.

Considering the prejudices of the rabble, the religious of the new association continued to wear the secular dress (a garb similar to that worn by the Sisters of Charity at Mount St. Vincent's, on the Hudson, near New York) and were for protection's sake respectively called madame and mademoiselle. This dress and this title are familiar features to the present day.

ITS IMMEDIATE SUCCESS.

The members of the new order were to take the places of the religious orders that had been driven from France, and in an indefinitely short space of time we find them in the schools, orphan asylums, hospitals, in a word, they were directing nearly all the charitable institutions previously directed by the banished religious orders.

The world never before had seen such an order, never dreamed of such a mission as theirs until it sprang into sudden existence from the divine inspiration of a few humble Jesuit fathers at the very moment when Christendom most needed such a powerful auxiliary.

MUST BE ABBREAST OF THE AGE.

The rules and constitution of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart of Mary, being adopted from those of the Society of Jesus, bear the stamp of the saint, the scholar and the soldier. Their object is to train each religious to the highest possible degree of virtue and learning. The system of discipline is thorough. It is a military maxim that "obedience is the first duty of the soldier." The religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary acknowledges it; besides, her every action is to be performed "for the greater glory of God." Nor is this all; the members of the order are to be those who in everything pertaining to human knowledge do not remain behind their age, but are able to follow or even to aid its advances; they are alive to every change in the popular phase of education; they hold to nothing simply because it has the sanction of antiquity, but are ready to adopt what stands the test of experience, yet without ever forgetting they are religious, vowed to the defense of religion and the salvation of precious souls.

MORE "SOLDIERS" ARE NEEDED.

In order to carry on the good works of the community in different places, more faithful laborers are needed in the vineyard, more soldiers are invited to enlist in the army of the Lord. The harvest is ripe and abundant, but the laborers few. We beseech the parochial clergy of the United States, in the names of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, to commend this noble community to such of their penitents who show signs of a religious vocation. It matters not whether aspirants be

American, German, Irish, French, English or Italian; neither does it matter whether they be rich or poor. If they be rich, well and good; if they be poor they are equally welcome.

The community being a strictly educational and industrial organization, only such subjects as show mental or industrial talent will be received as choir nuns. Good pious souls who show signs of a vocation, but who are not capable of fulfilling the duties of the choir nun, will be cheerfully received as domestic religious. Three novitiates of the order are located in the United States, as follows: Academy of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 772 East One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street, Fordham, New York city; St. Mary's Academy (called Mlle Nardin's No. 74 Franklin street Buffalo, N.Y.; St. Joseph's Home, No. 409 South May street, Chicago, Ill.

Before closing this paper let us say a few words regarding religious vocation; let the following be pondered over by aspirants to the religious life:

Two conditions are required to enter religion, viz, vocation, fidelity to that vocation.

Vocation, which means a call from God, is generally recognized:

First, by a firmness; that is, a disposition of mind and body to comprehend the obligations of the state and to endure its labors and fatigues.

Second, by an attraction; that is, a feeling, be it instinctive or be it the result of reason, which leads the will to choose the religious rather than the secular life.

INSTRUCTION OF DEAF MUTES.

The Ladies of the Sacred Heart of Mary are rapidly establishing schools for the improved instruction of deaf mutes (they instruct by the pure oral method) and homes for working girls in every part of the United States and Canada. As statistics will prove, deaf mutes are, as a rule, the offspring of very poor people. Few children are born deaf and dumb—they become so from improper and unskillful treatment during serious cases of illness. Therefore, on account of poverty, their parents are unable to pay anything towards their education and support while at school. The religious take both boys and girls into their institutes for deaf mutes at the age of four years and keep them until they reach their sixteenth or seventeenth year, giving them in the meantime a good practical common school education and teaching each child some useful trade. The girls generally learn dress-making, tailoring or millinery; the boys are taught practically and thoroughly various useful trades by competent masters. The female inmates of the homes for working girls directed by the order are, as a rule, poor creatures, who are homeless, friendless and moneyless. It will readily be seen that they are in no position to pay for their board and domestic training while remaining in the homes awaiting employment. If it were not for the wide-open door and the invitation to enter offered by our Catholic homes many poor girls would morally perish in the streets—they would be lost for time and for eternity.

It will readily be seen, then, that these courageous nuns are undertaking no light burden; but is it right that they should bear it alone? We most earnestly entreat the charitably disposed to assist them financially by donating either money or property to the order for the above-named extensive charities. Donations may be made through the right reverend bishops or parochial clergy wherever existing or to Miss Ernestine Nardin, provincial general of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart of Mary in the United States, who resides at the Provincial House of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 68 Franklin street, Buffalo, New York.

Which of the many kindly duties that God sends them to do are dearest to the Ladies of the Sacred Heart of Mary it would be hard to divine. They place their hands to each holy work, they recognize how much more distress remains unalleviated for want of thought than for want of heart and they offer themselves and their lives as the medium through which the charity of the wealthy may be utilized. Their dutiful sacrifice should be accepted and made fruitful by those to whom God has awarded riches; through these devoted nuns they can bestow of their superfluity. It cannot go astray, whether it be to help those poor, homeless girls in a strange city, far from friends, those training for useful house-

hold employments, or, perhaps, beyond all, to teach those poor deaf mutes whose minds were closed till this help came—closed to religious influence as well as human love—to whom they have said, as our Savior said, Ephpheta—"be thou open"—whose intellects have been expanded by their instruction "as the fresh winds of the West blow the misty valleys clear."

LIST OF ACADEMIES.

Below is given the names and addresses of the academies referred to above:

ACADEMIES FOR YOUNG LADIES.

Mount St. Mary's Academy, boarding school, Cleveland avenue, between Delaware and Elmwood avenues, Buffalo, New York.

Miss Nardin's Academy, day school, corner Franklin and Church streets, Buffalo, N. Y.

Academy of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, boarding school, 772 East One Hundred and Eighty-eight street, Fordham, New York city.

St. Elizabeth's Academy, day school, 235 East Fourteenth street, New York city.

Mount St. Joseph's Academy, boarding and day school, Buffalo avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Nazareth Academy, boarding and day school, 243 North Prospect street, Burlington, Vermont.

St. Mary's Academy, boarding school, 103 Harmon street, Cleveland, Ohio.

St. Joseph's Academy, boarding school, 1167 Woodland avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

St. Ignatius Loyola's Academy, boarding and day school, 415 May street, Chicago, Illinois.

St. Mary's Academy, boarding school, Sault de Sainte Marie, Michigan.

Academy of Our Lady and St. Paul, boarding and day school, 318 Somerset street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

BOARDING AND SELECT DAY SCHOOLS FOR LITTLE BOYS.

St. Joseph's School, 66 Franklin street, Buffalo, New York.

Sacred Heart School, Cleveland avenue, Buffalo, New York.

St. Joseph's School, Throggs Neck-on-the-Sound, Westchester Post office, New York.

Sacred Heart school, 405 May street, Chicago, Illinois.—Rev. J. McGrath, in Philadelphia Catholic Times.

NOTRE DAME COLLEGE, COTE-DES-NEIGES.

The students of Notre Dame College passed a very successful monthly examination. The following is the result and order of merit for the month of March:

FIRST CLASS.—W. Feeny, J. Fox, A. Carignan, G. Kelly, A. Stuart, R. Graham, J. Lamar.

SECOND CLASS.—W. Higgins, J. Levesque, H. Ortiz, J. Cartier, E. Charette, G. Deroach, H. Chapdelaine, F. Goyer, J. Duffey, E. Fontaine, A. Stuart, A. Leclere, A. Beaulieu, A. Dufort, W. Poire.

THIRD CLASS.—H. Payette, J. Millard, T. Leblance, J. McKeown, J. Doherty, L. Palmer, Z. Blanchard, J. Coburn, D. Dineen, F. Ryan, P. Rholand, J. Hurtubise, E. Cardinal.

FOURTH CLASS.—M. Kelly, R. Berard, L. St. Arnaud, F. Stuart, P. Carroll, L. Dion, A. Bonhomme, F. Hetherston, H. Henault, L. Guion, A. Chouinard, J. Demontigny, E. Lacroix, A. Desmarchais, A. Lapierre, H. Hectou, C. Fobin, J. B. Payette, O. Simmond, C. Gesner, E. Dube, P. Finn.

PREPARATORY CLASS.—E. Peachy, R. Labrecque, L. Dansereau, A. Arcand, Z. Lamer, A. Paleneaud, A. Prud'homme, E. Malboeuf, H. Gastonguay, E. W. Malboeuf, E. Raymond, C. Albert, M. Cartier, E. Lamer, R. Leduc, R. Dube, L. Facio.

ROLL OF HONOR.—A. Arcand, A. Bonhomme, G. Beaudry, C. Belhumeur, L. Chapdelaine, P. Carroll, D. Dineen, H. Delage, A. Dufort, E. Delage, R. Delorme, J. Doherty, G. Deroach, J. Fox, E. Fontaine, L. Guion, T. Leblance, A. Mayer, W. Marson, J. McKeown, W. S. Marson, E. O'Reilly, A. Pateneaud, A. Prud'homme, E. Rochon, A. Raymond, P. Rholand, Jos. St. Germain, Leop. St. Arnaud, L. Scott, T. St. Arnaud, Arthur Stuart, L. St. Arnaud, E. Berard.

I had a severe cold, for which I took Norway Pine Syrup. I find it an excellent remedy, giving prompt relief and pleasant to take. J. PAYNTER, Huntsville, Ont.

ST. PATRICK'S TOTAL ABSTINENCE AND BENEFIT SOCIETY.

The members of St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society held their annual meeting in St. Patrick's Hall on last Wednesday evening, Mr. M. Sharkey presiding. The Secretary, Mr. J. J. Costigan, read the annual reports. They were of a very satisfactory character. The Society is in an excellent financial state. After general routine business the election of officers took place and resulted as below:—Rev. J. A. McCallen, S.S., Reverend President (by appointment); Hon. Senator Murphy, Vice-President; Mr. M. Sharkey, Second Vice-President; Mr. J. J. Costigan, Secretary; Mr. T. J. Kavanagh, Assistant Secretary; Mr. James Tiernay, Treasurer; Mr. L. C. O'Brien, Financial Secretary; Mr. T. M. Cullen, Assistant Financial Secretary; Mr. James Milloy, Grand Marshal; Mr. Steve Martin, Assistant Marshal. Committee of management—Messrs. John Howard, Jas. H. Kelly, M. F. Dolan, Thos. Smallshire, A. Brogan, N. P., John Walsh, W. Durcan, James Connaughton, Thos. Latimore, W. P. Doyle, F. Collins, A. T. Martin. A meeting of the newly elected officers was held subsequently and Mr. John Walsh was unanimously re-elected chairman of the committee of management.

CATHOLIC MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

Mr. T. P. Tansey, General Secretary of the Canadian C. M. B. A. Relief Association, established a branch of the relief in Branch No. 218, of Canada, on Friday night in Sorel. The following were elected officers in the new branch: President, Mr. E. Ponthriand; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. J. J. T. Roberge; Trustee, Mr. Frs. Lefebvre; Sick Committee, Messrs. A. F. Wiseman, P. Cherrier and John Comtois; Finance committee, Messrs G. Bernier, Raphael Chevrier and Pierre Bibeau.

FORMATION OF A BRANCH AT COTE ST. PAUL.

The formation of a branch of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association at Cote St. Paul last Friday evening was an event to be remembered. The ceremonies attending the formation of the new branch, which will be known as No. 229, were conducted by District Deputy J. E. H. Howison, assisted by Grand Deputy T. G. Finn, Trustee T. P. Tansey, District Deputy Spedding and Secretary J. Costigan. The election of officers: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. A. A. Brault; President, Mr. A. T. Martin; First Vice-President, Mr. F. X. Payette; Second Vice-President Mr. Ed. Kennedy; Recording Secretary, Mr. Japhet Dame; Assistant Secretary, Mr. Thomas Evers; Treasurer, Mr. Adelard Therien; Financial Secretary, Mr. James Rinahan; Marshal, Mr. Ernest Tourangeau; Guard, Mr. H. E. Martin; Trustees, Rev. Father McGinnis, Mr. Jos. Sauve, Mr. J. H. Boyer, Mr. Jas. P. Evers and Mr. H. E. Martin; Representative to Grand Council, Mr. A. T. Martin; alternate, Mr. F. X. Payette.

CHANGE OF HOURS.

Commencing on Monday, 2nd of April, the week day Masses at St. Patrick's Church during the summer months will be: First Mass at 5.30; second at 6, and third Mass at 7 a.m.

PERSONAL.

The following gentlemen were appointed to take up the collections at St. Patrick's Church for the next three Sundays: Hon. Senator Murphy, Messrs. C. J. Chisholm, J. G. C. Meagher and P. J. Coyle.

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