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A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It is with this number of the MESSENGER that we send our New Year's greeting to every Member of the League, —Directors, Promoters and Associates. May this our Jubilee Year bring them blessings of every kind, and be, in the true sense of the word, a happy one for them all!

But quite independently of our good wishes, every votary of the Sacred Heart, we are sure, will endeavor to make it a happy one by making it a profitable one for the world to come. For some in the prime of life the supreme moment may seem yet a long way off when, like the expiring year, their earthly term will be brought to a close. But come it will, we all know, and sooner than we all expect.

It was Job * who said :—"Behold the short years pass away, and I am walking in a path by which I shall not return." In other words, short as they are growing, as we advance in life, these years lapse forever, and are not to be called back. And why should they, if we work

* Ch. xvi. 23.

strenuously in the interests of the Sacred Heart? It will never be a matter of regret that we have done too much for Him who has done so much for us ; nor shall we sigh and vainly wish tha' the past might be recalled, to live it over again with more profit. Wear ourselves out, if He so wills it, in His service, while for us *time* lasts, we shall have all *eternity* to rest when the great New Year will be rung in.

THE NAME OF JESUS.



MURMUR Thy name in the darkness,
 And it brightens the pathway dim ;
 I sigh it soft over grief's chalice,
 To sweeten the bitter rim.

I pray it down deep in heart-tempests,
 And the lips of anger grow dumb ;
 A calm o'er the strife of the spirit
 In its faintest whisper will come.

Like the mastering soul of true music,
 It bids harsher voices cease ;
 And its tone, high o'er the world's discord,
 Brings God's own harmony—Peace.

When the path of my soul grows tangled,
 At the touch of that Name so sweet,
 My hands fall out of their bondage,
 And free are the prisoned feet.

O Name that is rest, and a shelter,
 And light to the heart perplexed !
 In this life my last word and dearest,
 My rapturous first in the next.

M. E. HENRY.



GENERAL INTENTION FOR JAN- UARY.

*Named by the Cardinal Protector and blessed by the
Pope for all the Associates.*

THE WORK OF THE APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER.

Its Golden Jubilee: 1844-1894.

¶ As the traveller reaches his first halting place after a long journey, he likes to look back and consider the stretch of country through which he has passed. Our dear Associates, who go to make up the great moral person of the Apostleship, will doubtless be pleased to do likewise at the opening of the fiftieth year of our onward progress. It is even a duty for them to cast a retrospective glance on the past, to be enabled the better to thank God, who in His goodness has never ceased—they know it well by personal experience—to lavish on our Holy League the “blessings of sweetness.”* Moreover, at the recollection of what their valiant companions in arms have accomplished during the fifty years just elapsed, they will take courage and vie with each other to secure even more consoling results for the honor of the Adorable Heart.

This onward march of a half of a century's duration is, strictly speaking, a *campaign* or warlike expedition.

*Ps. xx. 4.

Among the many legions of the Holy Church militant, the numerous Associates of the Apostleship of Prayer form, so to say, a phalanx, which their commander-in-chief, the Sovereign Pontiff, has more than once deigned to call a *body of picked troops*; He himself is pleased to assign the *watchword*, for what else are our daily works offered to the Heart of Jesus, according to the *General Intentions*, since the latter are expressly approved and blessed by the Holy Father :

What then are the weapons of this phalanx? Zeal, derived from its very fountain-head, the Sacred Heart of our Lord; prayer and apostolic deeds; frequent communions of atonement; and a practical devotion to the Sacred Heart. Weapons of the keenest edge and finest temper, which of themselves are invincible. If they have ever been known to fail in our hands, may we not ask ourselves—have we always handled them with sufficient dexterity? For this reason alone, would it not be profitable for all of us, during this Jubilee year, to make a study of the first period of our history, so as to humble ourselves, if needs be, by acknowledging in all sincerity and with wholesome candor, our many shortcomings, perhaps, in contrast with the brilliant achievements of others in the struggle. As knights of Christ, are we not bound to render ourselves proficient in the knowledge of the various modes of attack and defence which a Divine Leader requires of his troops?

This glorious past of the Apostleship of Prayer will be reverted to, during this twelvemonth, in the pages of the MESSENGER, that all may resolve to emulate, in a holy rivalry, the deeds of spiritual valor which are emblazoned in the annals of the League.

But something more than the study of the past, how useful soever it may be, is expected of us. It behooves

us to become familiar with contemporaneous events of interest to the holy cause. For this the study of the present state and of the future prospects of our Work becomes indispensable.

In the last number of the MESSENGER, when announcing the Golden Jubilee of the Apostleship of Prayer, we spoke of the very humble beginnings of the Work. At the close of 1892 there were over twenty millions of Associates throughout the world under a Moderator-General, the Rev. Emile Regnault, S.J. (Papal Rescript, Jan. 20, 1884), whose headquarters are at Toulouse.

Our Associates will be interested to learn something more of this immense organization to which they belong, and of the different jurisdictions into which the Christian World is divided for League purposes.

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No wonder, then, if the Holy Father, aware of the marvelous expansion in so short a time of our cherished League, thus poured out his heart before the Italian delegates of the Apostleship who crowded round him on the 11th of last October:—

“ You stand here as representatives of one of the Associations dearest to our heart, the Apostleship of Prayer ; a plant of recent growth which decks out and renders so glad some the garden of the Divine Husbandman. Though it sprang up but yesterday from an humble germ, it already rears aloft its gigantic boughs and casts a grateful shade over the whole Christian world, gathering around itself countless multitudes of the Faithful of divers nations, all bound together by the self same thought, with a common intention, in the same practices of pious exercises and of Christian virtues.”

Second only in importance to God's blessing on the Work, it was the MESSENGER, official organ of the League, that brought about this grand result. It called into existence new centres extending gradually their ramifications so as eventually to embrace the whole world ; and like the heart's blood, throbbing through every vein in the human body, it is still the MESSENGER that maintains life and energy in the immense body of the Apostleship.

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- XI. HUNGARIAN—21. *Jezus Sz. Szivencck Hernoke.*—Editor, Rev. M. Toth, S.J., Kalocsa.
 22. *Szuz-Maria-Viragos Kert-je*, Kalocsa.
- XII. ITALIAN—23. *Il Messaggere del Sacro Cuore di Gesu.*—Editor, Rev. G. B. M. Vitale, Rome.
 24. *La Vocce Del Cuore di Gesu.*—Strada Pignatelli 24, Naples.
- XIII. POLISH.—25. *Apostolstwa serca Jezusowego.*—Editor, Rev. L. Fridrick, 10 Krakowiew drukarni, Cracow.
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Though a very correct notion may be formed, from what precedes, of the vast proportions of the Association as a whole, if our dear Associates would wish to be successful in their efforts to recruit for this *corps d'élite*, as the great reigning Pontiff is wont to style it, they must be also perfectly familiar with its nature and practices.

It is the *Apostleship of Prayer*. Our Lord Himself founded the Apostleship of Prayer when he taught us the *Our Father*. He wills that we should ask of His Father to hasten the coming of His kingdom: *Adveniat regnum tuum!* All are not called to the apostleship of word,—that is, to extend the kingdom of God by preaching; all are not called to the apostleship of charity,—that is, to found the kingdom of God by alms deeds; but all are called upon to ask for the extending of God's kingdom. All are called to the apostleship of prayer.

The Apostleship of Prayer is but another form of the love of God and our fellowmen, adopting for God's glory and man's salvation the means which is at every one's disposal—prayer. Though admirably adapted by the nature of its organization to the formation of distinct associations, it readily seeks to unite to itself by a facile bond all Catholic associations, so that they may share more abundantly through this union in that universal charity which is the very spirit of Christianity. For this reason it is in reality a *League*.

The Crusades were Leagues, leaving to each people engaged in them its language, customs, laws and government. And yet it blended them in one grand design common to all: the love of the Holy Land and the desire of its deliverance. So our Holy League leaves to each institution, each association, each sodality, each confraternity, its statutes, practices and autonomy, fusing them nevertheless together in a self-same prayer and longing: *Adveniat regnum tuum!* More favored, however, than

other leagues, which are perforce obliged to be partial to some one nation in the choice of their leader, ours, in rallying its members around the Heart of Jesus, gives them a Leader which each may claim as peculiarly his own.

Our association is the Apostleship of Prayer ; that is its first title. It is the League of the Sacred Heart of Jesus ; that is its second title.

To foster, by a varied choice of pious practices, spiritual fervor, and to adapt itself to the intelligence of all, the Apostleship presents to its Associates different modes of prayer :

The first is *prayer in action* or good deeds. Each Associate is called upon to offer up faithfully and with regularity all the actions of the day.

This holy practice, the only one absolutely required of all the Associates, constitutes the *first degree* of the Apostleship.

The second is *vocal prayer*, the *daily decade* of the Rosary. St. Dominic gave the faithful the Rosary, which, in the form adopted by the Apostleship, honors greatly the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and aids those for whom the recitation of the Rosary at full length would be impracticable as a means of practising apostolic zeal. Hence the Associates are enrolled in bands of fifteen, and undertake to recite every day a *decade* of their beads for the intentions of the Apostleship of Prayer, in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. With this object in view, every month there is a distribution of illustrated leaflets representing the mysteries of the Rosary. Experience has shown that this most simple organization is productive of abundant fruits of piety and fraternal charity. The Apostleship has adopted this mode of prayer, so that the recitation of the Daily Decade forms its *second degree*.

The third mode of prayer is *the prayer of the soul united with the Heart of Jesus in Holy Communion*, which is as circumstances permit, either weekly or monthly. Our Lord Himself made of Holy Communion the principal channel of grace to the soul. Holy Church has always counselled frequent communion, that is, several times in the week. The sight of the crimes which have flooded the world, during the last century especially, and which cry to Heaven for vengeance, has awakened in the minds of the faithful the thought of *atonement*, and that thought has now become the dominant one among pious Christians.

Thirty Associates agree to receive in turn, in that spirit of atonement, on a given day every month ; or, still better, seven Associates, in rotation, once a week. However, the indulgences of the League are gained by receiving on the First Friday of the month, or the Sunday following, or on the Feast of the Holy Patron, or when the monthly general communion is made.

The Apostleship has adopted this practice of Christian piety, its principal one indeed, as the *third degree* of the Association.

The Apostleship cherishes and fosters every devotion, but it centres them, through Mary Immaculate, in the Heart of Jesus, which is the fundamental devotion of the Work. The *badge* of the Associates is the Scapular of the Sacred Heart.

As for the publications of the Association, where it is practicable, there should be two forms : One is the *Messenger of the Sacred Heart*, the other, the *Little Messenger of the Heart of Mary*.

In our day, there is something even more insidious than an openly immoral and impious press, it is the naturalistic press, the press which assumes an air of righteousness but with God left out.

The *Messenger of the Sacred Heart* should be all instinct with thoughts supernatural, forcibly put and attractive by their variety: at one time taking the form of an instruction, setting forth truth, or of a controversy refuting error; at another, assuming the form of a touching appeal to piety and virtue, or of a hymn as incentive to action. Sometimes these thoughts will be veiled in an edifying tale, or the life of a saint, to challenge our imitation; at others they will be woven into the review of the events of the month, so as to excite the reader's curiosity.

The *Messenger* records the joys and sorrows of Holy Church; her struggles, her triumphs, her onward progress; it describes the magnificent results of her divine mission, one unlike others transient and local, but, on the contrary, ever enduring, universal, extending from century to century and to climes the most remote.

And thus the *Messenger* with a sobriety rendered necessary tempers the allurements, ever disastrously attractive when dwelt upon exclusively, of the material world's grandeur and advancement, with the consideration of the surpassing beauty and progress of the world spiritual. Thus does it maintain in healthy vigor or revive the Christian ideal; thus does it retain or reinstate the soul in its supernatural element.

The *Little Messenger of the Heart of Mary* in a simpler form works to the same end. Where it exists, it becomes the special organ of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin. Here in Canada, unfortunately, we are not yet able to add this companion publication to the Canadian MESSENGER.

It will be our pleasing duty in an early number of the MESSENGER to speak of the approbations of the League given by Pius IX and Leo XIII, and to expatiate on the object of the Work, the means employed, its marvellous simplicity and fruitfulness.

Meanwhile, let us arouse ourselves to greater efforts

by considering in the light of faith the actual strongholds of God's enemies around us, the numbers at their command, and how they still continue to lay waste the fairest portions of our Lord's domains. Raise our eyes and gaze fixedly at the sublime ideal held up for our admiration, that *Kingdom of the Heart of Jesus*, cherished object of all our prayers and of all our labors. This would we set up in the hearts of others, but, first of all, it is within our own hearts that, during this Jubilee year, we must see it firmly established. And, after all, should not this be the one great endeavor of our lives, as it will prove the realization of our dearest interests, since therein lie, for each and everyone, both consummate sanctity and crowning happiness. *Adveniat regnum tuum.*

PRAYER.

O Jesus, through the most pure Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all the prayers, work and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Thy Divine Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in reparation of all sins, and for all requests presented through the Apostleship of Prayer; in particular, that this same Apostleship may spread from day to day and wrap the face of the earth in the flames of an ardent love for Thy Divine Heart. Amen.



AUNT ISABEL'S NEW YEAR'S GIFT.

BY MRS. JAMES SADLIER.

I.

Christmas had come and gone. A right Merry Christmas it had been in the home of the Morrison family away off on the Northern shore of Lake Champlain. The great feast had brought, with its Christian joys, its extra good cheer, its household gatherings from far and near, and its general atmosphere of kindly and genial contentment. The presents had been exchanged as usual, to the entire satisfaction of all. Not as in the by-gone years, indeed, for now the mother was a widow, and her children—three daughters and one son—were all grown up people who had already left their childhood behind them with all its dear delusions. Santa Claus had long deserted the farm-house by the lake, and alas! the stockings were no longer hung in the chimney, for the tiny feet that filled them then in the swiftly passing days of happy childhood were now those of men and women plodding on more wearily on the road of life. Yet none the less the tokens of affection exchanged all round were fully appreciated, and tranquil happiness reigned supreme, notwithstanding the saddening memories which that joyous season ever brings of loved ones banished from the home circle as the slow years drag along.

New Year's eve came round, and there was again a stir of pleasurable excitement in the Morrison household. A package had just arrived by express from Plattsburg, and

it was known to contain the presents from Aunt Isabel, the French Canadian wife of Mrs. Morrison's favorite brother long since dead. Aunt Isabel's gifts were always sent at New Year's instead of Christmas, and they made, as it were, a second Christmas for the family.

Much curiosity was expressed as to what Aunt Isabel had sent for each, but the presents were only to be distributed after mass on New Year's Day. So each one was fain to wait with as much patience as might be under the circumstances.

In the ruddy fire-light from the open chimney the little family sat late, waiting to see the New Year in. And while waiting, they talked over the many, many changes the years had brought in their own circle, and the days gone for ever were recalled with tender recollection while the year's last hours and moments passed lingeringly away.

At the first stroke of twelve, when the bell of the neighboring church, their own parish church, rang *out* the old year and *in* the new, the mother and her children wished each other a happy new year, and, somewhat sobered, as most people are, by the solemn influence of that hour when the two years meet and one vanishes into eternity, they slowly sought their several places of rest, each one burdened with the consciousness that another stage of life was entered upon since they gathered round the home-fire in the early evening hours.

II

The first morning of the New Year was clear and cold and bright with the peculiar sparkle of the mid-winter sun. The Morrisons had all assisted at an early mass at which each had partaken of the Bread of Life, with the one exception of Robert, the son, who was by no means pious, although in the main a good sort of young man, as the

world goes. His mother and sisters had vainly urged him to go to confession on the previous day so as to receive Holy Communion with them on the first day of the year.

"I went at Christmas," said Robert, "to please you all, and I think that's enough. You can't expect a fellow to make a muff of himself and go as often as you women folks."

"Well! but Robert," said his mother very gently as they took their seats at the well-spread breakfast table, "don't you think it is the proper thing to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion on New Year's Day, before any material food enters one's mouth?"

"May be it is, mother," was the young man's half sullen reply; "but, I tell you, I don't want to be seen so often going up to the altar rails. If I go at Christmas and Easter, I think I'm doing very well."

The mother sighed, but said no more on the subject, and the morning meal proceeded gaily enough. At its close, while the maid-of-all-work cleared the table, the family adjourned to the sitting-room, and Aunt Isabel's package was eagerly opened.

Presents for everyone admirably suited to the taste and the requirements of each. Mrs. Morrison and her daughters had, they declared, just what they wanted. Aunt Isabel had succeeded to a marvel in the somewhat difficult task of pleasing everybody. But as each gift was joyously exhibited, Robert's face began to fall; there seemed to be nothing for him. Even Jenny, the servant, had a nice little present. Robert alone was forgotten.

"Why, good gracious, how is this?" cried Lizzie, the eldest girl; "there isn't a thing for Robert. Surely Aunt Isabel sent him something!"

"It appears not," said Robert drily and somewhat bitterly.

"Yes, yes! here it is!" and Mary, the youngest sister, who had been excitedly rummaging among the papers that had wrapped the different articles, held up an envelope marked with Robert's name. This she eagerly placed in his hand, saying, "I knew auntie wouldn't forget dear old Bob!"

III.

All eyes were fixed on the mysterious envelope in Robert's hand, but as he felt it over and turned it round and round he seemed in no hurry to open it.

"I guess it's not much of a present," he at last said.

"But why don't you open it?" cried one and another.

"Let us see it, whatever it is!"

"There it is, then!" said Robert with a flushed face and an angry light in his eyes, as he drew forth, first a Badge of the Sacred Heart with its noble legend *Thy Kingdom Come*, next a Rosary ticket—the First Joyful Mystery; and, lastly, an admission ticket of the League!

Everyone was surprised. Even the mother and sisters, fervent associates of the Holy League as they were themselves, were more than a little disappointed. As for Robert, he quietly replaced the contents of the envelope without examining further, saying with a somewhat scornful smile, "What do you think of *my* New Year's gift?"

The girls were dumb with amazement.

"Well! I declare I can't understand it," said their mother a little confusedly. "But is there nothing else in the envelope? No letter?"

"Yes, I believe there is," said Robert carelessly, as he took from the envelope another folded paper—"What have we here? Read it, some of you girls!—anyone that likes may, for me." He was turning to leave the room, but his mother begged of him to wait and hear

what his aunt said in the letter. So the young man stood still while one of his sisters read the letter as follows :

"My very dear nephew,

"Being, as you well know, a Promoter of the Holy League, and having on my circle your good mother and sisters, all your family except yourself, I cannot rest until you, too, become an Associate, because of the great advantage it will be to you in every possible way. As you have till now always refused to join the League, I feel inspired to make one more effort on your behalf ; so I send you, as a New Year's gift, the Badge, Rosary ticket and the ticket of admission, hoping that you will do me this so great favor of becoming a member, and an active member, of our dear League at the beginning of this New Year. I send you no other gift at this time, because I could give you none half so good for you, exposed as you are to many and great temptations in your way of life. If you comply now with my wishes, I may at next New Year's send you something different. So commending you to the Sacred Heart, I will now place you on my list of Associates.

"Accept my best wishes and my fervent prayers for a very happy New Year, for you and all our dear ones, and believe me, my dear Robert, your loving aunt,

"ISABEL DALTON."

The mother and sisters looked at each other, but said nothing, waiting anxiously to see the effect on Robert. They had not to wait long, for his vexation quickly found vent in words :

'The old fool!' he said in a voice of concentrated anger. "I'll soon let her see she can't badger me into doing what I don't want to do. I'll send her back her *present*"—with a disdainful emphasis on the word—"and I'll tell her at the same time to mind her own business as far as I'm concerned."

"You'll do nothing of the kind, Robert!" exclaimed his eldest sister, his chief friend and general adviser,— "You'll just keep what auntie sends you, join the League as she asks you to do, and write to thank her for the kind interest she takes in your welfare. That's my advice to you!"

"Do, my dear son!" his mother added; "do this to please us here as well as your aunt, and I promise you, you won't be sorry!"

"Well! well!" grumbled Robert, "I suppose I may as well give in when five women are *leagued* against me," with a mocking accent on the word. "If this League business does me no good, I guess it can't do me much harm. But I warn you all that I have no faith in that sort of thing. Anyhow, I needn't tell the other fellows, you know!"

"Of course not,—if you don't like," assented Lizzie, with a slight smile and a meaning glance at the others. And so the matter ended.

IV.

It was quite true what his aunt had said, that Robert's position exposed him to dangers of various kinds. He was employed as clerk in a large factory some two miles from his home, and went in the railroad cars of the Grand Trunk every morning to his office, returning by the same conveyance in the evening, having his mid-day meal in a restaurant near the factory much frequented by the railroad men and such factory "hands" as could afford to patronize it. It need hardly be said that of the numerous men, young and old, amongst whom young Morrison was thrown every working day—and, too often, even on Sunday as well,—there was little to spare on the score of strict morality, still less of religion. They were, for the most part, scoffers at religion and all its practices, even

the so-called Catholics among them. Scarcely any of them were actually wicked or depraved, but still there were, unhappily, a few who came under that category, and these were, as generally happens, the most masterful of the tribe, and held the others in a sort of slavish subjection by force of covert sneers and open ridicule.

It so happened, therefore, that Morrison and his co-religionists were peculiarly obnoxious to these swaggering, reckless men who took every occasion of parading their irreligion and unbelief.

Happily for Robert, there was one young Irishman, an overseer in the factory, whom he knew to be a practical Catholic, and to him he confided, a few days after, the queer New Year's gift his aunt had sent him, and his own disappointment in consequence, adding that he really did expect some little money from the old woman, "just to help a fellow over the holidays."

To Robert's surprise, Pierce Sullivan was quite of a contrary opinion, and told him he ought to be thankful to his aunt instead of finding fault with her.

"Why, how do you make that out?"

"Well! I'll just tell you. Any money you might have got would soon slip through your fingers, and perhaps do you more harm than good. But as for what your aunt did send you, it's altogether different. I've heard so much about that same League in the town below, where, you know, I often go to Mass on Sunday mornings, on account of hearing an English sermon, that I've been thinking of joining it myself, only I felt a little timid on account of no one about here belonging to it. So now, Bob, if you'll take it up right off, I'll get enrolled and put in a circle next Sunday morning."

Encouraged by this assurance—for Sullivan was a fine manly young fellow, well educated and of first-rate standing in the factory—Robert took him at his word and told

him to go ahead. "And mind you, Pierce," he added, "although my folks at home all belong to the League. I'll go with you to the meetings and the monthly communions instead of with them."

"All right, old fellow!" was Sullivan's cheery reply; "we'll set the ball rolling, and who knows how many of our men will join in before the new year is old."

When Morrison went home and told his mother and sisters what had passed between him and Sullivan, their hearts were filled with joy, which they did not express, however, in its fullest extent. That very day they wrote to Aunt Isabel, telling her the good news. When her answer came by return of mail, it was simply—"A good beginning makes, as a rule, a good ending. Let us hope and pray, and, above all, persevere. I have great hopes of Robert."

So the two young men joined the League, and Mrs. Morrison, as it happened, having one more vacancy in her circle, Pierce Sullivan became one of her Associates, a fact which gave Robert the strength and encouragement he so sadly needed in the new path on which he had entered so hesitatingly and, truth to tell, somewhat reluctantly. For some little time the two friends had a certain amount of annoyance to undergo from their companions in the factory, in the shape of ridicule and sarcasm from the non-catholics, and contemptuous remarks from certain nominal Catholics on "fellows setting up for saints," "making old women of themselves," and such like absurdities. But as time passed on, and Sullivan and Morrison went quietly on their way, discharging faithfully the duties of their respective employments, making friends more and more every day, and, above all, practising the obligations of their religion with strict regularity,—laughing good-naturedly at the jokes made at their expense,—things around them began to change perceptibly. Even

the Protestants and non-religionists were forced to respect their convictions and admire their steady perseverance and manly independence. As for the Catholic workmen, the good leaven was soon seen working amongst them, and many of them acknowledged that, after all, Sullivan and Morrison were right, and taking courage from their example, gradually began to do as they did, entering steadily on the path of right and duty, so long neglected.

V.

It must not be supposed that Robert Morrison fell into line as a Leaguer all at once, or without a struggle. On the contrary, it required the full force of Sullivan's wise counsels and the benign influence of his example, aided by the prayers and gentle admonitions of his mother and sisters, to keep him up to mark, as he said himself.

"It's confounded hard, Pierce," he once remarked to his friend, "for a fellow like me, you know, that never went in for that sort of thing before. You see, it's different with you that don't care a straw for what anyone says, and knows just how to shut the fellows up when they go too far with their humbugging. But as for me, I can't do it for the life of me."

"Yet you are getting on famously, Bob! for all that," replied his friend. "It was only yesterday I heard you taking up Bill Somers mighty sharp when he began to quiz you about confession. I don't think he'll try it again; and I tell you I was proud of you, you answered him so well. You have only to keep on as you are doing, and by next New Year's, even your Aunt Isabel will have no reason to complain of her new Associate!"

Encouraged in this way by Sullivan's advice and example and—as the months crept on—by the moral support of others of their young fellow-workmen who were joining

the League in ever-increasing numbers, Robert persevered steadily and bravely in his new career, and before the year was out, both he and Sullivan were Promoters themselves, each having formed a circle amongst their comrades in the factory and the railroad men at the Station near by.

Mrs. Morrison and her daughters were overjoyed, as may well be believed, at the turn affairs had taken in regard to Robert, but they prudently refrained from saying much about it to himself. They had, indeed, an understanding with Aunt Isabel on that point, and acted all through on her advice.

"Don't make any particular fuss over his conversion, as we may truly call it," she wrote to her sister-in-law, about the middle of November. "He's on trial now, and if he keeps on as he's doing till the end of the year, well! we'll let him know how we feel about it."

Still, it was quite evident to Robert that the change in his way of living had greatly increased the happiness of his home, and the conviction that such was the case was in itself no small addition to the satisfaction he felt in following the dictates of his conscience. The daily routine of life at the Morrison farm went on with increasing smoothness and regularity, and the darkest days of mid-winter passed cheerily and pleasantly in the little family circle.

Christmas came round again, and Pierce Sullivan spent it with the Morrises,—a welcome and a valued guest.

VI.

It was New Year's eve again. The Morrison family were about to take their places at the supper table, when Pierce Sullivan made his appearance, announcing his intention of spending the evening at the farm. Very cordial was the welcome the young man received, especially from

Lizzie, for it was well understood in the family that these two cherished something more than friendship for each other, and that before the year was much older young Sullivan would be one of themselves. A prospect most pleasing to all concerned, for the Morrisons well knew what they owed to Pierce, who, on his side, valued at its full worth the prospect of marrying into a family so worthy of respect, so very congenial to his kindly, warm Irish heart, so full of the deep-seated religious fervor of his race.

The evening meal had just commenced, when a great barking of dogs and the sound of a sleigh sliding over the smoothly beaten snow outside bespoke another arrival, and Robert, hastening to the door, speedily ushered in Aunt Isabel herself, fur-wrapped and covered with snow.

"See who I've brought you, mother!" cried Robert, while everyone rushed to receive the new comer with sundry exclamations of joy and wonder.

"God bless my soul, Isabel dear, is it you?" exclaimed Mrs. Morrison, her still handsome face all aglow with glad surprise.

"And who else would it be, Nancy?" said a cheery voice from the depth of a fur trimmed hood, which Lizzie was untying as fast as her nervous trepidation would permit. "Did you think I'd stay away from you all another New Year's? No, indeed, for I want this one to be remembered by you all when I'm dead and gone, as the happiest New Year's you ever spent. So here you are, all well and in good spirits as I see by your faces. But stay, who have we here, eh?" looking at Sullivan. The sly little woman probably knew well enough who it was, having heard so much of Pierce in the family letters.

Sullivan being duly introduced, and Robert having returned after putting Aunt Isabel's horse in the stable, and commending her driver to the hospitable care of Jenny in

the comfortable kitchen, the girls having meanwhile taken their aunt to the room where she usually slept when at the farm, to unwrap herself, as she gaily said—the supper, thus pleasantly interrupted, was resumed. Such a merry, blithesome meal it was, too! And that important business despatched—not over hastily, indeed,—the whole party repaired to the cosy parlor, where a bright wood fire blazing on the open hearth gave ample light as well as warmth, making shadows here and there as fire-light will when it has the room all to itself.

“Did anyone bring in my package from the sleigh?” asked Mrs. Dalton, as she seated herself in the great arm-chair in the chimney corner. Yes, Robert had carried it in, and was told to bring it forward.

“I know it’s only on New Year’s morning—the *jour de l’an*, you know, that each of you gets my present,” she observed as she rapidly undid the fastenings; “but as I’m here myself, and you know I’m a sort of fairy godmother, is it not? I don’t want to keep the young people waiting till morning comes. So here you will see the presents that I have brought.”

Then she distributed the gifts with her own fat, little well ringed hands, for Aunt Isabel had a weakness for jewelry. They were still better than last year. Strange to say, Pierce Sullivan was not forgotten, and a very handsome satin scarf with a horseshoe pin of solid silver proved that Aunt Isabel counted on his being present.

Everyone waited anxiously to see if there was anything for Robert. Indeed there was, and a peculiarly benignant smile lit up Aunt Isabel’s somewhat wrinkled face as she handed to her nephew a gold hunting watch with a vest chain, attached to which was a tiny medal of the Sacred Heart. Having waited a few moments to enjoy the surprise and delight of the whole Morrison family, Mrs. Dalton went on speaking: “Robert, my good boy, I

have something more for you," and opening an envelope she drew out a paper which she handed to her nephew: it was his appointment to a lucrative position in a large wholesale house in Plattsburg, with permission to go home every week to his family, from Saturday evening till Monday morning.

"This is all from the Sacred Heart, my dear Bob! as I have been putting that intention in the Box for some months past, ever since I found you were persevering in the great work of promoting the League-work all you could. I know the trial I imposed upon you last New Year's was a hard one, but you came out of it like gold from the furnace, and in the name of Our Dearest Lord, for whom you and your excellent friend here have worked so hard during the year, I bless and thank you both for all the good you have done to others as well as to yourselves. No thanks now. Not a word! Let us talk of the year that is going from us and of what we can do of good in the year that will open for us to-morrow."

So the evening passed right pleasantly, and all having wished each other a Happy New Year, Pierce Sullivan, overjoyed at all he had seen and heard, was easily persuaded to stay over night. Next morning the whole party, young and old, heard Mass and approached the Holy Table together, as the first act of a year to be gratefully consecrated by one and all to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

TREASURY, JANUARY, 1894.

Received from the Canadian Centres.

Acts of charity,....	264 009	Pious-reading,.....	6 3311
Acts of mortification	101,149	Masses celebrated,..	3,763
Beads,.....	296,259	Masses heard,.....	81,634
Stations of the Cross,	69,220	Works of zeal,.....	27,237
Holy Communion, ..	65,067	Various good works, ..	459,334
Spiritual Commu- nions,.....	185,851	Prayers,.....	2,084,467
Examinations of conscience,.....	66,421	Sufferings or afflic- tions,.....	73,323
Hours of silence,....	203,280	Self-conquests.....	76,291
Charitable conversa- tions,.....	180,585	Visits to Blessed Sacrament	199,121
Hours of labor,.....	307,321		
Holy hours.....	177,511		
		Total.....	4,991,154

R.I.P.

The following lately deceased members are earnestly recommended to the prayers of the League:—Mr. John Taylor and Augustine Taylor of Newcastle, N.B.; Mr. Michael Caraher, D. at Guelph, Nov. 24th; Mrs. A. J. McDonald and Mrs. George Waters of Cornwall; Mr. Robert Gallagher of Lapra, Texas, D. Sept. 7th; Mrs. O'Reilly of Ottawa; Mr. Norman McDonald of Dalhousie Mills, Ont.; Mr. James Bolton of Prescott, Ont.; Capt. Thomas F. Hanlon and Mary Teresa Hanlon, his wife, of Coburg, Ont.; Miss Christy Ann Cozeus, D. in Montreal, Nov. 21; Miss Maria Grimes of St. Columban, P.Q., D. Nov. 7; Mrs. O'Connor, D. Nov. 22, and Mrs. Joseph Turcotte, D. in October, of Renfrew; Mrs. James Lillis, D. Nov. 15, and Mrs. Daniel Sharraban, D. Dec. 3, of Brantford, and Mr. Robert Sargent of Arnprior.



FIRST PROMISE OF OUR LORD TO BLESSED MARGARET MARY.

*"I will give them all the graces-necessary in their state
of life."*

BY JOHN J. BRANIN.

All that I need to bear me on life's way,
Secure beyond the reach of hopeless fears
And vain self strivings through a waste of years,
Thou giv'st, O Lord, when to thy Heart I pray
For grace to bear the burden of each day.

The path then straight, the burden light appears,
And peace, unknown before, my spirit cheers;
Light beams where darkness erst did hold its sway.

Yea, Lord, my hope in Thy sweet Heart shall be,
Supported by the promise Thou hast willed
To make to all who serve It faithfully.

Oh! Heart of Love, may my heart ne'er be chilled
With other love than Thine; and loving Thee
I rest secure, Thy promise be fulfilled.

IN THANKSGIVING.

ABERFOYLE.—An Associate thanks the Sacred Heart for one temporal favor obtained after a novena and promise to publish in the MESSENGER. Thanks are returned to St. Joseph for one temporal favor obtained, after a promise, if granted, to have two masses said for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ALEXANDRIA.—Thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart for two temporal favors received. Thanks are also returned to the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, St. Ann, St. Roch and the Canadian Martyrs for favors received. An Associate returns thanks to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary for favors received during the past month. Another thankfully acknowledges two temporal favors. A Promoter acknowledges a favor received after a promise to publish. A Member of the League returns thanks for two temporal favors.

ALMONTE.—An Associate wishes to return thanks for a cure obtained through the prayers of the League, and a promise to publish and to have a mass said in thanksgiving. Thanks are also returned for a situation obtained through the intercession of St. Joseph.

AMHERSTBURG.—A Member of the League wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart for a temporal favor obtained.

ANTIGONISH.—A Promoter returns sincere thanks to the Sacred Heart for two special favors received.

ARNPRIOR.—A Member of the League returns sincere thanks to St. Joseph for recovery from sickness. Thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for a special favor received in August.

BARRIE.—A Member wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart for two cures obtained by saying the beads during the month of November in honor of our Lady of

the Rosary and having a mass said in honor of the Sacred Heart.

BATHURST.—Thanks are returned through the MESSENGER to the Sacred Heart, for having obtained a long sought for position, after a promise to publish. A Promoter returns sincere thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for three special favors which were received after promising to publish them in the MESSENGER if obtained.

BATHURST VILLAGE --Two Members return thanks to the Sacred Heart, each for a temporal favor received—one through the intercession of the Souls in Purgatory and after promise to publish.

BEAURIVAGE.—A Promoter gives thanks to the Sacred Heart for a temporal favor obtained after promise to publish. A Member gives thanks for a temporal favor obtained after promise to publish. A Member gives thanks to the Sacred Heart for having obtained her diploma as teacher after a promise to publish.

BELLE RIVER.—A Promoter wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for one spiritual and several temporal favors obtained, after a promise to publish. Thanks are returned for the conversion of a young man, for success in a law suit and for a safe journey. An Associate returns thanks for the recovery of a child from a serious illness.

BUCKINGHAM.—A Member wishes to thank the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Joseph and the Souls in Purgatory, for a mother's partial recovery, and begs of them to complete the cure.

CALGARY.—Thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart for help received to build a Convent.

CAMPBELLFORD. —An Associate thanks the Sacred Heart for success in July examinations, a promise to publish in the MESSENGER was made. A Member wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart for her recovery from a very

dangerous sickness, after a novena to St. Ann and masses for the Souls in Purgatory, with a promise to publish.

CANSO.—An Associate returns thanks to the Sacred Heart for having been relieved of a very severe pain in the chest after a promise to publish in the MESSENGER.

CARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—A Promoter wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for a special temporal favor obtained during the month of October through the intercession of St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin, after a promise to publish in the MESSENGER.

CORNWALL.—A Promoter wishes to thank the Sacred Heart for a special temporal favor received after promise to publish in the MESSENGER.

EGANVILLE.—Thanks are offered to the Sacred Heart for a temporal favor received.

FOSS, ONT.—A Promoter returns thanks for health restored after a novena to the Sacred Heart and a promise to publish.

GORDON, ONT.—A Member returns thanks to the Sacred Heart, for a special favor obtained on a certain day by making a novena to the Sacred Heart in honor of the Five Wounds, as a reparation for sins, and after a promise to have it published in the MESSENGER ; the favor was obtained on the very day. A member of the League wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart for a favor received. A Member of the League wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for a favor received after promise to publish in the MESSENGER.

GRAFTON.—A Member of the League wishes to thank the Sacred Heart for one spiritual and one temporal favor obtained.

GUELPH.—A Promoter returns thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for a temporal favor received after a promise to publish. A Promoter wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for three spiritual and two tem-

poral favors obtained through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph. Special thanksgiving for two very great temporal favors and one spiritual are offered to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They were obtained after a novena to the Blessed Virgin and a mass for the holy Souls in Purgatory. A Member wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart, for a person who suffered for years, and has been cured after making a novena to the Sacred Heart and promising to publish.

HALIFAX, N. S.—A mother wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the conversion of her son from drink; he was recommended to the prayers of the Holy League some four years ago, and he is now leading a good life. Also for the recovery of a son who had lost the use of his feet from influenza; he is now fully recovered and able to attend to his work; the promise was made to publish in the MESSENGER if granted. A Promoter wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart for a temporal favor received, also for a cure received through prayers to the Sacred Heart. Thanks to the Sacred Heart for a gracious answer to a petition for a temporal favor. An Associate wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart for the cure of a person addicted to drink, after a promise to publish in the MESSENGER. Thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart for the recovery of a young person; a promise was made to publish this in the MESSENGER. Thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart for a situation obtained through the intercession of St. Joseph, after a promise to publish in the MESSENGER. Thanks to the Sacred Heart for a favor granted last month. Thanks to the Sacred Heart for the conversion of a friend. Thanks for success in business through a petition to the Sacred Heart. A Member gives thanks to Almighty God for favors granted. A Promoter wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart for a sister's recovery from a danger-

ous illness ; a promise was made to publish in the MESSENGER if granted. An Associate returns thanks for a situation obtained after a promise to publish. Thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart by a Member for a favor received,—the abstaining from liquor.

HAMILTON.—A Member wishes to return thanks for a favor received through the Sacred Heart, the Blessed Virgin, St. Ann and St. Joseph. A Promoter wishes to return sincere thanks to the Sacred Heart for a great favor received through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph, with a promise to publish. Thanks are returned to the dear Sacred Heart for a temporal favor received through prayers and promise to publish in the MESSENGER ; it was granted a few months ago.

HASTINGS.—A Promoter wishes to return thanks for a spiritual and a temporal favor obtained, after making a novena and promising to publish in MESSENGER.

HAYESLAND.—An Associate returns thanks to the Sacred Heart for a favor received after promise to publish. Thanks are returned for favors received by two Associates after promise to publish.

INGERSOLL.—A Promoter wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart for a spiritual favor obtained. Thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart for a spiritual favor obtained through the prayer of the League. A Member of the League wishes to acknowledge a temporal favor received during this month. Thanksgiving is offered for a temporal favor received from the Sacred Heart, after promise to publish. Special thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for a temporal favor received. A Member returns heartfelt thanks to the Sacred Heart for temporal favors received.

KINGSTON.—Thanks are offered to the Sacred Heart for two conversions to the faith. Thanks are offered for a temporal favor received after a promise to publish. Thanks

are offered to the Sacred Heart for employment obtained, also for another favor granted. Thanks are offered to the Sacred Heart for a special favor. Thanks are returned for a special favor obtained through the intercession of the Canadian Martyrs, with a promise to publish.

LONDON.—A Member wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart for two temporal favors received after having promised to publish. A mother and children, members of the League, wish to return thanks for favors received; a promise was made to publish. Thanks are returned through the MESSENGER for the recovery from a very serious malady, by making use of water blessed in honor of St. Ignatius. Thanks for a favor obtained for a beloved brother, a promise was made to publish. A Promoter returns sincere thanks for two temporal favors received through the intercession of St. Peter of Alcantara, a promise was made to publish. Thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart for a spiritual favor obtained.

MARYSVILLE.—A Member of the League wishes to thank the Sacred Heart for a favor granted through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph. A Promoter of the Sacred Heart wishes to return thanks for a temporal favor granted.

MONCTON.—A Promoter wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart for favors received. A Member of the League returns thanks to the Sacred Heart and St. Joseph for a request granted. A Member thanks the Sacred Heart for the happy settlement of a trouble. A Promoter returns thanks to the Sacred Heart for a temporal favor received through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and St. Ignatius, after a promise to publish.

MONTREAL.—A young man returns thanks to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary for a temporal favor obtained after promise to publish. An Associate wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart for a favor obtained

after a novena and a promise to publish. Thanks to the Sacred Heart for two special favors obtained with promise to publish. Thanks for a favor speedily granted after promise to publish. Thanks are returned for three temporal favors received through the Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Victory ; also, for a situation obtained by a brother, a Promoter. A Promoter returns profound thanks to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary for the recovery of a brother both mentally and physically affected, through the intercession of the Souls in Purgatory ; a promise was made to publish in the MESSENGER of the Sacred Heart and to have special mention made of it in the church of the Gesu. Words fail to express the sincere gratitude for the favor received. A Promoter returns thanks for several temporal favors granted throughout the year. Heartfelt thanks to the Sacred Heart for several temporal favors ; promises to publish were made. A Member of the League thanks the Sacred Heart for a grace obtained. Special thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart for news from an absent brother. An Associate wishes to return thanks for two favors received through the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and St. Joseph. A Member thanks the Sacred Heart for a temporal favor received through the intercession of the Souls in Purgatory after a promise to publish. A Promoter returns thanks to the Sacred Heart for temporal favors received through the intercession of Our Mother of Good Counsel and the Holy Souls in Purgatory, after making the Stations of the Cross every day for one month and having a mass said for the departed souls. Thanks are offered to the Sacred Heart for two temporal favors granted. A Promoter returns thanks for a situation obtained after prayers to the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph. A Promoter returns thanks for a temporal favor obtained, for which Mass will be offered. A Promoter returns thanks for a situation obtained. A

Promoter returns thanks to the Sacred Heart for the recovery of her niece after a dangerous operation. Thanks are offered to the Sacred Heart for a favor received through prayers to the Souls in Purgatory. Thanks are offered to the Sacred Heart for three temporal favors obtained through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. Thanks are offered to the Sacred Heart for many favors, both spiritual and temporal, received.

NEWCASTLE, N.B.—A Promoter returns thanks to the Sacred Heart for a special favor received after promise to publish. A Promoter returns thanks to the Sacred Heart for the cure of an inward trouble. An Associate returns thanks to the Sacred Heart for a temporal favor received.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont.—A Promoter wishes to thank the Sacred Heart for a favor received after having promised to publish it in the MESSENGER.

OKANAGAN MISSION, B.C.—Thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart for good health and safe journey of two Members of the League.

ORILLIA.—A person wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart for a temporal favor obtained,—a situation for a brother.

OTTAWA.—Many thanks to the Sacred Heart for having granted, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and the Holy League, a position for a brother, after a promise to publish in the MESSENGER. An Associate wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for a cure of a friend, after promise to publish it in the MESSENGER. A Member of the League of the Sacred Heart returns thanks for temporal favor obtained, after a promise was made to publish in the MESSENGER. Thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart for a very great favor obtained, after making a novena to the Sacred Heart, and promising to have it published in the MESSENGER if granted; the favor was received after half the novena

was made. Thanks to the Sacred Heart for good news of a member of a family who had been addicted to drink.

PENETANGUISHENE—Special thanksgiving from a young man who obtained a great temporal favor from the Sacred Heart through the intercession of the good St. Ann. Special thanksgivings from a young woman are returned to the Sacred Heart for her recovery from an illness which many feared would be fatal.

PORT COLBORNE.—A Promoter returns thanks to the Sacred Heart for two temporal favors received after a promise to publish, also a temporal favor obtained through the intercession of St. Anthony, and a promise to publish. An Associate residing at Colgan returns thanks to the Sacred Heart for a great favor obtained after promise to publish in the MESSENGER.

PRESCOTT, Ont.—A Member returns thanks for temporal favors received from the Sacred Heart.

PRESTON, Ont.—A Promoter wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart for a temporal favor received. A Member thanks the Sacred Heart for employment obtained.

QUEBEC.—A Member returns thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for a temporal favor received after saying five Our Fathers and five Hail Marys in honor of the wounds of Our Lord, once a day, till obtained. A Member returns thanks to the Sacred Heart for the recovery of a dear friend from a very dangerous illness, after a promise to publish in the MESSENGER. Thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart for the cure of a very troublesome disease after a promise to publish. A Promoter returns sincere thanks for news from an absent brother received after praying to the Sacred Heart and promising to publish in the MESSENGER. A Member returns thanks to the Sacred Heart for the conversion of a brother; also

for the cure of a bad headache. A Member returns thanks for a very special temporal favor obtained from the Sacred Heart. Thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart for many spiritual and temporal favors obtained. An unworthy Associate thanks the adorable Heart of Jesus for two temporal favors granted. An Associate wishes to thank the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin, and the Souls in Purgatory for the conversion of a brother who had not made his confession for forty years.

RENFREW.—Thanks for a reconciliation. A Member of the League of the Sacred Heart offers thanks for a favor received by making a novena to the Sacred Heart and promising to publish. An Associate returns thanks to the Sacred Heart for a temporal favor received after making a novena and having mass said for the intention, and making promise to publish in the MESSENGER. An Associate wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for a favor granted after a promise to publish in the MESSENGER. An Associate wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for a favor granted after a promise to publish in the MESSENGER.

SAND POINT.—A Member of the League wishes to return sincere thanks to the Sacred Heart for three spiritual favors and one temporal favor received through the intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

SAULT STE. MARIE.—Two Associates wish to return thanks to the Sacred Heart, one for a temporal, the other for a spiritual favor obtained, both with promise to publish. Two persons return thanks for temporal favors received, after a promise to publish.

SEAFORTH, Ont.—Special thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the conversion of a father from sin on his death-bed.

SPRINGTOWN.—A Member wishes to thank the Sacred Heart for one spiritual and one temporal favor received through prayer and a promise to publish.

STREETSVILLE, Ont.—Thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for restoration to health; also for a very great temporal favor obtained through a novena in honor of the Canadian Martyrs and by wearing the relics; a promise to publish was made.

ST. CATHARINES.—A Promoter offers thanks for a temporal favor received after a promise to publish.

ST. CROIX, N.S.—Thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart for a great blessing, that of having obtained a resident priest in the parish after being without one for ten years; a promise was made to publish if granted.

ST. THOMAS, Ont.—Thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart for three special favors and four temporal favors.

SUDBURY, Ont.—Thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart for the return of a husband to his holy duty after remaining over a year away from the Sacraments; also for good health.

SWANTON, Vt.—In fulfillment of a promise to publish, sincere thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart for the cure of a child who had been afflicted with St. Vitus' dance, and was pronounced incurable by the doctors. She began to recover as soon as recommended to the prayers of the League, which was a year ago, and is now quite well.

TORONTO.—Special thanksgivings for two children being enabled to attend Catholic schools, being heretofore under the control of a Protestant father. Thanks are offered to the Sacred Heart for a long expected favor: that the Sacred Heart League would be established in the parish; this was not obtained, but the Blessed Sacrament was exposed on the First Friday. Thanks are offered to the Sacred Heart for a spiritual

and temporal favor received ; also for a conversion to the faith. A Member wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart for a temporal favor received, after a promise to have a mass said for the Souls in Purgatory and to publish. A person wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart for a novena answered and for several particular graces obtained. A Member wishes to thank the Sacred Heart for employment obtained on the day it was asked for, after a promise to publish.

VALLEYFIELD.—A Member wishes to thank the Sacred Heart for a favor received, after making a novena last April, and for another favor received last year, after making a novena and a promise to publish if the favor were granted.

WARCKWORTH.—In accordance with a promise, a Member wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for a special temporal favor. In fulfillment of a promise, thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart for two favors granted.

WATERLOO.—A Member of the League returns thanks to the Sacred Heart for two favors obtained after promising to publish in the MESSENGER. Thanks are returned to the Sacred Heart for two special favors obtained. A Member wishes to thank the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and St. Joseph, for a great favor received after a promise to publish in the MESSENGER.

URGENT REQUESTS for favors, both temporal and spiritual, have been received from Almonte, Bedford, Buckingham, Burlington, Ont., Calgary, Charlottetown, P. E. I., Chatham, Ont., Chicago, Ill., Coburg, Dundas, Galt, Grafton, Hayesland, Lindsay, Montreal, Napanee, New Hamburg, Oakland, Cal., Oakville, Ottawa, Perth, Quebec, Rochester, N.Y., Streetsville, Toronto, Valleyfield, Victoria, B.C.

INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY.

RECOMMENDED TO THE PRAYERS OF THE HOLY LEAGUE
BY CANADIAN ASSOCIATES.

- 1.—M.—Circumcision. Self-denial. 11,365 Thank-givings.
- 2.—Tu.—Octave of St. Stephen. Charity. 8,468 In affliction.
- 3.—W.—Octave of St. John, pt. Devotedness. 5,627 Departed.
- 4.—Th.—Octave of the 11. Innocents, ht. Purity of Heart. 6,617 Special.
- 5.—F.—St. Telesphorus, P. M. at. gt. Confidence in God. 2,265 Communities.
- 6.—S.—THE EPHYPANY, ht gt mf. Gratitude. 65,572 First Communions.
- 7.—S.—St. Lucian, Priest, at, dt, gt, rt. Fidelity. The Associates of the League.
- 8.—M.—St. Gudula, V. Zeal for souls. 11,739 Means.
- 9.—Tu.—Sts. Julian and Basilissa, M.M. Forbearance. 3,634 Clergy.
- 10.—W.—St. William, Bp. Sorrow for sin. 88,442 Children.
- 11.—Th.—St. Theodosius, Ab. ht. Fear human respect. 9,675 Families.
- 12.—F.—St. Arcadius, M. Fidelity to the morning offering. 8,199 Perseverance.
- 13.—S.—Octave of the Epiphany. Recollection. 5,789 Reconciliations.
- 14.—S.—HOLY NAME OF JESUS, rt. Ardent love of Jesus. 9,163 Spiritual favors.
- 15.—M.—St. Paul, Hermit. Trust in God. 6,661 Temporal favors.
- 16.—Tu.—St. Marcellus, P. M. Detachment. 5,817 Conversions to faith.
- 17.—W.—St. Anthony, Ab. Generosity with God. 10,709 Youths.
- 18.—Th.—St. Peter's Chair at Rome, dt, ht. Say the Daily Decade. 3,226 Schools.
- 19.—F.—St. Canute, M. Love Justice. 16,893 Sick.
- 20.—S.—Sts. Fabian and Sebastian, M.M. Christian courage. 88 Missions.
- 21.—S.—St. Agnes, V. M. Love holy Purity. 536 Works, Guilds.
- 22.—M.—Sts. Vincent and Anastasius, M.M. Seek to do God's will. 2,215 Parishes.
- 23.—Tu.—PRAYER OF OUR LORD, ht. Pray for souls in agony. 9,773 Sinners.
- 24.—W.—St. Timothy, Bp. M. Respect superiors. 11,010 Parents.
- 25.—Th.—Conversion of St. Paul, ht. Follow God's will. 3,533 Religious.
- 26.—F.—St. Polycarp, Bp. M. Good example. 1,954 Novices.
- 27.—S.—St. John Chrysostom, Bp. P. Guard your tongue. 2,610 Superiors.
- 28.—S.—St. Agnes (2nd). Abhor vanity. 15,493 Vocations.
- 29.—M.—St. Francis of Sales, Bp. P. pt. Charity. The Promoters.
- 30.—Tu.—PASSION OF OUR LORD. Spirit of Sacrifice. 18,238 Various.
- 31.—W.—St. Peter Nolasco, C. Pray for those in captivity. (The Directors.

t=Plenary Indulg.; a=1st Degree; b=2d Degree; g=Guard of Honor and Roman Archconfraternity; h=Holy Hour; m=Bona Mors; Promotors; r=Rosary Sodality; s=Sodality B.V.

Associates may gain 100 days Indulgence for each action offered for these Intentions.