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Heart which had been prepared for the occasion, and which were worn by almost every one of the assembled multitudes. Then, as all knelt, he gave the Pontifical blessing; and as daylight was fast fading into darkness the faithful rapidly dispersed.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Madame Agnes and Maicron. New York: Catholic Publication Society. New Orleans: C. D. Elder.

Each one of these is, in every sense of the word, a Christian story; the actors of which prefer duty to pleasure, and realize that it is nobler and better to please God than man. Love, which in too many novels is only a vile passion or a selfish, irresistible impulse, is here delineated as a pure, ennobling feeling, founded upon virtue and growing equally with confidence and esteem.

Its pen-sketches of wedded-life are very beautiful, and will find admirers in all happily married couples. For example, how prettily told is this simple record of two loving hearts! "I persuaded Victor to devote a part of each day to physical exercise, as well as mental repose. Our conversation always gave a fresh charm to these walks. And yet we did not talk much; but we infused our whole souls into a word or two, or a smile. How often I dreamed of Heaven in those delicious hours!"

Maicron is a more lively story than Madame Agnes, but resembles it in making vice repulsive and virtue to be desired. The story purports to be related by a countryman, and the peculiar idioms of the peasantry, with the untroubled reflections of a simple, honest mind, make the narrative very agreeable and entertaining, while all of its quaint, country sayings are replete with wit and wisdom.

It is also an old-fashioned story, inculcating old-fashioned ideas, as may be seen by the following quotation from its pages: "Formerly, my boy, when parents reproved their children, they did it oftener with the hand than with the voice, and things were not the worse for it. My father used to give us blows with his cudgel without counting them; in his opinion it was a language easily understood, and which he preferred to reasoning, as it saved his time. We rubbed our backs and it was over; none of us thought of losing our appetite, still less of crying. But nowadays, children must be handled with gloves, and even with that they think themselves martyrs."

Woven into the threads of the main story are several charming little anecdotes, or short tales, which are, in every case, exceedingly entertaining and instructive. Both of these tales may be placed in the hands of our Catholic youth, who will derive from their perusal this most excellent conviction—that the teachings of our Faith, when implicitly obeyed, add to the dignity of manhood, the beauty of womanhood and to the grace and charm of every age and condition.

Life of St. Catherine of Genoa. New York: Catholic Publication Society. New Orleans: C. D. Elder.

While the former volume is one calculated to charm the heart and entertain the mind, this offers rare food to the intellect and soul. It is a translation from the Italian, and comprises the life of the Saint, and the famous treatise on Purgatory, which has been assigned by competent judges a foremost place in spiritual literature. The introduction to this wonderful book is written by the Rev. T. J. Hecker—a fact which makes the volume doubly precious; for in itself alone, it is a valuable defence of truth and a beautiful tribute to those whom the Church calls Saints. He makes us understand how that which the Church holds up as the sanctity of its members, means entire love for God alone, accompanied by an unflinching devotion to all His suffering creatures.

St. Catherine attained perhaps to the highest degree of sanctity known to our humanity; and yet her whole time, talents and zeal were alone given to her neighbors' spiritual and temporal advancement.

"Idle monks and nuns! were they?" he exclaims, and then continues thus: "They were, as a class, men and women who ate less, worked harder, and did more for intellectual progress, civilization and social well-being than any other body of men and women whose record can be found on the pages of history or who can be pointed out in this nineteenth century. Monks were famous as founders of colleges and seats of learning. They were the pioneers in agriculture, and in many industrial and mechanical arts, while their monasteries became the centres of great cities, many of which still retain their names. They were the sowers of those seeds which, being developed by time, men of our day claim all the honor of the results, under the modest title of 'modern civilization.'" Of course, in the few pages of an introduction, Father Hecker does not bring forward all the historical data and statistics to prove his assertions, which he is so well able to do; but the Life before us is the eloquent witness of the truth of all that he advances. In its pages we find extraordinary sanctity, exalted talents and humble, unwearied devotion to the sick, the poor, the sorrowing, the needy of every condition.

LETTER FROM "OUR" PILGRIM.

PARIS, May 26th, 1874.

To the Editor of the Morning Star: I shall not attempt to describe all the various incidents of the day of our departure from New York. You have doubtless received through the Catholic papers of that city full accounts of all the particulars of that memorable day. It were idle, therefore, for me to repeat all such. But your correspondent cannot help paying a tribute of gratitude and of heartfelt thanks to the New York Committee for the very faithful performance of the duties connected with that holy work of the first American Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Rome.

Major J. D. Kelley, Jr., Chairman of the New York Committee, and Mr. Patrick Farrelly, Secretary, of the same, if they had through their whole life done nothing else than work zealously for the success of this pious undertaking, have merited from their fellow-Catholics the consideration and heartfelt sympathies. I have already informed you how the Pilgrimage Committee had to be reorganized and how the Chairmanship of that Committee was forced upon my colleague from Louisiana. I shall state, however, that Judge P. E. Theard, considering that the New York Committee had no authority to delegate their power without consulting the pilgrims themselves, accepted the office merely provisionally until the pilgrims would, on their way, judge proper to make any changes they might think necessary. But scarcely had we lost sight of land when a great number of pilgrims became victims of that painful disorder "sea sickness." The consequence of this was that we could get no quorum for a meeting nor have any regular exercises of piety on board of the "Perreire." This, however, lasted only two days, and on the third day most of the party were out. A meeting was then held at which the same committee was retained with the addition of three more gentlemen to be selected from those who had most experience in traveling. I here give you the names of the gentlemen forming said committee:

Committee of Arrangements.—Hon. P. E. Theard, of the Diocese of New Orleans, Chairman; Patrick Farrelly, Diocese of Newark, Secretary; Dr. Jas. P. Broderick, Diocese of Baltimore; Dr. J. Murphy, Diocese of Baltimore; Jas. B. Falley, Diocese of Fort Wayne; Dr. C. Meiles Willett, Diocese of Nashville; Mathias Robt, Diocese of Buffalo.

To whom were added: Very Rev. A. D. Pellicor, Mobile; Very Rev. E. Sorin, Superior of Holy Cross, Indiana; Dr. August Jansen, Buffalo.

It was also advised that a committee be appointed to draft an address to the Holy Father. That committee is thus composed: Hon. P. E. Theard, Rev. J. Benoit, V. G., of the Diocese of Fort Wayne; Rev. P. J. Dealey, S. J.; Dr. H. J. Anderson, Dr. C. Meiles Willett, Mr. Richard Power, Dr. Emile Doumeing.

It is understood that the address adopted by the committee will represent the whole pilgrimage and the American Catholics at large. The Right Rev. Bishop Dwenger, of Fort Wayne, will also present an address in Latin to the Holy Father expressive of the sympathies of the American clergy.

You doubtless know that on the day of our departure the Holy Father sent by cable his blessing to the pilgrimage; appointing at the same time Bishop Dwenger Spiritual Director thereof, and empowering him with full jurisdiction during the voyage. Allow me to say that if the pilgrims are not better than when they left they can blame themselves only, for the good Bishop has indeed done his share.

The following is the list of devotional exercises on board the Perreire: At 6 o'clock, Mass and morning prayers in both cabins; at 11 o'clock, meditation; at 2 o'clock, P. M., Rosary and prayers of the Novena to our Lady of Lourdes; at 8 o'clock, P. M., meditation and night prayers. The weather having been favorable throughout, we suffered no interruption in our religious exercises.

On Pentecost Sunday five Masses were celebrated on board, at the first of which, celebrated by Bishop Dwenger in the first cabins, one half of the pilgrims received Holy Communion. We arrived at Havre on Wednesday evening and left the same evening for Paris where we arrived this morning.

May 29th, 1874. It was the desire of our Spiritual Director that the pilgrims should keep together as much as possible, but it was materially impossible to find room for all in the same hotel. The consequence is that we are stopping at different places and the committee find it not an easy task to reach all.

Devotion to St. Joseph.

"I do not remember," says St. Theresa, "having ever asked anything of St. Joseph which I did not obtain. It seems that God grants our Saints the grace to help us in certain necessities; but I know by experience that St. Joseph comes to our aid in all. I beg, in the name of God, that those who do not believe what I say, will give me a trial!"

MEMOIR TO ST. JOSEPH. Remember, most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my amiable protector, St. Joseph, that it is unheard of that any one ever had recourse to thy protection, and implored thy help without receiving consolation. Full of this confidence in thy power, I come before thee and recommend myself to thee with fervor. Despire not my prayer, O dear foster father of our Redeemer, but graciously hear and obtain my request. Amen.

THE BRAVE MITCHELL.—John Mitchell, the Irish-American patriot editor, is thus welcomed to Richmond by the Dispatch: That child of genius—that advocate of liberty—our enlightener and conservative liberty—John Mitchell, is spending a few days with his friends in Richmond. We are glad to see him. He seemed as if he were a few days since on the eve of being transported to the happy land where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest; but he was hard to kill, the doctor, (with all due respect and love for our friends of the profession,) having refrained from his greatest effort on the occasion. Indeed, we think John Mitchell was not born to die at all. He is improving, and we may hope to have him in the flesh with us for some time to come. He is not satisfied yet as to what he was arrested for and confined in Fortress Monroe. He long ago instituted proceedings against General Dix, in pursuit of this information, but all to no advantage. The suit is still pending.

DIED.—At the residence of his brother, Cedar Town, Ga., on the 16th of June, 1874, Wm. C. Monroe, aged about forty years.

MCCORMACK.—On Saturday night, June 19th, 1874, of consumption, Lawrence McCormack, aged twenty-one years and ten months a native of this city.

RENY.—On Tuesday morning, June 16, 1874, at 8 o'clock, Wm. Renny, aged fifty-seven years, and for the past thirty years a resident of this city, a native of the County Roscommon, Ireland.

AHERN.—On Tuesday, June 16, 1874, Francis Ahern, aged for five years, a native of Queenstown, County Cork, Ireland, and a resident of this city for the past twenty-eight years.

HARRINGTON.—On Thursday, June 18, 1874, at 6 A. M., Mrs. Catherine Harrington, aged forty five years, a native of Roscommon, Ireland.

IN MEMORIAM: DIED.—Saturday night June 13, 1874, LAWRENCE MCCORMACK. A few short months since Death drew near To claim the life of his daughter fair; Again his stern demand we hear, Her only child he would not spare.

Oh, mother! do not sadly grieve, Dear Kate and father wait for me; Our spirits unto thine shall cleave, In Heaven united we shall be. Oh, mother! bowed in mute despair, Still strive to say "Thy will be done"— No crown is found midst flowers fair, In thorny paths the victory's won.

Farwell, dear Larry, friend sincere, We'll ever miss thy joyous tone— In darkest hour 'twas sure to cheer, And bid our hearts all gloom disown.

CHARLES. New Orleans, June 21, 1874.

GRAND CONCERT AND EXHIBITION BY THE Pupils of St. Theresa's School, SUNDAY, JUNE 21, AT ST. THERESA'S HALL, Erato street, between Camp and Magazine.

PROGRAMME: Overture.....Piano. Opening Address.....Michael O'Neill. Song, "Who will care for mother now?".....Choir. Declaration: The resistance of the Colonies.....H. Redmond. Song—Solo and Chorus—"The Harp that once through Tara's Hall".....N. O'Neill and others. Declaration—"The Young Orator".....S. McQuinn. Song—Solo and Chorus—"Dun leads pluck and courage".....C. O'Brien and Choir. Dialogue—The Arithmetician.....W. Quirk and J. Weikman. Comic Song, "Mulligan Guard," J. Fleming and others. Declaration—"The Man and his Nose".....C. O'Brien. Music.....Piano. Declaration—Robert Emmet.....J. Fleming. Song, Solo and Chorus—"The Sarah Curran".....H. Redmond. Dialogue—THE TWO QUACKS. Patient—Mr. Slender.....Bazile Bourde. Mr. Loiden (Brother-in-law to Mr. Slender).....M. O'Neill. Dr. Nabuchodonosor.....C. O'Brien. Dr. Phalagbphalnasar.....J. Fleming. Music.....Piano. Song—Solo and Chorus—"Pat Malley".....J. Fleming and Choir. Sacred Hymn.....Choir. Closing Address.....By a Rev. Father. Music.....Piano.

GRAND FESTIVAL UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE Hibernia Benevolent and Mutual Aid Association of Louisiana, (IN AID OF THE RELIEF FUND.) AT THE FAIR GROUNDS, SUNDAYS, June 21st, and July 5th, 1874.

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Programme for Sunday, June 21, 1874. 1. Hydric Race open to all. Purse of \$50. \$25 to First Horse; \$15 to Second Horse; \$10 to Third Horse. Entrance fee, \$5. 2. Running Race. Mile Heats. Purse, \$25. \$5 to First Horse; \$10 to Second Horse. Entrance, \$2.50. 3. Pony Race. Mile Heats. Open to Ponies under fourteen hands. Purse, \$25. \$5 to First Horse; \$10 to Second Horse. Entrance, \$2.50. 4. Mule Race to Saddle. Mile Heats. Purse, \$25. \$15 to First Mule; \$10 to Second Mule. Entrance, \$2.50. 5. For Horses to have never Trotted. Inside of 2:30. Harness and rule. Purse, \$25. Entrance, \$3. Mile Heats. Two heat in three. \$10 to First Horse; \$10 to Second Horse.

Numerous sports in the field, for which suitable prizes will be given. Excellent music has been secured. Programme for Sunday, July 5th, will appear in due time.

GRAND SACRED CONCERT TO BE GIVEN AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, ON Sunday Evening, June 28, 1874, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PROF. H. DUROS, with the kind assistance of the best Amateur Artists of the City, and a full Choir.

PROGRAMME: 1. Grand Introductory on the Organ, by Prof. P. Greuling, Organist. 2. O Salutaris—Due for female voices.....Rossini. By Mrs. Dubos and Wagner. 3. Grand Chorus from Jud. Macchabees.....Bach. Forty singers. 4. Ave Maria—Solo.....Do Haecho. By Miss Theresa Cannon. 5. Lachrymosa—Solo and quartets for male voices, Bellini. Messrs. D. B. Dubos, Heeny and Ch. 6. Inflammatus (by request).....Rossini. By Mrs. Dubos and Choir. 7. Sub Tuum Præsidium—Solo.....LoSueur. By Mr. Pascaud. 8. Ave Regina—Grand Quartet.....Aylinger. By Mrs. Dubos, Miss Cannon, Messrs. D. and Roux. 9. Ecco passet—Solo.....Coupe. By Miss Wagner. 10. Landa Sign—Due for two Baritone.....Bellini. Messrs. Andre Barthe and Roux. 11. Pilgrims' Chorus (Jerusalem).....Verdi. Forty Singers. Prof. P. Greuling will preside at the Organ. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Concert to begin at 8 precisely. Tickets to be had at the door, on the day and night of the Concert.

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