

GIFTS BY CONVERTS.

OLD JEWELRY TO BE MADE INTO A SET OF FIFTEEN CHALICES.

These Are to be Used in the Chapels of the New Apostolic Mission House for the Training of Missionaries to Non-Catholics.

When the Apostolic Mission house for the training of missionaries to non-Catholics which is being built at Washington is finished there will be need of fifteen chalices for the main chapel and the oratories, where Masses may be said every morning.

To secure these sacred vessels the Rev. A. P. Doyle, C. S. P., the secretary of the Catholic Mission, recently left on the idea of asking the converts to Catholicity all over the United States to provide these vessels by making donations of old jewelry and trinkets for the material of which they are to be manufactured.

The result has been very satisfactory so far as the quantity and quality of the gifts sent in are concerned and has also disclosed much historical interest in many of them. The most interesting of the gifts perhaps is a silver chalice and individual communion service that once belonged to the Rev. Dr. Cox, who was for years connected with old Trinity Protestant Episcopal church, in lower Broadway, New York.

When Dr. Cox was transferred from Trinity in 1850 this chalice was presented to him by his admirers in the congregation. It is so inscribed: "Dr. Cox, at his death it went to his daughter, who has become a Catholic. She sent it to Father Doyle to be used in the Apostolic Mission House. It is in a good state of preservation and needs only to be lined with gold, as the rubrics require, to be ready for use in the Roman Catholic service."

Another chalice received by Father Doyle was found by a policeman in an ash barrel in Chicago. It was all battered and bent, but being of good material and workmanship it was restored to almost its original shape and usefulness. It is believed that it was stolen from some church here or abroad and that the thief became conscience-stricken and endeavored to dispose of it by placing it in the ash heap, where it was found by the man who sent it to Father Doyle.

Enough material has already been sent to him to make eight other chalices, of which three have been manufactured. Every one has some bits of jewelry or trinkets round which cling some tender associations. They cannot be sold because of this, so to what better purpose could they be devoted than consecration to the service of the altar?

In fashioning the chalices already made care has been taken to ornament them with some of the jewelry sent in. On the base of one is a handsome diamond cross that has a history, on an other a pair of valuable earrings and a pin have been set, on a third an antique silver crucifix from an old Irish rosary on which no doubt many thousand and decades of fervent prayers were told.

In the heap of jewelry waiting to be sent to the melting pot are all kinds of ornaments earrings, pins, bracelets, chains, watches, badges of societies, medals of honor in the science of war and the arts of peace. The gold in them will make the chalice cups and the silver the bases and the linings of the tabernacles. Father Doyle says he has not yet received enough material for the whole fifteen that will be needed, and he hopes that these donations will continue to be sent to his office, at 120 West Sixth street, New York.

Rapid progress is being made on the mission house in Washington. It is expected that it will be ready for occupation early this year. The site on the grounds of the Catholic university was obtained year before last, and the ceremony of turning the first sod by Cardinal Gibbons on Nov. 13, 1902, was witnessed by Archbishops Farley, Elder, Ireland, Keane, Ryan, Chryslie, Williams and Bishops Maes, Conaty and a number of other prominent ecclesiastics and laymen. The cardinal also laid the cornerstone on April 23, 1903.

To complete the building and its endowment a fund of \$250,000 is to be raised. For this it is expected to find 100 Catholics who will give \$1,000 each. They will be called founders. So far twenty-five have either given or promised this sum. The second class of donors are the thousand who will give \$100 and the third the thousand who will give \$50. The list is growing daily, according to Father Doyle, and he hopes to be able at an early date to announce that the mission house has been put on a secure and permanent basis.

The Missionary union, which will have its headquarters in the new house in Washington, supports missionaries who are engaged in giving missions to non-Catholics all over the United States. They co-operate with the diocesan clergy. Twenty-five priests now devote themselves exclusively to this work.—New York Herald.

Irish Universities. It is said that the Catholic bishops at their recent meeting at Maynooth agreed to the Catholic university scheme propounded by Lord Dunraven at, it is believed, the request of the government. The scheme provides uni-

REFORMING SOCIETY

MISSION OF THE NEW SOCIETY, THE DAUGHTERS OF THE FAITH.

New York Women Organize to Combat the Language and Customs That Are the Evident Causes of the Spread of Moral Evil in Society.

Social ostracism for divorcees, wearers of desecrated gowns, gamblers, including players of bridge whist and other gambling games, and drinkers of liquors and cocktails in public is to be a part of the battles of the Roman Catholic Church upon evils prevalent in society.

The Daughters of the Faith is the name of a new society which has been organized to discontinue the salacious and customs that are the evident causes of the spread of moral evil in society.

Women of the best families and most distinguished Catholics in New York city are among the charter members. One of them, Miss Edith no prominent Catholic, has offered to give out of it as it will help upon her own standards of conduct for her to do so.

The president is Mrs. Thomas Wren Ward of 15 East Ninth street, secretary, Mrs. Schuyler N. Warren of 11 Lexington avenue.

Miss Eliza Lummis was the founder and is one of the most active members. Other charter members are Mrs. Van Brugh Livingston, Miss Josephine Drexel, Mrs. Thomas Welsh, Mrs. Hugo de Fritsch, Miss Clara Gilbert, Mrs. E. Townsend, Mrs. H. La Marche, Mrs. H. Bosch, Mrs. Harold Henderson, Mrs. J. A. Locke, Miss Edith Waddington and Miss Ella McMahon, a sister in law of Admiral Ramsay.

The most severe restrictions are contained in the manual, open only to the members, which contains a foreword by Cardinal Gibbons, Mgr. D'Alton and Archbishop Farley, thus giving it official standing. In the manual the members of the society are pledged not to accept or extend invitations to a divorced person who has married during the life of the person from whom he or she has been divorced, not to be present at any entertainment at which any form of gambling, including bridge whist, for money is carried on, not to drink in public cocktail or any other alcoholic beverages and to abstain from all such drinking unless of wine in moderation at private dinners.

Cardinal Gibbons in a letter to the officers of the society wrote: "Convinced as I am, both by my own observation and the test of those qualified to judge, that the morals, good and evil, in high society filter down to the lower social strata, I am greatly pleased to know that the Filles Edeles have been organized and are recruited from New York city's highest social circles. I give it my special approval and benediction."

Miss Lummis, to whose efforts the organization is due, said: "The society has been informally carried on for about two years. It is now about to be governed by an executive board under the supervision of the archbishop of New York. The meetings will have a religious stimulus, but there will also be social gatherings to which gentlemen will be invited, who will assist the Daughters of the Faith with their counsel. Committee will be appointed to employ or invite distinguished scholars to establish a censorship for literature, drama and art. All plays condemned by the committee will be avoided by the members, and the same rule will apply to books. An attempt will be made to elevate art in all its branches.

"The members will seek to ground themselves deeply in the teachings of their faith and will not shrink from the discussion of the ethical problems of the day."—New York Herald.

The Care of the Young. One of the most important things in every parish is the sodality, lyceum, literary or benevolent society for young men. There could be no better means either of keeping them steadfast in the practice of their religion or of interesting them in the various works of the parish. While praying for the welfare of our young men we should not forget the needs of the large army of boys who, having left school, are cut away from the moorings which have hitherto helped them to be faithful to their religious duties and who are still too young to enter into the many associations organized for young men. Boys' clubs are an excellent provision for some of them, but not for all. They serve very well for boys who have had no school advantages, but for boys who have made the primary or grammar school course there should be sodalities in which they could continue their spiritual formation.—American Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

Thank God. How many of us think of thanking God during the day when we receive some signal blessing? You may be very fond of praying to Him for favors, but how often do you thank Him for favors received? And yet you know you cannot move a finger without His help. You cannot perform a single act which merits for eternity unless He gives you the grace necessary. Did you ever

STORIES OF PIUS X.

THE SUPREME PONTIFF HAS A KEEN SENSE OF HUMOR.

His Holiness is Fond of His Little Joke, Which He Often Uses With Telling Effect to Point a Moral or Suggest a Reform.

All Rome has discovered that the Pope has an abundant sense of humor. His recent jocular allusion to the Portuguese ambassador regarding the delicate dresses of women attending diplomatic receptions and dances, to which cardinals and minor prelates are often invited, caused some excitement until it was found that Pius X had only made a jocular remark about the extremely low cut dresses affected by some members of Roman society.

There is no doubt, however, that in the intended to convey a mild reproof upon a subject which had been discussed several times under his predecessors. While still a cardinal Pius X attended one of these receptions in Rome and on being asked who was present promptly answered, "The world, the flesh and the devil."

The other day the Vatican architect, Constantino Sghinader, had occasion to see the Holy Father in order to submit some plans. As he was retiring, Pius X smilingly said: "Mr. Sghinader, do you know that we are related?" The architect was astonished, but Pius X added: "Well, Sghinader is a German signifier just what Sarto means in Italian, a tailor, therefore we must come from the same family."

Once before the Pope had joked on his family name when remarking that the Church in Italy was much rent by dissensions. He added: "However, I am a good tailor, and I mean to repair the damage very quickly."

Many of the quaint customs prevailing in the Vatican ceremonial stirred his sense of humor in the first weeks succeeding his election. He compared the difficulties experienced when carried on his portable throne for the coronation ceremonies to the rocking motion of a Venetian gondola. His abhorrence of unnecessary display made him dispense with the constant presence of the armed guards who used to follow him all around the Vatican, when he said, "I do not wish to see all these marionettes wherever I go."

A famous French painter, M. Gabriel Ferrier, succeeded the other day in obtaining a sitting from the Pope in order to paint his portrait. The sitting was to have lasted one hour, but before that time Cardinal del Val interrupted some pressing business. The Pope smilingly addressed the painter who said: "My dear professor, it seems they won't let us work today. You come tomorrow, and perhaps I may be master of some of my own time."

The rumors set afloat that the Pope's sisters wanted him to abdicate and return to Venice were also caused by a jocular remark. Being sympathized with by his sister because of the hard work he had to perform and the long confinement within the walls of the Vatican, the Pope said: "I think it will be much better for me to abdicate and give up the position. We shall then be able to go back to Venice together and lead the happy life of the past."

The difficulties lately experienced in the condition of the Vatican finances did not diminish the Pope's inclination to joke. When Cardinal del Val reminded him of the generosity of American Catholics, the pope is reported to have replied, "I really think that the only way out of these troubles would be the discovery of a rich American uncle," which expression is proverbial in Italy as the last hope of those in financial troubles.

The latest joke of the new Pope was played on Christmas day on a cardinal who had severely remonstrated on several occasions against the democratic ways of Pius X, and the unheard of custom, recently introduced at the Vatican, that two of the prelates in attendance should always dine with him. Pius X, sent to the objecting cardinal a personal invitation to dine at the Vatican on Christmas day and astonished his guest with the presence of his sisters and nieces and several prelates. The cardinal in question is not likely to object again to the Pope's pleasures.—Rome Special in Chicago Inter Ocean.

The Smallpox Priest. Father Dougherty, who is assistant rector of St. Columba's church, Philadelphia, has been appointed "smallpox" priest by Archbishop Ryan at the request of Director Martin of the health department. Until further notice he will administer spiritual consolation to victims of the disease who are of the Catholic faith in their homes or at the Municipal hospital, where there are about 200 persons suffering with the malady. Protestants as well as Catholics at the hospital gratefully receive his ministrations.

Pope Leo's Tomb. The design of the sculptor Lucchetti for a monumental tomb for the late Pope Leo XIII, inside the Church of St. John Lateran has been approved. It represents Pope Leo wearing the triple crown, sitting on a throne supported by the world, each hand extend-

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Requests to the amount of \$75,000 to Catholic charities are contained in the will of Harriet Richards, who died in Philadelphia on Jan. 12.

Archbishop Farley of New York has presented to the American chapel in St. John's cathedral, in Rome, a heroic statue in Carrara marble of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Austrian government has signified its consent that Mgr. Granville Belmonte for several years vicar general of Belgium, be appointed to Vienna in the place of Mgr. Talland, who has been made a cardinal.

Rev. Father Burke, who recently arrived in New York from Europe, on his landing received a gift of \$2,000 from the other priests of the city in recognition of a quarter of a century of work which he did among the negroes of New York.

His eminence Cardinal Merry del Val has been appointed on the Cardinal Commission of Bible Studies.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY. The Trustees Decide Upon an Extension of Its Work.

The annual meeting of the trustees of the Catholic university was held in Washington on Jan. 28. Those present were Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishops Ireland of St. Paul, Keane of Dubuque and Williams of Boston, Bishops Spalding of Peoria, Moes of Covington, Ky., Foley of Detroit, Horstman of Cleveland and Harkins of Providence and Michael Jenkins of Baltimore and Thomas E. Waggaman of Washington. There was a general discussion of plans, and work was outlined for the meeting of the trustees and of all the archbishops in the United States, to be held in Washington next spring.

The trustees decided to add a department of pedagogy and a bureau of statistics in Catholic education to the university. This announcement was interpreted by Catholic students as indicating a broad and liberal policy and a healthy condition of the finances of the university. This action will mean the addition of a new corps of instructors. The work to be done by the bureau of statistics will cover the entire United States.

It was decided to choose a general secretary to the university at the April meeting. The place of vice rector will not be filled. Scriptural instruction will be broadened and included under a department to be organized next year, to be known as the department of Scriptures.

It was announced that the Knights of Columbus will establish a chair of American history with an endowment of \$50,000.

Thanks were voted to Pope Pius X. for his letter in favor of the university, especially for his call for funds, which, it is said, had borne much more fruit than was expected. The amount of the recent collection in the American churches for the university is estimated by Archbishop Farley at \$100,000.

The Abbe Loisy. Students of contemporary French religious literature have been awaiting the results of the delation to the Holy See of several books from the pen of the Abbe Loisy, regarding which much notice has been taken in several English journals. The decision has been given, and his last two books, "L'Evangile et l'Eglise" and "Autour d'un Petit Livre," have been placed on the Index, along with his "La Religion d'Israel," "Etudes Evangeliques" and "Le Quatrieme Evangile." The effect of this decision must be important, for the author and his works are very well known in France. Hitherto when M. Loisy has found himself the object of episcopal condemnation he has invariably submitted, and we do not for a moment doubt that this attitude will be maintained in the present conjuncture. Indeed the more solemn the source of the condemnation the greater the reason for submission. "Roma locuta est," and M. Loisy, whose piety and humility are admitted to be conspicuous even by the testimony of his opponents, will, we hope and feel sure, bow before the decision arrived at regarding his speculative theories by the highest tribunal in the Church and by his obedience set an example which will at once edify and instruct.—London Catholic Times.

Tears in Bad Taste. "That young vixen told me she wept over my column." "You ought to feel flattered." "Idiot! It's a funny column!"—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Force without intelligence is like a locomotive without a track or an engineer.—Schoolmaster.

Seeking God.

It is a noble thing to seek God in the days of gladness, to look up to Him in trustful bliss when the sun is shining, but if a man be miserable, if the storm is coming down on him, what is he to do? There is nothing mean in seeking God then, though it would have been nobler to seek Him before.

OCCASIONS OF SIN.

You Are Always in Conscience Bound to Avoid Them.

The following passage from a pastoral of the bishop of Newport, England, is peculiarly timely:

"If a thing is a grievous sin, we commit a grievous sin by exposing ourselves to the strong temptation of committing it. There are practically no exceptions to this rule for the large majority of persons. Next a thing that is a grievous sin to do, it is a grievous sin to desire and even to dwell upon the thought. And no excuse of friendship, relationship or company can make a thing not to be a sin which would be a sin under other circumstances.

"It is wrong to read books and newspapers which tend to excite the passions. No doubt it is very difficult under our modern conditions to choose what to read and to avoid all that is objectionable. But sin is sin in spite of such difficulty. Therefore the effort has to be made and the self-restraint and self-denial to be practiced. Parents have a most serious duty not to allow books and newspapers indiscriminately in the house. Tradespeople are bound not to sell what is really bad. Young men and women must be determined to avoid what is corrupting and must absolutely give up what they find by experience has led them into sins of thought and desire. Again, there are in every town amusements that are productive of evil.

"The fact is, and it cannot be stated too plainly, that the world does not recognize as wrong many actions, imaginations, desires and situations which the Catholic Church teaches to be grievously sinful. Hence it is quite possible that in the ordinary forms of amusements, such as theatricals, variety entertainments, dances and some kinds of games, there may be grievous harm. The same may be said of company seeking, with or without a view to marriage. It is well known how strict an older generation was on these matters, and with good reason. It is certain that no pretense of custom, of altered times, of modern ideas, can make a thing lawful which is wrong in itself."—Guldon.

A Story of Cardinal Gibbons.

While Cardinal Gibbons, then a monsignore, was living in Rome some years ago he went to dine at the American college. Dinner over, some bonbonnieres representing hats of every description were passed around as souvenirs. The waiter carrying the tray on which they were stabled just as he reached Mgr. Gibbons, and a miniature cardinal's hat, the red tricorn, rolled from the tray into the prelate's plate.

Count Cassell, who was a warm friend of the monsignore, saw the episode and, leaning across the table, quoted the old maxim: "Coming events cast their shadows before." Everybody laughed, and so did the monsignore, but a year later, when the dignity of cardinal was conferred upon him, several recalled that dinner at the American college.

Waiting.

There are few lives that do not sooner or later come to their desert. Perhaps death has touched the home, and the gray days, aching with loneliness, stretch before one endlessly; perhaps brave ambitions have had to be laid aside and one's whole thought given to a narrow world of distasteful work; perhaps, with powers crying out for expression, the rocky desert walls close in on every side and one is bidden wait, wait. Whatever that may be, this thing is sure—God's deserts are His teachers and full of His voice. No waste is pathless for His feet. Beyond Elijah's desert lay his greatest work and the Friend that went with him to his journey's end. Beyond our desert lies something that God is waiting to give us.

SHORT SERMONS.

The very essence of Christianity is sacrifice and unselfish consideration of others.

He who transgresses the laws of the Great Father injures the interests of the human family.

It is God's law that nothing can be added to our treasures that we wrongfully take from others.

It is not what a man is doing, provided it be an honest and lawful work, but how he is doing it, that should make him respected or the reverse.

"Buried alive!" What measures are not taken to prevent such peril! But there are souls which are buried alive, hearts which are buried alive, minds which are buried alive, and who troubles himself about them?

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