

Catholics, assembling as many representatives as possible of our brethren from overseas. The grim chances of war have relieved us of that burden. Of its own accord, the English-speaking Catholic world has dumped itself in our midst; and our brethren have come from overseas, not in tens or twenties, but in thousands and hundreds of thousands—all the vigor of Catholic manhood in our colonies and in the mighty Republic of the West. They expect to grasp the hand of a fellow-Catholic wherever they find him; they look to be welcomed in our family circles; they are keen to mingle in our religious and social life; they radiate the enthusiasm and optimism of new civilisations; they are brimming over with that spirit of enterprise which is essential to business success, and no less indispensable to the success of our propaganda. Has there been ever before such an opportunity of extending and consolidating our influence? And, if we let it slip, can it be expected ever to return?

A "Publicity" Campaign.

This appeal to emulate, in the matter of the English tongue, the triumphs of Tertullian, St. Cyprian, St. Jerome, and St. Augustine, in the matter of the Latin tongue, is based, not on insular prejudice or predilection, but on a plain fact. We do not contend for a moment that English culture monopolises all that is worth having. We sympathise with those who cling passionately to some ancient culture, perhaps in danger of extinction! But we point to the growing predominance of English speech in the modern civilised world, and ask confidently whether it would not be the height of folly to neglect such an effective weapon, so providentially placed in our hands? For, if means can be devised for enabling the three or four hundred English-speaking bishops, not only to rule each his own flock, but to formulate a common policy of social and industrial reconstruction on frankly Christian lines; if English-speaking writers and orators can command the attention of forty million fellow-Catholics, instead of as many hundreds; if the leaders of Catholic opinion in the States and Colonies become household names here, and ours there; if intercourse between our isolated and scattered churches can be made as frequent, cordial, and practical, as the intercourse between the still more isolated and scattered churches of the ancient Roman world; then we may face the uncertainties of the future in full confidence, for then the truth will be assured of that publicity which, as we have said, is the only human factor indispensable for its ultimate victory.

CHILDREN OF MARY, AUCKLAND

At the usual monthly meeting of St. Patrick's sodality of the Children of Mary, Auckland, held on Wednesday evening, April 9, the members had the pleasure of being addressed by Chaplain-Father Murphy (of Christchurch), recently returned from service abroad with the N.Z. Expeditionary Forces. The speaker, who was wearing the King's uniform, looked well. The subject of his address was an outline of his travels since donning khaki some two years ago, until his return, two weeks previously. Father Murphy kept his audience keenly interested throughout. First he graphically described his journey on the hospital ship Maheno to England, via the Cape of Good Hope,

during which voyage he said they experienced very heavy seas. The members present were glad to hear he was allowed sufficient time when he landed in England to visit his native land, before proceeding back, via Panama, to New Zealand. After a month's sojourn here, he again sailed for the Mother Country on one of the troopships, via Panama Canal, and after a short time in England proceeded to the war zone. The ships on which Father Murphy sailed were indeed fortunate in evading the vigilance of the menacing submarines, etc. He remained in France until the signing of the armistice, and just when the boys were making the march to the Rhine he had the misfortune to fall ill and was sent to hospital. He expressed regret at not having had the opportunity of visiting Germany. The Children of Mary were impressed by his high opinion of the New Zealand boys, who, to his mind, were the finest men he had met in his travels, and he vouched that they were among the best fighters who fought in France. He had many happy recollections of friendship which eventuated through association with our soldiers. In concluding his very interesting impromptu speech, he pointed out to the meeting our indebtedness to our soldiers who have done so much for us, and he appealed to the womanhood of New Zealand to now commence the reconstruction of this, "God's own country," by helping in every way the brave men who so gallantly offered their lives for our safety and freedom.

On behalf of the Children of Mary, the director (Father O'Byrne) thanked Father Murphy for his interesting and instructive, as well as entertaining, address.

Ashburton

(From our own correspondent.)

Following are the successful number of candidates in their respective grade presented by the Sisters of the Missions, of the Convent, Ashburton, in the practical examination, held recently in connection with the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M. (London) by Dr. Hathaway (examiner).—Advanced grade,—two; Intermediate,—one; Higher school,—one; Elementary —two, (violin) one; Primary—three, (violin) one.

Miss Ella Langley, aged 16 years, has distinguished herself this year in passing the following examinations—Civil Service and Matriculation, also Advanced Grade (Associated Board) and Higher Local (Trinity College). This young lady is preparing to proceed to the University, where she intends studying for the medical profession.

Be careful in your words and actions not to cause displeasure to anyone, no matter how inferior to yourself, unless duty, obedience, or charity force you to oppose him.—*Leo XIII.*

The songs my mother taught to me
I learned while perched upon her knee;
And though they be but simple rhymes,
I croon them fondly still at times.
'Tis then I realise and know
The debt of love to her I owe;
And how well justified and sure
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