

Father Edge (the society's spiritual director) and the Rev. Father Holbrook, Adm. 'O Salutaris' was sung by Mr. F. Bourke, and Messrs. Egan and Adeano tastefully rendered the 'Tantum Ergo,' Mr. H. Hiscocks, the talented organist of the Cathedral, presiding at the organ. And with Benediction the afternoon's pleasant proceedings terminated.

The Force of Good Example

It is not every Catholic that has had the happiness to help a convert into the Church, but that every Catholic may some day be the means under God of a non-Catholic accepting the true faith is evident by recitals by converts of the influences brought to bear on them on their Road to Rome (says a writer in *St. Peter's Net*).

The smallest things sometimes turn the hearts of men and women toward the Church. A learned jurist in Washington became a convert through hearing sung the Preface at a High Mass in one of the city's churches; another gentleman in the same city became so indignant and disgusted at the unmerited abuse heaped upon the Church of his wife by a Presbyterian minister that he seized his hat, left the church, and some time afterwards entered the Church. A young lawyer in Ohio was converted by a discussion between an over-zealous Protestant and a Catholic in a railway train; a candidate for the Protestant ministry in Baltimore, bought by mistake a Catholic book at a second-hand book store, and through its instrumentality became a Catholic; a priest, accompanied by a seminarian, on a missionary journey in Indiana, sought lodgings for the night at a house in which a woman lay dying, praying God to enlighten her as to the true religion in the midst of so many conflicting sects, and before morning she died in peace of soul a member of the true faith. One of our best known American priests was in his boyhood converted by reading a scrap from a Catholic paper, picked up from some waste paper; the faith came to the village of Newton, N.C., by a doctor reading a sermon of Archbishop Hughes in a newspaper that came wrapped around some goods, and who not only himself became a Catholic, but was the means of converting the entire village.

A list of this nature might be continued indefinitely. Among any collection of conversion stories we are sure to note that many of the converts were brought into the Church either directly or indirectly through the influence of some Catholic. Sometimes an intelligent answer to an inquiry concerning a Catholic doctrine will start the searcher on an investigation that is certain to lead him into the Church. Again, the lending of a Catholic book to a Protestant may be the means of presenting the truth to him.

GREYMOUTH CATHOLIC CLUB NOTES

(From the club correspondent.)

Last Sunday being the quarterly Communion day for the members of the St. Columba Club and Hibernian Society, about 150 members of both societies marched from St. Columba's Hall to St. Patrick's Church to the 7.30 o'clock Mass. Very Rev. Dean Carew congratulated the members of both societies, and said it was a grand sight to see the men of the parish approaching the Holy Table in a body. After Mass the procession re-formed and marched to St. Columba's Hall, where the ladies' committee had breakfast prepared. The chair was occupied by Mr. A. F. O'Donoghue (president St. Columba Club), who congratulated members of both societies on turning out in such large numbers and making public manifestation of their faith. Mr. P. J. Smyth (president of the H.A.C.B. Society) also congratulated members on their fine muster that morning, and urged all members to be loyal to their societies. A hearty vote of thanks to the ladies was carried by acclamation.

The annual general meeting of the St. Columba Catholic Club was held in the club rooms last Monday evening,

when about forty members were present. The report and balance sheet were read and adopted, and showed the club to be in a good financial position. The assets of the club are set down at £736 17s 5d, and exceed the liabilities by £707 17s 5d, the only liability being £29 owing on the new addition to the club rooms. The receipts for the year just closed amounted to £281 6s 7d, and the expenditure £249 4s 8d, leaving a cash credit balance at the bank of £31 1s 11d. The executive were congratulated on the good work done during the year. The election of officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—President, Mr. A. F. O'Donoghue; hon. vice-president, Rev. Brother Alfred; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Keenan, A. McSherry, and F. Sellars; spiritual director, Rev. Father Taylor, S.M.; secretary, Mr. M. J. McGilligan; vice-secretary, Mr. B. Rasmussen; treasurer, Mr. M. Keating; librarian, Mr. R. Vaughan; committee, Messrs. J. Tryon and W. Reid; auditors, Messrs. A. McSherry and R. C. Heffernan.

The president extended a hearty welcome to Rev. Father Eccleton, S.M., of Wellington, who is spending a few weeks' holiday on the Coast. Rev. Father Eccleton thanked the president for his welcome and kind remarks, and said he would be only too pleased to do all he could for club members. A gold medal, presented by the president (Mr. A. F. O'Donoghue) for the member introducing the most members during the past season was won by Mr. John Tryon.

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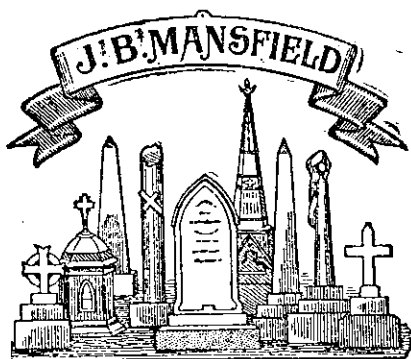
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