

remember that if your children are fed, even daily, with this heavenly bread which imparts supernatural strength a no less grave duty is imposed upon them, under your responsibility, that of a Christian education by the teaching of the Catechism. There they will learn to know the truths of our holy religion, to be permeated with Christian principles to be their rule of life, and to insure for them that entirely Christian spirit which proves itself in thoughts, words, judgments, and acts.

To you, my brethren in the priesthood, whom with great joy I have seen so numerous throughout this Congress, to you belongs more than to others the duty of working like the Apostles of Jesus Christ whose ministers you are, in order that the fruits of the Congress may not be prematurely lost. Return to your people more replete than ever with the tenderest devotion to the Blessed Sacrament of the altar. Promote among your people daily Communion, and carry out thereby the wishes and prescriptions of our Holy Father the Pope. For this purpose spare no pains or fatigue; let your zeal prevail over everything. Bring to the feet of Jesus so often forsaken in our tabernacles, numerous souls to Him by their daily visit in our churches where He awaits us day and night. To the love of the Heart of Jesus we are indebted for the Blessed Sacrament; be you the apostles of devotion to the Sacred Heart, and by it bring the faithful to Holy Communion. Found Eucharistic devotions and the confraternities of the Sacred Heart, where they do not yet exist; develop them, renew them, if need be, with untiring persevering zeal where they exist; make them centres of loving and active piety, for all the practical concerns of a Christian and sanctifying life, and promote to your utmost this movement of association which is spreading in the world for the universal reign of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Again, let us not leave this sanctuary of Lourdes, where Mary declared herself Immaculate, this land of the supernatural principles of grace and love, where the Queen of Heaven seems to have concentrated her treasures of maternal goodness, without depositing at her feet our desires and prayers, that she may offer them to her Son and bless them. Let us promise her to honor her still more, to make her loved still more, and to proclaim her in our families and societies the effective Queen of our hearts, since she is the Mother of our Saviour, the King of our hearts and of the world. Strong with this love of the Eucharistic Jesus and of Mary Immaculate, your zeal will become efficacious and permanent: for your only object will be the welfare of souls and the glory of God.

#### The Need of Works.

In the course of my career, in a country where I spent several years, I remember to have there found most admirable, organised, and teeming with perfect vitality, an assemblage of various works, corresponding to the miseries of humanity in every age and condition, and comprising a network of institutions such that all physical and moral ailments were largely benefited by one or other of the works; so much so that it was true to say that man, from the cradle to the grave, could not escape the advantages of the charity of the Apostles of Jesus Christ. I there saw these works annually united in congresses where the charitable balance sheet of each was exhibited, where charity filled every road, and was ready at a moment's notice to carry assistance whithersoever it was needed by the suffering members of Jesus Christ. On leaving this Congress of Lourdes, when the Virgin Immaculate has begun the dispensating of the mercies of her Son, let us carry away with us the memory of the secret of such a zeal as shall ever draw souls to devotion towards Mary and towards Jesus in the Eucharist. In the radius of action within our reach, let us create and support with our resources and personal devotedness similar works adapted to all the ailments of the temporal and spiritual life, and let us see that no species of suffering escapes our charity derived from the source of divine love. Let us bind up all these miseries in the bonds of divine charity: *Traham vos in vinculis caritatis.* Let us create various works, pious and charitable, works of preservation, works for the laboring classes, works of social ad-

vantage, catechisms, rituals, etc. Thereby you will bring about the charity of the Master. You will be the conquerors of hearts, you will be the apostles of peace, of that peace of the children of God unknown to the world; peace which surpasses all understanding, which is the principle of union, of the holy brotherhood of souls, in your homes, in your families, in your societies, in your countries, which will set up the universal reign of the Heart of Jesus Who has loved men so much, the reign of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the King of Heaven and earth. These great and noble words were listened to with rapt attention, and created, at the conclusion, a genuine enthusiasm. And so the working Congress closed.

(To be concluded.)

## OBITUARY

### SISTER PLACIDA FLANIGAN.

It is with regret (writes our Auckland correspondent) we announce the death of Sister Placida Flanigan at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, on Saturday, October 17, after a long and painful illness, endured with great fortitude. The deceased Sister was born in the parish and diocese of Elphin, County Roscommon, Ireland. She entered the Ponsonby Convent in 1885, and became a professed member of the Order of Mercy on October 27, 1888. After spending the greater part of her life in the service of the poor, sick, and ignorant, she was called to her reward to receive the crown promised to those who persevere faithfully to the end. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at the convent on the following Monday by Right Rev. Monsignor Brodie, the convent choir singing the different parts of the Mass with devotional effect. After Mass, Monsignor Brodie spoke eloquently on the happiness of the religious life, and addressed touching words of sympathy to the Sisters on the loss they had sustained in the death of one of their most exemplary religious. The funeral then started for Waikumete, where the Sisters of Mercy quite recently purchased a portion of God's Acre for a resting place for their dead.—R.I.P.

### MOTHER M. ST. JULIANA.

The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Lower High street (writes our Christchurch correspondent) mourn the loss of a devoted member of the community in the death of Mother St. Juliana, which occurred on Sunday morning, October 18, after a protracted and painful illness. The deceased religious was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and throughout her religious life in the Order had been associated with the work in New Zealand, first at Napier, afterwards at Ashburton, and for the past sixteen years, in Christchurch. Although afflicted with what has proved to be an incurable malady, the deceased had borne her, at times, intense suffering with wonderful fortitude. Her greatest desire had been to receive the Blessed Sacrament daily, and to the very end this was vouchsafed to her. The late Sister's special duties were the teaching of painting, and, being herself a successful artist, very many who have become efficient in this art owe their success to having studied under her. A Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased religious was celebrated in the convent chapel, followed by the funeral and interment in the community plot, situated in the Linwood Cemetery.—R.I.P.

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