

# Annual Diocesan Report Catholic Women's League

Madam Chairman, Rt. Rev. Monsignor, Reverend Clergy, Honored Guests, Officers and members of the Catholic Women's League assembled in convention:

In presenting the 28th Annual Report of the Catholic Women's League in the Diocese of Charlottetown, I extend, on behalf of the Provincial Council, greetings to all. May success attend the deliberations of this convention.

The following is a summary of the League endeavours 1949-1950:

### Organization

In this Province there are 30 sub-divisions with a membership of 1718, an increase of 241 over last year. Three new sub-divisions were organized during the term viz: the parishes of Stella Maris, North Rustico, St. Mary's of the People, South Rustico Mission, and St. Lawrence, Morell Rear. In addition to our League membership, our Honorary Membership consists of 103 Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame, and 106 Sisters of St. Martha.

### Finance

The total amount raised by the Sub division during the year is \$18,725.96. The Provincial Council sponsors an annual Art Drawing to supplement its funds, which are obtained from the per capita fee of 15 cents. Sub-divisions raised money, through various parochial activities. Apart from National and Diocesan obligations all monies raised are expended for parish and community needs.

### Education

The Provincial Council presents annual prizes to St. Dunstan's University, Prince of Wales College and the five Convent Schools teaching Grade XI. Sub-divisions encourage education by giving prizes annually for Christian Doctrine and various subjects. Approximately \$1,010.00 has been contributed for this purpose during the year. The Catholic Girls' Scholarship for our girls attending St. Dunstan's University is receiving the usual financial support of the League, and is an outstanding educational endeavour. Three young ladies received their degrees during the Convocation Exercises in May 1950. Miss Evelyn Hessian, B.A. (Summa cum laude) who graduated with much distinction last year, applied for and received the C.W.L. National Scholarship Award. She is pursuing her course in Social Service at the University of Montreal.

### Girl Guides

Progress is being made in the Guide movement, ten Companies and five Brownies Packs active, with a total enrollment of 250. The League assists (financially) in financing camping, and is well represented on the Provincial Girl Guide Executive and Local Association.

### Legislation and Citizenship

Note is made of legislation dealt with during sessions of Parliament. Members are alive to their responsibilities as Christian citizens, and as such exercise their rights in the use of the franchise. The League has representation on all civic and provincial boards, and contributions, as well as active assistance are given to all deserving causes. Members attend patriotic functions and on Remembrance Day a wreath is placed on the Cenotaph, and a Mass is offered for those who have made the supreme sacrifice.

### Publicity and Magazines

Our official organ "The Canadian League" has 120 subscribers in the Province. A splendid talk on the value of this Catholic Women's

Magazine was given by our Provincial Director, Rev. Father McQuaid at the 1949 Convention held here. Sub-divisions are becoming more awake to the value of publicity as shown by more reports of meetings, while unlimited space and unfailing courtesy is given by the press.

### Social Welfare, Health and Nutrition

The material aid of approximately \$150.00 has been an annual Provincial contribution to the Building Fund of the Sisters of St. Martha, Charlottetown. Sub-division has given \$500.00 to furnish a room in the new pavilion of City Hospital. \$250.00 has been contributed toward the furnishing of a room in the Sanatorium. Through our annual Sanatorium Day, patients are remembered and made happy with gifts of flowers, candy and reading matter. \$200.00 to Social Service work annually, sewing and supplying clothes for the needy at the Catholic Welfare Centre is part of the charitable activities of Charlottetown Sub-divisions. All sub-divisions contribute according to the needs of the different communities. Charlottetown Sub-division has a Blue Cross Hospitalization Committee, with a group membership. Resolutions sent during the past few years to the Provincial Government, re-pasteurization of milk and establishment of outdoor playgrounds, have been put into effect, bringing health and happy hours to many children.

### Immigration and Missionary Endeavour

Statistics show twelve families of displaced persons, eighty men and twenty women in this Province. Our Provincial President, Mrs. McMillan, and our Convener of Immigration, Mrs. McMahon, represent the League on organized groups in the Province, which care for placement of our new Canadians in employment, etc. As 80 per cent of these people are Catholics, special care is taken by our representative to see that they are placed in situations where they may have the opportunity of practicing their faith, and also in becoming familiar with our language. Our Provincial contribution of approximately \$170.00 to our Missionary endeavour, the Sisters of Service and Missionaries of Mary has been of great assistance to further the spiritual work carried on by these Sisters at the ports of entry into Canada and in the far-flung reaches of the West.

### Spiritual

The annual Diocesan Retreat was held in July of this year in Notre Dame Academy with an attendance of 32 women. Rev. David Edward, C.S.S.R., Saint John, conducted the retreat. The League is deeply grateful to Rev. Mother Superior for her co-operation. Masses are offered for deceased members and for living members on the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. A spiritual bouquet of 29 Masses was sent to the Holy Father on his Golden Jubilee. Referred to by our Provincial Director "as the most important work of the League in the Province" is the work accomplished by the "Crusade for Good Reading", in eradicating banned magazines. Since the formation of this committee by His Excellency, Bishop O'Sullivan, 39 of these undesirable publications have been removed from sale here. To offset the reading of such, a list of 283 of the best books from a Catholic view point, has been selected and posted in the vestibule of the Basilica. Here a choice may easily be made, and the book supplied by the Provincial Library. We have the best in literature for the asking, and it rests with our people

to encourage by word and example the reading of such, and so aid in counteracting the jungle ethics found in immoral and Goddess literature.

The League was honored last year by having the National President, Mrs. Durocher, attend the Annual Convention held in Charlottetown. Her presence added greatly to its success. Resolutions passed at that meeting dealt with the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican by the Canadian Government; a lower rental Provincial Building program; increased Government aid to our orphanages; the replacing of Latin on the curriculum of our one-room schools; and the campaign against salacious literature.

In concluding this resume of the work of the Catholic Women's League in this Province, I wish to state that reports received from Sub-divisions show the spirit of sincere and loyal co-operation in furthering the objectives of our organization. The encouragement and direction of our revered Bishop, our Provincial Director, and all sub-division directors, have been the incentive which has made the work accomplished the success that it has been.

For this we are duly grateful, and look forward with confidence, to greater accomplishments "For God and Canada."

Respectfully submitted,  
Regina Murray  
Executive Secretary.

Resolutions passed included the following:

### Resolutions

"Whereas, we recognize and record our appreciation of the generous spirit of co-operation received from managers of bookstores in endeavouring to give to the public a higher class of reading matter;

"And whereas, there is still on sale in some grocery, drug, and other stores, many objectionable magazines and pocket size editions with lurid and immoral titles and covers;

"Be it resolved, that we continue to do all in our power to discourage the sale and distribution of such salacious literature."

### Immoral Reading Matter

"Whereas it is conceded by all Canadians interested in raising the standard of good literature, that the passing of the Fulton Bill, curbing the sale of Crime Comics, and objectionable reading matter has been a noteworthy accomplishment.

"And whereas the publishers of this brand of so-called literature, have taken advantage of a loophole in the aforesaid Bill, by introducing a new and equally objectionable type of reading matter, which might be termed 'Sex or Love Comics';

"Be it resolved that this convention strongly recommends the inclusion of sex or love comic books in the elimination process covered by the Fulton Bill;

"Further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Justice Minister Garson, and to Prime Minister St. Laurent."

### Resolution Re Prayer

"Whereas, the outbreak of war in Korea has brought home to us the gravity of the international situation;

"And whereas, we have been frequently exhorted by our Holy Father that we must unite in prayer as the only means to combat the evils of our times;

"Be it resolved that we, the Catholic Women's League, assembled in convention, voice our steadfast determination to continue and increase our devotion to family prayer."

### Social Service Work

"Whereas we know the appeals to the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau are many and varied;

"Be it resolved that the Catholic Women's League in convention assembled, pledge our interest and support in Catholic Social Welfare and our desire to encourage the Sisters of St. Martha in their good work."

### Provincial Health Services

"Whereas there are many health services available through our Provincial Department of Health and Welfare such as Dental Clinics;

"Be it resolved, that we make inquiries about these services and take advantage of them as much as possible, and that our Convener of Social Services and Child Welfare bring detailed information to our next convention of all services available."

"Be it resolved that the Catholic Women's League assembled in convention express to members who have been bereaved during the year, and to the families of our deceased members, our sincere sympathy."

### The Press

"Whereas, the newspapers of Prince Edward Island have been at all times most obliging in allowing us space in their columns for reports of meetings and conventions;

"Be it resolved that the Catholic Women's League assembled in convention express our hearty thanks."

In addition to the above, courtesy resolutions were presented to the Rt. Rev. R. V. McKenna, the Provincial Director, Rev. Francis McQuaid, Rev. J. W. McCauley, Rev. Eugene L. Murray, His Hon. Lt. Governor Bernard and Mrs. Bernard, Sir William McMillan, Sister John of the Cross, C.S.M., Mrs. L. L. Noonan, hostess president, and all who contributed to the musical programme.

DORTNINGHOLM, Sweden — (CP)—The 18th century Royal Court Theatre here on Sept. 1 will open its first regular season in more than 150 years. The theatre, for many years used as a storehouse, was rediscovered and restored in the 1920s.

## In The World of Books

With Will R. Bird

ULSTER by Hugh Shearman: Ryerson Press, \$2.50.

This is another in the series of county books that are being written at present and it is fully up to the standard of the others. Ulster has, as everyone knows, played an important part in the history of the British Isles. The geographical factor has helped make it the home of a number of distinct communities during past centuries. Now its historic role is that of home of a separate Government of Northern Ireland.

Mr. Shearman has been thorough in his work. He has described Ulster from the Stone Ages to the present. In those ancient days the Stone Age man was drawn to Ulster by the presence there of much accessible flint, with which he made implements and weapons.

A chapter deals with the megalithic people in Ulster. The author states: "Few monuments of the past have excited so much curiosity, superstitious awe and credulity as the great stone cairns and dolmens to which the name megalithic has been given. These attitudes of mind which they have aroused in successive generations have caused the monuments to be interfered with in various ways before they could be scientifically examined and recorded. The hope of loot caused many of them to be rifled at different periods. For example, a cairn was opened on Scrabo Hill and found to contain a quantity of early Scandinavian coins and a small clay pipe. Evidently it had been broken into at two different times, centuries apart."

Ulster, of course, is the home of fairy tales and legends, and Ulster has its fair share. Mr. Shearman has unearthed far more than he can record. He says: "Craft, skill, elegance, capacity in music and the arts and, above all, physical beauty, are peculiar attributes of the great figures of the Irish myths. If we follow the old principle of the cynical saying that an honest god is the noblest work of man, or, in other words, that human beings display their own character in their conception of deity, then the myths of ancient Ireland tell us the character of her people." The book is well illustrated, and highly informative, a prize for any library.

### C. W. L. MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Indian River sub division of the C. W. L. was held in the vestry at Kensington on Sunday, Aug. 27 with an attendance of sixteen members.

The chaplain opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes read by the secretary were adopted. Roll call noted an increased membership. Treasurer's report including proceeds of entertainments was given. Many items of correspondence and acknowledgements were read.

On approved motion, a contribution to parish funds and some small bills were ordered paid. Discussion on further means of raising funds was heard and it was considered suitable to hold bingo in Kensington instead of Indian River on the incoming week. Meeting closed with prayer.

The first meeting of the new president, Miss Ellie Gillis was held on June 25 with an attendance of 21 members. Plans for many social functions during the summer were agreed upon. The July meeting was held in Indian River on the 23rd of the month when many business items were attended to and delegates to the Diocesan Convention appointed.

### COVEHEAD Y. P. U.

Covehead Y. P. U. held a business meeting in West Covehead United Church, July 10th. The vice-president, Erma Hughes, called the meeting to order, and opened by singing "What a Friend We have in Jesus". Verna MacLauchlan was appointed secretary for the balance of the year. Plans for a Song Service in the Church were discussed. The treasurer reported \$142.70 on hand and it was moved and seconded to pay \$100.00 towards installing lights in the church, also moved and seconded to get a pupil lamp and organ lamp for the church.

It was moved and seconded that the secretary write a letter of appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. George MacMillan for the use of their building for selling lunches at their sale. A motion was made that all bills be paid. It was decided to hold a weenie fry at Stanhope Plonic Grounds August 9th, and we charge 10 cents for each hot dog to cover cost. Nellie Willis offered to look after ordering the weiners, rolls and drinks. A suggestion was made to have a series of slides at a later date. Erma Hughes and Verna MacLauchlan were appointed to look after this and to arrange the date for same.

The meeting closed by repeating the Mizpah benediction.

## Marrying Mark

By VIOLETTE KIMBALL DUNN  
Continued

Shirley laid her hand over his as he got out of the car. There were a thousand things hammering to be said. "I do want to help, both for Ellen and you." She wondered again why she and Ellen had been friends. She had never been able to tell. The friendship had sprung in school from loneliness, and Ellen had never let it lapse.

"Somehow I hate your driving off alone like this," said Mark, her hand still in his.

"Loneliness is my trade," she told him laughing. "I get all my best plots rambling around by myself. It's about the only time I have to think."

He laid her hand against his lips. He could feel her fingers tighten for a second over his. Then she loosened them gently and drove away.

Valerie was filled with alternate shivers of delight and dread at the thought of Shirley's party. She loved to dance, and the prospect of going off alone just to be amused was stupendous. She relayed Shirley's invitation to Lucy, who wisely declined it. Lucy telephoned Shirley when Valerie was out of hearing. "You're sweet to ask me," she said, "but I think I shan't come. You'll understand how it is. I've been longing for her to know children her own-age. But I didn't know just how to go about it."

"I wish you'd told me." Shirley's voice came back waggly. "I'd love to help whenever I can. Maybe you'll have lunch with me some day soon. There are some things I might be able to tell you."

Something in her tone made Lucy agree eagerly. "I'd love it."

Q. In what order do the parents of the bride and bridegroom enter the church?  
A. The bride's usher seats the bridegroom's mother in the first pew on the right, the bridegroom's father following alone. The bride's mother is then escorted to her place in the first pew on the left. Since the bride's mother enters just before the procession begins, no one should be seated after her entrance.

Q. When a woman is attending a dinner dance at a hotel, should she check her wrap outside?  
A. She may either check it, or take it into the dining room with her and fold it over the back of her chair.

Q. Is it proper to issue dinner invitations in the name of the hostess only?  
A. No; this invitation should always be issued in the name of the both the host and hostess.

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she said. "Call me when you want me. And do make it soon."

Valerie went off in state, driven by Cattel. She looked rather like a pale pink cloud in her flesh-colored dancing frock, with a tiny string of pearls about her throat. It wasn't until Chiltern announced dinner that Lucy realized she was sitting down to her first meal alone with Mark. It was early September and summer was still in the air. Lucy wore white, and her eyes were dark under the gold of her hair.

It was the purest gold Mark had ever seen. Neither platinum nor honey, but the color of an old burnished coin. It lay in smooth waves against her little head, and Mark found himself suddenly longing to touch it.

She sat now at the other end of Mark's table, and for the first time since he had rescued her from the Ark he seemed to her almost a stranger. There was something in the air between them, vaguely exciting and a little disturbing. A sort of gay formality. As if the emptiness left by Valerie were almost tangible and must be banished.

"The modern spirit, I suppose you would call it," said Mrs. Banwood to Chiltern. He had just carried the big silver tray with his shining coffee service out to the terrace where Mark and Lucy relaxed in long chairs of split bamboo and watched the tiny crescent of the moon.

"The world's gone on since your time and mine, if that's what you mean," agreed Chiltern amiably. "Not, of course, that we're as young as we were once."

It was not in the least what Mrs. Banwood meant, as he knew. He was also aware that she guarded the secret of her age jealously. She drew the line of her lips tight as she looked at him without answering.

He knew quite well that she was registering disapproval of affairs on the terrace. And he knew she dared not voice them more explicitly without encouragement from him, which she would never get. She smiled blandly and went back to see if there was something more he could do for Mark and Lucy.

There was not, for they both declined a second cup of coffee; and presently he went back to Mrs. Banwood, carrying the tray before him like a sort of shining shield.

"A beautiful night," he said sentimentally. "Sets one to thinking of all sorts of things. Youth, and summer—"

"Humph!" said Mrs. Banwood.

Mark looked across to where Lucy rested, arms behind her gold-

ferent voice from the family circle one he used every day. A voice that told her he was a charming person, whom money had failed to spoil. It also made her conscious of her new and softly clinging white and the freshly set waves of her shining hair. She looked at him in amazement.

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