CITY'S CHARITIES.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THEM.

Large Results-Many Hundreds of Unfortunates Supported Entirely or in Part by Their Fellow-Men and Women-A Charity of the City that is Just Beginning.

The church and charities are coordinate institutions. A few weeks ago Progress gave some gufires showing the financial status of the church as a whole in this city. The largeness of the figures gave the public some idea of the vast interests which the church has in its keeping and responsibility that rests upon it to do the most good for that large expenditure. It was stated that the fitty churches here possessed two million dollars' worth of property and that \$175,000 was raised yearly for the various church objects. These are probably outside figures, but the totals will come up to these figures very nearly.

Taking up the facts respecting the charities of the city it will be found that the same large results are shown. A large sum of money is spent here annually in charitable and philanthropic work and many hundreds are supported wholly or in part by their fellows. In the case of the churches the figures are for the churches of the city proper only and the amounts stated as raised came from city pockets. In the case of the charitable institutions, some are in the vicinity of the city and some of them are supported almost entirely outside of the city.

The various philanthropic and charitable institutions number about sixteen and besides these there are a number of societies organized for charitable purposes. These institutions and societies comprise two hospitals, four orphan asylums, an asylum for the insane, an almshouse, a boys' reformatory, a home for aged women, a sailors' mission, two purely charitable societies and four societies for social work.

There then are the smaller societies connected with the church doing charitable work, while many individuals are engaged in personal charitable effort.

Some of the leading charities of the city are as follows:

Public charities, general public hospital, asylum for the insane, almshouse re-

Private charities, Mater Misericordiae hospital, protestant orphan asylum, Wiggins' male orphan asylum; girls' orphan asylum, Cliff street; boys' orphan asylum, Silver Falls; home for aged women, home for fallen women, Relief and Aid society, Kings' Daughters, seamen's mission, Y. M. C. A., W. C. T. U., St. Vincent de Paul

Among all these the biggest institution is probably the provincial lunatic asylum in Lancaster, with its main building near the suspension bridge and an annex on the bay shore near MacLarens' beach. On January 1st, 1894, there were in the asylum 477 patients and during the following ten months 117 more were admitted, making the total number under treatment in that time 596. The daily average number under treatment and care for the period was 481. The maintenance of the asylum cost the province in money during 1893 about \$10,000 and in ten months of 1894 \$30,300. Besides this there is the produce which is obtained on the asylum farm, which is worked by the patients, and the fees obtained from paying patients. Adding this in the total expenditure in 1893 was \$54,945 87. Each patient costs on an average year by year about \$110. This amount feeds and clothes them and pays all the expenses of running the asylum. This institution has an efficient staff of officers consisting of the Drs. Steeves, superintendents; W. A. Quinton, steward: Patrick Tole, clerk, and Miss Murphy, matron. In the course of a year many visitors inspect the asylum and they must feel saddened at the sorrowful sights they meet. Usually the poorest and most ignorant people are those most apt to become insane. The figures show that about nine per cent. are supported wholly or in part by friends. All the others are pauper insane. Out of 117 patients admitted last year only 11 had a good education, 32 had a fair, 24 could read and write, 4 could read only and 16 had none. It is gratifying to think that the communities throughout the province are relieved of the trouble that these poor insane would be to them.

The almshouse (is another instituttion where is exemplified that special object of government, to cause the weak to be supported by the strong. Here during the last year nearly 300 people were supported during the whole or part of the period and there were lodged there on the average 175 or 180 people at a time; The lunatic asylum is about 47 years old. this institution has had an existence of about sixty years. The cost of maintenance of the institution is about \$13,000. The almshouse is clocated in Crouchville. The buildings consist of a main building with ells and a new | building and barn. There is a farm of sixty acres about the institution, and hay, oats and roots are raised. There are about thirty children in the honse and a schoolsis provided for them. Work is given the adults in care of the buildings, sewing, working the farm and carpentering, etc. Those in charge are Superintendent Woods and his wite, Mrs. Cunningham, the matron, who has been

there for forty years, and a maid to look after the farm. The number in the institution at present is about the same as usual, though it was exp cted that there would be more applications for admittance. Mr. Wetmore, the secretary of the commission, thinks that the mild weather may have

been influential in keeping people out. One of the charities of the city which is just now beginning, but which is destined to accomplish much good is the Boy's Industrial Home or the reformatory at Crouchville. This was established. might be said, almost entirely through the exertions of Lady Tilley, and it will do much toward the reformation of boys who have started on the wrong road. At the close of 1893 there were six boys in the home. During 1894 seven were added and one dismissed and at the close of 1894 there were 12 residents. Since the beginning of the year five more have been added. The total expentiture upon the home was \$2529.90 last year. The officials are doing excellent work with the boys and they have shown great improvement. J. G. Downey is the superintendboard of governors and John E. Irvine is secretary. The members of the board take a great interest in the institution and are frequent visitors.

A LETTER FROM " ROSA D'ERINA." Rose O'Toole Received this Title from the

Empress Eugenie. The sketch entitled "The Rose of Erin. on the first page of last week's PROGRESS, has brought forth a letter from the famous singer referred to, which is of autobiographical, historical and phonological significance. The letter, which is most entertaining, and, as will be seen, is of great interest to Irishmen, Canadians, Frenchmen and Englishmen, is published with pleasure, but it may be remarked that no slur was intended to be cast by PROGRESS on the honorable names of "Bridget" or "O'Toole," and that the sketch referred to was not written in ignorance of the derivation of either of these names. proof that "Rosa d'Erina's" real name was Bridget O'Toole was not considered by the writer of that article as good as the proof of the incidents mentioned, and hence the saving clause "some say" was inserted, which, as will be seen by the lady's letter, was justified by the fact there brought forth that her name is not Bridget :

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS :- There are numbers of people, and people apparently of intelligence, who attach a kind of reproach to the name of "Bridget." This name is a synonym of virtue, and originally was bestowed, not merely as a baptismal name, but as a high honor, on princesses and women of noble birth. Certain stupid and tragic to dwell upon. ignorant people, some moving in so called good society, think of and use the name with ridicule and opprobrium. Some, even of Irish descent and, I am sorry to say, of Irish birth, are prone to fall into this vulgarism.

Now my name is not and never was Bridget, but if it were I would consider it a privilege to bear it, and would never be guilty of the absurdity of wishing to re pudicate it. In an article on "The Rose of Erin" on the first page of last week's Progress, the reproach or slur seems to be somewhat humorously thrown, not at my name or at me, but at the honorable name of "Bridget." Will you allow me in defence of the name of Bridget and in justice to my own good sense, to explain how I came to be called Rosa d'Erina.

Of course I was born in Ireland My family name before my marriage was O'Toole. The name O'Toole a corruption of O'Tuathail, which signifies "of the nobles." I need not go back to the history of Ireland to rove my lineage. Sufficient that we beong to the same branch of the O'Tuathails or O'Tooles as the great St. Lawrence O'Toole, Archbishop of Dublin, and our genealogy is traced parallel with his, by the famous Count O'Kelly-Farrell of La Reole, Bordeaux, in his work "Les O'Tooles."

I was christened Rose Anne, and my grandfather always called me Rosheen. After my debut in Ireland I was always called "Roshin bhinn na ndhan," "Sweetvoiced Rose of Song." During the great Dublin exhibition Prince Bonaparte and suite attended my recitals in the main building. Among the suite were several French gentlemen of Irish name and decent, and shortly after, presumably through their influence, I was invited to illustrate the magic music of my native land at the Paris exposition. I made my debut in Paris as Rose O'Toole and there I met the late Dr. Honeyman of Halifax, who induced me to give recitals also in the Canadian portion of the exposition, using a Canadan piano (I think). I had the good fortune to become a favorite in Paris and it soon became the fashion for press and public to speak of me as "la Rose d' Irlande," the Rose of Ireland, and from this the empress Eugenie herselt was pleased to find an easy transition to "the Rose of Erin" and then Rosa d'Erina, by which name I have ever since been known. When, through the kindness of the Duchess of Abercorn, I received a royal command to Marlborough House, I was careful to explain to the Princess the derivation of my nom de During my recent tour through Ireland I was invariably billed as Rose

O'Toole (Rosa d'Erina). I want my dear Irish sisters who bear the name of Bridget to be proud of that name and to live up to its full significance. Many sensitive young women, on coming to this country, change their name from Bridget to Delia. This is contemptible if not wicked, and no true Irishwoman would be guilty of the absurdity. I fear I have transgressed very much upon your time and space, but I desire to show that my name was never changed from mere motives of euphony, policy, or, least of all, shame of my beloved country, but by Imperial and gracious favor.

Thanking you for your courtesy, Yours very truly, ROSA D'ERINA, ANTIDOTE FOR KISSES. CARRY A FLASK OF DISINFECTANT

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The Disadvantages of the System-Kissing Like Truth, is not Crushed to Earth with Impunity-Mr.Strange Prefers His Liquors

and Kisses Separate and "Straight." I am afraid we are getting to be so painfully practical and matter-of-fact now-adays that romance will soon be as much out of date as chivalry, 'he ideal will sink into insignificance beside the more enduring attractions of cold reality, and even falling in love will gradually become a thing of the past. This may sound like rather a dismal prophecy, but let those who think I am taking a gloomy view of the future, listen to this-"The Anti-kissing Society is a London invention, boasting of indorsement by high medical authority. Men and women who can't get along without kissing are advised by this compliant association to carry in their pockets a flask of disinfectant liquor and take a sip after each act of osculation." Think of it! shades of Jacob and Rachel, Abelard and ent and Miss Toole is matron and teacher. Heloise, Hero and Leander, and all the Mr. T. A. Peters is the chairman for the other lovers of romance and history, from Adam and Eve, downward; look down upon us! And while you are looking don't forget to drop a tear of pity in our direc-

> Picture the ardent lover waiting eagerly for his betrothal kiss and wiping his lips expectantly, while his adored one hunts around amongst the seven pockets which are now an essential feature of the best tailor-made suit, for her little crystal flask of "disinfectant liquor," in order to have it in readiness for an immediate sip after the ceremony; and then discovering that she has left it at home in the pocket of her other coat! Fancy the happy bridegroom, who has just been pronounced a husband, standing peside his fair bride, in the dim religious stained-glass light, of fashionable church and under the critical eye of a tashionable congregation while the strains of the wedding liquid cadences from the grand organ, and the prespiration rolled in concert down his own face, as he leant gracefully forward to imprint a nuptial kiss upon the rosy lips that were all his own now-and discovered at the last moment that his vial of kissing antitoxine had been left behind in his other clothes! How his lips would close in a set smile, and with what anxious haste he would drop the veil, so eagerly lifted a moment before, and content himself with a tender pressure of the little hand resting so confidingly on his arm! The picture is almost too

It has long been patent even to the least observant reader of the signs of the times, that the good old institution of kissing has in serious danger. One scientist after another has assailed it and pointed out its dangers, without I think causing any serious diminution of the practice. Only last year a continental physician published a serious warning against the custom, which he assumed existed, of kissing cats and dogs, as their saliva is infested with bacteria. Since then I have read numberless warnings against kissing babies, not not that the saliva of the little darlings has supposed to contain an unusual supply of germs, but merely for their own good : and lately the papers and magazines have been filled with the most startling notes of warning against the pernicious habit of kissing at all until any one of nervous temperament would feel that even in imprinting a chaste kiss upon the lips of his grandmother he was literally taking his life in his own hands.

But kissing, like truth, was not to be crushed to earth with impunity; it was too old and valued an institution to be overthrown without a struggle, and therefore when science and medical authority declared against it in a crushing majority, and things looked darkest for its survival, an unknown champion has risen up in its defence bearing an antidote to its subtle but sweet poison in the shape of a "disintectant liquor," which is warranted to render the most dangerous kiss as harmless and as healthful as a peppermint

Ot course there are drawbacks to the new invention, but then I suppose they are not to be considered tor a moment beside the dangers of the deadly kiss! In the first place the name of the inventor seems to be shrouded in mystery, and in the second there is a decided lack of necessary information concerning the drug. We are not given the least hint of its identity, but merely urged to carry "a flash" of disinfectant liquor in our pockets, and take "a nip"

in time of danger. Now in the vocabulary of the far West, where the traveller is obliged to be constantly on his guard against snake bites, disintectant liquor which is carried in flask, means but one thing-whiskey-and the victim is not particular about measuring the size of the dose. But then a snake usually bites only once unless his prey is very slow about moving, while I have it on reliable authority that a healthy young couple who are very much in love are capable of exchanging about five hundred kisses in one evening and under such circumstances it is of vital importance that those who attend making use of the antidote should know something nee Rose O'Toole. about its probable effect, and especially whether it is intoxicating or not, since the consequences of five hundred "nips" of the very mildest mountain dew would be too awful to contemplate calmly.

Whether intoxicating or not, it is to be hoped that the post-osculatory draught is pleasant both to taste and smell, for we have been accustomed from time immemorial to compare a kiss with everything that is delicious-strawberries and cream, pineapple sherbet, marsh mellows, and chocolate creams, all in one, and it would be too bad if the sweetness were to be elininated along with the poison. I have no doubt that the inventor of the "liquor" mentioned is a public benefactor, and in giving his discovery to the world he has saved thousands of ignorantly happy young creatures from an untimely death at the hands of the insidious microbe, and I should like to shake hands with him if I could only find out who he was; but all the same there is something so jarringly practical in the idea of that antidote of his so like taking a dinner pill after a particularly nice titbit lest it should disagree with you, that I should prefer facing the danger like brave man, and taking the "nip" and the kiss separate-and straight.

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