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ARE WE ALIENS?

Arthur Cleveland Coxe, Episcopal bishop of the diocese of Western New York, in his annual address, delivered before the diocesan conference, held in this city September 16th and 17th, as usual, took occasion to throw mud at the Catholic church.

Again this Episcopal prelate says: "I believe there are thousands of our Roman Catholic citizens who are no more aliens than I am."

Well, a great deal of what is said is true; indiscriminate illiterate and pauper immigrants could well be dispensed with, but as long as the government allows them to come here, what are you going to do about it, Mr. Coxe?

Then this Episcopalian goes on to have his customary fling at the parochial schools. This part we will pass and touch upon at another time.

"Public moneys, already estimated at hundreds of thousands, have been given to Roman emissaries at Washington, under the pretext of 'Indian missions,' while we are entreating you to aid our own Indian missionaries, against such fearful odds, by petty contributions."

No comment upon this is necessary except that the United States government is not known to be particularly friendly toward the Catholic church and whatever may have been granted for our Indian missions has been well expended.

"But Rome is insatiable, grasps all and renders naught. Her agents blackmail our politicians. Is there no spirit left in the land to stop such aggressions on the treasury? None to enforce our constitutional principle against the establishment and endowment of a religious sect, and that the sect which proclaims its supreme law of morals and of civil society is found in the despotic edicts of a foreign court, the meanest and most servile court in Christendom?"

This is amusing. There are so many Catholic members of congress, senators and cabinet officers that really, it is a wonder they have not legislated Bishop Coxe and his Anglican brethren out of existence, established the Inquisition in America and made the United States a fief of the pope.

The JOURNAL wishes success to the Epiphany Apostolic College, opened at Baltimore on September 14th. It is the only institution in this country for the education of students for the priesthood who are destined for missionaries among the colored people of the South.

To President Harrison: Better banish Colonel Elliott F. Shephard to St. Petersburg instanter or muzzle him. He is becoming very monotonous.

On the first page of this issue, the JOURNAL publishes a sketch and portrait of our Right Reverend Bishop. We propose to publish a sketch of a priest of the diocese at intervals of two weeks.

We dislike to make apologies, but we must ask the readers of the JOURNAL to make allowances for this first number. Our type did not arrive in time, and we were very much hurried.

DIOCESAN SEMINARY COLLECTION.

To-morrow the annual collection for the Diocesan Seminary will be taken up in all the churches. The worthy object of this collection is well known to the Catholics of the Rochester diocese and it is to be hoped that all will contribute as liberally as possible.

The JOURNAL is indebted to the Sunday Herald for the handsome cut of Bishop McQuaid which adorns the front page of this issue.

Rev. James P. Heaney of Galva, Ill., Peoria diocese, who was called to this city about two weeks since by the serious illness of his mother, celebrated the 10:30 a. m. mass at St. Mary's on Sunday last.

On Sunday, September 22d, Cardinal Gibbons conferred the order of sub-deacon upon John Thies and Peter Waringer of this city, at the Redemptorist House of Studies at Hchester, Maryland.

The present organ in the Cathedral is the oldest in the city, having been built by Stevens of Cambridge, in 1864. It still possesses a great deal of its old time power and quality of tone.

The retreat of the priests of the diocese which was made last week at the Episcopal residence, under the direction of the Right Rev. Bishop. The retreat was given by Rev. Father Bausch of St. Michael's Church, Baltimore.

On Wednesday last, Messrs. Nolan and Gefell sailed for Antwerp, whence they go to the American college at Rome. They were accompanied by Miss Ashe of Honeyoye Falls and Miss Catherine Hayes, of Auburn, N. Y.

BISHOP McQUAID'S WORK.

On Sunday last the Bishop administered the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation to a class of 150 adults and children at St. Peter and Paul's church. The young ladies were dressed in white and wore wreaths of flowers.

The Bishop confirmed a class of 130 at St. Boniface church, on Sunday morning last.

On Tuesday morning at 8:30 the Bishop celebrated a solemn mass of the Holy Ghost for the students in the Sacred Heart Academy.

To-day, the Bishop is blessing the new bell at the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Brockport.

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AMUSEMENTS.

LYCEUM—Marie Wainwright and Morrison's Faust. ACADEMY—N. S. Wood.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE—Mother-in-Law. Bijou—Gaiety Comic Opera Co.

This week's business at the theaters was a fairly good one. The first three nights Janauschek delighted audiences at the Lyceum in "Mary Stuart," "Meg Merrilies," and "The Woman in Red."

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week, Marie Wainwright will appear at the Lyceum in "Twelfth Night." Critical authorities say the setting of this comedy is the best ever seen.

N. S. Wood will be seen at the Academy next week in "Out in the Streets," a very strong melodrama.

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A SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

A well attended concert was given at Washington Rink on Thursday evening under the auspices of the church of Our Lady of Victory.

Quartette, The sea Hath its Perils, Pinauti Mrs. Paxton, Miss Sara Hays and Messrs. Abercrombie and Huntington.

Art. Ave Maria..... Bach-Gounod Mrs. Bessie Paxton. Violin obbligato, Mr. Schenk. Mandolin Quartette, March, Lucky Hit..... Seam Messrs. Jones, Whalen, F. C. and C. Children.

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