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THE HOLY FATHER.

Congratulates American Bishops on the Centenary.

The following letter has been sent by Pope Leo XIII to Cardinal Gibbons by Mgr. O'Connell, rector of the American College at Rome, concerning the American Catholic Centenary:

To our Beloved Son, James Gibbons, of the Title of St. Mary Beyond the Tiber, Cardinal Priest of the Holy Roman Church, Archbishop of Baltimore.

BELoved SON, HEALTH AND APOSTOLIC BENEEDICTION.—That great love for country and religion which you and our brethren, the Bishops of the United States of America, have so often and so nobly manifested is again strikingly illustrated in the letter which you have recently addressed to Us.

From it We learn that pastors and people are about to assemble in the city of Baltimore to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the sacred hierarchy in the United States.

On the same occasion you propose to dedicate the Catholic University, which, with the generous help of the faithful, you have founded in the city of Washington as a happy prestige of future greatness for the new era upon which you are about to enter.

It is truly worthy of your faith and piety thus gratefully to recall the blessings bestowed upon your country by Divine Providence, and, at the same time, to raise up in memory of them a monument which will be an honor to yourselves and a lasting benefit to your fellow citizens and to the country at large. And, therefore, We gladly unite with you in returning thanks to God, the author of all gifts.

At the same time We cordially congratulate you on the zeal with which you emulate the example of your glorious predecessors, faithfully treading in their footsteps, while ever widening the field opened up by their apostolic labors.

Most joyfully have we welcomed the expression which you, beloved son, and the other bishops convey to Us of your loyalty and devotion to the Apostolic See. We desire, in return, to assure you that, like Our predecessors of beloved memory, We, too, bear an especial love toward you, Our brethren, and the faithful committed to your care, and that We pray fervently for your prosperity and welfare, gathering comfort meanwhile no less from the readiness of your people to co-operate in all manner of good works than from the examples of sacerdotal virtue which are daily set before them.

In regard to your wish that some representatives from this city should, in our name, be present at your celebration, We readily assent to it—the more willingly because their presence will be an especial mark, both of our esteem and benevolence, and of that bond of faith and charity which unites pastors and people to the Supreme Head of the Church.

In conclusion, We earnestly pray to God, protector and Guardian of the Catholic cause, that under the prosperous and favored public institutions by which you are enabled to exercise with freedom your sacred ministry, your labors may redound to the benefit of Church and country.

And, as a pledge of Our special affection, We lovingly impart the Apostolic Benediction to you, beloved son, to Our venerable brethren, the Bishops of the United States of America, and to all the clergy and faithful committed to your charge.

Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, the 17th day of September, A. D. 1889, in the twelfth year of Our Pontificate.

Leo P. P. XIII.

In several parts of Georgia, in Macon, Augusta, etc., the public schools are taught by the Sisters of Mercy, to whom the salaries of ordinary school teachers are paid by the board.

AROUND THE GLOBE.

What the Church is Doing in this and Other Continents.

On October 30, 1853, Bishop Laughlin, of Brooklyn, was consecrated. St. Ann's Church, Hornellsville, was dedicated on Sunday last.

In the first half of September, 34,030 pilgrims visited Lourdes.

Dr. Von Steichele, who has been the Catholic Archbishop of Munich since 1878, is dead.

In this country the German Catholics number 1,500,000, with 2,100 priests, 1,300 churches, and 145,000 children attending parochial schools.

In England the two dioceses of Liverpool and Salford contain 500,000 Catholics, or one-third of the entire Catholic population of the country.

Rev. Dr. Schroeder, who is to fill the chair of Dogmatic Theology in the Catholic University of Washington, has arrived in this country.

Rev. P. A. Tracy, of Burlington, N. J., has been elected Grand State Spiritual Adviser of the Emerald Beneficial Association of the United States.

Rev. J. L. O'Neil, the eloquent Dominican preacher, conducted the annual spiritual retreat of the conferences of St. Vincent de Paul, Boston, on Sunday last.

During the absence in Europe and the Holy Land of the Rev. Richard Neagle, Chancellor of the diocese of Boston, Rev. Henry A. Sullivan, of the Cathedral, will replace him.

On October 19th, Rt. Rev. Bishop Walsh resigned the mitre of the diocese of London, to become Archbishop of Toronto. An administrator will take charge of the affairs of the diocese until a new bishop is named by Rome.

The Holy Father has conferred on the Tyrol Stained Glass Institute, of Innsbruck, Austria, the honorary title of "Institutio Premiata della Santa Sede." The firm Fr. Pustet & Co., of New York, are the sole representatives of this celebrated institute in the United States.

A convent of the Sisters of Charity is about to be established in the Bahama Islands. Rev. Mother Mary Ambrosia will start in a few days with eight of the Sisterhood to minister to the needs of this distant portion of the Archdiocese of New York.

Vicar-General Keegan, pastor of the Church of the Assumption, Brooklyn, recently celebrated the thirty-seventh anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The teachers and pupils of his parochial school presented him a handsome missal and a beautifully worded address of congratulation.

A telegram from Europe was received at Vancouver, W. T., on the 13th inst., by Very Rev. Father Schram, announcing the death of Rev. J. Simon, recently Missionary Priest on the Tulalip Reservation. About six weeks ago he left Seattle in broken health to sail for his native land, and the announcement of his death was not a surprise.

Rev. E. J. O'Dea, of the Cathedral of Portland, Oregon, is the possessor of three interesting photographs of the late Father Damien, the martyr of Molokai, showing the handsome young missionary priest prior to his residence among the lepers, and later the remarkable changes made by his great labors and loathsome disease. The photographs were mailed to Father O'Dea by John Kelly, from London, England.

In a recent letter to the *Dublin Freeman*, Michael Davitt thinks that the constitution adopted by the Irish National League seven years ago should be enforced. One clause of that constitution provided that a central council should be elected, to consist of thirty members, twenty to be elected by county conventions and ten by the Irish Parliamentary party. Mr. Davitt thinks that the time is now ripe for the election of this council, which, he thinks, would give an object lesson in Home Rule and afford a training that would be of service to the country when self-government is achieved.

Rev. Francis M. Neubaur, O. M. C., pastor of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Camden, has been elected Provincial of the Franciscan Order in the Province of America for the next three years. Father Neubaur was born in Bavaria, Jan. 11, 1837, and is now fifty-two years of age. On May 10th, 1863, he made his religious vows at Syracuse, and on November 1st of the same year was ordained priest in the Order of St. Francis. Last year the golden jubilee of Father Neubaur's ordination occurred and was celebrated with very impressive ceremonies.

At the synod of the Catholic clergy under the jurisdiction of Archbishop Corrigan, which will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Nov. 21, a number of new diocesan officials will be appointed. Among them will be six consultors of the Archbishop in place of Mgrs. Preston, Donnelly, and Farley, and Fathers Dougherty, Sweeney, and Wayrich, and six synodal examiners to succeed Very Rev. Henry Gabriels, President of St. Joseph's Seminary, Troy; Rev. Dr. P. F. McSweeney, Rev. Dr. R. L. Burtzell, Rev. Joseph F. Mooney of Newburgh, Rev. A. B. Schweninger, and Rev. George M. Searle, O. S. P. The synod is looked forward to with great interest by the clergy.

Rt. Rev. D. J. O'Connell.

The Right Rev. D. J. O'Connell, D. D., rector of the American College at Rome, was born about thirty-six years ago at Columbia, S. C. He was as bright a boy as he is eminent man, and was so far advanced in his studies that he was received into St. Mary's College when very young. One of his uncles, Rev. Joseph P. O'Connell, D. D., recognized as one of the most learned men in the priesthood, and who is at present pastor of the Church of St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Brooklyn, is preceptor. After a preparatory course at St. Charles College, Ellicott City, Md., he was sent to the American College, Rome, for the Diocese of Richmond, by Bishop Gibbons. In 1877, after having graduated with the first honors of his class, he was ordained. On his return to the United States he was stationed at the cathedral in Richmond. It was not long before he again visited Rome, for as Procurator he was delegated to receive the Pallium from his Holiness Pius IX. In 1878, for Archbishop Gibbons, a duty which he ably discharged. At that time he accompanied the Papal Delegate, Mgr. Conroy, Bishop of Ardagh, as his private secretary, in his visits to the various sections of the Church in the United States and Canada. At the Plenary Council of Baltimore, held in 1884, Dr. O'Connell was a prominent figure. He was one of the secretaries, and he prepared the history of the proceedings which was sent to Rome. Soon after the Plenary Council, Rev. Dr. Hostelet, rector of the American College, Rome, died, and Dr. O'Connell was appointed his successor. Before long another honor was conferred on the eminent young doctor. He was made a monsignor.

Catholic Society Notes.

The C. M. B. A. of Leroy, expect to hold their annual dance on Thanksgiving eve.

Another Branch of that flourishing organization the C. M. B. A., was instituted at Livonia on Sunday evening last. The newly born Branch is christened No. 143. District Deputy Barrett of Mt. Morris, was the presiding genius at the institution, ably assisted by Grand Deputy Jas. L. Whalen of Rochester. The following brethren were present from outside Branches:

Avon, M. D. Brenn, Patrick Tighe, Edward Corcoran, A. J. Abel, John McGinty, John J. Cassidy, D. Murphy, Mt. Morris: Rev. Charles T. Flaherty, J. J. Barrett, John F. Donovan, John Noonan.

Rochester: Andrew Schell, Edward Ernst, N. J. Miller, R. Noonan, William Bruce.

Lima: George W. Terry, M. Fitzgerald, Frank Eichenger, W. B. Fitzgerald.

No. 143 starts off with fourteen charter members. The following officers were elected:

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Joseph W. Hendrick; President, John Peel, Jr.; First Vice-President, P. Murphy; Second Vice-President, D. O'Connell; Recording Secretary, A. J. Morrissey; Assistant Secretary, M. Kervin; Financial Secretary, Jacob Snyder; Treasurer, Rev. J. W. Hendrick; Marshal, William Murphy; Guard, James Haggerty; Trustees for one year, P. Burke, P. Murphy, John Haley; Trustees for two years, Frank Snyder and George Ritzenthaler.

The visitors were entertained royally. After the ceremonies incident upon installation, a banquet was enjoyed at which enjoyable speeches were made by Rev. J. W. Hendrick, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Livonia; Rev. Charles Flaherty, District Deputy Barrett and Grand Deputy Whalen.

No. 143 is the sixth Branch instituted in Grand Deputy Whalen's district since his appointment. Twenty-two Branches in all have been instituted during that time. Besides No. 143, Branches 131, 134, 139, Rochester; 138 Lima; 141 Canandaigua, have been instituted by Grand Deputy Whalen. Branch 143 has the Journal's best wishes for a long and successful career.

Last Tuesday evening, Rochester Council, No. 207, C. B. L., held its regular meeting. Two new members were received and several applications for membership. Quite a discussion was had whether the Council should send a delegate to the coming Catholic Congress at Baltimore, November 10th, 11th and 12th. The question will be decided at a special meeting to be held to-morrow. Following are extracts from the circular sent out by the Brooklyn committee in charge of the C. B. L. arrangements:

On the 11th and 12th days of November, 1889, at the city of Baltimore, Md., will be celebrated the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the Catholic Hierarchy of the United States. Moved by the appropriateness of the occasion and the singular fitness of the time, a committee of eminent Catholic laymen formulated a call for a general congress of the Catholic laity of the United States, to be held in Baltimore during the celebration, and which would serve as a striking instance of the harmonious relations subsisting between the faithful and their spiritual directors. The event is to be further signalized by the formal opening of that monument of true religion and true learning—the Catholic University, in the city of Washington.

In the congress itself no special provision has been made for representation of societies or organizations, as such; but in the parade on the evening of November 12th, places in line have been assigned to the different Catholic bodies desiring to participate.

At a conference of members of the Supreme Council and of the officers of the State Councils of New York and New Jersey, it was the unanimous sentiment that the Catholic Benevolent Legion, being heartily in accord with the spirit of the celebration, should be suitably represented therein; and the undersigned were appointed a committee, with instructions to take suitable steps to ensure a creditable attendance of members of the Legion on this occasion.

Our comrades of the State of Maryland have already made arrangements for the performance of their allotted duties, and have secured for the Legion a place in the line of march.

It is earnestly hoped that every comrade who can possibly do so, will personally attend to swell the ranks of participants in the parade, and in every way strive to make the Legion's share in the festivities worthy of the celebration and of itself. Owing to the limited time at our disposal, elaborate preparations are impossible, and every reliance is placed upon the enthusiasm of comrades to achieve the desired success.

Relying upon your zeal and devotion to our common cause to assist in making the display of the Catholic Benevolent Legion on this anniversary worthy of its rank among Catholic societies and of the favor with which His Eminence, the Cardinal Archbishop of Baltimore, and the entire Catholic Hierarchy have been pleased to regard it.

Oswego Items.

Oswego, Oct. 30.—John Gallagher, an old and respected resident of this city died at his late residence on West Third street, Sunday. The deceased was well and favorably known here, and was a man of many good qualities. He was a Christian in the true sense of the word, and his many friends regret his departure. The funeral took place Wednesday from St. John's Church and was largely attended. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Father Hughes.

Rev. Father Anger of St. Louis Church, was naturalized Tuesday, and is now a citizen.

Frank Aikens, the energetic agent of a Syracuse grocery store, was in Oswego Wednesday. His many friends in Oswego (his former home), are pleased to hear of his success in his new undertaking.

The Ludwig Concert Company entertainment to be held in Priory Hall under the auspices of the Young Men's Catholic Union of this city, promises to be a great success. The date has been fixed at November 8th. A large number of tickets have been issued, and no doubt all will be readily disposed of.

St. John's Fair opens next week. Active preparations are now being made to make it a great success.

Some improvements are about to be commenced at St. Paul's church. The recent complications in regard to our electric lights have caused much trouble and a great deal of feeling against the managers of the Home Electric Light company. If the other stockholders had taken the same manly and courageous view of the matter as Father Hughes, they would have shown that they had the interest of the city at heart, and given no cause for the feeling which is now felt against them.