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THE CATHOLIC PRESS

One of the papers read at the Baltimore Congress that has attracted considerable attention was one on the Catholic Press by George Wolff, Esq., D. of the Catholic Standard.

Let that only be held to be a Catholic newspaper which sets forth and defends the doctrines of the Church, narrates the progress of the Church at home and abroad, and is ready to submit in all things to the authority of the Church.

Catholic daily newspapers in all large cities and a Catholic Associated Press agency are also recommended. While this would be very desirable, the Journal thinks it will be a long time before it is consummated.

In conclusion, the Journal wishes to return thanks for the support it has received and to call attention to the fact that it is one of the very few Catholic dollar weeklies.

DEMOCRAT AND CATHOLICISM

Again this week the Rochester Democrat takes up the cudgel in defence of its statement, in a previous issue, that the Catholic Church was the pioneer of religious toleration in America.

The Democrat and Chronicle does claim that the Church, through Lord Baltimore, is entitled to rank as a pioneer in religious toleration in this country.

We might add for the benefit of our Episcopal friend that these same Protestants, who through Catholic liberality were permitted to come into Maryland, were rather intolerant in their own actions.

Congregations, as a rule, are prone to think they have no personal interest in seeing the debt of their church wiped out. This is not as it should be.

To the Executive Board: keep on clearing the streets.

A Mr. Owens, of the "Royal Irish Constabulary Force," has written a letter to the Irish World, in which he claims that the majority of that body is composed of true Irish patriots, who were compelled to join the force in order to obtain a livelihood, and suggests that it would be a good idea to form a society which would assist these so-called "patriots" to America and provide good places of employment for them when they arrive here.

The Portland Oregonian recently classed the Catholic movement for parochial schools with Mormon rebellion and lawlessness, and charged the Catholic Church with being a theocracy. To which the Catholic Sentinel makes the following pertinent reply:

The ignorant fanatics who say it is the policy of the Catholic Church to keep her children in ignorance, we respectfully dedicate the following facts: The Catholic Church has one-fifth of all the theological seminaries in the United States, and one-third of all their students; one-fourth of the colleges, nearly 600 academies, and 2,600 parochial (elementary) schools, instructing more than half a million of children.

We must protest, in the name of common decency, against the apologies for pictures of various prelates published the past two weeks by our contemporaries. A portrait of His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, appeared in a large number of our exchanges, and no two pictures resembled each other.

The Baltimore Mirror showed its enterprise by publishing a double number last week with full description of the Baltimore celebration and several of the papers in full read at the congress.

A complete suit of red was the way the Catholic Knight celebrated last week's centenary. It presented a striking appearance.

The Catholic News has entered upon its fourth volume. The Journal tenders congratulations and hopes that its editor, Dr. John Gilmary Shea, may be spared many more years to aid in spreading Catholic truth throughout the land.

Major Henry F. Brownson struck a key-note when, in his paper before the Baltimore Congress on "Lay Action in the Church," he said: "Crown down bribery at the polls and fraud at the ballot-box, and you will be the truest friend of your religion and your country."

Weekly Church Calendar

- SUNDAY, Nov. 24.—Twenty-fourth and last Sunday after Pentecost. Gospel, Matthew xxiv, 15-35. MONDAY, 25.—St. John of the Cross, Confessor. TUESDAY, 26.—St. Catherine, Virgin and Martyr. WEDNESDAY, 27.—St. Conrad, Bishop. THURSDAY, 28.—St. Leonard, of Port Maurice, Confessor. FRIDAY, 29.—St. Saturninus, Martyr. SATURDAY, 30.—St. Andrew, Apostle.

Rev. T. F. Hopkins, editor of the Dakota Catholic has been called by his superiors to duties which will preclude his continuance of work on the Catholic, which will hereafter be under the joint editorship of Revs. J. J. O'Riordan and A. L. Ricklin.

The New Jersey Catholic Journal appeared this week in an enlarged form. We congratulate our contemporary and namesake and hope it will attain the full measure of success it merits.

The Michigan Catholic published Mr. Wolff's paper on "The Catholic Press" in full last week.

RELIGIOUS PERSECUTIONS

Last week the Journal commented on an editorial in the Rochester Democrat, giving a very good exposition of the work done by the Catholics in bringing about religious toleration in America. In closing, the Democrat charges the Catholic Church with the horrors of the Inquisition in Spain.

While our Holy Church is intolerant of error, bloodshed and persecution form no part of her creed. (Granted that the authors of the Inquisition were children of the Church, is it fair to hold her responsible for those acts of her children she disowns?)

Should liberty be denounced because many crimes are committed in her name, or a father held accountable for the sins of his disobedient children? Merely to show that those who live in glass houses should not throw stones, let us recall some acts of leaders of the Reformed religions.

John Calvin burned Michael Servetus at the stake for heresy, and established in Geneva an Inquisition for the punishment of refractory Christians; Luther advocated the most merciless doctrine toward the Jews; Henry VIII and his successors, for many generations, inflicted heavy punishment and even death upon those of their subjects who denied the spiritual supremacy of the temporal sovereign; Prescott says the administration of Elizabeth was not a whit less despotic and scarcely less sanguinary than that of Isabella.

For precisely the same reasons, Protestants should not reproach the Catholic Church for the atrocities of the Spanish Inquisition. They were inflicted by laymen and ecclesiastics, either without the consent, or against the protests of the Bishop of Rome, while the persecutions before alluded

DIOCESAN NEWS

What is Going on in the Parishes outside Rochester.

Dansville News

The great event of the season, St. Patrick's Church fair, opens Monday evening. Father Day is general manager, and Mrs. T. E. Gallagher president, and both are doing all in their power to make it a success, as indeed are all in the congregation.

Scottsville

Mr. Thomas Carson and Mr. Edward Keefe, students of St. Andrew's Seminary, Rochester, are visiting friends in town.

There was a large attendance at the Holy Angels' church Nunda, when our Rt. Rev. Bishop confirmed a class of seventeen persons.

Mr. McCone and Miss Annie Eagan, both of Genesee village, were married Tuesday at the Catholic church, Rev. J. J. Hickey officiating.

Rev. Father Dougherty of St. Mary's church, Auburn, is reorganizing the Knights of Father Matthew.

To-morrow, the Bishop will administer confirmation at St. Mary's Dansville.

There will be a fair at St. Vincent's church in Churchville about the middle of December.

The annual fair of St. Michael's Catholic church, Penn Yan, will be held the second week in December, beginning on Tuesday.

Miles Phillips and Miss Mary McGuinn, and James O'Brien and Miss Maggie Phillips, were married on Wednesday at the church of the Assumption, B. V. M., Brockport, by Rev. R. J. Story.

Frank Nise of Ossian, and Miss Angeline Werdein of Dansville, were married at St. Mary's Catholic church in the latter place Tuesday morning, by Rev. Father Rauber. Immediately after the ceremony a reception was given them at the home of the bride's parents on Quay street.

On Tuesday evening an excellent programme was presented at the Catholic fair at Genesee, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, recitations and a tableaux. Miss Park, Mr. McNair Mrs. Stevens and the Normal Glee Club participated.

Wednesday the entertainment was under the supervision of the Costello brothers. It included a declamation by C. Delehanty, an instrumental solo by E. C. O'Brien, and a farce entitled "New Lights, or the Irish Tutor" in which the following took part: Messrs. T. Costello, E. Quirk, M. E. Costello, J. C. Toole; Miss Ella Dolan and Miss Nellie Thompson.

The marriage of Mr. Peter Clark and Miss Katie Guran was solemnized at the Church of the Assumption, Scottsville, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. Father O'Neil officiating. High mass was celebrated after which the bride and groom were driven to their future home, recently furnished and fitted up for their use on Main street where an elaborate wedding breakfast was served to a few invited guests. In the afternoon a reception was held. Congratulations were extended and many good wishes for future happiness left with the happy pair.

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