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IN THE NORTHWEST.

Some Interesting Facts about the New Dioceses Recently Formed.

The following on the progress of the Church in the great Northwest is interesting in view of the new dioceses recently formed, and is from the *Catholic News*:

People will hardly credit it, yet it is a fact that the United States Government during the present century sent an expedition to explore the country west of the Mississippi and that it took Lewis and Clarke three years to reach the Pacific and a year to get back. So far as white men were concerned, the land was a wilderness. The Canadian trapper and fur-trader alone followed the Indian trails and represented civilized man. Now where the explorers camped at night, with no sound but that of the wild beast prowling near, are cities with stately buildings, gathering in the products of the farm, the factory and the mine. This year several new states have sprung into existence to be represented in the great council of the nation. In this progress the Church has not been indifferent or inactive. Her pioneer priests lead the way in new settlements as they did two centuries ago. With the rising town begins the Catholic chapel and the Catholic service. Men rushed this year into Oklahoma, and a community almost large enough to claim admission as a State occupied the land in a day, even before there was a territorial government organized. The Catholic Church was there as soon, and a Perfect Apostolic dates his letters now from a rising city of Oklahoma. Even where Mormonism has kept all Protestant denominations out, as in Utah, the Catholic Church has her bishop at Salt Lake City and her cathedral dedicated to St. Mary Magdalen stands out as a lesson to deluded and misguided women.

This year the great Pope, whose place in history will not be unworthy of his predecessors who have the same name, Leo XIII, a true lion of the fold of Juda, has erected four new dioceses in this country. The great State of Minnesota has too large a Catholic population for one archbishop and a Vicar Apostolic to direct properly. Four new dioceses were formed, one with a see at Duluth on Lake Superior, a city named after a brave and adventurous early Catholic pioneer, Greysolon du Lakt, the other at Winona. The Vicariate Apostolic of Northern Minnesota, with restricted limits, becomes the diocese of St. Cloud. The adjacent territory of Dakota asked admission as a State and two States were formed, North and South Dakota. Watching the movement, Pope Leo made each State a diocese, North Dakota with a see at Jamestown; South Dakota with a see at Sioux Falls. Each of these new dioceses, constituting the ecclesiastical province of St. Paul, begins its career under most favorable auspices. While Bishop Cheverus began the diocese of Boston with only two other priests and as many churches in all New England, and Bishop Connolly that of New York as poorly equipped, or the first Bishop of Nashville without church or priest or house, the new dioceses present a picture full of consolation and hope. What has already been accomplished is but a forecast of a glorious future. If a distant and outlying parts they have grown, how much may we not expect when each has at its head a zealous and energetic bishop?

The diocese of St. Paul since the division contains 125 churches, with

125 priests; a theological seminary, Benedictine, Franciscan, Dominican and Marist Fathers, Franciscan and Christian Brothers, Sisters of St. Benedict, St. Dominic, Notre Dame, the Good Shepherd, the Visitation, Christian Charity, the Immaculate Heart, Sisters of Mercy, Little Sisters of the Poor, Poor Handmaids of our Lord, eight academies, 62 parochial schools, and 14 charitable institutions. The new diocese of Winona, under the Rt. Rev. James Cotter, comprises nineteen counties of Minnesota, has one bishop, 48 priests, 50 churches, Jesuit Fathers at Mankato, and Ursuline Convent at Lake City, Convent of the Sisters of the Holy Child at Avoca and Waseca, and 18 parochial schools with about 2,500 pupils. It will be seen that with such a well equipped diocese, the progress of religion must be great indeed.

The diocese of which the Bishop is Right Rev. Otto Zardetti, who is already consecrated and in possession of his see, St. Cloud, contains 52 regular priests, 15 secular, has 21 young men preparing for the priesthood, 28 churches, 40 chapels and stations regularly attended; has a theological seminary and a university conducted by learned Benedictines of St. John's Abbey, 2 academies, 12 parochial schools, 11 district schools under Catholic teachers, an asylum, 3 hospitals and a Catholic population of 30,000.

In Dakota is the see of Jamestown, of which Rt. Rev. John Shanley, D. D., is Bishop. It begins its history with 1 bishop, 53 priests, 61 churches, 81 stations attended, two academies, 13 parochial schools and an hospital. Besides the staff of worthy secular priests laboring under him, he has Fathers of the ancient order of St. Benedict, while among religious communities we may note Benedictines, Ursuline and Presentation Nuns, and Sisters of Mercy and Grey Nuns. This diocese also includes Indian missions among Chippewas, Crees and Sioux, Res. Gros Ventres and Mandans, with schools that the government is asked to suppress. The diocese of Sioux Falls is governed by the veteran pioneer, Bishop Martin Marty, who left his Abbey in Indiana to become an Indian missionary. After resigning the care of the new State of Northern Dakota, this energetic bishop has thirty-nine priests, 76 churches, 7 academies, 14 parochial schools, Benedictine, Ursuline and Presentation Nuns and Sisters of St. Agnes devote themselves to the cause of education. There are also Indian missions among the Sioux, Ogallala and Cheyenne Indians and conducted by Benedictine and Jesuit Fathers.

L'Abbe Lagrange, titular canon of Notre Dame de Paris, has been called to the See of Chartres, in France, left vacant by the death of Mgr. Rognaud. He has long been known to the world of letters. When quite a young priest his able pen drew upon him the attention of Mgr. Dupanloup, and in 1888 he was made Vicar-General of the diocese of Orleans. He soon became the fellow-worker and intimate friend of the illustrious Bishop of Orleans, who bequeathed him his private papers and correspondence. The public is acquainted with Abbe Lagrange's admirable "Life of Mgr. Dupanloup," a work that has already been translated into several languages. The new Bishop of Chartres is remarkable for his simple life and priestly character, as well as for certain little outside eccentricities. While well pleased to wear a very threadbare cassock, his hand is ever ready to relieve the poor.

AROUND THE GLOBE.

What the Church is Doing in this and Other Continents.

The new church at Easton, Md., was dedicated Sunday, December 21.

Father Buss, a priest of La Crosse, Wis., died recently in the hospital at St. Cloud, aged 58 years.

On December 15, the new Cathedral at Beardstown, Ill., was dedicated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Ryan, of Alton, Ill.

Rev. Thomas G. Middleton, O. S. A., has been elected president of the American Historical Society.

Dr. O'Doherty, has been created Bishop of the Diocese of Londonderry, in succession to the Rt. Rev. Francis Kelly, deceased.

Eight priests of the Society of Jesus and one lay brother have arrived in India as a reinforcement for the Bengal mission.

Rev. Jas. Kelly, an old and very much-revered member of the Order of the Congregation of the Missions, is dead in Phibsborough, Ireland.

Father Joseph de Bonniot, of the Society of Jesus, one of the editors of the *Etudes Religieuses*, and a well known writer on philosophical and scientific subjects, is dead in Paris, aged fifty years.

Father Agostino of Montefeltro, the famous pulpit orator preached a few weeks ago at Naples in the church of SS. Severino and Sossio. A congregation of four thousand persons filled the building, while crowds vainly endeavored to press in at the door.

Cardinal Manning has consented to become a vice-president of the Native Races and the Liquor Traffic United Committee, and has nominated Canon Murnane and Johnson to sit on the executive as representatives of the Catholic Total Abstinence League of the Cross.

Rev. Father Wisbauer, the oldest priest in Wisconsin, died a few years since at Burlington, aged 80 years. He was born in Austria in 1810, and ordained priest at Linz, in 1839. He located at Burlington in 1842, and had been there up to the time of his death.

Sir Charles Russell, the most prominent lawyer in the *Parnell Times* case, is a brother of Rev. Matthew Russell, S. J., editor of the *Irish Monthly*. Sir Charles is married to Ellen Mulholland, elder sister of the well-known Rosa Mulholland.

Father Fogarty, the well-known Carmelite, is dead. For many years he was connected with the house of his Order, the Discalced Carmelites, on Claremont street, in Dublin. The deceased had spent more than forty years in missionary work. He passed the early years of his religious life in Belgium, coming to Dublin in 1850.

Cardinal Celestine Joseph Ganglbauer, O. S. B., Archbishop of Vienna, died in that city on Dec. 14. Cardinal Ganglbauer was born in Thaur, Austria, on August 16, 1811. At an early age he entered the Benedictine Order, and eventually became Abbe of the Monastery at Kremsmuenster. He was a recognized authority among the students of science and literature.

The Roman correspondent of the *Catholic News* says that Mgr. Zakewski will soon be appointed ambassador to the Papal embassy at Paris, thus filling a long-existing vacancy in the Paris Nunciature. The new Papal diplomat is a very able man who speaks seven or eight languages fluently, among them English. He accompanied Mgr. Agliardi, the Papal delegate who went some years ago to establish the episcopal hierarchy in English India.

An Associated Press dispatch of December 30th states that the Holy Father has bestowed the Cardinal's hat on the Archbishops of Paris, Lyons and Prague, and preconized Archbishop Cleary, of Kingston, Ont., Bishop Marty, of Sioux Falls, Zardetti, of St. Cloud, Van de Vyver, of Richmond, Shanley, of Jamestown, McGolrick, of Duluth, and Cotter, of Winona. The Pope referred to the new universities in America and Switzerland, and announced his intention to create two cardinals in petto. These are understood to be Mgr. Satolli and Mgr. Boccali.

Valentine Hill, South Yonkers, has been selected as the site for the new theological seminary for the archdiocese of New York. The property, which had been in the possession of the Valentine family since 1887, comprises sixty acres, and the price paid was \$70,500 or \$1,175 per acre. When the new seminary has been completed, the institution at Troy which is the property of the archdiocese, will be sold, and the students transferred to the new structure. As soon as possible ground will be broken. There will be a stone building, 600 feet long by 200 feet deep, with class room and dormitories for 1,000 students. Smaller buildings will also be erected for various purposes. Although the stone will be quarried on the property, the cost of improvements will be much greater than that of the land, which is considered very cheap. There will be no hurry about finishing the buildings, for they will be put up for all time, and it is intended that the expenditure upon them shall provide first-rate equipments in every respect. Accordingly, no time is set for their completion. The site is a beautiful one and most advantageously situated.

Three Bishops Consecrated.

On December 28th, the three new bishops, Right Rev. James McGolrick, of Duluth, Minn., Right Rev. John Shanley, of Jamestown, Dak., and Right Rev. Joseph Cotter, of Winona, Minn., were consecrated at the old Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul, Minn., the scene of many a solemn ceremony but none equal in importance to this, for only once before in the history of the American hierarchy has a triple consecration of bishops occurred. That was on October 30, 1853, when Archbishop Bayley, of Baltimore, was consecrated bishop of Newark, Bishop Loughlin, of Brooklyn, and Bishop De Goesbriand, of Burlington. The ceremony took place in old St. Patrick's, New York city.

Archbishop John Ireland, D. D., was the consecrator, assisted by Archbishop Thomas L. Grace and Bishop Marty, D. D.; chaplains of Bishop-elect Shanley were Revs. D. V. Collins, of Fargo, and John W. Conscience, of Minn. North Dakota; chaplains of Bishop Cotter were Rev. Wm. Riordan, of Rochester, and Rev. Wm. Berghold, of New Ulm; chaplains of Bishop McGolrick were Rev. Edward J. Lawler, of Crookston, and Rev. Joseph T. Butz, of Tower; the other ministers were as follows: Rev. Anatole Oster, assistant priest; Revs. Maurice M. Murphy and James Trebec, deacons of honor; Rev. Joseph Koerber, deacon of the Mass; Rev. E. Kenny, sub-deacon; Rev. John Starika, archepiscopal cross bearer; Rev. John Harrison, professional cross bearer; chanters of the Mass, Rev. John Rynda and M. Wurst. The seminarians sang the proper of the Mass, and Rev. Thomas O'Gorman read the pontifical briefs. The sermon was by Rev. Walter Blinn, O. S. F. The ceremonies were in charge of Revs. J. C. Byrne, F. R. Nelson, D. D., Thomas J. Gibbons, James A. Fitzpatrick and J. F. Dolphin.

DIOCESAN NEWS.

What is Going on in the Parishes outside Rochester.

Father Gleason was recently presented a purse of \$42 by the members of St. Patrick's church, Savannah.

St. Louis' congregation, of Pittsford, will give an entertainment at Phoenix hall next Wednesday evening.

The funeral services of Michael Martin were held Thursday morning at the Catholic church in Brockport.

Alman Aldrich, a young man of Fairport, was killed at that place on Monday afternoon, while alighting from a freight train.

Rev. Father Sullivan, of St. Joseph's church, Perry, received a purse containing \$300 as a Christmas gift from his flock.

On Thursday Charles L. Kelly and Miss Sophia Sessler were united in marriage by Rev. J. J. Hickey, at St. Mary's church, Waterloo.

Edward O'Brien, of Caykerville, fell through a bridge on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railway on Sunday last and was almost instantly killed.

Fathers O'Donoghue and News, of the Lazarist Order, Germantown, Pa., opened a week's mission at Bergen on Sunday last. Three services were held daily at 5:30, 8:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Catherine McMahon, aged 62 years, died at Seneca Falls on Sunday last. Her husband, one son and a daughter, survive her. The funeral was held on Tuesday at 9 a. m. from St. Patrick's church.

The prizes drawn at the Catholic fair in Scottsville, which closed Saturday, were as follows: Ton of coal, \$100; barrel of flour, \$50; rocking chair, \$25; Garbuttville.

Genesee News.

Genesee, Jan. 1.—Rev. J. A. Hickey spent Christmas with his parents at Weedsport, N. Y.

Mr. Fred Skidmore, of Canaan, was a guest in the family of his uncle, Mr. O'Grady, this week.

A mission will be given by the Paulist Fathers in St. Mary's church, the latter part of this month.

There is a rumor that a wedding will soon take place in the new church.

A Mr. Cunningham died one day last week, and was buried from St. Mary's church. Rev. Chas. Flaherty officiated.

Misses Mary Hickey and Mary Cheney spent the holidays in Weedsport with relatives.

Mr. E. C. C. Callinan, who came home to spend the holidays, left Thursday, to resume his studies at Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. Philip Kerwin, of Buffalo, visited with his parents during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Foley, and Mrs. F. Boston, of Danville, spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. O'Meara.

Danville News.

Danville, Jan. 1.—Mr. John Noble came up from Rochester to spend New Years at home.

Miss Kittie Power has gone to Buffalo, to spend some time with relatives and friends.

Infants have reached Danville, a great many are suffering with it at present.