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An Irishman's Wish on St. Patrick's Day.

BY RT. REV. DR. ENGLAND, FIRST BISHOP OF CHARLESTON.

Oh! who that has not wandered far
From where he first drew vital air,
Can tell how bright the visions are
Which still surround his vision there?
For, Oh! 'tis sweet, 'round memory's
throne
When time and distance gild the way,
To cite the scenes that long have flown,
And view them o'er on Patrick's day?

Though distant from our native shore
And bound by fortune's stern decree,
To tread our native land no more,
Still Erin, we will think of thee.
Is there a heart of Irish mould
That does not own the magic way
That tempts the generous patriot soul
To celebrate on Patrick's Day?

No nation e'er at Freedom's shrine
Has sacrificed more rights than we;
Our blood has flown in every clime
That raised the shout of liberty.
But, Oh! will Freedom never shine
Nor shed one bright, one cheering ray,
To cheer our own loved native Isle,
And raise our hopes on Patrick's Day?

Yes, Erin, raise thy drooping brow
And wreath it with the Shamrock green,
Go, tell thy proud, thy haughty foe
That she's no longer Ocean's Queen.
Columbia's banners wave on high
Her Eagle seizes on its prey,
Then, Erin, wipe thy tearful eye
And raise thy hopes on Patrick's Day!

Thy gallant sons have nobly bought
Columbia's gratitude to thee,
In Freedom's cause they nobly fought
And shed their blood for Liberty.
Then sing, my Harp! and speak my soul,
Let tyrants grumble as they may,
The wish we'll speak is "England's Fall
And Erin's joy on Patrick's Day."

FATHER MATHEW.

The Archbishop of Cashel and the Temperance Cause.

The Archbishop of Cashel has addressed the following circular to his clergy in connection with Father Mathew's centenary and the great temperance movement to be initiated throughout Ireland on Passion Sunday:

THE PALACE, THURLES.

Rev. and Dear Sir—You are, no doubt, already aware that the centenary of Father Mathew, the great Apostle of Temperance, is to be celebrated in the autumn of this year, not alone in Ireland; but in England and Scotland as well, and, indeed, for that matter, amongst the various English-speaking peoples who have learned to respect his name, and learned to appreciate his labors.

To insure, and, as far as may be, even to enhance the success of the celebration here at home, and to render it in every way worthy of the cause that it represents, and of the good man whom it is designed to honor, an influential committee has been formed in Cork, the city of his adoption; and to that committee, consisting of leading citizens of all creeds and classes, we are invited, in common with our countrymen generally, to address any communications usefully bearing on the centenary festival, and to forward such subscriptions as we may choose to give towards defraying the expenses necessarily incidental to it.

Amongst the many possible ways in which a fitting tribute can be paid to the memory of the illustrious deceased, the one proposed by the Archbishop of Dublin appears to me far and away the most appropriate, not merely because of its being so thoroughly in consonance with Father Mathew's character as a distinguished member of a religious order, but chiefly because that, from the very nature of things, it is evidently calculated to produce the most lasting and salutary results.

In a very able and interesting paper drawn up by his grace of Dublin some time ago, and submitted in due course to each of his colleagues in the hierarchy for amendment or approval, the Archbishop has developed his plan

with the utmost lucidity and fullness of detail, the substance of it being that we cannot better mark our appreciation of Father Mathew's personal worth, or of the truly apostolic labors to which his life was directed, than by a simultaneous movement to advance the cause of Christian temperance, which he had so much at heart, to be initiated throughout the length and breadth of Ireland on Passion Sunday next.

I am most anxious that the priests and people of this archdiocese should go hand in hand in this matter with the illustrious Archbishop of Dublin, as I myself most heartily do; and, in order to that end, I would earnestly, but respectfully, make the following suggestions to the clergy:—

First, I recommend that a well-considered discourse on the vice of intemperance, with all its hideous and appalling consequences, be delivered in every parish in these dioceses, either by the pastor or his curate, or by some competent ecclesiastic, on the approaching festival of St. Patrick.

Secondly, I ordain that a temperance society, or, better still, a branch of St. Patrick's League of the Cross, or both, if deemed advisable, be established in every parish of the archdiocese of Cashel and Emly, on Passion Sunday next; and that, where these societies, or either of them, already exist, special steps be taken on that day by the parochial clergy, to recruit their numbers, and thus widen the sphere of their usefulness and influence.

Furthermore, it is my wish that every child of these dioceses about to receive holy communion for the first time, or else immediately after it, would be enrolled a member of St. Patrick's League of the Cross, so to continue until he or she will have attained the age of 21. The same applies to the sacrament of confirmation.

In this, as in every other appeal I have ever made to them, I trust implicitly for success to the zeal and devotedness of the priests of Cashel and Emly; and I now implore of them, as they value their own soul's salvation, the well-being of their flocks, and the good repute of their country, to strive earnestly, once for all, to stamp out from their midst the frightful and degrading vice of intemperance, thus making our ever faithful and generous people as irreproachable on that score as they are in other spheres of Christian morality and decorum.

It is true, indeed, that the memory of good, as well as of great men, is for the most part transmitted to posterity by means of the sculptor's art, the poet's song or the painter's canvas; but, at the same time, were it given to the illustrious dead of all past ages—warriors, philanthropists, or martyrs, as they may have been—to express their individual wishes from the tomb as to the monument which above all others they would have erected to their names, and in their honor, I make no doubt they would unanimously approve for themselves of what we desire to do for Father Mathew—to perpetuate the good work for the triumph of which he had lived and died.

Such, I humbly think, would be incomparably the most gracious and suitable monument that the Irish people could erect to the memory of the great Apostle of Temperance. A church also may be fittingly dedicated to his name. One form of memorial does not necessarily, or at all, exclude the other, and I shall most readily support both. I remain, reverend and dear sir, your very faithful servant.

T. W. CROOK, Archbishop of Cashel, February, 1890.

Several other Irish Bishops have taken up the matter and addressed the clergy and people of their dioceses in a similar manner.

THE HOLY FATHER'S SORROW.

Letter Written by Pope Leo XIII on His Recent Bereavement.

Rome, Feb. 16.
The following letter, written by His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII, to the Cardinal Secretary of State, and published last night, indicates the sorrow felt by the Pontiff and by many others on the death of Cardinal Pecci. The Pope writes as follows:

SIGNOR CARDINAL:—In the midst of the profound sorrow with which Our heart has been stricken by the death of Our dearly beloved brother, Joseph, the only brother remaining to Us, it has been a great consolation to Us to receive the special proofs of affectionate interest sent to Us as it were in emulation from all parts. Sovereigns and Princes, the Sacred College of Cardinals, Ambassadors and Ministers accredited to the Holy See, a very great number of Bishops in the name likewise of their clergy and people, religious communities and Catholic associations have been solicitous in demonstrating to Us the very deep part which they have taken in Our sorrow; and in order that these should not be barren expressions of condolence, they have added to them special and fervent prayers for Our comfort and in suffrage for the soul of Our lamented brother. The Society of Jesus, which had received him amongst its members, surrounded him with particular care when he was ill, and tendered pious offices and honors after death. But in these demonstrations Rome holds a place apart, for the Chapters of the Patriarchal Basilicas have desired to render to the departed solemn funeral honors; the Prelates, the Patriarchs, the nobility and the citizens have sent to Us the expression of their sorrow for Our mourning; and they have gone in great numbers to pray for peace for the deceased.

Deeply moved and grateful for these attestations of affection, We desire that all may know the sentiments of deepest gratitude with which We have received them and the singular consolation which We have derived from them. And of this We give special charge to you, Signor Cardinal, who know well Our sentiments in this respect.

May the Lord in His infinite mercy deign to grant that the soul of Our dearly beloved brother, who consecrated all his life to the pursuit and teaching of the Truth, and who found there his delight, may by so many prayers be hastened to the vision of the first and essential Truth, which comprises all in itself, and which forms the beatitude of the elect.

Receive, Signor Cardinal, as the pledge of Our most special affection, the Apostolic Benediction which We impart to you from Our heart.

LEO P. P. XIII.

Why Catholics Confess their Sins.

Rev. Walter Elliott, the well-known orator, spoke last week on the above subject. The speaker said "that the subject was a most important one, simple enough to those who practice it, but a great mystery to those who know nothing of it. We simply kneel at the feet of a priest, take up the ten commandments one by one and confess our mortal sins. All about it, however, there is a thought of suspicion. I have confessed every week for years, but I hate to do it. It is easy to kneel at the feet of a priest, but it is hard work to confess all our sins. But when it's over one feels better—purified. Confession is a good thing in that it tends to prevent offenses. If a man commits a grievous sin against God he cannot obtain the divine forgiveness without sincere repentance. Sorrow must be practiced

in dealing with God: It's very well for a man to say: 'O, God, I am sorry I got drunk;' but it won't do; he must be sorry that he was fool enough to go near the rum shop. Even Martin Luther commended secret confession; the German church recommended confession and absolution, and to-day in the High Church there is a confession laid down in the ritual. Eminent sacred and profane writers have unhesitatingly affirmed that the practice of confession existed in the church from the beginning; it originated with God himself. If a person is so situated that he cannot go to confession, he is not bound to do so. God binds nobody to impossibilities. Confession does not make sin easier. Look about you and take note of the many respectable men and women of the Catholic Church and determine whether they would cleave to an institution which has for a portion of its doctrine a thing that makes sin easier. All shades and degrees of men kneel at the priest's feet; there all are equal!"

Rev. Mother Russell, of San Francisco, the pioneer Sister of Mercy on the Pacific slope, with her companions, left Thursday, February 28, by the Illinois Central for St. Louis, but will probably return to New-Orleans to take the Southern Pacific for her home, as traveling by the northern route is dangerous just now, because of the terrible snow-storms. Mother Russell belongs to a family distinguished for piety and gifts of intellect. Her uncle, Dr. Charles Russell, of Maynooth, author of some standard works, was instrumental in converting Dr. Newman, now Cardinal, and is mentioned by him in his "Apologia" as the person who had most to do with his conversion. Her brother, Rev. M. Russell, S. J., has published several volumes of prose and poetry, and is the founder and editor of the *Irish Monthly*. Her other brother, Sir Charles Russell, the eminent jurist, and Parnell's defender, is too well known to require any description. Should Gladstone become Prime Minister, Sir Charles Russell will probably be the next Lord Chancellor. The sisters of this distinguished man all became Sisters of Mercy.—*Morning Star*.

The *Connecticut Catholic* advises those who charge Catholics with being opposed to liberty and American institutions to "read up the history of this country from its discovery by the Catholic Christopher Columbus down to the present Catholic mayor of New York city. Among other things they will be able to see that it was Catholic France that made it possible for us to obtain our independence in the revolution of over a century ago. During the late civil war they will see that it was the Catholic Archbishop Hughes, of New York who was selected by President Lincoln to go on the important and delicate mission to France which proved of vast importance to our government. They will see that it was Catholic missionaries who made many of the most important discoveries in the republic and opened up civilization in many parts. They will find out that it was Catholic Irishmen that sustained Washington's army when it was threatened with starvation. They cannot but know the important part Catholics have taken in the field, from Sullivan to Sheridan. The most bigoted history will inform him that it was Catholic Maryland, in colonial days, under Lord Baltimore, that first presented a constitution or declaration of principles guaranteeing religious liberty and freedom to all. This constitution was promulgated, too, when the narrow-minded Puritans hereabouts were persecuting all not holding their own tenets."

DIOCESAN NEWS.

Catholic Notes Gathered by Our Special Correspondents.

Scottsville.
Miss Mary Murphy, a highly esteemed young lady of Scottsville, died Monday of inflammation of the bowels. She had only been ill five days. The loss is deeply felt by the aged mother, her sister and brother, as well as other surviving relatives. The funeral was held at 10 a. m. Wednesday from the Church of the Assumption.

Canandaigua.
George Eighmey has resigned his position in Anderson's dry-goods house and accepted a more lucrative one as assistant ticket agent at the depot.

The many friends of Miss Kittie Moran will be pleased to learn that she has already recovered from the effects of her recent illness. Mrs. Thomas Kennedy, of Gorham street, is dangerously ill.

Mrs. Henry Phelan (nee Jennie Howley) of Binghamton, N. Y., died Wednesday last, aged 22 years. The remains were brought here for interment. The funeral took place on Friday a. m. Rev. William Payne, of Geneva, cousin of the deceased, officiating.

Dansville.
John Banister, of Wellsville, was a welcome visitor at Dansville last week. Miss Fannie Jordan has returned home after a pleasant visit with friends in Elmira. Father Guyer, of Cohocton, and Father Gleason, of Wayland, were in town one day last week.

Martin Loftus has resigned his position in the office of the *Rochester Chronicle* and will start for Duluth to-morrow to work in the printing office of A. J. Whitman.

We are sorry to note the fact of the death of Marie McQueen, of Elmira. The young lady is a cousin of Rev. Father Day, who, accompanied by his sister, attended the funeral.

Lima.
The Lenten devotions are fairly attended. Owing to the bad roads, some of our out of town people excuse themselves. Died Mch. 9, Patrick O'Meara, aged 8. He leaves a large family of grown children to mourn his loss.

The sisters are working hard to prepare the little ones for an entertainment to be given on the 17th inst.

If reports are true there will be more than one wedding after Easter, but we will keep still.

Died March 5, Patrick Dunn, aged 95 at the residence of his son-in-law, Timothy O'Brien. Mr. Dunn was one of the Catholic pioneers of St. Rose's congregation.

Miss B. Louise Hickey has been spending a few days in the country, a guest of Miss Maggie Grace. Miss Johanna Dalton has not sold her millinery business, as hertofore reported. Mr. Lavery, of Lakeville, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. P. C. Guinan.

Monday, little Nicholas Andrews died from the effects of a bread crust which lodged in his throat while he was eating Sunday morning. He was a bright and beautiful child. He attended school at St. Rose and will be sadly missed by his playmate as well as parents. May he rest in peace.

Geneseo.
It is rumored that several weddings will take place after Lent.

"Muldoon," the wrestler, was in town this week.

E. and M. Costello, R. Cullinan and Will O'Connor take part in "Fritz Stein or the German Volunteer in Search of his Uncle" which is to be presented at Concert hall March 19, 20, 21 and 22, under the auspices of the G. A. R. of this place.

Several persons of St. Mary's congregation have visited Father Musmanno, of Greece, during the past two weeks. Father M. was the first resident priest at Geneseo, and he has many friends here who would be glad to hear of his recovery.

Mrs. R. Koch, of Rochester, was in town Thursday of this week. Miss Louise Stapleton, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. Costello, returned to her home in Rochester this week. Paul Kerwin, of Buffalo, was home on a visit this week. Mrs. Geo. Manny is on the sick list. Mr. J. Cullinan was confined to his bed for a few days last week with an ulcerated throat. Miss Lizzie Kelly is visiting friends in Rochester.

John O'Leary, who has been teaching school at Lima, is home. James Costello was a rusty nail in his foot last week Thursday and has been unable to use it since.

St. Mary's church has not started according to the financial statement last Sunday. Much of the money has been used for the purchase of a new altar.