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KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN.

ANNUAL LETTER OF THE SUPREME OFFICERS.

Concluded.
We cordially invite, not only all Knights of St. John, the clergy, our friends, but in general all who are interested in the growth of Catholic organization, to respond to the invitation of our Columbus brothers, to visit their fair city on the 24th of June, the occasion of our 12th Annual Convention and National Parade.

Cheap R. R. rates will be given. We extend a warm welcome to all, and be assured that your visit will be made pleasant by our Columbus friends who are sparing no pains to make it so.

We take pleasure in thanking the commanderies for the interest manifested, steady increase in membership and promptness in the transaction of business. We thank the members in general for the respect and support given their respective officers, and for their co-operation in the discharge of our duties. We congratulate our members throughout the union for especial good work and progress during the past year. Good feeling and harmony prevail everywhere, and at no time in the history of the Order was our general condition healthier, or future prospects more encouraging. We ask you sincerely for a continued interest and co-operation for the future welfare of our grand organization.

Our widows' and orphans' insurance is deserving of the hearty support of our members, and we may say to each Commandery, "bring this matter to the attention of your members," consider it and discuss it freely, and let each make a special effort to increase the membership of the widows' and orphans' department." There are no reasons why all of our members should not be enrolled in this most excellent branch, the very key stone on which the organization rests.

The weekly indemnity or sick benefit plan, should be approved by all the commanderies. It is the golden age in good practice. "Help one another." Nearly every man in his lifetime has a period of illness, lasting from one week to two or three months. Then it is, when rendered unable to perform usual business, that we appreciate the somewhat worn but true advice, "Make hay while the sun shines."

We earnestly recommend that each Commandery pay special attention to the care of sick members, in visiting and caring for them as prescribed by the local constitution. The funerals of deceased members should be attended by every brother Knight. No greater honor can be paid to the memory of a brother Knight than to be borne to his last resting place amid the honors of knighthood.

We especially recommend the practice of temperance and sobriety among our members, knowing full well that excessive use of intoxicating liquors can not be tolerated without endangering the dignity and character of the Order, and bringing disgrace and dishonor to the individual. We do not, however, wish to be understood as dictating what each member shall eat or drink, but we do say, be sober and temperate at all times, not only in the Commandery hall or on parade, but at all times. In all your actions be a true Catholic Knight of St. John.

We ask you, Rev. Clergy, to unite with us in bringing our society to the attention of the young men of this country. Give us your support and influence, and united we will raise the standard of our young men to the highest point of manhood.

TWO MISSIONS.

ST. MARY'S AND THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

They Opened Last Sunday—Large Attendance—The Lazarists and Redemptorists in Charge

Last Sunday's high mass opened the two weeks' mission at St. Mary's church. Rev. F. O'Hanlon was celebrant with Revs. E. J. News and Frank O'Donoghue, deacon and sub-deacon. Rev. M. J. Cluney was master of ceremonies. Father Stewart announced that the first week's services would be for women and appointed the following gentlemen to act as ushers: P. Cooper, T. West, J. C. Connolly, J. W. Carberry, Mr. Reid and W. A. Marakle.

At the close of the mass Father LeFevre informed the congregation what would be required to make the mission and urged all to be present, if possible, at mass on each of the fifteen days and to hear each sermon during their week. After reading the Gospel, Father LeFevre preached the sermon. Following is a brief synopsis: We are come, dear brethren, in the name of God and for a very definite purpose; not seeking your property or worldly goods, nor professional or political influence; not seeking your temporal prosperity, although we wish you well; we are come for a purpose, higher and better, of far more importance than all other purposes combined—the salvation of your souls. We come to remind you that life is not complete on the surface of this earth, but that it is in the world to come. The first aim of a mission is to make one study himself. "Know thyself" is not so much a pagan axiom as a Christian truth. We are not here for pleasure. A mission is a time for thought, and meditation. Man asks concerning his origin, whence does he come, what is he doing, what is this thing called life? What is his office in the world? Where is he going? "Ay, there's the rub! This life is not complete here but in the next world. Man asks himself, "Where am I going?" I must die, as others, sooner or later pass through the gates and land on the eternal shore, either to be eternally happy or forever damned." The speaker said it was hardly fair to attribute directly to God any failure we make of our own lives. We know what our course in life should be. We must, in this life, sometime pronounce a reasonable verdict on our own life. Unless we are hypocrites, we must adjudge our life a success if we have lived with a thought to a higher or everlasting life; a failure if we have forgotten the future and a just God. God damns no man; man damns himself; we are the architects of our own fortunes or misfortunes. Father LeFevre scored severely those, who were nominal Christians, but whose belief was almost like that of heretics and infidels. "It is said there will come a moment when a man is an honest doubter. That moment will never come until after the morals have been polluted. We first become wicked, then lose our distinct, exact ideas of truth and God." He said we should be careful how we live, for many unbelievers sneer at the believing world, saying they believe their professions belie their words. He closed by saying a mission was as a green oasis in a desert and urged all to make it; because if Catholics make a failure of their lives, miserable indeed will be their end.

Sunday evening, the church was filled to overflowing, there being about 1,300 women present. Vespers was sung by Rev. M. J. Cluney. Father Dunphy preached an eloquent sermon

on the necessity of saving our immortal souls. His discourse was listened to with great attention. The Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament closed the services. The Lazarist Fathers from Germantown, Pa., who are in charge are Revs. P. B. Dunphy, Frank O'Donoghue, E. J. LeFevre and E. J. News. Father Dunphy is as yet quite weak, as he has just left the hospital after a somewhat severe illness.

The weeks' services have been well attended. They consist of masses and instruction, at 5 and 8:30 o'clock and Rosary, sermon and Benediction each evening at 7:30 o'clock. Monday's 5 o'clock mass was celebrated and instruction given by Father News and the 8:30 o'clock mass by Father LeFevre. He gave a very forcible instruction on "Conscience," in the course of which he said there came a time in man's life when his conscience troubled him, no matter how much he tried to stifle its voice. He also warned his hearers against laughing at, arguing away or stifling the dictates of their conscience and reminded them that if they did, they would damn their souls.

Monday evening the church was filled to overflowing. Father News recited the Rosary and Father O'Donoghue preached the sermon on "Mortal Sin." In his remarks he said "By one mortal sin Adam and Eve, our first parents, lost their home in Eden. We have inherited their sin and must undergo what they did to satisfy the justice of an offended God. The sins of a world in rebellion against God, cried to Heaven for vengeance and He sent One to suffer for our sins. It took the blood of a man-God upon the Cross, to open the gates of heaven, closed by one mortal sin. We owe all we have to Jesus-Christ. His Passion was for one mortal sin. God loves to gaze upon a soul in the state of grace; He possesses that soul and loves to dwell therein. How beautiful is the soul which has preserved its baptismal innocence. But the moment sin enters that soul, it loses its ravishing beauty, and becomes a thing of abomination to God." The Father closed by exhorting all to strive against committing even one mortal sin.

Tuesday evening's sermon was preached by Father News and Wednesday's by Father LeFevre. At the Immaculate Conception.

The mission at the Immaculate Conception church, under direction of the Redemptorist Fathers from New York city, is being largely attended. The evening services this week drew together such large congregations, composed exclusively of women, that every available inch of space was filled, it being necessary to place chairs in the aisles. The earnest appeals of the eloquent preachers are evidently not without effect, as the throngs each evening seem to increase in size. The pastor and his assistant feel much encouraged and hope for large audiences of men next week. They also anticipate much practical good to result from the mission, and such cannot fail to be the case, if all those who attend make the mission in a proper spirit.

The exercises are conducted by Revs. Matthew Bohn, Francis Delargy, John B. Frawley, New York city, and Alexander Klauder, of Baltimore, and opened with last Sunday's high mass, which was celebrated by Rev. William Gleeson, assistant pastor of the Immaculate Conception church. At its close, Father Bohn read the regulations for making the mission and preached a powerful sermon.

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Father Klauder discoursed to young women Wednesday evening. The morning masses and instructions at 5 and 8:30 o'clock have been largely attended, especially the earlier service.

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AROUND THE GLOBE.

What the Church is Doing in this and Other Continents.

The Pope has declared St. Francis Xavier the principal patron of the diocese of Green Bay, Wis.

Rev. James Joseph Guiron, for some time assistant secretary with Canon Johnson to Cardinal Manning, died on April 21st.

Very Rev. Alexander Hughes, O. P., died at the Monastery of the Passionist Fathers at Mt. Adams, Cincinnati, May 6th.

Last Sunday Archbishop Kenrick confirmed twenty-five colored children at St. Elizabeth's (colored) church, St. Louis.

On Ascension Day Cardinal Gibbons dedicated the handsome new church of St. Gabriel, Great Falls, Montgomery county, Md.

The Holy Father has nominated his Eminence Cardinal Capelatro Librarian of the Holy Roman Church, which office was made vacant last September by the death of Cardinal Schiaffino.

Cardinal Lavigerie, who is about to solemnly consecrate the Cathedral of St. Louis, built on the ruins of Carthage, has already blessed his own grave, which is in the sanctuary of the Cathedral.

Henry Louis Hoguet, for many years a well-known auctioneer and merchant of New York and one of its most prominent Catholic residents, died May 8th at his residence 48 West Twenty-eighth street, of pleurisy. He was 79 years old.

The new church of St. James of Compostella will be the finest Gothic church in London—probably in England—belonging to Catholics. The site costs £27,000 and already £30,000 has been expended on the building. About £30,000 more will be required.

Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia writes: "The solemn consecration of our Cathedral and the metropolitan church of this province, will take place on Monday, the 30th of June next, Commemoration of St. Paul and within the octave of Sts. Peter and Paul, the patrons of the Cathedral and the Diocese.

Archbishop Corrigan gave a banquet at the American College, Rome, a few days ago to celebrate the seventeenth anniversary of his consecration. There was a distinguished company present, including the Vicar General of the pope, Cardinal Parocchi, Mgr. Pallotti, Mgr. Kirby, rector of the Irish College, Mgr. Campbell, rector of the Scotch College, and Mgr. Jacobini, prefect of the Propaganda.

Some time since the Journal noted a movement to establish a federation of Catholic societies in the diocese of Pittsburg with a view to the establishment of such federations in each diocese in the United States. The pioneer council was consummated at Pittsburg a few days since. Among others the following resolutions were adopted:

"WHEREAS a number of representatives of the Catholic press has been at this time or another this year more or less engaged in the due publication of a magazine relating to our grand movement, therefore, be it Resolved That we testify to our grateful appreciation of notices bestowed by The Pittsburg Courier, the Catholic Family Herald, Pittsburg Mirror, Grand News, Standard, Free Press, Catholic Journal, Columbian, and Messenger, being the only Catholic newspapers as far as we have been able to learn, which have yet come to realize the importance of a federation of men of the Catholic faith in the United States, and the necessity of a common voice, we hereby express our appreciation of the same."

DIOCESAN NEWS.

James Cunningham was united in marriage to Annie Kelly at St. Columba church, Caledonia, Monday last.

Father Eisler officiated. John Fay and Nellie Sheehan were the attendants. Both bride and groom are residents of Caledonia. They have the best wishes of a host of friends.

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