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RT. REV. J. T. McMANUS

Demise of the Vicar-General of the Rochester Diocese.

The Venerable Priest Expires at the Parochial Residence

of St. Francis de Sales Geneva.

Special to the CATHOLIC JOURNAL.

(GENEVA, N. Y., June 28.—) Rt. Rev. J. T. McManus, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Rochester, Domestic Prelate of the Papal Household and pastor of St. Francis de Sales church, died this morning at the parochial residence. Probably no death in the city has excited more universal sorrow than that of the venerable monsigneur. His life, both as priest and citizen, has been most exemplary and all feel that a great soul hath gone from among us.

When Bishop McQuaid returned home last summer he brought with him the glad news that the Holy Father had been pleased to raise the beloved pastor to the rank of Domestic Prelate of the Papal Household, with the title of Right Reverend. Father McManus was in too poor health to be invested with the robes of office and that ceremony was deferred until December 11th, 1889. On that day the Bishop conferred the honor upon him.

The following sketch appeared in the JOURNAL of Dec. 14, 1889:

Rt. Rev. James T. McManus was born in County of Cavan, Ireland. He pursued his theological studies at Fordham, N. Y., in the Catholic seminary presided over by Archbishop Hughes. The building still stands at Fordham, and is now a part of St. John's College, being known as St. John's hall. In 1851 he was ordained for the diocese of Buffalo. His first parochial appointment was to the parishes of Oswego, Waverly and Ithaca, comprising all that stretch of territory between the southern boundary of Ontario county and Pennsylvania. In this vast field the devoted priest labored for several years. Father McManus came to Geneva saying his first mass here December 8, 1858. He has ministered to the wants of the congregation for thirty-one successive years, with the exception of about seven months spent in Rochester as pastor of St. Mary's church. In 1876 he was appointed vicar-general of the diocese, to succeed Rev. James M. Hurly. A papal brief, dated Rome, August 9, 1889, conferred upon him what seems to be the crowning glory of his life, the title of Monsigneur, making him a dignitary of the papal household. The title is permanent, and does not end with the death of the pontiff conferring it, as obtains in some cases. The insignia of office are the mozzetta, the mantelletta, and the purple cassock. Upon no more deserving shoulders have the sacred vestments of the Church been placed.

With the going out of his grand old life, a great man shall have died. He strikes no coward's blow for religion. His utterances are all strong, bold, sturdy—characteristic of the man. To the Catholics of Geneva he has been everything. The magnificent edifices—church, parochial residence, school house and convent—reared through his indomitable energy and untiring zeal, stand as monuments. They are all paid for, not a shadow of debt resting over any part or parcel of them.

CLOSING EXERCISES

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Interesting Programmes Rendered—Those who Passed the Regents.

Friday evening, the closing exercises of the Cathedral Parochial school were held in Cathedral hall, which was crowded with parents of pupils and friends of the school. The stage was prettily decorated with plants and flowers. In the center of the hall, facing the platform sat the Rt. Rev. Bishop and his countenance betokened he was pleased with the manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves. Among others the following were present: Revs. F. X. Sinclair, D. D., J. F. O'Hare, D. D., Wm. Gleason, A. M. O'Neil, Father Quirk, J. E. and J. J. Hartley, E. J. Hanna, D. D., Very Rev. Mgr. De Regge, P. Cox and A. B. Hone.

The first number on the programme was a prettily executed hoop drill, by the seventh grade girls, then came a kindergarten song by the little ones and recitations by M. Moran and Francis Hughes; the ninth grade boys showed what they could do; the choir boys sang, "Wrecked and saved," with pleasing effect; the ninth grade girls rendered a dialogue; the closing number was a part song "Sunset" sang very sweetly by the school choir. Then the members of the graduating class ranged themselves in a semi-circle on the platform and were presented by Father Kieran to the Bishop. The pastor then read the names of the graduates and prize-winners and they marched to the Bishop and received from him their prizes and diplomas.

Afterwards the Bishop addressed the class. In the course of his remarks he complimented the class very highly on their standing and paid a warm tribute to the patient untiring efforts of their instructors, the Sisters of St. Joseph. He said he was glad the class had done so well as it demonstrated to all the fact that as good, if not better, work could be done in the parochial as in the state schools. He urged them to remember the Catholic principles instilled by their teachers and never to be ashamed of their religion. He referred to his recent article in the Forum and said that the Cathedral school and one other had furnished him grounds for asserting the excellence of the parochial school instruction. He closed by telling the parents they had no reason to fear comparison between the parochial and the so-called public schools, as the good Sisters had no need of slighting their work because they wished to hurry to a picnic or party. They often came to the school on Saturday to help their scholars in their studies. He closed by emphasizing the necessity of religious instruction and imparting to the class his Episcopal blessing.

The names of the graduating class follow: Joseph C. Staub, Edmond J. Wirth, Charles W. Armstrong, Patrick J. McKenna, John J. Murphy, Thomas J. O'Brien, Frances J. Reddy, Charles C. Keele, James H. Clark, Andrew McCormick, Emma B. Buckley, Martha J. Conway, Julia B. O'Shaughnessy, Helena T. Welch.

The average age of the class is 14 years, 7 months and their average on the entrance examination to the Free Academy, 91 1/2 per cent. The class was taken from the ninth grade.

Prizes were awarded as follows: P. Cox medal for excellence in Christian doctrine, Julia B. O'Shaughnessy; in Bible history, Bertha M. Thompson; in catechism, Margaret Naylon; department, Joseph C. Staub;

the A. B. Hone scholarship medal was won by Edmond J. Wirth and Chas. W. Armstrong; Mr. Hone settled the matter by giving each a medal.

Nazareth Hall Academy.

The closing exercises of Nazareth Hall academy were held at 441 Lake avenue, June 27. The excellently rendered programme was participated in by Masters E. Feely, W. O'Loughlin, J. C. O'Brien, C. Donnelly, J. Duffy, V. O'Neil, P. Duffy, M. McEntire, J. Flannigan, B. Alvord, P. Coughlin, L. Fee, P. Joyce.

The first number of the programme, "Building Song," was participated in by the children of the Academy. "Farmer John," the title of Master E. Feely's recitation, was very amusing, and elicited considerable applause, as did also Master J. C. O'Brien's song, "A Mother's Appeal to Her Boy." The recitations of P. Joyce and C. Donnelly were enthusiastically received by the appreciative audience. The anvil chorus was unique and proved one of the best features of the entertainment. "Merry Blacksmiths" was sung by twenty pupils in a highly enjoyable manner. The recitations of J. Flannigan, B. Alvord, J. C. O'Brien, and the vocal and violin selections of P. Coughlin and J. Duffy were excellent.

The address by P. Joyce was delivered in a clear and distinct manner. He said: "Our grateful thanks are tendered to you for having honored us with your presence, and here, surrounded on every side by beauties of nature, we will endeavor to give you an idea of the past year's work and improvements, fondly hoping that our efforts to afford you a few moments of pleasure will not be in vain. The few years we have spent here have been years of both profit and pleasure and the brightest day of our whole lives, that on which our souls were united for the first with God, will never be effaced from our memories, and though we separate to-day, to pursue our different paths in life, our hearts will ever be united in prayer for each other, as well as for those who remain at 'Alma Mater.' As you see us fade away in the distance, know that we are loyal still—that in every heart lives a feeling of gratitude. To those present to-day once more, in the behalf of the class '90, I extend a hearty welcome."

At the conclusion of the address there occurred the distribution of prizes and certificates of promotion. Raymond O'Neill, J. C. O'Brien, Patrick Joyce and Crissie Donnelly were the only graduates, and each was the recipient of a medal as a reward for the high standing attained in their studies.

Immaculate Conception.

The closing exercises of the grammar department of the Immaculate Conception school were held Friday afternoon, June 27. The following programme was admirably rendered: Recitation—Roses to Sell, Agnes Gorman. Recitation—Poor Little Joe, John Doran. Recitation—Budge's Version of The Ark, Josephine Quinn. Vocal Solo—Lillian Hughes. Recitation—Poor Polly—N. O'Loughlin. Hoop Drill—Girls. Recitation—Light House May, Lillian Burns. Part Song—Sunrise, Pupils. Recitation—Katherine's Story, Mary Connor. Recitation—Annie's Tears, William Fennessy. Recitation—Jerry, Hobart Shean. Dialogue—Useless Brains, Boys. Recitation—One of the Little Ones, Laura Quinlan. Chorus—Farewell Song, Pupils. Address—Margaret Howe. Awarding of gold medal, diplomas and prizes.

The six act drama, "The Lost Children," was presented with the follow-

ing cast:

Mr. Manly—Francis Connor, Mrs. Manly—Emily Shean, Jamie and Lily—Howard Norris and Caroline Reynolds, Hannah—Josephine Quinn, Town Oriér—Dennis Kavanagh, Watchman—John Predmore, Sailor's mother—Letitia Fennessy, Jack, the Sailor—Hobart Shea.

The following have passed the Regents' examination:

John P. King, Richard Connors, Francis J. C. Connor, Chas. H. Hawken, John Logan, John R. Predmore, George Peet, Hobart P. Shean, Philip Rose, Jane M. Connors, Anna J. Connor, Ellen Diew, Louise Doodly, Mary Feltly, Letitia A. Fennessy, Lillian Cragan, Margaret T. Howe, Elizabeth Kavanagh, Mary H. King, Mary Murray, Loretta Quinlan, Josephine Quinn, Helen B. Rossney, Emily Shean, Anna Stewart.

Names of pupils who have drawn for the weekly prize medal the greatest number of times: Ninth grade; equally merited by Emily Shean, Letitia Fennessy, Richard Connors; eighth grade, Isabella Leddy, Francis Callahan; seventh grade, Etta McDermott, Joseph Cunningham; sixth grade, Martha Long, William Fennessy; fifth grade, Maurice King, Alice Connors and Anna Birmingham each received a gold medal for having perfect reports every week of the year; fourth grade, Charles Howe, Mary Kelly, Mary Doery, Mary Grapenstetter; third grade, Edward Sullivan, Anna O'Brien, Agnes Clark; second grade, Anthony Miller, Lawrence Hacker, Lawrence Welch, Joseph Russell, Angel Hewmann, Gregory Quinn, Theodore O'Donoghue, Loretta Fox, Mary Hartin, Mary Dixon, Amelia Morrissey, Ruth Cunningham, Cornelia Finucane.

The following names of pupils who have merited prizes in Catechism; ninth grade, Eliza Kavanagh, Ellen Drew; eighth grade, Frances Quinn, Elizabeth Elliott, Grace McKittrick; seventh grade, Marie McCaffery, Leo McSweeney; sixth grade, Emma Zala, Mary Barr, Margaret Clark, Sarah McCann, Walter McKittrick, Martha Long, Mary Shaughnessy, Sara

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THE CONTROVERSY OVER

"F." Pays His Parting Respects to The Jewish Tidings.

EDITOR CATHOLIC JOURNAL:

The Jewish Tidings, of June 1th, practically throws up the sponge in the matter of the controversy, it attempted to carry out with your correspondent.

The Tidings refuses to have further discussion with an anonymous correspondent. If he will come forward and sign his communications, and make the same charges, we will take up the cudgel, and show him that his innuendoes can be met and dealt with.

It can be clear only to a discomfited controversialist that a name has anything to do with debate, whether conducted by one party under full name, or initials only, can neither facilitate, nor render more difficult the reply. In any event, the Tidings did take up the cudgel in this case, and strive its best with it; and the true position is that it finds its cudgel knocked to pieces in its hands.

Retiring from the field, the Tidings discharges a parting volley of abuse, aimed in part at the Journal, and in part at your correspondent.

To the editor of the Catholic Journal we will say that it is in extremely poor taste for a paper of its aims to be sponsor for a ceaseless torrent of abuse against a religious denomination from whose loins its own religion sprang. If it is so illiberal that it cannot see another thrive without envy, it should date its head line four hundred years back. While all mankind is striving to ameliorate the bitter feelings of prejudice which blindness and bigotry engendered,

this thoughtless journal puts out its hramless blast, and attempts to overthrow the good work of all denominations.

This attack has no foundation whatever in truth. It is not the fact that your columns have been the channel in this case of torrents of abuse against a religious denomination. Our controversy was with Jews of race. Its principal aim was instigation of our own against the supposition of superiority in behalf of the Israelite. Seemingly, according to this editor Wiley, one of the essentials of being up with the times is to concede that the Jew is God's masterpiece; and to contend for the superiority of our own to fall back into ages past.

With regard to the oft-repeated claim of the descent of Jews from the Jewish race, that has not the slightest connection with affairs as they now stand; Jesus was of the line of David; were Jews of this day of the same type, we would have no combaters with them. But the Jew as he has reached us, is not of the style of the better class of the older Jews. As a mass, the race has become of the character of Jews, existing in the Savior's day; some of whom were scourged out of the Temple, invading with their tricky commentaries the very edifice of Almighty God.

The following is what this discomfited one aims at myself:

The Jews bear you no pretensions. "F." They pity you, deeply, since as men judge others by their associates, they sympathize with you, should have chosen for companions who are thieves and blacklegs. As them; seek educated, cultured Jews; we can assure you that you will find god-like as compared with your associates; that the degraded Jew will beam with intelligence, a sweet Messianic message you will see the redemption of the Jews from the condition, which you would, alas! too willingly have thrust them.

Thanks, generous Wiley! How happy I should feel that you should harbor no prejudice against me. If this statement be true, the fact is marvelous; for Jews are not ordinarily sweet-tempered towards those who dispute with them, and especially where they find themselves worsted. But considering the epithets you yourself have been slinging during the course of our debate, it may be suspected that your declaration is considerably untrue.

No, thank you, friend Wiley, don't care to seek Jewish associates of any kind, whether thieves or blacklegs, or your so-called cultured and educated. Let all who like your company, keep it; Gentiles satisfied me.

The Tidings has extended to me advice, let me return the compliment. The next time it enters upon a controversy of a serious kind let me secure, by all means, a gun of heavier calibre than Louis A. Wiley. Good bye Tidings! Good bye Wiley!

Mr. Morris.

Cornelius J. Cronin, of St. Andrew's theological seminary, Rochester, is spending his vacation with his mother in this village.

Dr. S. B. Moore received a telegram last week informing him that the father's house and contents were entirely destroyed by fire. The doctor left for Geneva the next morning.

James Gilboy, a brakeman on D. L. W. & W. R. R., while on duty cars last Sunday, smashed two men so badly that they had to be amputated.

Mr. Crissy's baker, while on duty using last Sunday, had a very narrow escape from being crushed. He would have had it not for a Hurly who saved him from being crushed the third time.

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