

A GREAT EVENT.

The Pope's Episcopal Jubilee in 1898.

The Day One of Happiness for the Holy Father and of Delight to the Great Family of Catholics—Memories of the Sacramental Celebration.

On the 19th of February, 1898, the Supreme Pontiff, Leo XIII, will complete the fiftieth anniversary of his episcopal consecration.

There still lives in the memory of all who were either willing partakers or forced witnesses of it, that wonderful example of faith, of devotion and of affection, the rejoicings on the occasion of the sacerdotal Jubilee of Leo XIII.

It is sufficient to announce the festival which will be celebrated in February, 1898, to cause the most ardent wish to arise in the breasts of Catholics to see it surrounded with all becoming splendor and to take part in it with enthusiasm.

With this object the Holy Father was asked on the 11th of this month that the general permanent committee of Opera del Congresso dei Comitati Cattolici might have the honor and satisfaction of saying the first word to Catholics on the coming Episcopal Jubilee, and of inviting them to celebrate it.

After such encouragement the committee cannot hesitate to make an urgent appeal to Catholics in behalf of the approaching commemoration, and at once to make known their proposals for the celebration of the festival.

1. To make preparations to send deputations and conduct pilgrimages to Rome.

2. To make special collections of Peter's Pence to present on the occasion.

3. To found in every Italian diocese institutions for educations or of a social character, imbued with Catholic principles, so as to commemorate the anniversary in a manner that will bring lasting moral advantage to Italy.

All Italian Catholics, and especially those who belong to our committees and to the Catholic societies of Italy, will receive our appeal with joy and will earnestly strive that the above-mentioned proposals may be put into execution in a manner which will fully correspond to their importance, to the end that we have in view, and to our affection for the

of the Italian people, and all who are joined to them by the same love and affection, and who are united to them by the same holy work for the good of their country and of the world.

Jubilee of the Holy Father.

May a noble and holy emulation take possession of all our brethren beyond the Alps and beyond the sea to express their love for the Pope in the celebration of this new and greater jubilee.

We commend the work which has now begun to the most loving heart of Jesus, and we place our hope of seeing it crowned with success in our divine Redeemer and in the protection of the most holy Virgin of the Rosary.

Bologna via Manzoni, 4 The 27th of April, 1898, Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph.

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THE SACRED HEART.

Millions of Catholics Dedicated to Its Devotion.

Of all the devotions in the Catholic Church that take a deep hold on the daily practical life of Catholics, says the New York "Catholic News," that of the Sacred Heart of Jesus centralized and intensified by His real presence in the Blessed Sacrament, stands supreme.

Already under its personage stands the Academy of the Sacred Heart, one of the best Catholic academies of the State, and from which, in last June, went forth the first six graduates of the Regents in central New York.

Chief Justice Coleridge's Health Improved. Advice from London are to the effect that Chief Justice Coleridge has almost recovered from the effects of the recent apoplectic stroke.

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THE SCHOOL.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Keane's Address on an Important Subject.

The Church Accused, as God Was—of Being an Enemy of Public Peace—Charity and Just Works—The Truly Good Man.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Keane, rector of the Catholic University, in a recent lecture of the school questions delivered in Cambridge, Mass., said in part:

"Our Lord said that His Church would be treated in the same manner that He had been, when he said: 'The hour cometh when men think that they will be doing good by putting you to death.' Yes, the Church has been accused, as God was, of being the enemy of the public peace.

"It is as much of a lie to-day as it was in the days when it was uttered against Our Saviour. But men will keep on saying it, and we, for our part, will keep paying as little heed to it as He did when He went about blessing those who spoke so, and fulfilling his mission to the Church of God in spite of the calumnies uttered against Him.

"Men are wrong from wrong convictions, but others, having right convictions, do not square their lives by them. The good man is the man who has right convictions and follows them.

"The Church proclaimed these opinions during three centuries in the Roman Empire, and the old pagan idea that a man was what the State made him.

"Even within the last 400 years there was a great love for pagan literature in Germany, France and elsewhere, which taught that Caesar had the right to dictate in matters of religion, and that the Church ought to be subject to the State and to Caesar, who was the arbiter of conscience.

"I believe that political economy is not simply a calculation of commerce and finance, but the moral administration of the whole commonwealth, and that the commercial and financial parts are subordinate to and controlled by great moral laws.

"I do not mean limitation by law, unless and except only where the free contracts between employer and employed shall fail to secure the observance of the great moral laws without which human society cannot exist.

"In our country the great God is not insulted by the petty tyranny which would make His creatures dictate how far the Church shall or shall not do what He wants.

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love America, and no wonder when our Cardinal was receiving in Rome the insignia of his high office, he should, from the Chair of Peter, have uttered the declaration of the love of country as well as love of Church, which electrified the world; no wonder that the successor of Peter himself, our glorious Leo XIII, should have so often expressed his love for America, his love for its citizens and its freedom, the solidity of its institutions, for her broad-minded and noble-hearted people; no wonder that from every land beneath the sun the oppressed rushed to America and stretched out their arms towards her wistful longing.

"Mr. Gladstone, lately, in reviewing the history of our country, dwelling on the influence she exercised and will exercise on the nations of the earth, concluded with a prayer that the latest development might be the brightest and best. That is the keynote, for the civilization established here is the Christian civilization.

"What sort is the American of the future to be, and what is to be the mould of his character? Is it to be moulded in the mould of Christian civilization, or to be false to the principles bestowed by Christ on mankind?

"Will it be developed contrary to the prayer of the apostle, and, by refusing to follow Christian civilization and Christian charity, be a false enlightenment and on a false track, be a curse and not a blessing to mankind? We are confronted with this important fact that the American of the future will be what the children of Americans are made to be.

"So the great question of to-day is how are the characters of the youth of America to be moulded for America's future and the world's welfare? Three influences, my friends, act on the child—the home, the Church and the school.

"But it is the school which above all moulds the character of the child. During the school hours his mind and heart and character have to be moulded. During the school hours he spends most of his wakeful and thoughtful moments with his teachers, and there, my friends, is the true character formed.

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