

Golden Jubilee—Continued.

be they great or small, to blot out this debt, or part thereof? And if a surplus remains in the treasury, why, so much the better. Will the battle-scarred veterans who were nursed in St. Mary's hospital be deaf to the appeal in behalf of her whose kindly ministrations were always quick to alleviate pain or dress a wound? Have they forgotten that gentle, patient face, the sight of which was better than medicine to them, as she glided through the wards, like a ministering angel, bringing not only physical relief but spiritual consolation to the sick, the wounded and the dying? We know the gallant soldiers will not be among the least generous to Mother Hieronymo.

And the girls, many of them honest and honorable women now, have they forgotten her whose motherly friendship and tender guidance was given them in all the generosity of a great heart, at a time they needed it most? Surely not. And the Catholics generally. Are they going to turn a deaf ear to this call for contributions to aid an institution which is strictly Catholic in its character, which is eminently worthy of this great Republic, which loves to see her own children at work and wants no idle drones, and whose aim is so truly Christian? By no means.

And our non-Catholic friends! They will know Mother Hieronymo's sterling character, they know she makes no distinction in her grand work; her kindly hand is extended to all, be their creed what it may, so long as they are in need. We know they, who have been such good friends to the venerable Sister in the past, will not be apathetic now.

THE PROPOSED RECEPTION.

With this ennobling thought in view have a number of the staunch friends of Mother Hieronymo, met together to show their deep appreciation of her wonderful work. Two institutions in our city, built by her almost superhuman efforts, are lasting monuments to her labors of fifty years; yet we cannot let this glorious anniversary of her golden jubilee pass without some manifestation of appreciation.

To insure the proper celebration of the occasion, Mrs. Rufus K. Dryer has called together the grateful friends of Mother Hieronymo, who feel it will be an honor to do justice to the occasion. It is their intention to hold a reception at the Home of Industry Monday, February 16th, when an opportunity will be given all and every friend to congratulate this noble woman.

As the anniversary is golden in character, we should make it thus through love and appreciation. The ladies who have combined for this purpose will call upon the friends of this institution, although they would prefer voluntary contributions for so grand an occasion. To those who may not be reached by solicitors, any offering will be gratefully received by the following committee:

- Mrs. T. A. O'Hare, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. P. Cox, Mrs. J. Fahy, Mrs. H. H. Craig, Mrs. A. J. Kirley, Mrs. K. Mahon, Mrs. W. Barry, Mrs. T. J. Devine, Mrs. A. B. Hone, Mrs. Wm. Moran, Mrs. G. G. Carroll, Miss H. Barry, Mrs. Rufus K. Dryer, Mrs. J. C. O'Brien, Mrs. Gaffney, Mrs. C. H. Wilcox, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. C. Miss J. Cox, Mrs. Lee, Miss McMannis, Miss Kittrick, Miss

couragement, be it Resolved, That we extend to our Reverend Father our deepest regret at this unexpected separation, and be it Resolved, That in recognition of his constant efforts we will strive to sustain the organization, which, like his Banner School, he has placed foremost in rank; also be it Resolved, That the best wishes of the Alumni will follow him in his new field of labor.

Dennis F. McCarthy, Henry J. Holahan, Charles F. Mertz, Susie Touhey, Julia Nelligan, Phebe O'Rourke, Committee.

Catholic Societies.

Official Organ C. M. B. A. All communications to this department should be addressed to Bro. T. H. Donovan.

SOCIETIES MEET NEXT WEEK. Monday—Branch 81. Tuesday—Branches 139, 12. Wednesday—Branch 84. Friday—Branch 121.

The C. M. B. A. Journal and Society News of Montreal, Canada, comes to us this month enlarged and in handsome new dress. It is brim full of interesting items pertaining to the C. M. B. A. and other Catholic societies. The Journal kindly remarks that "the Catholic Journal of Rochester is doing good work for the C. M. B. A. in Northern New York.

Branch 98, of the Immaculate Conception, will hereafter meet in the cozy rooms of the C. B. L. in the Durand building, West Main street.

"Branch 81 expects a large number of members in the near future," said a prominent member of that Branch recently, "and they will be members to be proud of. You may say we intend to keep moving."

At a meeting held Wednesday evening by Branch 88, Jeremiah H. Cuhane was initiated. There are five applications for membership now before the Branch.

The Presidents of the various Branches will meet again this (Friday) evening to appoint medical examiners for the year.

Chancellor Frank Heilman, is a candidate for Supervisor and Brother Joseph Schlitzer for School Commissioner of the Sixth ward; Brother Foley is a candidate for Alderman in the Eighth, and Brother Wm. H. O'Kane for School Commissioner. Brother Flockenstein is the Democratic candidate for City Treasurer.

Two names for membership were presented by President Henry at the last meeting of Rochester Council, 207, C. B. L. The members are preparing to make quite an aggressive campaign to increase the Council's roll. The central location of its rooms, 22 Durand building, the pleasant manner in which they are fitted up, and the fine list of members it already possesses ought to weigh heavily with those wishing to join a Catholic organization.

John Hanlon, for many years employed in the Gas Works, died suddenly of heart disease this morning. The funeral of Henry Bachelor, Sr., took place at St. Francis de Sales church Wednesday at 10 o'clock. The eldest daughter of Thos. Hendrickson, who died Sunday, was buried at 9 a. m. Wednesday from St. Francis de Sales church.



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A Protestant Answered.

CRITICISMS ON THE CHURCH CLEVERLY REFUTED.

The Catholic Church has never changed her Doctrine—She has always had Visible Head—Definitions of Faith—Steps to preserve the doctrine and guard against change. Contributed to the JOURNAL.

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Having seen now what Protestantism is on the score of mutability and change, we will now give you an opportunity to mention what you consider the changes, and consequently the objectionable features of the Catholic Church. She has "spoken openly to the world" as had her divine Founder, and, like Him, she says: "If I have spoken evil, give testimony of the evil." (John XVIII, 20-23.) What have you to say? You answer: Well, there was "no Pope in that time," or "when Christ was on earth." This is a somewhat ridiculous but not surprising animadversion. The all-important fact is this: The Church, being a visible body, always had a supreme visible Head. "For the unity of the Church," says St. Thomas, "it is necessary that all the faithful agree in faith. But concerning points of faith it happens that questions are raised. Now the Church would be divided by a diversity of opinions, unless it were preserved in unity by the sentence of one. So it is demanded, for the preservation of the Church's unity, that there be one to preside over the whole Church." This one who presides over the whole church we call the Pope. The Pope is therefore the supreme, visible Head of the Church. In the time of Christ, Christ himself was supreme, visible Head, as he is now the Invisible Head. The term Pope is not and never was applied to Christ, it is true, but to His representatives in the supreme, visible Headship of the Church. As Christ was the visible Head and centre of unity "in that time," so is Pope Leo XIII by divine appointment visible Head of the Church to-day, and so have been the various Popes in their times and successions.

I know the word Pope grates upon the Protestant ear, but to the Catholic mind it conveys the idea of fatherly care and affection, and has somewhat of music in its sound. Call the visible Head of the Church Pope, Supreme Pontiff, Universal Pastor, Vicar of Christ, Bond of Unity, or by any other of the various titles given him from time to time, and you simply designate the visible spiritual Rock of the Church. You will hardly deny that when Christ was on earth, He was supreme visible Head of the Church. But as He was soon to cease, by His ascension into heaven, to be visible on earth, He chose St. Peter to represent him in this capacity of supreme visible Head. Now, you, who make such pretensions to Scriptural knowledge, probably remember that this Apostle's name was originally Simon. When Christ called him to the Apostolate, He said to him: "Thou art called Simon, son of Jona; hereafter thou shalt be called Peter." This name Peter was given for a purpose. The meaning of the word is "rock." But, in speaking of the chosen and faithful people of God under Moses, St. Paul (1 Cor. X, 4) says that "they drank of the rock that followed them and the rock was Christ." Yes, Christ was "the rock" or "the stone which the builders rejected—became the head of the corner." (Matt. XXI, 42.) Now, in order to signify that Peter was to be to the Church the visible centre of unity that He Himself was, Christ thus spoke to him: "Thou art Peter (or a rock), and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt. XVI, 18.) "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not; and thou being once converted, confirm thy brethren." (Luke, XXII, 32.) "Feed my lambs. . . Feed my sheep." (John, XXI, 15, 17.)

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Professor F. W. Newman's account of the early life of his brother, the famous Cardinal, may be expected immediately.

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