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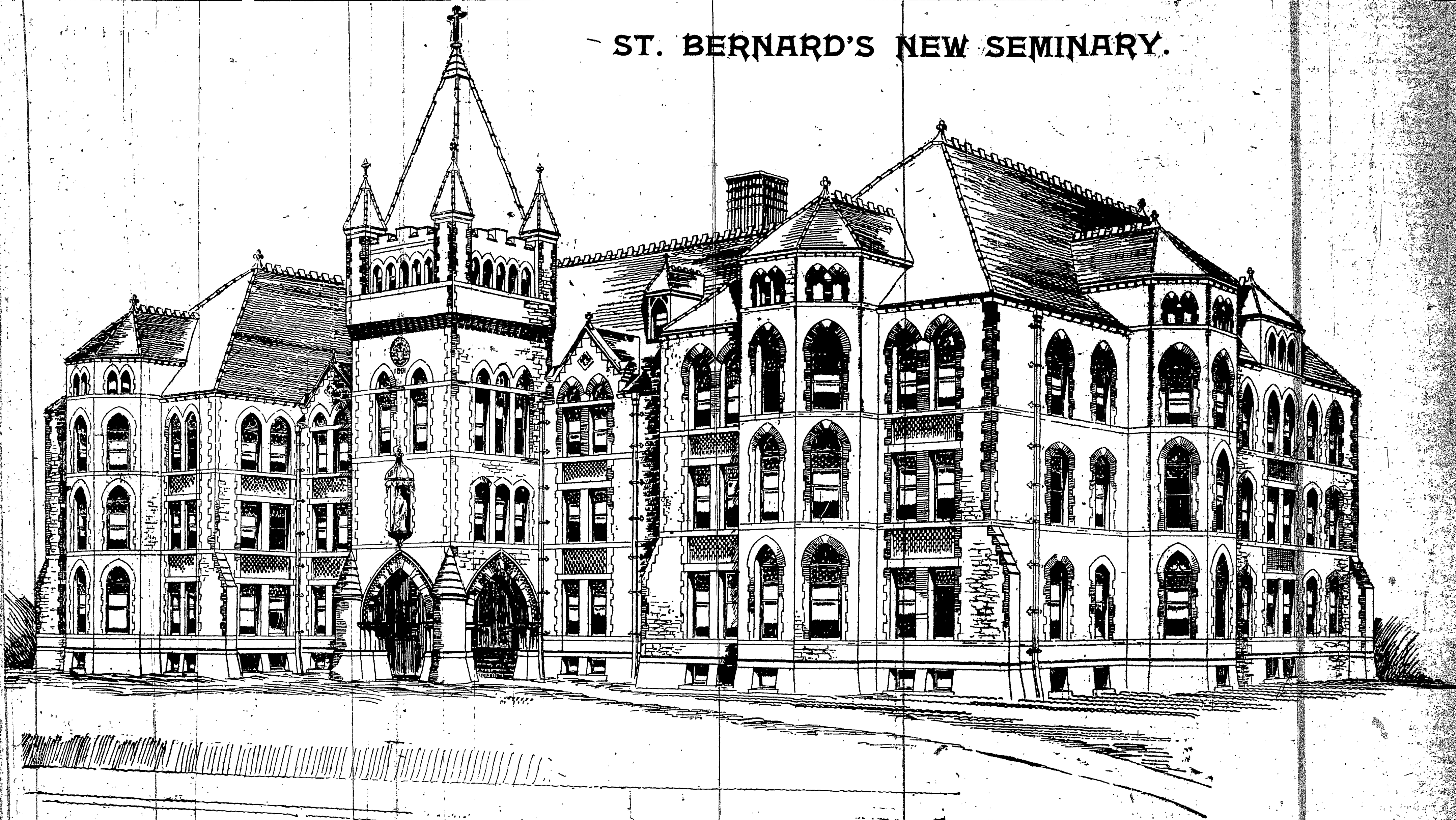
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ST. BERNARD'S NEW SEMINARY.



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The New Seminary as it Will
Be when Completed.

THE IMPOSING STRUCTURE.

An Institution of which All Catholics, Especially of the Diocese of Rochester, May Well Be Proud—An Edifice that will Grace the Boulevard.

We place before our readers a large view of St. Bernard's Seminary of the Diocese of Rochester. It speaks for itself. Yet a detailed description of the building will help those not familiar with Seminary life to understand its adaptation to its work.

The Seminary is to be built on the Boulevard, the grand drive of Rochester, half-way between the city and Lake Ontario, and on the high western bank of the Genesee river. North and west of the Seminary grounds, about 40 acres in extent, lie the 260 acres of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, the last home of Rochester's Catholic dead.

The building presents a front of 202 feet, including the two bays, of 220 feet. The north and south wings have each a depth of 107 feet, and counting in the bays, of 127 feet. The wings and entrance tower extend 15 ft. in advance of the central building. There are three stories, a basement and attic. The basement, which is 8 ft. from floor to ceiling, will be used chiefly for heating and ventilating. The boiler rooms will be made fire-proof. There will be no danger of explosion, as the heating will be by hot water and not by steam. In each wing of the basement there will be double bowling alleys.

The first floor of the main part will have four reception rooms; three rooms for the President, 2 for the treasurer, a fire-proof brick safe, and a porter's room. In the south wing on the first floor, there will be a class room, ten students' rooms, water closets, a bath room, servants' room and shoe room. In the north wing there will be a Professor's parlor, six rooms for guests, the Bishop's study room, and the same arrangement for water closets, bath room, shoe room, and servants' room as on the south side. The stair cases start from the wings at their junction with the main building. They are broad and light some.

On the second floor there will be eight double rooms for Professors; two class rooms, the library, 18 rooms for students and the Bishop's bed-room. In each wing, the conveniences of the first will be found on the second and third stories. On the third floor there will be 32 students' rooms, class-room for Natural Philosophy, two recreation or reading rooms, two linen rooms, and an infirmary.

The attic will have two gymnasiums for physical exercise and training, each 120 ft. long and lighted by 21 windows. The gymnasiums and bowling alleys will afford ample opportunity for recreation and amusement in stormy weather. Enclosed verandas, for the first and second stories, 98 ft. long and 10 ft. wide, extend from wing to wing, in the rear of the centre building.

Every room in the building will be well ventilated, through flues descending to the basement and emptying into ducts or channels which will convey the foul air to two ventilating shafts, each seven feet square, in the center of which will be a smoke stack of boiler iron.

The exterior walls of the building will be of mottled brown and grey stone, set off with Medina stone and pressed brick trimmings. It will be roofed with small sized red tile, diamond pattern. The valleys, gutters, etc., will be of copper, as will be the cross and upper part of the tower.

The inside walls will be of brick, and the outer walls will be lined with hollow brick, thus dispensing with the use of furring and lathing and lessening the danger from fire. For a like reason, the floors will be deafened with mortar. The corridors will be 15 ft. wide, well lighted by three large windows in each bay. These corridors, or hall ways, make up one-third of the whole building, and while helping the ventilation, will provide indoor promenades during unpleasant weather. They will be heated by hot water boilers, unconnected with those which will heat the rooms.

Another building in the rear, to be put up next year, will have the chapel, the dining rooms, kitchen, laundry, bakery, store rooms, etc. It will stand back from the centre of the main building about 40 ft., and will be reached by an enclosed passage way.

A pond of living spring water, about a half acre in extent, and not over 400 ft. from the Seminary,

will furnish an abundant supply of pure, uncontaminated water. The facilities for effective sewerage are great, as the Genesee river flows in the rear of the premises, about 400 ft. distant, and 100 ft. beneath the high bank, which here is almost perpendicular.

In view of the fact that students for the priesthood will have to pass in the Seminary six years of hard study, at a critical period of life, great care has been used to provide for their convenience, comfort and health during these trying years.

The foundations are already excavated; enough stone for the building is on the ground, and the piles of lumber for the floor beams and roof, give the place the look of a wholesale lumber yard. The masons will begin laying stone during Easter week. The corner stone will be solemnly blessed on St. Bernard's day, Aug. 20, by which time, however, the walls will be more than half way up, a place being left for it. The building will be enclosed by Dec. 1 and finished the following summer. It is hoped that all the buildings will be completed and ready for blessing by St. Bernard's day, 1893, in time for the opening of classes on the 8th of Sept., feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

JACK AND TOM.

(Written for THE JOURNAL by NAWM.)

CHAPTER V.

Look at it from another standpoint: We are commanded, under penalty of mortal sin, to receive our Blessed Lord at stated intervals; we must receive Him while in a state of grace. How are we to know when we are fit to receive Him unless we are assured by a higher knowledge than we possess?

"Think you that the priest possesses that higher knowledge?"

"Unquestionably. He has studied many years in order that he might attain that knowledge. Besides, Christ has assured him that He will be with Him all days. Consequently, the priest speaks as Christ Himself."

"What effect does going to confession have on you, Tom?"

"Much the same as relieving a pack-horse of a heavy burden; only there is a sense of much greater relief. When I am bowed down with a heavy load of sin, I go to confession, am advised how to avoid my mistakes, hear

words of encouragement and comfort, have imposed upon me a certain penance to test the sincerity of my confession and the tenacity of my faith, am absolved of my sins, and go away relieved, happy and contented. Next morning I receive Christ Himself to strengthen me and preserve me from sin."

"How often do you go to confession?"

"Every Catholic is bound to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist at least once a year, that is within the Lenten season. But a decent Catholic will go to confession much oftener. Some go weekly. I try to go once a month. It is easier to confess then. More than that, you are not apt to forget many sins."

"Is it really necessary to go as often as that?"

"It is necessary to go as often as you conveniently can. You know your body soon starves if you eat not food. It is so with the soul. It needs spiritual food, and needs it often."

"What are you bound to tell the priest, all your family affairs?"

"You are not bound to tell family affairs or anything not sinful. You are bound to confess your sins. Putting these together, you will see that if your family affairs, as you call them, are mortal sins, you are bound to inform the priest; otherwise not."

"It strikes me I should hate to place myself so absolutely in the power of a priest."

"In the power of a priest! What do you mean?"

"Why, if I tell him all the secrets of my life, may he not some day publish them to the world?"

"My dear fellow, you cannot point to such a case. The seal of the confessional was never known to be broken. Even bad priests never reveal secrets entrusted to them in confession. We regard Luther as about as bad a rebel against Mother Church as can be, yet there is not a single instance of his having lifted the veil of secrecy from the confessional. It could not well be otherwise. When you go to confession you enter a little apartment; the priest is separated from you by a little partition; he opens a little door in that partition; between him and you is still a screen; the apartment is dark and he cannot see your face. Is not that a pretty good evidence of the secrecy of the confessional?"

AROUND THE GLOBE.

Prince Jerome Napoleon, who died at Rome March 17th, received the last Sacraments from Abbe Pujol.

Rev. J. J. Pier, of Springburn, Eng., gives it as the opinion of the Church authorities, that the English people, but for indifference, would have been by this time one-half Catholic.

Mr. A. J. Horan, of the Department of Justice, Ottawa, who recently left St. Alban's Anglican Church, Oxford, for which he was a leading member, for the Catholic fold, is about to resign his position and become a Capuchin.

Joseph F. Chandler, the Chinese convert, of San Francisco, is about to publish a book to be entitled "From Confucius to Christ, or Through Protestantism to the Catholic Church." It will be a history of his conversion.

The Venerable Assistant Bishop of Cologne, Mgr. Bandri, completed his 87th year on Feb. 20. He was ordained priest in 1827, and consecrated Bishop in 1849. He daily celebrates the Holy Sacrifice, despite his age.

Very Rev. Canon Murnane, V. G., on behalf of the members of the League of the Cross, recently presented a bust of Father Mathew to Cardinal Manning in recognition of the services rendered by his Eminence to the cause of temperance.

Mr. Justin McCarthy presided at a banquet given on St. Patrick's night in London. Cardinal Manning sent a letter of regret, closing as follows: "I believe in the promise of St. Patrick that he would never lose the people who had been given to him."

An interesting musical and literary entertainment was given by the students of St. Joseph's Seminary, Troy, N. Y., March 18th, in honor of their patron, St. Joseph. A committee of Rev. Deacons, among whom was Rev. Coleman Francis O'Loughlin, of the diocese of Rochester, had charge of the entertainment.

Rev. Father Sherman, S. J., while in Washington, a few days ago, had a consultation with Secretary Blaine about his writing the appendix for a new edition of Gen. Sherman's memoirs. The proceeds of the new edition, Father Sherman said, would go to those who were dependent upon the General during his life for support.

Lawrence Barrett, the great actor who died last week, was anointed by Father Sherman, it is said.

The Catholics of Two Rivers, Wis., are to erect a new church.

Ex-Bremier Crispi recently threatened a member of the Chamber, with a revolver.

The twentieth general assembly of the Catholics of France is to be held at Paris during the first ten days of May.

The State Librarian of Ohio has recently put several hundred volumes of Catholic literature into the State library.

Owing to the grippe, Bishop McCloskey, of Louisville, has dispensed with the law of fasting and abstinence in his diocese.

In Boston New York, Baltimore, in fact in all the cities containing a large Irish-Catholic population, St. Patrick's day appears to have been observed religiously and patriotically.

The Polish Catholics who live in Southwark are engaged in open rebellion against the authority of the Church, and it is not unlikely that Archbishop Ryan will be obliged to discipline some of the unruly ones.

Bishop-elect Brennan, of the new see of Dallas, Tex., has chosen April 5 for the date of his consecration, and the ceremony will take place at St. Patrick's pro-cathedral, Erie, Pa., of which diocese Dr. Brennan was ordained a priest.

Here is an item that might afford food for thought: "A Catholic, aged 90, lately died in Philadelphia. He had married a non-Catholic. He had never abandoned the faith, yet fifty-one Protestant descendants attended his funeral." The man was what you might call a liberal Catholic, an easy sort of fellow, highly respected, we venture to guess, and cultured withal.

Church Progress.

The pastors of all the churches of the archdiocese of New York met recently to devise means to raise money to build the new seminary at South Yonkers. The estimated cost is \$300,000. The plans call for a building 600 feet long and 200 feet deep. When the seminary is completed, the present institution at Troy, which belongs to the archdiocese, will be sold, and the students transferred to the new structure.

DIOCESAN NEWS.

Ithaca.

The drama, "Shamrock and Rose," given by the Alumni of the Immaculate Conception school, on the evening of March 17 and 18, was well acted. Those who took the part could not have done much better; they been professionals on the stage. Those who trained the participants deserve great credit. It was the best acted drama ever given in the school hall. Special mention should be made of the solos sung by Alice Welch, Thos. Kelly, and Frank Wall. They were very fine. The hall was crowded both evenings, and about \$200 was realized. The new scenery added much to the effect of the drama. "John Desmond," in the prison scene, was well acted by Lawrence Maloney, and Frank Wall, as "Barney O'Brady," and Thos. Moore as "Shamus Casey," did remarkably well. Following are the names of the others who took part: Joseph Hickey, Edw. Redding, Thos. Kelly, Richard Hyland, Lizzie Maloney, Alice Welch, Katie Sheldon, Dennis Mulcahy, Dennis Griffin, John McAllister and James Dunlavy.

Geneva.

Prof. W. J. Dousek, the efficient and popular musical instructor of Ithaca, has accepted a position in St. Francis de Sale's church, as instructor of the choir. He is a competent and faithful musician, and all will welcome him and wish him success.

Mrs. Harley, of Stanley Corners, spent a few days in town, visiting the Misses Mulcahy, Jackson St. At a meeting of the Holy Name Society, Sunday, March 22d, 350 members answered to the roll. Many more are expected to join at the next regular meeting.

Lima.

St. Patrick's day was celebrated appropriately in Lima. In the morning a High Mass was sung, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. In the evening a musical and dramatic entertainment was given in the town hall under the auspices of the Ladies Aid society.

Dr. D. M. Byrne and wife, N. Y., are guests of Mr. Byrne. After Easter, an expected several religious sales to take place.