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CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

CONVENTION OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE C. M. B. A.—LETTER FROM MGR. SATOLLI—THE HOLY FATHER'S BLESSING.

C. M. B. A.
CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday 13
Tuesday 12, 139.
Wednesday 88

Grand Secretary Cameron is attending the Supreme Council Convention at Philadelphia this week, which will account for any delay there may be in the correspondence from his office. He will return next Monday.

Philadelphia, Oct. 9.—The Supreme Convention of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association is in session in this city. Officers and representatives are present from the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Nebraska, and the Province of Quebec. The convention attended solemn high mass in St. John's church, at which Rev. Dr. Loughlin, Chancellor of the Arch Diocese of Philadelphia, preached.

The reports of the various officers show the condition of the society to be most prosperous. The total beneficiaries paid during the last term was \$1,239,810.85; the total beneficiaries since the council was organized is \$4,227,450.59. In its reserve fund this society has \$185,000. The total liabilities of the Association are \$550 for legal expenses in defending two suits now pending in the Supreme Court. The association has, at the present time 87,188 members, after transferring 7,500 members to the Grand Council of Canada, now under a separate beneficiary jurisdiction.

The convention will continue in session for two or three days and tomorrow the chief business will be the consideration of proposed amendments to the constitution and by-laws. The election of officers will probably take place on Thursday.

One of the most important matters brought to the attention of the convention was the letter of Archbishop Satolli, the Apostolic Delegate, which was obtained at the request of Supreme Trustee Rev. P. A. Baart, acting for the Supreme Council, in which Mgr. Satolli gave his blessing to the association, and of his own accord promises to obtain the Pope's special blessing for the society. Following is the letter from the Apostolic Delegate:

"Washington, Sept. 13, 1894.
"Rev. and Dear Father Baart: Your favor regarding the C. M. B. A. has been duly received. I am grateful for the sentiments of deference you entertain for this apostolic delegation and for me. I have read the information given by you to me in regard to the C. M. B. A. and shall avail myself of it in order to inform the Holy Father of said society and try to get a special blessing for the same. Please accept the assurance of my esteem and benevolence and believe me.

"Yours truly in X,
"Fr. Arch. Satolli, Del. Apost."
Word was received to-day from Mgr. Satolli that the convention might expect the letter of the Holy Father before adjournment blessing and approving the society.

At Monday evening's meeting of Branch 81 Grand Vice President Ernst read the JOURNAL's expose of the A. P. A.

C. R. & B. A.
CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday—Council 25
Tuesday—Council 13
Thursday—Council 23

The C. R. and B. A.
(Written for THE JOURNAL.)

Come one, come all, give us a call
And join our Council grand.
From East to West it is the best
Of any in the land.
A friend in need it is indeed
And in fact it takes the lead.
Tell all your friends that wish to join,
To send in their name and lose no time,
And have them join Council 23,
For that's where they'll welcome be.
We wish to make this Council great
As any Council in the state.
If all our members clear the way
And get to work without delay,
We can show them all that we are alive
As well as Council 23.
A Member of 23.

I thank the members of Council 25
For presenting me with the gentleman's
prize.

As it is the second that I have won
I begin to think its lots of fun
To play up gentleman grand and fine,
And win the prizes every time.
If all the men would only come
They would not have their prizes won.
F. H.

A. O. H.—CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

Monday—Division 2
Tuesday—Division No 5
County Board Thursday evening
Division No. 8 will give their first grand ball Friday evening, Oct. 19. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Auburn.

The death of Margaret, wife of Stephen Murphy, occurred Saturday last at the home of the family in the town of Scipio. Mrs. Murphy was in the 65th year of her age and was well known and highly respected. The funeral took place from the Holy Family church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock when a Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Quinn. The burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Miss Catherine F. McCarthy and James Holden, both of this city, were united in marriage at St. Mary's church at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning. Rev. Father Mulheon, pastor of the church, officiating. Miss Mary A. McCarthy, a sister of the bride, and John Holden, a nephew of the groom, supported the happy couple at the altar. After the ceremony a reception was tendered the newly married couple, when the best wishes of their many friends were showered upon them. Mr. and Mrs. Holden will start house-keeping on Chapel street.

Mary wife of James Wise, passed away at the family residence on Seymour street, Wednesday last after a lingering illness of several months duration. Deceased was a lovable, Christian woman whose presence will be missed by all who knew her. The funeral was held from St. Mary's church at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning, when Rev. Father McGrath celebrated a Requiem High Mass and conducted the funeral services at its conclusion. The burial was in Saint street cemetery.

Jeremiah Hennessy, an old and highly respected resident of this city, died at his late home, 83 Orchard street, Saturday afternoon last after an illness of but two days. Mr. Hennessy was a native of Ireland, but came to this country when a boy, settling in Auburn, where he has resided over 50 years. He was a well known citizen and had many friends, all of whom sympathized with the family in their sad bereavement. Besides his wife he leaves one daughter, Mrs. Patrick Granger of this city, and four sons, Rev. Edward of Dakota, George F., Hamilton, Jr., and Michael, of this city. The funeral took place from St. Mary's church Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock when a solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated, with Rev. John J. McGrath, of St. Mary's, as celebrant; Rev. Jas. O'Connor, of Seneca Falls, deacon; Rev. John Quinn, of the Holy Family, sub-deacon, and Rev. William Mulheon, pastor of St. Mary's, master of ceremonies. The same reverend gentlemen conducted the impressive funeral services at the conclusion of the Mass, and the committal service at the grave was conducted by Rev. Father Mulheon. The burial was in the family plot in St. Joseph's cemetery, Geneva.

Patrick Welch section boss on the L. V. R. R. has been laid up with a brain ailment for the past week caused by a fall falling on it while repairing a section of the track.

Miss Katie O'Malley the sales lady at the O'Malley Bros' Bazaar on Exchange street a week in Rochester, the guests of relatives and friends.

T. W. Hawkins trustee of the 1st ward, has received the appointment of inspector of the state work of building a sea wall around the foot of Seneca Lake. The appointment is well placed and his congratulations are many.

Thos. Flannery has opened a grocery store on the cor. of Middle and Wadsworth streets and expects his many friends to give him a call.

Monday morning fire broke out in one of Thos. Claffy's new houses on Wadsworth st. caused by a defective chimney the quick response of the several fire companies soon had it under control, despite the fierce wind which was blowing at that time.

Clyde.

Miss Florence L. Turner has accepted a position as teacher in Hunt's District, and will resume her duties Nov. 1.

Mrs. F. E. McGrath and son John, were guests of Rochester friends this week.

Mrs. C. C. Costello, Mrs. Win. Tobin, and Mrs. John Barry were visiting in Auburn the past week.

The young men's Democratic club are preparing for a Democratic rally. Gov. Hill is expected to speak here.

The Leo Columbian Reading Circle held their regular meeting at the home of Miss Jennie Moriarty. The reading and discussion of Evangeline was completed, and Epoch 1 of U. S. History. The badges were given to each member of the circle.

A very pretty and quiet wedding was solemnized at St. John's Catholic church Tuesday at 5:30 p. m. The contracting parties were Mr. Morris Donovan and Miss Anna Hanlon, both of this town. Miss Anna Minnock was brides maid, and John Donovan, brother of the groom, was best man. Rev. J. J. Gleason officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Donovan left on the 7:30 train, amid showers of rice and the good wishes of all for Niagara Falls and Buffalo, where they shall spend their honeymoon.

Mr. J. P. Murray, of Syracuse, was a guest of Miss Nellie T. Costello the past week.

An alarm of fire was sounded at 3:25 p. m. It proved to be the house of Mrs. M. Ryerson on Sodus st. but by the promptness of the fire companies the flames were extinguished, although considerable damage was done by water.

Misses Katie Murphy, Anna Mackin and Mr. Mackin of Lyons were guests of Clyde friends over Sunday.

Mrs. Laragee and family of Rochester are visiting relatives in Clyde.

Miss Alice Powers of Syracuse, spent Sunday with her parents.

L. Westcott via the Nickel Plate Road to all points west. Superb dining cars.

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BLESSING OF GRAVES.

ANNUAL CEREMONY AT HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY.

The beautiful ceremony of the blessing of the graves will take place at Holy Sepulchre cemetery to-morrow.

Bishop McQuaid will officiate and the exercises will begin at 4 p. m. They will consist of a procession of altar boys, seminary students, priests and the bishop in cope and mitre. Before the procession the bishop and attending priests will chant the litany for the dead in the cemetery chapel, and after the procession the bishop will address the people from a stand erected in front of the chapel.

It has been erroneously reported that this would be the last year the public ceremony of blessing the graves would take place. It will be held every year in the future as in the past.

In former years, crowds of 20,000 persons have witnessed this touching ceremony and the number seems to increase each year. Our Rt. Rev. Bishop addresses a larger number of the members of his flock on these occasions than at any other time in the year. The spirit which impels these thousands of faithful Catholics to make the annual pilgrimage to the beautiful cemetery may be best understood by reading these words spoken by our Rt. Rev. Bishop on a former occasion of this kind:

These stones and monuments tell us how affectionately they are remembered. My mind goes back to the history of early days when the tombs of the martyrs of God's church were most loved and venerated by their fellow Christians who survived them. The catacombs in which the early martyrs lie buried, although at this day only ruins are holy and loved places. When the pagans came down upon those holy places and took possession of them, all Christianity was shocked at the scandal and cruelty. Word was sent over to Europe that enemies of the church held possession of the tomb of Christ. That word was heard by Kings and warriors, barons in their castles, Peter, the Hermit, and St. Bernard raised the cry. All Europe was stirred to the heart at the insult to the tomb of Christ. Those who responded to the call of Peter and St. Bernard went by thousands and tens of thousands to do the sacred work of rescuing the sacred places from the pagan control had a long and tedious journey across Europe, the seas and the Holy Land. These men possessed grandeur and nobility of character. We have the same spirit, my dear children. As those old Christians loved the tomb of Christ and the martyrs we love the burial places of our dead. We are told that the mother of St. Augustine made no provision as to her burial place or a monument. She only asked, "my son, when you stand at God's altar forget me not."

OUR ROMAN LETTER.

(Great Sensation Produced By the Extraordinary Revelations of a High Mason.)
Some Very Interesting Correspondence.
ROME, ITALY.
The great excitement occasioned by the news of the conversion of Domenico Margiotta, a 32nd degree mason, remains unabated. I enclose a copy of the letter sent by Margiotta to Adriano Lemmi, Grand Master of universal masonry which is as follows:
Brussels, Sept. 6th, 1894.
To Sig. Adriano Lemmi, Rome.
You know that I refused to recognize you as Sovereign Pontiff of Universal Masonry even on the morrow of your venal and fraudulent election. You know that I despise you since the day that I became acquainted with your shameful antecedents.
You know that once before I abandoned the Scotch Rite, ancient and accepted, when, in order to control at pleasure the finances of the Italian Masons, you bought the retirement of Tamajo and Riboll, and you know that in my great error I hoped to find honesty in another rite.
You know that I have ever been one of those who at any cost were unwilling to obey you, and that I have used every endeavor to cause you to be avoided both from the ranks of the Masons. But you have traded with



ENTRANCE TO HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY.

ALL SOULS CHAPEL AND...
and they retain you and have made you their supreme chief. You know that the election and voting of September 30th, 1893, was the most monstrous defiance to intolerance and common decency, and that I adhered with zeal to the rebellion of the American High Masons, and that in Italy I made a campaign against you in common with all the Masons that despise you.
You know in fine that the Findex affair did not surprise me any more than do the congratulations which you and your brother Carducci address one to the other.
But what you do not know is this, that in sending by this letter my general retirement, complete and irrevocable, from all Masonic grade and function to you whom the Triangles have made Chief of Freemasonry by means of the Findex affair, I have the honor of informing you that I have gone further than Miss Vaughan. Since you embody the order definitely in your person, any Mason who has any self-respect is bound to retire, for he would have to be very vile indeed to acknowledge your code. Moreover, he would be very blind indeed if at the present moment he did not open his eyes.
I have seen and I see.
You may burn my name between the pillars. You can hand me over to every infernal malediction, I am but too glad to have broken the chains which your Great Architect imposed. I am full of joy at being able to tell you that I do more than retire, for I have renounced Palladium and have been converted.
Sing with your brethren the Genaiith-Memagog and the Hymn of Sitan. Blot me out from the Golden Book of the Great Central directory of Naples. I will inspect no more, either Lodges or Triangles; the only question I ask myself is how it is that I have not been asphyxiated by the poisonous miasmas of your dark caverns.
DOMENICO MARGIOTTA, Ex-85.
E. J. P. S. D. (1894).
The venerable Bishop of Grenoble, by whose preaching Margiotta was converted, wrote as follows to his convert:
Grenoble, Aug. 8th, 1894.
DEAR U. MARGIOTTA—Your stay at Grenoble caused me great pleasure, and it pleased Miss Diana Vaughan, of whom you speak, to inform me that I would give her the same welcome as I gave to you. My Divine Master has taught me how to receive such

return to him.
You speak of a...
going to reveal the...
in which being first...
You know that...
To the...
your writing, and...
you being...
you must...
them.
It will be said that...
regretted...
not a...
filling a duty...
love the Lord...
love God...
man really...
God, his...
rage in order...
the truth...
companions...
your...
connections...
I AMAN...
Another...
by Margiotta, to...
To the...
Grand...
Masonic...
and Grand...
Knights...
sorry at Paris.
Brussels, Sept. 6, 1894.
You have ever been very kind to me, but, having taken the...
determination of...
necessary, I send you by the...
letter my solemn...
maunder of the...
Defenders of...
and as Grand...
of the Oriental...
rain or Egypt, of which you are...
Grand President.
On this occasion I think I...
tell you that, from a...
understood among...
pendantly of all...
opinion, French...
you are the...
break off all...
Rite of Memphis...
Naples, which...
it is shameful...
once when it is...
of its Sovereign...
regna.
Having arrived at the...
Master by...
Miss...
I have...
that I...