

YOUNG MEN CONVENT

TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
THE FOUNDING OF THE UNION

Will Meet at Newark, N. J. the Birthplace
of the Organisation. Elaborate Prepara-
tions Being Made By the Young Men's
Societies of the Newark Diocese.

The Catholic young men of Newark, N. J., are busy in preparation for the annual convention of the National Union of Catholic Young Men's Societies, which is to be held in their city.

on September 19 and 20. Very appropriately Newark has been chosen for this year's convention, as the union was organized in that city twenty-five years ago. And so the silver jubilee will be celebrated in the birthplace.

The sessions of the convention will be held in the Catholic Institute Hall, New street. The delegates who will go there will have nothing to regret for having selected Newark for the

silver jubilee year convention. All of the Catholic young men's associations in the diocese have united to make this convention a memorable one in every respect. Committees are at work

every day preparing the details for the reception and entertainment of the visitors.

The members of the Young Men's Catholic Association feel that they

more, than any other association are to be honored in the coming convention, for was not the big national union organized in their building? The time-honored president, Monsignor Drane, and some of the veteran men

Members of the association are responsible for the existence of the National Union. It was through their efforts that the first call for a meeting of Catholic Young Men's societies was

sent out. Thirty-nine associations responded, and the first convention was held in the Institute Hall on Feb. 23, 1874. To-day there are 217 associations in the union, and the number

Twenty-five years ago there were only two societies of Catholic Young Men in the city of Newark, the Institute and the St. James Literary

to the first convention were: Joseph
nor Doane, E. F. McDonald, John
gan, H. H. Starrs, T. J. Ryan and J.
Hagan. They represented the
Young Men's Association

The convention will be held on Sept. 19 and 20. The plans, as far as they

are outlined, are to have committees at all the railroad stations on Monday evening, Sept. 18, to receive the delegates and escort them to the headquarters in the Continental Hotel. On

Monday morning the delegates will attend a Solemn High Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral. Afterward they will go to the Institute Hall where an address of welcome will be made probably by the Mayor. Then the

of the convention will begin. On that night there will be a public reception in the Institute Hall. After the adjournment, on Wednesday evening there will be a rally in the Institute

Hall of all the Young Men's Catholic societies in the diocese. The City Carriers' Band has volunteered its services for this occasion. Of course there will be a monster excursion.

Greenwood Lake. The arrangements for this trip are being made on a lavish scale and all who attend will be treated to some surprises. A banquet for the delegates will be served in the Casino.

Bishop Blank, of Porto Rico, has issued an appeal to the Catholics of this country asking for aid for the Porto Ricans, now our fellow-citizens.

well as fellow Catholics, in this hour of desolation by hurricane and cyclone.

The Catholics of Opelousa, La., are soon to have a grand new church.

This is one of the oldest churches in western Louisiana. The present church was erected in 1834. On a recent Sunday the church was the only one at Specter.

Point, N., holding services at the Protestant place of worship being closed on account of the epidemic of diphtheria which prevailed in the town.

Very Rev. Thomas Lynch, one of the vicar-generals of the Burlington Vermont diocese, died at Hyderville while driving last Saturday afternoon. He was eighty years old and pastor of the Burlington Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

The last Sunday in July was probably the most noteworthy event in the history of Catholicism in Boone, West Virginia. On that day the

church at Hinton was dedicated. The
cursons were run east and west
the Chesapeake and Ohio ran
along carrying 100 passengers. There
never were so many Catholics in the

son or answers in the
future.