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SUBTERRANEAN ROME

WHERE LIE THE BONES OF THOUSANDS OF MARTYRS.

The Various Orders of Saints are Represented in the Eternal City by the Relics of Their Chiefs—Rome the Mother of Holiness and the Centre of Christianity.

In subterranean Rome, down in the catacombs, some of which are still unexplored, lie the bones of thousands of martyrs of the early church. And besides these all the other orders of saints are represented in Rome by the relics of their chiefs. The head of St. John the Baptist is in the Vatican; the apostle's head is to be seen in the bodies of St. Peter and St. Paul in their basilicas, of St. James the Less and St. Philip in the Twelve Apostles, of St. Matthew in St. Mary Major's, of St. Bartholomew in the church dedicated to him, of St. Simon and St. Jude at St. Peter's, and there are important relics of the others as well as of the evangelists St. Mark and St. Luke in one or other of the four hundred churches of the Eternal City. After them come the martyrs, doctors and virgins, the martyrs gloriously represented by the bodies of St. Stephen, St. Ignatius of Antioch and St. Sebastian. For the college of doctors there are the bodies of St. Justin, St. Jerome, St. Gregory Nazianzen, St. John Chrysostom, St. Leo, St. Gregory the Great. For the virgins the body of St. Domitilla, who received the religious veil in the first century from Pope St. Clement, heads the list of a numerous choir who bore the ill of purity with the red rose of martyrdom. Even art has the bodies of its heavenly patrons to venerate in Rome; painting has St. Luke; sculpture, those of the martyrs Claudius Nicomachus, Siphon, rian, music, St. Cecilia, poetry, that of St. Damascus. The papacy is represented in the bodies of St. Leo and St. Gregory; religious founders that of St. Ignatius, missionaries in the arm of St. Francis Xavier, which baptized so many thousands; philanthropists, St. Joseph Calasanz, the founder of free schools in Rome in the sixteenth century; royalty has the body of St. Helena; poverty that of St. Alexia; widows that of St. Monica; youth those of St. Alodius, St. Stanislaus and St. John Berchmans. What a constellation of tombs! And yet they are only a few out of the hundreds of the inexhaustible treasury.

Rome's environment seems to have been providentially designed for the universal mission; is not this grouping round her bosom of the saints of the Church of all ages, countries, conditions, a striking indication of her character as the mother of holiness and the centre of Christianity? Beginning with the rowdy youths of the Sapienza and ending with the bodies of the saints that sleep in Rome! It seems a mighty leap, but as in old Rome, the glories of her capital were but a step from the horrors of the Tiberian rock and Germanian stairs, so, too, the sublime and the base jostle each other day by day in the Eternal City.

CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN

Joint men the Sacrificial Work of Soldiers in the Philippines.

The 25th annual convention of the National Union of Catholic young men's societies, at Newark, adopted unanimously the following resolutions: "Whereas, for some time many rumors have appeared in the public press and have been confirmed by private advices that Catholic churches in the Philippines have been desecrated and despoiled of sacred vessels and vestments by soldiers of the United States; and

"Whereas, we would be loth, indeed, to believe such things possible, yet the persistence and the specific nature of these rumors seem to lend them the appearance of truth:

"Resolved, That we, the Catholic Young Men's National Union, embracing fifty thousand men in the United States, have every confidence in the President's fairness, justice and respect for all religions, call through him upon the proper authorities for a thorough investigation and report upon such rumors, as to their truth or falsity; and

"Resolved, That if, upon proper investigation, these rumors should be found true, in whole or in part, we demand: First, the punishment of those guilty or responsible for such outrages upon our religion; and, second, that the necessary measures be adopted to prevent the recurrence of such desecrations.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, duly authenticated by the president and secretary of this convention, be forwarded to the President of the United States."

P. J. Flatley of Boston was a member of the committee which drafted the resolutions. When Chaplain Chadwick of the Maine entered the convention hall he was greeted with an ovation. Father Chadwick was called on for a speech, and responded in a way that highly pleased his audience. He said, among other things, that bigotry toward

Catholics was fast disappearing from the earth.

These officers were elected for the year: President, Dr. H. F. Wall of New York; first vice president, Rev. B. M. Bogan of Rahway; second vice president, John M. Higgins, of Richmond; secretary and treasurer, E. P. Gallagher of Philadelphia. The following standing committees were announced: Constitution, Rev. Father Murphy, Boston, and others; organization, A. A. Turner, Boston, and others; resolutions, P. J. Flatley, Boston, and others.

Elizabeth's costly edifice. Arrangements have been completed for the dedication of the new church of St. Patrick, Elizabeth, N. J., which is one of the finest edifices in this state and cost \$400,000. It has taken thirteen years to build the church and there is not a dollar of debt on the structure, as the work was paid for as the building progressed. The structure is of Maine granite and its twin spires tower far above everything else in this city. The dedication ceremonies, which will be held the first Sunday in October, will be elaborate and impressive. During the Spanish-American war the largest United States flag here floated from the tops of the lofty spires until the close of the war.

The Knights of Columbus, of Baltimore, figured conspicuously in honoring His Eminence, Cardinal James Gibbons, on his 65th birthday. The Cardinal has ever been a staunch friend and admirer of the Order and has done much to build it up.

Dominicans Off to the Philippines. The "Weekly Nation," of Dublin says: "We are authorized to announce that twenty-four Dominican Fathers have embarked at Barcelona for the Philippines. They are going to revive the University of Manila, and to resume the work of their sacred ministry in that city. Pope Leo XIII. has decided, after an understanding came to on the subject with the President of the United States. Mr. McKinley has promised that the Dominicans will receive every encouragement and support from his government."

Arch Bishop Riordan, of San Francisco has left on his ad limina visit to Rome.

The health of Bishop Rademacher, of Ft. Wayne, is continually improving in a very satisfactory manner. He is visiting a Lafayette, Ind., and expects soon to be able to resume his duties again.

The Catholic population of Western Australia at the end of 1897 was close to 24,000.

A statue of St. Vincent de Paul will be placed in every Catholic schoolroom in New York.

Cardinal Logue is the most ordinary-looking man of the entire Irish hierarchy.

Archbishop Corrigan, of New York, is a very busy man. For the last four months of 1899, he has over 100 formal engagements already booked.

The new Bishop of London, Ont., is an ardent advocate of Catholic schools for Catholic children.

Right Rev. Bishop Martz of Denver is in Arizona on a lecture tour which will last through September and October.

The Holy Name Societies of Boston have shown a good example by passing resolutions condemning the atrocious work of American soldiers in the Philippines.

Shirt Waist Parties. Shirt waist parties are the latest entertainment. It is a very pretty way to pass an afternoon with one's girl friends. And one has no idea how many of these necessary adjuncts of the summer outfit one can turn off in several of these afternoons together. Chatting, the needle files, and if one of the girls has a machine she "runs" the hardest parts of the waists for the guests.

Of course, each girl brings her own work-bag, which may be of some dainty silk, drawn into a pouch and slung over her arm. They look so much like opera bags that no one would suspect they contained emeries, needle-cases, scissors, thread and even patterns.

The hostess generally furnishes the sewing circle with refreshments. The waists are made very simply, and all are cut from the same pattern, unless there be those who can originate a bit in this way, and then there are endless possibilities for expression of nice ideas. Jabots, fancy yokes, lace insertions and appliques of true lover's knots or fleur de lis, in ribbon and embroidery, can be adopted.

Each girl at the shirt waist party is asked to bring a color to match the confectionery of the day, and all pink prevails one afternoon, blue another green another and so on.

MME. DUCHESNE

WHO ESTABLISHED THE ORDER OF THE SACRED HEART IN AMERICA

More Than Eighty Years Ago She Opened the First House in this Country at Florissant, Mo.—Steps Taken for the Canonization of the Sainly Nun.

The ecclesiastical court appointed by Archbishop Kaim to inquire into the life and acts of Mme. Duchesne, with a view to having her canonized ultimately, has completed its labors, the final sessions being held at St. Charles, Mo. The convocation included Mgr. Muehlstein, Rev. James J. McCabe, John H. May, W. M. Tobin, J. J. Hart, and J. J. McGlynn, of St. Louis, and Rev. William St. Charles. The testimony will shortly be forwarded to Rome.

Mme. Duchesne was one of the earliest promoters of the Sacred Heart Congregation. She established the order in America more than eighty years ago. The first institution was located in Florissant, Mo., then a bustling metropolis, compared to the St. Louis of that day. To-day the Sacred Heart convents are in nearly every large city of the country. Within their walls are nearly 10,000 women devoted to lives of prayer.

Mme. Duchesne was born at Ladrone, France, in 1770. Her family belonged to the nobility and possessed much wealth. One member of its spurred earthly joys. That was little Philippe. At an early age she evinced a marked love for religion. When eighteen years old she entered the Visitation convent as a novice. Her father bitterly opposed her choice, but eventually yielded to her wishes. With the French revolution in 1791 came the expulsion of the Visitation nuns from France. They were subject to many hardships. Sister Philippe tried to reestablish the Visitation order in her native country some years later, but without success. Then she cooperated with other good women who were forming the Sacred Heart Order, and became a prominent member of that body. She reached New Orleans early in 1812.

A Learned Clergy. Bishop McQuade, of Rochester, in a pastoral relative to the education of students for the priest hood in St. Bernard's Seminary, says:

"There never was an age when Christ's church had more to contend against than the present time. Her enemies attack mercilessly and incessantly all that is held sacred in doctrine, morals and discipline. Her doctrines are assailed insidiously on the evangelical, the indifferent and the infidel. With no pretense of argument or logical controversy, they resort to ridicule and appeal to low passions; they assert as facts the theories of students and the assumption of more conjecture; their whole aim is to hurt Christianity. More harm is done to religion through loose morals and the general corruption of the day than by denial of divine truth. Legalized divorce and its concomitant vices strike at the foundation of morality as safeguarded by Christ in the family and the home. The literature of the times and places of public resort and amusement are rank with evil suggestions and impurities, to the serious detriment of the young. Suicide is preached by some leaders among the public, and is condoned by many on the specious plea of temporary insanity. The latter is often a covering cloak to criminality. A rebellious spirit crops out in all walks of life; it chafes under restraint, especially under the wise and saving discipline of the Gospel. It rebels against all authority and takes counsel only of its own devices and inclinations."

"To meet the difficulties of such an age the church needs that her clergy should be equipped with depth and breadth of knowledge, not limited to the ordinary text books of theological lore, but reaching out into the various roads traveled by the secular and the scientific scholar. European seminaries are beginning to realize this necessity, and are all adding to their courses of study. We cannot shut our eyes to what is going on in the world, and in preparing our young men for the ministry it is a duty to prepare them for the world as it is to-day."

THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST.

You suffered in Gethsemane,
For sins of all humanity,
A bloody sweat in agony,
And passion of intensity,
With downcast face.

You then were scourged by villain
bold—
Five thousand stripes St. Bridget
told.
A crown of thorns they placed on Thee,
And halloed Thee King, in mockery,
At Pilate's place.

And when, at last, condemned to die,
Your cross was carried patiently,
Then nailed to it most brutally,
You died for all humanity,
In much disgrace.

THE NEWMONTMARTE.

A National Shrine to the Sacred Heart in this Country.

There is a movement on foot for the erection in the United States of a National Shrine to the Sacred Heart, similar to that erected at Montmartre, France.

The project was suggested by Pope Leo himself, and Mgr. Ma. Apostolic Delegate, was instructed to carry it into execution. The first step was the appointment of Father Magee of Washington, to take charge of the undertaking. He purchased a site for the shrine in the center of Washington, and then started on a tour of the world to get ideas on the architecture of the edifice. He returned a few days ago.

The shrine will be one of the finest in the world, and the plans is to erect it after St. Peter's in Rome. All the bishops and archbishops in the United States are to help in the undertaking, and collections will be taken up in every diocese.

The League of the Sacred Heart and Apostleship of Prayer, which fosters devotion to the Sacred Heart, is said to be the largest Roman Catholic Society in the world. There are ten million members in it, over three million being in the United States. This body will take a large share in the work of erecting the shrine. The director of the League for the United States is Father Wynne, S. J., of St. Francis Xavier's Church in West Sixteenth street, New York City.

GO TO ST. JOSEPH.

The Foster Father of Jesus and Spouse of Mary Will Help You.

A lady residing in Washington tells the Calendar of that city, the following facts. She and her family were raised and educated as members of the Church. One of her brothers wandered, however, from the fold, and he grew up he was married to a Protestant lady by a Protestant minister.

Two children were born to them. The mother was perfectly willing they should be baptized by a priest, but the father, neglecting to have it done, the mother took them to the Protestant minister who had performed the marriage ceremony and had them baptized. After this, two other children were born, and were not baptized, when the family moved to northern California, the pious sister remaining here.

These blessed women, "The Little Sister of the Poor," have "a home for the aged" on the corner of E. and Third streets N. E., under the patronage of St. Joseph. And, what is unknown to many Catholics of this city, a most sacred relic is in the custody of these sisters—it is part of a garment once worn by St. Joseph, and is, of course, considered a most holy relic.

The lady, in company with two other ladies, visited the home for one aged and obtained permission to leave an intercession for his aid under the garment once worn by St. Joseph. She asked a blessing for her family and particularly for the brother in California and his unbaptized children.

Where the brother lived there was no priest and but few Catholics, though a priest comes there occasionally to minister to the spiritual wants of the few Catholics. Just nine days after the aid of St. Joseph was asked, this California priest went to the residence of the lady's brother, where he had never been before, asked for the unbaptized children and christened them.

The lady here believes that it was in direct answer to her prayer placed under the relic, and that the work is not finished yet, and that her brother and the whole family will be brought into the Church through these same relics.

Trappist Monks to settle at Medway, Mass. Rev. Father Murphy, superior of the Order of Trappist Monks, in this country, was in Medway, Mass., looking for a site for a monastery for the Order. He was conducted about the town by James McGinnis, who also showed him the Langdon Farm, so-called with which Father Murphy was well pleased.

This property comprises 300 acres, and extends from the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad tracks to the Mills town line. Father Murphy will soon sail for Rome, where he will lay the matter before the Superior-general of the order. The Trappist Monks are one of the most austere orders of the United States living in silence and never speaking except when it is absolutely necessary. They have at present two monasteries in this country, which are situated in Kentucky and Dubuque, Iowa. Father Murphy thinks the Langdon farm an ideal place for a monastery, and will recommend its acquisition.

A number of sharks have appeared in the Bristol channel and bathers are becoming frightened. For nervous disorders it is now found that the finest cure is the simple one of lying in bed. It is a popular belief that a holy bush planted near a dwelling, protects the house from lightning. Russia wants to borrow money in the London market for the purpose of expanding her railways.

DIOCESAN NEWS.

What Our Friends in the Surrounding Parishes are Doing.

From Our Special Correspondents.

Corning.

It is the season when still autumn woods echo with the pulse-sounding of the drumming partridge and crisp leaves of gold and crimson abound. The air is, as the little girl said, "embracing," the country landscape is tinged with colors richest and most gorgeous, and it is good to be far from the "haunts of man," and to roam the wildwood and forget everything except that it is good to be alive.

The idea of hiring an outside base ball team to play here and at Hornellsville after their regular work for the season was over, was one that seemed to the writer, at least, predestined from the start to be a failure. Base ball begins to pall on all of us when September comes, no matter how enthusiastic we may have been all summer; and, besides, it is not agreeable to sit shivering on grand stands at the spectator, because he can move about the field with the ball and keep warm by jumping up and down and giving the yell of his favorite team. And an overcast day, whereas to look at a base ball game from the depths of a great coat looks ridiculous. The old-time rivalry between Corning and Hornellsville, which the hiring of two outside base ball teams sought to revive, may come to its legal end in its own accord, if the foot ball eleven was as successful as the base ball match for the "blunder" of a team that "Hornell" blundered.

Mrs. Katherine Dineen has returned from a visit at Rochester and Avon. Miss Mary McCarthy spent Sunday in Dundee. Timothy O'Connell and Thomas Rodgers returned to New York during the week to resume their studies in medical and law schools respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rodgers and daughter, Dorothy, left Tuesday for a two weeks' sojourn in New York.

"The Sleeping Beauty" was produced at the Opera House Tuesday night. The daughters of Pocahontas gave a dance in Williams Hall Wednesday night. The Glen Club held their regular monthly hop Thursday night, and Saturday "Fate" at the Opera House winds up a pretty well filled week.

Francis McCarty is here on a visit to his parents, West First street. Mr. McCarty has been out West and has traveled considerably since leaving Corning some years ago. He is a bright young man and declares he would not exchange the experience he has had for a good many dollars. He has lately accepted Algonquin position with the Westinghouse Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

St. Mary's choir, under the capable management of Mr. Edward Keating, the well-known base singer and professor of guitar and mandolin music, bids fair to become renowned throughout the city. Mr. Keating has lately assumed the direction of the choir and will devote much of his attention to its improvement. With the material and the talent we have, there is no reason why we should not have a choir equal to, if not better than, any in the city. It will, of course, take time and patient training, but the material is there and if the new director is aided and co-operated with by the members themselves, we shall have a Catholic choir of which we may be proud.

Miss Josephine Kennedy pleasantly entertained a number of friends Wednesday evening at a party given in honor of her friend, Miss O'Donnell, of Washington, D. C.

Lima. Much interest was shown by our citizens when, on the 22d inst., they were called on to vote for water works for our village. One hundred and one votes were cast, 77 being in favor of water. The work will begin in the fall, and supply likely to be taken from the Bishop farm, one mile west of the village, cost not to exceed \$3,000.

Miss Loretta Ward, of Rochester, is spending part of her vacation with her friend, Anna Shaugnessy. Mrs. Murphy, mother of Judge Murphy, made a short visit with her old friends here last week. She has many warm friends, having spent many years of her life here.

We expect a visit from our Bishop early in October. Father Fitzsimons has a large class preparing for Confirmation. St. Michael Fitzgerald has enlarged his grocery store, and will be in a stock of dry goods.

Miss Anna Malone has a position in a school in the town of Springwater.

Hornellsville. Mr. Edward Lundrigan, a switchman in the Erie yards, was fatally injured by being caught between two cars, while at work, last Thursday afternoon, and died a few hours later at St. James' Mercy Hospital. Deceased was about 37 years of age and leaves a mother, one sister and three brothers. The funeral, held from St. Ann's Church Saturday morning, was largely attended, he being a member of Co. K, Third N. Y. V., during the late war. Also a member of the B. of R. T.

Mrs. D. J. McCarthy, who has been visiting at the home of her father, during the past week, returned to her home in Elmira Monday.

Maple City Hose Company, No. 1 of this city were the guests of the Wallsville Fire Department Wednesday, at the convention of the Allegany county firemen.

Miss Anna Dealy who has been spending the past two weeks visiting in Buffalo and Dunkirk, returned home Tuesday.

The 47th Separate Co., N. G., N. Y., left Thursday evening for New York City to take part in the Dewey celebration.

A large number of people of this city are in New York this week attending the celebration of the home-coming of Admiral Dewey.

News was received here Saturday by Mrs. P. T. Murphy of the death of her husband, Mr. P. T. Murphy, of New York, who was badly hurt in a fire at New York, and died five weeks ago, which resulted in his death. He had been a frequent visitor at this place, and had a large circle of friends who were grieved to hear of his death. He was buried at Grand Island Monday, a large number from here attending. One daughter, all three sons survive.

Bliss Barry, of Penn Yan, was the guest of relatives here the latter part of last week.

Monday morning a pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Mary's Church by Rev. William Mulhern, the pastor. William Barry, of Penn Yan, and Miss Alice Barry, of Seymour street, two popular residents of the city, were the contracting parties. The bride and her attendant, Miss Josephine Barry, were charmingly attired. Michael Barry was best man. Michael Barry's beautiful "Wedding March" was rendered by Prof. Juall, the organist. Mr. and Mrs. Barry were the recipients of many beautiful and costly presents. They are now away on their wedding trip in the West. They will take up their residence in a newly furnished house in Penn Yan.

Adam Cathcart and Miss Elizabeth Ryan were united in marriage at the Holy Family Church last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, of Painesville, have the sympathy of the community in the loss of their only son, Leonard, aged seven years. Leonard was a bright little boy and attended St. Albans' Catholic school. He was a favorite with his classmates and teachers. The child was ill last week with a complication of troubles. Monday afternoon services were held at the Holy Family Church, Father Keenan officiating. The church was filled with friends. The floral tributes were beautiful. The interment was at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith's eldest daughter, Wilhelmina, was taken seriously ill Sunday and Dr. Sand was summoned. The child is reported out of danger.

Prof. James F. Conley will open his dancing academy next Tuesday evening for the season. It will be Mr. Conley's last season with the young people of this city.

Engineer Dugan of the passenger train which was wrecked Tuesday morning, was the only Catholic among the crew. Dugan was seriously injured, being killed although he suffered severe skull wounds. At the City Hospital he was attended by Dr. Father Gorman, of the Holy Family Church, and four lives were lost and five were injured. Engineer Dugan is a resident of Canandaigua.

The Sunday School teachers of St. Mary's Church held a meeting Tuesday evening at this week in the Chapel. Plans for the year's work were discussed and important business transacted.

Last Thursday Rev. Father Neill, of Corning, returned from his European tour. A reception was tendered him by St. Mary's. Misses Esther Murphy, Adelaide Murphy, Margaret McConnell, Edward J. Shugness, Stephen Murphy and William Gorman of this city, were participants in the event. Rev. Father Gibbons, of this city, was a member of the reception committee.

The funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Donovan, of Corning, was held Monday morning. The interment was at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Edward J. Murphy has returned home after finishing the season as a teacher in Montreal (Eastern League) team. Edna made a good record for himself during the season.

Two young men of St. Mary's parish are members of college foot ball teams. James Brown plays guard on Columbia College eleven, and David Shaw fills a similar position on the Union College team.

Charles Lawler and Joseph Gallagher returned to the Medical College at Philadelphia Wednesday.

Somebody Falls. The announcement is made of the approaching marriage of James G. Randall and Miss Ella Fahy.

St. Patrick's Church, Wednesday, was the scene of a very pretty wedding. Rev. Father Dwyer united in marriage Miss Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dwyer, and Mr. William Dwyer. A reception was held at the home of the bride, in Grand street, where the newly-married couple left on the evening train for a brief wedding trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lyman, of Williams, was in town this week.

William, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCarthy, died Wednesday afternoon at his family residence, in the street. The cause of death was a complication of diseases. William was a bright, intelligent and beloved child. The funeral was held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Gargan, 65 St. street, are among friends in New York City.

Rev. Father Neill, pastor of Agnes Church, Corning, has returned from his European trip.

Rev. Father Lambert, of Boscawen, is in town Wednesday. St. Patrick's school was closed Wednesday afternoon to allow the children to attend county fair.