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APOSTLE OF YOUTH.

SA. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Father Fleming of the Augustinian Order Pays an Eloquent Tribute to the Saintly Career of the Illustrious Educator at Lawrence, Mass.

The following is an abstract from an eloquent sermon delivered recently in St. Lawrence's church, Lawrence, Mass., by Rev. J. M. Fleming, O. S. A.:

"The talents and virtues of De La Salle render him worthy to be ranked among the distinguished men of all times. Born at Rheims, in France, in 1651, he, at an early age, was sent to school, where he enjoyed the distinction of being the most pious, cheerful and studious of all his companions. In 1670 he entered the celebrated seminary of St. Sulpice in Paris, for the purpose of pursuing the higher theological studies.

"The gay city did not distract him from the serious purpose he had in view. His profound meditations on the Gospel, besides advancing him on the road of perfection, seem to have rendered his disposition only the more amiable and his personality only the more attractive. Without being aggressive, he exercised by his example a gently restraining influence over his fellow students.

"While a student conscientiously and unostentatiously performing his duty, he little realized that he was destined to be an instrument in the hands of God to combat the evil of irreligious education, and to establish schools in every part of the world where the child's dignity as God's chosen creature is respected and defended. Well knowing the history of his country, he saw the storm coming in the distance; and he fortified himself by study, experience, and divine grace to avert its baneful influence. To this end, among others, he founded his glorious Institute of Christian Brothers.

"After his death, which occurred in 1719, France passed through the throes of a most terrible and sanguinary revolution; but her children have preserved the faith, and she still has valiant sons who, in the face of bitter opposition and persecution, are carrying on the great work of De La Salle, the Christian education of the young.

"This is certainly a most opportune time to honor this great man and to emphasize his life-purpose, when the whole world seems to have run mad after secular education. The public school system has become so much a part of our American life that the man who dares to point out its glaring deficiencies is held up before the public eye as a traitor.

"Civilization has been elevated to its present advanced state by Christianity, and it will relapse into decay when that powerful support is withdrawn. Christ is as the breath of life to civilization, no matter what attitude it may reach. Washington himself recognized the value of religion when he said: 'Religion is as necessary to reason, as reason is to religion. The one cannot exist without the other. A reasoning being would lose his reason, in attempting to account for the great phenomena of nature, had he not a Supreme Being to refer to; and well has it been said that, if there had been no God, mankind would have been obliged to imagine one.'

"Duty demands that a protest should be entered against a system which tends to degrade manhood, and to throw the state back into the arms of a paganism from which it was wrested by Christianity at the cost of so much blood and sacrifice. The gospel of paganism was the omnipotence of the state. Modern legislators seem to be reviving that old and pernicious principle of the detriment and gradual diminution of individual liberty. Wealth, education, culture and refinement are no guarantee for the stability of the state, else France would not have had her revolution, and pagan Rome would not have fallen.

"Education will not, of itself, prevent crime or curb the passions. The jails are filled with men and women who can read and write. What is the reason? They have no sense of morality. Religion was crowded out of their lives, and the light of faith was early extinguished. In his 'State Education Self-Defeating,' Herbert Spencer observes: 'We have no evidences that education as commonly understood is a preventive of crime,' and adds: 'Did much knowledge and piercing intelligence suffice to make men good, then Bacon should have been honest, and Napoleon should have been just.'

"We appeal to Catholics not to be carried away by the whims and fashions of the hour, but to guard with vigilance the faith of their children. God will hold them responsible for their salvation. Secular education is useful. We admire the sacrifices made by parents, in order that their children may keep abreast with the times. But remember, if those children do not know God and love Him, they are lost eternally. Knowledge is power, but knowledge without God is weakness. The existence of Christianity in this country hinges on religious education."

BISHOP-ELECT MOELLER.

To Succeed the Late Bishop Watterson in the See of Columbus, Ohio.

The official appointment of a successor to the late Bishop Watterson in the See of Columbus, Ohio, has been made and the appointee is Rev. Henry Moeller, D. D., chancellor of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The See of Columbus has been vacant for over a year and was in this time under the administration of Vicar-General Specht. The Diocese of Columbus numbers at present 107 priests, 106 churches, 40 parochial schools, with 9,648 pupils, 2 orphanages, 3 hospitals, 4 colleges and academies, and a Catholic population of 60,000. It was made a diocese in 1868 and its first bishop was Bishop S. H. Rosser, D. D., who was at that time auxiliary to Archbishop Purcell. He was succeeded in 1880 by Bishop Watterson.

Rev. Dr. Moeller was born in Cincinnati in 1849, and educated in St. Joseph's parochial school, and St. Xavier's college. He was one of the first students in the American College, Rome. Ordained in June, 1876, he was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's, Belfontaine, Ohio. A few months later he became a professor in the diocesan seminary. In 1879, he accepted the office of chancellor of Indianapolis Diocese returning the following year to become chancellor of the Cincinnati Archdiocese.

Rev. Dr. Moeller has two brothers in the priesthood and one sister a nun. Rev. Ferdinand Moeller, S. J., is at St. Ignace college, Chicago, and Rev. Bernard Moeller is pastor of St. Mary's church, Cincinnati.

WEST POINT CHAPEL.

Dedicated Last Sunday By Bishop Farley, of New York.

Bishop Farley, of New York, officiated at the dedication of the chapel of the Holy Trinity, West Point, last Sunday. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Very Rev. George Deshon, Superior General of the Paulist Community of New York, who was a roommate and classmate of Gen. Grant in the Academy. The evening dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. Father McGinley, of New York. Bishop Farley was assisted by the Rev. Dr. McCreary, of the Holy Cross Church, New York; the Rev. Joseph C. Keefe, rector of the Philadelphia Cathedral; the Rev. Father McLaughlin, rector of the Church of the Transfiguration, New York; and the Rev. Father Hayes. In addition to these there was a large attendance of other Catholic clergymen from New York, Newburgh and other cities.

The chapel, built of dark blue limestone to conform to the general tone of the Academy buildings, is decidedly an ornament to the reservation. The main entrance has double doors, the long panels of the upper pair being of heavy plate glass. All the other doors are of heavy moulded quartered oak, highly polished, with finished brass hinges. The seats are also of polished quartered oak, fifteen feet long, arranged in two columns of sixteen rows each, making thirty-two seats with a seating capacity of about three hundred and fifty. The securing of the site and the erection of the chapel were attended by a good many difficulties and vicissitudes and the clergy of the Catholic Church are very much pleased with the final success which crowned their efforts.

One of the latest German inventions is beer lozenges. These are made of the powder obtained by evaporating lager beer, and contain all the ingredients of this popular beverage. The only useful thing to turn them into a sparkling ale is to dissolve them in water in which some carbonic acid gas has been added.

It is probable that time was first divided into the year by the observation of the movements of the sun among the other heavenly bodies; that the revolution of the moon about the earth decided the length of the month, and the rising and setting of the sun marked the duration of the day.

It is said on good authority that when the mills in Manchester, N. H., shut down the last time they had on hand about 64,000,000 yards of cloth, or enough to stretch a band a yard wide around the world, with sufficient left over to form a magnificent driveway wide enough for three spans to drive abreast from New York to Tokio.

The smallest coin now current in Europe, and the one having the least value, is the Greek lepton. The lepton is, according to the decimal monetary system, current in all countries belonging to the Latin union. Some idea of this valueless little disc of copper may be gathered from the fact that the lepton is the one-hundredth part of a drachma. The Greek drachma usually passes for the value of 20 cents.

A curious incident of the bee world is reported from Hampshire, Eng. A cottager took two large jars of honey and a square section from one of the hives. This honey he put into a large pan and covered it with a cloth, placing it in an up-stairs room of his cottage. During the day the bees got scent of the honey through the open window, crept under the cloth cover, and took away all the honey in an incredibly short time, and stored it in their hive again. The quantity was about 10 pounds in weight.

A cupful of left-over mashed potatoes may be made into croquettes by the addition of the yolks of two eggs, a little grated nutmeg, a half spoonful of onion juice, a pinch of salt and a little chopped parsley.

NEW FOUNDATION.

TO BE STARTED BY FATHERS OF BLESSED SACRAMENT.

The Work Will Be the Means of Spreading Great Devotion Toward Our Lord in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar—Miss Annie Leary's Devotion to the Cause.

"What a blessed thing it is to have wealth when you know how to use it! The Archdiocese of New York has it and has thereby secured the blessing of the first public Eucharistic throne whereon Jesus Christ will be adored night and day in the United States. That is the way Emmanuel, the organ of the Priests' Eucharistic league tells of the promotion of the devotion to the Eucharist to be inaugurated here next Fall. 'The Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament are to open a Eucharistic cenacle in New York next Fall. Within a few years, no doubt, the generosity of friends will secure for them a beautiful church. It will be thronged all day long, and deep into the night with worshippers crowding around the monumental monstrance that will support the Real Presence of Christ on His earthly throne. Nor will it be long before the Fathers occupy a roomy convent where in due time all the Eucharistic hosts will find a congenial home. A heartfelt welcome to the spiritual sons of the venerated Pere Eymard. None rejoices more at their coming than the Priests of the Eucharistic League of the United States of America. Congratulations to our brethren of New York, and to the quiet but very efficient workers of the People's Eucharistic League."

The Sentinel, the league organ of the People's league, says: "The good news is indeed true and this Eucharistic cenacle is in all probability, a thing of the very near future. The growth of the Eucharistic work calls imperatively for its establishment, and the generosity of one of the Catholic ladies in New York has made the matter possible. The Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament are expected in the Fall and will be installed in a suitable house until a church can be erected which will be a fitting shrine for the perpetual exposition and an ornament to the city. The Fathers do not undertake parish work and will be free to devote themselves to the labors of their vast apostolate. The cathedral will for the present remain the head centre of the People's Eucharistic league, which will remain, as incorporated, responsible to the most revered archbishop of New York as its final authority, and superior-general. Miss Annie Leary, of Fifth avenue, whose name and personal interest have been connected with nearly every Catholic charity in New York for many years, has undertaken the responsibility of providing for the coming foundation and with the assistance of her many friends and the Catholic citizens of New York will carry this great work to a successful conclusion. Miss Leary will be the president and treasurer of the building fund, for which donations may now be received."

FATHER YOUNAN, C. S. P.

Appointed Director of the New Paulist House in Tennessee.

Rev. Elias P. Younan, C. S. P., who has been assisting the priests of the Providence, Rhode Island, Apostolate for several weeks, has been appointed by Very Rev. Superior-General Deshon, C. S. P., as director of the Paulist Tennessee House of St. Francis de Sales. He will be assisted by Fathers Handley and Sullivan, and it is probable that Father Schneider also will be assigned there. Father Schneider was a Paulist student, but ill health compelled him to go West. He will spend some time in Europe and on his return will probably be sent to the Southern house. Several students will continue their studies there.

FULTON AND THE PAULISTS.

The Jesuits used to be the bete noir of the anti-Catholic bigots, but now the Paulists seem to be in a fair way to share that distinction with them. At any rate Justin D. Fulton, the high priest of the bigots, advises the fanatics to pray that the country may be protected from the fathers of the Congregation of St. Paul. The excellent work which the Paulists are doing in their mission to non-Catholics is evidently having its effect on the fanatics. And the opposition of Fulton and his tribe is a great compliment to these progressive missionaries.

FOUR PAULISTS ORDAINED.

Bishop Monaghan, of Wilmington, Del., ordained four Paulists in the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, last Saturday. The new Paulists are: Rev. John B. Harney, Bloomington, Ill.; Rev. Thomas A. Daily, Bridgeport, Conn.; Rev. Peter J. Moran, Buffalo, N. Y.; and Rev. Charles J. Oulmet, Pittsfield, Mass. Eight students received tonsure: Charles A. Crowley, James A. Farley, Francis G. Gray, Jerome L. O'Hare, Edward J. Mulhally, Henry I. Stark, George I. Waring, Oliver A. Welsh.

The Catholic authorities are investigating the facts concerning the appointment of our Lord, alleged to have taken place at Allee Bel Colle, in Piedmont. They are said to have been observed by a little girl named Josephine Glass.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS.

Some Practical Questions and Answers For Fathers and Mothers to Study.

Q. Is it allowable for priests, parents, teachers and others to foster and encourage vocations to the priesthood in the youth committed to their care?

A. It is not only allowable, it is in some measure a duty.

Q. How is this proved?

A. The Fathers of the late Plenary Council of Baltimore, after the example of the Fathers of the Council of Trent, give very clear and practical instructions on this matter. The Fathers say: "We exhort in the Lord, and earnestly entreat pastors and other priests, that they would diligently turn their minds to searching after and finding out, among the boys committed to their care, such as are fit for the ecclesiastical state and seem called to it."

Q. Are not some parents to be blamed for their indifference or their opposition with regard to higher vocations in their children?

A. Yes; the Fathers of the Second Plenary Council of Baltimore gently rebuke certain worldly minded parents for not fostering vocations to the priesthood in their sons. Deploping the lack of such vocations, the Fathers say in their pastoral letter: "We fear that the fault lies in great part with many parents, who, instead of fostering the desire so natural to the youthful heart of dedicating itself to the service of God's sanctuary, but too often impart to their children their own worldly-mindedness, and seek to influence their choice of a state of life by unduly exaggerating the difficulties and dangers of the priestly calling, and painting in too glowing colors the advantages of a secular life. To such parents we would most earnestly appeal, imploring them not to interfere with the designs of God on their children when they perceive in them a growing disposition to attach themselves to the service of the altar."

"If God rewards the youthful piety of your sons by calling them to minister in His sanctuary, the highest privilege He confers on man, do not endeavor to give their thoughts another direction. To those whom God invites to co-operate with Him in the most divine of all works, the salvation of souls, the words of Christ to His apostles are applicable: 'Ames to say to you; every one that hath left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting.'"

Q. Is it a sin to prevent a person from following a vocation to the priesthood?

A. Yes; because, as we have seen, the salvation of one who does not follow his vocation is greatly endangered; also because in such a case the design of God would be thwarted.

The late Archbishop Lynch, of Toronto, is authority for the statement that the average priest secures the salvation of five thousand souls. This means that on the average, for every young man that becomes a priest there will be five thousand souls less in hell, and five thousand more in heaven, for all eternity. Hence he who prevents a vocation to the priesthood shall be responsible for the loss of numerous souls.

Q. Is it right to pray for the grace of a vocation to the priesthood?

A. Certainly; this grace, as well as other special graces, may very appropriately be made the object of prayer. Our Lord, pointing out the great number of souls to be saved, said to His disciples: "The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest."

Many parents have by fervent, humble and persevering prayer obtained for their sons the grace of being called to the sublime dignity of the priesthood.

Q. When a young man ascertains that he is called to the priesthood, is his vocation fully decided?

A. No; because the secular priesthood are distinct states of life, each having its advantages and its responsibilities, and therefore a special vocation and special graces are necessary for each of these states. Hence in deciding between these two states a person should think earnestly, and ask the grace to know whether he is called to the secular or to the religious priesthood. — Catholic Union and Times.

NEW AMSTERDAM COUNCIL.

New Amsterdam council K. of C. of New York city, is arranging for a vesper service Sunday evening, June 24th, in the Church of St. Paul the Apostle. It is expected that 3,000 Knights will fill the large edifice. St. Francis Xavier's parish will have a council instituted there shortly.

CONNECTICUT HIBERNIANS.

Connecticut Hibernians met in state convention week before last. A resolution that each member of the A. O. H. in the State contribute 50 cents within one year to the fund for the erection of the new diocesan college or seminary was unanimously adopted.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON.

The Archdiocese of Boston has one hundred and twenty-three students studying in the Diocesan Seminary. During the year 1899 twenty-three priests were ordained for the diocese. This holds well for Catholicity in the old stronghold of Puritanism.

BLAINE'S EXPLANATION.

The Presidential Campaign of 1894 and the Burchard Incident.

The Hon. Lynde Harrison, of New Haven, Conn., contributes to Leslie's "History of the Republican party," volume II, just published, a chapter entitled "Evolution of the Republican Party in Connecticut."

Those who remember the presidential campaign of 1894 will find in the article what is believed to be the first published explanation of Mr. Blaine's real reason for not denying responsibility for the ill-timed and unfortunate "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" utterance of the Rev. Mr. Burchard. Mr. Blaine personally made the explanation. Mr. Harrison, who was one of his intimate friends.

"On the Saturday after the Burchard speech," says Mr. Harrison, "Mr. Blaine made a trip upon a special train through Connecticut for the purpose of making speeches at Hartford, Meriden, New Haven, Bridgeport and Stamford."

"On that morning Mr. Blaine first realized that the Burchard remark was being used seriously against him, and he told the writer, who was with him upon the trip, that he was not paying close attention to the remarks that were made by the different clergymen who called upon him, and that when the words 'Rum, Romanism and Rebellion' came from the lips of Mr. Burchard, they were offensive to him and called his attention to the man and what he was saying."

"His first thought was to stop him or to reply by telling him that such language was improper, distasteful and out of place in connection with a political campaign. He looked the man over from head to foot hastily, and he said he made up his mind that the Rev. Mr. Burchard was a man of narrow and fanatical views and as positive a fighter as any old Scotch Presbyterian. He thought the words had come from a man who knew no better than to use such offensive language; that probably no one but himself had paid any attention to them and that if he rebuked him for it Mr. Burchard would immediately desire to enter some disagreeable religious discussion with him on the subject of the Catholic Church. Therefore, Mr. Blaine said, he thought it best to ignore what he had said. A dozen words of rebuke in the way James G. Blaine was capable of administering a rebuke, at that moment would have made Mr. Blaine president of the United States. When Mr. Blaine attempted two or three days afterwards to say something on the subject it was too late."

"A few weeks after the election of 1894 the writer met Mr. William H. Barnum, of Salisbury, Conn., chairman of the national Democratic committee, and he joyfully asked Mr. Barnum how much it cost him to put up the Burchard incident. Mr. Barnum replied: 'Well, of course, that will do as a joke, but I will tell you what we did do. We knew your people could not get together a body of several hundred clergymen to make speeches to Mr. Blaine without the probability of there being some fool who would say something we could take advantage of, and we sent reporters there to take down anything that was said.'"

SUBJECTS OF THOUGHT

To learn of a fault is an opportunity she who fails would guide must seem to follow.

The secret of success is constancy to purpose.

As an omen of success, industry is better than a four-leafed clover.

A judicious alliance is always better than truth spoken without charity.

He who seeks after what is impossible ought, in justice, to be denied what is possible.

Great as heaven and earth are, man still finds things in them with which to be dissatisfied.

You need not pack up any worries. You can get them anywhere as you go along.

Suppression of honest investigation to add a new line of beauty to the life means retrogression.

We cannot avoid having a reputation; it is for us to decide what sort of a reputation it shall be.

Happiness may resemble either a mountain or a molehill. It depends on the distance you are from it.

Try throughout life to make friends. Enemies will make themselves. And the truest companion is he who most enjoys solitude.

It is the mind that makes the body rich and as the sun breaks through the darkest clouds, so honor pierces in the meanest habit.

Friends are few in this weary life; those whose touch upon one's heart strings produces harmony instead of discord, are practically unknown.

With averted eyes to the golden moments pass by. Time's foolish spendthrift, searching wide, and far for what lies close at hand.

Few of us gain by the mistakes of others, but he who fails to profit by his own mistakes, will soon be bankrupt in knowledge.

The keenness of life in this atmosphere of love and power is unknown to those who have never tasted its sweetness. To experience it fully is to be alive indeed.

Do not live in the clubland of some transcendental heaven, do your best to bring the glory of a real heaven down, and mix it out upon your fellows in this work-day world.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Alexian Brothers will open a new home of the order at Buffalo, N. Y.

Next Fall, the Vincentian Fathers will open a new seminary for the New Orleans archdiocese.

In the Parish of St. Peter and Paul, New Orleans, a new \$15,000 school building was blessed last Sunday.

The cornerstone of the new convent of the Sisters of the Divine Service, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was blessed on May's last Sunday.

Nearly 250 Knights of Columbus received the new fourth degree in Brooklyn on Memorial Day.

Rev. A. P. Doyle, C. S. P., is at St. Ann's, Neponset, Boston, Mass., this week, conducting a mission for the non-Catholics in that vicinity.

Annual retreats for Connecticut priests will be held at Holy Cross college, Worcester, Mass. The first, for pastors, begins June 24th; the second begins July 2nd.

Bishop Fitzgerald, of Little Rock, Ark., has appointed Very Rev. Francis Kremer, O. S. B., vicar-general of the diocese, as successor to the late Rev. Dr. J. F. Callahan.

About a half dozen parishes of St. Paul the Apostle, New York, have each contributed \$500 to the fund for the completion of the towers. A few have done better.

Rev. James H. O'Donnell, of Watertown, delivered the address at Father McGinley's grave on the occasion of the visit of the Knights of Columbus from New York and Brooklyn, June 10th.

Over 1,000 men connected themselves with the Holy Name Society established at the close of a mission given recently in St. Francis church, New Haven, Conn.

Last Saturday Very Rev. John A. Mahon, provincial of the Fathers of the Holy Cross in this country, and Rev. Daniel M. Hudson, editor of the "New York Herald," celebrated the silver jubilee of their ordination to the priesthood.

The population of New Jersey approaches 3,000,000, and the Catholic population is rapidly approaching 1,000,000, or about one-third of the population of the State.

The Pope strongly recommends the public devotion in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to be held during the entire month of June; and to that end he grants for each occasion an indulgence of three hundred days to all who assist daily at these devotions; and a plenary indulgence, on the usual conditions, to those who assist at the devotions at least ten times within the month.

OUR ADDRESS

Mr. A. Haysen, will call on members in Buffalo, Buffalo, Western and Geneva next week.

Notes.

Announcement is made of the wedding of Miss Margaret Parsons, daughter of Mr. J. J. Parsons, of Buffalo, N. Y., and J. J. Parsons, of Buffalo, N. Y., which will occur at St. Francis church, New Haven, Conn., on Sunday, June 17th.

The marriage of Miss Mary McGinley, daughter of Mr. J. J. McGinley, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Mr. J. J. McGinley, of Buffalo, N. Y., will occur at St. Francis church, New Haven, Conn., on Sunday, June 17th.

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