

KNIGHTHOOD

A NOTABLE ADDRESS DELIVERED BY  
BISHOP BYRNE OF NASHVILLE.

On the Occasion of the Organization of  
Council of the Knights of Columbus at  
Chattanooga. The Ideal Catholic Gentleman.

The organization of the Knights of Columbus is gaining ground in the South. There has long been a flourishing council in Nashville, Tenn., besides many other Southern cities, and only last Sunday the first council was organized in Chattanooga under the most prosperous conditions. P. J. Brady, of Cleveland, conducted the degree work. At the banquet which followed the initiation in the evening, Mr. Brady responded to the toast, "Our Order," giving briefly and interestingly its history, growth and the principles which animated its life.

At the banquet a notable address was made by Rt. Rev. Thomas S. Byrne, Bishop of Nashville. His subject was "Knighthood," and his remarks were of such broad and practical application that we are glad to reproduce them in part:

"All organizations like this," he said, "are the result of the thought of one man, who has meditated deeply upon some special need of his age, and who is so possessed and carried away with the importance of that need and the necessity of meeting it that he resolves to give his time and his energies to its realization.

"I can conceive that your founder was led on to found your society by some such motive as this: He looked about him, he studied the tendencies and the spirit of the age, and he saw that men, in undertaking any work of importance, combined together, entered into associations and sought the aid and counsel of their fellow men. To combine, to associate together, whether for interest or pleasure, is the spirit of the age, and Catholics, no less than others, are affected by it and come under its influence."

In this tendency to organize there was an element of danger, Bishop Byrne continued. There was the danger of the introduction of political methods into Catholic associations by which ignorant men might be made the instruments of unscrupulous cabals. There was also the danger of Catholic falling under the influence of secret societies which the Church cannot look upon with favor and which lead to the destruction of faith. Hence the founder of the Knights wished to organize a society which should set high and intelligent standards and which should direct into safe channels the modern fascination for the mysterious and the secret.

"These are the two ideals which your founder had in his mind: to form an association of gentlemen and of Catholics. And why a supreme ideal is that of a Catholic gentleman—one who respects himself, who is faithful to his fellowman, who is loyal to his Church and God. If the state had only such citizens there would be no anarchy, no civil war, no assassin to lift hand against the representative of the might and majesty of a free people.

"This ideal of a Catholic gentleman possessed the mind of your founder, it haunted his memory, it fired his imagination. He became the knight of this dominant, this imperious ideal. It filled him with enthusiasm; it made him eloquent of speech and strong of will; he became its panegyrist and evangelist. He preached to others what he felt so deeply himself; he filled them with his own thoughts; he won them to his cause; he formed them into a body as earnest, as zealous as himself, and with them he launched this society into being; and it was borne onward and upward till it stands to-day, the greatest body of Catholic laymen in the world, its very advance, its growth, its popularity, its hold upon the best Catholics of the land are evidence of its need and of the craving it supplies. In a few years it has gathered into its fold a membership of close upon a hundred thousand, and these the flower of the Catholic gentleman of this republic.

"But its very success is its danger. There is an arrogance in strength and numbers, and a temptation to be imperious and self-sufficient. Just as humility is from above, so is pride from below; and as the former is our safeguard, so is the latter our rock of shipwreck. The only true expression of humility is obedience, and this will be your anchor of hope. The underlying principle of your society is obedience, prompt and unconditional, to the voice of the Church, and in this lies your future security. This should be, as I am confident it is and will be, your most sensitive point—it is your point of honor, and the more deeply you fix it in the minds of your members the more stable, the more enduring, the more glorious will be your history and the greater your efficiency for good. There have been organizations in the Church in the past, the glory of whose achievements is written on every page of history. They yielded to the temptations of power and the seductions of wealth; they lost the spirit of their founders and rose in their pride against the Church; they were smitten with the blight of death, and those of them that survive are either a mockery of what they once were, or the malignant enemies of the mother who bore and nursed them. What has happened once may happen again, and the only guarantee against this is an humble temper and an obedient will. And no virtues better become a knight for all truly brave men are humble.

"And next to obedience to the Church as a guiding principle of your society should be an unshakable fidelity and an unwavering adherence to the principles of your founder and to his memory. It is almost an axiom in ecclesiastical history that in the measure in which religious orders have preserved the spirit of their founders are they strong and vigorous; and so also in the measure in which you will preserve the spirit of your founder will you have in you the guarantee of stability and the promise of efficiency. It is yours now to form the traditions of the future to which those who come after you will look back for guidance, and which will be the stay of your organization; sternly and stubbornly refuse to depart a hair's breadth from the principles of your founder, assured that if you do your bonds are loosening and your usefulness is coming to an end. Say to innovators, as the old Jesuit general said to the Pope, who wished to change the fundamental principles of the society founded by St. Ignatius: 'Sint ut sint aut non sint.' We will be as we are or we will not be at all.

"And not only your founder's principles but his memory should be one of your most precious possessions. You should know his life and his work. He should be an abiding presence among you. His portrait should hang on your walls and look down upon your proceedings, and you should turn to those features for guidance and inspiration. Those features will tell you that there was nothing dearer to his heart than the salvation of your souls and the interests of the Church; that his soul was aflame for every good work, for the honor of God's house, for the souls of innocent children, for their Christian education, for Catholic schools and their proper maintenance, for the good name of Catholics, for the care of the poor and the orphan.

"Sir knights, are not these works to which you can give your heart and put your hand? And above all to our Catholic schools, which are menaced on every side. The knights of old were the protectors of the helpless and the defenders of the innocent. And who so helpless and so innocent as little children, and what service can you do them so important to them or so prized of God as to teach them to know and love their Maker? Let no man talk to me about the zeal for the Church, and that of all one bearing the proud name of Catholic knight, if he has not the zeal for Christian education of little children, whether they be his own or not. They are at least Christ's, and he is a knight of Christ, who said: 'Suffer little children to come to me.' I cannot conceive that any knight would fail to send his children to Catholic schools; and if he should he is unworthy of the name he bears. No, this should be a test of his Catholicity and any one failing in this test should not be honored by so glorious a title as Catholic knight; for a knight is not a common Christian warrior; he is or should be the very flower of the militia of Christ.

"See, sir knights, how many glorious works lie before you! It is all well enough to have dress parades and speeches and initiations and banquets, but in heaven's name let not your work stop here. Frederick Ozman, after his conversion, was taunted by his friends with the rebuke that after all, though he was a Catholic, he was doing nothing to forward the interests of his Church or to give practical, tangible evidence of her spirit of charity. Stung by the sneer, he and a few other young men, into whom he had infused his spirit, set to work; and the result is that world-wide organization known as the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, which has brought sunshine to so many homes and dried so many tears.

"Yes, gentlemen, angels, set an object before you; always have something worthy to do; for only in this way can great organizations thrive and grow strong. Without works, without a definite purpose, no organization can endure. And that purpose must be positive—a purpose to accomplish something that will further God's interest. And what nobler, what more meritorious work can there be than the promotion of our Catholic schools, thus helping to develop and perfect the image of God in those innocent souls? Truly this is a work that should evoke all the chivalry of your hundred thousand knights—a work incomparably more worthy and meritorious than even that which stirred Europe of old and marshaled her bravest sons upon the plains of Palestine.

"And now, sir knights, as I began by bidding you welcome, I will close by congratulating you on your splendid Catholicity, on the good example you have given everywhere in this diocese, on the great work you have done in bringing Catholics together, in making them known to one another, in creating a Catholic sentiment and Catholic public opinion, in making Catholics respected and self-respecting, in bringing back stray sheep to the fold, in stirring up in many souls a spirit of living faith, and in spreading abroad an atmosphere of peace and good will."

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Zealous Prelates and Priests of the United States Engaged in the Propagation of the Blessed Work of Christian Education of Youth.

When Father Tom Burke was in this country he said that non-sectarian education is calculated to produce an intellectual as well as a moral monster. In a lecture given in St. Peter's church, New York, twenty-nine years ago, he remarked: "It is quite true, knowledge is power. You have given that man power by giving him knowledge. But you have not given a single principle to purify and influence or restrain that power so as to use it properly. Therefore you have made a moral monster! And now that man is all the more wicked, and all the more heartless, and all the more remorseless and impure, in precisely the same proportion as you succeed in making him cultured and learned. This is the issue of this far-famed system of non-sectarian education." No Catholic will deny that the illustrious Irish Dominican spoke the convictions of his mind, or that these were formed in the best schools of Catholic theology. It will be said that the Sunday school and the family will supply the principles, the lack of which makes the educated man the monster described by Father Burke. Sad experience proves that the weekly lesson in the catechism and family devotions, as they are performed in most cases, prove of little avail against the influence of a professedly Godless education. Catholic education, such as the church wishes for her children, includes a training not permitted in the public schools. The development and cultivation of the mental faculties should not be the sole end of education. It should include the formation of the heart and the acquisition of virtuous habits, and this must be secured by the help of good examples, good companions, innocence of life, respect for religion and devotion to God.

With impressive ceremonies St. Michael's Hall—the new building that has just been erected at Baltimore and Wolfe streets, Baltimore, Md., adjacent to St. Michael's church property, to serve as the centre of the social, literary and educational activities of the parish—was dedicated by Cardinal Gibbons on last week. The dedicatory services proper were held in the afternoon, but as the day was the feast of the patron saint of the church, the services for the entire day were festive in character, solemn high mass being sung in the morning by the Rev. Ferdinand Litt, rector of the church.

Miss Ruth Charlotte Dana, who died in Boston recently, bequeathed \$5,000 to Archbishop Williams to establish a scholarship in the American College at Rome for students for the priesthood from the Boston archdiocese. This is to be a memorial of her brother, Richard H. Dana. A further bequest of \$5,000 was given to the archbishop for establishing a scholarship in the Catholic University at Washington for a like purpose, and \$2,000 was given to the rector of Boston College as a scholarship for students preparing for the priesthood.

Rev. John G. Hagen, S. J., director of the observatory at Georgetown College, has made a thorough discussion of all available observations of the brightness of the new star in Perseus from Feb. 22 to May 1, 1901. The star was photographed on six dates between Feb. 1 and Feb. 20, and it was not above the tenth magnitude on any of them. From its discovery on Feb. 1 to Feb. 24 it increased in brightness and then gradually diminished to the sixth magnitude by May 1.

Dr. Benjamin F. DeCosta will deliver a lecture on "America, Historical, Social and Religious," at St. Bernard's church, West Fourteenth street, New York city, on Sunday evening, Oct. 20, for the benefit of the poor of the parish. Dr. DeCosta, who is a convert to Catholicity, is well known as an orator and will certainly give a pleasing and instructive lecture.

The completion of the magnificent new school buildings of the Immaculate Conception parish in Washington, Pa., has given a great impetus to Catholic education in that community. The buildings cost \$50,000.

The Holy Father has been pleased to sanction the decree of the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda appointing the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Conaty, rector of the Catholic University at Washington, titular Bishop of Samos.

Rev. Andrew O'Neill, S. J., one of the pioneer Catholic educators in Chicago, and for many years supervisor of the Holy Family school, died Friday, Sept. 13. He was connected with the Society of Jesus for thirty-seven years. For three years he was president of the St. Louis University.

Rev. E. A. Rouška is about to erect a handsome and commodious school building at Tabor, S. D., which will be the largest of the kind in the Sioux Falls diocese.

The Fathers of the Holy Cross, in charge of St. Joseph's college, West Eighth street, Columbus, Ohio, celebrated recently the thirtieth anniversary of the opening of the college.

The Sulpician Fathers in charge of the Grand Seminary at Montreal are at present having a large addition

built to the ecclesiastical seminary on Sherbrooke street west.

The Sylvan hotel property at La Porte, on Trinity Bay, Texas, has been sold to Right Rev. N. A. Gallagher, bishop of the Galveston diocese. The building is to be used as a seminary for the education of young men for the priesthood. It will be known as St. Mary's Seminary, and will be opened about the middle of October.

Men work for their living; women earn them.  
MESSAGE FROM OUR HOLY FATHER.

He Expresses Great Love for the People of America.

Bishop O'Connell, who recently conferred large classes in St. Mary's church and St. Augustine's church, Augusta, Me., in an interview with a representative of the Boston Globe, told of Pope Leo XIII's message to the people of the Portland diocese. This was Bishop O'Connell's first visit to that city. After the services the correspondent called on him, and in the course of the conversation the Bishop said:

"I intended to have given in one of my addresses to-day the last words of the Holy Father to me as I was leaving Rome, but perhaps it is better to tell it to the Globe. When for the last time I went to pay my homage to our Holy Father, I said to His Holiness: 'Give me, Holy Father, some words to carry with me from you to your children in the diocese of Portland.'"

"Leaning back in his chair, and half closing his eyes as if looking away into the future and across the seas to distant America, he said to me, speaking very slowly and softly: 'Tell them that I love them. Tell them that the Holy Father thinks of them always and prays for them. I know that my Catholic children of the distant republic are very loyal and devoted to the Church and the Holy See, and they therefore, are reckoned always among the most faithful of all my flock. I know that many of your diocese are not of the Church, but tell them too, that they have a place in my heart. I admire their honesty, their justice, and above all, I rejoice in the fair-mindedness with which they allow to the Church that liberty of action which oftentimes is in Europe impeded. Tell them this, and may your life be happy among them.'"

BISHOP SCALABRINI.

The Visiting Prelate Confirms 800 Italian Children in New York City.

The Rt. Rev. G. D. Scalabrini, Bishop of Piacenza, Italy, the pontifical delegate to the United States to inquire into the condition of the Italian Catholic missions, confirmed nearly 800 Italian children in two missions in New York city last Sunday. In the morning he officiated at the Chiesa di S. Giacinto in Roosevelt street, where 475 candidates were confirmed by him, and in the afternoon at the Chiesa della Madonna di Fano in Bleeker street, where nearly 300 children received the holy sacrament.

Bishop Scalabrini was born at Como in 1839, and has been twenty-five years a Bishop. He twice declined the office of Cardinal of Ravenna. He reached New York on Aug. 1, accompanied by Baron Charles Spalloni of the Pope's Guard of Honor. Together they visited many of the Italian Catholic missions of the West, the tour extending as far as Kansas City, St. Paul and Cincinnati were visited.

In an interview last Sunday Bishop Scalabrini said: "I came to this country with a view to learning something of the conditions of the Italian Catholic missions. It pleases me very much to be able to say that I am gratified. I had noticed that the Church as represented by us was in such a flourishing condition."

"Did you have a conference with Archbishop Corrigan regarding Italian immigration?" was asked.

"I had such a conference, the main object of which was to devise a measure by which the poor Italians might be better attended to upon their arrival in this country. I should like to know that a better mission had been established at Ellis Island. This we hope for. Our views on this subject have not as yet been made known officially to the municipal authorities, nor to the Government. They will be, however, when they have been condensed and properly shaped."

"America is the future of the Church and of humanity, if the people will follow the divine plan."

Bishop Scalabrini does not speak English. His remarks were interpreted by the Rev. Dr. Francesco Becherini, pastor of the Italian mission at Detroit.

FILE FOR PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

Christian Education a Remedy for Lawlessness and Anarchy.

The cornerstone of St. Patrick's Parochial School at Ocean and Brumhall avenues, Jersey City, was laid last Sunday by Bishop O'Connor of the Newark diocese. Impressive ceremonies were held subsequently in St. Patrick's church. Bishop McPaul, of the Trenton diocese, made an eloquent address in which he denounced anarchy. He said that there would be lawlessness and anarchy in this country if the Catholic people

more of a Christian education. The young he said, cannot acquire a proper religious training by attending Sunday school for only one hour each week.

He suggested that the parochial schools should be made a part of the public school system, saying that the public boards of education would appoint boards of examiners to inspect the parochial schools for the purpose of seeing that the secular part of their educational methods were kept up to the standard.

The new building will be a three-story brick structure. It will have accommodations for a school, a large hall for meetings and apartments for St. Patrick's club. It will also have a roof garden. The building will cost about \$150,000.

Last Sunday a mission was opened at the Wheeling (W. Va.) Cathedral by the celebrated Jesuit Fathers, Fathers B. Goeding, Thomas J. Anson and Jas. T. CoGeary, all of New York. A platform was erected in the sanctuary, which is used by the missionaries instead of the pulpit.

A CATHOLIC VILLAGE

New Munster, situated in a remote part of the State of Wisconsin, is a village of ancient Europe transplanted to American soil. It is found in the little village of New Munster, hidden away among a dozen little hills, in the State of Wisconsin.

It is a typical German village, such as could have been seen along the banks of the Rhine 75 years ago. Its pavements resound with the tramp of wooden shoes, and nearly every one of its inhabitants still carries out the traditions handed down by the German ancestry. The inhabitants of the town, almost without exception, are devout Catholics, and all the old country customs are rigidly adhered to.

When the spring comes the people assemble at the church and the priest leads them through the fields, blessing the field and praying God for a bountiful yield of grain. On Corpus Christi Sunday the entire town turns out, and dressed in white robes, the priest and people bear the Blessed Sacrament through the streets. Children in white run all along the way, scattering flowers in the way of the procession, and all along the route shrines have been built among the trees, at which the marchers stop in worship. It is thought that Munster is the only place in the United States where the old custom of carrying the shrines is now adhered to, and for this reason many devout people visit Munster to attend the celebration of Corpus Christi Sunday.

The town has no railway or telegraph, and mail reaches it only occasionally, but the inhabitants of the village never complain and are seemingly content to live apart from the world. There is no regard paid to existing fashions in dress, and the men and women alike still adhere to the old custom of wearing wooden shoes. The wooden shoe factory is one of the quaintest places in the little town, and here the shoes are made to fit feet which have never worn any other kind of footwear.

If we should be the cause of pain or sorrow to others, let it not be through our own fault or desire, but solely through the fulfillment of our duty to God; that we may be able, when reproached, to present the same answer and answer He presented, and reply in His own words: 'Did you not know that I must be about the things that are my Father's?'

In trying to save your own soul, you may aid in saving others. Weeds that you pull out of your garden, you give to those around you, by the seed that you give.

BISHOP LUDDEN TO VISIT IRELAND

Bishop Ludden, of Syracuse, N. Y., has decided to accept an invitation from Father Lyons, pastor of the Holy Trinity parish, Castlebar, County Mayo, Ireland, to participate at the dedication of the handsome new church at that place. The Bishop will also dedicate the main altar, which is a gift of the new church, and which is one of the choicest pieces of sculpture to be found anywhere.

At Frankfort, in Saint Louis, Province of Victoria, Australia, an aboriginal named Lutton recently was arrested at the polls because some months ago he allowed an priest to baptize him. The Melbourne Advocate (secular journal) exposed him, and both Catholics and Protestants voted against him.

The Queen's Dragoon of Italy, Martin, has lately been sentenced to the Condemnation of Rome, a result of their order taken from him in 1871 by Victor Emmanuel I.

However dark our life may be, there is light enough in the other end of the tunnel. God dwells in the darkness of the world, like a sun which every day shines upon us, and every day brings us a new ray of light, and every day brings us a new ray of hope.

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