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## THE LAY APOSTOLATE.

The Rt. Rev. William H. O'Connell, D. D. Bishop of Portland, Me., addressed a large audience, members and friends of the Young Men's Catholic Association of Boston, on the evening of December 17, on "The Lay Apostolate." Bishop O'Connell briefly reviewed the tremendous growth of the United States in territory, wealth, and influence; the dangers inseparable from such prosperity if religion is allowed to dominate our national life. The Church is here to save the land, but her official representatives, as faithful and laborious as their predecessors, the pioneers in this and every country, need more than ever the co-operation of the faithful.

Then Bishop O'Connell eloquently set forth the lay apostolate's mission. Some idea of the scope and pertinence of his discourse may be gathered from the extracts appended:

"Does it seem strange that at this late day we should need to tell the laity their most rudimentary duty to the Church in public life? Can it be possible that here where the Church has found such a flourishing field; where the manifestations of ardent faith among the people are second to no other in any part of the world, and where the generosity of the poor is a proverb to all who see what the simpler of God's children have accomplished, can it be possible that we still lament the lack of lay co-operation? Again I say it.

"My words are not intended for the great mass of the faithful; what they have done the world knows, but it is still true that up to today, the Church feels the saddest lack of adequate co-operation from those best fitted, best equipped by their better financial, political, social and public condition to make her condition what it ought to be in the public life around us.

"Again and again has this lack been made known by her ministers from the holy places. Again and again in trying circumstances has she called for valorous and chivalrous champions; again and again has she appealed to such men not to forget amid the ambitions and pleasures of life the mother whose legitimate children they are—but in vain."

The lives of Catholic saints are compelling the attention of students outside the Church, says the Catholic Transcript. This week we note the appearance of a new work, entitled, "The Story of Catharine of Siena," from a non-Catholic pen. The author finds the saint to be "a loyal woman, consecrated soul and body to the service of God and of humanity." We need not feel especially grateful for this meed of praise. St. Catharine of Siena merited that much and very much more. We may, however, be permitted to rejoice that the hagiology of the Catholic Church is gradually being opened up to those who are capable of appreciating the unselfish and heroic, but who have hitherto refrained from reading the wonderful lives of the canonized saints from the conviction that they were mere enthusiasts, overpraised for miraculous visitations, superhuman powers and ecstatic visions. As the strangers enter this inviting field in greater numbers some of them are bound to be won by the beauty of the stories which are unfolded. One cannot peruse with sympathy the life of a saint without conceiving a deeper hope for humanity, and a deeper love for virtue, as well as for all who practice it in a heroic degree. Her saints are all heroes.

Thomas M. Lenihan of Oberlin, in the New American Bishop of Philadelphia. He was remarkable for many exceptional qualities of mind and heart. A Western exchange

of him: "Bishop Lenihan was a very lovable person from boyhood. He was a favorite in college; a favorite among his fellow priests, a favorite among the bishops. He was not a man of affected goodness or artificial suavity. He was generous by nature, and to his fondness of heart was added a genuine piety that made every man dear to him as a brother. He was beloved by Protestants as well as Catholics; and it was the former who first spoke of petitioning Rome to send him back to Iowa. He was a great patron of education; and his parochial schools were the best in the province, and a model of efficiency and completeness of equipment. He felt the great necessity of supplying to the rising generation that religious 'milieu' which in this country is not to be found outside the parochial school. Our social atmosphere is not Protestant; it is worse; it is absolutely non-religious. The normal nature of the child dies from spiritual atrophy. Bishop Lenihan strove to supply the deficiency by building and maintaining parochial schools. This was perhaps his greatest achievement; and one to which his name will be linked longest."

## BISHOP MONTGOMERY.

He May Be the First American Bishop of Manila.

A Washington dispatch to the St. N. Francisco Chronicle says: The Catholic Church, like the government of the United States, is fast Americanizing the territory which formerly belonged to Spain, but which is now under the stars and stripes. Definite steps are being taken to end the vexatious wronging out of the relations of the Filipino friars with the United States. Mr. Burnett, bishop of Havana and recently auditor of the papal delegation at Washington, is made titular archbishop and goes as apostolic delegate to the Philippines. Coincidentally with this, Mr. Lenihan, archbishop of Manila, is assigned his charge into the hands of the pope, and the vacancy will be filled by the appointment of a prelate from one of the western dioceses of the United States.

Right Rev. George Montgomery, bishop of Los Angeles, Cal., is the prelate tentatively chosen to be the first American bishop of Manila. There will be no departure from the custom or usage of the Catholic church in this nomination. Heretofore the archbishops of the Philippines have been selected from the Spanish hierarchy. At the close of the Spanish-American war Archbishop Sanchez of Santiago de Cuba and Bishop Santander of Havana resigned their sees and proceeded to Spain. Archbishop Nuzalesh of Manila is the last of the Spanish hierarchy in office in the colonies conquered from Spain. His succession by a prelate of the standing of Bishop Montgomery will mark the complete absorption of these possessions by the United States.

Bishop Montgomery, although residing in Los Angeles, is properly credited to the old Spanish see of Monterey, in California. He was born in 1840 and became bishop of his present see in 1896. His mother was a Spaniard, and he is thoroughly conversant with the feelings and prejudices of the Latin peoples besides speaking the language as a mother tongue.

Pope Leo VIII's Silver Jubilee. As the time draws near for the celebration of the silver jubilee of Leo XIII's pontificate a more definite idea of the details accompanying the grand event can be realized. Of course on Feb. 20 the event will be celebrated with all the grand ceremonial of the church appropriate to an occasion of this kind. Dignitaries of church and state from all parts of the civilized world will be present then to do honor to the great pontiff. But the celebration will not be confined to the Eternal City. Catholics everywhere will have an opportunity of showing their love and veneration for the holy father. The committee appointed at Rome to make arrangements for the jubilee proposes as the first part of its programme prayer for the pope and church. The restoration of the sovereign pontiff's own cathedral church, the Basilica of St. John Lateran, now in much need of repairs, is to be one of the results of the jubilee. The providing of vestments and other sacred objects for poor churches is specially recommended. During the second half of next April there will be a great pilgrimage from the Catholic world to Rome. Finally the faithful are reminded that for the immense spiritual interests which Pope Leo has at heart there is no other temporal resource now except the generosity of the faithful.—Exchange.

The Model for American Women. The model that should be held up to American women of today is not the Amazon, glorying in her martial deeds and powers; not the Spartan, who made female perfection to consist in the development of physical strength at the expense of feminine decorum and modesty; not the goddess of impure love, like Venus, whose votaries regarded beauty of form and personal charm as the highest types of womanly excellence. No; the model that should be held up before you and all women is Mary, the mother of Christ. She is the great pattern of virtue and all that goes to make the perfect woman alike to maiden, wife and mother.—Cardinal Gibbons in Ladies' Home Journal.

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## A HOPEFUL ACCOUNT

MGR. SCALABRINI VISITS OUR HOLY, FATHER.

The Distinguished Churchman Describes His Trip to America and Tells of the Improved Condition of Countrymen.

The Rome correspondent of the London Tablet writes as follows about Mgr. Scalabrini's reception at Rome and his deductions in regard to the religious conditions of the Italians made during his recent visit to the United States:

"Mgr. Scalabrini, Bishop of Piacenza, who has just arrived in Rome, is a very remarkable man. After paying his homage to the Holy Father, he visited Minister Prinetti and Senator Bodio, and it would be hard to say which of the three welcomed him most cordially. Certain it is that the Holy Father was delighted with the very hopeful account the prelate had to give about the Italians in America. 'The Italian Bishop,' as he was called at the other side, has visited many of the principal cities of the United States, President Roosevelt received him with much cordiality, and spoke in the highest terms of the good qualities of the Italian emigrants—warning the Bishop, however, that they would do better by going West instead of huddling together in New York and Boston, where they were exposed to the danger of losing all the good qualities they brought with them from Italy and acquiring all the bad ones in America. In New York alone there are now between seventy and eighty thousand Italians—with no fewer than twenty-four thousand in the single parish of St. Patrick."

"Mgr. Scalabrini describes as prodigious the change of public opinion in the United States with regard to the Italians. The rector of St. Patrick's, says the Bishop 'told me that when the Italians began to settle in the district which had hitherto been almost exclusively occupied by the Irish he felt that the parish was ruined. To-day he confesses that his fears were without foundation. He is now a Irishman himself, but he is now as glad to see an Italian as an Irish face among newcomers. The Italian quarter (known to New Yorkers as Little Italy), which has been painted in such dark colors by Dario Fontana and Giacosa, has been greatly improved during the last decade. The New York corporation has interested itself in the homes of the immigrants, the immigrants themselves having in increasing proportions made up their minds to make America their own country, have ceased to live in the sordid misery for which they used to be noted and the immigration society of St. Raphael has done much for the material as well as for the spiritual welfare of the Italians."

"In a few months Mgr. Scalabrini makes ship again for the New World—on this time his zeal will be exercised in behalf of his fellow countrymen in South America. His name is already well known there. Naturally, Mgr. Scalabrini was warmly welcomed at the Vatican by the Holy Father. The Pontiff questioned him at great length about the condition of the Church in the United States and especially the prospects of the Italians here. Pope Leo makes his children of all nationalities feel that he is almost one of themselves—but Italians are under no illusion on the subject. His Holiness is an Italian to the finger tips, and Mgr. Scalabrini's visit, with his good news about the Italians in the United States, was one of the most pleasant events in the latter years of his Pontificate. The two functionaries of State also listened with respectful attention to the prelate's suggestions for the protection of Italian emigrants. Like France, Italy is very willing to look after the interest of the Church—anywhere outside Italy; so the minister and the senator plausibly congratulated the prelate on his mission, his missionary society and his efforts to organize the Italians in the United States."

THE THREE KINGS. In the Cathedral church at Cologne is a large purple shrine, spotted with gold and set upon a pedestal of brass in the middle of the square mausoleum, faced both within and without with Jasper.

The shrine contains the remains of the "Three Wise Men" who went to Bethlehem in order to worship the Messiah, and who are said to have been removed from Constantinople to Milan and finally to Cologne. They are generally called the three kings of Cologne, and their names are Casper, Melchior and Balthasar, which are written in purple characters on a title panel, which is adorned with diamonds and precious stones. Over against the shrine are six large silver branches perpetually illuminated with wax candles.

The celebrated shrine is open every morning from 9 to 9:30, when the wise men are seen at full length, each having on his head an elegant crown of gold, richly garnished with jewels.

In order to assist the work of building schools the proceeds of the Christmas collections, amounting usually to \$50,000, which heretofore have gone to the orphan asylums, he said, will be devoted to that purpose in the future. To preserve the high standard of the schools, no teachers will be employed who do not possess certificates from the Catholic school board.

Most Rev. Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, and his clergy are taking steps to have a mass celebrated at 3:30 a. m. specially for the newspaper people. A downtown church of Philadelphia will be chosen for the service.

## THE NEW MARRIAGE LAW.

EDITOR OF CATHOLIC JOURNAL:

The uppermost topic for criticism, just now, is that legislative measure which will soon be in operation in our highly civilized (?) and Christianized (?) government. That measure, is no less than a law (?) granting the license to individuals, disposed to the marriage state to draw up their contract [bless the mark!] and have it simply recorded like any ordinary legal transaction. How's that for our American exemplary advanced civilization? Have we not reason to boast of the "equity and Christianity" of our government—especially when we are advancing crablike in fashion, backward! Hence the older our government, gets to be, the more in reality are we becoming unchristian in the execution of laws that amaze even the godless individuals themselves. Aye that "marriage bill"—so called must have had its conception wrought in Hell for I doubt if the Evil One himself could have conceived a better or an easier plan to cause shame and disgrace in the true family circle. Think of the respectable couple(?) about to be married(?) dispensing with the presence of a clergyman and everything bearing of a Christian character. Such a course of action is beneath the dignity of the mating of the animal kind [My apology to the beast, for they fulfill their respective lot to the end.] Moreover the aforesaid "Marriage law" will ingraft in the minds of many of the up growing youths a disregard for the honor of the family hearthstone and tendency to place little value on the Christian obligations in the marriage tie. Hence this government in its eagerness and granting such a "law" should cap the climax by naming it the "polygamy measure" for such it would be in its real outward character. However, thank God, the Catholic community have nothing to fear from such a "legislative act" as above stated. The ever simple and God fearing members of the Catholic Church look upon the marriage not simply as a mutual contract, but also a sacrament sanctified by our Lord—Himself.

Notwithstanding His declaration on the subject—"What God has joined together, let no man put asunder" seems to have no weight on the conscience (?) of our Legislature. Hence it is, the marriage vows are looked upon with much indifference by the many—and the outcome is the "divorce mill" is doing the Devil's work. Ponder over the numberless homes broken-up; children left and taken from parents(?) the authors of those children whom they vowed to protect, cherish and bring up. Such a course of events is degrading and far below, the standard of the mere animal nature. Evidences spring up every day in the bearing out such appalling consequences. But as long as the Catholic Church is unconquered by the Gates of Hell—so long will the sanctity of the marriage state remain in the Catholic circle uncontaminated by the foul breath of the Evil One. Watkins, N. Y. H. O. C.

Be Swift to Forgive. Since we are grass and like a brief day of years at best, what is the use of so much anxious care, of so much fussing and fretting? What is the good of hoarding money for other people to ruin themselves with when you are dead? What is the good of hating your neighbor? What is the sense of trying to net a part of seeming to be other than we are? What is the gain of guile or envy or evil speaking? What? I should like to know. For, since you are grass and shall soon lie down in the grave, God knows you and I do not want our dreams in that sleep of death to be of hate or malice or evil speaking. Then be swift to forgive.

France and the Jesuits. The Jesuits have resolved not to apply to the French government for letters of authorization, knowing full well they would only be courting a refusal. The aged members of the order will remain in France, boarding out two by two in private families. The younger ones will go abroad and there await better days. O France, France, eldest daughter of the church, how thy glory departed!—Church Calendar of West Virginia.

The Church in the Southwest. The advancement of the church in the southwest leaves little to be desired. The Sacred Heart mission in Oklahoma is in a flourishing condition. Right Rev. Felix de Grasse, O. S. B., abbot of the Benedictine fathers of the primitive observance, recently blessed the cornerstone of a large new monastery. A church and parochial and Indian schools will be erected as soon as practicable. The extent of the work of the section may be gathered from the fact that connected therewith are twenty-six priests, six novices, sixteen brothers, fifteen general missions and two Indian missions.—Exchange.

## SHORT SERMONS.

Conscience is God's deputy in the soul. The heart of Jesus is the throne of mercy, of inexhaustible goodness. The most precious thing we have next to grace is time, and we owe an account of our time as we owe an account of our grace. We never regret kind acts, but often grieve over unkindly and unloving ones when friends who have passed away can feel our love no more.

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## CARDINAL RAMPOLLA.

The Busy Daily Life of the Papal Secretary of State. Cardinal Rampolla, the papal secretary of state, is one of the busiest officials in the Vatican. He celebrated his eightieth birthday only a few weeks ago, but is still as active as a man of fifty. He rises every morning at 5 to discharge his religious duties, celebrate mass and prepare for his work by prayer and saying his office. In fact, if he did not say his office then he would not be able to catch it up afterward.

He descends to the holy father on the second story of the Vatican every morning, except Tuesday and Friday, at 9, and labors with him for two hours, during which he submits diplomatic documents, discusses business, takes orders and instructions, which, on his return to the secretariat, he communicates to his assistants—Mgs. Mocerini and Ferrata. These two prelates, trained to all the fineness of diplomacy, enjoy a high reputation and are received by the pope on Tuesdays and Fridays, while Cardinal Rampolla considers whatever is in course of negotiation and gives audience to the ambassadors and persons charged with missions to the holy see.

On other days Cardinal Rampolla grants interviews from 11 to 1 to everybody with a cause who presents himself. Cardinals, bishops, personages the most illustrious, heads of congregations, statesmen, journalists, visitors are received with a charming affability and benevolence. After 1 o'clock he retires and partakes of his frugal repast.

He does not indulge in a siesta after dinner, as the Roman custom is, but a couple of hours before the angelus goes for a carriage airing outside the walls of Rome, generally to St. Agnes, where he never fails to enter the basilica to prostrate himself for a quarter of an hour before the altar. Hardly home again his rooms are crowded with strangers, whom he receives from the angelus until 9, when he takes a light supper, studies and works up to midnight, allowing himself but five hours' sleep.

Such is the daily routine of the life of the cardinal secretary of state, and we doubt if any man in any walk of life works harder.—Exchange.

The reported assignment of Mgr. Scalabrini of Piacenza, Italy, as the successor of Cardinal Martinielli, the papal delegate in this country, is regarded as very improbable by officials of the delegation in Washington.

Right Rev. Mgr. Crockett, D. D., rector of St. Mary's church, Levenshulme, is the oldest Catholic priest in England. He is in his ninety-fifth year, and, as he was ordained priest in 1836, he has already been in the ministry over sixty-five years.

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