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CATHEDRAL JUBILEE.

GREAT CELEBRATION IN CLEVELAND, O. A LARGE NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED PRELATES PARTICIPATE.

Details of Observance of the Most Notable Anniversary in History of Cleveland Diocese.

The fiftieth anniversary of the consecration of St John's Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio, was celebrated on Friday, Nov. 7th Of the series of celebrations, extending to the alumni banquet on Tuesday of this week, Friday's ceremonies were of course the most notable Friday was the real anniversary.

No religious ceremonial ever held in the Cleveland diocese eclipsed in impressiveness and beauty the Solemn Pontifical Mass of thanksgiving for half a century of prospering Catholicity in that city and diocese of Cleveland which the Rt. Rev Bishop Horstmann sang at 10 o'clock Friday morning in the completely renovated Cathedral.

No fewer than one hundred and fifty priests assisted at the Mass This included many from outside the diocese and representatives from the Jesuits Franciscans and other religious orders Several members from each of the sisterhoods engaged in charitable and educational work in the city occupied pews especially reserved for them.

Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid of Rochester, preached an eloquent sermon at the ten o'clock Mass on Sunday.

Perhaps the most interested participants in the ceremony were the six venerable priests who were present at the consecration fifty years ago. Of these, Rev M Healy, of Tiffin, alone was ordained The others, Rev E W. J. Lindesmith, Msgr F. M. Boff, Rev S Bauer, D D., of Fremont Rev. R A. Sidley, of Sandusky, and Rev. E Hannin, of Toledo, were ecclesiastical students.

The visiting prelates of whom there were a large number, assembled at the episcopal residence before the services and marched in procession to the Cathedral. They were joined by the visiting and city priests, who gathered in the chapel The procession was completed by the acolytes and seminarians Washington Commandery, Knights of St John formed a guard of honor along Superior Street while the line of bishops and priests moved into the Cathedral.

COOK OPERA HOUSE.

Novelty, comedy and music will be judiciously combined in next week's vaudeville bill at the Cook Opera House. So many numerous mushroom club juggling acts are seen nowadays, it will be pleasant to see the Juggling Johnsons, who are said to be the most expert and skillfull Indian club manipulators in the world. Tom Moore is a noted singer of coon songs. The Three Diamonds are three French musicans, who last season delighted the Cook patrons. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Murphy will give "Why Doogan

MARK MURPHY at Cook's

Swore Off". Eccentric and laughable comedians are Smith and Dorelto. Leona Thurber shows some funny pickaninnies. O'Rourke and Burnett furnish some good dancing.

As a special feature, the Five De Luccas have been secured. These acrobats are direct from Europe, and their feats are said to surpass anything heretofore attempted on this side of the Alantic.

A. O. H.

The Hibernian Riflers are making preparations for a large crowd at their annual ball to be held Thanksgiving eve, Nov. 26th, at the A. O. H. hall.

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CATHOLIC TRUTHS.

The International Truth Society to Circulate Their Valuable Tracts to all English-speaking Countries.

The International Catholic Truth Society is making arrangements with all the Catholic Truth Societies of the English speaking world to circulate their valuable tracts and pamphlets hitherto restricted to a comparatively small circulation in this country. The Societies of San Francisco and London have already entered heartily into the project and the work of distributing the excellent pamphlets of those organizations whose specialty is such publications, is now well under way.

Hitherto it has been difficult to obtain these cheap, timely publications, for the reason that there is not sufficient financial profit in their sale to attract publishers Moreover, the individual Catholic Truth Societies have not found it convenient to keep on hand permanently a stock of one another's publications, the result being that it has not been practicable to obtain from a single source a choice of pamphlets published by the various societies. The new enterprise of the International Catholic Truth Society is designed to remedy this by establishing a central depot where these valuable tracts and pamphlets, doctrinal, historical, and miscellaneous, may be easily procured It should be unnecessary to state that this work looks solely to the good that will be accomplished by the wide circulation of a form of literature until now comparatively lacking in this country. The pamphlets will be sold at the lowest possible price that will save the Society from actual loss It is desired to call attention to the fact that, by reason of the import customs duty of twenty-five per cent. and the freightage costs, the Society is obliged to dispose of the foreign pamphlets at a slight advance on the prices marked on the covers.

The need for this class of literature has been brought to the attention of the Society of bishops, priests, and laymen in different parts of the country. It appeals to many various departments of religious work, and the wonder is that it has not in the past been exploited according to its deserts. The subjects treated are suited to missions, retreats, and religious gatherings in general, and are of such a nature as to help considerably and lighten the work of those whose duty it is to instruct the ignorant in matters of religion. To priests engaged in giving missions to non-Catholics the pamphlets are invaluable, because they deal succinctly and very intelligently with those points which must be explained with the greatest care to this class of audiences.

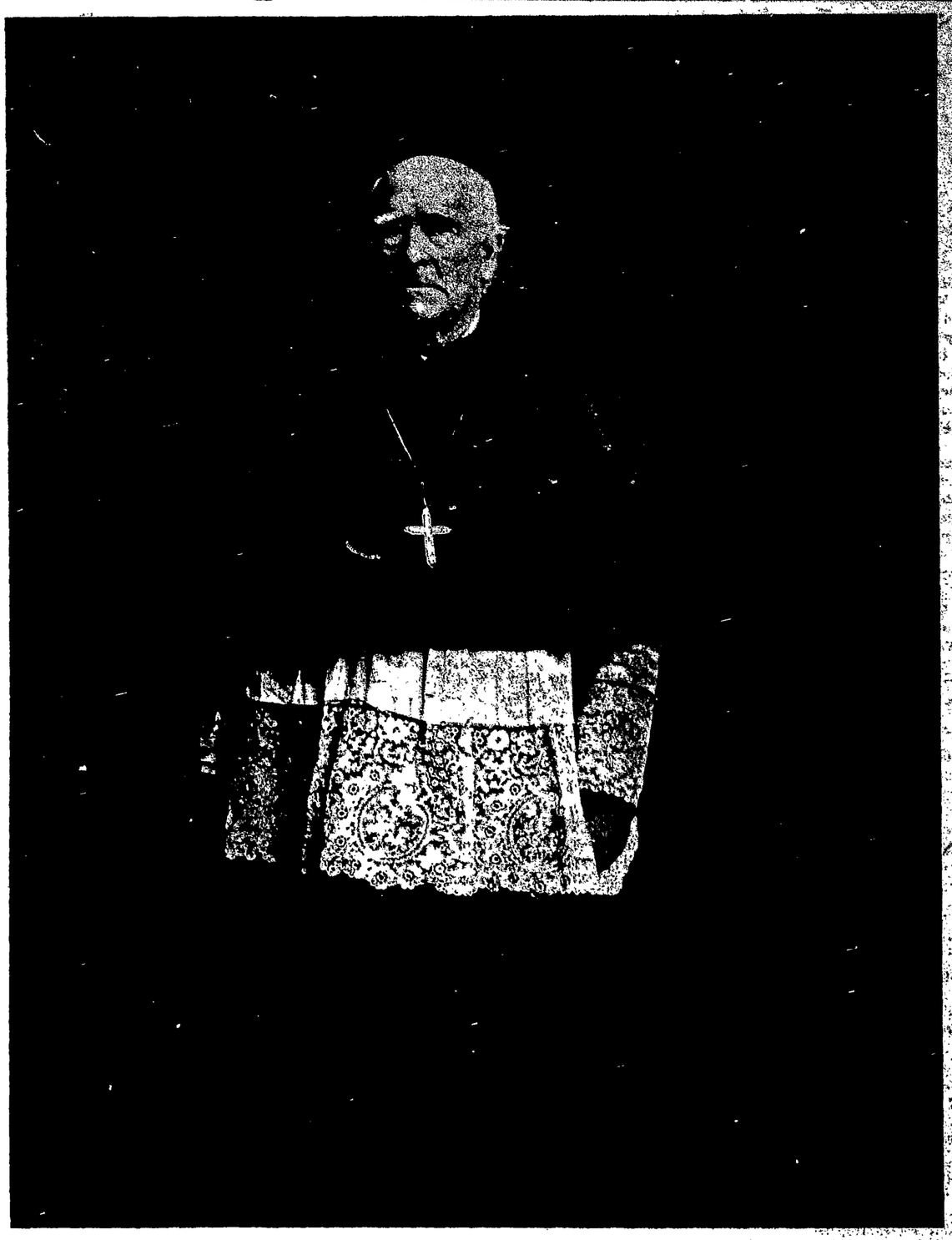
It may be well to remark that while it is often charged with some justice that the Protestant missionary societies have overdone the tract idea, expending vast sums with slight results, it is very possible that Catholics have erred by going to the opposite extreme and practically ignoring a potent agency for the dissemination of truth.

Catholic tracts of high quality are singularly adapted to the uses of such organizations as the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the League of Sacred Heart, the Knight of Columbus, etc., one of the aims of which is the spread of the Faith and the reclaiming of those who have wandered from the Church. Members of these Societies in the course of their ministrations often find opportunities in which such tracts would be of great value, experience having shown that defection from the Church are often the result of a misconception of certain points of dogma which these little pamphlets are designed to set aright. Another profitable use to which the tracts could be put would be in the case of such societies as the Knights of Columbus and the young men's parish organizations at whose meetings literary exercises are held. Nothing could be more interesting at such gatherings than the public reading of some timely pamphlet treating one of the burning questions of the day—the Philippine question, for instance—in a masterly manner, by some noted scholar or expert.

This literature, it may be worth while remarking, will be a valuable addition to the library of a priest, since the little monographs are perfectly suited to the explanation of those points of Catholic doctrine and history which he is so often called upon to elucidate, and which sometimes require difficult and laborious research to deal justly with.

The great vogue of the publication of the London Catholic Truth Society in a country where the Catholic population is in such a minority would seem to augur well for the success of this literature in the United States and Canada, where the Catholics number at least fourteen millions. In this vast army there are certainly a very considerable number who will be interested in these copious samples of some of the choicest thought of modern times, and who will give it an eager welcome. Moreover, those who have observed the present trend of popular taste as shown even in the newspapers must be convinced that the time is auspicious for these historical and doctrinal studies put forth in attractive literary form, and brought within easy reach of the people.

The officers of the Society hope that the labor and expense involved in the gathering together of this kind of literature from various parts of the world will be generously appreciated.



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RT. REV. B. J. McQUAID,

Railroad Notes.

On Tuesday, Nov. 25th, the New York Central will sell excusion tickets to Boston, Springfield, Palmer, Worcester and South Framingham, only $10 round trip, limit ten days returning. Purchasers of Boston tickets allowed to stop over at any of the above points on going trip within limit. No more appropriate place could be selected for a Thanksgiving Day vacation than New England, where our forefathers dwelt. Boston has more to offer the sightseers than any other city on the continent with the possible exception of New York. In point of historical interest it has no peer. The observation car which makes the "Tour of Boston" passes two hundred points of interest. This trip covers thirty miles about the city.

Wedding Invitations.

We can supply the wants of the young lady or gentlemen who are about to be married at reasonable prices. Call and see our samples.

WHY CONVERTS COME TO US.

At a mission given to the non-Catholics in the Cathedral of Chicago by Rev. Bertrand Conway C. S. P. there was over a thousand non Catholics in attendance each evening Most of these non-Catholics were people of more than ordinary intelligence with considerable refinement and many of them of notable standing in the social world. This latter fact was indicated not only by their intelligent appearance but by the searching character of the questions that were placed in the Question Box.

That it is possible to secure an audience of this character when the only question to be treated is that of religion and particularly of the old and despised Catholic Church is a condition of tremendous significance. The facility with which the American people run after fads is well known. So that if the attraction were the latest cut or enunciation of some new heresy one might readily understand the reason for the crowd. But there was no sensationalism. It was the plain straight forward preaching of christian truth that the world has listened to for nearly two thousand years. There is only one explanation of the eager interest to know what the Catholic Church teaches and that is the complete breaking down of all teaching authority outside the Church. The people are anxious to know the truth. They have been drinking from broken cisterns and their thirst has not been allayed. They have gone here and there in search of some satisfying doctrines but in every instance they have been disgusted and deceived so they are coming back to the perennial fountain of the Church.

Protestantism as an organized religion has disintegrated in most of the large cities of the West but there is no place in which this has come about so completely as in the city of Chicago. Not long ago at one time there were ten protestant churches for sale. As another evidence of the demoralized condition religion had come to outside the Catholic Church, it was creditably stated that a number of enterprising money makers bought up one of these vacant churches, hired a good chorus of voices and ran the Church merely as a money making affair in the same way and with as much indifference to right and wrong as they would run a dime museum.

Little wonder that as the churches go to pieces the real earnest souls look for religious teachers who will speak with authority and for a religious church that will satisfy the deepest aspirations of their soul. They are being persuaded that the old Catholic Church is still staunch and safe. It has borne its burden of souls through the ages to a haven of rest and it still knows how to guide the present generation safely over the rocks and shoals of our modern life.

In the Inquiry Class that Father Conway has organized there are nearly two hundred. The majority of these will ultimately find rest in the bosom of the Church.

After a recent mission to non-Catholics in a western city one of the leading men of the town wrote to one the missionaries to this effect: "I have always esteemed Father (mentioning the Pastor's name) for his own personal qualities of upright manhood but I have attended the mission and have learned a great deal of the beauty and excellence of the Catholic Church and I now esteem him also for what he represents. It is an invariable rule—the better the Catholic Church is known the more she is respected and loved.

A. P. DOYLE, C. S. P.

BAKER THEATRE.

"In Pooterland" the new spectacular musical extravaganza will be given by the famous Royal Lilliputians the first three nights of next week with the usual Tuesday and Wednesday matinees. For the last half of the week with the usual Thursday and Saturday matinees, Hanlon Bros. renowned "Le Voyage En Suisse" or a "Trip to Switzerland" will be given.

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI MEETING.

Grand Festive Occasion Largely Attended.

Over two hundred Alumni, clerical and lay, were present at their annual reunion at Old Niagara on Tuesday, Nov. 11th. Good fellowship and good cheer reigned supreme; professional and business cares were forgotten; happiness marked the occasion. Old men scarred with the scars of time, young men in the full enjoyment of youth and power; the priest devoted to the labors of the Lord's vineyard; the laymen battling with a cold and heartless world—all assembled to honor their alma mater at Niagara Falls, N. Y., and to live over again the happy days of the past.

The meeting of the association was presided over by President Rev. Owen J. Dealy of Belfast, N. Y. After the regular routine of business the following officers were elected for the coming year: Pres. Rev. H. J. Walsh, Plainville, Conn.; vice pres. T. J. Freney, M. Waterbury, Ct.; treasurer Rev. John T. Lynch, Meriden, Ct.; sec. Rev. W. J. Dullard, Mt. Carmel, Ct. New Haven, Ct. was selected as the place of the next meeting.

Revs. J. M. Busch, P. J. Hanrahan, J. J. Donnolly, W. J. Dwyer, W. J. Lee and A. M. O'Neill attended from the Rochester diocese.

St. Mary's Hospital Report for October.

Patients in hospital October 1, [illegible] patients admitted during October, [illegible] births during October, [illegible] October, 11; discharged [illegible] 71; patients remaining [illegible] Nov. 1, 122.

Charity patients, 41; private [illegible] 37; city, county and town [illegible] ward pay patients, 38; [illegible]

Total number of calls [illegible] number of hurry calls [illegible] cases transferred to [illegible] tal, 50; No. of cases [illegible] other hospitals, [illegible] cared home [illegible] No. of cases [illegible]